

**MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026 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:** Tim Hess, Chairman  
Trey Adkins  
G. Roger Rife  
David Rose  
Lee Dotson  
Jeff Cooper  
Craig Stiltner

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: AMERICAN RED CROSS**

Sherri Dillow, Executive Director of the American Red Cross stated the Red Cross is in Buchanan County almost every day assisting residents. The Red Cross assists with disaster relief, provides food, shelter, mental health support etc. Also, is the largest single supplier of blood donations.

We need volunteers in this area, she stated. Please assist us in advertising in your communities by having an open house asking for volunteers, stated Ms. Dillow.

Trey Adkins, Knox District Supervisor stated the county could have a town hall meeting in each district in trying to get volunteers. He asked Ms. Dillow if she could provide information to the residents?

Ms. Dillow stated yes, a town hall meeting in each district would be great. We really need boots on the ground. We're not here for money today.

If it hadn't been for outsiders that came to the county after the floods, I don't know what we would've done, stated Mr. Adkins.

Jeff Cooper, Garden District Supervisor stated he'd seen it first handed after a fire, the Red Cross was present to find housing for the residents.

If we had volunteers in the county the Red Cross could get to the residents to assist them much quicker, stated Ms. Dillow.

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**IN RE: PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF JIMMY “SUGAR BEAR” WAYNE CHILDRESS FOR HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE BUCHANAN COUNTY LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL PROGRAM FOR OVER 45 YEARS**

Craig Stiltner, Rocklick District Supervisor presented the plaque to Jimmy “Sugar Bear” Wayne Childress’s wife and children. The plaque was in memory of “Sugar Bear” for his dedication and service to the Buchanan County Little League Baseball Program for over 45 years, stated Mr. Stiltner. I’ve know “Sugar Bear” most of my life and he was a great athletic, father and grandfather. He was a super human being and a really great person, he stated.

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**IN RE: CONSENT AGENDA**

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, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner, Trey Adkins, Tim Hess, David Rose, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this did hereby approve the following consent agenda:

- a. Approving minutes for Regular Board Meeting March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 and Special Called Meeting March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026;
- b. Ratifying payroll after review;
- c. Ratifying the payment of bills by Resolution adopted on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026. (Including the Buchanan County Head Start ratified bill list and bill list)
- d. Approving the attached list of coyote claims in the amount of \$100.00 per claim and to issue checks.

Christopher Davidson	One Claim
Jimmy Clevinger	One Claim
Billy Clevinger	One Claim
Ricky Blankenship	One Claim
Anthony Hensley	Three Claims
Logan Looney	One Claim
Raymond Webb	One Claim
Leonard Stacy	One Claim
Colton Justus	One Claim
Garman Lee Rice	Two Claim
Peyton Cole Scott	One Claim
Parker Snead	Three Claims
Lukas Shortt	One Claim

Tim Sisk	Two Claims
Ethan Kiser	One Claim
Anita Skeens	One Claim
Kenneth Horne	One Claim
Jacob Ward	One Claim
John Boyd	One Claim
Hunter Scarberry	One Claim
John Preston Wimmer	Two Claims
Jody Bostic	One Claim
Doug Keen	One Claim
Carson Deel	Two Claims
Isaac Cole	Two Claims
Gary Hughes	One Claim

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**IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – 6:10 P.M. – TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED SECONDARY SIX-YEAR YEAR PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026/2027 THROUGH 2031/32 IN BUCHANAN COUNTY AND ON THE SECONDARY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027**

Tim Hess, Chairman opened the public hearing for comments.

With no comments from the public, upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by Lee Dotson and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins 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 SECONDARY HIGHWAY SIX-YEAR YEAR PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026/2027 THROUGH 2031/32 AND CONSTRUCTION PRIORITY LIST 2026/2027 FOR BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by Jeff Cooper and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby adopt the following Resolution approving the Secondary Highway Six-Year Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2026/2027 through 2031/32 and Construction Priority List 2026/2027 for Buchanan County, Virginia.

**APPROVAL OF SECONDARY HIGHWAY SIX YEAR PLAN (2026/27  
THROUGH 2031/32)  
AND CONSTRUCTION PRIORITY LIST (2026/27)  
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 (2026/27 through 2031 / 32) as well as the Construction Priority List (2026/27) on April 6, 2026, 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 2027 through FY 2032 and the Construction Priority List (2026/27) 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 (2026/27 through 2031/32) and Construction Priority List (2026/27) are hereby approved as presented at the public hearing.

DONE this 6th day of April, 2026.

Recorded Vote Moved By: Craig Stiltner  
Seconded By: Jeff Cooper

Yeas Seven Nays Zero

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

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

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**IN RE: ERICA MILLER, RESIDENCY ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE  
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Trey Adkins, Knox District Supervisor asked if the Virginia Department of Transportation had plans on cutting the brush along the state routes? We appreciate all you do and we're willing to assist in any way to get the brush cut. Would it help if we sent a letter to state legislators requesting their assistance, he asked?

Erica Miller, Residency Administrator for VDOT stated I hate to turn you down about doing to a letter to our state legislators, but we have a very lean budget. We've had two major disasters in a short time. We already have contracts for this area, and hopefully the brush trimming will be done later in the summer.

Mr. Adkins stated I know this is away above the budgeted funds for the brush cutting, but areas in the county can't wait another year. We need the brush cut as soon as possible, because it's damaging vehicles and large trucks, he commented.

I'll see what I can do after the new budget is approved in July, stated Ms. Miller.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION FOR RURAL  
                     RUSTIC ROAD DESIGNATION OF YOUNG BRANCH, STATE  
                     ROUTE 627**

Jeff Buchanan with Virginia Department of Transportation stated the Virginia Department of Transportation has a stipulation and by doing a rural rustic road it allows VDOT to pave and maintain the narrow roads.

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by Trey Adkins and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, Trey Adkins and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby adopt the following Resolution for Rural Rustic Road Designation of Young Branch, State Route 627.

The Board of Supervisors of Buchanan County, in regular meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026 adopted the following:

**RESOLUTION FOR RURAL RUSTIC ROAD DESIGNATION**

**WHEREAS**, §33.2-332 of the Code of Virginia, permits the hard surfacing of certain unpaved roads deemed to qualify for designation as a Rural Rustic Road; and

**WHEREAS**, any such road must be located in a low-density development area and have no more than 1,500 vehicles per day; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Buchanan County, Virginia ("Board") desires to consider whether the following routes, should be designated Rural Rustic Roads; and

- Route 627: Young Branch Keen Road
  - From end of pavement 0.2 miles northwest to gate.

**WHEREAS**, the Board is unaware of pending development that will significantly affect the existing traffic on this road; and

**WHEREAS**, the public has been made aware that these roads are to be paved with minimal improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes that these roads should be designated as Rural Rustic Roads due to their qualifying characteristics; and

**WHEREAS**, these roads are in the Board's six-year plan for improvements to the secondary system of state highways.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board hereby designates the roads named herein and shown on the attached sketches as Rural Rustic Roads, pursuant to §33.2-332 of the Code of Virginia, and requests that the Local Manager for the Virginia Department of Transportation concur in this designation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board requests that these roads be hard surfaced and, to the fullest extent prudent, be improved within the existing right-of-way and ditch-lines to preserve as much as possible the adjacent trees, vegetation, side slopes, and rural rustic character along the roads in their current state.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Recorded Vote

Moved By: Craig Stiltner

Seconded By: Trey Adkins

Yeas: Seven

Nays: Zero

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Tim Hess, Chairman of the  
Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

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**IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – 6:15 P.M - TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE RESTRICTION OF THROUGH TRUCK TRAFFIC ALONG VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE 662, (ROBINSON FORK ROAD), VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE 620 (DESKINS ROAD) IN BUCHANAN COUNTY**

Tim Hess, Chairman opened the public hearing for comments.

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

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**IN RE: CONSIDER ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION REQUESTING A TRAFFIC SAFETY STUDY FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING THROUGH TRUCK RESTRICTIONS UPON VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE 620 (DESKINS ROAD) AND VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE 662 (ROBINSON FORK ROAD)**

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

hereby adopt the following Resolution requesting a traffic safety study from the Virginia Department of Transportation for the purpose of implementing through truck restrictions upon Virginia Secondary Route 620 (Deskins Road) and Virginia Secondary Route 662 (Robinson Fork Road).

**VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA HELD AT THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BUILDING LOCATED AT 4447 SLATE CREEK ROAD, GRUNDY, VA, ON THE 6TH DAY OF APRIL 2026, FOLLOWING A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD HELD ON THE 6TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026, UPON NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC BY PUBLICATION IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN BUCHANAN COUNTY, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED, FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING, A MOTION, AND SECOND:**

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date April 6, 2026

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING A TRAFFIC SAFETY STUDY FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING THROUGH TRUCK RESTRICTIONS UPON VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE 620 (DEKSINS ROAD) AND VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE 662 (ROBINSON FORK ROAD).

WHEREAS, the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors (hereafter, "the Board") has been approached by citizens living along a portion Route 662 and a portion of Route 620 as well as emergency services agencies serving the route, expressing concerns regarding through truck traffic on these routes; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Board that through truck traffic on a portion of Robinson Fork and a portion of Deskins Road has not only caused hazardous traffic conditions for the members of the community, but has also caused physical deterioration of Robinson Fork Road and Deskins Road; and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously expressed its intent to the Virginia Department of Transportation (hereafter, "VDOT") requesting a traffic safety study on Hoot Owl Road for consideration of through truck restrictions; and

WHEREAS, a formal Resolution is required from the Board for VDOT to conduct a traffic safety study for the purposes of through truck restrictions; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board requests VDOT to conduct a traffic safety study on portions of Virginia Secondary Routes 620 (Deskins Road) and 662 (Robinson Fork Road) in Buchanan County, Virginia, for purposes of implementing through truck restrictions, pursuant to Section 46.2-809 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the request is made as follows:

The proposed restricted section of Virginia Secondary Route 662 (Robinson Fork Road) will begin at the intersection of Virginia Secondary Route 662 (Robinson Fork Road) and Virginia Secondary Route 624 (Garden Creek Road) and will end at the intersection of Virginia Secondary Route 662 (Robinson Fork Road) and Virginia

Secondary Route 620 (Deskings Road). The total length of the proposed restricted section on Route 662 is 3.78 miles.

The proposed restricted section of Virginia Secondary Route 620 (Deskings Road) will begin at the intersection of Virginia Secondary Route 662 (Robinson Fork Road) and Virginia Secondary Route 620 (Deskings Road) and will end at the intersection of Virginia Secondary Route 657 (Boyds Ridge Road) and Virginia Secondary Route 620 (Deskings Road). The total length of the proposed restricted section on Route 620 is 2.82 miles.

The proposed alternate truck route will begin at the intersection of Virginia Secondary Route 662 (Robinson Fork Road) and Virginia Secondary Route 624 (Garden Creek Road), thence northerly along Virginia Secondary Route 624 (Garden Creek Road) 5.90 miles to the intersection of Virginia Secondary Route 624 (Garden Creek Road) and U.S. Route 460 (Riverside Drive),

thence northwesterly on U.S. Route 460 (Riverside Drive) 7.25 miles to the intersection of U.S. Route 460 (Riverside Drive) and VA Primary Route 83 (Lovers Gap Road),

thence southerly on VA Primary Route 83 (Lovers Gap Road) 1.01 miles to the intersection of VA Primary Route 83 (Lovers Gap Road) and Virginia Secondary Route 620 (Deskings Road),

thence southerly on Virginia Secondary Route 620 (Deskings Road) 3.42 miles to the intersection of Virginia Secondary Route 620 (Deskings Road) and Virginia Secondary Route 657 (Boyds Ridge Road).

The total length of the proposed alternate truck route is 17.58 miles.

The proposed through truck restriction would prohibit trucks based on the results of the traffic safety study to be completed by VDOT, based upon the curvature of the road and length of the trucks so affected.

The Board shall use its good offices for enforcement of the proposed through truck restriction by the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office, or other appropriate local law enforcement agency.

A copy of the Notice of Public Hearing, a transcript of the public hearing, and a certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) and the Virginia Trucking Association.

It is so RESOLVED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026

RECORDED VOTE:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Seven

MEMBERS ABSENT: Zero

AYES: Seven

NAYS: Zero

ABSTENTIONS: Zero

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Tim Hess, Chairman of the  
Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Robert C. Horn, County Administrator

**IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – 6:15 P.M. – TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE RESTRICTION OF THROUGH TRUCK TRAFFIC ALONG VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE 615 (HOOT OWL ROAD) IN BUCHANAN COUNTY**

Tim Hess, Chairman opened the public hearing for comments.

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

**IN RE: CONSIDER ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION REQUESTING A TRAFFIC SAFETY STUDY FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING THROUGH TRUCK RESTRICTIONS UPON VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE 615 (HOOT OWL ROAD) IN BUCHANAN COUNTY**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by Lee Dotson and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, David Rose, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, Tim Hess, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby adopt the following Resolution requesting a traffic safety study from the Virginia Department of Transportation for the purpose of implementing through truck restrictions upon Virginia Secondary Route 615 (Hoot Owl Road) in Buchanan County.

**VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA HELD AT THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BUILDING LOCATED AT 4447 SLATE CREEK ROAD, GRUNDY, VA, ON THE 6TH DAY OF APRIL 2026, FOLLOWING A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD HELD ON THE 6TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026, UPON NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC BY PUBLICATION IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN BUCHANAN COUNTY, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED, FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING, A MOTION, AND SECOND:**

Resolution No. Date April 6, 2026

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING A TRAFFIC SAFETY STUDY FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING THROUGH TRUCK RESTRICTIONS UPON VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE 615 (HOOT OWL ROAD) ROAD)**

WHEREAS, the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors (hereafter, "the Board") has been approached by citizens living along Route 615 as well as emergency services agencies serving the route, expressing concerns regarding through truck traffic on Virginia Secondary Route 615 (Hoot Owl Road); and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Board that through truck traffic on Hoot Owl Road has not only caused hazardous traffic conditions for the members of the community, but has also caused physical deterioration of Hoot Owl Road; and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously expressed its intent to the Virginia Department of Transportation (hereafter, "VDOT") requesting a traffic safety study on Hoot Owl Road for consideration of through truck restrictions; and

WHEREAS, a formal Resolution is required from the Board for VDOT to conduct a traffic safety study for the purposes of through truck restrictions; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board requests VDOT to conduct a traffic safety study on Virginia Secondary Route 615 (Hoot Owl Road) in Buchanan County, Virginia, for purposes of implementing through truck restrictions, pursuant to Section 46.2-809 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the request is made as follows:

An alternate truck route is proposed to begin the proposed restricted section of Virginia Secondary Route 615 (Hoot Owl Road) will begin at the intersection of Virginia Secondary Route 615 (Hoot Owl Road) and Virginia Secondary Route 604 (Poplar Creek Road), and will end at the intersection of Virginia Secondary Route 615 (Hoot Owl Road) and U.S. Business Route 460 (Riverside Drive). The total length of the proposed restricted section is 3.15 miles.

The proposed alternate truck route will begin at the intersection of Secondary Route 615 (Hoot Owl Rd.) and U.S. Business Route 460 (Riverside Dr.),

thence southerly along U.S. Business Route 460 (Riverside Dr.) 0.23 mile to the intersection of U.S. Business Route 460 (Riverside Dr.) and U.S. Route 460 (Riverside Dr.),

thence southerly along U.S. Route 460 (Riverside Dr.) 3.28 miles to the intersection of U.S. Route 460 (Riverside Dr.) and VA Primary Route 83 (Lovers Gap Rd.),

thence westerly on VA Primary Route 83 (Lovers Gap Rd.) 3.98 miles to the intersection of VA Primary Route 83 (Lovers Gap Rd.) and Secondary Route 744 (Southern Gap Rd.),

thence northerly on Secondary Route 744 (Southern Gap Rd.) 4.05 miles to the intersection of Secondary Route 744 (Southern Gap Rd.) and VA Primary Route 460 (Coalfields Expressway),

thence easterly along VA Primary Route 460 (Coalfields Expressway) 2.86 miles to the intersection of VA Primary Route 460 (Coalfields Expressway) and Secondary Route 604 (Poplar Creek Rd.),

thence southerly along Secondary Route 604 (Poplar Creek Rd.) 0.46 mile to the intersection of Secondary Route 604 (Poplar Creek Rd.) and Secondary Route 615 (Hoot Owl Rd.).

The total distance of the proposed alternate truck route is 14.86 miles.

The proposed through truck restriction would prohibit trucks based on the results of the traffic safety study to be completed by VDOT, based upon the curvature of the road and length of the trucks so affected.

The Board shall use its good offices for enforcement of the proposed through truck restriction by the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office, or other appropriate local law enforcement agency.

A copy of the Notice of Public Hearing, a transcript of the public hearing, and a certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) and the Virginia Trucking Association.

It is so RESOLVED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

RECORDED VOTE:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Seven

MEMBERS ABSENT: Zero

AYES: Seven

NAYS: Zero

ABSTENTIONS: Zero

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Tim Hess, Chairman of the  
Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

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

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**IN RE: GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Craig Stiltner, Rocklick District Supervisor requested that Virginia Department of Transportation add drainpipes in a 20-foot section at a curve on Hoot Owl Road to help alleviate the issue of large trucks getting stuck on the roadway. GPS needs to be updated on that route, which is 99% of the issue.

Erica Miller, Residency Administrator for VDOT we'll have to get environmental permits first to try and fix the curve on Hoot Owl.

Hoot Owl Road has been closed at least six to eight times for several hours, because of large trucks getting stuck, stated Mr. Stiltner. There are traffic signs in a couple places warning large trucks, which they should understand this is somewhere they don't need to be on Hoot Owl Road, he stated.

Mr. Stiltner stated the need for brush cutting and asphalt overlaying is worst in Buchanan County out of all the surrounding counties. This shouldn't be a budget item issue for VDOT.

If VDOT would hire a couple more employees at the Big Rock and Deskins Offices it would be helpful, stated Mr. Stiltner. VDOT doesn't have enough men to work the machinery they have.

Allen Boyd, Sheriff stated large tractors and trailers will come out of Garden Creek and the top of their trucks will hit the railroad trussells. There needs to be signage for height restrictions.

Jeff Cooper, Garden District Supervisor stated the roadway on Honaker Branch in the Garden Magisterial District was damaged during the flood and motor vehicles are still driving around cones. There's a lot of traffic in this area. Also, the roadway is breaking off.

He stated coming down Bill Young Mountain, Rt. 680 the shoulder of the roadway is breaking off too and there's a lot of damage in this area.

G. Roger Rife, South Grundy District Supervisor stated Little Prater Road needs repairs before the new high school opens on Southern Gap. A lot of people are wanting short cuts when driving from Southern Gap, so they'll use Little Prater Road. It's going to get really bad when young high school kids start traveling that road and there's places even two cars can't pass.

Ms. Miller stated once we see the additional traffic on Little Prater Road from the school opening, we may see something get done by VDOT. We'll continue checking it.

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**IN RE: SANDY WEEKLEY, 4-H EXTENSION AGENT**

Sandy Weekley, 4-H Extension Agent requested a contribution in the amount of \$1,960.00 to the Buchanan County Extension Office for one scholarship per district to attend 4-H Camp in June 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, David Rose, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, Tim Hess, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve a contribution in the amount of \$1,960.00 to the Buchanan County Extension Office to be divided equally among the seven district accounts for one scholarship per district to attend 4-H camp in June 2026

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**IN RE: TERRY COLLEY, RESIDENT**

Terry Colley, resident requested a contribution to assist with a rabies clinic in the county. We would like to have the clinic in at least two districts. It's been three years since we had a clinic here. The estimated cost is \$2,000, he stated.

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, David Rose, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, Tim Hess, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to issue payment up to \$2,000 for a rabies clinic to be

held in the county, which invoice will be divided equally among the seven district accounts.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION  
                         TO THE BUCHANAN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

Mike Hatfield, Chief Dispatcher/911 Coordinator, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,902.00 to the Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office, which has been approved from the Local Law Enforcement (LOLE) Grant. There are no matching funds for this grant. Also, he requested approval from the board for the county administrator to be allowed to execute the Statement of Grant Award/Acceptance (SOGA) and all forms related to this grant.

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Lee Dotson seconded by Jeff Cooper and with the following roll call vote of six (6) yeas, David Rose, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, Tim Hess, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,902.00 to the Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office for a Local Law Enforcement (LOLE) Grant received to purchase equipment and authorized the county administrator to execute the Statement of Grant Award/Acceptance (SOGA) etc.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 COAL  
                         HAUL ROAD PLAN**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Craig Stiltner and with the following roll call vote of five (5) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner, zero (0) nays and two (2) abstentions, David Rose and Tim Hess, this board did hereby approve the Buchanan County Coal Haul Road Plan for fiscal year 2026/2027.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING TO ISSUE A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT  
                         OF \$15,675.00 TO BUCHANAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
                         REGARDING THE REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT NO. 04  
                         OF THE SOUTHERN GAP HIGH SCHOOL RUFFED GROUSE  
                         LANE EXTENSION PROJECT FROM ACCOUNT 41080-7010-00**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by Jeff Cooper and with the following roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, Tim Hess, zero (0) nays and one (1)

abstention, , Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve to issue a check in the amount of \$15,675.00 to Buchanan County Public Schools regarding the request for reimbursement No. 04 of the Southern Gap High School Ruffed Grouse Lane Extension Project from account 41080-7010-00.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING THE TEMPORARY LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION FROM POCAHONTAS GAS LLC REGARDING CR 5440 GX (SOUTH EXPANSION GATHERING LINE Y34G) LOCATED IN THE GARDEN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE PERMIT WITH APPROVAL AS TO FORM BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Lee Dotson seconded by Craig Stiltner and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve the Temporary Land Use Permit Application from Pocahontas Gas LLC regarding CR 5440 GX (South Expansion Gathering Line Y34G) located in the Garden Magisterial District and authorized the chairman and county administrator to execute the permit with approval as to form by the county attorney.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING THE TEMPORARY LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION FROM POCAHONTAS GAS LLC REGARDING CR 5440 GX (SOUTH EXPANSION GATHERING LINE Y34K) LOCATED IN THE GARDEN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE PERMIT WITH APPROVAL AS TO FORM BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by Lee Dotson and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve the Temporary Land Use Permit Application from Pocahontas Gas LLC regarding CR 5440 GX (South Expansion Gathering Line Y34K) located in the Garden Magisterial District and authorized the chairman and county administrator to execute the permit with approval as to form by the county attorney.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING THE TEMPORARY LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION FROM POCAHONTAS GAS LLC REGARDING CR 5450 GX (SOUTH EXPANSION GATHERING LINE Y34G) LOCATED IN THE GARDEN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE PERMIT WITH APPROVAL AS TO FORM BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY.**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Lee Dotson seconded by Craig Stiltner and with the following roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, Tim Hess and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve the Temporary Land Use Permit Application from Pocahontas Gas LLC regarding CR 5450 GX (South Expansion Gathering Line Y34G) located in the Garden Magisterial District and authorized the chairman and county administrator to execute the permit with approval as to form by the county attorney.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING REQUESTS FROM THE BUCHANAN COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY FROM THE BUCHANAN COUNTY COAL ROAD ACCOUNT**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Jeff Cooper with a roll call vote of five (5) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner, zero (0) nays and two abstained, David Rose, Tim Hess, this board did hereby approve the following for the Buchanan County Public Service Authority (PSA):

- Request #3 from Buchanan County Public Service Authority in the amount of \$78,332.37 from the Coal Haul Road FY 2025-2026 (various invoices) to be paid from account #05-41080-7015;
- Request in the amount of \$500,000.00 regarding the Elk Creek 711 Project;
- Request in the amount of \$50,000.00 regarding the Dry Fork Cont. Project.

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**IN RE:            MARCUS STILTNER, COAL HAUL ROAD ENGINEER - CONSIDER APPROVING TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS THE GRANT AWARD FROM NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)**

Marcus Stiltner, Coal Haul Road Engineer requested approval to expedite the process of the Grant Award from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

and authorize the County Administrator to execute all documents regarding this grant award, which funding will require 25 percent matching funds from the county.

Robert C. Horn, County Administrator stated we won't receive this funding in this fiscal year or probably even the next fiscal year.

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Craig Stiltner with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Tim Hess, David Rose, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to expedite the process of the Grant Award from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and authorize the County Administrator to execute all documents regarding this grant award, which funding will have 25 percent matching funds from the county. Also, appointed Craig Stiltner, Trey Adkins and Lee Dotson to a committee regarding expediting the permitting process, which will be used in the Rocklick, North Grundy and Knox Magisterial District to assist in removing debris and sediment in waterways and floodplains; restore the hydraulic capacity of impaired waterways and floodplains; protect channels from additional erosion using treatment measures and stabilize landslides.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND RATIFYING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY DATED THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2026**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Jeff Cooper and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Tim Hess, David Rose, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby adopt the following Resolution accepting and ratifying the proposed amendments to the Charter of the Tazewell County Airport Authority dated the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

**VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA HELD AT THE BUCHANAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, LOCATED AT 4447 SLATE CREEK ROAD, GRUNDY, VIRGINIA, ON THE 6th DAY OF APRIL, 2026, THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED, FOLLOWING A MOTION, AND SECOND:**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING  
CHARTER OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY AS  
AMENDED**

**WHEREAS**, the Tazewell County Airport Authority was created on or about July 12, 1978 by way of the Agreement for the Creation of the Tazewell County Airport

Authority and by the Charter of the Tazewell County Airport Authority dated July 12, 1978;

**WHEREAS**, the original Charter for the Tazewell County Airport Authority was amended by way of the Agreement to the Amendment of the Charter of the Tazewell County Airport Authority dated May 28, 1996;

**WHEREAS**, the Charter, and its subsequent amendments, provide a comprehensive and updated framework for governance, operations, and management of the Tazewell County Airport Authority and the Tazewell County Airport facility;

**WHEREAS**, the Board Members of the Tazewell County Airport Authority, upon public notice, a quorum to conduct official business, and the commencement of a public meeting held on March 19, 2026 at the Tazewell County Airport facility located at 2200 Airport Road, Cedar Bluff, Virginia 24609, voted unanimously and approved certain amendments to its Charter;

**WHEREAS**, the representative members of the Tazewell County Airport Authority include one member from Russell County, one member from Buchanan County, and six members from Tazewell County;

**WHEREAS**, amendments to the Tazewell County Airport Authority require authorization and acceptance of the same from the various local government or municipality members as referenced herein;

**WHEREAS**, the amendments to its Charter are attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth verbatim; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and most appropriate to authorize and accept the proposed amendments to the Charter of the Tazewell County Airport Authority;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026, The Buchanan County Board of Supervisors, accepts and ratifies the proposed amendments to the Charter of the Tazewell County Airport Authority dated the 19<sup>th</sup> of March, 2026.

It is so **RESOLVED, AFFIRMED, and RECORDED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 2026.

RECORDED VOTE:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None  
AYES: Seven  
NAYS: Zero  
ABSTENTIONS: Zero

ATTEST:

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Tim Hess  
Chairman – Board of Supervisors

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Robert C. Horn  
Buchanan County Administrator

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER RATIFYING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
BUCHANAN COUNTY AND VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF  
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGARDING  
THE BIG ROCK/CONAWAY WASTEWATER TREATMENT  
PLANT FOR FUNDING AWARDED FROM THE APPALACHIAN  
REGIONAL COMMISSION (ARC)**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by Trey Adkins with a roll call vote of five (5) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner, zero (0) nays and two abstained, David Rose, Tim Hess, this board did hereby ratify the Agreement between Buchanan County and Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development regarding the Big Rock/Conaway Wastewater Treatment Plant for funding awarded from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). A copy of this agreement is located in the Buchanan County Administrator's Office for review.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER RATIFYING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
BUCHANAN COUNTY AND VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF  
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGARDING  
THE BIG ROCK/CONAWAY WASTEWATER TREATMENT  
PLANT FOR FUNDING AWARDED FROM THE COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) THROUGH THE  
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT (VDHCD)**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by Trey Adkins with a roll call vote of five (5) yeas, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner, zero (0) nays and two abstained, David Rose, Tim Hess, this board did hereby ratify the Agreement between Buchanan County and Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development regarding the Big Rock/Conaway Wastewater Treatment Plant for funding awarded from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (VDHCD). A copy of this agreement is located in the Buchanan County Administrator's Office for review.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION OPPOSING  
MANDATORY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING LEGISLATION (HB  
1263/SB 378)**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Trey Adkins with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, G. Roger

Rife, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner, and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby adopt the following Resolution opposing Mandatory Collective Bargaining Legislation (HB 1263/SB 378).

**RESOLUTION OF THE BUCHANAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OPPOSING MANDATORY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING LEGISLATION (HB  
1263 / SB 378)**

WHEREAS, current Virginia law provides a local option allowing governing bodies to determine whether and how to engage in collective bargaining based on local fiscal capacity, workforce needs, and service priorities; and

WHEREAS, HB 1263 and SB 378 would eliminate this local option and impose a state-mandated, one-size-fits-all collective bargaining framework administered by a Public Employee Relations Board (PERB); and

WHEREAS, this legislation shifts authority away from locally elected officials and imposes an unfunded mandate with significant fiscal and administrative consequences for local governments and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's localities vary widely in population, resources, and service delivery models, and are best positioned to make decisions that reflect their unique circumstances; and

WHEREAS, mandatory collective bargaining as proposed would:

- Divert limited local resources from core services to new administrative and bargaining structures without dedicated funding;
- Eliminate local flexibility to align workforce decisions with budgets and service needs;
- Create unpredictable fiscal obligations through arbitration and expanded dispute resolution processes;
- Increase administrative burden, litigation risk, and long-term costs for local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, local governments must maintain balanced budgets while continuing to provide essential services, including public safety, education, and infrastructure; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors strongly opposes HB 1263 and SB 378 and any legislation that mandates collective bargaining for local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board urges the Governor and members of the Virginia General Assembly to preserve local authority over workforce and labor relations policies; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board shall transmit this resolution to the Governor and members of the Virginia General Assembly.

Adopted this 6<sup>TH</sup> day of April, 2026.  
RECORDED VOTE: Seven Yeas  
MEMBERS PRESENT: Seven

MEMBERS ABSENT: Zero  
AYES: Seven  
NAYS: Zero  
ABSTENTIONS: Zero

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Tim Hess, Chairman of the  
Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

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

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**IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTIONS FOR THE  
RATIFICATION OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING  
DEEDS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AS PART OF  
THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS NON-STRUCTURAL  
PROJECT**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Craig Stiltner and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Tim Hess, David Rose, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby adopt the following Resolutions for the ratification of the Acceptance of the following Deeds for the acquisition of property as part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Non-Structural Project:

- Acceptance of Deed by and between Douglas Gentry and Tammy Smith, Husband and Wife (Grantors) and Buchanan County, Virginia (Grantee); and
- Acceptance of Deed by and between Johnny Earl Lamb (Grantor) and Buchanan County, Virginia (Grantee); and
- Acceptance of Deed by and between Carl E. Chapman (Grantor) and Buchanan County, Virginia (Grantee).

**RESOLUTION**

**IN RE: ACCEPTANCE OF DEED BY AND BETWEEN DOUGLAS GENTRY  
SMITH AND TAMMY SMITH, HUSBAND AND WIFE TO  
BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors that we approve acceptance of the property described in that Deed recorded in the Buchanan County Circuit Court Clerk's Office, Instrument Number 260000370 between Douglas Gentry Smith and Tammy Smith, husband and wife, and Buchanan County, Virginia. This deed is a General Warranty Deed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Levisa Fork River Valley, Buchanan County Non-Structural Project Tract NO. 3240.

This Resolution was adopted by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026 by a roll call vote of seven for and zero against.

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Tim Hess, Chairman of the  
Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

**RESOLUTION**

**IN RE: ACCEPTANCE OF DEED BY AND BETWEEN JOHNNY EARL LAMB,  
AKA JOHNNY EARL LAMB, JR., SINGLE TO  
BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors that we approve acceptance of the property described in that Deed recorded in the Buchanan County Circuit Court Clerk's Office, Instrument Number 260000286 between, Johnny Earl Lamb, AKA Johnny Earl Lamb, Jr., Single and Buchanan County, Virginia. This deed is a General Warranty Deed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Levisa Fork River Valley, Buchanan County Non-Structural Project Tract NO. 4608.

This Resolution was adopted by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026 by a roll call vote of seven for and zero against.

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Tim Hess, Chairman of the  
Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

**RESOLUTION**

**IN RE: ACCEPTANCE OF DEED BY AND BETWEEN CARL CHAPMAN, AKA  
CARL E. CHAPMAN, AND AKA, CARL EDMAN CHAPMAN, SINGLE TO  
BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors that we approve acceptance of the property described in that Deed recorded in the Buchanan County Circuit Court Clerk's Office, Instrument Number 250001354 between, Carl Chapman, aka, Carl E. Chapman, and aka Carl Edman Chapman, Single and Buchanan County, Virginia. This deed is a General Warranty Deed with the U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers. Levisa Fork River Valley, Buchanan County Non-Structural Project Tract  
NO. 3235

This Resolution was adopted by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors on  
this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026 by a roll call vote of seven for and zero against.

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Tim Hess, 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 APPOINTING ALLEN BOYD, SHERIFF TO THE  
SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ALCOHOL SAFETY ACTION  
PROGRAM (VASAP) FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM ENDING  
APRIL 2029**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by  
Craig Stiltner and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Tim Hess, David Rose, Jeff  
Cooper, Craig Stiltner, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this  
board did hereby appoint Allen Boyd, Sheriff for Buchanan County to the Southwest  
Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP) Policy Board for a three-year term.

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**IN RE: CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD TO FILL  
THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MR. RICKEY GOODMAN ENDING  
JUNE 30, 2026 AND CONSIDER THIS APPOINTMENT FOR A  
FOUR-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE  
30, 2030**

This issue was tabled, no action taken.

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**IN RE: CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO THE APPALACHIAN AGENCY  
FOR SENIOR CITIZENS TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF  
MS. KAREN VANDERLINDEN, DUE TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 30,  
2027**

This issue was tabled, no action taken.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION  
                      IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,122.00 TO BUCHANAN COUNTY  
                      VICTIM WITNESS ACCOUNT 22020**

Haleigh Bostic, Victim Witness Director requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$12,122.00 to the Buchanan County Victim Witness account for additional funding that was received this year the grant from the Department of Criminal Justice Service.

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Jeff Cooper with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Tim Hess, David Rose, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$12,122.00 to Buchanan County Victim Witness account 22020.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING TO ADD APPALACHIAN NATURAL  
                      GAS TO THE AUTO PAY LIST FOR THE COUNTY**

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

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER RATIFYING THE ACTION OF THE COUNTY  
                      ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNTY ATTORNEY IN REGARDS TO  
                      RESOLVING A PERSONNEL MATTER IN MARCH 2026**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by Jeff Cooper with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Tim Hess, David Rose, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby ratify the action of the county administrator and county attorney in regards to resolving personnel matter in March 2026.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by David Rose with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Tim Hess, David Rose, Jeff Cooper,

Craig Stiltner, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve the following additional appropriations:

- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$75.00 to the Commissioner of Revenue, account number 12090-6001 (office supplies);
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$895.00 to Rocklick Park and Rec., account number 71040-5604-06;
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$150.00 to Rocklick Park and Rec., account number 71040-5604-06;
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$500.00 to Rocklick Park and Rec., account number 71040-5604-06;
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$150.00 to Rocklick Park and Rec., account number 71040-5604-06;
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,375.00 to William P. Harris Park (supplies) account number 71040-6022-02;
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$520.00 to Sheriff’s Office, account number 31020-1150 (salaries and wages);
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$245.00 to Sheriff’s Office, account number 31020-1150 (salaries and wages);
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$665.00 to Sheriff’s Office, account number 31020-1150 (salaries and wages);
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$75.00 to Rowe Community Center, account number 53050-5604-02.

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

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

Twin Valley High School (Speech Team)	\$2,000.00
Buchanan County East Little League	\$2,000.00
Big Sandy Soil and Water Conservation District	\$500.00
Council High School (Softball Team)	\$5,000.00
Buchanan County Little League Basketball Assoc.	\$1,500.00
Clinch Independent Living Services, Inc.	\$1,850.00
Hurley High School (Prom)	\$1,500.00
Hurley Community Development, Inc.	\$13,812.72
Twin Valley High School (Yearbook)	\$8,500.00
Grundy Kiwanis Foundation	\$500.00
Big Sandy Soil and Water Conservation District	\$700.00
Whitewood Volunteer Fire Dept. (Annual Kids Fishing Day)	\$7,000.00

**IN RE:            CONSIDER REMOVING TRACT NUMBER 7902 LOCATED IN  
THE KNOX MAGISTERIAL FROM THE AUCTION SCHEDULED  
FOR APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Trey Adkind seconded by seconded by Craig Stiltner with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Tim Hess, David Rose, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to remove tract number 7902 located in the Knox Magisterial from the auction scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> for properties received from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.

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

Upon a motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Lee Dotson 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)(1), a personnel matter involving the Buchanan County Industrial Development Authority Director.

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Motion was made by Trey Adkins to return from closed session seconded by Lee Dotson 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.

This board meeting resumed in open session after being in executive session fifty (50) minutes.

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A motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Jeff Cooper 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.

**IN RE:            CONSIDER SCHEDULING A BUDGET WORK SESSION**

After a general discussion by the board, this board did hereby approve to have a budget work session on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the boardroom of the Buchanan County Government Center.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2026/2027 BUCHANAN COUNTY BUDGET AND THE BUDGET ORDINANCE**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by Trey Adkins with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Tim Hess, David Rose, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to schedule a public hearing for Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. to hear public comments regarding on the proposed county budget for fiscal year 2026/2027 and another public hearing at 6:20 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, 2026, to June 30, 2027, and Levy for the tax year commencing January 1, 2027”. The public hearings will include consideration of the school division budget.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FROM MATTHEW FIELDS**

Trey Adkins, Knox District Supervisor stated just for the record we changed Mr. Fields title from Buchanan County Tourism Director to Buchanan County IDA Director to the only position he has to resign from here tonight.

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Lee Dotson with a roll call vote of five (5) yeas, Tim Hess, David Rose, Jeff Cooper, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson and two (2) nays, G. Roger Rife and Craig Stiltner, this board did hereby accept the resignation from Matthew Fields, letter dated on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Also, appointed Robert C. Horn, County Administrator as Interim Director of Economic Development and approved to advertise for a Director of Economic Development for Buchanan County.

**IN RE:            CONSIDER ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION IN COMPLIANCE  
WITH VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 58.1-3713.01 CONTINUED  
ANNUAL PRIORITY PLAN FOR FUNDING WATER AND  
SEWER PROJECTS INCLUDING REPAIR, ENHANCEMENT  
AND POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING CONAWAY  
SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Trey Adkins with a roll call vote of five (5) yeas, Trey Adkins, Jeff Cooper, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, zero (0) nays and two (2) abstained, Tim Hess and David Rose, this board did hereby adopt the following Resolution in compliance with Virginia Code Section 58.1-3713.01 continued Annual Priority Plan for Funding Water and Sewer Projects including repair, enhancement and possible replacement of the exiting Conaway Sewage Treatment Plant.

**RESOLUTION**

**RE: COMPLIANCE WITH VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 58.1-3713.01  
CONTINUED ANNUAL PRIORITY PLAN FOR FUNDING WATER AND  
SEWER PROJECTS INCLUDING REPAIR, ENHANCEMENT AND POSSIBLE  
REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING CONAWAY SEWAGE TREATMENT  
PLANT**

WHEREAS, the Buchanan County PSA needs additional funding for the repair and enhancement and possible replacement of the existing Conaway sewage treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, the Buchanan County, Va. Board of Supervisors wishes to adopt and approve an annual contribution plan pursuant to Va. Code section 58.1-3713.01 that provides additional funding for the repair, enhancement and possible replacement of the Conaway Sewage Treatment Plant;

WHEREAS, after consideration of the criteria set forth in Va. Code section 58.1-3713.01, namely, (i) providing water to areas that have lost water supplies due to mining operations; (ii) preserving waters supplies in areas where permitted mining is occurring or about to commence; (iii) facilitating the development of water and sewer projects that will promote diversified industrial development; and (iv) increase the capacity of publicly owned water and/or sewer treatment or supply facilities, the following list of projects is hereby adopted as the priority plan for 2026-2027 fiscal year in regard to compliance with Va. Code section 58.1-3713.01:

- 1) Annual contributions of additional funds to the capital fund designated for the future replacement and/or renovation of the Conaway Sewage Treatment Plant now totaling \$3,750,000.00 as of the Coal Road Plan FY 2025-2026, pursuant to a priority plan approved by the Board of Supervisors. The contribution in the 2026-2027 Coal Road Plan to this fund will be an additional \$350,000.00. It is the intent of the Board of Supervisors and the Coal and Gas Road Improvement Advisory Committee that such fund will roll-over annually and that future annual

contributions to said fund, pursuant to Va. Code section 58.1-3713.01, will be made as a part of future Coal Road Plans subject to the annual budget appropriation process and further subject to the availability of funds for such future contributions.

WHEREAS, a copy of the plan adopted and approved pursuant to Va. Code section 58.1-3713 for FY 2026-2027 is hereby attached and made part of this resolution as Exhibit “A”; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buchanan County, Va., Board of Supervisors, based on the annual priority plan set forth herein and required by Va. Code section 58.1-3713.01, does hereby approve said priority plan as well as the plan attached as Exhibit “A” which is adopted and approved pursuant to Va. Code section 58.1-3713. Furthermore, be it resolved that this resolution shall be a continual resolution for future Fiscal Years to fund the replacement and/or renovation of the Conaway Sewage Treatment Plant until such project is completed. Furthermore, be it resolved that all funds that have been contributed to said fund for the replacement and/or renovation of the Conaway Sewage Treatment Plant have been made pursuant to a priority plan authorized by Va. Code section 58.1-3713.0, and as such, all said contributions are hereby ratified.

This resolution was adopted on the 6<sup>TH</sup> day of April 2026.

Recorded Vote:

Moved by: Jeff Cooper  
Seconded by: Trey Adkins  
Yeas: Five  
Nays: Zero  
Abstention: Two

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Tim Hess, 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 APPROVING TO HIRE JEREMY W. HURLEY AS ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by David Rose seconded by Craig Stiltner with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Tim Hess, David Rose, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner, Trey Adkins, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to hire Jeremy W. Hurley as Assistant County Attorney at an annual salary of \$120,000.00. Mr. Hurley will assist Mr. Lee Moise, County Attorney until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 when Mr. Moise will retire. Mr. Hurley will be appointed County Attorney to succeed Mr. Moise at the organizational Board of Supervisor’s meeting in January 2027.

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**IN RE:           ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Tim Hess, Chairman of the  
Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

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Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

**MINUTES**

A special called meeting of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026 starting at 10:00 a.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:** Tim Hess, Chairman  
Jeff Cooper  
Lee Dotson  
G. Roger Rife  
David Rose  
Trey Adkins  
Craig Stiltner

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

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

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**REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BUCHANAN COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Tim Hess, Chairman 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 a emergency special 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: TUESDAY, APRIL 14th, 2026**

**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. Consider approving additional funding for Oakwood rescue by either transfer and/or additional appropriation.
4. Adjournment.

The board can only discuss the above items listed during this special called meeting and continuation thereof unless all seven (7) board members are present.

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

Upon a motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Craig Stiltner 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)(4), the protection of the privacy of a personal individuals not related to public business and Virginia Code Section, 2.2-3711 (A)(8), consultation with legal counsel regarding the violation of rules on the Bull Creek Trail.

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Motion was made by Jeff Cooper 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.

This board meeting resumed in open session after being in executive session thirty (30) minutes.

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A motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Craig Stiltner 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 A CONTRIBUTION AND TO ISSUE  
PAYMENT TO OAKWOOD RESCUE**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by

Trey Adkins with a 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 a contribution and to issue payment to Oakwood Rescue in the amount of \$45,000 from the following accounts:

- \$19,755.23 from Garden Senior Citizens account number 53050-5604-5;
- \$25,244.77 from Keen Mt. Splash Pad, account number 71060-8101.

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**IN RE:            CONSIDER APPROVING TO ISSUE A WARNING LETTER TO  
AN INDIVIDUAL VIOLATING THE RULES ON THE BULL  
CREEK TRAIL**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Trey Adkins with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, David Rose, Trey Adkins, Jeff Cooper, zero (0) nays and one abstention, Craig Stiltner, this board did hereby approve to issue a warning letter to an individual violating the rules of the Bull Creek Trail, which is located in the Rocklick Magisterial District.

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**IN RE:            ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Tim Hess, Chairman of the  
Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

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Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator