

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors was held on the 3rd day of February 2025 starting at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, 3rd floor of the Buchanan County Government Center, 4447 Slate Creek Road, Grundy, Virginia 24614. **This meeting was conducted by electronic communication (Zoom). The media and public were invited to participate.**

PRESENT: Craig Stiltner, Chairman
Tim Hess, Vice-Chairman
Jeff Cooper
Trey Adkins
G. Roger Rife
David Rose
Lee Dotson

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator
L. Lee Moise, County Attorney

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The meeting was called to order with Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

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IN RE: APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA “AS IS”

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Lee Dotson and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Trey Adkins, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, David Rose, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife and zero (0), this board did hereby approve the Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda “As Is”.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by G. Roger Rife and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Trey Adkins, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, David Rose, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife and zero (0), this board did hereby approve the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Consider approving minutes for January 6th, 2025;
- b. Consider ratifying payroll after review;
- c. Consider ratifying the payment of bills by Resolution adopted on January 6th, 2025.
(Including the Buchanan County Head Start ratified bill list and bill list)

d. Consider approving coyote claims in the amount of \$100.00 per claim and to issue a check for each claim:

Wayne Clevinger	1 claim
Jeremy Clevinger	5 claims
Dennis McGlothlin	3 claims
Keith Stiltner	8 claims
Ethan Phipps	5 claims
Ronnie Cladough	1 claim
Greg Hibbitts	2 claims
Kelly Sparks	1 claim
Joseph Clevinger	3 claims
Ethan Kiser	3 claims
Chris Wolford	7 claims
Marcus O'Quinn	1 claim
Donald Meadows	1 claim
John Boyd	2 claims
Bryant Compton	2 claims
Freddie Viars	1 claim
Ronnie Blankenship	1 claim
Delmar Osborne	1 claim
Logan Lester	1 claim
Thomas Riddle	4 claims
Anthony Blankenship	3 claims
Jeremy Mounts	2 claims
Michael Hurley	1 claim
Jimmy Lester	3 claims
Eddie Ryan Cook	1 claim
Jimmy Clevinger	2 claims
German L. Rice	3 claims
Vernal Clevinger	1 claim

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**IN RE: KEN DAVIS, GARDEN DISTRICT RESIDENT – TO DISCUSS
 COUNTY ROADS**

Ken Davis, Garden District resident stated gas companies are destroying Point Road off of Davis Mountain Road located in the Garden District.

Marcus Stiltner, Coal Haul Road Engineer stated the problem is with CNX Gas Company is drilling in the area and they're supposed to fix their mess. Also, Point Road

is not a county road. We started to take the road into the county system in 2016 and 2017, but there was a right-of-way issue. The road is a private driveway.

CNX is supposed to fix the roadway once they move out of the area, stated Mr. Stiltner.

We need to send CNX a letter and ask them to maintain the roads better, stated Craig Stiltner, Chairman.

Jeff Cooper, Garden District Supervisor stated there needs to be some accountability by CNX. I don't have a problem taking that road into the county road system if it meets the criteria, he commented.

CNX needs to start repairing the county road damages they're causing, stated Mr. Cooper. CNX promised last year to keep us up to date on road issues, but they continue to damage roads with excavators and other equipment, stated Mr. Cooper. We need to make it mandatory that CNX fixes the damages they are causing on county roads, he stated. I don't care who they are or how much severance tax they pay, he stated. What's it going to take to stop it, asked Mr. Cooper?

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Trey Adkins and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Trey Adkins, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, David Rose, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays this board did hereby request the review committee according to the Buchanan County Coal Haul Road Policy to inspect Point Road located in the Garden Magisterial District to be taken into the county road system.

Marcus Stiltner, Coal Haul Road Engineer stated it will take several months to obtain a right-of-way for Point Road.

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**IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING TO SEND A LETTER TO CNX GAS
 COMPANY REGARDING ROAD ISSUES**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Tim Hess seconded by David Rose and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Trey Adkins, Tim Hess, David Rose, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, zero (0) nays and one (1) abstention, Jeff Cooper, stated he abstained due to a conflict of interest and being employed by a different gas Company, this board did hereby approve to send a letter to CNX Gas Company regarding repairs needed on county roads that they are unitizing for gas wells.

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IN RE: GARY STREET, RESIDENT – CONSIDER THE BUCHANAN COUNTY RAILCAR AND RELOCATING THE AMATEUR RADIO REPEATER STATION ANTENNA AND TRANSMISSION LINE

Gary Street wasn't present for the meeting, no action taken.

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IN RE: DENNIS RAMEY, TOWN MANAGER – TO DISCUSS TOWN FUNDING

Dennis Ramey, Town Manager requested the board to consider allocating 10% of the Hard Rock Casino funds received by the county for the Town of Grundy. I know last year the county received around \$600,000 to \$700,000 and should be receiving funds close to one million dollars from the casino funding in this coming year, he stated. The casino funds are for 12 counties and two cities, to my understanding.

The casino made a gross adjusted profit of \$20 million, which will give Buchanan County about \$91,000 per month, stated Mr. Ramey.

The Town of Grundy funds the Grundy Fire Department and police department. If we have to purchase a police car it costs close to \$80,000 with all the necessary radios etc. We used the town's ARPA funds to purchase a fire engine and didn't come to the board for assistance, stated Mr. Ramey. He suggested the board to consider the Town of Grundy as an eighth district in the county, when distributing the casino funds.

If the county could approve 10% of the casino's funds, we could unitize it for the police and fire department, stated Mr. Ramey. The town's police department assisted the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office with over 235 calls last year.

The casino funds are supposed to be used for education, transportation or safety, he commented.

Craig Stiltner, Chairman requested Mr. Ramey to attend a budget work session.

Trey Adkins, Knox District Supervisor stated I'm only speaking for myself, but I really don't want the county to give up 10% of that funding, since it's used to assist rescue services in the county.

No action was taken at this time.

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IN RE: ZACHARY DOTSON, KNOX CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT – TO REQUEST FUNDING TO ASSIST IN LEASING 10 SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUSES

Zachary Dotson, Chief of the Knox Creek Fire Department requested funding to assist in purchasing 10 self-contained breathing apparatus's (SCBA) to replace the fire

departments current ones. Our current SCBA have been discontinued and are no longer safe to be used, he stated. Currently, we have \$40,000 in our state fire fund account that could be used for part of this purchase, stated Mr. Dotson.

Robert Horn, County Administrator stated the county would have to do the procurement for the purchase of the SCBA.

Tim Hess, Hurricane District Supervisor stated the Council Fire Department received a grants for the purchase of such items, as well as some others.

Mr. Horn asked Mr. Dotson, how many do you need?

Mr. Dotson stated ten.

What is the minimum you can do with, asked Mr. Horn? I know you have information on leasing the SCBA either for five years or seven years, but I don't think we need to lease, he commented.

How many SCBA is out of service now, asked Mr. Horn?

All of them, stated Mr. Dotson. I came before the board in October requesting this, he commented.

Craig Stiltner, Chairman stated Council, Harman and Russell Prater Fire Departments received grants for SCBA.

We've never came before the board requesting assistance for the Knox Creek Volunteer Fire Department, stated Mr. Dotson. I've tried to get grants for the SCBA.

My recommendation is to buy what you can from your state fire funds, stated Mr. Stiltner.

Trey Adkins, Knox District Supervisor stated I recommend using \$40,000 from the Knox State Fire Fund account and an additional \$20,000 from one of my accounts for the purchase of the SCBA.

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Lee Dotson and with the following roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Trey Adkins, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, David Rose, Lee Dotson, and one (1) nay, G. Roger Rife, this board did hereby approve to allow Knox Creek Volunteer Fire Department to use \$40,000 from their state fire funds account and \$20,000 from one of the Knox District accounts to purchase Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus's for the fire department, which will be done through the county's purchasing department.

G. Roger Rife, South Grundy District Supervisor stated I voted no, because what one department gets another wants the same. We cannot afford the same for every district, he stated. Some has 10 paid employees and looks to the county to pay for equipment.

Jeff Cooper, Garden District Supervisor asked if there was a reason they didn't the grant?

Mr. Dotson stated we were turned down and I was told Grundy Volunteer Fire Department applied for the same grant and was turned down too.

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IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wayne Davis, resident stated last year I came before the board regarding Sandy Gap Road and Betsy Brown Road that CNX had destroyed traveling to their gas wells. CNX uses excavator's and equipment along these roads.

Jeff Cooper, Garden District Supervisor stated CNX had designated someone to stay in contact with the county regarding road issues. Now, there's a problem with CNX traveling equipment along these roads. The road had good pavement on it and now it's a mess, he stated.

I don't care who they are, they're not good stewards in the county and can't be allowed to continue to do this, voiced Mr. Cooper. What is it going to take?

Gary Davis, resident stated that CNX needs to build their own gas roads in the county.

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by David Rose and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Trey Adkins, Tim Hess, David Rose, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, zero (0) nays and one (1) abstention, Jeff Cooper, stating he abstained due to a conflict of interest and being employed by a different gas company, this board did hereby approve to send a letter to CNX Gas Company giving them 30 days to pay for damages on Sandy Gap Road after receiving an estimate, which is to be provided by Marcus Stiltner, Coal Haul Road Engineer.

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IN RE: BEN LOONEY, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Ben Looney, Public Works Director stated he has an employee that's going to retire from the sanitation department at the end of the month. I want permission from the board to make Bryant Compton a full-time truck driver and full-time employment from part-time employment for Tommy Deel.

After a general discussion by the upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by David Rose and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, David Rose, Lee Dotson and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to make Bryant Compton a full-time truck driver and full-time

employment from part-time employment for Tommy Deel with the Buchanan County Sanitation Dept.

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**IN RE: BOBBY LOONEY, DIRECTOR AND JEANNE PRESLEY,
 DISTRICT MANAGER FOR BIG SANDY SOIL AND WATER
 CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Bobby Looney, Director of Big Sandy Soil and Water Conservation District (BSSWCD) stated BSSWCD has been working on a grant to develop an Outdoor Classroom and fishing pond in an area at the Buchanan County Athletic Complex at Southern Gap. The project will consist of a 701,000-gallon fish pond, 13 to 14 stations for students to visit and learn about subjects such as ek, bees, bats, soil layers, including a picnic table and gazebo.

Jeanne Presley, District Manager stated if we don't get enough funding in the beginning, we'll only do a portion of the project. The pond alone will cost approximately \$20,000.

She stated the grant they are applying for is through the Nature Conservancy and we're working to get another grant too. The area at the athletic complex is a high visible area, she commented. Also, the county would be required to maintain the area.

Trey Adkins, Knox District Supervisor stated it's a breath of fresh air for somebody to come in here and want to do things in the community instead of hounding the board for money to build a park or a ballfield. You've really impressed me, he stated.

Mr. Looney stated we won't leave no man behind. We'll bring something to all seven districts before it's over with.

David Rose, Prater District Supervisor stated I'm excited that the first outdoor classroom is coming to the Prater District. This project will benefit the entire county.

Craig Stiltner, Chairman stated every time Mr. Looney comes to a board meeting, I want to brag on him, because he's the most person in Buchanan County in working and trying to accomplish something for the county.

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by David Rose and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, David Rose and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to support the grant application for Big Sandy Soil and Water Conservation District through The Nature Conservancy, which will be designated for an Outdoor Classroom, including a fishing pond in the area at the Buchanan County Athletic Complex at Southern Gap.

RESOLUTION

IN RE: SUPPORT FOR BIG SANDY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S PURSUIT OF GRANT TO PROVIDE AN OUTDOOR CLASSROOM, INCLUDING A FISHING POND ON BUCHANAN COUNTY'S PARK PROPERTY LOCATED AT SOUTHERN GAP

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors, that Buchanan County, Virginia fully supports the pursuit of a grant by the Big Sandy Soil & Water Conservation District to provide an Outdoor Classroom, including a fishing pond on the Buchanan County Park property located at Southern Gap. The County Administrator is directed to submit a letter in support of the grant and project along with a copy of this resolution.

This Resolution was adopted by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors on this the 3rd day of February, 2025 by a roll call vote of seven for and zero against.

Motion made by: Trey Adkins

Second: David Rose

Yeas: Seven

Nays: Zero

Craig Stiltner, Chairman of the
Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING THE BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM (JAG) FOR FEDERAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,200.00 (WITH NO LOCAL MATCH) FOR THE BUCHANAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE STATEMENT OF GRANT AWARD ONCE THE OFFICIAL NOTICE IS RECEIVED

Mike Hatfield, Investigator stated I was just informed that the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office was awarded \$3,200 grant from the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG). There are no matching funds required for this grant.

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by David Rose seconded by Tim Hess and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, David Rose and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG)

for federal funding in the amount of \$3,200.00 (with no local match) for the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office and authorized the County Administrator to execute the Statement of Grant Award once the official notice is received.

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IN RE: BID OPENING FOR PROPERTIES THAT HAVE BEEN CONVEYED UNTO BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA FROM THE U.S. ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS FOR THE MINIMUM PROPERTY VALUE SET BY THE ARMY CORP.

Robert C. Horn, County Administrator stated only one bid was received.

Craig Stiltner, Chairman opened the bid, which it was from James Estep for 1092 Ratliff Road, Vansant, Virginia. The bid was in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the property.

Jay Rife, with Rife Appraisal Company stated the properties that are listed are worthless. The army corp. put that value on the property when the structure was still there. All these properties are in the floodway and no one can't build anything on them, stated Mr. Rife.

Mr. Horn commented if someone buys any of these properties, they can go above the flood evaluation and build.

Jeff Cooper, Garden District Supervisor made a motion to accept the bid from James Estep for the property at Vansant, seconded by Tim Hess and before a roll call vote Mr. Cooper withdrew his motion and Mr. Hess his second.

No action was taken at this time.

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IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – 6:10 P.M. TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED SALE OF PROPERTIES THAT HAVE BEEN CONVEYED UNTO BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA FROM THE U.S. ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS FOR THE MINIMUM PROPERTY VALUE SET BY THE ARMY CORP.

Craig Stiltner, Chairman opened the public hearing for comments.

With no comments from the public, upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Lee Dotson and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Jeff Cooper, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to continue this public hearing until March 3rd at 6:10 p.m.

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IN RE: CONSIDER ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF BIDS FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTIES THAT HAVE BEEN RELEASED BY THE U.S. ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS TO BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

This issue was tabled, no action taken.

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IN RE: CONSIDER ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ON JANUARY 15TH, 2025

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Tim Hess and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Jeff Cooper, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby adopt the following Resolution ratifying the Declaration of Local Emergency on January 15th, 2025.

RESOLUTION

IN RE: RATIFICATION OF THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ON JANUARY 15th, 2025

WHEREAS, on January 15th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Robert Craig Horn, Buchanan County Emergency Management Director, pursuant to the authority of Virginia Code section 44-146.21, declared a local emergency as result of a heavy snowfall and zero temperatures that begin occurring on January 10th, 2025; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors that such declaration of a local emergency is confirmed and ratified pursuant to Section 44-146.21 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended.

This Resolution was adopted by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors on this the 3rd day of February, 2025.

Recorded Vote:

Moved: Jeff Cooper
Seconded: Tim Hess
Yeas: Seven
Nays: Zero

Craig Stiltner, Chairman
Buchanan County, Va. Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

**IN RE: CONSIDER ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION ENDING THE
DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Tim Hess seconded by Jeff Cooper and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Jeff Cooper, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby adopt the following Resolution ending the Declaration of Local Emergency.

RESOLUTION

**IN RE: RATIFICATION OF DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AND
THE ENDING OF THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

THAT WHEREAS, on January 15th, 2025 the Buchanan County Director of Emergency Management, Robert Craig Horn, declared a local emergency effective, 10:00 a.m. as a result of the heavy snowfall and zero temperatures occurring in Buchanan County, Va.; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors that such declaration of a local emergency is hereby ratified as declared; and further resolve that such declaration of local emergency was concluded on the 3rd day of February, 2025.

This Resolution was adopted by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors on this the 3rd day of February, 2025.

Recorded Vote:

Moved: Tim Hess
Seconded: Jeff Cooper
Yeas: Seven
Nays: Zero

Craig Stiltner, Chairman
Buchanan County, Va. Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING- 6:15 P.M. TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED EASEMENT OF COUNTY PROPERTY TO DANNY AND LINDA BOYD TO RUN A SEWER LINE FROM THEIR PROPERTY AT 1056 BILLY STILTNER ROAD ACROSS COUNTY PROPERTY 1057 BILLY STILTNER ROAD, TO CONNECT WITH THE BUCHANAN COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY (PSA) SEWER SYSTEM

Craig Stiltner, Chairman opened the public hearing for comments.

Linda Boyd, resident stated all we're asking for is an easement across county owned property. This will allow us to connect to Buchanan County Public Service Authority (PSA) sewer system.

L. Lee Moise, County Attorney stated in the Deed of Quit Claim of Right-of-Way we need specifics as to which side the sewer line will run across 1057 Billy Stiltner Road. This is something we'll need from the PSA and the county mapping office to determine..

Upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Lee Dotson and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Jeff Cooper, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to close the public hearing.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING THE DEED OF QUIT CLAIM OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AND EASEMENT BY AND BETWEEN BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA TO DANNY AND LINDA BOYD TO ALLOW MR. AND MRS. BOYD TO RUN A SEWER LINE FROM THEIR PROPERTY AT 1056 BILLY STILTNER ROAD UNDER SAID COUNTY ROAD AND ACROSS COUNTY PROPERTY 1057 BILLY STILTNER ROAD TO CONNECT WITH THE BUCHANAN COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY (PSA) SEWER SYSTEM AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE DEED OF QUIT CLAIM OF RIGHT-OF-WAY WITH APPROVAL AS TO FORM BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Lee Dotson and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Jeff Cooper, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve the Deed of Quit Claim of Right-of-Way and Easement by and between Buchanan County, Virginia to Danny and Linda Boyd to allow Mr. and Mrs. Boyd to run a sewer line from their property at 1056 Billy Stiltner Road under said county road and across county property 1057 Billy Stiltner Road to connect with the Buchanan County Public Service Authority (PSA) sewer system and authorized

the chairman and county administrator to execute the Deed of Quit Claim of Right-of-Way with approval as to form by the county attorney.

THIS DEED OF QUIT CLAIM OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AND EASEMENT made and entered into on this the 3rd day of February 2025, by and between BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "GRANTOR", and DANNY BOYD AND LINDA BOYD, husband and wife, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "GRANTEES". [Exempt from recordation taxes pursuant to Code §58.1-811.3.]

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Grantor owns the property located at 1057 Billy Stiltner Road in North Grundy Magisterial District; and

WHEREAS, the Grantees own the property located at 1056 Billy Stiltner Road in North Grundy Magisterial District which is across the road from Grantor's property located at 1057 Billy Stiltner Road; and

WHEREAS, the Grantees desire to run a sewer line from their property located at 1056 Billy Stiltner Road under the County Road Billy Stiltner Road, County Road # 3001, and across the Grantor's property located at 1057 Billy Stiltner Road down to the Levisa River to make connection with the sewer system of the Buchanan County Public Service Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Grantor has agreed to convey to the Grantees by Quit Claim, a permanent right-of-way and easement upon and across and under the lands and property of the Grantor located at 1057 Billy Stiltner Road and under County Road No. 3001, Billy Stiltner Road for the purpose of constructing, maintaining a sewer line from the property owned by the Grantees at 1056 Billy Stiltner Road; and

NOW THEREFORE, that for and in consideration of the benefit to be derived by the Grantor and the general public, in promoting the public health in the proper handling and disposal of sewage, the Grantor does hereby convey by Quit Claim, unto the said Grantees, their successors and assigns, the following described perpetual right-of-way and easement, to-wit:

The easement is to be ____ feet (____) in width, with said ____ feet (____') width being measured thirty feet (____') on both sides of the easement centerline as described below:

Beginning at a point _____ to the beginning and containing _____ sq. ft. (_____ acres).

The conveyance of this right of way and easement is conditioned upon the Grantees complying with all requirements of local and state law in regard to permits and approvals of

the placement of the sewer line and compliance with all requirements of the Buchanan County, Va. Public Service Authority in regard to connection to the PSA's sewer system.

The easement and right of way conveyed herein is also subject to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) consenting to said conveyance, as the USACE has not yet fully released the property located at 1057 Billy Stiltner Road to Buchanan County.

Source and title for Grantor: The property was Deeded to Buchanan County on September 26th, 2023 and accepted by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors on October 2nd, 2023 from Travis Wayne and Courtney Street, husband and wife, located at 1057 Billy Stiltner Road, Grundy, Virginia, tract # 2909. Recorded in the Buchanan County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Grundy, Virginia by instrument # 230001237.

That on the 3rd day of February 2025, the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors, at a duly held meeting of the Board, approved the acquisition of the right-of-way and drainage easement described herein and the Chairman of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator for Buchanan County by their execution of this Deed acknowledge that the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors has authorized the quit claim conveyance of this easement and right-of-way conveyance to the Grantees.

The execution of this Deed by Lawrence L. Moise III, County Attorney for Buchanan County, Virginia, indicates his approval of the form of this Deed.

WITNESS the following signatures and seals:

BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

BY: _____ (SEAL)
Craig Stiltner, Chairman of the
Buchanan County, VA. Board of Supervisors

ATTESTED:

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

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**IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – 6:30 P.M. TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS
ON THE PROPOSED RENAMING OF NEELEY ROAD,
DAVENPORT, VIRGINIA TO H.M. BOYD DRIVE, WHICH
COUNTY ROAD IS LOCATED IN THE HURRICANE DISTRICT**

Craig Stiltner, Chairman opened the public hearing for comments.

Mr. Boyd, resident stated there's no Neeley's that lives on this road now. My grandfather lived on this road for many years, which is the reason I would like the name to be changed to H.M. Boyd Drive.

Upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Tim Hess and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Jeff Cooper, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to close the public hearing.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING TO RENAME NEELEY ROAD, DAVENPORT, VIRGINIA TO H.M. BOYD DRIVE, WHICH COUNTY ROAD IS LOCATED IN THE HURRICANE DISTRICT

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Tim Hess seconded by David Rose and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Jeff Cooper, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to rename Neeley Road, Davenport, Virginia, county road number 4134 to H.M. Boyd Drive, which county road is located in the Hurricane Magisterial District.

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IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – 6:45 P.M. TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF AN AMENDED ORDINANCE ENTITLED: “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BUCHANAN COUNTY CODE SECTION 25-3 BY ADDING SUBSECTION F”

Craig Stiltner, Chairman opened the public hearing for comments.

L. Lee Moise, County Attorney stated at last month’s meeting the board approved the proposed ordinance on an emergency basis with the \$25,000 cap on building permits for Buchanan County, Buchanan County Public Service Authority, Buchanan County Industrial Development Authority and Buchanan County Public Schools.

Dennis Ramey, Town Manager stated I don’t agree with this proposed ordinance, but if the board is going to approve it, then I would like to see added to the proposed ordinance the Town of Grundy, Town of Grundy Industrial Development Authority and the Breaks Regional Airport Authority.

There’s going to be a lot of money saved by these entities by decreasing the building code fees, stated Mr. Ramey. The school system should provide a list of what they’re going to do with the savings from the building permit, he commented.

Trey Adkins, Knox District Supervisor stated a contract has been already approved for the new school and I’ve heard they’re already cutting corners. I don’t agree with the location or cutting corner, he stated. I agree with Mr. Ramey with the school

system providing a list of what they're going to do with the savings from the building permit.

Upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Lee Dotson and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Jeff Cooper, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to close the public hearing.

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IN RE: CONSIDER ADOPTING THE AMENDED ORDINANCE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BUCHANAN COUNTY CODE SECTION 25-3 BY ADDING SUBSECTION F" TO SET UP A CAP OF \$25,000.00 ON FEES FOR BUILDING PERMITS FOR BUCHANAN COUNTY, THE BUCHANAN COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, THE BUCHANAN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE BUCHANAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF STRUCTURES IN BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA BY THESE FOUR PUBLIC ENTITIES

L. Lee Moise, County Attorney stated the proposed ordinance was adopted at the January 6th board meeting on an emergency basis. The emergency ordinance will be effective only sixty days after it was adopted on an emergency basis, unless approved by the board on a permanent basis today.

Trey Adkins, Knox District Supervisor stated I think we need to include the Town of Grundy, Virginia; Town of Grundy, Virginia IDA and Breaks Regional Airport Authority to this ordinance.

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by David Rose and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Jeff Cooper, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby adopt the Amended Ordinance entitled: "An Ordinance to Amend Buchanan County Code Section 25-3 by adding Subsection F" to set up a cap of \$25,000.00 on fees for building permits for Buchanan County, the Buchanan County Public Service Authority, the Buchanan County Industrial Development Authority, Buchanan County Public School Board, Town of Grundy, Virginia, Town of Grundy, Virginia IDA and Breaks Regional Airport Authority in conjunction with the construction of structures in Buchanan County, Virginia by these seven public entities.

25-3 Fees; inspections. [Amended 6-1-2015]

A. Permits; inspection procedure.

(1) All applicants shall have from the Buchanan County Health Department an

updated septic system or layout and approved water, or statement from P.S.A. if on public water and sewage.

- (2) All work not performed by property owner must be done by Virginia State licensed contractors, with the appropriate endorsements for job to be performed.
 - (3) No permit to begin work for new construction or other building operations shall be issued until the fees prescribed in this section shall have been paid. The fees shall be affixed at the following rates:
 - (a) Minimum fee: \$20.
 - (b) Residential (new houses and modular homes): \$0.05 per square foot.
 - (c) Singlewide mobile homes: \$40.
 - (d) Doublewide mobile homes: \$75.
 - (e) Commercial, industrial: \$7.50 per \$1,000 of estimated cost.
 - (f) All remodeling and additions: \$5 per \$1,000 of estimated cost.
 - (g) Specialty permits (electrical, plumbing, heating and cooling, re-roofing, demolition, other miscellaneous): \$5 per \$1,000 of estimated cost.
 - (h) Storage tanks (install or remove): \$20 per tank.
 - (i) Storage and utility buildings: \$5 per \$1,000 of estimated cost.
- B. Fee for plan review. A special fee shall be paid by the applicant when plans of a special design are filed with the Building Inspection Department. The fee for this review shall be that which is charged by the third-party certified plan reviewer and shall be in addition to any other fee required by this chapter.
- C. There shall be a state levy of 2% on all permit fees.
- D. Review fee. Work started prior to obtaining required permits shall be assessed a review fee equal to the normal permit fee, and payment of such fee shall not relieve any person from complying with the Uniform Statewide Building Code. **[Added 2-6-2023¹]**
- E. Inspections.
- (1) For first inspection, the Building Code Office shall be notified when excavation is completed and before concrete is poured.
Second inspection is on heating, electrical and plumbing rough-in.
 - (1) Final inspection upon completion.
 - (2) Work shall not proceed until the inspector has approved the various stages of construction.
 - (3) Approved plans must be retained on the job and card posted until final inspection has been made.
- F. **Cap on fees for building permits for Buchanan County, Virginia; the Buchanan County PSA; the Buchanan County IDA; Buchanan County Public School Board; Town of Grundy Virginia; Town of Grundy, Virginia IDA and Breaks**

Regional Airport Authority.

- (1) That the fee for a building permit for any structure built in Buchanan County by Buchanan County, Virginia; the Buchanan County PSA; the Buchanan County IDA; Buchanan County Public School Board; Town of Grundy, Virginia; Town of Grundy, Virginia IDA and Breaks Regional Airport Authority shall not exceed \$25,000.00, notwithstanding any other provision of section 25-3 herein.

This amendment added to subsection "F" was approved on an emergency basis on 6th day of January 2025 and approved by the board after a public hearing on 3rd day of February, 2025.

Chairman
Buchanan County, Va. Board of Supervisors

Roll Call Vote:
David Rose Yea
Tim Hess Yea
Jeff Cooper Yea
Craig Stiltner Yea
Lee Dotson Yea
Trey Adkins Yea
Roger Rife Yea

ATTEST:

Robert C. Horn, County Administrator

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING LETTER TO BUCHANAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Lee Dotson and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Jeff Cooper, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to request Buchanan County Public Schools for a list of how they are going to utilize the funding from saving on the cap placed on building permit for the New Buchanan County High School.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING BIDS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$15,527.46 FOR A FILE STORAGE SYSTEM (SERVERS) FOR THE BUCHANAN COUNTY COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THIS AMOUNT TO THE COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY'S OFFICE BUDGET

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Lee Dotson and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Jeff Cooper, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve the bids in the total amount of \$15,527.46 for a file storage system (servers) for the Buchanan County Commonwealth Attorney's Office and approved an additional appropriation in this amount to the commonwealth attorney's office budget.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING ADDENDUM # 1 TO CONTRACT BETWEEN BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA AND PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION (EAGLEVIEW) DATED JANUARY 25, 2020 AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE ADDENDUM WITH APPROVAL AS TO FORM BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Tim Hess seconded by David Rose and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Jeff Cooper, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve Addendum # 1 to the Contract between Buchanan County, Virginia and Pictometry International Corporation (Eagleview) dated January 25, 2020 and authorized the chairman and county administrator to execute the Addendum with approval as to form by the county attorney.

ADDENDUM # 1 TO CONTRACT BETWEEN BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA AND PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION (EAGLEVIEW) DATED JANUARY 25, 2020

Now come the parties, Pictometry International Corporation, d/b/a Eagleview, the "Contractor" and Buchanan County, Va., a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, "County" and hereby agree to the following modifications of the Pictometry International Corporation contract dated January 25, 2020, as extended by GSA contract #_____ providing for Pictometry services of Buchanan County for three separate flyovers including the third and last flyover to be scheduled in late February 2025 or March of 2025:

- 1) That the parties originally agreed to a Pictometry services contract dated January 25, 2020 providing for three separate flyovers over Buchanan County, Va. to provide Pictometry services. The first two flyovers have been completed, with the third and

final flyover to be scheduled in March of 2025. The original contract provided for one portion of the County to be done in 3” (three-inch definition Pictometry) and the rest of the County to be done in 9” (nine-inch definition Pictometry). Said original Pictometry contract dated January 25, 2020 is attached and made a part of this Addendum by reference as Exhibit “A”. Said contract has been extended by GSA contract #_____. Subsequent to the execution of the original contract, and prior to the third and last flyover, the parties have agreed to do the entire county in 3” (three-inch definition Pictometry). Eagleview has provided the County a quote to do the entire county in 3” definition Pictometry for the third and final flyover to be scheduled in March of 2025. That quote is accepted by the County and is in the amount of \$223,151.28. Said quote is attached and made a part of this Addendum by reference as Exhibit “B”.

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IN RE: CONSIDER ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMENDED DEED FROM BUCHANAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD REGARDING THE CELL PHONE TOWER SITE LOCATED AT TWIN VALLEY ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDED DEED WITH APPROVAL AS TO FORM BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by David Rose seconded by Tim Hess and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Jeff Cooper, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby adopt the following Resolution accepting the Amended Deed from Buchanan County Public School Board regarding the cell phone tower site located at Twin Valley Elementary/Middle School and authorized the chairman and county administrator to execute the Amended Deed with approval as to form by the county attorney

RESOLUTION

IN RE: ACCEPTANCE OF THE AMENDED DEED FOR LAND IN FRONT OF THE TWIN VALLEY ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR A CELL TOWER SITE CONVEYED BY THE BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors that we approve acceptance of the property described in that Amended Deed situated on the Levisa River located in the Garden Magisterial District, said property located in and around Twin Valley Elementary-Middle School attached hereto, conveyed to Buchanan County by the Buchanan County School Board and Buchanan County, Virginia and authorized the Chairman of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors and Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator for Buchanan County, Virginia to execute such Amended

Deed on behalf of Buchanan County to acknowledge its acceptance of such property with the approval as to form by the County Attorney.

This Resolution was adopted by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors on this the 3rd day of February, 2025 by a roll call vote of seven for and zero against.

Chairman of the
Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

THIS Amended DEED OF GIFT, made and entered into on this 3rd day of February, 2025, by and between the BUCHANAN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, grantor, and the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF BUCHANAN, VIRGINIA, representing Buchanan County, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, whose address is P. O. Drawer 950, Grundy, Virginia, 24614, grantee.

W I T N E S S E T H:

THAT, WHEREAS, the Buchanan County School Board is seized and possessed of certain tract or parcel of land situate on the Levisa River, near Keen Mountain, situate in Buchanan County, Virginia, upon which land said School Board has caused improvements to be erected known as the “Twin Valley Elementary-Middle School”; and

WHEREAS, the Buchanan County School Board passed a motion at the School Board meeting of the ____ day of May 2024, to make a gift of that portion of the property described hereinabove and hereinafter to be conveyed, as a gift of property from the Buchanan County School Board to the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Buchanan County School Board, having no further need for said property, does hereby intend to convey by virtue of this Deed the real estate to the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors which said Board of Supervisors intends to use said property to further a cell tower project in Buchanan County, Va; and

NOW, THEREFORE, that for and in consideration of the public benefit to be derived from furthering said cell tower project, which the sufficiency of such consideration is hereby acknowledged by the parties hereto, the Buchanan County School Board does hereby gift, grant and convey, by Quit Claim, unto the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors all of its right, title and interest in a portion of that certain tract or parcel of real estate, situate on the Levisa River, near Keen Mountain said property being more particularly described in the Deeds set forth in the drawing dated December 17, 2024 and

prepared by Advanced Wireless Solutions, Inc. and which said drawing is incorporated by reference and made a part of this Deed as Exhibit "A". Said drawing depicts the portion of the parcel conveyed by this Deed in fee simple as TRACT ONE.

TRACT ONE is depicted on the drawing attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein and is described as follows:

A PORTION OF ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF PILGRIM KNOB, COUNTY OF BUCHANAN, STATE OF VIRGINIA, DESCRIBED AS PIN 4671-16-2576, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS:

COMMENCING FROM AN EXISTING COMPUTED POINT LOCATED ON SAID PROPERTY, AND HAVING VIRGINIA SOUTH STATE PLANE COORDINATES E:10471458' -AND- N:3616773'; SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE, N 72° 32' 34" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 33.35 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE, N 68° 22' 48" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 44.83 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE, N 21° 37' 12" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 38.00 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE, S 68° 22' 48" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 75.23 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE, S 17° 00' 49" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 35.69 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 2877 SQ FT -OR- 0.07 ACRES.

Such TRACT ONE is hereby conveyed in fee simple to the Board of Supervisors of Buchanan County, Virginia and its, successors and assigns together with a non-exclusive access and utility easement granted to the Board of Supervisors of Buchanan County, Virginia and its, successors and assigns under, over, across, and upon TRACT TWO (hereinafter described) for ingress, egress and regress to, from and between TRACT ONE and the nearest public right of way, RIVERSIDE DRIVE, and for the installation, operation, and maintenance of wires, cables, fiber, conduits, and pipes for all necessary electrical, telephone, fiber and other similar support services as deemed necessary or appropriate for the operation of a communications facility.

TRACT TWO is depicted on the drawing attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein and is described as follows:

A PORTION OF ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF PILGRIM KNOB, COUNTY OF BUCHANAN, STATE OF VIRGINIA, DESCRIBED AS PIN 4671-16-2576, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS:

COMMENCING FROM AN EXISTING COMPUTED POINT LOCATED ON SAID PROPERTY, AND HAVING VIRGINIA SOUTH STATE PLANE COORDINATES E:10471458' -AND- N:3616773';

THENCE, N 72° 32' 34" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 33.35 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE, N 68° 22' 48" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 44.83 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE, N 21° 37' 12" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 12.39 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CENTERLINE FOR A 20 FOOT WIDE ACCESS/UTILITY EASEMENT LYING 10 FEET OFF OF EITHER SIDE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION;

THENCE, N 64° 13' 56" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 21.90 FEET TO A POINT;
THENCE, N 58° 26' 11" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 48.76 FEET TO A POINT;
THENCE, N 52° 48' 17" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 30.30 FEET TO A POINT;
THENCE, N 43° 40' 57" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 5.71 FEET TO A POINT ON THE
SOUTHERN RIGHT OF WAY OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE, A DEDICATED PUBLIC
RIGHT OF WAY, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF TERMINUS CONTAINING
2,115 SQFT -OR- 0.05 ACRES

The Board of Supervisors of Buchanan County, Virginia may further assign and delegate all or any portion of its rights associated with these easement rights. Any tenant of the Board of Supervisors of Buchanan County, Virginia and providers of utility and similar support services shall be permitted to use TRACT TWO consistent with the rights granted herein to the Board of Supervisors of Buchanan County, Virginia. The easement rights shall be binding on and shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of Buchanan County School Board and the Board of Supervisors of Buchanan County, Virginia.

Reference to the above-described drawing at Exhibit "A" is hereby made for a more particular description of the property rights being conveyed herein. This conveyance is made without any warranties and is subject to all exceptions, limitations or conditions contained in any document which constitutes a muniment of title to the property being conveyed herein and to such matters which are visible upon inspection. It is the intent of the Buchanan County School Board only to convey such portion of the property upon which the current Twin Valley Elementary-Middle School is situate as described in the above referenced two metes and bounds descriptions and further depicted on the referenced drawing at Exhibit "A".

In compliance with the provisions of § 15.2-1803 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, this Deed is in the form approved by Lawrence L. Moise III, Esq., County Attorney for the County of Buchanan, Virginia, which approval as to form only is evidenced by the endorsement of this conveyance by said Attorney. Further, this conveyance is accepted by the County of Buchanan, Virginia, by Roger Rife, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Buchanan County, Virginia, he having been authorized to so act on behalf of said County by a Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of said County at a meeting conducted on the 3rd day of February, 2025, which approval and acceptance is evidenced by execution of this conveyance by Roger Rife, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Buchanan County, Virginia.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING THE CUMBERLAND PLATEAU REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MANPOWER SERVICES AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR BUCHANAN COUNTY, VA TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF BUCHANAN COUNTY WITH THE APPROVAL AS TO FORM BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Trey Adkins and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Jeff Cooper, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve the Cumberland Plateau Regional Waste Management Authority Manpower Service Agreement and authorize the Chairman of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors and County Administrator for Buchanan County, Virginia to execute such Agreement on behalf of Buchanan County with the approval as to form by the County Attorney. A copy of this agreement is located in the Buchanan County Administrator's Office for review.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING REIMBURSEMENT TO EACH DISTRICT FOR SNOW REMOVAL FOR ONLY WHAT WAS SPENT DURING THE RECENT SNOW STORM EVENT FROM FUND 6 DISASTER RELIEF IN THE COAL ROAD BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025

After a general discussion by the upon motion by David Rose seconded by Jeff Cooper and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, G. Roger Rife and one (1) nay, Lee Dotson, this board did hereby approve reimbursement to each district for snow removal for only what was spent during the recent snow storm event and transfer the funding from Fund 6 Disaster Relief in the Coal Road Budget for fiscal year 2024/2025 to each of the seven districts highways, streets and bridges accounts.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPOINTMENT AND/OR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE BUCHANAN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE GARDEN DISTRICT FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM BEGINNING FEBRUARY 2025

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Tim Hess and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Lee Dotson, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did

hereby reappoint Brenda Ward, Garden District Representative to the Buchanan County Industrial Development Authority Board of Directors for a four (4) year term beginning February 1st, 2025.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO ADDENDUM #1 TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN BUCHANAN COUNTY, VA AND JES CONSTRUCTION, LLC. DATED OCTOBER 8, 2024 TO MAKE REPAIRS TO THE POPLAR GAP GYMNASIUM, SO TO CLARITY THAT THE WARRANTY IS FOR 25 YEARS FOR A COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AND NOT A LIFE TIME WARRANTY FOR A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by G. Roger Rife seconded by Trey Adkins and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Lee Dotson, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve the Amended Addendum #1 to the Contract between Buchanan County, VA and JES Construction, LLC. dated October 8, 2024 with an increase in price to \$190,065.23 for making repairs to the Poplar Gap Gymnasium and to clarify that the warranty is for 25 years for a commercial property and not a life time warranty for a residential property.

AMENDED ADDENDUM # 1 TO CONTRACT BETWEEN BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA AND JES CONSTRUCTION, LLC DATED OCTOBER 8, 2024

Now come the parties, JES Construction, LLC “Contractor” and Buchanan County, Va., a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, “County” and hereby agree to the following modifications of the JES contract dated October 8, 2024 providing for the construction services (repairs to the gym floor and foundation of the Poplar Gap Gym):

- 2) That the parties originally agreed to a JES contract dated October 8, 2024 providing for repairs to the gym floor and foundation of the Poplar Gap Gym for a total discounted contract price of \$151,688.17. Said original JES contract dated October 8, 2024 is attached and made a part of this Addendum by reference as Exhibit “A”. Subsequent to the execution of the original contract, JES engineers have determine that further support will be required to make the repairs to the gym floor and foundation at additional costs that will increase the total discounted contract price to \$190,065.23. A second JES contract dated December 3, 2024 memorializes the modifications of the original JES contract. The December 3, 2024 JES contract is attached and made a part of this Addendum by reference as Exhibit “B”. The Contractor and the County acknowledge that the County as a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia is required by the law of the Commonwealth of Virginia to include certain mandatory contractual provisions. Accordingly, the Contractor and the County have agreed to include such mandatory contractual provisions (anti-discrimination, drug free work place, compliance with immigration laws) along with other additional standard county contract provisions in this Addendum. Said mandatory contractual provisions and additional standard county

contract provisions are attached and made a part of this Addendum by reference as Exhibit "C" (County Standard Contract Provisions).

- 3) Subsequent to the approval of Addendum #1 by the Board of Supervisors on January 6, 2025, the Contractor clarified that the language of a life time warranty in its contract was not correct, since the gym would be considered a commercial property for which a 25-year warranty would apply. The lifetime warranty is intended for residential properties not commercial properties. Kenneth Ratliff confirmed that he always understood the warranty to be a 25-year warranty not a life time warranty. So, this amendment to Addendum #1 is made to memorialize that the warranty being given for the repair work to the gym is a 25-year warranty not a life time warranty and this amendment corrects the language to the contrary in the contract of JES Construction, LLC. Addendum #1 is attached and made a part of this Amended Addendum by reference as Exhibit "D".

EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE ORIGINALS:
IN WITNESS HEREOF:

CONTRACTOR: JES CONSTRUCTION, LLC
BY: _____
Rick Myers, General Manager
JES Construction, LLC

BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

BY: _____
Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator for the
Buchanan County, Va. Board of Supervisors

APPROVED TO AS TO FORM ONLY:

Lawrence L. Moise III, County Attorney

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Tim Hess and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Lee Dotson, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve the following additional appropriations:

- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,980.00 to Buchanan County Sheriff's Office, account number 31020-1150;
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$665.00 to Buchanan County Sheriff's Office, account number 31020-1150;
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$175.00 to Rowe Senior Citizens, account number 53050-5604-02;
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$375.00 to South Grundy Park and Development, account number 71060-7010-05;
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$78.32 to Circuit Court Clerk's Office, account number 21060-3320.

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**IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING VENDOR SERVICE AGREEMENT
FOR SNOW REMOVAL FROM CLINE CONSTRUCTION**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Lee Dotson and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Lee Dotson, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve the Vendor Service Agreement with Cline Construction at a \$105.00 per hour for snow removal.

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IN RE: CONSIDER RATIFYING PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Tim Hess and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Lee Dotson, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby ratify the following part-time employees:

- Nathan N. O’Quinn - Prater District
- Charles Joseph, Rocklick District
- Brady Harris- Hurricane District
- Steven Street – Hurricane District
- Kenny McClanahan- Knox District
- Brent Adkins – Knox District

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**IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING A LETTER TO GOVERNOR GLENN
YOUNGKIN**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Tim Hess and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Lee Dotson, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to send a letter to Governor Glenn Youngkin requesting to issue an Executive Order providing for the following action:

- 1) That AEP, American Electric Power, APPCo, subsidiaries and/foundations cease making any donations and/or contributions to foundations, private groups, colleges or campaigns from any charges collected directly from customers for providing electrical/power services; and

- 2) That AEP, American Electric Power, APPCo, subsidiaries and/foundations cease making any donations and/or contributions to lobbyists and members of the General Assembly from any charges collected directly from customers for providing electrical/power services; and
- 3) That AEP, American Electric Power, APPCo, and subsidiaries be capped at the average rate in the Commonwealth for electricity at 14.53 cents per kilowatt hour (Appco’s average residential rate is 16.79 cents per kilowatt hour).

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**IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING DATE THAT EMPLOYEES MUST
TURN IN THEIR TIME CARDS AND LEAVE SHEETS EACH
MONTH**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Jeff Cooper and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Lee Dotson, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve and is **mandatory** that **ALL** county employees provide their time cards to the payroll clerk by the 5th of each month or they miss their next payday.

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**IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING TO SEARCH FOR A TIME KEEPING
SYSTEM**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Lee Dotson and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Lee Dotson, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve for the County Administrator and Finance Director to search for a time keeping system through Kronos or Automatic Data Processing (ADP) that would be user friendly for employees and they don’t have to have cell phone service to use it.

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IN RE: RECESS FOR FIVE MINUTES

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IN RE: CLOSED SESSION 2.2-3711 1950 CODE OF VIRGINIA

Upon a motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by G. Roger Rife and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Jeff Cooper, Lee Dotson, Craig Stiltner, Tim Hess, David Rose,

G. Roger Rife, Trey Adkins and zero (0) nays, with Jeff Cooper, disclosing he is employed by a different gas company other than CNX, this board agreed to convene in closed session as permitted by Virginia Code Section, 2.2-3711 (A)(8), consultation with legal counsel regarding the possibility of a primary care clinic and pharmacy and the CNX Agreement that ended December 31st, 2024 regarding gas well assessment.

Motion was made by Trey Adkins to return from closed session seconded by David Rose and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, David Rose, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to return from closed session.

This board meeting resumed in open session after being in executive session one hour and five minutes.

A motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Lee Dotson that the Board certify that in the closed session just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter specifically identified in the motion to convene in closed session and lawfully permitted to be so discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act cited in that motion. The motion was agreed upon by the following roll call vote seven (7) yeas, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, Trey Adkins, Jeff Cooper and zero (0) nays.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING TO EXTEND THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR MINERAL LICENSES TAX

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Lee Dotson and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Trey Adkins, Tim Hess, David Rose, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, zero (0) nays and one (1) abstention, Jeff Cooper, stated he abstained due to a conflict of interest and being employed by a different gas company, this board did hereby approve to extend for two years the Memorandum of Understanding for mineral severance gas licenses tax with CNX; and extend for two years the Memorandum of Understanding for Real Property Assessment (gas wells and mineral (gas) in the ground being developed or not being developed) with CNX, subject to both being approved to form by the County Attorney .

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**IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE
 BUCHANAN COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE’S
 OFFICE FOR TWO POSITIONS**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by David Rose and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, Trey Adkins, Jeff Cooper and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to provide additional funding for the Buchanan County Commissioner of Revenue’s Office to allow her to hire two Field Data Collectors at a salary of \$75,000.00 per year with benefits. Also, to advertise immediately for these two positions for her office.

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**IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING AND ISSUING PAYMENT FOR
 CONTRIBUTIONS**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Tim Hess and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, Trey Adkins, Jeff Cooper and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve the following contributions and to issue a check:

Hurley Youth Sports (2-4 cheer team)	\$1,000.00
BC Youth	\$3,797.00
Clinch Independent Living Services, Inc.	\$240.00
Council Volunteer Fire Dept.	\$4,000.00
Council Volunteer Fire Dept.	\$600.00
Grundy Wrestling Club	\$10,000.00
Feeding My Sheep, Inc.	\$4,000.00

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IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Tim Hess and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Lee Dotson, Jeff Cooper, David Rose, Craig Stiltner, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Trey Adkins and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to adjourn the meeting.

Craig Stiltner, Chairman of the
Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

MINUTES

An emergency meeting of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday the 19th day of February, 2025 starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, 3rd floor of the Buchanan County Government Center, 4447 Slate Creek Road, Grundy, Virginia 24614.

PRESENT: Craig Stiltner, Chairman
G. Roger Rife
Tim Hess
Lee Dotson
David Rose
Trey Adkins

L. Lee Moise, County Attorney
Robert C. Horn, County Administrator

ABSENT: Jeff Cooper

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The meeting was called to order with Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

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**REQUEST FOR AN EMERGENCY MEETING
OF THE BUCHANAN COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Trey Adkins, Knox District Supervisors and Lee Dotson, North Grundy Magisterial District of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors hereby requested pursuant to Section 15.2-1417 and 15.2-1418 of the Code of Virginia that an emergency meeting of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors be held on the date, at the time, and place stated below and for the purpose stated herein, as amended.

DATE OF MEETING: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 2025

TIME OF MEETING: 10:00 O’CLOCK A.M.

PLACE OF MEETING: 4447 SLATE CREEK ROAD, GRUNDY, VA

PURPOSE

- 1. Call to order. 10:00 a.m.
- 2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Flood damages resulting from flooding during the weekend of February 14 through 16, 2025.
- 4. Recovery efforts and repair of flood damages throughout the County.

5. Closed session Va. Code section 2.2-3711(a)(1) personnel issues in regard to emergency meeting agenda items of #3 and #4; and (a)(8) legal matters in regard to emergency meeting agenda items #3 and #4.

6. Adjournment.

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IN RE: CLOSED SESSION 2.2-3711 1950 CODE OF VIRGINIA

Upon a motion by Trey Adkins seconded by David Rose and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Lee Dotson, Craig Stiltner, Tim Hess, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Trey Adkins, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board agreed to convene in closed session as permitted by Virginia Code Section, 2.2-3711 (A)(1), involving personnel issues in regard to the emergency meeting agenda #3 and #4 and VA Code section 2.2-3711(a)(8), consultation with legal counsel in regards to the emergency meeting agenda items #3 and #4.

Motion was made by G. Roger Rife to return from closed session seconded by Tim Hess and with the following roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Lee Dotson, David Rose, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Trey Adkins, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby approve to return from closed session.

This board meeting resumed in open session after being in executive session for one hour and fifty-eight minutes.

A motion by Tim Hess seconded by Lee Dotson that the Board certify that in the closed session just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter specifically identified in the motion to convene in closed session and lawfully permitted to be so discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act cited in that motion. The motion was agreed upon by the following roll call vote six (6) yeas, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, Trey Adkins, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING TO REQUEST BUCHANAN GENERAL HOSPITAL BOARD AND CEO TO ALL THE 5TH FLOOR OF THE HOSPITAL TO BE OPEN FOR VICTIMS OF THE RECENT FLOOD

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Lee Dotson seconded by

David Rose and with the following roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, Trey Adkins, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby approve to request Buchanan General Hospital Board and CEO to allow the 5th floor of the hospital to be open for victims of the recent flood.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING BUCHANAN COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, COUNTY ROAD ENGINEER AND THE BUCHANAN COUNTY ATTORNEY TO OBTAIN FROM STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES CONFIRMATION THAT THE COUNTY CAN USE EMERGENCY EFFORTS TO CLEAR THE CREEKS AND RIVERS OF DEBRIS FROM THE RECENT FLOODING.

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by David Rose seconded by Trey Adkins and with the following roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, Trey Adkins, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby approve the Buchanan County Administrator, County Road Engineer and the Buchanan County Attorney to obtain from state and federal agencies confirmation that the county can use emergency efforts to clear the creeks and rivers of debris from the recent flooding. Also, the County Administrator and County Attorney are directed to further inquire as to why Kentucky has been permitted to clear creeks and rivers of flood debris within a short time frame after a flood event, while Buchanan County has been prohibited from rapid clearing of flood debris following the August 2021 flood in Knox District and the July 2022 flood in the Whitewood, Dismal and Pilgrims Knob areas of Buchanan County, Va. A copy of this memorandum is to be sent to Donald Trump, President of the United States, Governor Glenn Youngkin, State Senators Todd Pillion and Travis Hackworth; to State Delegate Will Morefield; Congressman Morgan Griffith; and to U.S. Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING TO HIRE A FULL-TIME FLOOD CLAIM/RECOVERY COORDINATOR

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Lee Dotson seconded by Tim Hess and with the following roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, G.

Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, Trey Adkins, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby approve to hire a full-time Flood Claim/Recovery Coordinator.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING PAUL LOWE AS A PART-TIME EMPLOYEE AND HIRE TEN ROAD INSPECTORS TO OVERSEE CONTRACT WORK THAT'S BEING DONE ON COUNTY ROADS, DUE TO THE RECENT FLOODING

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Tim Hess seconded by Lee Dotson and with the following roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, Trey Adkins, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby approve Paul Lowe as a part-time employee as road inspector during flood relief efforts and hire up to ten (10) road inspectors to oversee contract work that's being done on county roads, due to the recent flooding.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING A REQUEST THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDING BE INCLUDED IN THE 2025/2026 VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET FOR CLINCH INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES IN BUCHANAN COUNTY

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Lee Dotson seconded by David Rose with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, Trey Adkins, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby request that additional funding be included in the 2025/2026 Virginia State Budget for Clinch Independent Living Services in Buchanan County that will assist handicap individuals and people with disabilities for flood recovery efforts to assist in providing access to the residences of flood victims eligible for services offered by Clinch Independent Living Services.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING TO DELEGATE TO MARCUS STILTNER, COAL ROAD ENGINEER AND BEN LOONEY, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO USE THEIR DISCRETION IN MAKING PRIVATE ENTRANCES PASSABLE, WHETHER IT BE VEHICULAR OR PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Lee Dotson seconded by G. Roger Rife and with the following roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, Trey Adkins, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby delegate to Marcus Stiltner, Coal Road Engineer and Ben Looney, Public Works Director to use their discretion in making private entrances

passable, whether it be vehicular or pedestrian access. If the private entrance is not repairable with onsite material a walk bridge could be installed to make it passable and homes accessible. In exercising their discretion as to what emergency actions should be taken, Marcus Stiltner and Benj Looney shall do so in consultation with Craig Horn, County Administrator and Director of Emergency Management Services for the County.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO HIRE LICENSED CONTRACTORS TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT AND LABOR FOR FLOOD CLEAN-UP AT FEMA EQUIPMENT RATES AND LABOR RATES AS RECOMMENDED BY MARCUS STILTNER, COAL HAUL ROAD ENGINEER

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Lee Dotson seconded by G. Roger Rife and with the following roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, Trey Adkins, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby given authority to the county administrator to hire licensed contractors to provide equipment and labor for flood clean-up at FEMA equipment rates and labor rates as recommended by Marcus Stiltner, Coal Haul Road Engineer.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING TO HIRE PART-TIME CARPENTERS TO ASSIST IN CONSTRUCTING WALK BRIDGES TO HOMES THAT LOST BRIDGES, WHICH IS THEIR ONLY ACCESS DUE TO THE RECENT FLOODING

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by G. Roger Rife and with the following roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, Trey Adkins, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby approve Marcus Stiltner, Coal Haul Road Engineer to hire part-time carpenters to assist in constructing walk bridges to homes that lost bridges, which is their only access due to the recent flooding.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING TO HIRE PART-TIME CARPENTER TO ASSIST IN CONSTRUCTING WALK BRIDGES TO HOMES THAT LOST THEIR WALK BRIDGES, WHICH IS THEIR ONLY ACCESS DUE TO THE RECENT FLOODING.

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by G. Roger Rife and with the following roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, Trey Adkins, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby approve Marcus Stiltner, Coal Haul Road Engineer to hire a part-time carpenter to assist in constructing walk bridges to homes that lost their walk bridges, which is their only access due to the recent flooding.

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**IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING TO HIRE AN ADDITIONAL FIVE
TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES FOR FLOOD RECOVERY
EFFORTS AT \$15 PER HOUR FOR LABORS AND \$22 PER HOUR
FOR EQUIPMENT OPERATORS UNTIL MARCH 3RD, 2025**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by David Rose seconded by Trey Adkins and with the following roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, Trey Adkins, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby approve for each supervisor to hire an additional five temporary employees for flood recovery efforts at \$15 per hour for labors and \$22 per hour for equipment operators until March 3rd, 2025.

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**IN RE: CONSIDER ACKNOWLEDGING THAT ALL WORK
(CONSTRUCTION, DEBRIS REMOVAL ETC.) AUTHORIZED
DURING THIS MEETING IS BE DONE PURSUANT TO THE
EMERGENCY PROVISIONS IN VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 44-
146.21 DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY, WITH AN
EMPHASIS ON PARAGRAPH C.**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Lee Dotson seconded by G. Roger Rife and with the following roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, Trey Adkins, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby acknowledge that all work (construction, debris removal etc.) authorized during this meeting is be done pursuant to the emergency provisions in Virginia Code Section 44-146.21 Declaration of Local Emergency, with an emphasis on paragraph C.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING THAT 25% OF ALL DONATIONS, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$100,000.00, THAT ARE RECEIVED DUE TO THE RECENT FLOODING BE EARMARKED TO GO TO CLINCH INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Lee Dotson seconded by David Rose and with the following roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, Trey Adkins, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby approve that 25% of all donations, up to a maximum of \$100,000.00, that are received due to the recent flooding be earmarked to go to Clinch Independent Living Services to assist the elderly and disabled flood victims, so to assist in recovering accessibility to their homes. Also, any monetary donations be sent to the Appalachian School of Law on a temporary basis, until a non-profit organization can be found to accept monetary donations due to the recent flooding.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING A CONTRACTOR’S LIST FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by David Rose seconded by Lee Dotson and with the following roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, Trey Adkins, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby approve Marcus Stiltner, Coal Haul Road Engineer; Ben Looney, Public Works Director; L. Lee Moise, County Attorney and myself to approve the contractor’s list for debris removal, due to the recent flood.

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IN RE: GENERAL DISCUSSION

Brad Vandyke, Interim Director for the Buchanan County Public Service Authority (PSA) stated due to the recent flood there has been an outage in several areas of the county for water. The PSA has water on at Rockhouse Mountain and Home Creek areas. Also, up Slate Creek, Harman and Conaway to the Kentucky State Line.

Craig Stiltner, Chairman recommend that PSA, county and other organization provide an update on the county’s Facebook page and website informing the residents what’s going on in their areas.

Why do we have a boil water alert, asked Roger Rife, South Grundy District Supervisor?

Because that's what the health department told the PSA to do, stated Mr. Vandyke.

Erica Miller, Lebanon Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation updated the board on repairs that's started in the county, since the flooding.

Beginning on February 15th, there were at least 33 routes closed, stated Ms. Miller. Today, they are all open. Some of them are passable, but still needs a lot of repairs. On Monday, February 17th, there will be six crews working on debris removal in the county, she stated. We have also advertised for additional road crews.

Trey Adkins, Knox District Supervisor asked why VDOT isn't setting an amount for equipment?

Because that's part of our procurement process, stated Ms. Miller.

Regarding snow removal we have a total of 31 contractors and 6 additional contractors during an emergency snow removal, she commented.

David Rose, Prater District Supervisor stated is there anyway VDOT could get additional employees at Deskins Maintenance Facility?

Yes, we are planning to hire one additional position at the Deskins and Big Rock Maintenance Facilities stated Ms. Miller.

Mr. Stiltner asked Ms. Miller if VDOT could provide updates for the residents in the county through Facebook etc.? It would make our lives easier.

Ms. Miller stated we'll see what we can do.

Mr. Stiltner thanked the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office and employees for their assistance during this difficult time. You all have done an amazing job and I speak for the entire board of supervisors, he commented.

Mr. Rose asked VDOT when should be caution lights be installed on route 83, Lovers Gap Road?

Jeff Buchanan with VDOT, stated the equipment should be here by mid-April, so it shouldn't be much longer.

Tim Hess, Hurricane District Supervisor asked VDOT to repair a drainpipe that is stopped up on Breeding Branch Road.

Mr. Stiltner thanked Marcus Stiltner, Coal Road Engineer and Ben Looney, Public Works Director for all they've done.

Robert C. Horn, County Administrator thanked the employees at the Buchanan County Department of Social Services and the swift water rescue team that assisted during the flooding.

Mr. Stiltner stated there is a great need of emergency generators, which could be used during emergency situations. Also, there has been an amazing group of people working at the shelters in the county helping flood victims. I love this county with all my heart because we have the greatest people in this world.

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IN RE: CONTINUED MEETING

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Lee Dotson seconded by G. Roger Rife and with a roll call vote of five (5) yeas, Tim Hess, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, David Rose, zero (0) nays and two () absent, Jeff Cooper and Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve to continue this meeting until Monday, March 3rd, 2025.

Craig Stiltner, Chairman of the
Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator