

**MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025 starting at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
Trey Adkins  
G. Roger Rife  
David Rose  
Lee Dotson  
Jeff Cooper

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:            CONSIDER ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE AGENDA**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by G. Roger Rife seconded by Lee Dotson and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Trey Adkins, Tim Hess, David Rose, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper and zero (0) nays, this board did adopt the following Resolution amending the agenda for the board of supervisors meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025:

**RESOLUTION**

**IN RE: AMENDING AGENDA FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING ON MAY 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors, that Buchanan County, Virginia hereby amends the Agenda for the Board of Supervisors' meeting of May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to add the following items to the Agenda for the Board's consideration:

- 1) Consider approving contribution.
- 2) Consider ratifying part-time employees.

- 3) Consider approving a Land Use Permit from Nathan Fitzwater to install a sewage treatment plant discharge across 5095 Webb Branch Road.
- 4) Consider hiring Matthew Lester as a labor/part-time truck driver for the road crew at a salary of \$42,500.00.
- 5) Consider scheduling a continued board meeting for Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

This Resolution was adopted by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025 by a roll call vote of seven for and zero against.

Motion made by: G. Roger Rife  
Second: Lee Dotson  
Yeas: Seven  
Nays: Zero

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Craig Stiltner, Chairman of the  
Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING OF MEETING AGENDA “AS IS”**

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

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**IN RE:            CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Consider approving minutes for April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025;
- b. Consider ratifying payroll after review;
- c. Consider ratifying the payment of bills by Resolution adopted on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 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:

Lukus Shortt	Ten claims
Richard Rife	Two claims
Jon Sneed	Two claims
Wilson Colton Justus	One Claim
Eugene Owens	One Claim
Ethan Kiser	One Claim
Beverly A. Justus	One Claim
Justin Davis	Three Claims
Robert Presley	One Claim

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**IN RE:        MARCUS STILTNER, COAL ROAD ENGINEER - CONSIDER  
                 APPROVING THE BUCHANAN COUNTY COAL ROAD PLAN  
                 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion Tim Hess seconded David Rose and a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Lee Dotson, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, David Rose and one (1) nay, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve the following Buchanan County Coal Road Plan for fiscal year 2025/2026.

**Buchanan County Coal Road Plan  
Fiscal Year 25/26**

A. Construction Request (Itemized)

1. District County Road Maintenance Funds (41080-7010-01 thru 07)

<b>1,225,000</b>
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2. Water Extension Projects Materials/Design/Permitting (41080-5308)

<b>870,000</b>
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-Re-Appropriation Lum Hollow Extension

400,000

-Re-Appropriation Mann Branch Extension

400,000

-Re-Appropriation Webb Branch / Bethlehem Church Extension

70,000

3. Buchanan County PSA (41080-7015)

<b>1,000,000</b>
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4. State of Good Repair Program - Bridges (41080-7011)

<b>350,000</b>
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5. Revenue Sharing (41080-7014)	1,758,500
-Re-Appropriation Route 460/121 Pavement Widening	1,750,000
-Re-Appropriation Route 643	8,500
6. CST Projects Administered by VDOT (41080-7012)	1,390,283
-Re-Appropriation Route 645 Track Crossing Repair	70,000
-Re-Appropriation Amount (\$ Amount Provided by VDOT)	1,320,283
7. Southern Gap Highschool Access Road (41080-7010-00)	800,000
8. Salt Bins (41080-7010-00)	50,000
-Re-Appropriation Salt Bins	50,000
<b>A. TOTAL CONSTRUCTION (41080) REQUEST FY 25/26 (SUM ITEMS 1-8)</b>	<b>7,443,783</b>
<b>B. Administrative Request</b>	
1 41090 County Road Engineering Department	500,000
2 41101 County Bridge Construction Crew	698,000
3 41201 County Waterline Construction Crew	439,000
4 41301 County Road Construction Crew #1	439,000
<b>B. TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 25/26</b>	<b>2,076,000</b>
<b>C. DIRECT TRANSFER C.E.D.A. @ 25% FISCAL YEAR 25/26 (92100-5843)</b>	<b>1,800,000</b>
<b>D. EMERGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>2,980,000</b>
1. Appropriation and Direct Transfer to Fund 006 (93100-9202), Local Declared Emergency	280,000
2. Appropriation and Direct Transfer to Fund ##, State or Federal Declared Emergency	2,700,000
<b>E. APPROPRIATION &amp; DIRECT TRANSFER FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT FACILITY RENOVATION PROJECT (93100-9203)</b>	<b>350,000</b>

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING THE CLAIM FROM ETHAN HACKNEY REGARDING REPAIRS TO HIS RETAINING WALL, DUE TO DRAIN PIPES ON COUNTY ROAD (WALNUT HOLLOW ROAD) STOPPED UP**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion Trey Adkins seconded Lee Dotson and a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Jeff Cooper, Trey Adkins, G. Roger Rife, David Rose, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Craig Stiltner and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby authorize Marcus Stiltner, Coal Road Engineer to turn the claim for property damages to Ethan Hackney’s property (retaining wall) into the county’s insurance. The damages to Mr. Hackney’s property occurred during the February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 flooding event, when drain pipes on Walnut Hollow Road stopped up and diverted water onto Mr. Hackney’s property causing damages to his retaining wall.

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**IN RE:            PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

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**IN RE:            DAVID WESTERN, PRESIDENT AND DEAN OF APPALACHIAN SCHOOL OF LAW AND JEFF TAYLOR– REQUEST FUNDING**

David (D.J.) Western, President and Dean of Appalachian School of Law (ASL) stated I’ve been president of ASL for the past two years. Since then, I’ve felt like I’ve been swimming upstream, in getting repairs needed to the school.

We’ve made some incredible success, stated President Western. When I first started there were students attending on scholarships and our income was close to \$500,000.00 a year when we should be receiving \$1.5 million. The word about ASL was not getting out, he commented.

This year Dennis Quaid hosted a video for ASL during the Superbowl, which has inspired new enrollment, stated President Western. The only problem we have is the need for housing. We could have an additional 70 to 80 students enrolled this fall with a total of 300 students in ASL and we’ll be able to function like we’ve never functioned before, commented President Western.

The Canary Club at ASL recently established a scholarship designated to help support students who desire to defend the rights of those accused of crimes, stated President Western.

The ASL students continues to commit to volunteering and pro bono efforts and have contributed thousands of hours toward projects that directly benefits Buchanan County. Our students provided over \$50,000 in free services to Buchanan County in this semester along, stated President Western.

The presence of the ASL contributes significantly to the local economy of Buchanan County. In total ASL contributes nearly \$2.4 million in annual direct spending to the county. This does not include indirect economic benefits sch as local job support, visitor tourism or alumni returning to the area.

My goal is to make sure ASL is on the map, stated President Western. Also, make sure ASL is going to be successful.

At the current time, the law school's building is in need of some repairs, he commented. There are windows, roofs and leaks that demand attention. We need a new sprinkler system too. FEMA said they will help, but they will only reimburse the school after a payment is made, stated President Western.

We need to fix several things at the school and stay within our budget, which is balanced, he stated

How much will FEMA assist with repairs, asked Trey Adkins, Knox District Supervisor?

About \$30,000, stated President Western. I'm not going to give up. I'm here today, as the Little Red Hen, he stated.

I want to turn ASL into NASCAR and name the boardroom after somebody, stated President Western. I want to name the classrooms after somebody. As the Little Red Hen, I want to give you a piece of my pie, but I need help in cutting the wheat.

President Western requested \$200,000 to assist with the needed repairs to ASL in this upcoming budget. Ultimately, I would like ASL to be include the county's budget each year just like Southwest Virginia Community College at \$100,000 per year.

Mr. Adkins stated we can look at putting this in our budget this year. You all are doing an excellent job.

Robert C. Horn, County Administrator stated I'm not recommending we increase our budget from what it's at now. The coal market is not good and our receipts are not good. Our revenue isn't looking good this coming year.

There's \$800,000 in the coal road funds for a round-a-bout for Buchanan County Public Schools in the upcoming budget, stated Mr. Adkins.

Craig Stiltner, Chairman stated I know you've worked hard to see that ASL does well, but currently, coal business is down and this probably couldn't have come at a worse time. This would have to be a budgeted item.

G. Roger Rife, South Grundy District Supervisor stated I've been on the ASL board for over 25 years and you've impressed me more than anybody we've had since I've been involved with the law school. I'm willing to help and hopefully, we can figure something out, he stated.

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**IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – 6:10 P.M. – TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF AN AMENDED ORDINANCE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH PAYMENT OF A BOUNTY FOR COYOTES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.2-926.1 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA (1950), AS AMENDED." SPECIFICALLY, THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 22-24 OF THE BUCHANAN COUNTY CODE WILL PERMIT THE COLLECTION OF A BOUNTY FOR THE KILLING OF BOTH MALE AND FEMALE COYOTES INSTEAD OF A BOUNTY FOR THE KILLING OF JUST FEMALE COYOTES; ADDITIONALLY, IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE ESTABLISHED PAYMENT FOR SUCH CLAIMS WILL BE \$100.00 PER CARCASS INSTEAD OF \$50.00 PER CARCASS SHALL ONLY BE EFFECTIVE FOR A SIX-MONTH TIME PERIOD BEGINNING MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

Craig Stiltner, Chairman opened the public hearing for comments.

With no comments from the public, upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Lee Dotson and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess 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 ESTABLISH PAYMENT OF A BOUNTY FOR COYOTES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.2-926.1 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA (1950), AS AMENDED." SPECIFICALLY, THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 22-24 OF THE BUCHANAN COUNTY CODE WILL PERMIT THE COLLECTION OF A BOUNTY FOR THE KILLING OF BOTH MALE AND FEMALE COYOTES INSTEAD OF A BOUNTY FOR THE KILLING OF JUST FEMALE COYOTES; ADDITIONALLY, IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE ESTABLISHED PAYMENT FOR SUCH CLAIMS WILL BE \$100.00 PER CARCASS INSTEAD OF \$50.00 PER CARCASS SHALL ONLY BE EFFECTIVE FOR A SIX-MONTH TIME PERIOD BEGINNING MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion Trey Adkins seconded Lee Dotson and a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife,

David Rose, Tim Hess, Craig Stiltner and one (1) nay, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby adopt the amended ordinance “**An Ordinance to Establish payment of a Bounty for Coyotes in Accordance with section 15.2-926.1 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as Amended.**” Specifically, the proposed amendment to section 22-24 of the Buchanan County Code will permit the collection of a bounty for the killing of both male and female coyotes instead of a bounty for the killing of just female coyotes; additionally, it is proposed that the established payment for such claims will be \$100.00 per carcass instead of \$50.00 per carcass shall only be effective for a six-month time period beginning March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025.”

**CHAPTER 22, ANIMALS**  
**ARTICLE III, BOUNTY FOR COYOTES**

“AN EMERGENCY AMENDED ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH PAYMENT OF A BOUNTY FOR COYOTES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.2-926.1 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA (1950), AS AMENDED.”

**Section -      Killing of Coyotes Permitted: Bounty Established: Procedures for Claims:**

- A.**     The killing of both female and male coyotes within the boundaries of Buchanan County, Virginia, is hereby authorized for bounties upon the following conditions: Upon proper proof (person presenting carcass must verify that carcass was killed upon land owned by person claiming the bounty with claim filed under oath) a bounty of One-Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) shall be paid by the County, form available funds, for each female and male coyote killed within the boundaries of the County. The entire coyote carcass shall be presented at the County Sanitary Landfill or County Garage to County’s designated agent before payment of the bounty.
- B.**     All bounty payment(s) shall be contingent upon the furnishing of such identifying information as requested by the County’s designated agent and the Board of Supervisors shall be the approving authority for payment of all claims presented.

**Section -      Available Funds Not to Exceed \$5,000.00:**

The total dollar amount of bounties to be paid under this ordinance shall not exceed the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) per fiscal year (July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>), except by additional appropriation by the Board.

**Section -      Unlawful Acts; Penalties:**

It shall be unlawful for any person to present a false claim or to receive any money on a false claim under this ordinance which act shall constitute a Class One Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2,500.00 and/or confinement in jail for a period not to exceed one year.

- C.**     This Emergency Ordinance is effective March 9, 2025 and ratified by the board of supervisors on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 with a public hearing scheduled for May 5, 2025.



- D. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Supervisors by Sections 15.2-1425, 15.2-1426, 15.2-1427 and 15.2-926.1 Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.
- E. This Ordinance repeals any Ordinance of Buchanan County which is in conflict with the provisions hereof but only to the extent that such Ordinance is in conflict herewith.
- F. The provisions in the emergency ordinance providing for an increase in the bounty amount from \$50 to \$100; and the provision that bounty would apply to both male and female coyotes shot shall only be effective for a six-month time period beginning March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Once the six-month time period expires the bounty amount shall return to \$50 for only female coyotes killed.

This amended ordinance was ratified by the Board of Supervisors on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025 and adopted by the board of supervisors on Monday, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

Roll Call Vote:  
Moved by: Trey Adkins  
Seconded by: Lee Dotson  
David Rose yea  
Tim Hess yea  
Jeff Cooper nay  
Craig Stiltner yea  
Roger Rife yea  
Lee Dotson yea  
Trey Adkins yea

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Craig Stiltner, Chairman of the  
Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

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**IN RE: JOINT PUBLIC HEARING – 6:15 P.M. – BUCHANAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND BUCHANAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION JOINT PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSISTING OF AN UPDATED TRANSPORTATION SECTION OF BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Craig Stiltner, Chairman opened the public hearing for comments.  
L. Lee Moise, stated the transportation section of the Buchanan County Comprehensive Plan had to be updated to include Route 460 Phase IIA of the CFX project. A Virginia Département of Transportation Revenue Sharing application is due at the end of May and this project needs to be included in the application.

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

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**IN RE:           BUCHANAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION – CONSIDER ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSISTING OF AN UPDATED TRANSPORTATION SECTION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA; AND RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF SAME BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

At this time, Jason McGlothlin, Chairman called the meeting to order for the Buchanan County Planning Commission.

Upon motion by Rebecca Elkins seconded by Peggy Lowe and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Rebecca Elkins, Peggy Lowe, G. Roger Rife, Jason McGlothlin, Chri Horn, Kim Lane, zero (0) nays and two (2) absent, Melissa Keene and Bobby Looney, the Buchanan County Planning Commission adopted the updated Buchanan County Comprehensive Plan (Transportation Section).

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**IN RE:           CONSIDER ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSISTING OF AN UPDATED TRANSPORTATION SECTION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

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, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did adopt the following Resolution approving the updated Comprehensive Plan consisting of an updated Transportation section of Comprehensive Plan of Buchanan County, Virginia.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**IN RE: APPROVAL OF UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
OF BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRINIA**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Va. Code section 15.2-2204, the Board of Supervisors conducted a joint public hearing with the Planning Commission on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to consider approval of the Updated Comprehensive Plan, which consists of an update of the Transportation Section of the Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Buchanan County Planning Commission after conducting a joint public hearing with the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution approving the Updated Comprehensive Plan, consisting of an update to the Transportation Section of the

Comprehensive Plan and also recommending to the Board of Supervisors to approve same; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission has caused to be issued to the Board of Supervisors a certified copy of the Updated Comprehensive Plan, consisting of the update to the Transportation Section of the Comprehensive Plan and a certified copy of the Resolution of the Planning Commission approving the Updated Comprehensive Plan, consisting of an update to the Transportation Section of the Comprehensive Plan and recommending approval of same; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed updated Comprehensive Plan of Buchanan County, consisting of an update to the Transportation Section of the Comprehensive Plan has been posted the on the County’s website as required by Va. Code sections 15.2-2225 and 15.2-2226; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Buchanan County, Va. Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Updated Comprehensive Plan consisting of an update to the Transportation Section of the Comprehensive Plan and directs the County Administrator to cause this resolution and the approved Updated Comprehensive Plan consisting of an update to the Transportation Section of the Comprehensive Plan to be posted on the County’s website.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors on this the 5th day of May 2025.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion by: Tim Hess

Second by: David Rose

Lee Dotson	yea
G. Roger Rife	yea
David Rose	yea
Tim Hess	yea
Jeff Cooper	yea
Craig Stiltner	yea
Trey Adkins	yea

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

ATTEST:

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Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

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**IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – 6:25 P.M. – TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED SECONDARY SIX-YEAR YEAR PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025/2026 THROUGH 2030/31 IN BUCHANAN COUNTY AND ON THE SECONDARY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026**

Craig Stiltner, Chairman opened the public hearing for comments.

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

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**IN RE:           ERICA MILLER, RESIDENCY ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE  
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - CONSIDER  
ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SECONDARY  
HIGHWAY SIX-YEAR YEAR PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS  
2025/2026 THROUGH 2030/31 AND CONSTRUCTION PRIORITY  
LIST 2025/2026 FOR BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

Erica Miller, Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) stated there had been some changes in funding, due to funding left over on Tech Road. There was \$29,348 moved to Ferrell Cemetery Road, route 633; \$10,827 moved to Jewell Valley Road, route 613 and \$113,036 moved to Jewell Valley route 613 project.

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by David Rose seconded by G. Roger Rife and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby adopt the following Resolution approving the Secondary Highway Six-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2025/2026 through 2030/31 and Construction Priority List 2025/2026 for Buchanan County, Virginia.

**APPROVAL OF SECONDARY HIGHWAY SIX YEAR PLAN (2025/26  
THROUGH 2030/31)  
AND CONSTRUCTION PRIORITY LIST (2025/26)  
BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, Sections 33.1-23 and 33.1-23.4 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, provides the opportunity for each county to work with the Virginia Department of Transportation in developing a Secondary Six-year Road Plan, and

WHEREAS, this Board had previously agreed to assist in the preparation of this Plan, in accordance with the Virginia Department of Transportation policies and procedures and participated in a public hearing on the proposed Plan (2025/26 through 2030 / 31) as well as the Construction Priority List (2025/26) on May 5, 2025, after duly advertised so that all citizens of the County had the opportunity to participate in said hearing and to make comments and recommendations concerning the proposed Plan and Priority List, and

WHEREAS, Virginia Department of Transportation, Lebanon Residency representatives, appeared before the Board and recommended approval of the Six-year plan for Secondary Roads FY 2026 through FY 2031 and the Construction Priority List (2025/26) for Buchanan County, Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Supervisors of Buchanan County, Virginia that since said Plan appears to be in the best interest of the Secondary Road System in Buchanan County and of the citizens residing on the Secondary System, said Secondary Six-year plan (2025/26 through 2030/31) and Construction Priority List (2025/26) are hereby approved as presented at the public hearing.

DONE this 5th day of May, 2025.

Recorded Vote Moved By: David Rose

Seconded By: G. Roger Rife

Yeas Seven   Nays Zero

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Craig Stiltner, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert C. Horn, County Administrator

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**IN RE: GENERAL DISCUSSION CONCERNING STATE ROADS**

Roger Rife, South Grundy District Supervisor requested the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to conduct another traffic count on Little Prater Road, State Route 617. Once the new school is open, motorist will be traveling the shortest way to and from the new school. I'd like a true traffic count, he stated.

I had funding at one time to make necessary repairs to Little Prater Road, but one property owner wanted \$1 million for his property and now the gentleman is deceased, stated Mr. Rife. Little Prater Road is very dangerous.

Erica Miller Residency Administrator for VDOT stated I think the most reasonable way to address this, is to wait until the new school opens.

Craig Stiltner, Chairman stated I understand VDOT was still waiting on Federal Highway Administrator (FHWA) to hire extra crews to do road repairs. There's a lot of repairs that's needed on route 83. There's still places in my district where there's just one lane roads.

Ms. Miller stated we are able to start moving forward, but we're starting in higher traffic volume areas first.

Mr. Rife stated large trucks are hauling all the flood debris up Little Prater Road. There's area where there's one way traffic and the roadway is breaking off.

David Rose, Prater District Supervisor asked about the warning lights on State Route 83, Lovers Gap Road near Southern Gap.

Ms. Miller stated the equipment has been received. We just need to get it installed.

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**IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – 6:30 P.M. – TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS  
ON THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE  
ENTITLED: “AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PUBLIC RIGHT-  
OF-WAY IN THE ALICE WALDRON SUBDIVISION”**

Craig Stiltner, Chairman opened the public hearing for comments.

With no comments from the public, upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by David Rose and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, David

Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to close the public hearing.

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IN RE:       **CONSIDER ADOPTING THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED: “AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE ALICE WALDRON SUBDIVISION.”**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion of Trey Adkins seconded by Tim Hess and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby adopt the following ordinance entitled: **“An Ordinance to Vacate a Public Right-of-Way in the Alice Waldron Subdivision.”**

**“AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY IN A SUBDIVISION”**

Be it Ordained that pursuant to Virginia Code section 15.2-2270 and County Code section 51-11(A) the public right of way described below in the subdivision of the lands of Alice Waldron land is hereby vacated. Said subdivision was established in October of 1935. Lots 40, 41, 42 and 43 of the Alice Waldron subdivision subsequently became owned by the John Ratliff Post No. 164.

Said public right of way to be vacated is a 20-foot-wide street adjacent to lot #43 of the subdivision and more particularly described in a survey plat of the property of the John Ratliff Post No. 164, American Legion, dated April 8, 2024; which said plat was prepared by M. Bradley Tate, L.S., license number 2794. Said plat attached is attached and made a part of this ordinance by reference as Exhibit “A”.

This ordinance was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

Roll Call Vote:

Moved by: Trey Adkins

Seconded by: Tim Hess

David Rose yea

Tim Hess yea

Jeff Cooper yea

Craig Stiltner yea

Roger Rife yea

Lee Dotson yea

Trey Adkins yea

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Craig Stiltner Chairman of the  
Buchanan County, VA. Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

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**IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – 6:35 P.M.- TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: “AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE GREEN VALLEY SUBDIVISION.”**

Craig Stiltner, Chairman opened the public hearing for comments.

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

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**IN RE: CONSIDER ADOPTING THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED: “AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE GREEN VALLEY SUBDIVISION”**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion of Trey Adkins seconded by Lee Dotson and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby adopt the following ordinance entitled: “An Ordinance to Vacate a Public Right-of-Way in the Green Valley Subdivision.”

**“AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY IN A SUBDIVISION”**

Be it Ordained that pursuant to Virginia Code section 15.2-2270 and County Code section 51-11(A) the public right of way described below in the Green Valley Subdivision is hereby vacated, conditionally. Said public right of way to be conditionally vacated is Holly Street and more particularly described in a plat of the subdivision recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Buchanan County Circuit Court in PB 006, page 055. Said plat attached is attached and made a part of this ordinance by reference as Exhibit “A”. Holly Street shall not be vacated as a public right of way, until Chris Lockhart presents to the County Administrator a fully signed agreement between Mr. Lockhart and Ron Compton providing Mr. Compton a separate right of ingress and egress to Mr. Compton’s property located at 1153 Country Meadows Road, Breaks, Virginia 24607 so to replace the current right of ingress and egress on Holly Street for Mr. Compton.

This ordinance was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

Roll Call Vote:

Moved by: Trey Adkins

Seconded by: Lee Dotson

David Rose yea

Tim Hess yea

Jeff Cooper yea

Craig Stiltner yea

Roger Rife yea

Lee Dotson yea

Trey Adkins yea

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Craig Stiltner Chairman of the  
Buchanan County, VA. Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE (SWCC) LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD  
TO REPLACE RICKY GOODMAN’S UNEXPIRED TERM  
ENDING JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion Jeff Cooper seconded by Trey Adkins and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby appoint Sherry Hess to the Southwest Virginia Community College (SWCC) Local Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Ricky Goodman with a term ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO VA.  
CODE SECTION THAT VISION GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS,  
INC. IS FOUND TO BE THE ONE OFFEROR THAT IS CLEARLY  
MORE HIGHLY QUALIFIED THAN THE OTHER OFFEROR IN  
REGARD TO THE COUNTY’S RFP FOR THE GENERAL  
REASSESSMENT; AND AUTHORIZE, THE COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR, COUNTY ATTORNEY AND  
COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT  
WITH VISION GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS, INC. TO PERFORM  
THE GENERAL REASSESSMENT THAT WILL BE EFFECTIVE  
JANUARY 1, 2027**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by G. Roger Rife seconded by Trey Adkins and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby adopt the following Resolution pursuant to Va. Code Section that Vision Government Solutions, Inc. is found to be the one offeror that is clearly more highly qualified than the other offeror in regard to the County’s RFP for the General Reassessment; and authorized the County Administrator, County Attorney and Commissioner of Revenue to negotiate a contract with Vision Government Solutions, Inc. to perform the General Reassessment that will be effective January 1, 2027.



**RESOLUTION**

**IN RE: FINDING PURSUANT TO VA. CODE SECTION 2.2-4302.2 (A)(3)  
THAT VISION GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS, INC. IS FOUND TO BE THE  
ONE OFFEROR THAT IS CLEARLY MORE HIGHLY QUALIFIED THAN THE  
OTHER OFFEROR IN REGARD TO THE COUNTY’S RFP FOR THE  
GENERAL REASSESSMENT TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors that pursuant to Va. Code section 2.2-4302.2(A)(3) that Vision Government Solutions, Inc. is found to be the one offeror that is clearly more highly qualified than the other offeror in regard to the County’s RFP for the General Reassessment to be performed with an effective date of January 1, 2027; and accordingly the Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator and Lawrence L. Moise III, County Attorney for Buchanan County, Virginia to negotiate a contract with Vision Government Solutions, Inc. to perform the General Reassessment with an effective date of January 1, 2027, with said contract to be in a form approved by the County Attorney.

This Resolution was adopted by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025 by a roll call vote of seven for and zero against.

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Craig Stiltner, Chairman of the  
Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO VA.  
CODE SECTION THAT INNOVATIVE INSURANCE GROUP IS  
FOUND TO BE THE ONLY ONE OFFEROR FULLY QUALIFIED  
IN REGARD TO THE COUNTY’S RFP FOR AN AGENT OF  
RECORD/BROKER FOR THE COUNTY’S CONSOLIDATED  
HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE GROUP; AND TO  
AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN A  
CONTRACT WITH INNOVATIVE INSURANCE GROUP TO  
SERVE AS THE AGENT OF RECORD/BROKER FOR THE  
BUCHANAN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED HEALTH AND  
DENTAL INSURANCE GROUP, WITH SAID CONTRACT  
APPROVED TO FORM BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded Tim Hess and a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G.

Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby adopt the following Resolution pursuant to Va. Code Section that Innovative Insurance Group is found to be the only one offeror fully qualified in regard to the County’s RFP for an agent of record/broker for the County’s Consolidated Health and Dental Insurance Group and authorized the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator to sign a contract with Innovative Insurance Group to serve as the agent of record/broker for the Buchanan County Consolidated Health and Dental Insurance Group with said contract approved as to form by the County Attorney.

**RESOLUTION**

**IN RE: FINDING PURSUANT TO VA. CODE SECTION 2.2-4302.2 (A)(3)  
THAT INNOVATIVE INSURANCE GROUP SUBMITTED THE ONLY  
PROPOSAL TO THE COUNTY’S RFP FOR AGENT OF RECORD/BROKER  
FOR THE BUCHANAN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED INSURANCE GROUP’S  
HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE; AND IS DETERMINED  
TO BE THE ONLY ONE OFFEROR FULLY QUALIFIED**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors that pursuant to Va. Code section 2.2-4302.2(A)(3) that Innovative Insurance Group is found to be the only one offeror fully qualified in regard to the County’s RFP for an agent of record/broker for the County’s Consolidated Health and Dental Insurance Group; and accordingly does hereby authorize the Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator and Lawrence L. Moise III, County Attorney for Buchanan County, Virginia to negotiate a contract with Innovative Insurance Group to serve as the Consolidated Group’s agent of record/broker for health and dental insurance, with said contract to be in a form approved by the County Attorney.

This Resolution was adopted by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025 by a roll call vote of seven for and zero against.

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Craig Stiltner, Chairman of the  
Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER ADOPTING ADDENDUM #1 TO THE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN BUCHANAN COUNTY, VA AND SOUTHWEST  
ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. DATED DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2024  
REGARDING J. M. BEVINS COMMUNITY CENTER AND  
AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN, 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 Lee Dotson seconded by Trey Adkins and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve Addendum #1 to the Agreement between Buchanan County, VA and Southwest Electric Company, Inc. dated December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 regarding J. M. Bevins Community Center and authorized the chairman, county administrator to execute the addendum with approval as to form by the county attorney.

**ADDENDUM #1 TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN BUCHANAN COUNTY, VA AND  
SOUTHWEST ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. DATED DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2024**

Now come the parties, Southwest Electric Company, Inc., “Contractor” and Buchanan County, Va., a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, “County” and hereby agree to the following modifications of the Contract dated December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 providing electrical modernization project for the J.M. Bevins Community Center:

- 1) That the parties have agreed to modify the contract dated December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 to better meet the specification in the Invitation for Bid for adequate lighting. In making this modification the County will receive a credit of \$575.00 for the cost of the 2’ strips, material and labor against an increase of \$1,035.00, resulting in a net increase of \$1,035.00 to the original contract price of \$137,180.00 for a revised total contract price of \$138,215.00. A copy of the contract dated December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 is attached hereto and made a part of this Addendum as Exhibit “A”. The Change Order #1 to the contract is made a part of this Addendum as Exhibit “B” for the additional replacement of 4 2’ LED Strip Lights with 4 Canopy Lights on at entry ways to fill opening in the plaster ceiling and provide better overall lighting at an additional cost of \$1,035.00 to the contract raising the total contract price to \$138,215.00, as described above.

EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE ORIGINALS:  
IN WITNESS HEREOF:  
CONTRACTOR:  
Southwest Electric Company, Inc.  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ken Lane, Authorized  
Representative of Southwest Electric Company, Inc.

BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Craig Stiltner, Chairman  
Buchanan County, Va. Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

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**IN RE:        CONSIDER ADOPTING ADDENDUM #1 TO THE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN BUCHANAN COUNTY, VA AND SOUTHWEST  
ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. DATED DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2024  
REGARDING RUSSELL PRATER COMMUNITY CENTER AND  
AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN, 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 David Rose seconded by Trey Adkins and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve Addendum #1 to the Agreement between Buchanan County, VA and Southwest Electric Company, Inc. dated December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 regarding Russell Prater Community Center and authorized the chairman, county administrator to execute the addendum with approval as to form by the county attorney.

**ADDENDUM #1 TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN BUCHANAN COUNTY, VA AND  
SOUTHWEST ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. DATED DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

Now come the parties, Southwest Electric Company, Inc., “Contractor” and Buchanan County, Va., a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, “County” and hereby agree to the following modifications of the Contract dated December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 providing electrical modernization project for the Russell Prater Community Center:

- 2) That the parties have agreed to modify the contract dated December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 to better meet the specification in the Invitation for Bid for adequate lighting. In making this modification the County will receive a credit of \$1,150.00 for the cost of the 4’ strips, material and labor against an increase of \$2,415.00, resulting in a net increase of \$1,265.00 to the original contract price of \$139, 945.00 for a revised total contract price of \$141,210.00. A copy of the contract dated December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 is attached hereto and made a part of this Addendum as Exhibit “A”. The Change Order #1 to the contract is made a part of this Addendum as Exhibit “B” for the additional replacement of 7 4’ LED Strip Lights with 7 Canopy Lights on loading dock and entry ways to fill opening on existing lights and provide better overall lighting at an additional cost of \$2,415.00 to the contract raising the total contract price to \$141,210.00, as described above.

EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE ORIGINALS:  
IN WITNESS HEREOF:

CONTRACTOR:  
Southwest Electric Company, Inc.  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ken Lane, Authorized  
Representative of Southwest Electric Company, Inc.

BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Craig Stiltner, Chairman  
Buchanan County, Va. Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

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**IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – 6:45 P.M. – TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO BUCHANAN COUNTY’S BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THIRTEEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS AND NINETY-TWO CENTS (\$13,741,760.92) FOR AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO BUCHANAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Craig Stiltner, Chairman opened the public hearing for comments.

Robert C. Horn, County Administrator stated the \$13,741,760.92 is flow through funding for the school system.

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

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**IN RE: CONSIDER ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO BUCHANAN COUNTY’S BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THIRTEEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS AND NINETY-TWO CENTS (\$13,741,760.92) FOR AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO BUCHANAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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, Trey Adkins, Lee

Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did adopt the following Resolution approving the additional appropriation to Buchanan County’s budget for the fiscal year 2024/2025 in the total amount of **Thirteen Million Seven Hundred Forty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$13,741,760.92)** for an additional appropriation to Buchanan County Public Schools.

RESOLUTION

IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION DURING THE  
FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025

**WHEREAS**, the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on Monday the **5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025 at 6:45 o’clock p.m.** in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, in the Buchanan County Government Center, 4447 Slate Creek Road, Grundy, Virginia to hear public comments concerning proposed additional appropriations to the Buchanan County’s budget for the fiscal year 2024/2025 in the total amount of **Thirteen Million Seven Hundred Forty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$13,741,760.92)** for an additional appropriation to Buchanan County Public Schools. Said funds are being received in the amount of \$3,741,760.92 from Federal Grants for Operating Fund; and funding in the amount of \$10,000,000.00 from State Grant – School Construction Fund.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Buchanan County Board of Supervisors approves amending the budget for FY 2024-2025 by providing for the additional appropriation to the Buchanan County Public Schools budget for fiscal year 2024/2025 in the total amount of **Thirteen Million Seven Hundred Forty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$13,741,760.92).**

This Resolution was adopted by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

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Craig Stiltner, Chairman of the  
Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

Recorded Vote:  
Moved by: Trey Adkins  
Seconded by: Tim Hess  
Yeas: Seven  
Nays: Zero

ATTEST:

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Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
AND COUNTY ATTORNEY TO TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO  
ACQUIRING THE RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ON  
ABANDONED RAIL LINE ON DESKINS APPROXIMATELY 4  
MILES AND SIMULTANEOUSLY APPLYING FOR A RAIL TO  
TRAILS PROJECT GRANT THROUGH VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT)**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by David Rose seconded by G. Roger Rife and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby authorize the county administrator and county attorney to take appropriate steps to acquire the railroad right-of-way on abandoned rail line on Deskins approximately 4 miles and simultaneously applying for a rail to trails project grant through Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2025 AS  
OLDER AMERICANS’ MONTH**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion of Tim Hess seconded by Trey Adkins and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby adopt the following Proclamation to proclaim the month of May 2025 as Older Americans Month in Buchanan County.

**Older Americans Month 2025**

A Proclamation

Whereas, May is Older Americans Month, a time for us to recognize and honor Buchanan County older adults and their immense contributions to the community; and  
Whereas, through their wealth of life experience and wisdom, older adults guide our younger generations and carry forward abundant cultural and historical knowledge; and  
Whereas, older Americans improve our communities through intergenerational relationships, community service, civic engagement, and many other activities; and  
Whereas, communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds have the opportunity to participate and live independently; and  
Whereas, Buchanan County must ensure that older Americans have the resources and support needed to stay involved in their communities — reflecting our commitment to inclusivity and connectedness; and

Now, therefore, the Board of Supervisors of Buchanan County does hereby proclaim May 2025 as Older Americans Month. This year's theme, "Flip the Script on Aging," focuses on transforming how society perceives, talks about and approaches aging.

We call upon all residents to join me in recognizing the contributions of our older citizens and promoting programs and activities that foster connection, inclusion, and support for older adults.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025

Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

\_\_\_\_\_, Chairperson

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,358.33 TO BUCHANAN COUNTY  
HEAD START PROGRAM ACCOUNT NUMBER 32070-3000 FOR  
FUNDING RECEIVED FROM VACORP FOR THE LOSS OF A  
2020 NISSAN KICKS IN THE FLOOD**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by G. Roger Rife seconded by Tim Hess and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$15,358.33 to Buchanan County Head Start Program account number 32070-3000 for funding received from VACORP for the loss of a 2020 Nissan Kicks in the flood.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING TO ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS**

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 seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to advertise for sealed bids for the following:

- General office and data processing supplies used by county departments and offices;
- Janitorial supplies used by county departments and offices;
- Motor Oil, Synthetic Oil, Lubricants, Heating Oil and Off-Road Diesel Fuel  
On-Road Fuel.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

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 seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve the following additional appropriations:

- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$910.00 to Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office, account number 31020-1150;
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$87.31 to Circuit Court Clerk’s Office, account number 21060-3320;
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$300.00 to Hurricane District Park 71040-6022-02 (supplies);
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,247.25 to Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office, account number 31020-6009;
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,247.25 to Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office, account number 31020-6009;
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$13,425.00 to Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office, account number 31020-6009;
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,950.00 to Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office, account number 31020-1150;
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,200.00 to South Grundy District Park and Development account number 71060-7010-05;
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$700.00 to County Athletic Fields Supplies account number 71040-5604-09;
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,498.59 to County Athletic Fields Supplies account number 71040-5604-09.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR  
PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED FISCAL  
YEAR 2025/2026 GENERAL COUNTY BUDGET**

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 seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to schedule a public hearing on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. to hear public comments regarding the proposed fiscal year 2025/2026 general county budget.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING  
THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ENTITLED: “GENERAL  
COUNTY BUDGET (INCLUDING DOG TAX FUND, LAW  
LIBRARY FUND, AND THE HEAD START PROGRAM FUND)  
AND THE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, TO JUNE 30, 2026, AND LEVY FOR  
THE TAX YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2026”**

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, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to schedule a public hearing on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at 6:05 p.m. to hear public comments regarding the Proposed Ordinance entitled: “General County Budget (including Dog Tax Fund, Law Library Fund, and the Head Start Program Fund) and the School Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, and Levy for the tax year commencing January 1, 2026.”

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER RATIFYING PART-TIME EMPLOYEES**

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, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve the following part-time employees for the 2025 summer season at the Council Pool:

Lifeguards:  
Alison Austin  
Jaiden Thompson  
Eric Ball  
Landon Street  
Lexi Harris  
Shay Stocks  
Kynzlee Muir  
Grace Robinson  
Cindy Mullins  
Lindsey Ratliff

Concession:  
Alison Ratliff  
Kayla Johnson  
Landan Harris  
Cadence Wilson

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING A LAND USE PERMIT FROM NATHAN FITZWATER TO INSTALL A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT DISCHARGE ACROSS 5095 WEBB BRANCH ROAD**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by G. Roger Rife seconded by David Rose and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve the Land Use Permit from Nathan Fitzwater to install a sewage treatment plant discharge across 5095 Webb Branch Road in the South Grundy District.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER HIRING MATTHEW LESTER AS A LABOR/PART-TIME TRUCK DRIVER FOR THE ROAD CREW AT A SALARY OF \$42,500.00.00**

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, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to hire Matthew Lester as a full-time labor/part-time truck driver for the road crew at a salary of \$42,500.00 per year.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A HOT MIX SUPPLIER 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, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve for the coal road office to advertise for bids for a hot mix supplier for the county.

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

Upon a motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Tim Hess 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, this board agreed to convene in closed session as permitted by Virginia Code Section, 2.2-3711 (A)(3)(8), a matter involving the disposition of publicly owned property that's been released by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers regarding the 202 Flood Proofing Project (tract #3212); Virginia Code

Section, 2.2-3711 (8), consultation with legal counsel regarding an environmental issue on tract #3204 proposed conveyance to county from flood proofing project; Virginia Code Section, 2.2-3711 (8), consultation with legal counsel regarding property issue at Council Park and Virginia Code Section, 2.2-3711 (8), consultation with legal counsel regarding contributions to Clinch Independent Living Services.

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

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A motion Trey Adkins seconded by David Rose with Craig Stiltner, Chairman of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors announcing during such session the board had also discussed Virginia Code Section, 2.2-3711 (A)(8), consultation with legal counsel regarding public nuisance structures at Buskirk Road and Darrell Daniels.

The board of supervisors ratified the discussion of the additional matters during closed session and then each of the members of the board certified that they did not discuss any other matters other than the foregoing in such session.

The motion was agreed upon by the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, David Rose, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson and zero (0) nays.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING TO CONVEY THE FORMER  
PROPERTY OF GARY WAYNE AND WILMA J. THOMAS AT  
1092 RATLIFF ROAD, GRUNDY, VIRGINIA TRACT NO: 3212  
FROM THE U.S. ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS TO ROGER  
DARRELL DEEL**

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, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to convey the former property of Gary Wayner and Wilma J. Thomas at 1092 Ratliff Road, Grundy, Virginia tract no. 3212 from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to Roger Darrell Deel for a proposal in the amount of \$6,000.00.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER ISSUING A LETTER TO DARRELL AND KATHY DANIELS**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Lee Dotson seconded by Roger Rife and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to give Darrell and Kathy Daniels ten days to remove litter and solid waste from the exterior of the commercial and industrial properties located at Route 460, near the Grundy Plaza, 20357 Riverside Drive, Grundy, VA; 20335 Riverside Drive, Grundy, VA and 20381 Riverside Drive, Grundy, VA. or legal action will be taken.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER REMOVING ABANDONED BUILDING NEAR JOHN L. LEWIS BUILDING NEAR OAKWOOD, VIRGINIA**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by G. Roger Rife seconded by David Rose and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to remove the public nuisance structure located near the John L Lewis Building near Oakwood, Virginia, which has been declared an immediate and imminent threat to life or property pursuant to the County’s Ordinance and Va. Code section 15.2-900.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING CONTRIBUTIONS**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by David Rose seconded by Lee Dotson and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, David Rose, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, zero (0) nays and one (1) abstention, Trey Adkins, stating he had a conflict involved with the request for contribution from Clinch Independent Living in the amount of \$29,541.10 for work done in Knox District, this board did hereby approve the following contributions:

Clinch Independent Living Services, Inc.	\$29,541.10
Clinch Independent Living Services, Inc.	\$10,456.40
Clinch Independent Living Services, Inc.	\$992.00
Clinch Independent Living Services, Inc.	\$5,600.00
Twin Valley Varsity and JV Boys Basketball Boosters, Inc.	\$2,500.00
Twin Valley High School (umpires)	\$4,000.00

Also, a contribution in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Hurley Youth Sports, Inc. from Trey Adkins Athletic Center account.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING A CONTRIBUTION TO SWVA  
SPORTSMEN, INC.**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by David Rose seconded by Lee Dotson and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, David Rose, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve a \$10,000 contribution to SWVA Sportsmen, Inc. to be divided among the seven (7) district accounts earmarked for Coalfields Special Sportsman.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION FROM JEFF  
COOPER ON THE CUMBERLAND PLATEAU REGIONAL  
WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion of Tim Hess seconded by Lee Dotson and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, David Rose, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to accept the resignation from Jeff Cooper on the Cumberland Plateau Regional Waste Management Authority Board of Directors.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO THE CUMBERLAND PLATEAU  
REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF JEFF  
COOPER FOR A TERM ENDING MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2027.**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion of Jeff Cooper seconded by Trey Adkins and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, David Rose, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby appoint Lee Dotson to the Cumberland Plateau Regional Waste Management Authority Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of Jeff Cooper for a term ending March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING  
THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1092  
RATLIFF ROAD (TRACT NO. 3212), VANSANT, VIRGINIA TO  
ROGER DARRELL DEEL**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion of Trey Adkins seconded by Lee Dotson and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, David Rose, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to schedule a public hearing on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at 6:10 p.m. to hear public comments concerning the proposed conveyance by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors of property located at 1092 Ratliff Road, Vansant, Virginia 24656 to Roger Darrell Deel.

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**IN RE:            CONTINUED MEETING**

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, David Rose, Craig Stiltner, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Trey Adkins and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to continue this meeting until **Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**

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Craig Stiltner, Chairman of the  
Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

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Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

**MINUTES**

A continued meeting of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2025 starting at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Buchanan County Government Center, 4447 Slate Creek Road, Grundy, Virginia 24614. Also, this meeting was conducted by electronic communication (Zoom). The media and public were invited to participate.

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

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

**ABSENT:** Jeff Cooper

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

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**IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – 6:00 P.M. – TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 GENERAL COUNTY BUDGET**

Craig Stiltner, Chairman opened the public hearing for comments.

With no comments from the public, upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Tim Hess and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Trey Adkins, G. Roger Rife, David Rose, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby approve to close the public hearing.

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**IN RE: CONSIDER TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800,000.00 TO FUND 53 AND TO ISSUE A CHECK IN THIS AMOUNT TO BUCHANAN COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY**

Robert C. Horn, County Administrator stated by approving this transfer of appropriation it will allow the Buchanan County Public Service Authority (PSA) to pay off an exiting debt and if the PSA need additional funding they could obtain it at a much lower interest rate.



After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Lee Dotson seconded by Trey Adkins and with the following roll call vote of four (4) yeas, Lee Dotson, Trey Adkins, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, zero (0) nays, two (2) abstained, Tim Hess, David Rose and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby approve to transfer an appropriation in the amount of \$800,000.00 to fund 53 and to issue a check in this amount to Buchanan County Public Service Authority earmarked for the Conaway Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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**IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – 6:05 P.M. - TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ENTITLED: “GENERAL COUNTY BUDGET (INCLUDING DOG TAX FUND, LAW LIBRARY FUND, AND THE HEAD START PROGRAM FUND) AND THE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, TO JUNE 30, 2026, AND LEVY FOR THE TAX YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2026.”**

Craig Stiltner, Chairman opened the public hearing for comments.

With no comments from the public, upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Lee Dotson and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Trey Adkins, G. Roger Rife, David Rose, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby approve to close the public hearing.

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**IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING TO ADD \$100,000 TO FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 BUDGET AND ESTABLISH A NEW LINE ITEM IN THE BUDGET FOR THE APPALACHIAN SCHOOL OF LAW**

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, Tim Hess, David Rose, Lee Dotson, Trey Adkins, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby approve to add \$100,000 to fiscal year 2025/2026 budget and establish a new line item in the budget for the Appalachian School of Law.

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**IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING TO ADD \$75,000 TO FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 BUDGET AND ESTABLISH A NEW LINE ITEM IN THE BUDGET FOR POPLAR GAP GYMNASIUM**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by G. Roger Rife seconded by Lee Dotson and with the following roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Tim Hess, David Rose, Lee Dotson, Trey Adkins, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby approve to add \$75,000 to fiscal year

2025/2026 budget and establish a new line item in the budget for Poplar Gap gymnasium. Also, on July 1<sup>st</sup>, make any necessary transfers from the new line item to South Grundy District accounts where payment of repairs has been done to the gymnasium.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING TO ADD \$110,000 TO FISCAL YEAR  
2025/2026 BUDGET TO BUCHANAN COUNTY PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS EARMARKED FOR AWNING FOR HURLEY  
ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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, Tim Hess, David Rose, Lee Dotson, Trey Adkins, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby approve to add \$110,000 to fiscal year 2025/2026 budget to Buchanan County Public Schools earmarked for awning for Hurley Elementary/Middle School.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING TO ADD \$300,000 TO FISCAL YEAR  
2025/2026 BUDGET TO DEMOLITION FOR J.M. BEVINS AND  
\$300,000 TO DEMOLITION FOR RUSSELL PRATER LINE  
ITEMS**

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, Tim Hess, David Rose, Lee Dotson, Trey Adkins, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby approve to add \$300,000 to fiscal year 2025/2026 budget to demolition for J.M. Bevins and \$300,000 to demolition for Russell Prater line items.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING TO ADD \$172,711.00 TO THE  
BUCHANAN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE BUDGET FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 EARMARKED FOR TWO NEW  
COURTHOUSE SECURITY POSITIONS**

Allen Boyd, Sheriff requested an additional \$172,710.32 to the Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office budget for fiscal year 2025/2026. This additional funding would be used to fund two new courthouse security positions. Currently, the sheriff’s office has three (3) security positions at the courthouse. We have one Circuit Court Bailiff, one General District Court Bailiff and one Officer, which is the Lieutenant in charge of courthouse security, who mans the x-ray machine at the entrance. There is one Circuit Court security position being paid from the Circuit Court Judge’s budget, which position in the near future will be transferred to the

Sheriff's Office.

How many deputies do you have now, asked Trey Adkins, Knox District Supervisor?

We have 34 to 35 deputies, stated Sheriff Boyd.

Can you take some of those deputies off the road and put them in the courthouse, asked Mr. Adkins?

No, there is three people on a shift at all time, stated Sheriff Boyd.

The two courthouse security positions I'm asking for will be jail certified and not a law enforcement certified officer, stated Sheriff Boyd. They will not need vehicles, which will save approximately \$100,000 per year per position, plus the cost of gas, he stated.

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by David Rose seconded by G. Roger Rife and with the following roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Tim Hess, David Rose, Lee Dotson, Trey Adkins, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby approve to add \$172,711.00 to the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office budget for fiscal year 2025/2026 earmarked for two new courthouse security positions.

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**IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – 6:10 P.M. – TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1092 RATLIFF ROAD, GRUNDY, VIRGINIA TO ROGER DARRELL DEEL**

Craig Stiltner, Chairman opened the public hearing for comments.

With no comments from the public, upon motion by David Rose seconded by G. Roger Rife and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Trey Adkins, G. Roger Rife, David Rose, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby approve to close the public hearing

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**IN RE: CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DEED OF QUIT CLAIM BY AND BETWEEN BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA AND ROGER DARRELL DEEL REGARDING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1092 RATLIFF ROAD, GRUNDY, VA (TRACT NO. 3212) LOCATED IN THE SOUTH GRUNDY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT**

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, Tim Hess, David Rose, Lee Dotson, Trey Adkins, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, zero (0) nays and one (1)

absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby adopt the following Resolution approving the Deed of Quit Claim by and between Buchanan County, Virginia and Roger Darrell Deel regarding property located at 1092 Ratliff Road, Grundy, VA (Tract No. 3212) located in the South Grundy Magisterial District.

**RESOLUTION**

**IN RE: CONVEYANCE OF DEED OF QUIT CLAIM BETWEEN BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA (GRANTOR) TO ROGER DARRELL DEEL (GRANTEE) REGARDING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1092 RATLIFF ROAD (ALSO REFERRED TO AS TRACT NO. 3212), GRUNDY, VIRGINIA IN THE SOUTH GRUNDY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors after conducting a public hearing this date, does hereby approve the conveyance of the property by the county described in that Deed of Quit Claim between Buchanan County, Virginia (Grantor) and Roger Darrell Deel (Grantee) regarding property located at 1092 Ratliff Road (also referred to as Tract No. 3212), Grundy, Virginia in the South Grundy Magisterial District of Buchanan County, Virginia; and does further authorize the Chairman of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors and Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator for Buchanan County, Virginia to execute such Deed on behalf of Buchanan County with the approval as to form by the County Attorney. Said Deed is attached and incorporated into this Resolution by reference as Exhibit “A”.

This Resolution was adopted by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2025 by a roll call vote of six for and zero against.

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Chairman of the  
Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

**THIS DEED OF QUIT CLAIM** made and entered into on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2025, by and between **BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA**, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "**GRANTOR**"

OR “COUNTY”, and ROGER DARRELL DEEL, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "GRANTEE". [Exempt from recordation taxes pursuant to Code §58.1-811.3.]

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the Grantor owns property, .24 acre, more or less, located at 1092 Ratliff Road, Grundy, Virginia on the Levisa River at the mouth of Little Prater Creek, in the South Grundy Magisterial District; and

**WHEREAS**, the said property was conveyed to the County as Tract #3212 during the United States Army Corps of Engineers Flood Proofing Project in Buchanan County, Va.; and

**WHEREAS**, the said property was conveyed to the County by Gary Wayne Thomas and Wilma Jean Thomas, husband and wife, by deed dated January 26, 2023 and recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Buchanan County Circuit Court as Instrument # 230000189.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grantor has agreed to convey to the Grantee by Quit Claim Deed, all of the Grantor’s interests in the property, which consists of .24 acre, more or less, and which is more specifically described in the deed recorded as Instrument # 230000189; and

**WHEREAS**, after conducting a Public Hearing on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2025, the Buchanan County, Va., Board of Supervisors by Motion duly made and seconded on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2025, approved to convey to the Grantee by Quit Claim Deed the property which is more particularly described in the deed recorded in the aforementioned Instrument No. 230000189, and authorized the Chairman of the Buchanan County, Va., Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator to execute a Quit Claim deed as approved in form by the County Attorney so to convey the aforesaid property to the Grantee; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, for and in consideration for the payment of the purchase price of Six Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$6,000.00) and the Grantee’s acceptance of the conditions set forth herein, the Grantor does hereby give, convey and quit claim unto the Grantee the foresaid property, which contains a total of .24 acre, more or less, and which property is more particularly described in the deed recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Buchanan County as Instrument #230000189, which contains the following legal description:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

TRACT NO. 3212

All those certain lots or parcels of land situate in the Commonwealth of Virginia, Buchanan County, on the Levisa River at the mouth of Little Prater Creek, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Being Lot Nos. One (1), Two (2), Three (3), and Four (4) of Block 2, as shown on that certain plat entitled, "Map Showing Subdivision of S.L. Ratliff Property," said plat is of record in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Buchanan County, Virginia, in Plat Book No. 1, Page 125.

The above-described land contains a total of 0.24 acre, more or less.

It is the intent of the foregoing descriptions to include all of the same land as that described in the following: 1) a deed from Woodrow W. Ward, Steven T. Bowman and Edison R. Baker, Trustees of The Grundy Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, to Gary Wayne Thomas and Wilma Jean Thomas, his wife, dated July 4, 1989, filed for record August 7, 1989, and recorded in Book 351 and Page 281; and, 2) a deed from Brady Thomas and Renie Thomas, his wife, to Gary Wayne Thomas and Wilma Jean Thomas, his wife, dated May 1, 1975, filed for record January 6, 1978, and recorded in Deed Book 253 at page 320.

The above-mentioned instruments are of record in the Clerk's Office of Buchanan County Circuit Clerk, Buchanan County, Virginia.

Source and title for Grantor: The property was conveyed to Buchanan County by deed dated January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and accepted by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 from Gary Wayne Thomas and Wilma Jean Thomas, husband and wife, which said deed is recorded in the Buchanan County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Grundy, Virginia by instrument # 230000189.

The Grantor understands and acknowledges that since this property was acquired by the County through the United States Army Corps of Engineers Flood Proofing Project in Buchanan County that there are restrictions and conditions imposed in regards to the future use of the property, as follow:

BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA  
NONSTRUCTURAL FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT  
EASEMENT RESERVATION AND COVENANTS  
TRACT NO. 3212

1. That the Grantee, for the Grantee and the Grantee's heirs, successors, and assigns, covenants that, forever, no structures of any kind for human habitation or for commercial purposes will be constructed on the land with a first-floor elevation below 1095.59 feet (NGVD 29 datum). (The Government will, as it shall solely determine, designate the elevation that the Non-Federal Sponsor shall use in each conveyance.)
2. That the Grantee, for the Grantee and for the Grantee's heirs, successors and assigns, covenants that, forever, all structures of every kind for any purposes whatsoever constructed or placed on the land shall be designed and constructed or placed on the land so as to minimize potential for flood damages.
3. That the Grantor reserves, and that the Grantee by acceptance of the instrument of conveyance consents to said reservation, a perpetual and assignable easement to enter upon the land and into any structures placed or constructed thereon at any reasonable time considered necessary to ensure that the covenants are being complied with by the Grantee and the Grantee's heirs, successors, and assigns.

4. That the Grantee, for the Grantee and the Grantee's heirs, successors, and assigns, covenants that, forever, the Grantee and the Grantee's heirs, successors, and assigns will comply with applicable floodplain ordinances.

5. That the Grantee, for the Grantee and for the Grantee's heirs, successors, and assigns, covenants that the Grantor and the United States of America shall forever be held harmless and blameless from any damages or injuries resulting directly or indirectly from the flooding of said land or any structure placed or constructed thereon.

6. That the Grantee, for the Grantee and the Grantee's heirs, successors, and assigns, covenants that the failure of the Grantor to exercise or enforce any one or more of said covenants or said easement shall not in any manner operate as a waiver or extinguishment, in whole or in part, of said covenants and easement.

7. That the Grantee, for the Grantee and the Grantee's heirs, successors, and assigns, recognizes and agrees that the land was acquired in connection with the Buchanan County, Virginia, Nonstructural Flood Control Project; that the covenants and the easement are necessary and appropriate to ensure the purposes of said project, namely, as authorized by Section 202 of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 1981, Public Law 96-367, to afford a level of protection against flooding at least sufficient to prevent any future losses from the likelihood of flooding as occurred in April, 1977; and, that for those purposes the Grantor shall forever have the right unchallenged by the Grantee and the Grantee's heirs, successors, and assigns to seek legal enforcement of the provisions, covenants and easement in the instrument of conveyance, it being the intentions Of the parties to the instrument of conveyance that said provisions, covenants, and easement shall attach to and run with the land forever.

That on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 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, approved as to form by the County Attorney. **The Grantee is signatory to this deed to acknowledge and memorialize his agreement and understanding of his obligations and the conditions in this deed of as set forth herein.**

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:**

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**Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator** (SEAL)

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**IN RE:        CONSIDER APPROVING A CONTRIBUTION TO BIG SANDY  
                 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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, Tim Hess, David Rose, Lee Dotson, Trey Adkins, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby approve a contribution and to issue a check in the amount of \$700.00 to Big Sandy Soil and Water Conservation District from Prater District Park and Recreation account.

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**IN RE:        ADJOURNMENT**

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, Tim Hess, David Rose, Lee Dotson, Trey Adkins, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Jeff Cooper, this board did hereby approve to adjourn the meeting.

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Craig Stiltner, Chairman of the  
Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

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Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator