

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD A BUDGET WORK SESSION ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020, AT 3:00 P.M., IN B75 MEETING ROOM LOCATED IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 1255 FRANKLIN STREET, SUITE 104, ROCKY MOUNT, VIRGINIA.

THERE WERE PRESENT: Mike Carter
 Tommy Cundiff
 Leland Mitchell
 Ronald Mitchell
 Lorie Smith
 Tim Tatum
 Ronnie Thompson

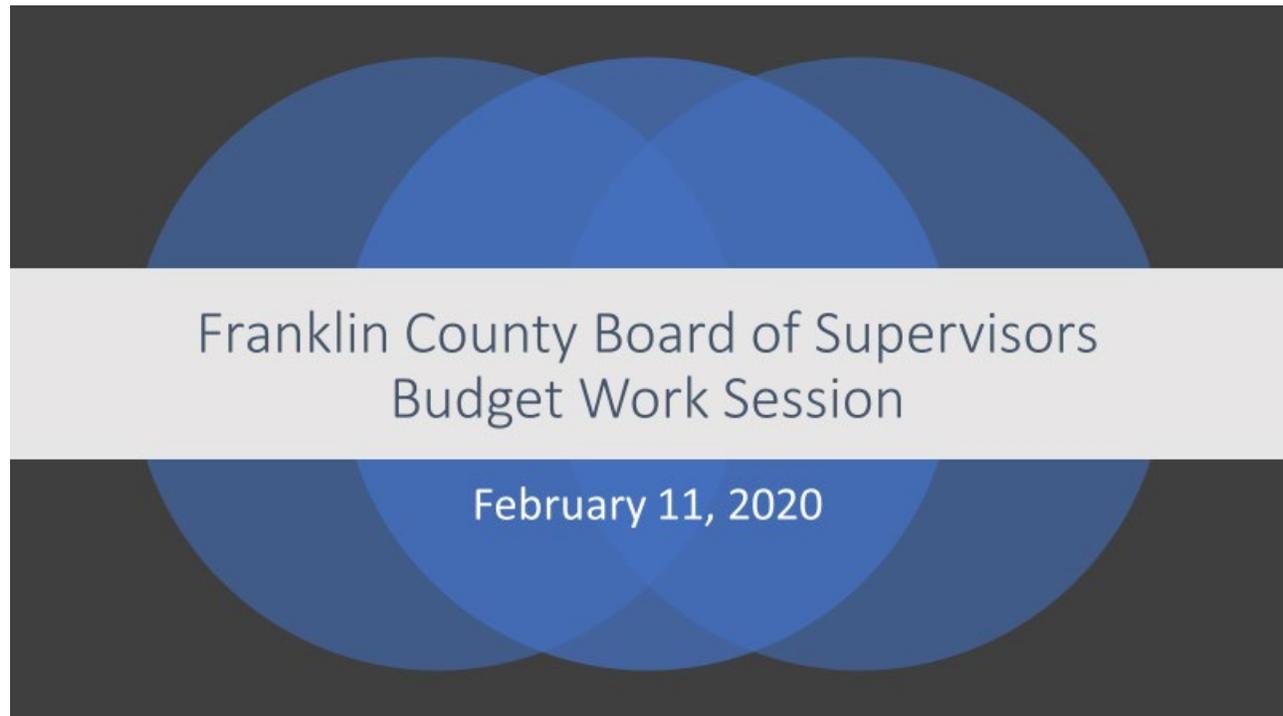
OTHERS PRESENT: Christopher Whitlow, Interim County Administrator
 Madeline L. Sefcik, Clerk

Chairman Mitchell, called the meeting to order.

Mr. Whitlow, Interim County Administrator, opened the meeting and reminded the Board of various upcoming events.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Mr. Sandy, Director of Community Development and Planning presented the below.



Planning & Community Development

Primary Functional Areas

- Building Inspections
- Erosion/Sediment Control & Stormwater
- GIS
- Planning
- Zoning

Staffing

- 8 in Building Inspections
- 2 in GIS
- 8 in Planning/Zoning

Planning & Community Development



Other areas of work

- Economic Development
- Broadband
- Transportation
- E-911 / Public Safety
- Comprehensive Planning
- Code Enforcement
- Grant Writing
- Housing

Planning & Community Development

2018 BOS Strategic Plan

- Develop a “soft infrastructure” plan
- Develop a “hard infrastructure” plan
- Regular dialogue between County and State & Federal lawmakers
- Identify opportunities to facilitate land for senior housing (i.e., Ferrum)

Planning & Community Development

2018 BOS Strategic Plan

- Apartments approved in Westlake (96 units Phase 1)
- Trail/recreation projects (Summit View & Westlake)
- Broadband Plan adoption (August 2019)
- Tobacco Commission and VATI funding for Broadband
- Utilities- Summit View, 220, Grassy Hill
- Regional housing study (RVARC); Ferrum market study



Potential Service Expansion Projects for TRRC Funding

Franklin County, VA
2019

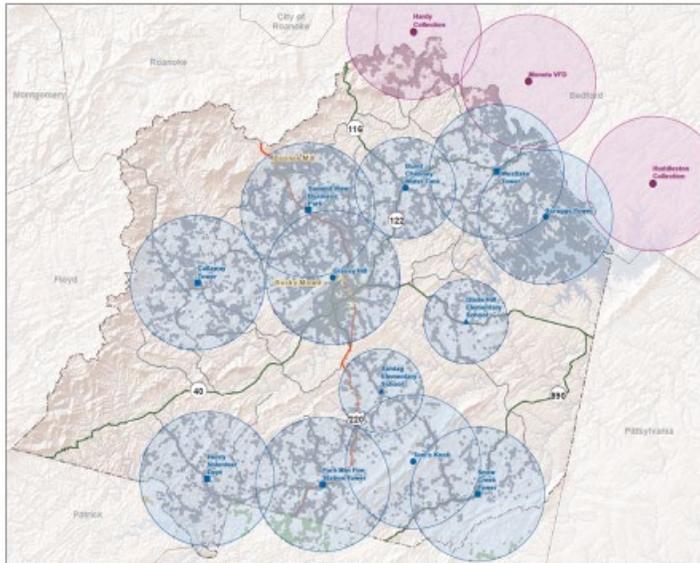
- Legend**
- Potential Service Expansions
 - Franklin County
 - Lakes
 - Surrounding Counties
 - US & 58 Highways
 - Blue Ridge Parkway
 - Local Roads



Date: 3/21/2019



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Franklin County
2020 VATI Grant
Attachment 5 -
Propagation Map
Wireless Project

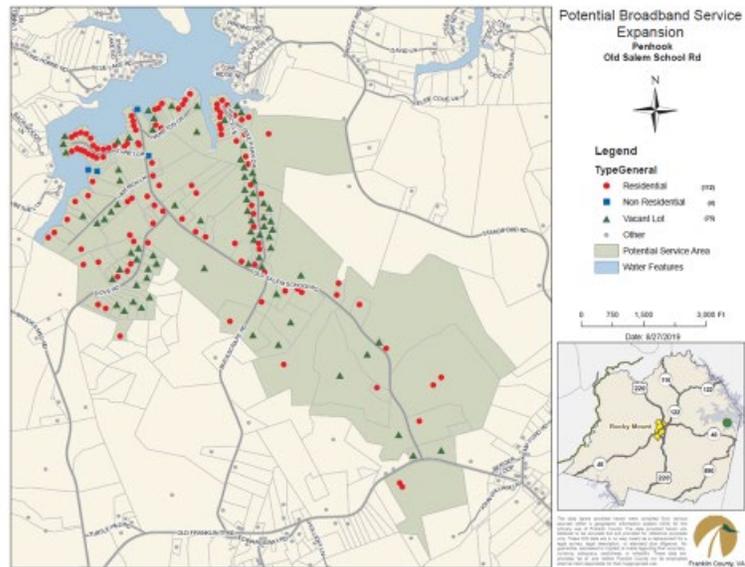


- Reached by Franklin Sites (21,499 Addresses)
- Reached by Bedford Sites (728 Addresses)
- Henry Co Coverage (241 Addresses)
- Franklin Co Coverage (25,400 Addresses)
- Franklin - Existing Pole
- Franklin - New Manholes
- Franklin - Community Pole
- Bedford - Tower Sites
- Franklin - Potential Coverage
- Bedford - Potential Coverage
- Franklin County
- Surrounding Counties
- Water Features
- US Hwy
- State Hwy
- Primary Collector



Date: 9/3/2019

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Planning & Community Development

CIP Budget

- Transportation
- Village Improvements
- Broadband
- Vehicle/Equipment Replacement

Planning & Community Development

Operating Budget

- Maintenance Service Contracts
- 3rd Party Plan Review Assistance
- Staff Training/Travel

CIP Budget

VDOT Revenue Sharing Program (Varies)

- 50/50 Funding
- Summit View Signals and Connector Rd.
- Subdivision Streets

Village Improvements (\$150,000/yr)

- Funding stream for utility/infrastructure improvements in Village areas
- Water, Sewer, Trails/Sidewalks, Housing
- Match for grant funding opportunities

Broadband (\$150,000/yr)

- Funding for matching state/Federal/citizen funds
- Consultant services
- Infrastructure development

Vehicle/Equipment Replacement (\$25,000/yr)

- Inspector vehicles compact SUV with 4WD
- Drone replacement
- Large format scanner and plotter replacement
- Server upgrades for GIS & Energov

Operating Budget

Maintenance Service Contracts (\$40,000)

- Energov, ESRI, Eagleview

3rd Party Plan Review (\$7500/yr)

- Non-Residential Buildings
- Stormwater

Staff Training and Travel (\$10,000)

- Establish/Increase training budgets
- Increased focus on professional development and maintaining certifications of staff
- Previous budget for GIS & stormwater lacked funding
- Inflationary increase of supplies/services
- Continue contractor education training

Broadband

- Close out 2019 Tobacco Commission Grant
- Begin 2020 VATI project
- Apply for additional funding

Transportation

- Apply for 4-6 Smart Scale projects
- Finish Ferrum pedestrian bridge
- Complete Westlake Trail project

Energov upgrade

- Upgrade permitting system from 2016 to 2020 version
- Provides more citizen accessibility
- More app-based for all users

Ferrum property housing

- Complete market analysis
- Master planning
- Project submissions/proposals

Short Term Rentals?

Next Generation 911 Migration

2020 Major Projects

General discussion ensued regarding the CIP presentation. Ms. Smith asked Mr. Sandy if the department would benefit from a project manager position. Mr. Sandy and Mr. Whitlow responded that this position has been discussed in the past and may be worth continuing about the discussion.

Mr. Thompson wanted to let the Board and staff know he is done with waiting around and would like to see us make some action on personnel, particularly administration.

Mr. Whitlow addressed comments from the Board regarding the hiring of a grant writer position for the County and noted staff's feeling that the best applications are many times written by the staff that specialize in the given project or area.

Mr. Mitchell shared with the Board a letter complimenting Mr. John Broughton on his excellent work for the County.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Burnette, Director of Economic Development presented the budget requests for the Economic Development and Tourism Departments.



FRANKLIN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

2020-2021 BUDGET PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

FEBRUARY 11, 2020

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST

- Capital Funding request mainly related to Summit View Business Park and all part of remainder of second borrowing
- Second Borrowing = \$16,000,000
 - Spent and Encumbered to date = \$4.9 million
 - Completion of Phase One
 - Signage Design
 - Rec Pavilion and Access Road
 - South Access Road
 - Church Property Trade
 - Road Segment D3 Design
 - Two-Phase Signalization Design
 - North Region Telecomm
 - Athletic Field #1 Design
 - Stream Credits Bank Creation
 - Miscellaneous
- Approximately \$1 million in grants received for this phase

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST

- Second Borrowing Remaining = Approximately \$11,000,000
 - Expected County Costs = Approximately \$13 million
 - Signage Construction – first phase
 - Road Segment D3 Construction
 - Two-Phase Signalization Construction
 - Natural Gas and Three-Phase Power Extensions
 - Athletic Field #1 Construction
 - Multi-Use Trails Construction
 - Stream Credits Bank Completion – first phase
 - Silo Repainting
 - Connector Road Design and Construction
 - Eagle Site Construction
 - Miscellaneous
 - Approximately \$10 million in grants expected with pursuit of additional for Connector Road



Mr. Jim Guynn, County Attorney arrived at 4:03 PM

Ms. Smith asked if we work regionally with our neighbors for marketing and Mr. Burnette responded in the affirmative and noting the County is a member of Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, the Roanoke Regional Partnership, and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, all of whom market widely.

Mr. Thompson brought up the issue of VDOT changing their requirements for the roads and accesses in the Summit View Business Park..

LIBRARY

Ms. Alison Barry, Director of the Library Department spoke on the progress the Library system has made over the past five years. She stressed the need to have a place for taxpayers to use and not just rely on the number of books citizens “check-out”. She explained that the library has evolved its available services to become much more than a place to rent a book and that visitor numbers are more telling of the Library’s impact on the community/.

Ms. Barry spoke on the issue of the Westlake Library location and the cost of the rental space.

Supervisor Carter wanted to remind the Library that in the Summit View there is a place we can potential have a location in conjunction with the Library where citizens are able to pick up and return books.

FRANKLIN CENTER

Ms. Hodges, Director of the Franklin Center, talked to the Board about the Franklin Center and the financial needs of the department.

Supervisor Carter congratulated Ms. Hodges for the work in the Franklin Center.

CLOSED MEETING

(RESOLUTION #01-02-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to enter into a Closed Meeting in Accordance with 2.2-3711, (A)(1), Personnel, of the Code of Virginia, as Amended.

MOTION BY: Lorie Smith
SECONDED BY: Tim Tatum
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Tatum, Thompson, Smith

Roll Call Vote was taken

MOTION: RESOLUTION: #01-02-2020
SECOND: MEETING DATE: February 11, 2020

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors has convened a 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.

Roll Call Vote was taken

Chairman Mitchell recessed the Board until February 18th at 12:00 PM for the Broadband Authority meeting.