

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD THEIR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013 AT 1:30 P.M., IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING ROOM LOCATED IN THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 1255 FRANKLIN STREET, SUITE 104, ROCKY MOUNT, VIRGINIA.

THERE WERE PRESENT: David Cundiff, Chairman
 Cline Brubaker, Vice-Chairman
 Leland Mitchell Left @ 5:00 P.M.
 Bob Camicia
 Ronnie Thompson
 Charles Wagner
 Bobby Thompson

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard E. Huff, II, County Administrator
 Christopher Whitlow, Asst. Co. Administrator
 Larry Moore, Asst. Co. Administrator
 B. J. Jefferson, County Attorney
 Sharon K. Tudor, MMC, Clerk

David Cundiff, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Invocation was given by Supervisor Bobby Thompson

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Ronnie Thompson

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION/RETIREMENT

Bob Camicia, Gills Creek District, presented the following resolution of appreciation:

VDOT/RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation is well known for its commitment to the citizens of Franklin County and the Commonwealth of Virginia, and

WHEREAS, VDOT employees, in spite of recent consolidations, have continued to excel in their response times to calls for the repairing of pot holes, snow removal, and maintenance needs through the use of its “800” toll free telephone number for citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, VDOT, as an organization, has significantly improved its customer service and responsiveness to the County’s citizens, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors to recognize the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation for providing invaluable contributions in transportation customer service to the citizens of Franklin County and the Commonwealth,

NOW, LASTLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Franklin commend and express their sincere appreciation to VDOT for their continued support to responsive and dedicated service in providing transportation safety and quality roads for the citizens of Franklin County as well as those who travel through our area.



LARRY V. MOORE/RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Larry V. Moore, Sr. has clearly demonstrated his commitment to the citizens of Franklin County through his tenure as Assistant County Administrator, and

WHEREAS, Larry was hired as Assistant County Administrator January 1, 2007 and has overseen many different aspects and projects critical to the efficiency of County Government, and

WHEREAS, Larry has served ably during a period of difficult and complex challenges to faithfully and steadfastly serve the needs and interests of Franklin County citizens, and

WHEREAS, Larry is retiring from public service as of March 31st, 2013,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors to recognize Larry V. Moore for his invaluable contributions to the citizens of Franklin County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Franklin commend and express their sincere appreciation to Larry V. Moore, Sr. and extend the very best wishes to him at the time of his retirement.



Ronald L. “**Ron**” Burroughs

WHEREAS, Ronald L. “**Ron**” Burroughs, was hired on February 16, 1988, as a dispatcher for the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office; and

WHEREAS, “**Ron**” has devoted more than **25 years** of loyal service to the citizens of Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, “**Ron**” has exhibited great leadership in mentoring younger employees and demonstrated the adaptability of today’s modern Communications Officer; and

WHEREAS, Ron is retiring from public service as of March 31, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize Mr. Ronald L. “**Ron**” Burroughs for his invaluable contribution to the citizens of Franklin County, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors to recognize and honor Ronald L. “**Ron**” Burroughs for his **25 years** of service to the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office and the citizens of Franklin County; and

BE IT LASTLY RESOLVED, that the Franklin County Board of Supervisors commend and express their sincere appreciation to Mr. Ronald L. “**Ron**” Burroughs and extend their very best wishes to him at this time of his retirement.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

❖ Tracey Carter Lt. Col (ret) /Bridge Naming for Cpl. Kubasak

Tracey Carter Lt. Col (ret), made a request to have the bridge on State Route 40 West to be named for Cpl. Kubasak. Lt. Col. Carter stated the resolution will be brought to the Board during their April meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTING, APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS & MINUTES FOR – FEBRUARY 19, & MARCH 7 & 12, 2013

APPROPRIATIONS

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Sheriff	Soles to Souls Donations	3102- 1009	\$597
Sheriff	Wal-Mart Donation	3102- 1009	\$2,500
Sheriff	Fine Revenue for Speed Control	3102- 5409	\$10,000
	Trailer and Programs		
		Total	\$13,097
Transfers Between Funds or Capital Accounts			
Recreation		30- 0013	(\$29,959)
General Properties		30- 0071	\$29,959
To Transfer Funds from Recreation Maintenance Equipment to Vehicle Replacement			
Account in General Properties			

LANDFILL BULLDOZER BID AWARD

At the August 21, 2012, Board of Supervisors meeting the Board of Supervisors authorized staff to seek bids for a new Landfill Low Ground Pressure Dozer. Staff advertised pursuant to Franklin

County procurement policy and received two bids on February 13, 2013 at 4:00 pm. It was also requested that bidders provide a trade-in price as an offset to the price for the new dozer since it is a replacement.

Carter Machinery Company, Inc. and James River Equipment submitted bids meeting the specifications, as advertised. Specifications were drafted and reviewed with the assistance of our Landfill consultant Tom Flannagan of Joyce Engineering. Lawrence Equipment Company (Case) looked at the used dozer but did not submit a bid. Staff had requested that bidders provide a trade-in price for the used 2001 Cat D6R dozer. This used dozer has currently documented 6,352 hours of use. While the hours on the current dozer appear low staff feels that it represents a safety issue for use as the old landfill slopes become steeper and will require additional work as we proceed to closure of the cell. As previously noted the new dozer is a "Low Ground Pressure Dozer". It was also requested of the bidders that they provide a guaranteed maximum repair cost and guaranteed maximum maintenance expense cost for the first 5 years or 7,500 hours of use. Unsolicited, Carter Machinery has also offered a guaranteed re-purchase price in five (5) years of \$90,000 or 52% for the new dozer should Franklin County need to replace or change out the dozer due to future landfill development.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends that the Board of Supervisors authorize the County Administrator to award to Carter Machinery, Inc. (low bidder) a purchase order to acquire a 2013 Cat "Low Ground Pressure" Dozer in the amount of **\$109,435.00** including the trade-in and guarantees for repair and maintenance costs for a total price not to exceed \$120,795.00, as previously enumerated. The approved Landfill Capital Budget (CIP) currently has funds allocated for the purchase.

GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING MONTH



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING MONTH

WHEREAS, the Virginia Association of Governmental Purchasing, Inc. (VAGP) was established in 1958, is the largest chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, with approximately 1,100 professional public purchasing members employed by nearly 350 public entities, comprised of cities, counties, towns, state agencies, colleges, universities, public schools, hospitals, political subdivisions, authorities and community service boards throughout Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Purchasing Association (CAPA), also a large chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, was established in 1978, represents approximately 250 professional public purchasers from more than 55 public entities in the Virginia capital region; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing and materials management profession, with an aggregate purchasing power of billions of dollars, has a tremendous impact on the economy; and

WHEREAS, purchasing and materials management professionals work diligently to establish and maintain ethical standards in buying and selling, to increase their knowledge of efficient procurement methods, to disseminate useful information to its members and to promote professionalism in public purchasing; and

WHEREAS, in addition to purchasing goods and services, the purchasing and materials management professions engage in, or have direct responsibility for, executing, implementing and administering contracts, developing forecasts and procurement strategies, supervising and monitoring the flow and storage of materials, and developing working relationships with suppliers; and

WHEREAS, governmental purchasing professionals contribute positively to our Commonwealth's public agencies and services by improving purchasing methods and practices and by utilizing new technologies to increase efficiency and improve processes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize March 2013 as **GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Robert F. McDonnell
Governor

Janet Vestal Kelly
Secretary of the Commonwealth

FRANKLIN COUNTY UTILITY BUILDING BID AWARD

The Department of General Properties is responsible for maintaining the physical property owned by the County. In addition to maintenance of buildings, grounds and equipment, the department is generally charged with storage of anything associated with general services (furniture, bulk purchases of office supplies, etc.)

Currently we (the County) have very limited storage capabilities. The area utilized on Tanyard Road (basement area of the "West Campus" at Franklin County High School) contains approximately 5,500 sq. feet. This area is used by no less than ten (10) separate departments and is basically at full capacity. The area has been a topic of discussion for potential expansion of the "West Campus" as well.

In addition to a lack of adequate storage, General Properties currently has no place (inside) to perform minor maintenance on lawn mowers, etc. nor is there a space to house necessary equipment such as a table saw.

Last year, the Board of Supervisors granted permission to develop plans and accept bids for the construction of a 6,000 square foot utility/maintenance building. This building, if approved, will be constructed to the rear of the Franklin County Government Center.

Plans were developed for a pre-manufactured metal building to be placed on an existing pre-graded site. As advertised and bid, the project will include a finished exterior on a concrete pad. Minimal plumbing will be "roughed in" under floor for potential future needs. It should be noted that exterior concrete, etc. and interior components (including electrical) are not part of the base bid. It is anticipated that these will be completed as funds are available.

The project was recently bid in accordance with Franklin County's Procurement guidelines and eight (8) bids were received. The low base bid was submitted by Price Building, Inc., a Franklin County based firm. (See submitted bid summary).

A Bid alternate #1 was requested which involved a potential "standing seam" roof in lieu of a "lapped" screw down system. While the standing seam roof would allow additional warranties, it has been determined (by staff) that for the type of building being built – the lapped screw down system should be adequate.

Currently, Capital Line Item 3000-025-0192-7026 "Central Maintenance Facility" contains \$160,882.04 which is set aside for this project. While the base low bid exceeds funds available, negotiations are underway with Price Building, Inc. The ability to enter into such negotiations is outlined in our bid documents. It is anticipated that those talks will result in this phase of work being able to be completed with current funds.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff requests permission to continue negotiations with Price Building, Inc. and enter into a contractual agreement for this phase of work. Said contract cannot exceed current available funding (\$160,882.04).

FERRUM RESCUE SQUAD AUXILIARY SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT PROJECT

Mrs. Corrie Whitefleet, Ferrum Rescue Squad Auxiliary, is requesting Board approval for their Special Entertainment Permit set for September 28, 2013. In the past, the Board has granted approval for the completed permit and in lieu of a bond the County is accepting a Certificate of Liability Insurance with a \$2/4M for each occurrence (*submitted*) to be posted with the County Administrator (10) days prior to the day the festival is to begin per County Code Section 3-80.

With all of the required County departments signing off on the proposed Special Entertainment Permit, the application is in order and the Certificate of Liability Insurance with a \$2/4M coverage is submitted in lieu of the County bond. In accordance with County Code Section 3-80. Mrs. Whitefleet has also remitted the filing fee of \$100.00 (*submitted*) per County Code Section 3-83.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests Board approval on the proposed Special Entertainment Permit for the Ferrum Rescue Squad Auxiliary set for September 28, 2013.

AGING SERVICES BUS UTILIZATION

FloydFest is an annual event along the Blue Ridge for four days in July.

Ferrum College hosts an annual experience for FloydFest attendees called the FloydFestPLUS/Learn and Lodge program. Participants are offered lodging in one of the College's newest residence halls as well as educational and entertaining programs to enrich the FloydFest activities.

Ferrum College hopes to have 50 - 60 participants in this program as they already have four groups with paid in full reservations. These groups are coming from as far as Baltimore, New York and South Carolina. The participants length of stay is on average 3 nights, thereby giving them the opportunity to visit area attractions and businesses (The Crooked Road, Blue Ridge Institute, local restaurants, etc.)

Ferrum College has requested the use of the Franklin County Department of Aging buses and drivers for the means of shuttling the FloydFestPLUS participants to and from the FloydFest activities. The request encompasses two (2) vans/buses equipped with drivers on Thursday, July 25th and Friday, July 26th and up to four (4) vans/buses equipped with drivers on Saturday, July 27th and Sunday, July 28th.

Current Aging Services drivers, which are covered by the County's liability insurance policy, will be given a chance to volunteer for this event. The County's Aging Services department will be reimbursed for hourly wages, fuel charges and mileage.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully requests the Board of Supervisors' consent for the use of the Aging Services buses for transportation services for the Ferrum College FloydFestPLUS to promote regional tourism in our area.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S VEHICLE

The vehicle assigned to the County Administrator currently has 128,000 miles on it and is 11 years old. Staff proposes to reassign this vehicle to the Public Works Director for use during working hours and replace the County Administrator's vehicle with a State Contract 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe at a cost of \$28,763.

The Vehicle Committee has reviewed this request and recommends approval as funds are available in the Capital Vehicle Replacement Account, 3000-025-0071-7005.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Vehicle replacement from available budgeted funds.

VIRGINIA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS CHALLENGE GRANT

The Virginia Commission for the Arts annually offers a Local Challenge Grant in the amount of up to \$5,000 to communities to disburse to local arts organizations. This grant is matched by at least \$5,000 in other County budget contributions to arts organizations. For a number of years, the County has applied for and received the full funding amount and has then turned these funds over to the Blue Ridge Institute in Ferrum for marketing and other purposes. The match for these funds has historically been made through the County's giving to organizations such as the Crooked Road and other entities that promote regional arts initiatives.

Staff feels that the receipt of the grant has been beneficial to the community in the past and has been matched by already anticipated organizational giving from the County's operational budget. For this reason, staff recommends continuing to apply for the full \$5,000 grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts. Staff also recommends forwarding this grant, if received, to the Blue Ridge Institute for marketing and other purposes. The grant application is due on April 1, 2013.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully requests approval from the Board to proceed with a grant request at the full \$5,000 amount and, if awarded, to forward the funding to the Blue Ridge Institute.

CIVIL WAR 150 VTC GRANT APPLICATION

Each year the state's Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission, along with the Virginia Tourism Corporation, offer grant opportunities to communities who have a recognized CW 150 Committee. Since its inception, the local Franklin County CW 150 has had many successful programs in the promotion and commemoration of the American Civil War and Sesquicentennial. The committee has hosted and/or co-hosted with the Booker T. Washington National Monument the following statewide projects: the Legacy Program – a civil war document digital scanning program; the Civil War 150 History Mobile; and the American Turning Point Panel Exhibition that was on display in the Board room at the Government Center which had visitors from New York to Florida. Through the combined efforts of the County, re-enactors, and Civil War-related civic groups, one of the most successful events hosted to date has been the annual Franklin County Civil War Days, a three-day event of living history, battle reenactments and education.

The Franklin County CW 150 Committee is seeking the Franklin County Board of Supervisor's approval to apply for grant funding through the VTC Marketing Leverage Program/VA Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission. Grant funding will be used primarily for the marketing and execution of the 2013 Franklin County Civil War Days in September, as well as the marketing of other area Civil War-related events. The grant requires a 1:1 match of up to \$5000.00. We are requesting permission to apply for up to \$5000.00. Deadline for the grant application is April 2, 2013. Franklin County would provide the match through either the 2013 Tourism Microgrant program or through the Tourism department's operational budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests approval to apply for the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission/VTC Tourism Marketing Grant in an amount up to \$5,000.

BASEBALL OFFICIAL PER GAME RATE INCREASE

In years past, the Franklin County Baseball Association Junior Boys League has typically played approximately twelve games each season, each with a one hour and forty five minute time limit. On many nights, teams can play two games in one evening. Currently, officials are paid \$22 per game, with two officials at each game. FCB, Inc has asked the Parks and Recreation Department to change the time limit to three hours and restrict teams to playing only one game per evening. Due to the longer potential game times, the Baseball Association has requested to increase the pay to \$35 per official to compensate for the additional playing time.

Using a one hour, forty five minute time limit only allowed teams to get in three to four innings per game. The problem with this is that players were not getting sufficient playing time each game. Changing the schedule as requested will increase the officiating cost per game by \$26 (from \$44 to \$70). This increase represents an increase in part-time pay costs to the County related to this league by \$600 annually. To make this change revenue neutral, FCB, Inc has agreed to schedule fewer games in other leagues. All leagues would still play a minimum of twelve games to accommodate Dixie and Little League Guidelines.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully requests approval from the Board to increase pay for Junior League Baseball Officials to \$35 per game.

SURPLUS VEHICLES/AGING SERVICES

On September 1, 1996, the County adopted a "Vehicle Policy". The policy was 'amended and re-adopted on February 15, 2005. Section four (4) of this policy governs vehicle replacement and the reallocation and/or sale of vehicles which are removed from service.

Recently the Franklin County Department of Aging Services provided a list of two (2) vehicles which are requested to be declared "surplus". These vehicles are made available after determining they have become too costly to maintain. The vehicles are as follows:

2002 Ford "Mini-bus", VIN #1FDWE35522HB11771

1996 Ford "Mini-bus", VIN #1FDKE30G4THA46246

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors declare the listed vehicles "surplus". It is further requested that the Board grant the vehicle committee authority to reallocate, sell and/or otherwise dispose of these vehicles in keeping with the said policy and in the best interest of the County.

ROYAL FLUSH PUMP OUT PROGRAM

Starting in 2001, the Smith Mountain Lake Association and the Virginia Department of Health have had a Memorandum of Understanding to operate a Septic Pump-Out boat and two trucks for land based pump-outs. VDoH has historically used the grant funds to pay the personnel and then 75% of the other operating costs which totaled \$6,645 in 2010. VDoH paid \$4,984 and SMLA paid \$1,661.

VDoH no longer wishes to be involved in the program and desires to transfer assets and grant funding to a governmental entity. TLAC has been proposed as the Administrative entity to take over the program. VACo Risk Management has been consulted about covering the property and liability insurance for the program since TLAC would carry the Counties' sovereign immunity protection. Item # 12 on Page 3 of Attachment A outlines SMLA's expectations of TLAC while Item #11 on page 2 outlines SMLA's agreed to role. Attachment B was prepared by TLAC staff and is intended to answer additional questions that the Board members may have.

VDoH indicates that the program may be dissolved unless transferred to another entity. TLAC has been suggested because it has the Administrative, payroll, and audit oversight already in place through the fiscal agent relationship with Bedford County. TLAC staff is supportive of this proposal. The obvious negative is the certainty of future grant funding is unknown. SMLA has indicated that they are willing to accept those expenses not covered by the grant if TLAC will accept the administrative oversight and ownership.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

TLAC has recommended approval of this proposal to the three Counties. If the Board believes this service is a critical component on Smith Mountain Lake, the TLAC Executive Committee recommends that a Memorandum of Understanding be developed with SMLA and possibly Ferrum College to continue the program.

(RESOLUTION #01-03-2013)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to approve the consent agenda items as presented above.

MOTION BY: Charles Wagner

SECONDED BY: Ronnie Thompson

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Mitchell, Thompson, Wagner, Brubaker, Camicia, Thompson & Cundiff

LIVABLE ROANOKE VALLEY

Jake Gilmer, AICP, LEED Green Associate, briefly highlighted the Livable Roanoke Valley project with the following PowerPoint:

Partnership for a LIVABLE ROANOKE VALLEY

Survey Results, Goals of the Partnership, and 2013 Plan

Presentation to the Franklin County Board of Supervisors Meeting

March 19, 2013

Who's Leading the Partnership

Livability Steering Committee

- Botetourt County
- Craig County
- Franklin County
- Roanoke County
- City of Roanoke
- City of Salem
- Council of Community Services
- Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission
- Roanoke Valley Area MPO
- VA Department of Transportation
- Virginia Western Community College
- Western VA Water Authority
- Carilion Clinic
- Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Citizen-At-Large



Organizations Participating

Housing

Community Housing Partners
 Freedom First Credit Union
 LOA Area Agency on Aging
 Roanoke Valley Realtors Association
 Total Action Against Poverty
 Town of Vinton

Energy & Environment

Appalachian Power Company
 Cabel Brand Center
 Community Alliance for Energy Efficiency
 Roanoke Valley Cool Cities Coalition
 Roanoke Gas Company
 Va. Dept. of Environmental Quality

Transportation

Blue Ridge Independent Living Center
 Freedom First Credit Union
 RADAR
 Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission
 Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce
 LOA Area Agency on Aging
 Virginia Department of Transportation

Land Use

Advisory Council of Homelessness
 Roanoke Valley Urban Forestry Council
 Valley Metro
 Western Virginia Land Trust
 The Orvis Company

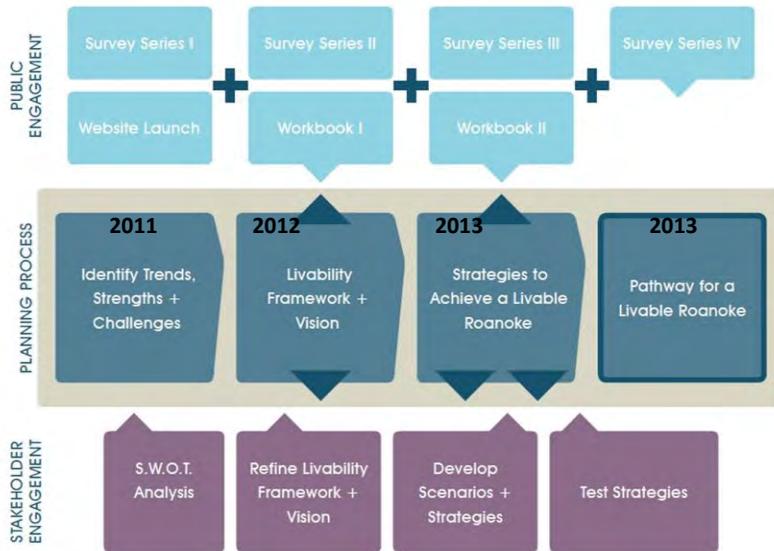
Economic & Workforce Development

Goodwill Industries of the Valleys
 Roanoke Regional Partnership
 Va. Dept. of Housing & Community Development
 Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce
 Junior Achievement of Southwest Va.
 Western VA Workforce Investment Board
 Community Housing Partners

Health & Education

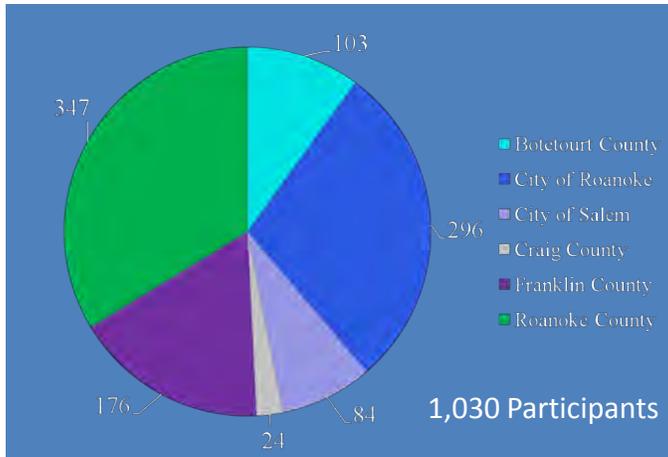
New Horizons Healthcare
 Child Health Investment Partnership
 Carilion
 Ferrum College
 Junior Achievement of Southwest Va.
 Roanoke Higher Education Center
 United Way of the Roanoke Valley
 Western VA Workforce Investment Board

Partnership Timeline

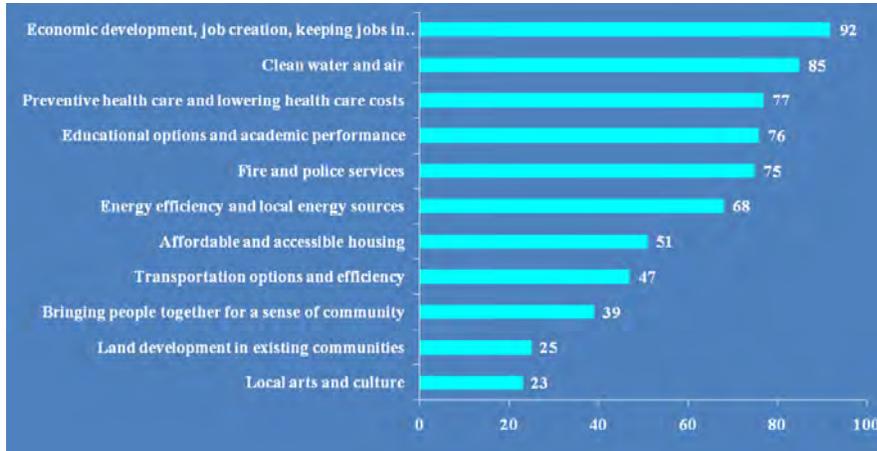


SAMPLE RESULTS OF VIRGINIA TECH LIVABILITY SURVEY

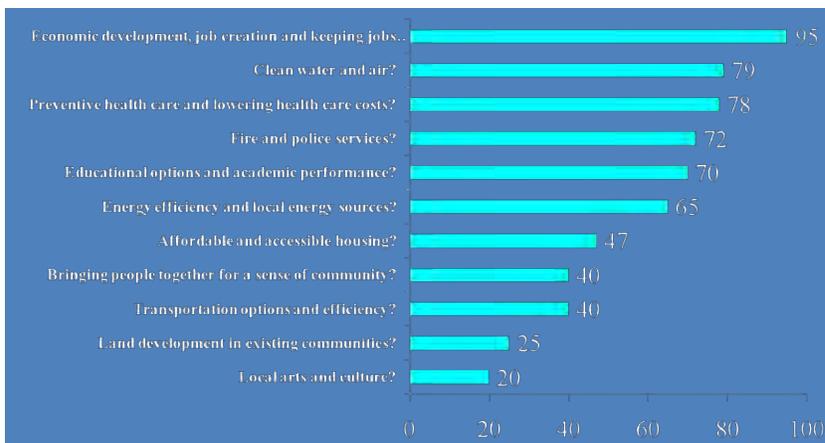
Virginia Tech Livability Survey



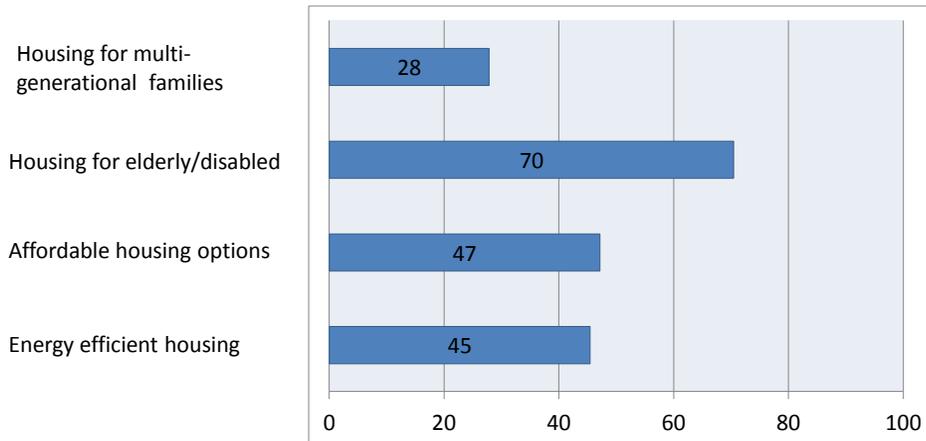
Survey - Broad Area Priorities Roanoke MSA



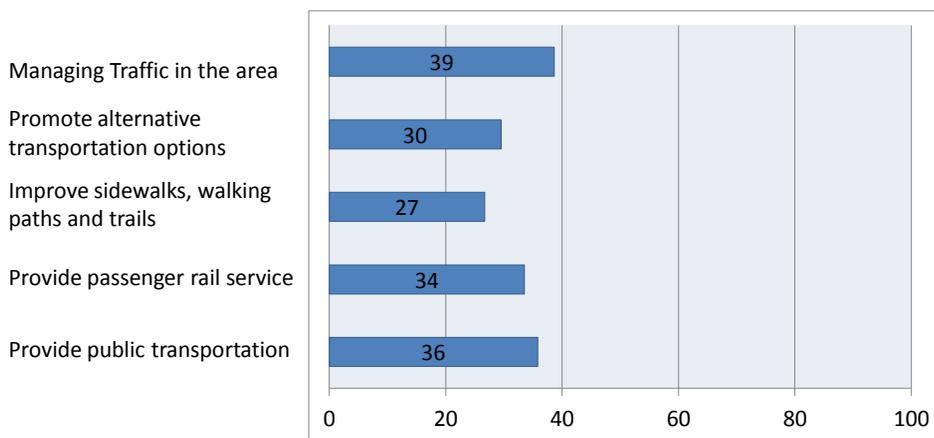
Survey - Broad Area Priorities for Franklin County



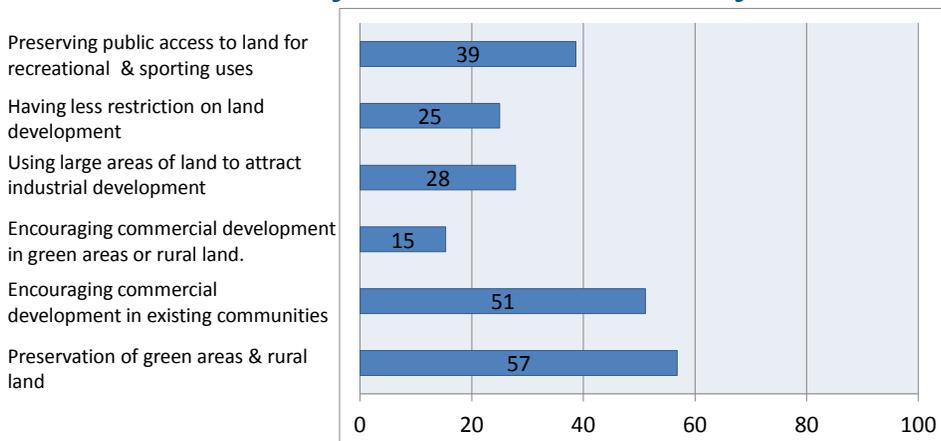
Percentage of Respondents that Identified Housing Areas as a “Top Priority” Franklin County



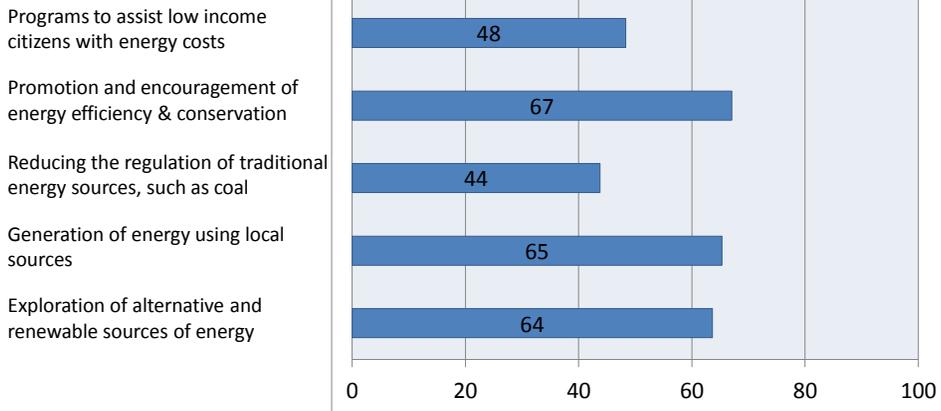
Percentage of Respondents that Identified Transportation Areas as a “Top Priority” Franklin County



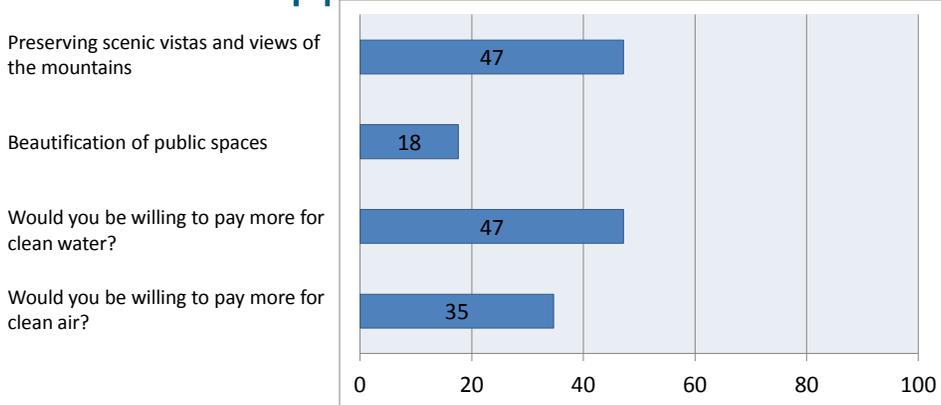
Percentage of Respondents that Identified Land Usage Issues as a “Top Priority” Franklin County



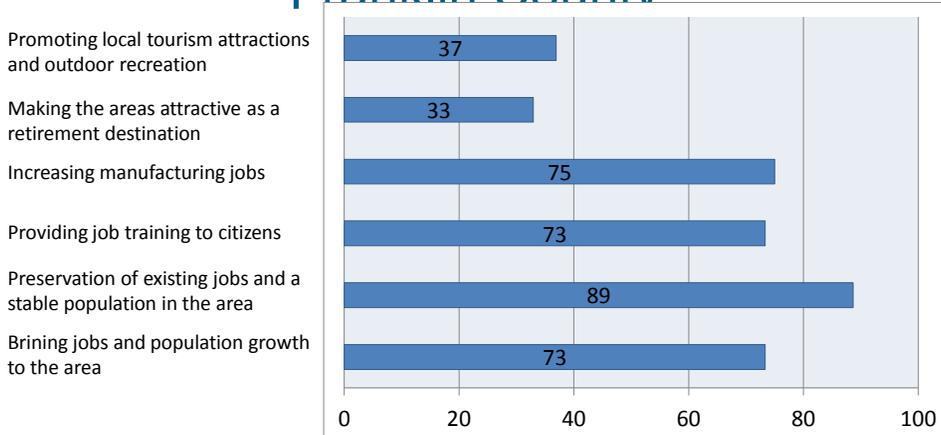
Percentage of Respondents that Identified Energy Issues as a “Top Priority” Franklin County



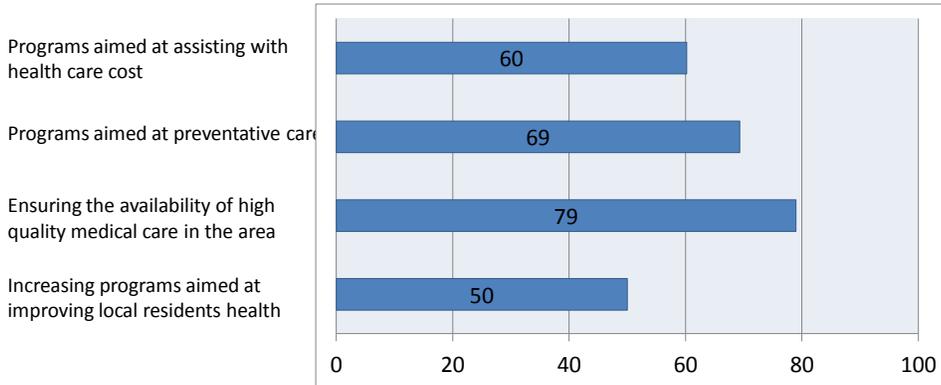
Percentage of Respondents that Identified Environmental Issues as a “Top Priority” Franklin County



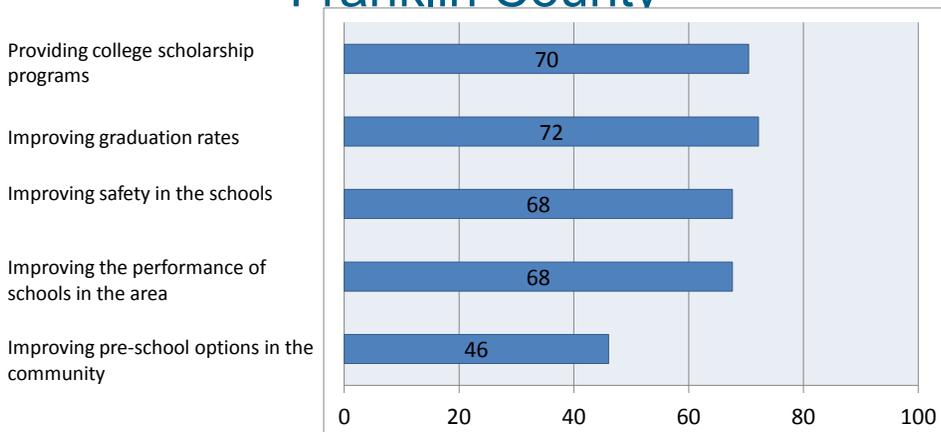
Percentage of Respondents that Identified Economic Issues as a “Top Priority” Franklin County



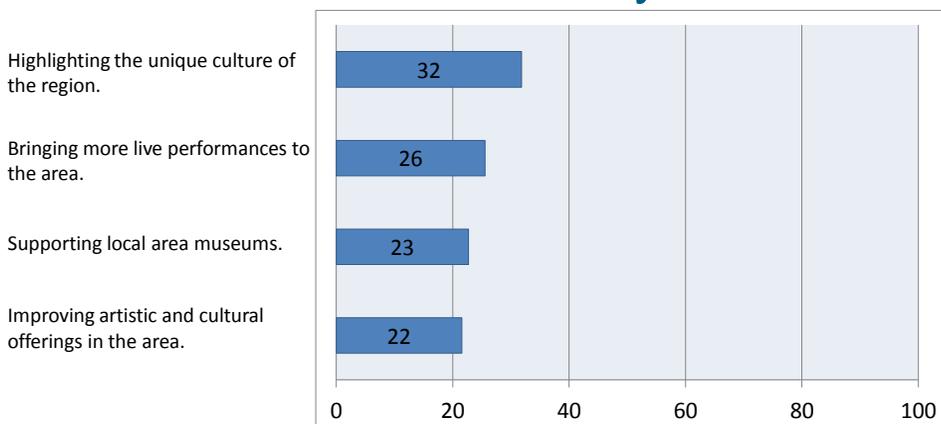
Percentage of Respondents that Identified Health Issues as a “Top Priority” Franklin County



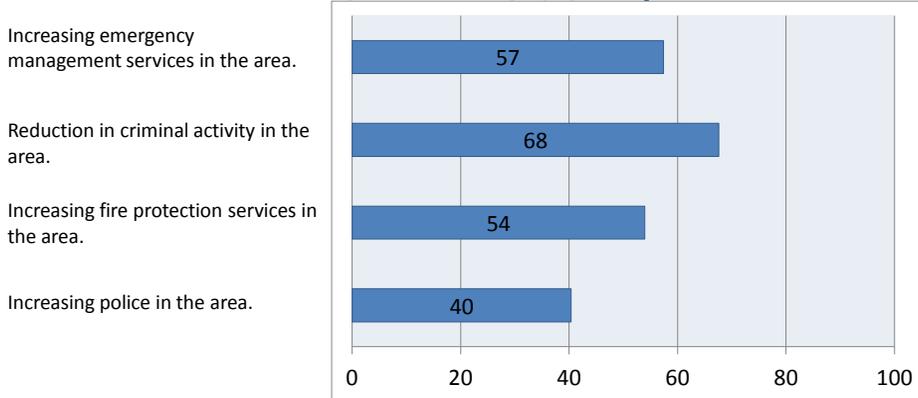
Percentage of Respondents that Identified Education Issues as a “Top Priority” Franklin County



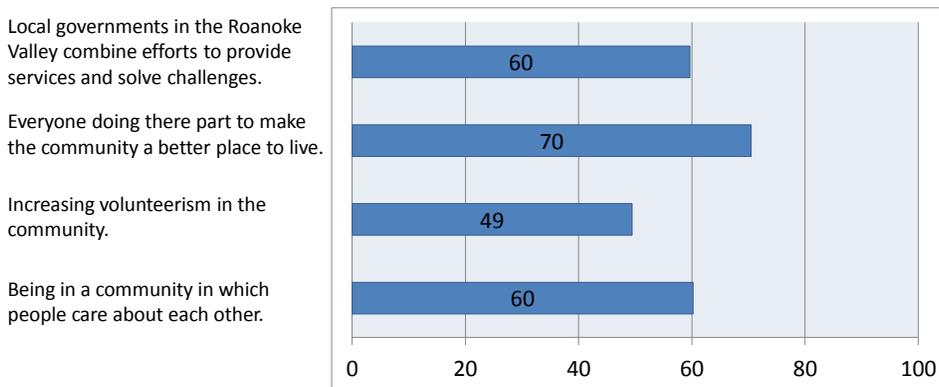
Percentage of Respondents that Identified Arts & Cultural Issues as a “Top Priority” Franklin County



Percentage of Respondents that Identified Fire and Police Services as a “Top Priority” Franklin County



Percentage of Respondents that Identified Sense of Community as a “Top Priority” Franklin County



Survey – What do you like best about living in the Roanoke Valley



High Priority Vision Areas

community
economy
 quality of life
 recreation
education



Common Values and Priorities

Workshop Results

1. Economic Development
2. Education
3. Land Development & Preservation
4. Transportation
5. Clean Water & Air

Broad Area Survey Results

1. Economic Development
2. Clean Air & Water
3. Health Care
4. Education
5. Fire & Police Services

Individual Area Survey Results

1. Economic Development
2. Health Care
3. Education
4. Fire & Police Services
5. Energy Efficiency & Local Energy

WORKING VISION, GOALS, AND 2013 PLAN

Mission and Vision of Livable Roanoke Valley

Mission

Promote Economic Opportunity and Quality of Life in the Roanoke Valley

Vision

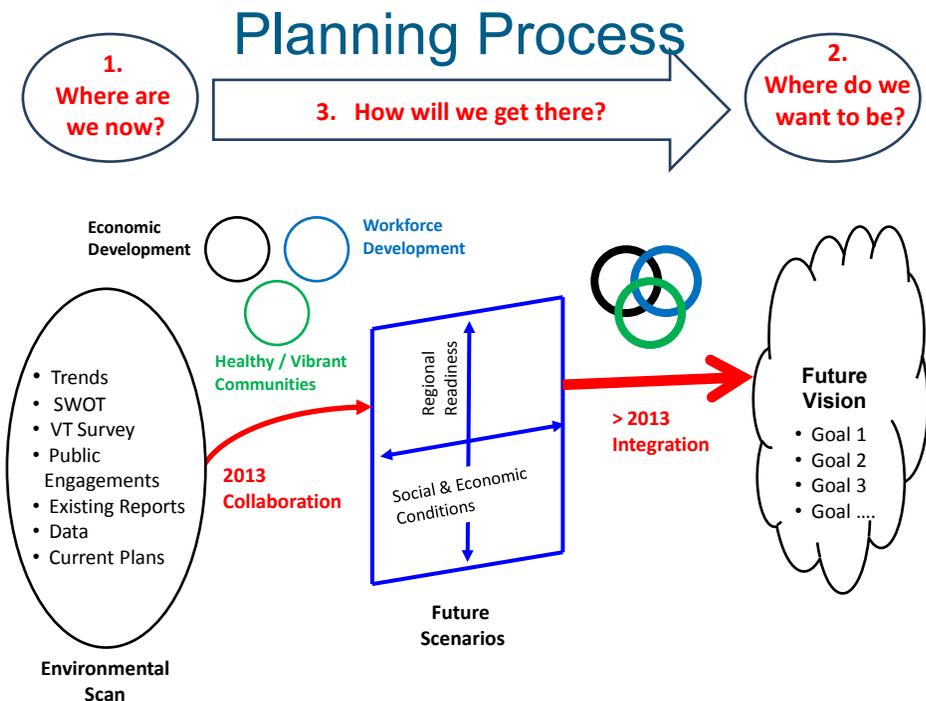
A livable Roanoke Valley is a place of natural beauty and caring citizens who work together to achieve a balance between preservation and opportunity, while striving to create vibrant, healthy, and prosperous communities.

Working Goal Areas of Livable Roanoke Valley

Economic Opportunity: Creating jobs, increasing incomes and growing businesses to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Roanoke Region.

Workforce Development: Providing access to job training and educational advancement by fostering a culture of lifelong learning for people of all ages and abilities.

Healthy-Vibrant Communities: Working collaboratively to preserve the historic and natural assets of the region while leveraging our resources to advance a healthy population and environment.



Integrated Strategy

Academia

- Education
- Workforce Development
- Research
- Knowledge Creation

Government Agencies

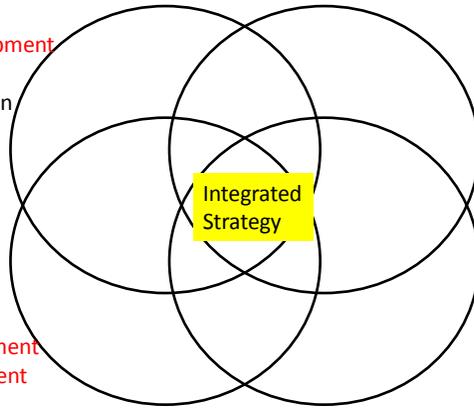
- Transportation
- Land Use
- Infrastructure
- Stable Regulations
- Regulatory Incentives

Businesses

- Economic Development
- Energy & Environment
- Innovation
- Capital Investment

Non-Profits Organizations

- Housing
- Health
- Social Services



Development of Indicators & Implementation Framework



Public Outreach

- Key informant interviews
- Local government work sessions
- Multiday public input meetings
- Continuous outreach at ideas.livableroanoke.org

LET THE IDEAS BEGIN!

OPEN SUBMISSION We're looking for practical and resourceful ideas.

1 What's Your Idea? Submit Ideas +10 Points

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- Project Manager – Jake Gilmer
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- Public Involvement – Dan Merenda
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Bobby Thompson, Blue Ridge District, thanked Jake for all of the work and the great job he has done along with staff.

Richard E. Huff, II, County Administrator, introduced Don Smith, Public Works Director, County of Franklin.

PHILPOTT LAKE PRESENTATION

Rocky Rockwell, Operations Project Manager, addressed the Board with the annual Philpott Lake report and Presentation PowerPoint, as follows:

Philpott Lake: Annual Report

- Fishing Tournament Facility
- FLW Tournament
- DRBA Partnership
- Marina Update

(Updated 3/15/2013)

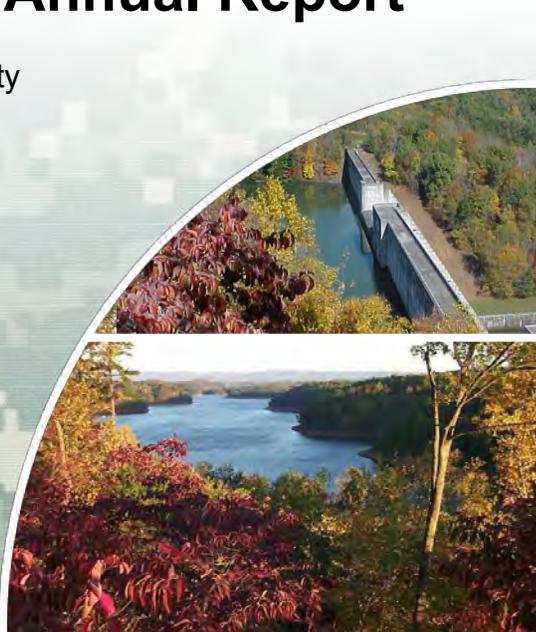
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Operations Project Manager

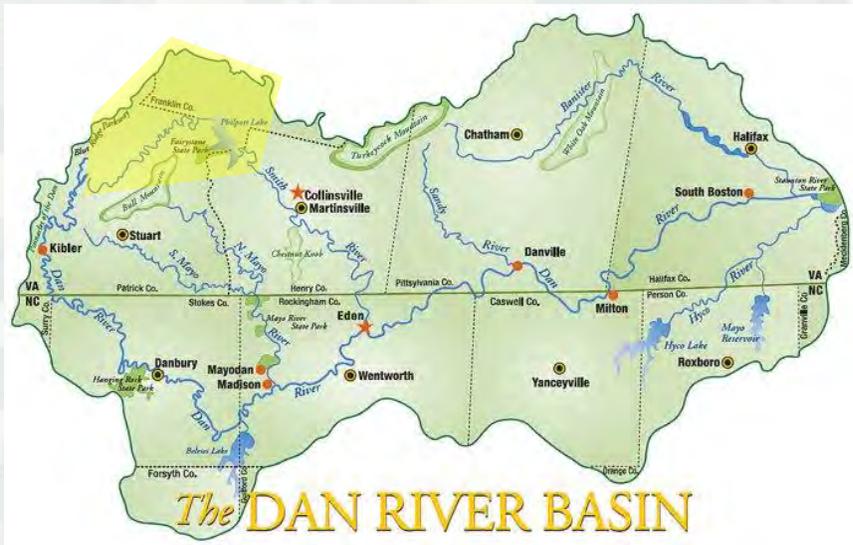
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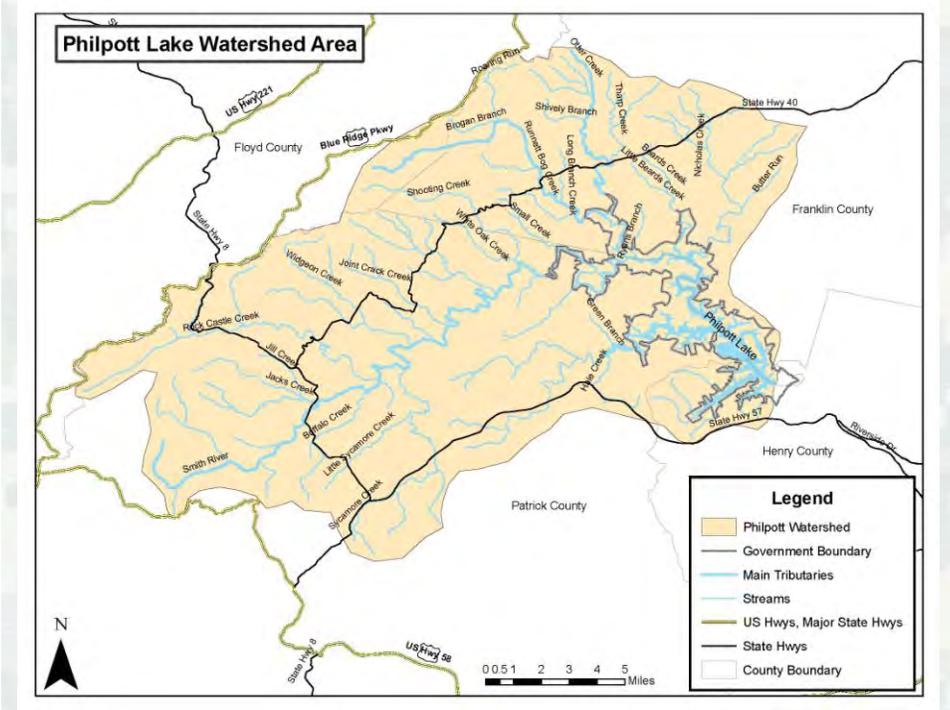
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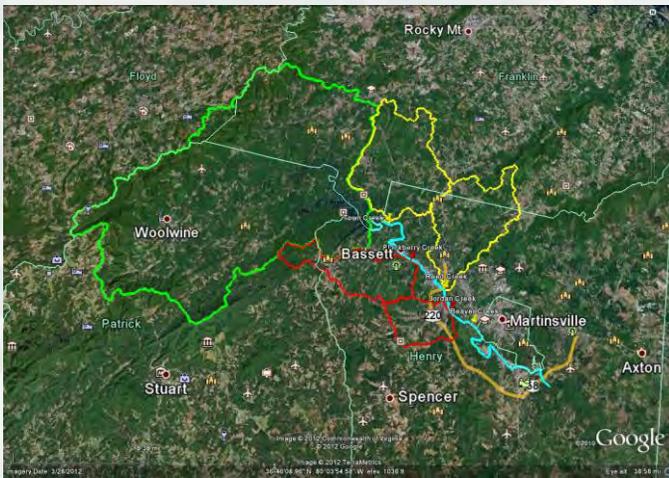


Philpott Dam Today



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A Look at Smith River Drainage

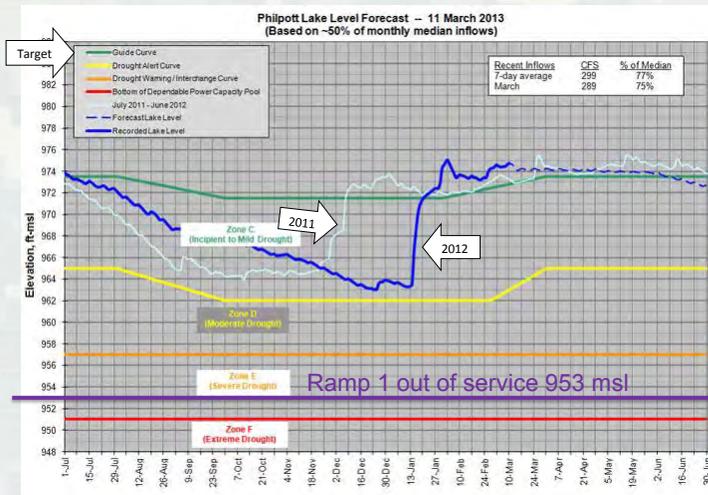


Drainage Behind Philpott Dam and Drainages Below Both Sides

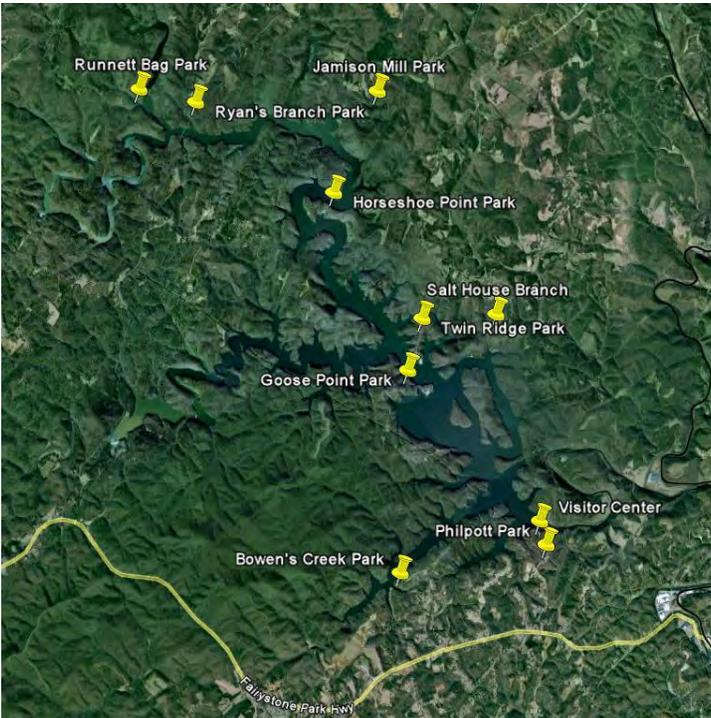


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Water Management Guide Curve



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The Parks on Philpott Lake

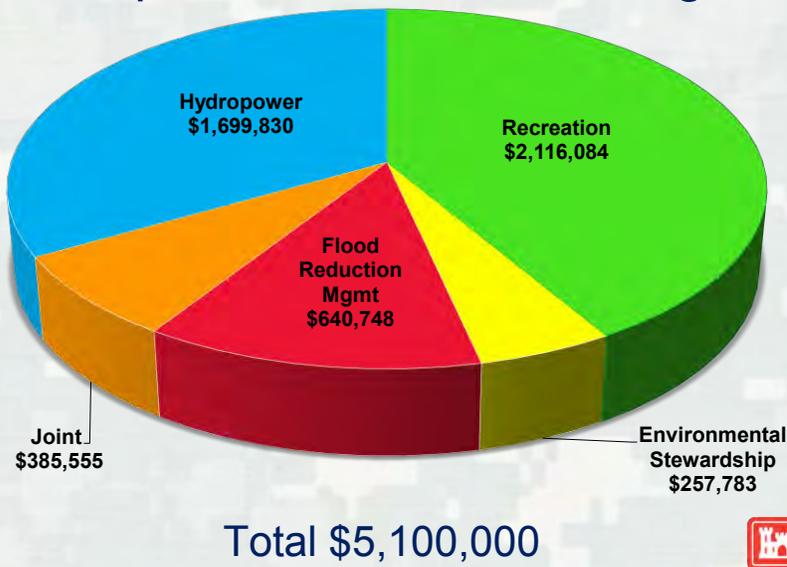


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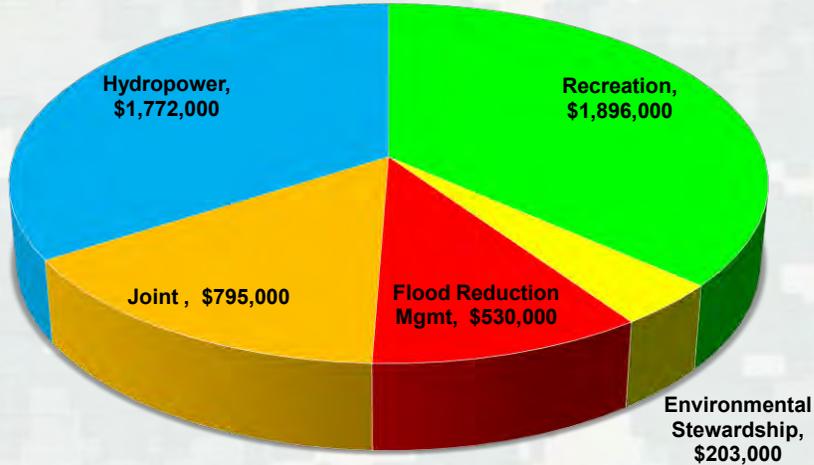


Philpott Lake FY 2010 Budget



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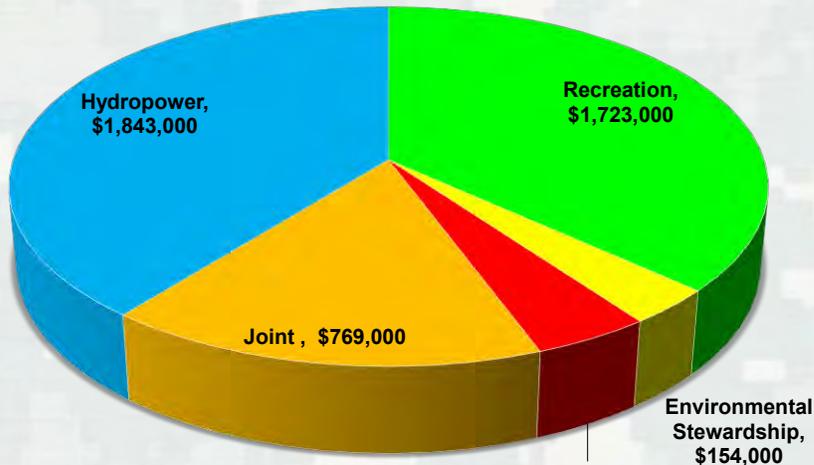


Total \$5,196,000



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Philpott Lake FY 2012 Budget

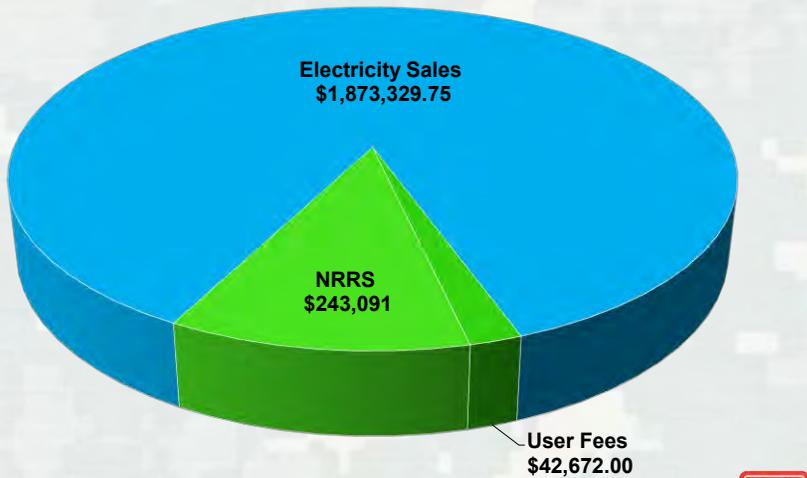


Total \$4,696,000



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Philpott Lake Revenue (Fed Gov)

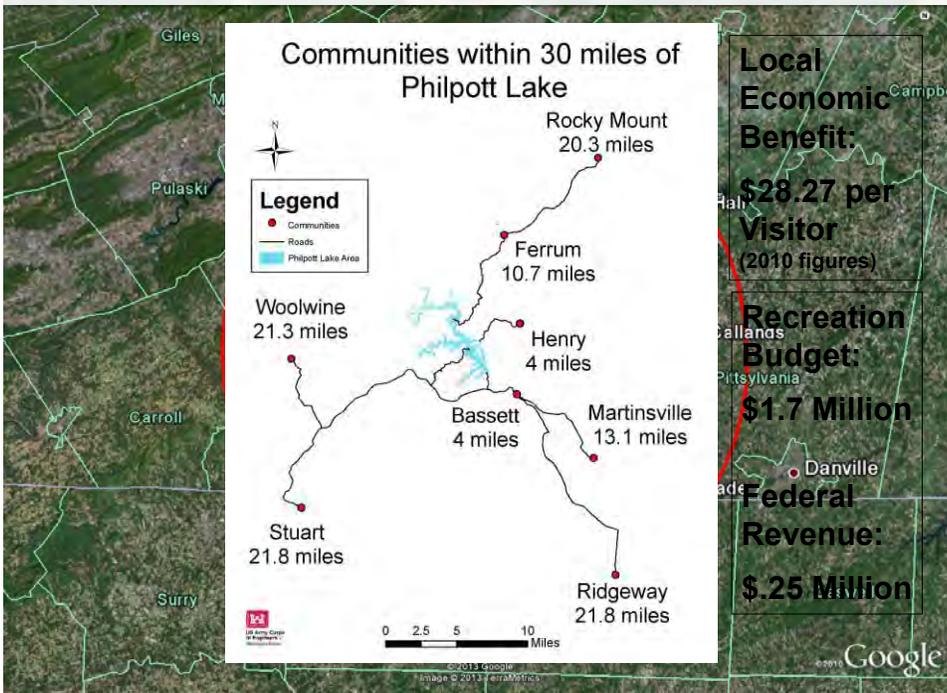
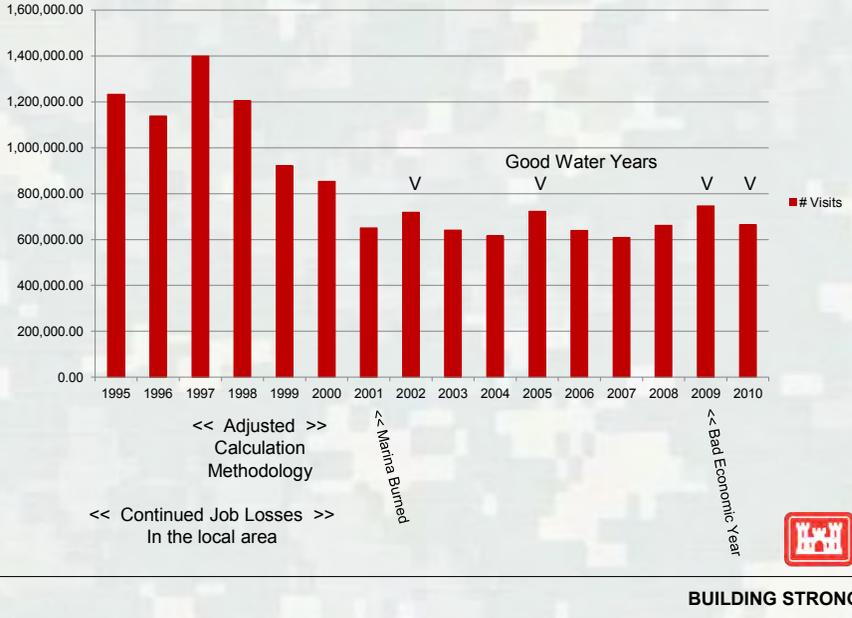


FY 2010 Total \$2,159,092

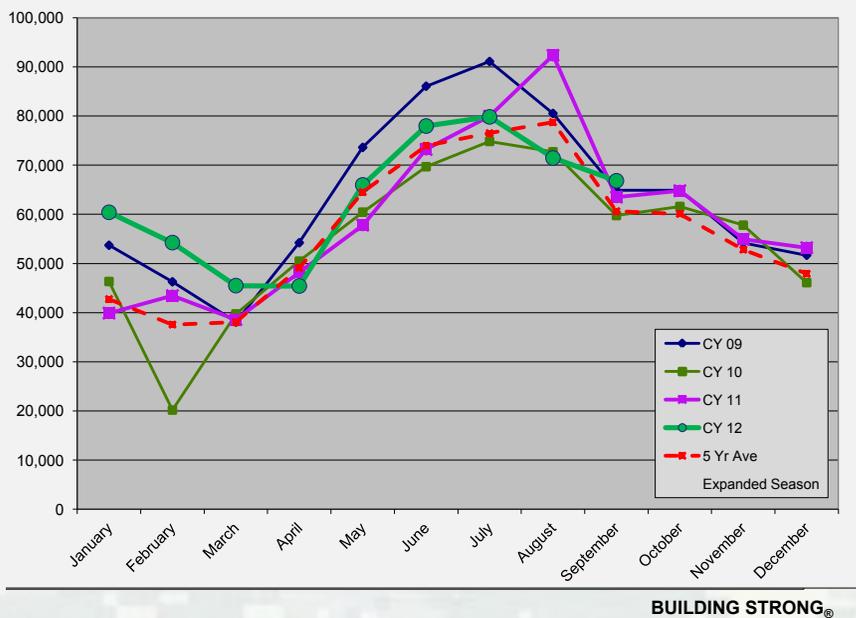


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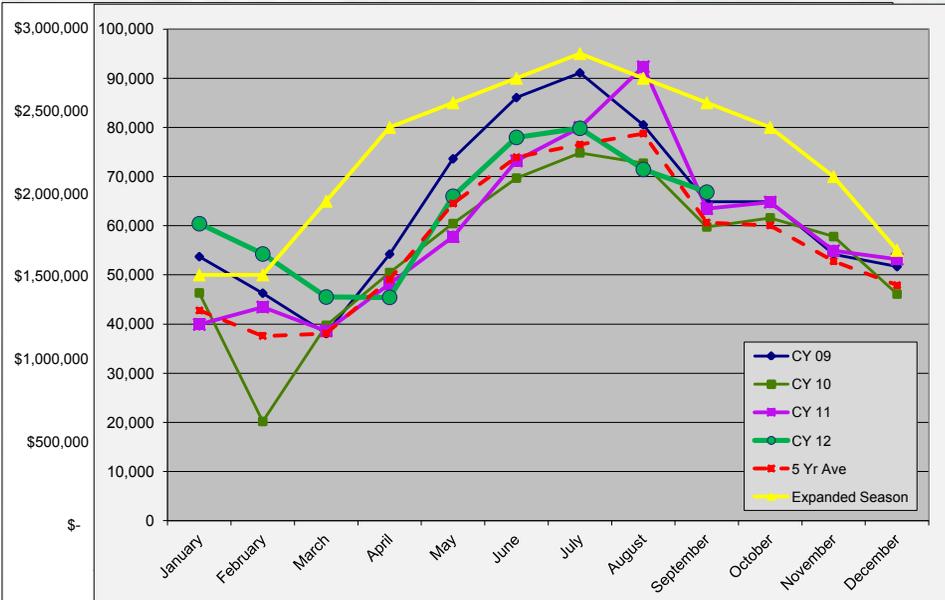
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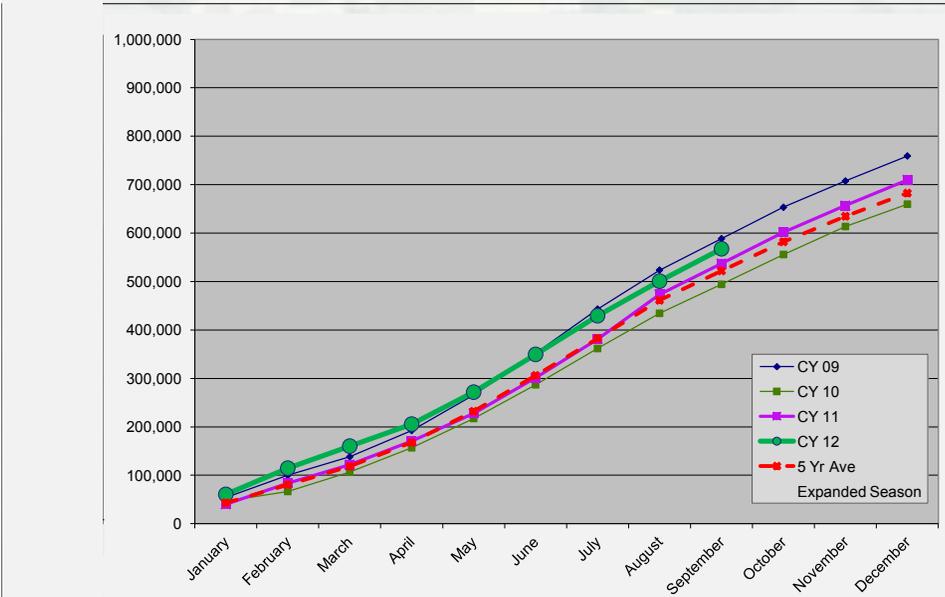


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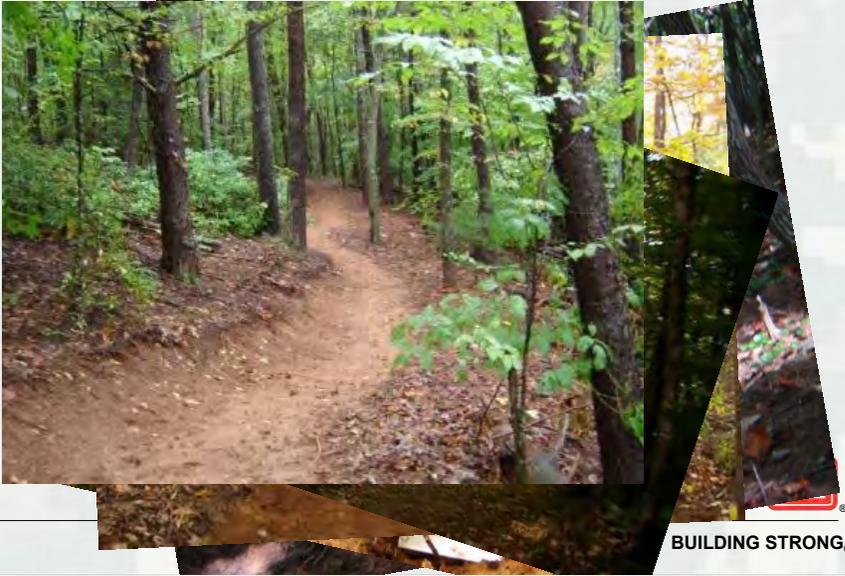
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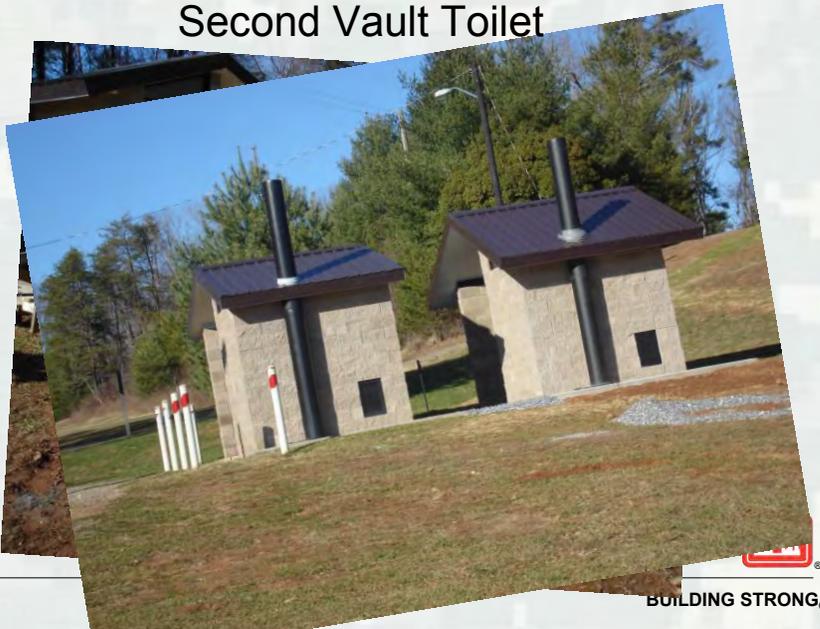
New Trails Effort Salthouse Branch Park to Twin Ridge Park



Fishing Tournament Facility Twin Ridge Park Picnic Shelter



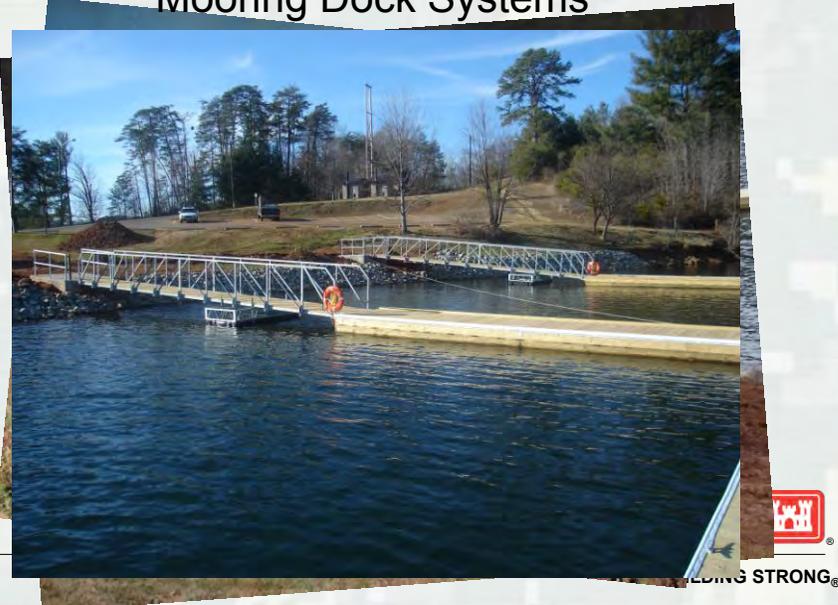
Fishing Tournament Facility Twin Ridge Park Second Vault Toilet



Fishing Tournament Facility Twin Ridge Park



Fishing Tournament Facility Twin Ridge Park Mooring Dock Systems



Fishing Tournament Facility Twin Ridge Park Current Status



FLW College Championship Northern Region Tournament



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History of Marinas on Philpott Lake



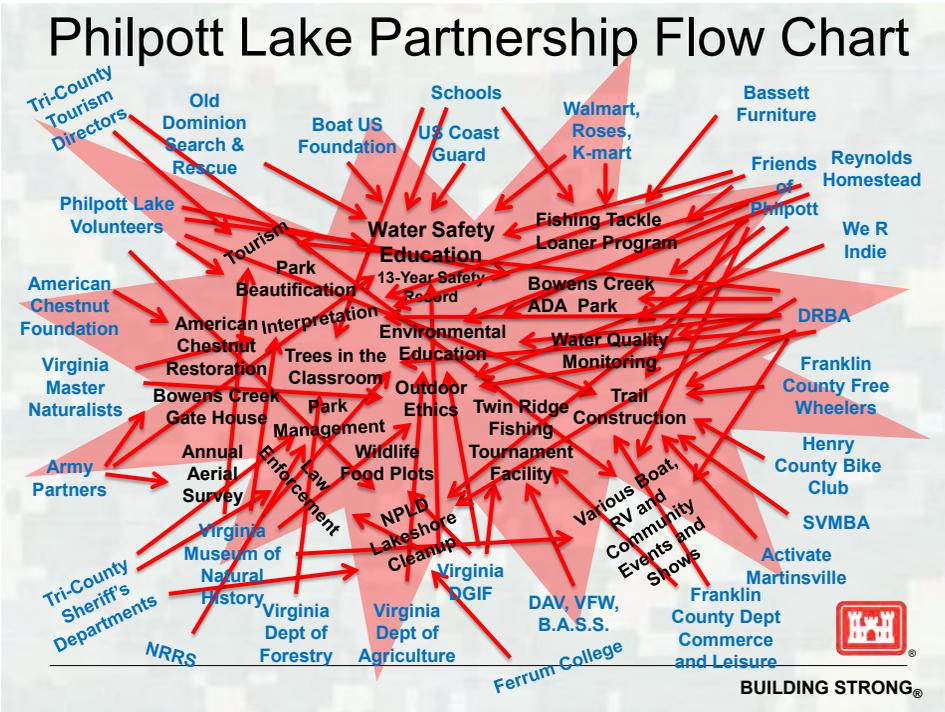
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Philpott Marina – Future Plans



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Philpott Lake Partnership Flow Chart

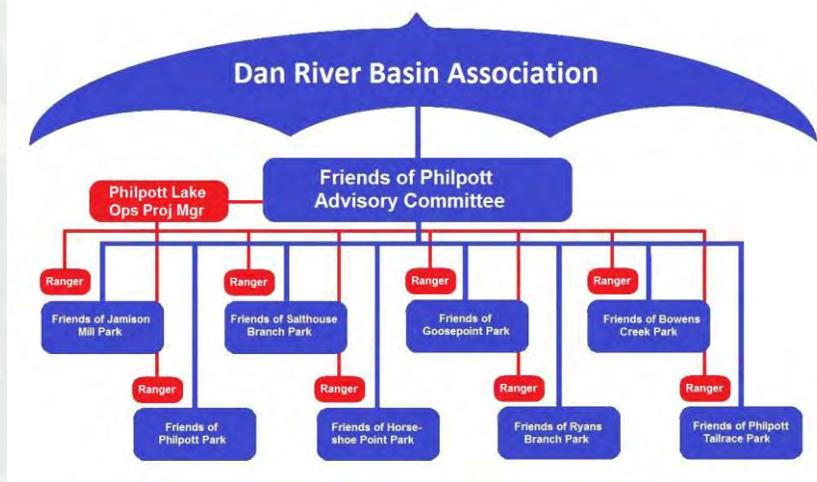


Main Priorities:

- Recreation
- Education
- Stewardship



New Cooperation Assoc. with DRBA



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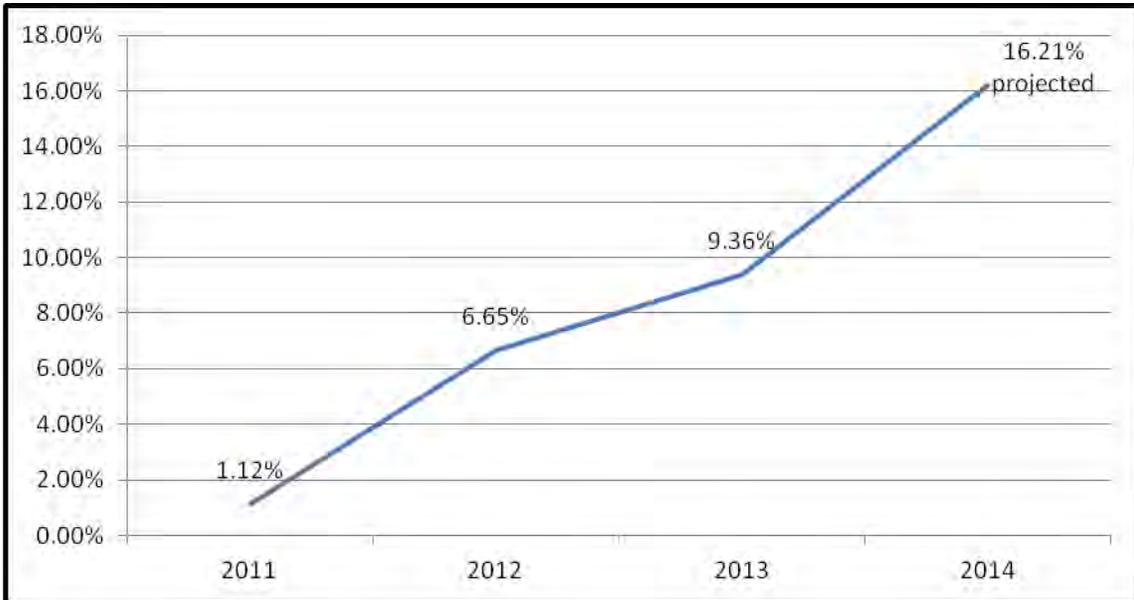
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Neil Holthouser, Director of Planning & Community Development, briefly updated the Board on the Stormwater Management Program requirements. Mr. Holthouser, stated July 1, 2014, Franklin County must have an updated Stormwater Management Program. Many things have to happen between now and then. The County has successfully obtained a \$32,000 grant to help develop the new program.

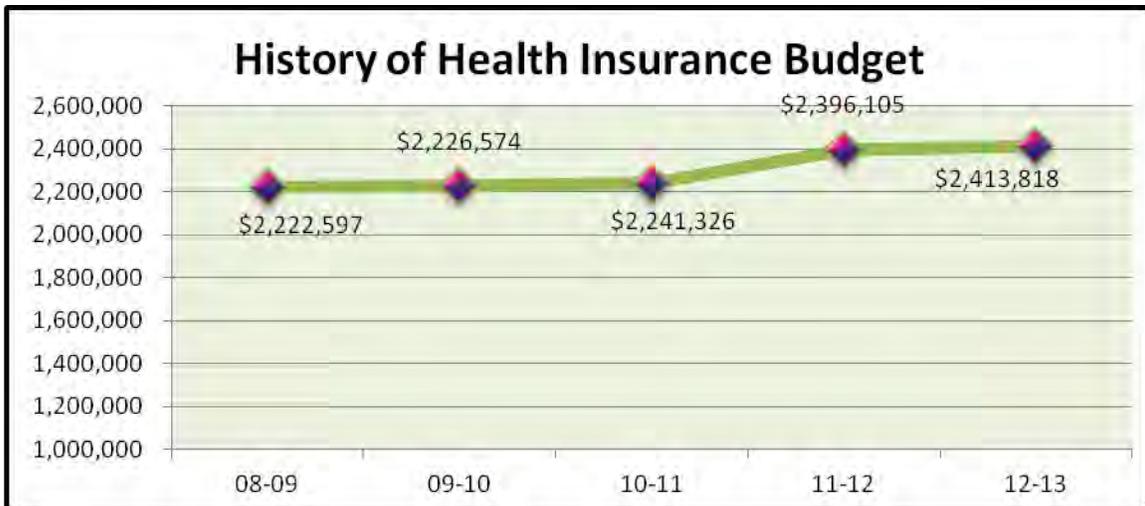
The Town of Rocky Mount and Boones Mill have opted not to conduct a stormwater management program and ultimately the County of Franklin will be responsible, however, the towns may assist financially.

2013-2014 EVALUATION OF HEALTH INSURANCE BID

Patsy Akridge, Broker, Akridge Insurance, reviewed the 2013-2014 Health Insurance proposals. During the last few years, County health insurance costs have continued to escalate with some significant percentage increases. Such increases can be attributed to both claims experience and market trends resulting from changes in the Affordable Healthcare Reform Act. The County has seen annual percentage increases in its health insurance costs during previous, current, and projected fiscal years as indicated on the chart below.



The County’s budgetary costs for insurance have therefore risen significantly as noted on the chart below.



As a result of such increases, the County has taken some steps to lessen the cost impact to both the County and its employees.

Step 1

Last spring, the County recognized its plan (KeyCare 15) was no longer financially sustainable, and therefore offered employees two plan: KeyCare 15 and KeyCare 25/500. Should County employees choose to remain with the KeyCare 15 plan, then such employees would be responsible for a higher percentage share of the costs. Should County employees choose the new deductible KeyCare 25/500 plan, then the employer/employee percentage breakdown would remain, whereby the employees would pay a lesser share. Regardless of what plan was chosen, County employees began paying more in monthly premiums last year. As a result of the employer/employee percentage cost shift with the two plans, most employees (264) migrated to the KeyCare 25/500 plan. Only (34) employees remained with the KeyCare 15 plan. All employees were advised that this year (FY '12-'13) would likely be the final year that the KeyCare 15 plan would be offered.

As the KeyCare 25/500 was a new plan which required a deductible and higher co-pay costs, the County instituted a one-time Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) which provides \$250 of a \$500 deductible. The County employee pays the first \$250, with the County paying the balance \$250 on a reimbursable basis. The following is a breakdown of the FY '12-'13 insurance plan rates and percentages:

Anthem Current Premiums KC15			7/1/2012		
	Monthly Premium	County %	County Pays	Employee %	Employee Pays
Employee Only	503.39	66%	332.24	34%	171.15
Employee Child	770.18	60%	462.11	40%	308.07
Employee/Spouse	1,057.12	60%	634.27	40%	422.85

Employee Family	1,409.50	60%	845.70	40%	563.80
Anthem Current Premiums KC25/500			7/1/2012		
	Monthly Premium	County %	County Pays	Employee %	Employee Pays
Employee Only	481.24	81%	389.80	19%	91.44
Employee Child	736.29	75%	552.22	25%	184.07
Employee/Spouse	1,010.61	75%	757.96	25%	252.65
Employee Family	1,347.48	75%	1,010.61	25%	336.87

Step 2

During the discussion of health insurance plans, rates, and contributions last spring, the Board requested staff to work with the County's health care consultants on the feasibility of combining a group when receiving quotes for health insurance in FY '13-14. While the County has historically been combined with the Town of Rocky Mount, some thought was that some potential savings may be realized by adding the School System to the County group. Following a preliminary Feasibility Study presented by Patsy Akridge, County Health & Dental Insurance Consultant, the County, School and Town Boards all approved going out to bid for a combined Health and Dental proposal based on the potential premium savings and plan parity in combining all "groups". The requests for proposals (RFP) called for plan rates for the dual option of KC15/KC25 benefits and bids based on a 10/1/2011 – 9/30/2012 utilization timeframe. Ms. Akridge met with representatives from the County, Town, and School (the group) in December to review the projected response quotes. The bid numbers had a combined "group" increase average of 9.25%.

The group was concerned that the bid premiums were projected on utilization already 3 months old. The group requested Ms. Akridge to pursue additional numbers using updated utilization to get a more accurate accounting. In addition, Ms. Akridge was asked to have Anthem provide separate County, Town, and School 2013-2014 Health Insurance renewals based on their individual utilization. This was requested in case something happened and it was not in everyone's best interest to pool all the employees into one large group.

In January, the group met to review the newly updated bids and corresponding premium increases. The County had some very high claims experience during the 2012 calendar year and finished the year with a 33.3% increase in claims, largely due to facility inpatient charges. This experience dramatically affected the County's utilization period and the County's projected increase from December on the combined group basis went from 7.8% to 14% for the actual renewal for the County/Town group to 20.6% with the Town exiting the County plan. This drastic change in the County's utilization would negatively affect the overall increase in premiums for the Town and the Schools if they combined into one pool. The Town, based on their size and good utilization, decided to go with their own plan left the group. This left the County and the Schools in the group. The Schools did not make a determination at the time, but signaled to the group that combining with the County could be difficult this year as the School System utilization was still good in that the School System had not received an increase last year and that their insurance for the 2013-2014 based on current experience may be less than the combined group. The result of combining the County and School System into one group would have a significant, negative impact on the School System with increased insurance rates for the School System.

Step 3

Based on Anthem's 20.6% increase to the County, the consultant recommended and staff subsequently agreed to go back out and bid the insurance separately with the updated utilization information. The KeyCare 15 plan was not included as such plan is no longer financially sustainable. As stated earlier, County employees were advised last year that the KeyCare 15 plan would likely not be offered in future years. The requested quotes in the RFP were then to be based on the 25/500 deductible plan and the higher deductible plans of 30/1000 and 30/2000.

County staff met with Ms. Akridge on March 12, 2013 to review the proposals received for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. The following proposal increases were received: Anthem 16.2%, Aetna 11.6%, Coventry 8.2%, Optima 23.2% and United Healthcare 34.9%. Based on increases and limited network(s), Aetna, Optima and United Healthcare were eliminated. Staff has reviewed Anthem and Coventry's proposals for coverage that is comparable to our current 25/500 Plan. As stated, Coventry submitted the low bid (or the 8.2% increase) as compared with Anthem's (16.2%).

Step 4

As much as offering a robust plan is a desired option, the only way to reduce claims experience is to shift more of the cost of health care to the ones that are consuming it, i.e., higher deductibles and copayments vs having the healthy employees pay a higher cost. In an effort to further reduce the escalating costs to the County, staff suggests offering dual plan options with varying employer/employee percentage contributions for each plan again this year. County employees would have the option of the 25/500 deductible plan with a decreased percentage contribution from the County and a 30/1000 higher deductible plan with a greater percentage contribution from the County. Please note the following charts with the varying costs / percentages based on the Coventry submittal for FY '13-'14:

Coventry Option PPO25/500 w/ 76/70/70/70 Contribution Split					7/1/2013
	Monthly Premium	County %	County Pays	Employee %	Employee Pays
Employee Only	520.64	76%	395.69	24%	124.95
Employee Child	796.57	70%	557.60	30%	238.97
Employee/Spouse	1,093.34	70%	765.34	30%	328.00
Employee Family	1,457.79	70%	1,020.45	30%	437.34

Coventry Option 30/1000 Deductible Plan w/85/75/75/75 Contribution Split					7/1/2013
	Monthly Premium	County %	County Pays	Employee %	Employee Pays
Employee Only	493.81	85%	419.74	15%	74.07
Employee Child	755.52	75%	566.64	25%	188.88
Employee/Spouse	\$1,037.00	75%	777.75	25%	259.25
Employee Family	\$1,382.68	75%	1,037.01	25%	345.67

In summary, health insurance continues to be a large budgetary item for both the County and the employee. In addition, Healthcare Reform will be costing the County more each year. The County has and will continue to plan ahead to meet those challenges. Based on the consultant information to date, it appears the County's path forward is not to combine health coverage with the Schools at this time; eliminate the Key Care 15 Plan (**note employees were advised last year that eliminating this plan was strongly being considered**), continue to offer a PPO 25/500 Plan and add a PPO 30/1000 Deductible Plan. These plans will offer employees a choice with varying contribution percentages and to ensure compliance with the Healthcare Reform potential requirements for 2014. Even with this recommendation, the employee share of a family plan will have increased by 21% since 2008 with significantly higher deductibles and out of pocket exposure.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully requests Board approval to **not** combine Health Insurance Plans with the Schools for the 2013-2014 plan year, eliminate the KeyCare 15 Plan and approve the proposal from Coventry for a PPO 25/500 and a PPO 30/1000 Deductible Plan with varying contribution percentages accordingly. It is further recommended that the current \$250 HRA provided by the County be offered to those who move to the 30/1000 plan.

General discussion ensued, whereby a decision would be made during an upcoming Board work session.

VDOT 6-YR. SECONDARY TRANSPORTATION PLAN WORK SESSION

Richard E. Huff, II, County Administrator, advised the Board they needed to hold a VDOT 6-Yr. Secondary Transportation work session. The Board selected **Monday, March 25, 2013 @ 2:00 P.M. in the B-75 Meeting Room** to hold a joint work session for the VDOT 6-Yr. Secondary Transportation Plan.

The meeting previously scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2013 @ 6:00 P.M., has been rescheduled. The Board will meet jointly with the School Board on **Tuesday, March 26, 2013 @ 5:00 P.M. in the Multi-Purposed Meeting Room** confirmed for the Franklin Center.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED COUNTY BUDGET FY'2013-2014

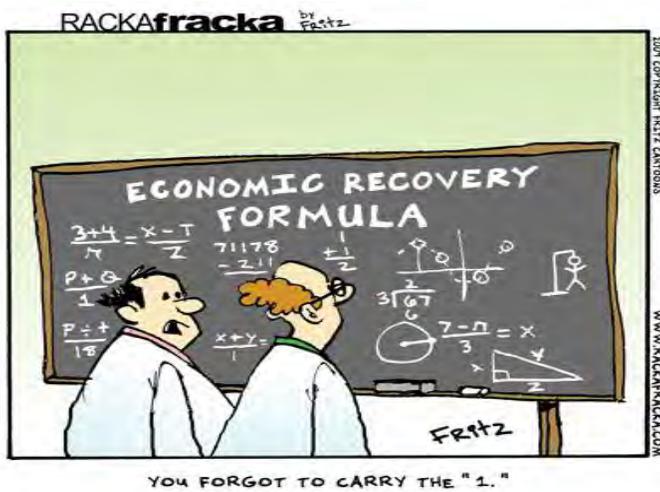


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March 19, 2013

FY 2013-2014



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Economic Indicators

- ❑ Growth in Building Permits – 10% over last year, 14% over last two years
- ❑ Growth in Sales Tax – 9 ½% over last year
- ❑ Growth in EMS Calls for Service – 15% over last year
- ❑ 17% Increase in 911 calls over last year

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Economic Indicators

- ❑ Growth in Senior Citizen Transportation Needs – 15% over last year
- ❑ Growth in Calls Answered for Law Enforcement Services – 24.2% over last year
- ❑ Growth in Criminal Arrests – 22% over last year

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Strategic Plan Priorities

- ❑ **Economic Development** - Existing Business Development, Site Development, Amenities to Attract Workers
- ❑ **Infrastructure** - Landfill Capacity, Water/Sewer, EMS, Broadband, Cell Towers
- ❑ **Education** - Career Technical, Workforce Development
- ❑ **Financial Stability** - New & Dedicated Funding Streams, Financing the Future
- ❑ **Staffing Needs** - Retention, Succession Planning, Competitive Compensation
- ❑ **Managed Growth** - Tools to Manage Growth Effectively including Addressing the Aging Population, Ordinance Development and Village Planning

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Positioning for the Future

- ❑ Preparing to go Forward with Strategic Initiatives Identified by the Board for Next 3 Years
- ❑ Address Future Infrastructure Needs
- ❑ Positions Staff to Meet Future Service Demands
- ❑ Manages Growth Effectively
- ❑ Modest Increase in Staff Compensation

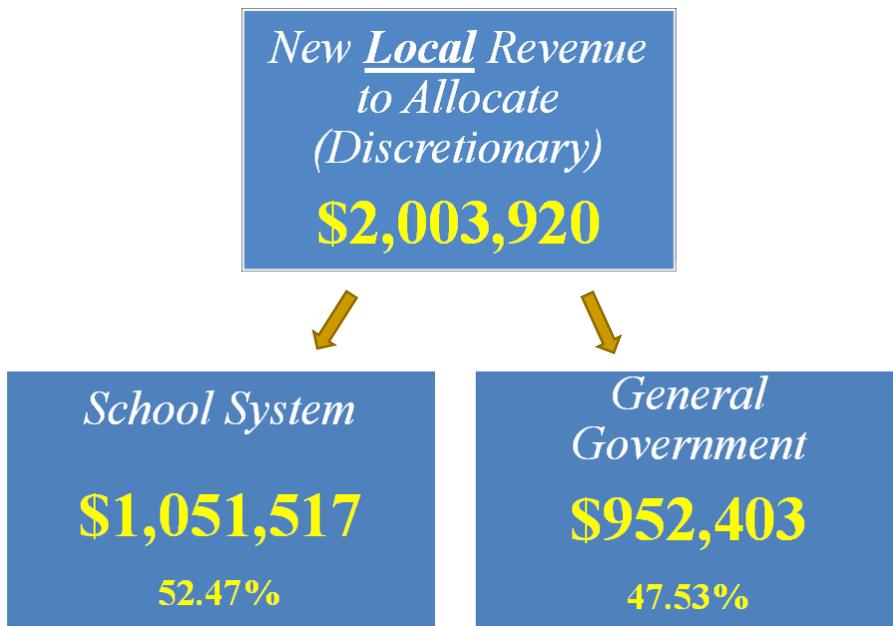
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FY '13-'14 Recommendation

- ❑ Based on Board discussion, staff has prepared a balanced budget without any tax increases to our citizens.
- ❑ These recommendations allow the County to live within its means but does require additional budget cuts and possible staff reductions.
- ❑ Overall, the Budget Increases just 2.5% and is \$3 million less than the 2008-09 Budget (5 years ago)

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FY '13-'14 Recommendations

- ❑ Adds \$1,051,517 in New Local Funding for School System (4% increase above FY '13 local level funding)
- ❑ Adds Additional Career EMS Crew to Support the Volunteers – Funded Entirely with a Fee for Service, No General Fund Dollars Required
- ❑ Seven Million Investment in New Landfill – Ready to Open on Time and Under Budget
- ❑ Places the Bulk of New Dollars in Support of K-12 Education and Required Core Services (Landfill)

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General Government Highlights

- Funds \$511,013 Increase in Landfill Operating Costs
- Provides for Enhanced Computer Network Security & Redundancy of Key Business Solutions
- Supports Economic Development Efforts for Enhancing Existing Business & Tourism
- Funds a 3% COLA for all Full Time & Part Time Employees
- Partially Funds Increase in Health Care Insurance

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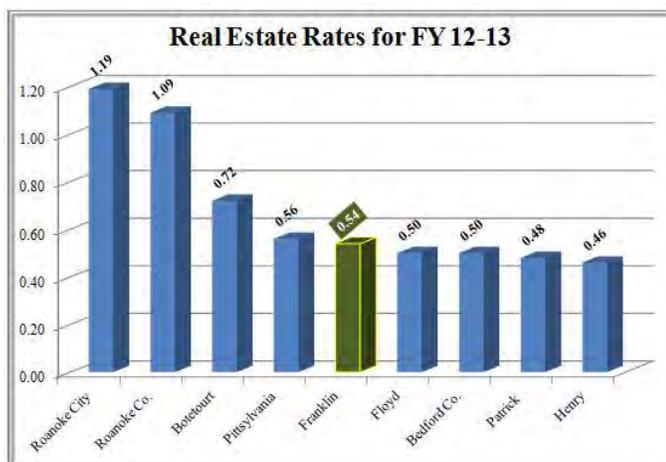
FY '13-'14 Recommendation: Revenues

- Real Estate Rate remains at \$0.54 per \$100 assessed valuation
- Personal Property Rate remains at \$2.34 per \$100 assessed valuation
- Heavy Equipment Personal Property Rate remains at \$1.89 per \$100 assessed valuation
- Machinery and Tools Rate remains at \$0.70 per \$100 assessed valuation
- Merchants Capital remains at \$1.08 per \$100 assessed valuation

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Real Estate Rates for FY12-13

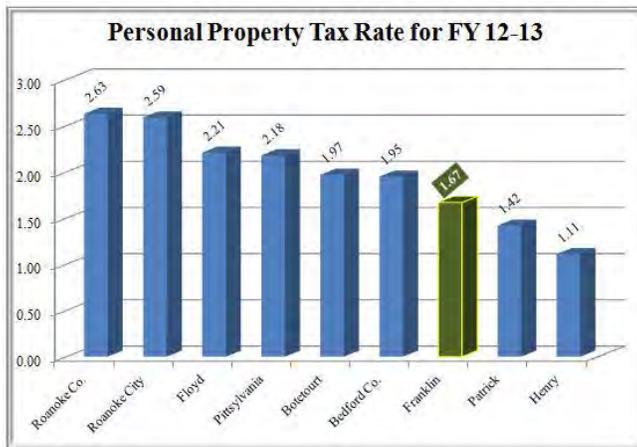


**Source: Survey of County Offices*

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Personal Property Rates for FY12-13

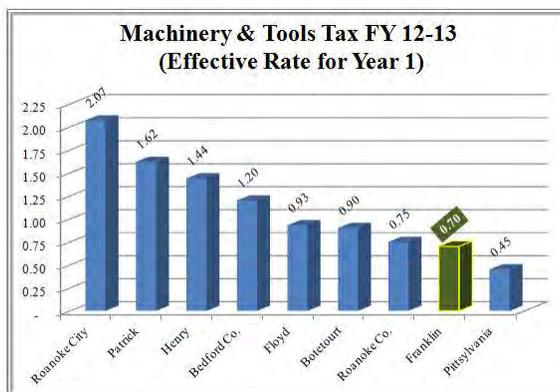


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Machinery and Tools Tax Rates



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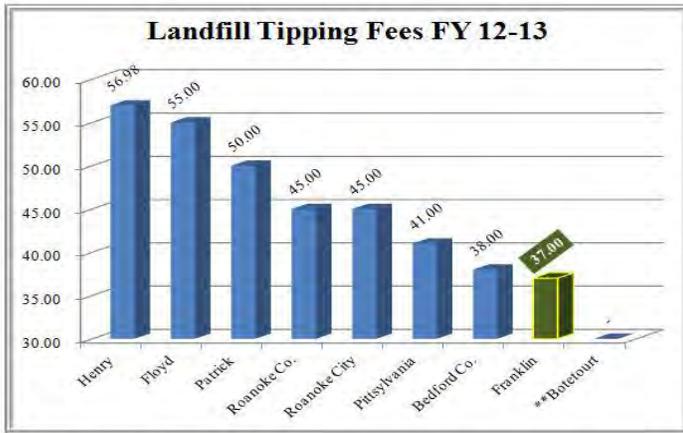
FY '13-'14 Recommendation: Revenues

- Proposes an Increase in the Landfill Tipping Fee of \$6 Per Ton
- Per Ton Fee Increases from \$37 to \$43
- Fee Increase Projected to Generate \$180,000 in Additional Landfill Revenue
- Helps to Offset \$511,013 in New Landfill Operating Costs

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Tipping Fee Comparisons



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 **No Commercial Trash (goes to Salem)

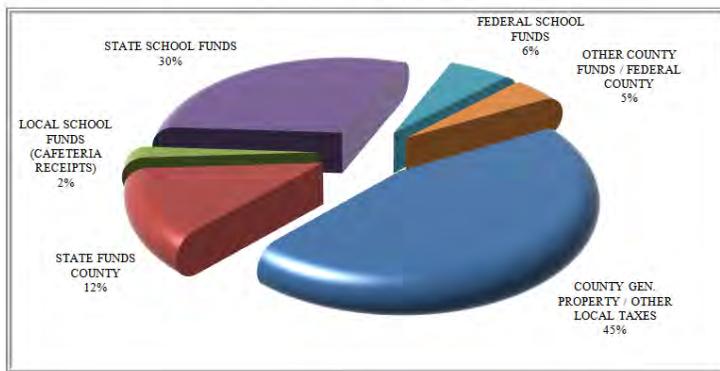
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Proposed FY 2013-2014 County Revenues



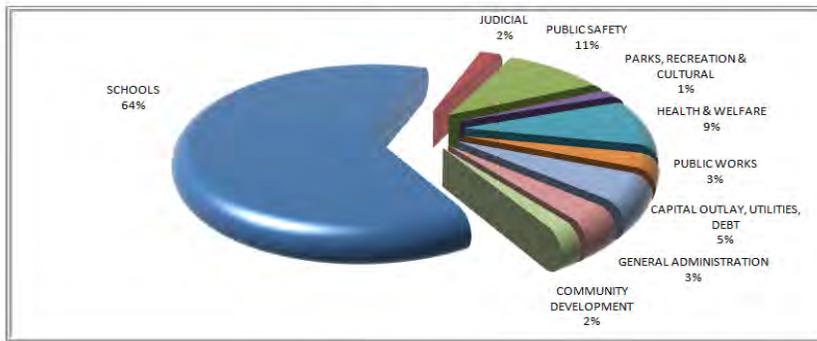
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PROPOSED 2013-2014 COUNTY REVENUES (Net of Interfund Transfers)



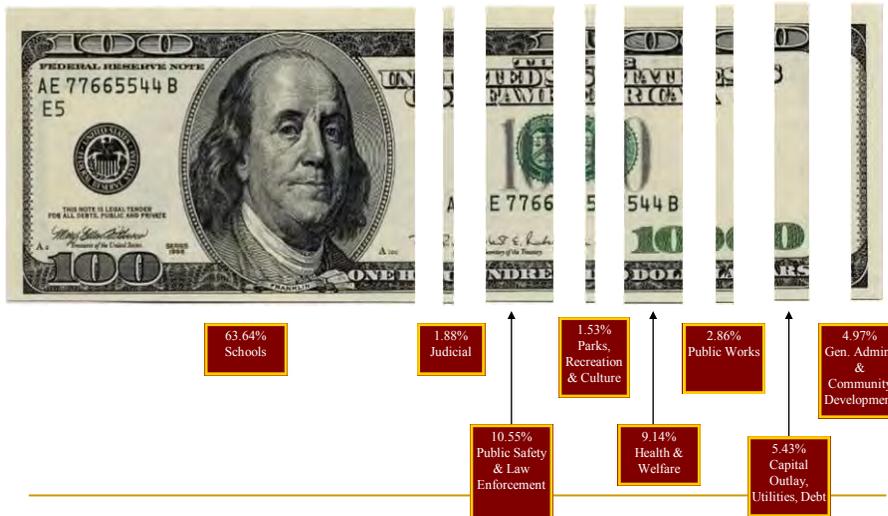
	FY 2012-13 ADOPTED	FY 2013-14 PROPOSED	FY 2012-13 / FY 2013-14 DIFFERENCE	PERCENT %	PERCENT OF TOTAL
COUNTY GEN. PROPERTY / OTHER LOCAL TAXES	54,162,768	55,791,947	1,629,179	3.01%	45.00%
STATE FUNDS COUNTY	15,253,048	15,330,641	77,593	0.51%	12.36%
LOCAL SCHOOL FUNDS (CAFETERIA RECEIPTS)	3,171,400	2,529,144	-642,256	-20.25%	2.04%
STATE SCHOOL FUNDS	36,640,914	37,166,481	525,567	1.43%	29.97%
FEDERAL SCHOOL FUNDS	7,135,098	7,652,517	517,419	7.25%	6.17%
OTHER COUNTY FUNDS / FEDERAL COUNTY	4,613,803	5,524,871	911,068	19.75%	4.46%
TOTALS	120,977,031	123,995,601	3,018,570	2.50%	100.00%

PROPOSED 2013-2014 COUNTY EXPENDITURES
(Net of Interfund Transfers)



	FY 2012-13 ADOPTED	FY 2013-14 PROPOSED	FY 2012-13 / FY 2013-14 DIFFERENCE	%	PERCENT OF TOTAL
SCHOOLS	77,302,303	78,913,145	1,610,842	2.08%	63.64%
JUDICIAL	2,363,269	2,327,991	-35,278	-1.49%	1.88%
PUBLIC SAFETY	13,124,785	13,084,367	-40,418	-0.31%	10.55%
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL	1,769,727	1,890,937	121,210	6.85%	1.53%
HEALTH & WELFARE	11,441,769	11,331,595	-110,174	-0.96%	9.14%
PUBLIC WORKS	3,032,871	3,551,128	518,257	17.09%	2.86%
CAPITAL OUTLAY, UTILITIES, DEBT	5,838,587	6,737,984	899,397	15.40%	5.43%
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	3,966,843	4,034,441	67,598	1.70%	3.25%
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	2,136,877	2,124,012	-12,865	-0.60%	1.71%
TOTALS	120,977,031	123,995,601	3,018,570	2.50%	100.00%

Proposed FY 2013-2014 County Expenditures



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Schools

- The Schools are Roughly 64% of This Budget
- 3% Salary Increase Costs \$1,409,643 – State has only provided \$444,336 for Compensation Supplements
- Another Year of VRS 1% Phase in - \$149,289
- Anticipated Health Insurance Increase - \$262,500
- Unbudgeted Staffing from FY12-13 - \$157,902
- One Time Funding to be Made Up?

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Schools

■ **Proposed Budget Recommendation Provides:**

- ❑ Operational Funding Increase of \$1,051,517
- ❑ School Energy Fund Carryover of \$260,640
- ❑ Capital Funding is the Same as Current Year at \$880,000
(\$880,000 already committed for Five Year School Capital Plan)
- ❑ Debt Service Funding is Reduced by the Amount of the Debt Drop Off - \$2,691,997 less \$103,000 = \$2,588,997
- ❑ Future Debt Service Recurring Funds of \$399,000 (Committed for Five Year School Capital Plan)
- ❑ Recurring Funding for Buses is the Same as Current Year at \$340,000
- ❑ Additional Funds for Canneries of \$955

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Original School Budget Adopted April 24, 2012	\$77,302,303
Proposed Revenues FY13-14	
State	\$37,166,481
Federal	\$7,652,517
Local School (Cafeteria Receipts)	\$2,529,144
County	\$31,565,003
 = Total Proposed School Budget	 \$78,913,145
 Total Requested School Budget March 12, 2012	 \$82,996,868
 Current Shortfall of Revised Budget Request	 (\$4,083,723)

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Original School Budget Adopted April 24, 2012	\$77,302,303
Increase in Revenues	
State	\$525,567
Federal	\$517,419
Local School (Cafeteria Receipts)	(\$642,256)
County	\$1,210,112
Gen Fund	\$1,051,517
Energy Fund	\$260,640
Canneries	\$955
Debt Service Reserve	(\$103,000)
	\$1,210,112
 = Total Proposed School Budget	 \$78,913,145
 Total Requested School Budget March 12, 2013	 \$82,996,868
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Franklin County Public Schools
Additional Separate School Board Budget Request
2013-14
March 11, 2013

1. Roanoke Valley Governor's School - Possible Tuition Increase	\$23,000
2. Alternative Education Center: Program Design	50,000
One Guidance Counselor/Social Worker (\$39,875 + \$9,941 + \$5,900 = \$55,716)	55,716
3. One Behavior Analyst/Specialist (BCBA/BCaBA) (Autism) (\$51,219 + \$12,769 + \$5,900 = \$69,888)	69,888
4. Two Elementary Guidance Counselors (HE, FE, GH, SC Now Sharing) (2 x \$39,875 = \$79,750 + \$19,682 + \$11,800 = \$111,432)	111,432
5. Planning for Focused Usage of Technology (Electronic Textbooks & On-Line Education)	70,000
6. E-Mail Archiving System	70,000
7. Balance of Unfunded CEED Curriculum Budget - Phase 3	25,840
	<u>\$475,876</u>
8. Planning for the Development of the New FCHS Career & Technical Center Project	\$350,000
9. School Building Safety Upgrades	\$628,612
10. School Bus Replacements - 12 School Buses	\$1,155,310
	<u>\$2,609,797</u>

Note: To the Franklin County Board of Supervisors: The Franklin County School Board respectfully requests that you consider approving this Additional Separate School Board Budget Request apart from the School Board's Operating Budget request. Thank you for your consideration.

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Schools

- Current Request Shortfall is \$4,083,723 after additional \$1,051,517 of new County funding recommendation is applied

Proposed FY13-14 School Budget at Public Hearing	\$80,387,070
Additional Budget Requests 3-12-13	\$2,609,798
= Adjusted Total School Budget Request	\$82,996,868
School State Funds	\$37,166,481
School Federal Funds	\$7,652,517
Local School Funds (Largely Cafeteria Receipts)	\$2,529,144
County Funds	\$31,565,003
Total Revenues	\$78,913,145
Shortfall of School Revised Request at Present Time	(\$4,083,723)

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Capital

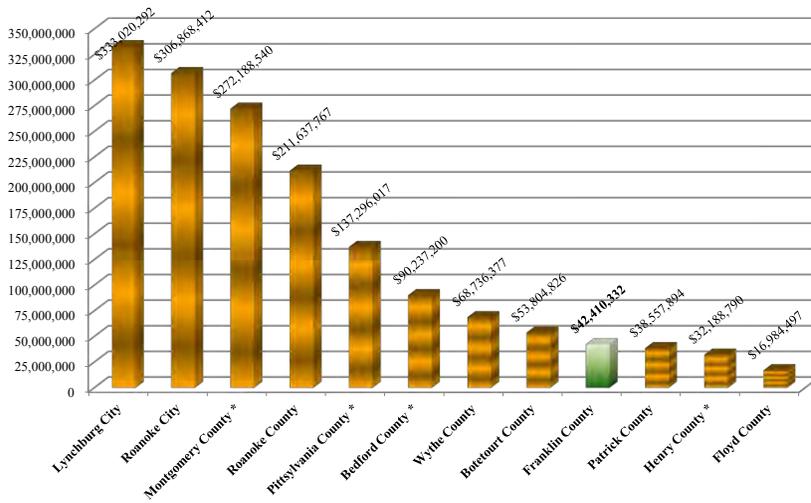


- Pleased to Report That the Line of Credit Needed to Accomplish 5 Years of School CIP Requests (\$6,275,000) has Been Obtained at a **1.5%** Fixed Interest Rate for 5 Years Due to the County's Strong Credit Rating and Fiscal Management
- County Capital Funded in FY 2013-2014 Includes Pay as You Go Projects for Computer Security Upgrades, Economic Development/Job Creation Funds, Landfill Testing & Monitoring, Sheriff Vehicle Replacement, Public Safety Vehicle Replacement, Technology Replacements for Law Enforcement, and Voting Machine Funds

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Outstanding Debt at June 30, 2012

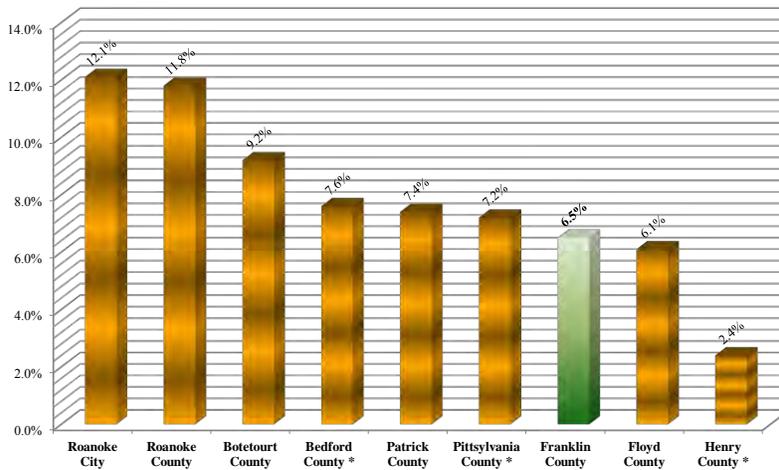


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Debt Service as a Percentage of General Government Expenditures at June 30, 2012

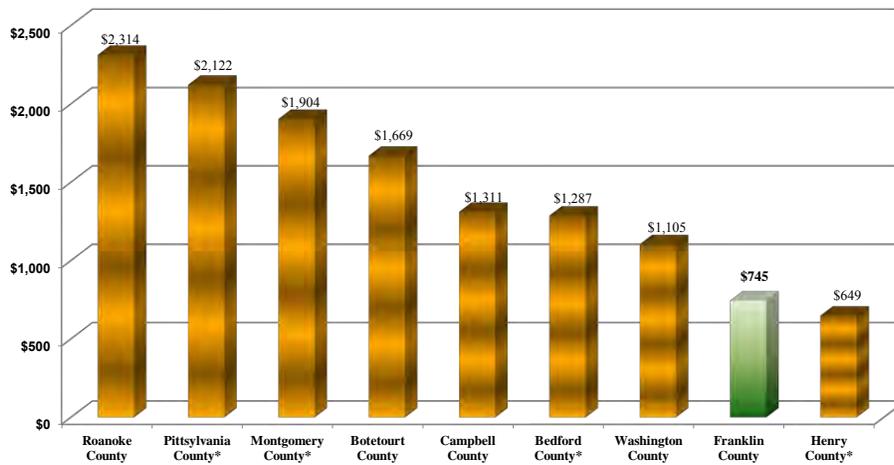


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Outstanding Debt Per Capita as of June 30, 2011



*Does not include Respective Locality Public Service Authority Debt

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FY '13-'14 Budget Summary

- ❑ No Tax Increases
- ❑ Overall, the Budget Increases just 2.5% and is \$3 million less than the 2008-09 Budget (5 years ago)
- ❑ Adds \$1,051,517 in New Local Funding for School System (4% increase above FY '13 local level)
- ❑ Adds \$511,013 in New Landfill Operating Costs

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**Sincerest Appreciation to County Staff for Their
Hard Work in the Development of This Budget &
Presentation !!**

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Questions?

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Dear Chairman Cundiff and Members of the Board:

It is my pleasure to transmit to you today my recommendations for a balanced 2013-2014 budget for the citizens of Franklin County. I am pleased that I am able to recommend this fiscal plan for your consideration and look forward to the Board's feedback and response to the many difficult decisions that went into this recommendation.

As you know, Section 15.2-2503 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, states that the County budget shall be developed for “informative and fiscal planning purposes only”. It serves as a plan for County operations, maintenance, capital outlay, and debt service and may include reserves for contingencies and future capital improvements. The annual budget must contain a complete itemization of all estimated expenditures, revenues, and borrowings and must be approved by the governing body prior to July 1 of each year. Similarly, the School Board Budget must be adopted by May 1 of each year.

The power of the Board of Supervisors to grant or withhold funds is an important means by which it can determine general County policies and the level of services to be offered. Budgeting is a planning process required by law that enables the Board of Supervisors to examine requests for County funds, to anticipate revenue needs, and to make decisions about the priority of programs and level of services to be provided. It is a work-plan expressed in terms of dollars and as such is an important tool of fiscal management.

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Staff’s recommendation for the County’s 13-14 fiscal plan totals \$123,995,601. This total represents an increase of \$3,018,570 over the current year adopted budget of \$120,977,031 or 2.5%.

The County continues to struggle with spikes in fuel prices and other energy costs as well as health insurance increases for employees. County staff has worked diligently to review and reduce if possible, various departmental budgets and line items.

Operational decreases in the following major categorical areas and departments include:

- **Judicial Administration including all courts and related functions: overall reduction of -1.5%**
- Public Safety (Sheriff, Corrections, EMS and Animal Control): -0.26%
- Health and Welfare: -0.96%
- Community Development: -0.60%
- Reduction in Regional Jail Debt Service from a reallocation of debt service among the participating jurisdictions: \$389,646

Increases in the functional areas and departments listed below include:

- **General and Financial Administration 1.9%**
- **Public Works 17.2%**
- **Parks, Recreation and Libraries 6.9%**
- **Solid Waste and Recycling: \$504,263**
- **Information Technology: \$95,199**

The County anticipates using one-time fund balance dollars to make up the short fall in decal revenue from the first year billing of the vehicle license fee on personal property bills (\$250,000) and also to budget carryover of School Energy funds (\$260,640).

<u>Function</u>	<u>Adopted 2012-2013 Budget</u>	<u>Proposed 2013-2014 Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
General Administration	\$ 3,966,843	\$ 4,034,441	\$ 67,598
Judicial Administration	2,363,269	2,327,991	-35,278
Public Safety	13,124,785	13,084,367	-40,418
Public Works	3,032,871	3,551,128	518,257

Health and Welfare	11,441,769	11,331,595	-110,174
Schools	77,302,303	78,913,145	1,610,842
Recreation & Libraries Community	1,769,727	1,890,937	121,210
Development	2,136,877	2,124,012	-12,865
Debt, Capital, Utilities	<u>5,838,587</u>	<u>6,737,985</u>	<u>899,398</u>
Totals	\$ <u>120,977,031</u>	\$ <u>123,995,601</u>	\$ <u>3,018,570</u>

There were a number of concerns and circumstances that set the stage for the budget development this year and provided the framework by which this proposed budget was developed. As previously mentioned in prior years, the County continues to pick up unfunded mandates and shore up significant losses from the Commonwealth. Virginia's economy continues to be sluggish and economic recovery has been slow at best. State-wide, the housing market continues to be challenged with a large inventory of homes for sale and small or little growth in the construction of new homes. Foreclosures and tight credit markets still are reasons to be hesitant about this sector of the economy.

Local sales tax (a clear indication of consumer spending) is projected to increase 12.7% in the FY13-14 proposed budget. Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes are showing some signs of growth at 1.9% and 7.2% respectively. A \$6 per ton increase in the landfill tipping fee is proposed for FY13-14 although actual tonnage collected at the landfill is projected to remain basically level. The tipping fee increase will generate approximately \$180,000 in new revenue helping to offset additional operating expenditures of over a half million as the County's new landfill opens this July.

The state has increased its' share of funding for K-12 education by approximately a half million dollars which is mostly earmarked for a salary increase. The School System has projected a 2.5% cost of living, move up one step salary increase to cost \$1.6 million. Federal revenue for School programs is projected to increase a half million or 7%. These funds are earmarked for Title II, Title VI-B programs and School Food.

Of significant note on proposed expenditures are the following:

- Continues funding for disaster recovery protection of mission critical Information Technology Infrastructure.
- Provides \$504,263 of additional operating expenditures for the opening of the new landfill in July 2013. The County has made a total investment of over \$7 million in the new landfill which is ready to open on time and under budget.
- Adds an additional Career EMS Crew to support the volunteers. This expense is completely funding from increased EMS billing fee revenue and does not utilize any general fund dollars.

In terms of school funding for FY13-14, I am recommending the following:

- ☐ Local operational funding of \$28,681,425 – an increase of \$1,051,517 or 4%.
- ☐ Level debt service funding of \$2,691,997 less \$103,000 for the drop in school debt service in FY13-14. The \$103,000 is reserved for future School debt service in the County Debt Service Fund and has been earmarked for the School five year capital projects plan which began in FY12-13.
- ☐ Continued School Capital funding of \$880,000 plus \$340,000 for school bus replacement for a total of \$1,220,000. \$880,000 has also been earmarked for the School five year capital projects plan which was started in FY12-13.
- ☐ School Energy Fund Carryover of \$260,640

Total Local Funds net Increase for the Schools is \$1,210,112.

Other Highlights in the Budget Include:

Major Capital Improvements proposed for FY13-14:

- Funds \$261,300 for Upgrades of Mission Critical Information Technology Infrastructure Improvements.
- Continues Landfill Monitoring and Groundwater Corrective Action Expenditures as well as engineering consulting work on the old and new landfill. Funds replacement landfill capital equipment through a five year lease purchase.
- Includes \$270,500 for Fire/EMS Apparatus and Vehicles and \$181,000 for Law Enforcement Vehicles.
- Provides \$200,000 in local economic development funding incentives, an additional \$100,000 for a Business Park set aside and an additional \$100,000 for the Job Creation Fund.
- Includes \$5,000 for improvements and repairs at various county parks as well as the continuation of the \$100,000 annual payment on the Smith Farm.
- Provides \$100,000 for the on-going study of improvements to the public safety radio system.
- Plans for the replacement of voting equipment by setting aside additional funds in FY13-14. The accumulated set aside amount in FY13-14 is projected to be \$250,000 – approximately half the total amount needed to replace this equipment.

The recommendations outlined above require the 2013-2014 Budget be funded with the following **existing** tax rates:

Real Estate	\$0.54 per \$100 assessed valuation
Personal Property	\$2.34 per \$100 assessed valuation
Personal Property: Heavy Equipment	\$1.89 per \$100 assessed valuation
Machinery & Tools	\$0.70 per \$100 assessed valuation
Merchants Capital	\$1.08 per \$100 assessed valuation

In closing, I would be remiss if I did not extend my utmost gratitude to the County’s staff, who have worked diligently in the preparation of this plan. I would be happy to answer any questions which may have been generated and staff looks forward to working with you over the next several weeks to produce a plan that addresses our fiscal responsibilities for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Huff, II
County Administrator

General discussion ensued.

CLOSED MEETING
(RESOLUTION #02-03-2013)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to into a closed meeting in accordance with 2.2-3711, a-1, Personnel and a-3, Acquisition of Land, of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

MOTION BY: Charles Wagner
 SECONDED BY: Bob Camicia
 VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
 AYES: Mitchell, Thompson, Wagner, Brubaker, Camicia, Thompson & Cundiff

MOTION: Charles Wagner **RESOLUTION: #03-03-2013**
 SECOND: Leland Mitchell MEETING DATE March 19, 2013

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors has convened an closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act: and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712(d) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Franklin County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors.

VOTE:

AYES: Mitchell, Thompson, Wagner, Brubaker, Camicia, Thompson & Cundiff

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT DURING VOTE: NONE

ABSENT DURING MEETING: NONE

APPOINTMENTS

SOUTHERN AREA AGENCY ON AGING

(RESOLUTION #04-03-2013)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Dr. Susan Beatty to serve on the Southern Area Agency on Aging Board with said term to expire 5/31/2016.

MOTION BY: Bobby Thompson

SECONDED BY: Bob Camicia

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Mitchell, Thompson, Wagner, Brubaker, Camicia, Thompson & Cundiff

AGING SERVICES BOARD/SNOW CREEK DISTRICT

(RESOLUTION #05-03-2013)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Johnny Greer to fill the unexpired term of Shirley Vaughn, Snow Creek District, Aging Service Board with said term to expire 1/31/2016.

MOTION BY: Leland Mitchell

SECONDED BY: Bob Camicia

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Mitchell, Thompson, Wagner, Brubaker, Camicia, Thompson & Cundiff

Chairman Cundiff recessed the meeting for the previously advertised public hearings as follows:

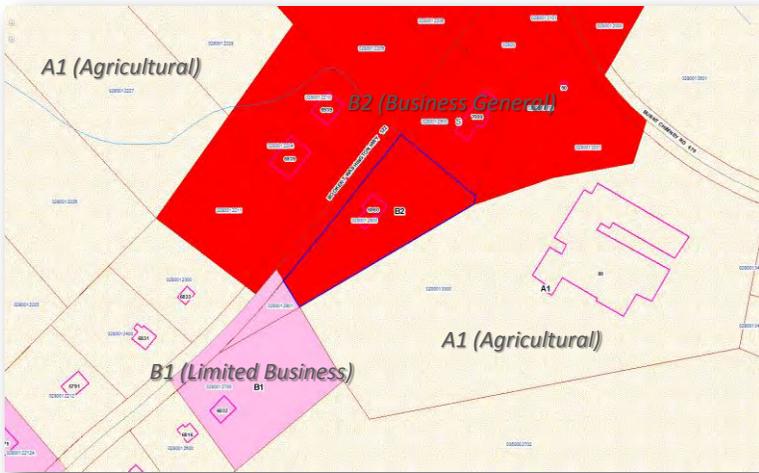
Petition of Chad McGhee/Petitioner, J & K HTCC, LLP/Owner requesting a Special Use permit for "Day care centers, day nurseries," for property located at 6960 Booker T. Washington Hwy, Wirtz, Virginia in the Union Hall District of Franklin County, further identified as Tax Map/Parcel # 0280012800 in the Franklin County Real Estate Records. The subject property is currently zoned B-2, Business District General, which does not prescribe a specific density. The 2025 Comprehensive Plan of Franklin County identifies this area as a Village Buffer. The underlying Village Buffer does not prescribe a density, however, Policy # 1 for Villages states: Encourage small-scale residential subdivision, townhouses, garden apartments and apartments above commercial uses in locations that complement and support established or new villages with supporting convenience shopping, general business, elementary schools, recreational areas, fire and rescue sites, and churches. This application for Special Use Permit would not result in any residential uses for this property. (Case # SPEC-1-13-11335)

Neil Holthouser, Director of Planning and Community Development, presented the following PowerPoint presentation and staff report::

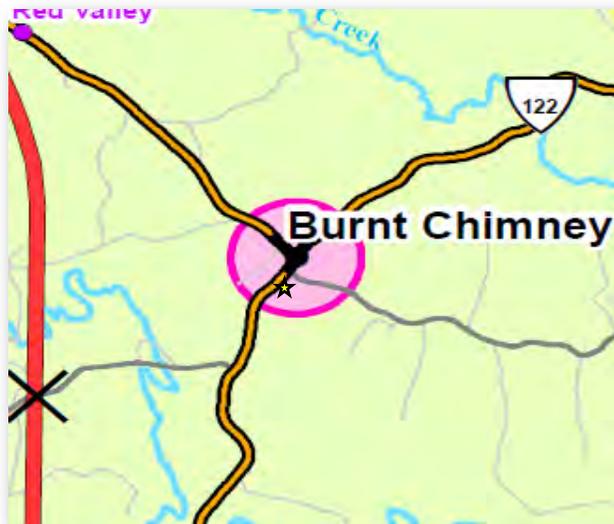
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Zoning



Future Land Use



Site Conditions



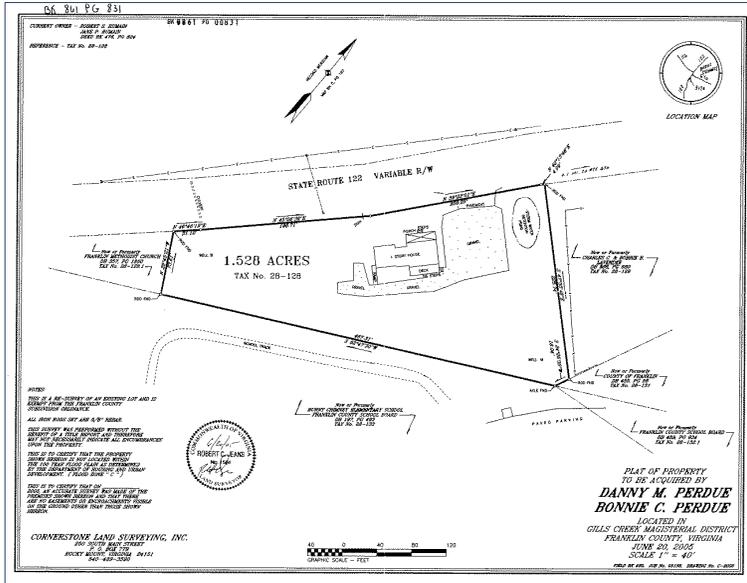
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Site Conditions



Concept Plan



Planning Commission Recommendation

The Planning Commission held a public hearing in consideration of this request at its February 12, 2013 meeting. By a vote of 5-0 (two members absent), the Planning Commission approved the following:

The Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve this request for a Special Use Permit for a “Day care centers, day nurseries” for property located at 6960 Booker T. Washington Hwy, further identified as Tax Map/Parcel # 28-128 with the following condition:

Site Plan. This special use permit is contingent upon the approval by Franklin County of a site plan, which must also be reviewed and approved by VDOT and VDH.

Public Hearing was opened.

Mr. McGhee stated he would take questions if there were any.

Public Hearing was closed.

(RESOLUTION #06-03-2013)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Supervisors to approve the special use permit with the conditions as discussed for uses as provided in this chapter finding by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors that such use will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property, that the character of the projected future land use of the community will not be adversely impacted, that such use will be in harmony with the purpose and intent of the zoning ordinance and with the public health, safety and general welfare and in accord with the requirements of Section 25-638 of the Franklin County Code and Section 15.2-2283, Purpose of zoning ordinances of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended. Further the proposal encourages economic development activities that provide desirable employment and enlarges the tax base. Approval with the following conditions:

Approved Conditions:

Case # SPEC-1-13-11335, Chad McGhee, J & K HTCC, LLP

1. Site Plan. This special use permit is contingent upon the approval by Franklin County of a site plan, which must also be reviewed and approved by VDOT and VDH.

MOTION BY: Charles Wagner

SECONDED BY: Bob Camicia

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Thompson, Wagner, Brubaker, Camicia, Thompson & Cundiff

ABSENT: Mitchell

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Franklin County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at approximately **6:00 P.M., on Tuesday, March 19, 2013**, in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room in the Franklin County Government Center, 1255 Franklin Street, Suite 104, Rocky Mount, Virginia to consider the proposed amendments to Article II – County Vehicle License Fee, Section 11-45-48.

Article II – County Vehicle License Fee

Section 11-45. – Required; Exceptions.

(a) Every licensed motor vehicle, trailer and semitrailer normally garaged, stored, or parked or acquiring a situs within the county and capable of being operated on the streets, highways, roads, or other traveled ways in the county shall be licensed in accord with the provisions of this article and it shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any such vehicle on the streets, highways, roads or other traveled ways in the county, unless such vehicle is so licensed for the current year. The annual license fee shall be in addition to any other County license tax or fees, including personal property tax.

(b) This section shall not apply to the following:

1) To motor vehicles, trailers or semitrailers owned by the commonwealth, by any political subdivision of the commonwealth or by the United States government, or to non-licensed vehicles used exclusively for agricultural or horticultural purposes or vehicles held for sale by any manufacturer or dealer.

State law reference - Code of Virginia, § 58.1-3505.

2) A one- or two-wheel trailer not exceeding fifteen hundred (1,500) pounds, including its maximum load in weight (Gross Weight).

3) To vehicles of owners resident in any incorporated town in the county, which town imposes a license fee or tax on such vehicles. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a license for any vehicle exempt from same under any laws of the commonwealth.

Section 11-46. – License Fee Year.

The license fee year under this article shall begin on the first day of January and shall expire on the last day of December of each year. The License Fee shall be applicable for the given tax year based on situs as of January 1st. There will be no proration of the License Fee upon disposal or change of situs during the given year.

Section 11-47. – Levy and Amount of Fee.

Effective July 1, 2013 and for the 2013 calendar year the following adjusted fees will be reflected on 2013 Personal Property Tax bills which are due December 5, 2013:

- (a) Fifteen dollars and seventy-five cents (\$15.75) on each motor vehicle.
- (b) Eight dollars and fifty cents (\$8.50) on trailers and semitrailers with a gross vehicle weight of more than one thousand, five hundred pounds (1,500).
- (c) Eight dollars and fifty-one cents (\$8.51) on antique or vintage licenses.
- (d) Ten dollars and seventy-five cents (\$10.75) on a motorcycle, with or without a sidecar.

Effective for the 2014 calendar year the following fees will be reflected on 2014 Personal Property Tax bills which are due December 5, 2014:

- (a) Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) on each motor vehicle.

- (b) Twenty dollars (\$20.00) on trailers and semitrailers with a gross vehicle weight of more than one thousand, five hundred pounds (1,500).
- (c) Thirteen dollars and fifty cents (\$13.50) on antique or vintage licenses.
- (d) Eighteen dollars (\$18.00) on a motorcycle, with or without a sidecar.

Several special provisions are allowed by state code and are outlined below:

Special Classification	Amount
Members of the National Guard	One-half the annual license fee imposed by the County of Franklin - limit of two reduced fees.
Disabled Veterans	No Charge – limit of two vehicles
Former Prisoners of War	No Charge – limit of two vehicles
Persons Awarded the Medal of Honor	No Charge – limit of two vehicles

State law reference - Authority for above tax, Code of Virginia, § 46.2-752.

Section 11-48. – Authority of Commissioner of Revenue; Correction of or Relief from License Fees.

The Commissioner of Revenue shall have the authority to correct erroneous billings or assessments of vehicles for a license fee in any tax year upon submission of proper documentation as to such vehicles use, weight or other appropriate classification.

At the February 21, 2012 Board Meeting, the Board agreed to eliminate County Decals and charge a vehicle license fee that will be billed as part of the Personal Property bill.

Switching from a Decal to a Vehicle License Fee requires changes to the County’s ordinance - a draft ordinance is submitted for the Board’s review. The new ordinance only proposes one fee for trailers over 1,500 pounds (\$20.00) instead of \$25.00 for trailers over 4,000 pounds. **No fees are increased by the new ordinance.**

Some adjustment of the fee is also necessary for the first year as we consider the total amount we will charge our citizens in one calendar year. State Code section 46.2-752 states that the amount localities can charge for vehicle license fees cannot be more than the annual or one-year fee imposed by the Commonwealth. The total annual vehicle registration fee charged by the Commonwealth of Virginia is \$40.75. If Citizens purchase a decal this spring for \$25.00, then the most we could bill on the 2013 Personal Property bills would be \$15.75 (\$40.75 - \$25.00). The first year trailer fee will be \$8.50, motorcycles \$10.75 and antique and vintage licenses will be 8.51.

By charging the adjusted reduced fees the first year, the County could lose revenue of approximately \$450,000. Some of this loss will be compensated for by greater participation from our Citizens once this fee is added to their personal property bills, although a remaining shortfall of \$223,000 - \$250,000 should be anticipated in the FY 13-14 budget.

Category	Number Taxed	Adjusted Rate	Projected Collections
Motor Vehicles	56,401	\$15.75	\$888,316
Trailers	8,761	\$8.50	\$74,469
Motorcycles	1,235	\$10.75	\$13,276
Antique Vehicles	109	\$8.51	\$928
		Total Projected Collections	\$976,989
		Budget	\$1,200,000
		Estimated 13-14	(\$223,011)

		Shortfall	
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Note: Number of Vehicles, Trailers, Motorcycles and Antique Vehicles provided by Information Technology from 2011 data.

The County should have a more accurate count of vehicles this fall when they are billed on personal property bills for the first time. Staff has proposed using \$250,000 from fund balance to cover the estimated decal revenue shortfall in FY13-14.

Options for recovering the revenue shortfall include:

- 1) **Raising the fee to \$34.25 for FY14-15 so that the same total amount is collected over three fiscal years:**
 - FY 12-13: \$25.00**
 - FY 13-14: \$15.75**
 - FY 14-15: \$34.25**
 - Three Year Total would equal \$75.00.**

The following Charts show the impact by Calendar Year and Fiscal Year for the vehicle license fee only (\$25):

Calendar Year			
2013		2014	
April	December	December	December
\$25	\$15.75	\$34.25	\$25

Fiscal Year		
12-13	13-14	14-15
April	December	December
\$25	\$15.75	\$34.25

Time line for implementation of the new ordinance:

- March 19, 2013: Adoption of License Fee Ordinance
- June 1, 2013: Programming Changes Completed
- September 1, 2013: Personal Property Book Completed, Bills Mailed

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests the Board to consider the adoption of the new ordinance after completion of the public hearing.

Public Hearing was opened.

No speakers.

Public Hearing was closed.

(RESOLUTION #07-03-2013)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Supervisors to approve the proposed ordinance amendment, as presented, and that the public purpose is public necessity, convenience, general welfare, or good zoning practice and in accord with the requirements of Section 25-729 of the Franklin County Code and Section 15.2-2283, Purpose of zoning ordinances of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended.

- MOTION BY: Charles Wagner
- SECONDED BY: Bobby Thompson
- VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
- AYES: Wagner, Brubaker, Camicia, Thompson & Cundiff
- NAYS: Ronnie Thompson
- ABSENT: Mitchell

Chairman Cundiff adjourned the meeting.

DAVID CUNDIFF
CHAIRMAN

SHARON K. TUDOR, MMC
COUNTY CLERK