

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD THEIR REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING ON TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020, AT 1:30 P.M., IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING ROOM LOCATED IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 1255 FRANKLIN STREET, SUITE 104, ROCKY MOUNT, VIRGINIA.

THE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH (ORDINANCE #21-06-2020)
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO EFFECTUATE TEMPORARY CHANGES IN CERTAIN DEADLINES AND TO MODIFY PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH PANDEMIC DISASTER

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Christopher Whitlow, County Administrator
Jim Guynn, Legal Counsel
Madeline L. Sefcik, Clerk

Chairman Mitchell, called the meeting to order.

Invocation was given by Supervisor Mike Carter.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Ronnie Thompson

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Robert Meredith

Mr. Meredith spoke in favor of keeping the Confederate Statute where it is presently located outside of the Courthouse.

2. Bill Prillaman

Mr. Prillaman spoke to the Board and expressed his want for the Board to remove the statue from the Courthouse grounds.

3. L. Overstreet

Ms. Overstreet is concerned about a potential round-a-bout that she has spoken to the planning department and VDOT about. She is concerned about the amount of her property that will be used to install the round-a-bout.

4. Cline Brubaker

Mr. Brubaker spoke to the Board and wanted to let them know in the Board Rules and Procedure it is stated public comment is for the citizens and property owners of the County. He urged the County to follow this rule especially on topics that are County-specific.

5. Tammy Underwood

Ms. Underwood brought a new piece of legislation to the Board's attention regarding a potential tax exception for loggers. She would like the Board to take action to grant this exemption in the County.

Mr. Ronnie Thompson wanted to take a moment and thank staff and citizens for their support of him and his family the last few months as his wife had been ill.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTING, APPROPRIATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF JUNE 16, 2020 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

VDOT SECONDARY ROAD EDITION

Big Cove Drive of Smugglers Beach Subdivision has been constructed to meet the public service criteria of secondary street requirements to be accepted as part of the Secondary State Highway System.

A resolution from the Board of Supervisors is required by the VDOT to take Big Cove Drive (Route 1009) into the secondary system of state highways, pursuant to Section 33.2-705, taking certain streets into secondary state highway system. Attached is a development sketch and VDOT Form AM 4.3, which is incorporated herein as part of the resolution.

Staff respectfully requests that the Board of Supervisors adopt by resolution for Big Cove Drive (Route 1009) to be added to the secondary system of state highways.

FRANKLIN COUNTY INMATE FOOD SERVICES RFP

The Office of the Sheriff, County of Franklin is a full-service law enforcement agency with jail, court security, and law enforcement responsibilities. The current inmate food services contract was originally effective on July 2, 2012. The contract has renewed annually and is set to expire on July 31, 2020.

Inmate food services is critical to the operation of the Franklin County Jail and the health and well-being of the inmates. Inmate food services are heavily regulated and are not cost efficient to be provided internally by Sheriff's Office staff. The current contract will expire on July 31, 2020, and the Sheriff's Office was notified of a substantial price increase of 41%, or \$65,600, should the contract renew for another year. The Sheriff's Office would need additional funds appropriated to cover this cost increase. The Sheriff's Office and County Finance Director recommends issuing a request for proposals due to the proposed increase. It has been 8 years since services were originally awarded, and it is a good procurement practice to bid these services occasionally per County precedent. The Sheriff's Office will review any proposals and bring the best proposal back to the Board for approval and award of the contract.

The Sheriff's Office respectfully requests the Board of Supervisors to authorize the issuance of a request for proposals for inmate food services. A recommendation for approval and award will be brought back to the Board.

FORK MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT GARAGE REPAIR

The Fork Mountain Volunteer Fire Department (FMVFD) station located at 2805 Virgil Goode Highway, Rocky Mount, Virginia was originally constructed in 1969 to house the apparatus of the department. This facility has served the department and community well for the past 51 years. However, due to the ever-increasing size of fire apparatus, the department garage area is in need of additional space. As fire apparatus continues to grow larger in size several fire stations are experiencing space issues and Fork Mountain Volunteer Fire Department (Company 8) is no exception. With larger apparatus, Fire- EMS Volunteers and Career staff are often forced to pull apparatus outside to access the restrooms along with other inconveniences at this facility. This also has a tremendous effect on the public as this station also serves as a voter precinct. Discussions have been going on for a couple of years between Company 8 and Public Safety regarding the possible extension of the garage bay area to accommodate the larger apparatus.

On Sunday April 19, 2020, the career staff at Company 8 were conducting pump training outside of the station. During this training, the vehicle experienced a malfunction causing it to "lurch" forward striking the building causing substantial damage the garage bay and door area of the building.

The repair of the building affords an opportunity to correct the garage area extension need at minimal cost to the county. Repair quotes were obtained by the FMVFD from Frith Construction where the cost to repair the facility back to its original condition is approximately \$37,000.00. The cost to repair and include the needed garage extension of 18 feet can be accomplished for an additional \$67,550 after insurance claim is processed. In an effort to correct the needed garage bay space issue during the construction repair, the FMVFD is requesting the additional funding to complete the project. If this can be successfully accomplished this should meet the space needs of the Fork Mountain Volunteer Fire Department for the next 20-25 years.

The FMVFD has already spent close to \$17,000 this year alone in sewer repairs to accommodate career staffing along with other expenditures for this facility. The FMVFD has offered to sign an MOU with the County stating that career staff can remain at the facility as long as needed where if, there was any legitimate reason to break the MOU, then a pro-rated formula would be developed requiring FMVFD to reimburse the County. Sufficient funds are available to cover the \$67,550 from the County's Capital Reserve Account #30010047-59120 which has a current balance of \$1,464,850. This capital reserve account was set aside last fiscal year to address emergency repairs or immediate capital needs, as well as future capital projects. This account can be replenished or added to each year following the year-to-year carry over process.

Staff respectfully requests the Board of Supervisors approve the transfer of \$67,550 to the FMVFD from the County's Capital Reserve Account #30010047-59120 to complete the garage repair and associated extension as outlined in this summary.

PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE PURCHASE

The Operations Captain position assists with advanced life support and provides fire/EMS support oversight and on-scene management for emergency incidents. Currently, a 2015 Ford F 250 with 156,113 miles is utilized and is shared between three (3) employees (shift captains) working 24 hour shifts seven (7) days a week 365 days a year. This vehicle is in continuous service except when taken out of service for preventive maintenance.

The vehicle currently assigned to the public safety Operations Captain has met its serviceable lifespan as a first response unit and has in excess of 156,113 miles. This vehicle averages between 2,500 and 3,000 miles per month and responds to more calls in a single month than any other vehicle in the fleet. The current vehicle is equipped with 4-wheel drive for use in inclement weather and is used to access scenes that are in remote locations. The current vehicle is a ¾ ton chassis and is adequate for the duties assigned. A four-door passenger compartment is necessary for logistic purposes and to transport additional personnel to and from emergencies. The vehicle routinely responds to fire/EMS calls and frequently arrives before other assets. The equipment on the vehicle allows the operator to provide identical patient care capabilities as an advanced life support ambulance, except for transportation of the patient. This vehicle occasionally serves as a temporary command post at major events.

This vehicle once removed from service will be reassigned to Burnt Chimney Volunteer Fire Department to serve as a personnel transport vehicle for training and additional manpower needs.

The proposed replacement vehicle will be 2020 Ford F250 4 X 4 pickup purchased off of state contract from Colonial Ford Truck Sales at a price of \$32,387.80. The upfit for this vehicle will be purchased from Fast Lane Emergency Vehicles of Purcellville, Virginia off of the cooperative procurement (Contract Number AM10-18) contract at a cost of \$47,571.49. Total funds for the purchase will be \$79,959.29 and are currently budgeted and allocated in CIP line item 3023-014557005.

By purchasing off the state contract and H-GAC (Contract Number AM10-18) the vehicle and upfit can be purchased through cooperative procurement in accordance with County procurement policy.

This purchase has also been discussed and is recommended for approval by the County Vehicle Committee.

Staff respectfully requests the Board of Supervisors authorize the purchase of a new Quick Response Vehicle (QRV) as outlined in this summary. Funds are currently budgeted in the vehicle in capital account 3023-0145-57005.

FLEETWOOD HOMES PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT

On July 2nd, Franklin County announced that Fleetwood Homes would be expanding its operation in Rocky Mount. As an inducement to make this investment and hire new employees, Franklin County has agreed to provide a grant of \$30,000 to the company through the Franklin County Industrial Development Authority. It is the wish of all parties to memorialize this transaction in a binding performance agreement between the company, County, and IDA.

Fleetwood Homes has agreed to invest \$2.1 million in expanding its local operation and hire sixty (60) new employees by April 1, 2023. In return, Franklin County, through the Industrial Development Authority, will provide a business grant of \$30,000 to the company. Per standard operating procedure, the County and IDA require that a performance agreement memorializing the roles and responsibilities of each party is to be executed. Fleetwood Homes has executed the proposed agreement, as did the Franklin County Industrial Development Authority at its meeting of July 9, 2020. The final party required to approve and execute the agreement is the Franklin County Board of Supervisors.

Staff respectfully recommends that the Board approve this Performance Agreement between Fleetwood Homes, the Franklin County Industrial Development Authority, and Franklin County.

NATIONAL PARKS TOURISM GRANT APPLICATION

The National Park Service (NPS) awarded the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) more than \$4.7 million in funding to provide recovery assistance to historic properties, including archaeological sites, damaged by hurricanes Florence and/or Michael in September and October 2018 that are listed or are eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Emergency Supplemental funding from the NPS's Historic Preservation Fund (ESHPPF) allows DHR to provide grants tied to historic properties in 52 counties and cities in Virginia that FEMA has determined eligible for the federal grants. Franklin County is one of 14 counties to qualify based on both the Florence and Michael hurricanes.

The disbursement of NPS funds by DHR have been based on a series of priority rankings. Currently DHR is soliciting a Request for Assistance (RFA) from eligible communities for survey and planning needs. The ESHPPF survey and planning projects will be selected by DHR staff based on a pre-determined set of criteria. Each application will be reviewed and rated according to criteria including need, urgency, mitigation of future threat, prior consultation with DHR staff, and public benefit of the proposed project. Upon receipt of Request for Assistance, DHR staff will reach out to share more information about the project selection process.

Franklin County Tourism (FCT) has been in regular communication with DHR since the funding opportunity was first announced in March. Locally, funding support will assist in the development of a unique tourism product of value, as well as benefit the county and citizens in other ways. An objective for this funding is to provide a comprehensive survey and inventory of Franklin County's historic cultural landscape with focus on architectural heritage. Additionally, educational and community outreach efforts will be included.

This concept has been part of the FCT annual workplan for several years. Lack of a viable funding source was an obstacle. Typically, projects of this nature are cost prohibitive, and when funding is available it requires a match. We are in a unique situation in that a match is not required - a rare opportunity.

Franklin County is known for a number of historic landmarks, such as the Boones Mill and Rocky Mount train depots, Booker T. Washington National Monument, Blue Ridge Institute & Museum (BRIM), the Hook-Powell-Moorman Farm, the 1769 Chapel Church, the Trail Cabin, and several historic districts and other assets.

Of specific tourism value, the project will identify for the county overlooked or forgotten heritage assets specific to Franklin County and nowhere else. Hence the term, asset-based community development. Dairy farming and tobacco farming are longstanding foundations of the county's history. The project will help document resources such as dairy silos, dairy farms, and tobacco barns which can be developed into driving tour itineraries. Documentation often leads to awareness. Such unique resources are dwindling and if measures are not taken now to draw attention to them and encourage landowner stewardship, they may disappear from our landscape forever.

There is progress toward active heritage trail development. We have been in communication with Preservation Virginia toward a FTO proposed Blue Ridge to the Piedmont Tobacco Heritage Trail. Franklin County would serve as the western anchor/bookend to an eastern running trail – like our role with The Crooked Road: Virginia's Heritage Music Trail.

The project can provide resources for other itinerary and program ideas such as a Franklin County African American Heritage Trail. And even continuing discussions toward commemorating the former route of the Old F&P (the Franklin & Pittsylvania Railroad) – which would be a tie-in with our being part of "Virginia's Rail Heritage Region." Furthermore, outcomes of the project could be integrated into a Franklin County GIS-Tourism partnership story map digital driving tour itinerary platform.

The Franklin County 2025 Comprehensive Plan, under Section 8 (Cultural Resources – Arts, Culture and History) identifies historic cultural resources as an important aspect to the citizens of the county. A subsection, "Historic/Architectural Landmarks" (pp. 8-3 – 8-15) is most relevant. It points out four key aspects of historic preservation (p. 8-3):

- Historic preservation is a key link to our community's past. "Preservation serves to ensure cultural continuity in that it bridges the past to the present."
- Historic preservation is host to educational qualities. "Preservation supplements the written word; it adds another dimension to learning."
- Historic preservation brings economic values to a community. "The economic dividends which preservation brings to an area are often overlooked...."
- "Historic preservation also provides aesthetic satisfaction." This bodes well with county's marketing and recruitment strength based on quality of life factors.

In 1997, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors adopted "Heritage 96: A Preservation Strategy" which was a guide to help guide heritage resources planning for the county. The planning document discussed many existing and potential aspects of historic preservation for Franklin County. A systematically obtained inventory of architectural resources had not been attained – a situation still current today. The proposed project can fulfill this long-standing need.

There is no financial obligation to the county for requesting assistance from DHR for the project funding. A resolution from the Board is requested to document county support. Administration for the project would be handled by DHR. Use of occasional office space is requested for professionals conducting the study. FCT would serve as county contact and local liaison for the project. Application deadline is 23 July. Letters of support will be sought from several key community stakeholders including the Franklin County Public Library System, Blue Ridge Institute & Museum (BRIM) of Ferrum College, and the Towns of Boones Mill and Rocky Mount.

Staff respectfully recommends that the Board support a resolution of support and authorize staff to submit application for funding.

(RESOLUTION #01-07-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Consent Agenda as presented above with the exception of item #3, Fork Mountain Volunteer Fire Department garage repair.

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

Supervisor Smith asked a clarifying question on the cost of completing the garage repair and associated extension.

(RESOLUTION #02-07-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to approve item #3, Fork Mountain Volunteer Fire Department garage repair, on the Consent Agenda.

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

BRIAN CARTER, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Monthly Report

Mr. Brain Carter, Director of Finance presented the below PowerPoint.



FRANKLIN COUNTY MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

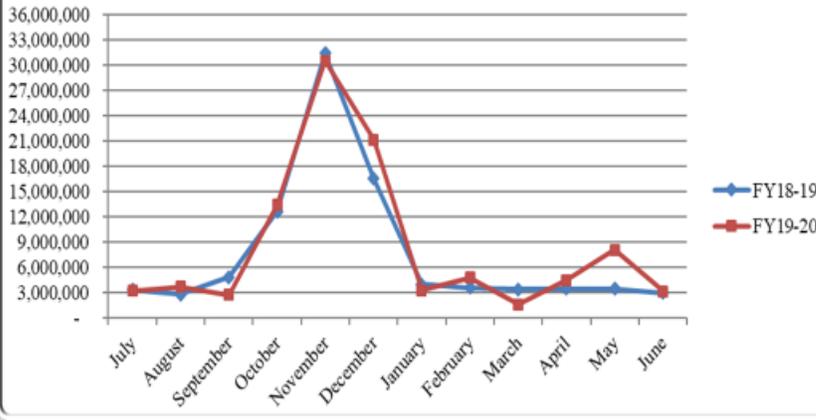
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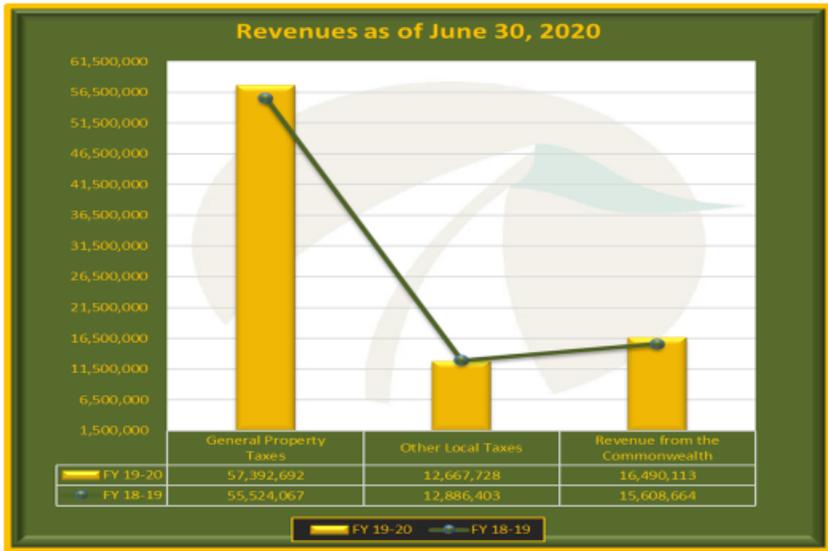


Franklin County
Cash Basis Revenue and Expenditure Summaries (Unaudited)
General Fund and School Fund Only
For the Month Ended June 30, 2020

REVENUES:	Budget and Appropriations Current Year	Actual Year to Date Revenues	Balance To Be Realized	Percent of Budget
General Property Taxes	55,096,914	57,392,052	2,295,778	104.2%
Other Local Taxes	12,220,752	12,667,728	446,976	103.7%
Permits, Fees and Licenses	395,241	484,434	89,193	122.6%
Fines and Forfeitures	43,499	37,775	(5,724)	85.9%
Revenue from the use of Money and Property Charges for Services	644,750	658,874	14,084	102.2%
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,859,621	3,064,391	204,770	107.2%
Recovered Costs	887,206	804,129	(83,077)	90.6%
Revenue from the Commonwealth	603,699	639,373	35,674	105.9%
Federal Government	15,399,313	16,490,113	1,090,800	107.1%
Federal Government	3,636,872	3,302,450	(334,422)	90.8%
Total	91,786,907	95,541,859	3,755,052	104.1%
Fund Balance/Carryover Funds	3,287,341	(81,222)	4,889,448	
Federal Revenues				
Transfers	144,429	144,429		
Total General Fund	95,218,677	100,494,614		
Schools				
Categoria, Misc, State, Federal	53,357,617	53,571,747	214,130	100.4%
Local Funding from County	34,365,178	31,705,842	(2,659,336)	92.3%
Total School Fund	87,722,795	85,277,589	(2,445,206)	97.2%
EXPENDITURES:	Budget and Appropriations Current Year	Actual Year to Date Expenditures	Balance Expended	Percent of Budget
General and Financial Administration	5,045,415	4,953,047	92,368	98.2%
Judicial Administration	3,008,521	2,811,723	196,798	93.5%
Public Safety (Sheriff, Corrections, Fire, EMS)	15,349,646	14,718,106	631,480	95.9%
Public Works	4,098,231	3,830,181	268,050	93.5%
Health and Welfare	14,447,575	15,026,015	(578,440)	104.0%
Parks, Recreation, Libraries, Community College	2,318,028	2,165,248	152,780	93.4%
Community Development	3,215,238	2,798,464	416,774	87.0%
Transfers to Schools, Capital, Debt	47,736,023	44,139,035	3,596,988	92.5%
Total General Fund	95,218,677	90,441,880	4,776,797	95.0%
School Fund	87,722,795	87,556,763	166,032	99.8%

Franklin County
General Fund Actual Revenues by Month





	<u>FY17-18</u>	<u>FY18-19</u>	<u>FY19-20</u>	<u>18/19 to 19/20</u> <u>% Change</u>
Total Revenue Year to Date (July - June)	35,462,950	39,612,777	39,779,582	0.4%
Dollar Increase			166,805	
Percent of Budget	100.28%	100.36%	100.14%	





	<u>FY17-18</u>	<u>FY18-19</u>	<u>FY19-20</u>	<u>18/19 to 19/20</u> <u>% Change</u>
Total Revenue Year to Date (July - June)	9,943,170	11,046,620	12,334,423	11.7%
Dollar Increase			1,287,803	
Percent of Budget	101.14%	103.79%	112.74%	

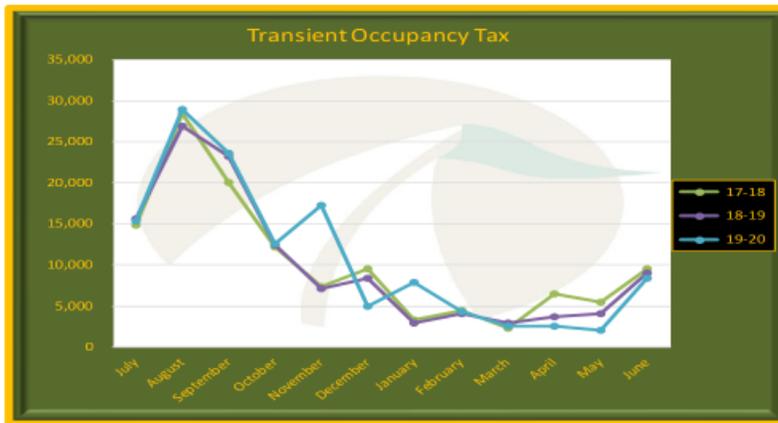


	<u>FY17-18</u>	<u>FY18-19</u>	<u>FY19-20</u>	<u>18/19 to 19/20</u> <u>% Change</u>
Total Revenue Year to Date (July - June)	4,598,128	5,579,770	5,454,695	-2.2%
Dollar Increase			(125,075)	
*Revenue collections are at 108.3% of Budget				





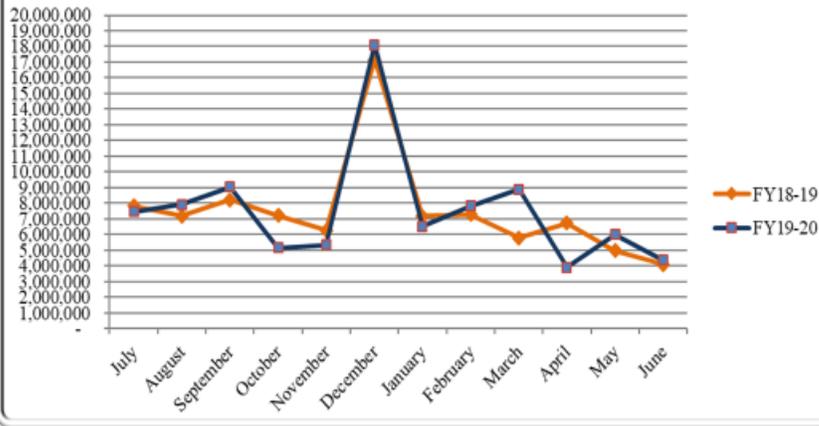
	<u>FY17-18</u>	<u>FY18-19</u>	<u>FY19-20</u>	<u>18/19 to 19/20</u> <u>% Change</u>
Total Revenue Year to Date (July - June)	1,142,108	1,215,167	1,182,996	-2.6%
Dollar Increase			(32,171)	



	<u>FY17-18</u>	<u>FY18-19</u>	<u>FY19-20</u>	<u>18/19 to 19/20</u> <u>% Change</u>
Total Revenue Year to Date (July - June)	123,909	120,382	130,555	8.5%
Dollar Increase			10,173	

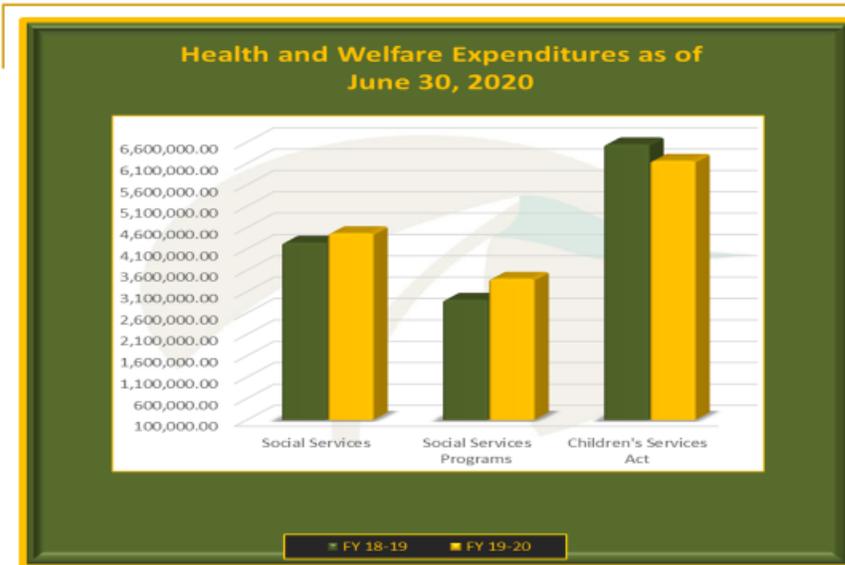


Franklin County General Fund Actual Expenditures by Month



Expenditures as of June 30, 2020





Fund Balance

Unassigned Fund Balance 6/30/19	\$23,704,454
Less:	
BOS Approved Rollovers	-\$1,421,851
Capital Project Reserve	-\$1,400,000
School Carryover Approved	\$0
Policy Minimum 20% of GF Revenues	<u>-\$18,780,531</u>
Remaining Available	<u><u>\$2,102,072</u></u>



Economic Update

- Real GDP is forecasted to decline 36.8% in the 2nd Quarter of 2020 per Wells Fargo followed by a significant rebound with growth of 18.4% in the 3rd Quarter and 9.7% in the 4th Quarter
 - Forecasted GDP decline of -6.1% in calendar 2020 and increase of 3.3% in 2021
 - Virginia 2020 fiscal year-end
 - Deficit of approximately \$236.5 million
 - Significantly less than the \$1 billion projected in March
 - Overall revenues increased 2% over FY 2019
 - April – June retail sales fell 7% and payroll withholdings declined 2%
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Economic Update (cont.)

- Anticipated impact to localities is unknown as the State revenue reforecast is anticipated in August; General Assembly reconvenes August 18
 - Current State estimates still include \$1 billion losses in FY 2021 and FY 2022
 - Will depend on future shutdowns related to COVID-19
 - Over 50% of County/School combined budget is funded with State and Federal funds
 - Local revenues May collections
 - Meals Tax collections decreased 18.6%
 - Transient Occupancy Tax collections decrease 7.2%
 - Local Sales Taxes increased 3.5%
 - Staff continues to monitor FY 2020 year-end balances
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2. Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Center Service Agreement

Franklin County is a member of the Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Commission (RVJDC) where, since 1998, it has shared in the operation of a detention center for the region's youth. The RVJDC includes the counties of Botetourt, Franklin, and Roanoke, and the City of Roanoke. Like the regional jail, the detention center operates from a service agreement based on a per diem or per inmate / detainee daily rate. The Detention Center located in Coyner Springs area of U.S. 460 along the Roanoke-Botetourt County border originally housed 81 potential beds.

During the last couple of decades, the detention population within Virginia has dropped significantly. In recent years, the RVJDC's capacity was dropped to 40 beds and in the FY20-21 budget, approximately 32 beds are projected. Despite the number of beds, many costs are fixed with the design of the facility requiring a minimum level of staffing regardless of the number of detainees. The original service agreement has not been updated since 1998 and does not currently reflect utilization concerns which places a burdensome operational projection for annual budgeting of the RVJDC.

The RVJDC is requesting its membership to review and consider an update to the service agreement in an effort to address the utilization concern, thereby changing costs from a per diem basis to a cost apportionment based on a rolling three-year average of actual utilization. Staff respectfully requests the BOS to hear a briefing on this matter from County Attorney Jim Guynn.

(RESOLUTION #03-07-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Amended and Restated Service Agreement of the Roanoke Valley Detention Commission as presented.

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

Roll call vote was taken

A copy of the agreement is available in the Clerk's office.

BILL OVERTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF

1. Security Camera System

The Office of the Sheriff, County of Franklin is a full-service law enforcement agency with jail, court security, and law enforcement responsibilities. For the past 12+ years, the Sheriff's Office has had car camera systems in all patrol vehicles. Two years ago, body cameras were added. For many years the car camera budget has remained at \$30,000 per year even though patrol has increased from 24 deputies to 32 deputies in that time frame. The Sheriff's Department previously requested an increase in that line item over the past several years with no increase made. When the Sheriff's Office added body cameras several years ago, the department chose Provision Systems as that was the best equipment low bid would buy. The dated system has been problematic and is very unreliable. Law enforcement is currently operating in a climate where the excuse of "Well the camera wasn't working", would not be a viable excuse in the event of a complaint of biased policing or excessive force.

One of the better camera systems available today is made by WatchGuard. This is a paired system where the body camera and car camera function together. Watchguard will outfit the entire patrol fleet with car cameras and all patrol, SRO and Civil deputies with body cameras for \$233,500. Watchguard is currently under state contract #E194-73322-MA2200. They have offered to finance over a 5-year period at zero percent interest. This would require an annual payment of \$46,700 from the Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office will utilize its current Capital line item for car cameras #30210032-57001 currently funded at \$30,000 annually as well as additional funding from within the Sheriff's Office existing budget to purchase the cameras.

The Sheriff's Office respectfully requests the Board of Supervisors to approve the purchase of the WatchGuard camera system through cooperative procurement under state contract #E194-73322-MA2200, thereby entering into a financing agreement with a 5-year period at zero percent interest term with an annual payment of \$46,700 from the Sheriff's Office budget. Annual funding to be budgeted and allocated from existing Capital Account for Sheriff In-Car Cameras of \$30,000 with the balance of \$16,700 being allocated from other existing Sheriff budget line items. The Sheriff's Office is not requesting any additional funding from the County at this time.

(RESOLUTION #04-07-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to approve the purchase of the WatchGuard camera system through cooperative procurement under state contract #E194-73322-MA2200, thereby entering into a financing agreement with a 5-year period at zero percent interest term with an annual payment of \$46,700 from the Sheriff's Office budget. Annual funding to be budgeted and allocated from existing Capital Account for Sheriff In-Car Cameras of \$30,000 with the balance of \$16,700 being allocated from other existing Sheriff budget line items. The Sheriff's Office is not requesting any additional funding from the County at this time.

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

Roll call vote was taken

Supervisor Mitchell wanted to get it on the record to he would like to do everything in his power to help protect Deputies while they are waiting at a scene from being approached from behind.

Sheriff Overton spoke to the Board regarding his concern of the special session of the General Assembly that has been called by the Governor. One of the items on the agenda is Police Reform and he is concerned this is something very drastic and wants to voice his concern.

Supervisor Tatum voiced his support and thankfulness to the Sheriff's Department and wants the Sheriff's Deputies to know they have his support.

Supervisor Carter wanted to voice that he and the Board are able and willing to send a letter to the Governor's Office regarding Police Reform.

Supervisor Smith wants to ask staff to draft a a letter to voice our Franklin County ideals in regard to this topic.

MIKE BURNETTE, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BRIAN CARTER, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. A CARES Act Update was given by Mr. Mike Burnette, Director of Economic Development.



LOCAL CARES ACT FUNDING

FEDERAL CARES ACT FUNDING (Through Commonwealth of Virginia)

- Federal government passed *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020* that created a \$150 billion pool for state and local governments
- Virginia received \$3.1 billion, of which \$1.3 billion is slated to be allocated to localities
- \$645 million disbursed to localities in the first round and must be spent by December 30, 2020 or must be returned
- Funds can only be used for necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020; were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.
- Cannot be used to make up for Revenue shortfalls

LOCAL CARES ACT FUNDING

FEDERAL CARES ACT FUNDING (Through Commonwealth of Virginia)

- Franklin County received \$4,889,448 in funding (\$87.25 per capita)
- Must be spent by December 30, 2020 or returned to state/feds
- Expenditures will be reviewed AFTER THE FACT by state/feds and must be repaid if found to be ineligible which requires conservative view on eligible projects
- Eligible expense guidance is constantly changing and potential changes to the law are being discussed in Congress
- Staff Team has continuously reviewed changing guidelines, projects undertaken in other localities, and direction from VACo/VML/statewide finance directors/statewide County Attorneys/etc.
- An amended FIRST ROUND of recommended expense categories is being presented today that encompass projects that seem to meet the narrowly viewed eligibility requirements and incorporates Board directives from the June meeting

LOCAL CARES ACT FUNDING

RECOMMENDED FIRST ROUND EXPENSE CATEGORIES
TOTAL AVAILABLE = \$4,889,448

• Distribution to Town of Boones Mill (234 Citizens)	\$ 20,417
• Distribution to Town of Rocky Mount (4,748 Citizens)	\$ 414,263
• Small Business Recovery Grants	\$ 500,000
• Program Administration, Accounting, & Legal	\$ 105,000
• Citizen Assistance Grants (past due rent and utilities)	\$ 300,000
• Personal Protective Equipment / Emergency Response	\$ 350,000
• Sanitization Equipment	\$ 35,000
• Unemployment Insurance Recovery	\$ 100,000
• Telework Infrastructure	\$ 450,000
• Remote Distancing Equipment	\$ 275,000
• Mobile Dispatch / Incident Command Facilities	\$ 150,000
• ROUND 1 TOTAL	\$2,699,680
• Approximate Remaining Funds for Future Rounds	\$2,189,768



The COVID-19 pandemic has caused immeasurable damage to the local, state, national, and global economies. The United States government has approved several bills providing funding to various sectors of the American economy in an effort to boost economic activity. The signature bill to date is called the CARES Act which, in part, provides billions of dollars to states and localities to assist with COVID-related expenses. Franklin County has received \$4,889,448 from the Commonwealth of Virginia as a pass through from the United States Treasury.

Last month, staff provided the Board an overview of the CARES Act as it relates to the funding received locally and discuss expenditures of these funds as directed by the Act. The law broadly outlines how the County can spend the grant funding and requires that all funds be expended by December 30, 2020. Any funds not spent by the deadline must be sent back to the federal government. All potential projects must be related to the COVID-19 crisis. Eligible expenses purchased after March 1st and not included in the County's annual budget as of March 27th may be reimbursable from the CARES Act grant.

Staff brought an initial recommendation to the Board on June 16th for the proposed expenditures of the local CARES Act funding, whereby the Board offered support and offered further input, including reserving a portion of the grant proceeds for a second or future round(s) or phase(s) to be utilized once further information is received from the U.S. Treasury on how funding can be utilized as well as having a better idea of how needs evolve as the pandemic unfolds. The Board also requested the initial staff working group include additional representation. The expanded working group has since met to trim the initial list of recommendations, thereby reserving a portion of the funding for future use and to better incorporate a variety of needs for public safety, law enforcement, technology, small businesses, and citizen assistance. In addition, the local business recovery grant program was approved by the County's Industrial Development Authority (IDA) where the application process is now underway for County businesses. A listing of the initial CARES Act categorical expenditures including the business grant program is listed as follows:

Small Business Recovery Grants	\$500,000
Citizen Assistance Grants (past due utilities/rent)	\$300,000
Personal Protective Equipment / Emergency Response	\$350,000
Sanitization Equipment	\$35,000
Town of Rocky Mount Allocation	\$414,263
Town of Boones Mill Allocation	\$20,417
Telework Infrastructure	\$450,000
Remote Distancing Equipment	\$275,000
Mobile Dispatch/Incident Command Facilities	\$150,000
Unemployment Insurance Recovery	\$100,000
<u>CARES Program Administration, Accounting, Legal</u>	<u>\$105,000</u>
TOTAL IN ROUND ONE	\$2,699,680
REMAINING FOR FUTURE ROUND(S)	\$2,189,768

Staff respectfully requests that the Board review and approve the CARES Act eligible expenditure categorical list as presented. In an effort to meet the December 30th deadline, the next round or phase of eligible funding items will be presented at the upcoming August and / or September Board meetings.

(RESOLUTION #05-07-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to move forward with the CARES Act eligible expenditure categorical list as presented.

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

Roll Call was taken

WORK SESSION: Franklin County Utilities Overview, Shirley Holland, Board Member & Mike McEvoy, Executive Director of the Western Virginia Water Authority

Franklin County Utility Update

Franklin County Board of Supervisors
July 21, 2020

Today's Presentation

- A review of the partnership between Franklin County and the Western Virginia Water Authority
- Projects with other partners in Franklin County
- Water and sewer assets in Franklin County
- Future Projects

History

- The Authority and Franklin County start working together - 2008
 - US 220 water main extended from Roanoke County
 - SR 122 water main Franklin County and the Bedford County PSA
- The Authority acquired, with County support, the Westlake wastewater system - 2009
- Franklin County joined the Authority as a member - 2009



History (cont.)



- The Authority purchased a number of private systems in the Westlake and Southlake areas and along Scruggs Road – 2010 to 2014
- Executed joint agreement to extend the SR 122 water main to Burnt Chimney - 2013
- Authority executed agreement with Bedford County PSA to build a new water treatment plant on SML - 2014

History (cont.)

- The Authority acquired the Wirtz Wastewater Treatment Plant - 2014
- Agreement executed between the Authority, the County and the Town of Rocky Mount for utility development in the US 220 corridor - 2014
- The Authority purchased 19 water systems and the LakeWatch wastewater system from Petrus Environmental - 2017
- The Authority executed an operating agreement with Town of Boones Mill - 2018
- Executed joint financing agreement to support the Summit View Business Park development - 2019

Other Partners

Bedford Regional Water Authority

- Joint ownership and operation of the SML Water Treatment Plant

Town of Boones Mill

- Entered into a contract with Boones Mill in 2018 to operate the Town's utility system - Town still owns system and sets rates

Town of Rocky Mount

- The 2014 contract between Rocky Mount, the County and the Authority allows utility interconnections
- Allocated sewer capacity to the Authority at the Town's wastewater treatment plant
- Detailed an extension of the US 220 water main to Rocky Mount's water plant as backup source

Today

- Water customer growth has increased from 260 customers to 3,208 customers mostly through new connections and acquisition of private systems
- The Sewer system supports 99 customers, the majority of which are commercial
- Since the County joined the Authority in 2009, water rates have decreased 14% and sewer rates have decreased 22%
- The Authority's Education Team is active in County schools teaching environmental science



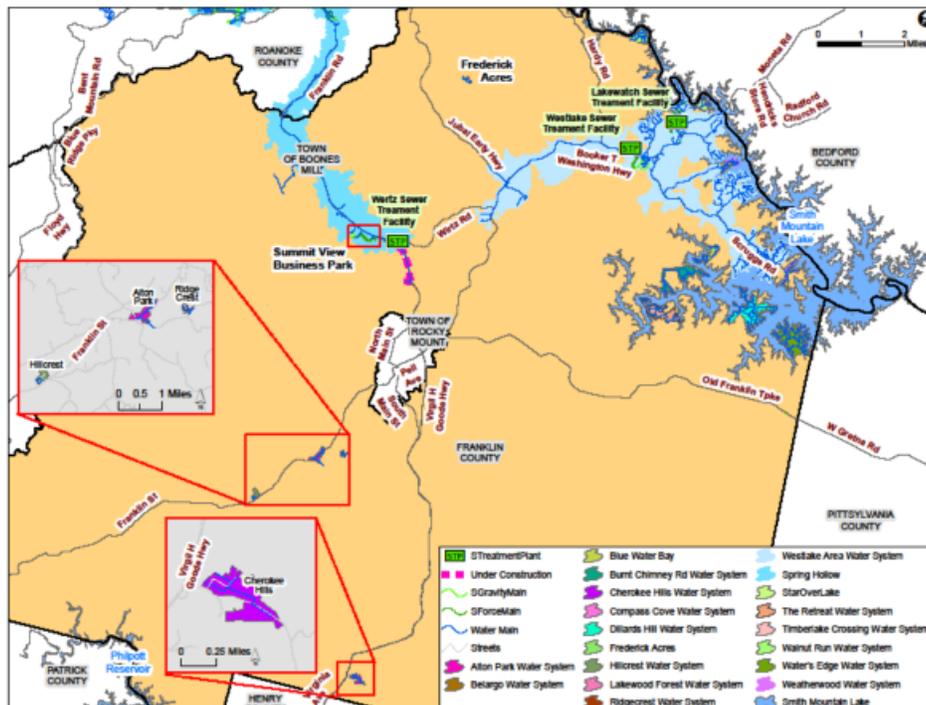
Water System



- Maintain 137 miles of water main and 58 storage tanks
 - 3 of these tanks are > 75,000 gallons in capacity
 - Summit View Elevated Tank nearing completion - 500,000 gallons
- The Smith Mountain Lake (SML) Water Treatment Plant supplies the water for the SR 122 / Scruggs Road system, approximately 600,000 gallons per day

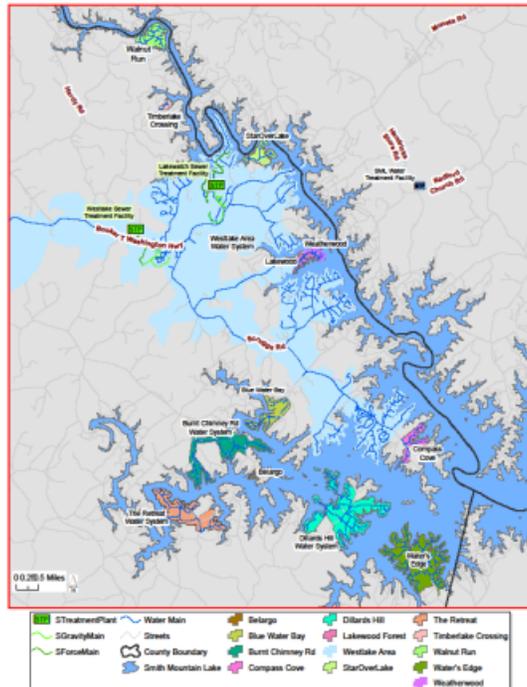
Water System Improvements

- Summit View Water Improvements - \$2.4M
 - Interconnected water mains from the US 220 line to support the business park and constructing the Summit View Tank
- Grassy Hill water main extension – \$1.8M
 - Approximately 50% complete
 - Includes installation of Fiber Optic Conduit
- Renovations to the Timberlake Crossing and Cherokee Hills treatment systems and pumping stations are under design - \$250K
- Extension of the US 220 water main to the Town of Rocky Mount is substantially complete with control valves and telemetry needed



Water System Improvements (cont.)

- Finishing up the Lakewood Forest Road water main extension from Scruggs Road - \$1.5M
- Connection of the Stripers Landing / Blue Water Bay water systems from the Scruggs Road water main has been designed. Construction will start in early Fall 2020 - \$300K
- Connection of the StarOverLake water system to the SR 122 water main is under design. Construction expected to start late Fall 2020 - \$250K
- Southlake - systems on the south side of SML are stand-alone, but have been consolidated into four integrated systems including construction of the Dillard's Hill Water Tank - \$900K

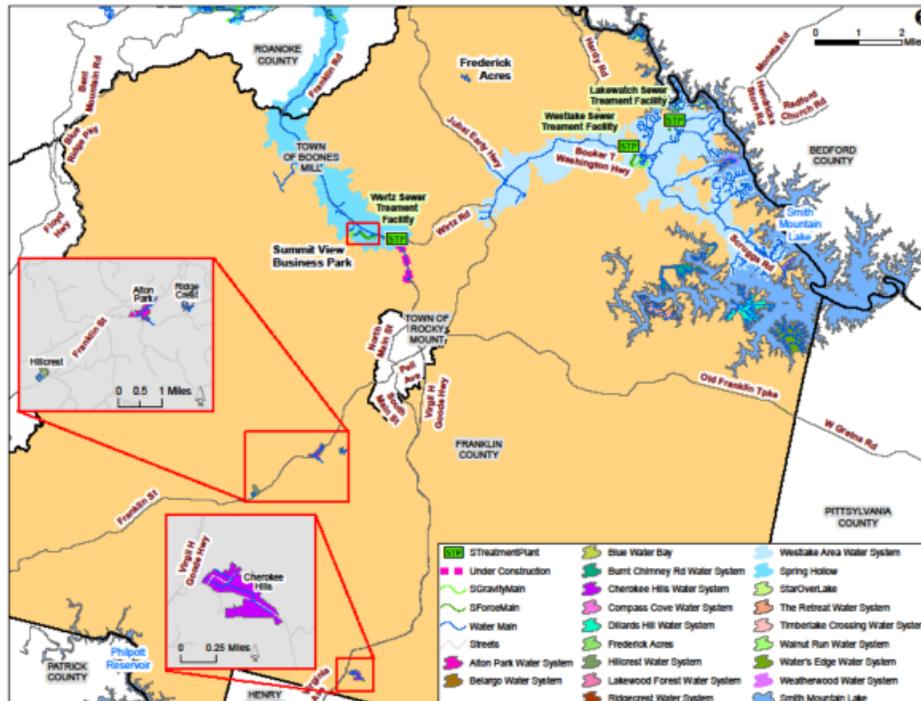


Wastewater System

- Own and operate three wastewater treatment plants in Franklin County
 - Westlake - 50,000 gpd capacity
 - LakeWatch – 25,000 gpd capacity
 - Wirtz – 20,000 gpd capacity
- Treated water sent to drainfields
- Includes 5.5 miles of gravity sewer main, 6.1 miles of forcemain plus 2.4 miles under construction and three lift stations in addition to the three treatment plants

Wastewater System Improvements

- Summit View Sewer Projects Phase 1 - \$3M
 - Construction included gravity and sewer forcemains to the Wirtz Wastewater Treatment Plant plus 2 new sewage lift stations to pump flow
- Summit View Phase 2 – \$800K
 - New sewer forcemain from Wirtz Road to Shady Lane - 90% complete
- Summit View Phase 3 – \$1.2M (est.)
 - New sewer forcemain from Shady Lane to the Town of Rocky Mounts sewer system
 - Closed on the bond to fund the Phase 3 sewer forcemain at an interest rate of 2.5%
- When complete Phase 3 is complete, it will increase sewer capacity for Summit View and the US 220 / Wirtz Road commercial area from 20,000 gpd to 110,000 gpd.
 - Obtained tentative approval from Town on connect point
 - Expect to bid this fall with an early summer 2021 completion



Future Projects

- The Authority has hired an engineering firm to conduct master planning studies in several portions of the Authority's service area including areas in Franklin County
- Will include County staff and integrate with comprehensive planning
 - Westlake wastewater system
 - Look at growth, drainfield capacity of treatment plants and location for new lift stations
 - Wirtz Road water interconnect
 - Connect US 220 and SR 122 water systems for resiliency
 - Southlake water system (next slide)



Discussion



Mr. McEvoy wanted to note the Water Authority has not been disconnecting anyone's water due to the hardships of the COVID outbreak and the Authority does not have any plans to do so until a later date.

TODD DANIEL, RESIDENT ENGINEER – VDOT (via telephone conference)

1. Monthly Report

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance Activities for Previous 30 Days:

- Ordinary maintenance – Pavement (pothole) repair, gravel road repair, right of way brush cutting operations (County wide), shoulder repairs (County wide), storm water culvert repairs and cleaning (County wide) and guardrail repairs.
- Route 869 (Turtle Hill Rd.)/Route 40 (Old Franklin Turnpike) – Intersection improvements on Route 869 (Turtle Hill Rd.) at Route 40 to include re-aligning and widening of the intersection. Pavement and pavement markings to be completed in upcoming weeks.
- Secondary mowing operations.
- Patching operations in preparation for plant mix schedule.
- Paving on Route 220 at intersection of Route 697 (Wirtz Rd.). COMPLETED
- Route 1083 (Countrywood Rd.) – Pipe replacement. COMPLETED
- Route 116 (Jubal Early Hwy.) - Closure due to major slide and flooding event. The road is closed at the intersection of Route 681 (Coopers Cove Rd.) to 1.5 mi. east of Route 1520 (Windy Ridge Parkway). The road is tentatively scheduled to re-open at the end of August.
- Overlay on Route 122 north of Route 616 (Scruggs Rd.). COMPLETED

Maintenance Activities for Next 60 Days:

- Ordinary Maintenance – Pavement (pothole) repair, gravel road repair, right of way brush cutting operations (County wide), shoulder repairs (County wide), storm water culvert repairs and cleaning county wide, guardrail repairs.
- Over the rail mowing to include primary and secondary routes.
- Route 647 (Kay Fork Rd.) – Preparation for pipe replacement for failed pipe; ongoing closure.
- Route 640 (Six Mile Post Rd.) – Installation of headwalls for drainage structure to begin mid-June; one lane will be open to traffic.
- Route 618 (Muddy Fork Rd.) – Installation of headwalls for drainage structure; one lane will be open to traffic. In progress.
- Route 740 (Algoma Rd.) – Pipe replacement to begin late July; closed to traffic.

- Slope repair near frontage road Route F611 (Cornell Rd.) and Bernard Rd. (Town of Rocky Mount).
- Ongoing cleanup of trees and debris from flooding event on various routes.
- Route 714 (Washboard Rd.) – Preparation for pipe replacement.

Maintenance Activities for Next 60 Days (cont.):

- Route 723 (Lucy Wade Rd.) – Preparation for pipe replacement.
- Route 643 (Coles Creek Rd.) – Low water structure replacement tentatively to begin mid-June; road will be closed for approximately 5 weeks.
- Primary and secondary mowing operations.
- Patching operations in preparation for plant mix schedule.
- Route 116 (Jubal Early Hwy.) – Closure due to major slide and flooding event. The road is closed at the intersection of Route 681 (Coopers Cove Rd.) to 1.5 mi. east of Route 1520 (Windy Ridge Parkway). The road is tentatively scheduled to re-open at the end of August.
- Route 220N – Slope repair from approximately 0.25 mi. north of Route F611 (Cornell Rd.) to south of Route 1055 (Wooddale Dr.).
- Primary patch paving to include Route 40 and Route 220 just north and south of Rocky Mount.
- Paving at Route 220 NB ramp to Route 220 Business; ramp to be closed at night and detour provided at Route F-612 (Cornell Rd). Date to be determined.
- Route 636 (Hardy Rd.) and Route 684 (Boones Mill Rd.) – Tree trimming; alternate lane closures during the operation.

LAND DEVELOPMENT & PERMITS

- 138 Active permits to include: 59 utilities, 59 private entrances, 3 commercial entrances, 5 roadside memorials, 2 private utility permits, 2 maintenance of traffic permits, 2 grading permits and 2 locally administered permits. Of these, 9 were issued in June.

4 site plan reviews:

- Penn Hall Subdivision – Review of subdivision in Union Hall area.
- WVWA – Review for utility installation on Route 919 (Grassy Hill Rd.)
- Moorman Subdivision – Review of subdivision in Hardy area.
- Red Barn Subdivision – Review of subdivision in Burnt Chimney area.

Additional Land Development Activities:

- Facebook Fiber Project – Intermittent flagging operations in the Callaway, Wirtz and Burnt Chimney area.
- WVWA – Installation of sewer line along Route 220; lane closure to be installed on Route 220S near intersection of Route 635 (Bonbrook Mill Rd.).
- Fox Run Subdivision – Review subdivision for future state maintenance.
- Penhook Pointe Subdivision – Review subdivision street for future state maintenance.

CONSTRUCTION

Franklin County

- Route 122 (Booker T. Washington Hwy.) Bridge over Blackwater River – Construction underway. The traveling public can expect delays due to flagging operations throughout the life of the project. Project completion is planned for late Fall 2020.

Roanoke County – US220

- Route 220 Bridge over Back Creek – Bridge replacement to include increased width, 6-foot inside shoulder and 10-foot outside shoulder. The project includes grading to improve sight distance at the intersection of Route 657 (Crowell Gap Rd.) and Route 220. Northbound traffic is switched to the new bridge section and the existing northbound bridge is being removed. Route 220 crossover at Crowell Gap Road and Winter Drive is closed and no left turns are allowed. The project is scheduled to be completed in July 2021.
- Route 220 southbound – Left turn lane construction in conjunction with the bridge construction at the crossover/intersection with Route 657 (Crowell Gap Rd.)

TRAFFIC STUDIES/SPECIAL REQUESTS

Requested Safety Studies:

- N/A
- **Completed Safety Studies:**
- N/A

PROJECT STATUS

- Route 122 (Booker T. Washington Hwy.)/Route 636 (Hardy Rd.) – Original advertisement date delayed. Plan revision underway; plan revision to include a round-a-bout intersection improvement. Revised advertisement date of December 2020. (UPC 109287)
- Route 834/670 (Brooks Mill Rd./Burnt Chimney Rd.) – Construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Route 834 and Route 670; advertisement scheduled for February 2022. (UPC 111364)
- Route 718 (Colonial Turnpike) – Bridge replacement; project was advertised on January 28, 2020. Fixed completion date 12/1/2021.
- Route 641 (Callaway Rd.) – Superstructure replacement near intersection of Route 602; one lane will be open to traffic during the construction. In progress.
- Ongoing discussions with Salem Location and Design and County Staff to refine the design concepts for Smart Scale applications.

2. Alternative Intersection Briefing- Anne Booker (via telephone conference)

Ms. Booker gave the following presentation on round-a-bouts.



INNOVATIVE INTERSECTIONS

Anne Booker, PE, PTOE
Salem District Traffic Engineer

July 21, 2020

Innovative Intersection Design

- What are innovative intersections?
 - Modify vehicle, ped, and bike paths to improve safety, reduce delay, increase efficiency, etc.
- What are the benefits?
 - Safety, efficiency, capacity, cost effectiveness, infrastructure area, land use, etc.
- Which users benefit from their use?
 - All users

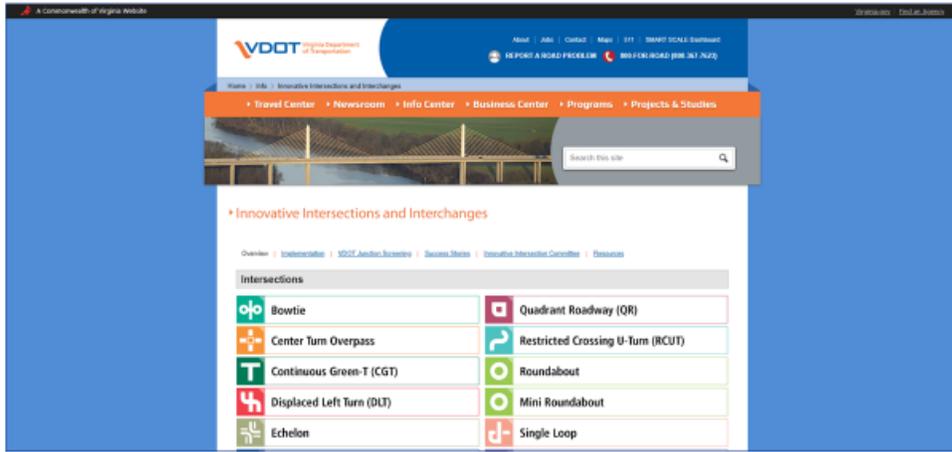


Innovative Intersection Design

- Designs where traffic movements are modified to:
 - Improve **safety**
 - Reduce **delay**
 - Increase **efficiency**
- **Can reduce delays and crashes as much as 50%**



VDOT Innovative Intersection Program Website



www.virginiadot.org/innovativeintersections



VDOT Innovative Intersection Program Brochure

...y, congestion and safety challenges on our roadways are more complex than ever, conventional intersection and interchange designs can often be insufficient for solving these transportation problems. Like in medicine, engineering, and other technical fields, complex problems require innovative solutions. VDOT is implementing **innovative intersections and interchanges** as one strategy to address deficiencies on our roadways.

What are innovative intersections and interchanges?
 Innovative intersections and interchanges modify vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle paths to increase safety, reduce delay, and increase efficiency.

What are the benefits of innovative intersections and interchanges?

- Improved safety
- Increased capacity
- Increased efficiency
- Shorter wait times
- Long-term cost effectiveness

Who can use innovative intersections and interchanges?
 Everyone — innovative intersections and interchanges accommodate all roadway users, including motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

VDOT's toolbox of innovative intersections and interchanges includes:

INTERSECTIONS

- Bowtie
- Center Turn Overpass
- Continuous Green-T (CGT)
- Echelon
- Displaced Left Turn (DLT)
- Michigan Urban Diamond (MUD)
- Partial Cloverleaf
- Single Loop
- Split Intersection
- Roundabout and Mini Roundabout
- Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT)
- Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI)
- Single Roundabout

INTERCHANGES

- Controlled Left
- Double Roundabout
- Swapping Diamond Interchange (SDI)

When should innovative intersections and interchanges be considered?
 Each intersection or interchange location is unique to the use of innovative intersections and interchanges. Each intersection or interchange location is unique, therefore, VDOT works with local jurisdictions to tailor the design to the specific needs of each location.

Where are innovative intersections and interchanges implemented?
 Innovative intersections and interchanges are being designed and constructed throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia and nationwide. Each intersection or interchange location is unique, therefore, VDOT works with local jurisdictions to tailor the design to the specific needs of each location.

How is VDOT implementing innovative intersections and interchanges?
 VDOT has incorporated the consideration of innovative intersections into its design policies. Innovative intersections and interchanges should be considered:

- At new intersections and interchanges
- As an alternative to existing or proposed traffic signals
- On intersections and interchanges on the VDOT Arterial Preservation Network
- When developing funding applications



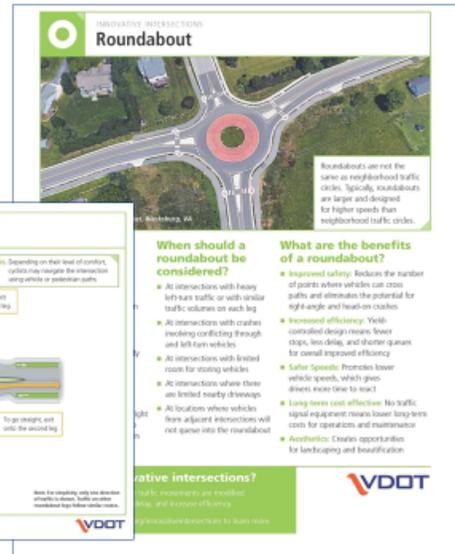
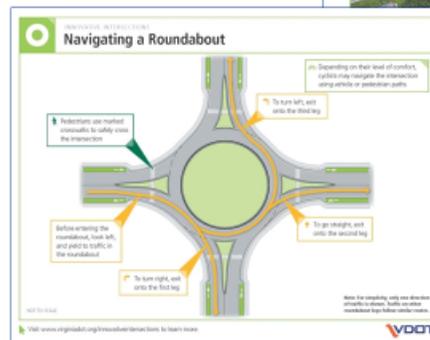
Example Innovative Intersection Configurations

	Bowtie		Quadrant Roadway (QR)
	Center Turn Overpass		Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT)
	Continuous Green-T (CGT)		Roundabout
	Displaced Left Turn (DLT)		Mini Roundabout
	Echelon		Single Loop
	Median U-Turn (MUT)		Split Intersection

VDOT Innovative Intersection Program

Each webpage and brochure includes:

- What is the design?
- When should it be considered?
- Benefits
- How to navigate
- Conflict points
- Reference resources

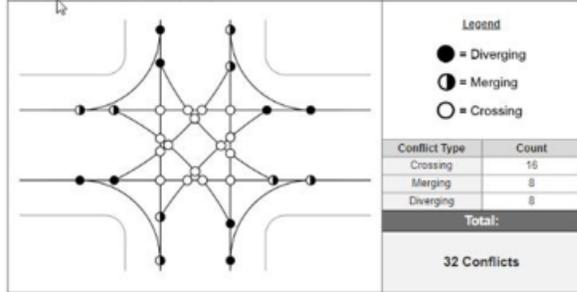


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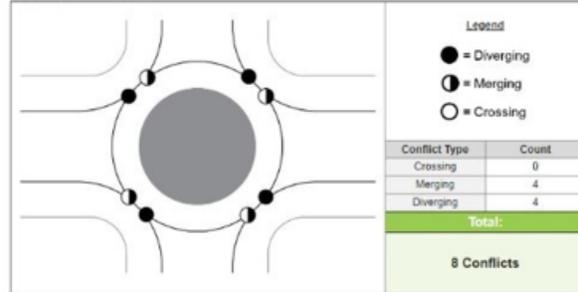
Conflict Points

- Locations where vehicle travel paths intersect
- Three types: merging, diverging, and crossing
- Crossing conflict points (where vehicles are travelling in different directions) tend to be the most severe

Conventional Intersection: Conflict Points



Roundabout: Conflict Points



Continuous Green Tee Intersections

- What is a Continuous Green Tee?
 - Side street left turns use a channelized receiving lane to merge onto the major street
 - Two phase signal alternates between mainline green and stopping one direction of the major street to allow for entering side street movements
- Benefits
 - Improved safety
 - Increased efficiency
 - Free flow in one direction

T **Continuous Green-T (CGT)**

What is a CGT?

- Intersection design where one major street direction will signal the top side of the T-Tee green through the intersection and the opposite major street direction will remain stopped, controlled by a left turn signal.
- Left turn vehicles from the side street use a channelized receiving lane on the major street.

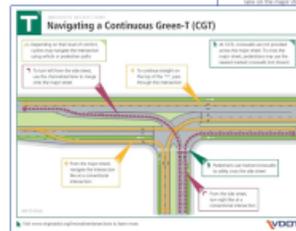
When should a CGT be considered?

- In intersections with three legs.
- In intersections with heavy through traffic volume on the major street.
- In intersections with conditions to limit left turn traffic volume on the side street.
- In intersections where there are no through lanes on the major street opposite the side street.

What are the benefits of a CGT?

- **Improved safety:** Channelization of left turn vehicles from the side street reduces the potential for angle crashes.
- **Increased efficiency:** Because one direction of travel on the major street is free flow, some green time can be provided to the other movements, reducing delay at the intersection.
- **Free flow in one direction:** The direction of travel on the major street never stops, which improves left turn signal synchronization and reduces conflict head time.

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Restricted Crossing U-turn (RCUT) Intersections

- What is a RCUT?
 - Major street movements remain unchanged
 - Re-routes side street left and thru movements to right turns and downstream u-turns
 - Can be signalized or unsignalized
 - If signalized, operates as a two-phase signal with stoppage of mainline movement for mainline left turns
- Benefits
 - Improved safety
 - Increased efficiency
 - Shorter wait times
 - Cost effective

Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT)

AN RCUT IS ALSO KNOWN AS:

- Signalized Intersection
- Unsignalized Intersection
- Restricted Crossing Intersection (RCI)
- Signalized Street Intersection

What is an RCUT?

- Intersection design where all side street movements begin with a right turn through vehicle turn right and make a right or a dedicated downstream median opening to complete the downstream movement.
- Main intersection and median turns can be designed as signalized, stop controlled, or yield controlled.

When should an RCUT be considered?

- On median divided highway.
- At intersections with heavy through and left turn traffic.
- At intersections with heavy through and left turn traffic where the side street.
- At intersections with three or four legs.

What are the benefits of an RCUT?

- Improved safety: Reduces the number of points where vehicles cross paths and eliminates the potential for head-on crashes.
- Increased efficiency: Each direction of the major street can operate independently, meaning that one may through and turning the other movement. Right-of-way signal phasing means that stopping signal phases occur for opposing directions of traffic and right only from the side street. In some cases, this allows for a more efficient traffic signal phasing. A RCUT can be cost effective due to the ability to improve safety.

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Navigating a Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT)

1. Major street left and thru movements are restricted to right turns and downstream u-turns.

2. Side street left and thru movements are restricted to right turns and downstream u-turns.

3. Major street right and thru movements are restricted to right turns and downstream u-turns.

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7. Major street right and thru movements are restricted to right turns and downstream u-turns.

8. Side street right and thru movements are restricted to right turns and downstream u-turns.

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Thru-Cut Intersections

- What is a Thru-Cut?
 - Major street movements remain unchanged
 - Re-routes side street thru movements to left or right turns and downstream turns
 - Reducing signal phasing from four-phase to three-phase
 - Mainline thrus
 - Mainline lefts
 - Both side street lefts
- Benefits
 - Improved safety
 - Increased efficiency
 - Shorter wait times
 - Cost effective

Thru-Cut

What is a Thru-Cut?

- Intersection design where side street through movements are restricted to left or right turns.

When should a Thru-Cut be considered?

- At signalized intersections with very low side street through movements.
- At signalized intersections with four legs.

What are the benefits of a Thru-Cut?

- Improved safety: Reduces the number of points where vehicles cross paths and eliminates the potential for head-on crashes.
- Increased efficiency: Reduction in vehicle to vehicle

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Thru-Cut

Major street left thru movements are maintained in their existing configuration.

Major street right thru movements are maintained in their existing configuration.

Side street left thru movements are restricted to their existing configuration.

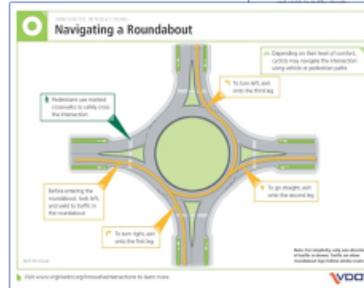
Side street right thru movements are restricted to their existing configuration.

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Roundabout Intersections

- What is a Roundabout?
 - Circular, unsignalized intersection
 - Traffic entering the intersection slows down and yields to traffic already circulating
 - All movements are right turns
- Benefits
 - Improved safety
 - Increased efficiency
 - Safer speeds
 - Cost effective
 - Amenities



Why a Roundabout?

Improved safety

- Reduces number of points where vehicles can cross paths
- Eliminates potential for right-angle and head-on crashes
- Converts all turning movement to right turns which are safer
- Does not rely on driver compliance with traffic signal

Safer speeds

- Promotes lower speeds on intersection approach
- Gives drivers more time to react

Increased efficiency

- Means fewer stops, less delays, and shorter queues
- Improves efficiency as compared to traffic signals

Long-term, cost-effective solution

- Reduces long-term costs for operations and maintenance



STEVEN SANDY, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. Khawaja, Special Use Permit

The property is currently used as a convenience store with gas sales with an apartment on the lower level of the convenience store. Access to the site is from existing curb cuts on Doe Run Road (SR 674) and Tripple Creek Road (SR 1019).

Land uses in the general area are primarily residential with several small commercial businesses located near this intersection. Except for the convenience store, most of the other properties north of Doe Run Road are zoned A-1 Agriculture, with the exception of a large M-1 property that has recently been used as a storage yard associated with the Mountain Valley Pipeline project. Properties south of Doe Run Road are non-zoned.

The Board's public hearing for the proposed special use permit request was held on May 19th where the Board tabled action on the request until the applicant could provide a concept plan that properly indicated all required parking spaces for the convenience store could be achieved if the SUP was approved. The item was tabled again at the June meeting.

Staff met with the applicant and Board representative from Snow Creek District on site and have clarified the applicant's intentions for parking. Condition #4 has been modified to reflect the parking restrictions. No more than three (3) trucks/trailers will be parked in the area of the intersection of Doe Run and Tripple Creek Roads. In addition, the owner has indicated that no more than twelve (12) trucks/trailers will be stored on site at any time.

The Planning Commission held their public hearing on May 12th and recommended to approve the Special Use Permit request.

(RESOLUTION #06-07-2020)

APPLICATION OF MOHAMMAD ALKHAWAJA, APPLICANT, AND KAWAJA CORPORATION, OWNERS, REQUESTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE RENTAL OF MOVING EQUIPMENT, ON AN APPROXIMATE 1.68 ACRE PARCEL, CURRENTLY ZONED B-1, LIMITED BUSINESS, LOCATED AT 445 DOE RUN ROAD IN THE SNOW CREEK DISTRICT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY AND FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP/PARCEL # 0720034301 (CASE # 02-20-16529).

WHEREAS, Mohammad Alkhawaja did file an application requesting a special use permit to allow for the rental of moving equipment on an approximate 1.68 acre parcel, and

WHEREAS, the property is currently zoned B-1, Limited Business District, and located in the Snow Creek District of Franklin County, and

WHEREAS, after due legal notice as required by Section 15.2-2204/2205 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors did hold public hearings on May 12, 2020 and May 19, 2020, respectively, at which time, all parties in interest were given an opportunity to be heard, and

WHEREAS, after full consideration the Franklin County Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the special use permit request with the following six (6) conditions:

- 1 Uses authorized by this SUP shall be limited to the rental of moving trucks and trailers.
- 2 No vehicle repairs shall be allowed on the property.
- 3 All vehicles on this property shall be in operable condition. No vehicles or equipment shall be stored behind the convenience store.
- 4 All moving trucks and trailers shall be located along the Tripple Creek Road side of the building as proposed on the submitted concept plan dated July 1, 2020 except that no more than three (3) moving vehicles may be allowed to park along the retaining wall at the intersection of Tripple Creek Road and Doe Run Road. No more than twelve (12) trucks and/or trailers shall be parked/stored on the property.
- 5 Any freestanding signage proposed shall comply with the county sign regulations, shall be of a monument design and shall not be more than eight (8) feet in height. A sign permit, approved by the county, shall be required.
- 6 A minor site plan shall be submitted within sixty (60) days of SUP approval and approved by the zoning administrator, showing all required parking areas for store customers and moving truck and trailer display areas, landscaping and other site features as required by the Franklin County zoning ordinance.

WHEREAS, after full consideration, The Board of Supervisors determined that such use will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property, that the character of the zoning district will not be changed thereby, and that such use will be in harmony with the purpose and intent of the County Code with the uses permitted by right in the zoning district, and with the public health, safety and general welfare to

the community and APPROVED the request with the six (6) conditions recommended by the Planning Commission as contained in this Resolution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Clerk of the Planning Commission, the Franklin County Commissioner of Revenue and the Franklin County Zoning Administrator and that the Clerk be directed to reflect this action to APPROVE the amendment in the records of Franklin County.

On the motion by Supervisor Thompson to APPROVE the request and seconded by Supervisor Mitchell, said motion was approved by the following recorded vote:

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum, Thompson

2. Smart Scale Application Approval Resolution

Ms. Lisa Cooper, Senior Planner presented the following:



SMART SCALE

- SMART scale is Virginia process to prioritize transportation projects for best use of limited funding.
- Projects are scored based on objective, outcome-based process.
- Funding for projects comes from:
 - District Grant Funding
 - High Priority Projects Program
- Projects if approved are administered by VDOT.
- No County funding required as a match.



In May the Board of Supervisors authorized County Planning Staff to submit the following projects for pre-application and pre-screening:

- Bonbrook Mill Road (Route 635)/US Route 220
 - Unsignalized Continuous Green T with acceleration lane southbound US Route 220
- Henry Road (Route 605)/US Route 220
 - Unsignalized Continuous Green T with an acceleration lane and realign and widen northbound left turn lane
- Lakemount Road (Route 1235)/Booker T. Washington Highway (Route 122)
 - Roundabout
- Brooks Mill Road (Route 834)/Scruggs Road (Route 616)
 - Roundabout
- Intersection and roadway improvements Harmony School Road (Route 634)/Booker T. Washington Highway (Route 122)
 - Roundabout



Board also approved pre-applications submitted by regional commissions.

West Piedmont Planning Commission District

- Iron Ridge Road (Route 775)/US Route 220
- R-Cut (Restricted Crossing U-Turn)



Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission

- Naff Road (Route 613)/US Route 220
- Unsignalized Continuous Green T with improvements to the existing acceleration lane and construction of a southbound right turn lane from US route 220 on to Naff Road

- All seven projects screened in as eligible projects for full application and potential funding
 - County was allowed to submit five pre-applications, but only four of the five can be submitted for potential funding
 - One of the five County projects need to be eliminated
 - Both PDCs will be submitting their pre-applications as full applications for the County
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VDOT continues to refine project sketches and cost estimates (Deadline has been extended by VDOT)



Staff's recommendation to remove the project at Harmony School Road (Route 634)/Route 122 and resubmit in future SMART scale Round.



Staff will present resolutions for approval at the Board's August or September meeting.



DEADLINE FOR FULL APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 17TH AT 5:00 P.M.



DRAFT RESOLUTION MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION



FINAL RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 30TH

Recommendation

Staff respectfully requests that the Board of Supervisors authorize County staff to proceed with full applications and prioritize the projects as follows for SMART Scale round four:

1. Bonbrook Mill Road/US Route 220
2. Brooks Mill Road/Scruggs Road
3. Lakemount Drive/Route 122
4. Henry Road/US. Route 220

Furthermore, staff respectfully requests that the Board authorize the PDCs to move forward on full applications for the County on the following projects:

1. Iron Ridge Road/US Route 220 (West Piedmont)
2. Naff Road/US Route 220 (RVARC)

SMART Scale is a statewide program that distributes funding based on a transparent and objective evaluation of projects that will determine how effectively they help the state achieve its transportation goals.

There are two main pathways to funding within the SMART Scale process-the Construction District Grant Program (DGP) and the High Priority Projects Program (HPPP). A project applying for funds from the DGP is evaluated against other projects within the same construction district. A project applying for funds from the HPPP is evaluated against projects statewide. The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) makes the final decision on which projects to fund.

For projects to be eligible, projects must address improvements to a Corridor of Statewide Significance, Regional Network, or Urban Development Area (UDA)/Designated Growth Area (DGA) that meet a need identified in the statewide multimodal long-range transportation plan, VTrans. In addition, projects may also address a documented safety need Potential for Safety Improvement (PSI) identified in VTrans.

In May of 2020, the Board of Supervisors authorized Planning Staff and the two PDCs (West Piedmont Planning District and Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission) to submit the following projects for pre-application and pre-screening for the fourth Round of SMART Scale.

- Intersection and roadway improvements at Bonbrook Mill Road (Route 635)/US Route 220 (Submitted by County staff)
 - The pre-application project was an Unsignalized Continuous Green T with acceleration lane southbound US Route 220.
- Roadway improvements at Henry Road (Route 605)/US Route 220 (Submitted by County staff)
 - The pre-application project was an Unsignalized Continuous Green T with an acceleration lane and realign and widen northbound left turn lane.
- Intersection and roadway improvements Lakemount Road (Route 1235)/Booker T. Washington Highway (Route 122) (Submitted by County staff)
 - This pre-application project was a Roundabout.
- Intersection and roadway improvements Brooks Mill Road (Route 834)/Scruggs Road (Route 616) (Submitted by County staff)
 - The pre-application project was a Roundabout.
- Intersection and roadway improvements Harmony School Road (Route 634)/Booker T. Washington Highway (Route 122) (Submitted by County staff)
 - The pre-application project was a Roundabout.
- Roadway improvements at Naff Road (Route 613)/US Route 220 (Submitted by RVARC)

- This pre-application project was an Unsignalized Continuous Green T with improvements to the existing acceleration lane and construction of a southbound right turn lane from US route 220 on to Naff Road.
- Intersection and roadway improvements at Iron Ridge Road (Route 775)/US Route 220 (Submitted by WPPDC)
 - This project is the construction of an R-Cut (Restricted Crossing U-Turn).

All seven (7) County projects screened in as eligible projects for full application submittal for potential funding. The County was allowed to submit five (5) pre-applications for the fourth round of SMART Scale, but only four (4) of the five (5) pre-applications can be submitted for potential funding. The Board of Supervisors will need to eliminate one of the projects. Both West Piedmont Planning District Commission and Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission will submit their pre-applications as full application for the County.

Below are the four (4) projects the County and VDOT staffs have chosen and prioritized as part of the full application submittal. Both staffs feel these four (4) projects have the best chance to score and compete with projects in the Salem District and across the State. Staff has listed justification and prioritized the project as part of the full application submittal:

1. Intersection and roadway improvements Bonbrook Mill Road (Route 635)/US Route 220
 - a. This project is an Unsignalized Continuous Green T with acceleration lane on southbound US Route 220.
 - b. Part of the Arterial Preservation Program and identified in VTrans 2040 Plan for Potential for Safety Improvement (PSI). The PSI ranking is 26 out of 100 for safety improvements at this intersection in the Salem District. There were 38 crashes with 16 injury crashes with two (2) severe crashes between January 2014 – December 2018.
2. Intersection and roadway improvements Brooks Mill Road (Route 834)/Scruggs Road (Route 616)
 - a. This project is a roundabout.
 - b. Part of the Westlake – Hales Ford Area Plan/Designated Growth Area (DGA) and identified in VTrans 2040 Plan for Potential for Safety Improvement (PSI). The PSI ranking is 73 out of 100 intersection for safety improvements in the Salem District. There were 19 crashes with six (6) injury crashes and one (1) severe crash from January 2014 – December 2018.
3. Intersection and roadway improvements Lakemount Road (Route 1235)/Route 122
 - a. This project is a roundabout.
 - b. Part of the Westlake – Hales Ford Area Plan/Designated Growth Area (DGA) and identified in VTrans 2040 Plan for Potential for Safety Improvement (PSI). The PSI ranking is 122 for safety improvements at this intersection in the Salem District. There were 20 crashes with nine (9) injuries from January 2014 – December 2018.
4. Roadway improvements Henry Road (Route 605)/US. Route 220
 - a. After further review of the crash data this project was changed to northbound horizontal realignment of curve on US Route 220 and realign/widen northbound left turn lane.
 - b. Part of the Arterial Preservation Program and identified in VTrans 2040 Plan as a segment improvement need. There were 16 crashes with eight (8) injury crashes and four (4) severe crashes from January 2014 – December 2018.
5. Intersection and roadway improvements Harmony School Road (Route 634)/Route 122
 - a. After further review of the crash data this project was changed to the construction of an eastbound left turn lane and realignment of a small portion of Route 122 to improve an existing curve.
 - b. Identified in VTrans 2040 Plan as a safety improvement need. There were 12 crashes and two (2) injury crashes at this intersection.
 - c. Staff's recommendation for this project is not to move forward with a full application. Hold this application for possible fifth round of SMART Scale in two (2) years.

County staff along with VDOT are recommending that the Harmony School/Route 122 project be removed from Round Four (4) applications for the following reasons:

- The West Piedmont Planning Commission District's percentage of points to make up the SMART Scale score for each project gets the following percent in Economic Development at 35% and Safety at 30%. These two categories total 65% out of 100%. The four (4) projects

staff would like to move forward have the potential to score higher on Economic Development and Safety then Harmony School and Route 122.

- Harmony School/Route 122 project does not have the commercial or industrial zoning potential as the other projects. This potential scoring is based on the project support of Economic Development, Intermodal Access and Efficiency and Travel Time Reliability.
- Harmony School/Route 122 does not have the crash data to support a high score for safety. This is based on equivalent property damage only of fatal and injury crashes expected to be avoided due to project implementation.

The following is the full application to be submitted by West Piedmont Planning District Commission:

- Intersection and roadway improvements Iron Ridge Road (Route 775)/US Route 220
 - This project is a R-Cut (Restricted Crossing U-Turn) with improvements to Iron Ridge Road/US Route 220 intersection, the improvements to the crossover at Town and County Drive is proposed to be converted from a crossover to proposed southbound left turn only.
 - Part of the Arterial Preservation Program and identified in VTrans 2040 Plan as a safety improvement need. There are 16 crashes with eight (8) injury crashes and four (4) severe crashes.

The following is the full application to be submitted by Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission:

- Intersection and roadway improvements Naff Road (Route 613)/Route 220
 - After further review of the crash data this project was changed to the construction of a southbound right turn lane from US 220 onto Naff Road and increasing the northbound storage and taper on the existing left turn lane.
 - Submitted for SMART Scale third round funding was not approved/ Part of the Arterial Preservation Program and identified in VTrans 2040 Plan for Potential for Safety Improvement (PSI). The PSI ranking is 60 out of 100 for safety improvements at this intersection in the Salem District. There were 32 crashes with 12 injury crashes and no severe crashes.

Due to COVID 19 Planning Staff has not scheduled an open house for the public to review all projects and submit comments to staff concerning projects. Once VDOT supplies project sketches for all seven (7) projects, staff will be mailing information to property owners affected by the improvements to the intersection and road. In addition, staff can place the potential projects on the County's website for public comment. Sketches have been delayed because of the number of pre-applications VDOT staff has had to review and finalize in the Salem District and across the State. Projects that score for funding will have a public comment period before the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) makes their final decision on projects to be part of the Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP).

The deadline for full applications for SMART Scale is August 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

VDOT requires local governing body resolutions supporting the projects to the SMART Scale portal by the end of October for potential funding. Therefore, staff will be requesting a resolution for all projects submitted for full application at the August or September meeting.

The County has two (2) roundabout projects funded and is requesting two (2) more in this round. The Board will need to determine if the internal circle of the roundabout is going to be concrete, grass, or landscaped. If the circle is grass, VDOT will mow two (2) to three (3) times a year. If the circle is landscaped, it will have to be maintained by the County and/or a private company. If the circle is landscaped the County will be required to have an agreement VDOT for perpetual maintenance. Staff supports the center to be grass, so that the County has an option of contracting with a landscape company to design, landscape, and maintain at a later date. In addition, the Board of Supervisors will need to decide the style and material of the concrete apron of the roundabout. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Staff respectfully requests that the Board of Supervisors authorize County staff to proceed with full applications and prioritize the projects as follows for SMART Scale round four (4):

1. Bonbrook Mill Road/US Route 220
2. Brooks Mill Road/Scruggs Road
3. Lakemount Drive/Route 122
4. Henry Road/US. Route 220

Furthermore, continue to work with the PDCs to move forward on full applications with their pre-application projects for the County.

Once VDOT provides all final sketches and cost estimate for the projects, County Staff will be requesting a resolution from the Board of Supervisors at their August or September meeting for all projects moving forward to full application.

Supervisor Tatum asked for clarification on the item of Henry Road as he does not understand why it is ranked 4th. Staff answered that this is due to zoning. Mrs. Cooper let the Board know they are able to move the arrangement of the prioritization.

Supervisor Smith has concerns with Brooks Mill Road/Scruggs Road. Specifically, she has a concern about a roundabout at that location.

Supervisor Thompson voiced his disagreement on the system of the SMART scale ranking due to the non-zoned areas ranking lower.

General discussion ensued and questions were answered by VDOT and County Staff.

(RESOLUTION #07-07-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to authorize County staff to proceed with full applications and prioritize the projects as follows for SMART Scale round four (4):

1. Bonbrook Mill Road/US Route 220
2. Henry Road/U.S. Route 220
3. Lakemount Drive/Route 122
4. Harmony School/ Route 122

and continue to work with the PDCs to move forward on full applications with their pre-application projects for the County

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

Roll call vote was taken

CLOSED MEETING

(RESOLUTION #08-07-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to enter into a Closed Meeting in Accordance with 2.2-3711, (A)(1), Personnel Discussion of appointments to County Boards, Commissions, etc.; (A) (3) Discussion of the acquisition of real property or the disposition of real property; (A) (29) Discussion of the award of a public contract, of the Code of Virginia, as Amended.

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

Roll Call was taken

MOTION: Ronnie Thompson
SECOND: Lorie Smith

RESOLUTION: #09-07-2020
MEETING DATE: July 21, 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.

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum, Thompson

Roll call was taken

Chairman Mitchell recessed the meeting for dinner.

APPOINTMENTS

(RESOLUTION #10-07-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Suzan Banks to the Library Board to serve as the Boone District representative.

MOTION BY: Ronnie Mitchell

SECONDED BY: Tim Tatum

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum, Thompson

(RESOLUTION #11-07-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Jody Lyons and Jeffrey Park to the Board of Code Appeals.

MOTION BY: Tommy Cundiff

SECONDED BY: Ronnie Thompson

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum, Thompson

Chairman Mitchell called the board meeting back to order for previously scheduled Public Hearings.

1. Amendments to the Adopted FY19-20 Budget

The original FY 2019-2020 budget was adopted in the amount of \$143,791,840 and was amended on December 17, 2019 with a new total budget of \$152,863,534. The FY 2019-2020 budget needs to be amended by a total of \$9,295,112 to appropriate proceeds from the Broadband Virginia Telecommunications Initiative Grant, funding from Commonwealth of Virginia through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, and previous appropriations for December 2019 – June 2020. The new adjusted budget total is \$162,158,646. A summary of the proposed budget amendment is on file in the Finance Department at the Franklin County Government Center.

The Code of Virginia (section 15.2-2507) requires the County to hold a public hearing to amend the budget when additional appropriations (i.e. grants, carry overs, financings) exceed one percent of the current adopted budget. The FY 2019-20 County Budget was last amended by the Board of Supervisors at the December 17, 2019 meeting and included last fall's financing of the closure of the County Landfill.

The County received funds from the CARES Act in the amount of \$4,889,448 from the State in June 2020. These funds exceed the one percent budget amendment requirement per the Code of Virginia. A public hearing must be held to amend the FY 2019-20 budget and appropriate those funds. Also included are the previously approved December – June supplemental appropriations and the remainder of the Broadband Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) grant which was awarded this past spring.

The FY 2019-20 budget would be amended as follows:

December - June Supplemental Appropriations	\$	2,630,876
CARES Act Funds		4,889,448
Broadband VATI Grant		1,774,788
Total Budget Amendment		<u>9,295,112</u>
Amended Net Budget as of December 17, 2019		<u>152,863,534</u>
New Net Adjusted Budget	\$	<u>162,158,646</u>

After completion of the public hearing, staff requests that the Board of Supervisors amend the FY 2019-2020 budget and appropriate the additional funds as indicated above. The new net adjusted budget will be \$162,158,646.

Chairman Mitchell opened the public hearing

No one spoke

Public hearing was closed

(RESOLUTION #12-07-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to amend the FY 2019-2020 budget and appropriate the additional funds as indicated above. The new net adjusted budget will be \$162,158,646.

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

Roll Call Vote was taken

BOARD DISCUSSION COURTHOUSE MONUMENT

Jim Guynn, County Attorney, spoke to the Board and listed the options the Board has when addressing the statue.

Supervisor Thompson spoke to the Board and voiced his support for wanting to take this item to a referendum and allow all county citizens to voice their opinions. Supervisor Carter agreed and voiced his opinion in support of a referendum.

Supervisor Tatum spoke and stated he has listened to many people speak and he had attempted to keep an open mind. He thinks the fairest way to determine a path forward is to take this item to referendum.

Supervisor Mitchell does not support a referendum vote and thinks the County has an option to focus on race division and try to find a winning solution, such as allow the statue to remain and do something wonderful for the opposing side. Supervisor Mitchell wants to create a committee of two people from each district to find a Franklin County solution. He does not support a referendum.

Supervisor Smith freely expresses the heavy heart she has on this issue. Everyone who has communicated with her has been genuine. She sees both sides very clearly. It is important for her to know what her citizens want, but this is a polarizing issue, and this tears the County apart for a long time with no decision. She will support a referendum for the sole reason to ensure we are hearing Franklin County's voice.

Supervisor Tatum and Supervisor Mitchell think we need to put forth every effort to move the County forward and prevent conflict in the community. Everyone is a Franklin County Eagle; we went to the same high school. When we stand together, we are strong.

Supervisor Cundiff stated he can't undo the past, but he can learn from the past. No civilization can exist without a past. He cannot see taking down history, but he can see change. He is looking at this as a learning thing, we need to go back to our roots. He supports a referendum and he feels for everyone.

Chairman Mitchell is very mixed on this issue.

(RESOLUTION #00-07-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to move forward with a referendum on the November ballot.

MOTION BY: Ronnie Thompson

SECONDED BY:

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum, Thompson

NAYS:

Motion withdrawn to allow the public to comment on the issue prior to the Board make a decision on how to proceed.

Public Comment Period Continued

David Campbell- He grew up in Franklin County and grew up wearing and showcasing the rebel flag. He did not think anything ill of this until after college. He asks the Board to remove the statue.

Doug Minnix- He would like to say he would like the Board to put the statue up for referendum

Linda Stanley- She would like for the Board to keep the statue in front of the Courthouse and preserve the history of the County. Ms. Stanley also supports the referendum idea.

Bill Prillaman- He asked the Board to consider what a referendum does and please consider this is not necessarily the most appropriate way to make this decision. He asks the Board to consider not waiting to act while we have a public referendum.

Glenna Moore- Mrs. Moore spoke in support of removing the County statue and stated multiple African American soldiers served in the Civil War.

Shannon Moore- Ms. Moore continued reading the list of those who served willingly in the Civil War for freedom. These are local men.

Moriah Moore- She voiced her opinion of wanting the statue to be removed.

Linyae Harris- She feels this is extremely ridiculous to have to come here and plead their case. Its 2020, if the Board wants to do the right thing, just move it.

John Collins- He stated the world is very polarizing right now. He has no enemies, but he is not in favor of removing the statue. He personally believes this is a statue for those who died in the Civil War. He does not believe this is a representation of Jim Crowe. History is not yours to erase. He would be in favor of a referendum.

Francis Amos- Expressed his opinion to preserve history and allow the statue to remain. He noted Booker T. Washington wrote to the Burroughs family and was in support of the statue.

Jon Atchue- Mr. Atchue spoke on his opinion, wanting the Board to remove the statue outside the Courthouse. He mentioned the banning of the Confederate Flag in schools, etc.

Ronnie Hale- He wanted to speak on his Franklin County ancestors.

Gayle Majure- Absent.

Gregory Maxwell- Mr. Maxwell spoke on a proposal asking the Board to create a Diversity and Inclusion Committee. The goal of this is for making and keeping Franklin County a place that feels safe for all residents.

Henry Turnage- He spoke to the Board and wants Franklin County to move forward with removing the statue. He wants those in support of the statue to know they are not losing anything. He wants the statue to be moved. Mr. Turnage wants the Board to know this is something that is not going away. He wants Franklin County to move forward.

Bill Goode- He wants to note Franklin County must be doing something right. We can have this heated discussion in a civil way. The problem with moving the statue is where is this going to stop? Mr. Goode notes this is a movement that is risking the foundation of the Nation.

Susan Meade- She asks the Board work with the Daughters of the Confederacy to move the statue to somewhere else where people can still visit. The right thing to do is to return the statue to those who it belongs.

Milton Terry- Mr. Terry said the statue to him is racist because of the flag that is on it. He remembers the KKK and remembers the Klan used that flag as a symbol. He does not want the statue destroyed, but he does think it needs to be moved.

Eddie Seay- Mr. Seay spoke to the Board and expressed his love for the County. He also voiced his want for the removal of the statue. He was privileged to hear the real history of the Civil War from the teachers he had as he was growing up. He does not think the statue represents a progressive future.

Bridgette Craighead- She expressed that she understands the reason some think this statue is a symbol of history. This statue is of people who fought on the thoughts of dissolving the Union.

Jim Walls- Mr. Walls spoke in favor of keeping the statue. He believed Jesus Christ is the only answer to this problem, but he believes we need to look at facts when considering this situation. If we have rights, we have a right to be offended. Tolerance means that we will have differences.

Jackie Webb- Mr. Webb would like to save the statue, its history and we have good or bad. He asks the people who want to take this down, what comes next?

Philip Sheridan- Mr. Sheridan thinks if we remove this statue, we are dislodging history. He would hate to think his ancestors are being disturbed. He suggests putting this item to a vote. Leave the monument alone.

Walter Lawson- He wanted the Board to know he speaks for Black Veterans. When he walks by the statue outside the courthouse, he knows it does not belong there. There is no such thing as a war of northern aggression.

Kim Johnson- She is for the removal of the memorial and wants the Board to know it is us, Franklin County residents, not outsiders who are voicing their opposition for the statue outside the courthouse. If we want people to feel comfortable in this county, we must change. Is our courthouse a confederate courthouse or a courthouse for everyone?

Diamond Turnage- Miss Turnage wanted to point out that the Board was elected to represent the people and she hopes they make the right decision.

Ben Pinkard- The worst thing he believes he heard today was the thought of a committee. This serves no purpose. We need to weigh the facts and do what is right. He would like the statue to stay where it is. He had 4 great-grandfathers serve in that war. This is not a racist statue this is to their memory.

Anthony Smithers- He is for the statue to stay. He had two great great grandfathers serve in the Civil War. He sees the shirts people are wearing "Move the Statue or Move the Courthouse" and noted this sounds like a threat. He believed this county is creating jobs. He wants to part of the progressive Portland or Chicago.

Shawanda Weatherspoon- Ms. Weatherspoon wants the Board to know the flag on the monument creates fear and she should not have to feel that way. She is asking the Board to move the statue.

Brandon Chitwood- He believes the Board is making a mistake by putting this item to referendum. He would rather support Roanoke City because they allow chalk and paint streets.

Supervisor Mitchell wanted to clarify his proposal was not a committee to remove the statue. He wants the statue to stay right where it is at. A referendum does not give us equality in Franklin County.

(RESOLUTION #13-07-2020)

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO PETITION THE CIRCUIT COURT TO ORDER AN ADVISORY REFERENDUM PURSUANT TO VA. CODE § 15.2-1812 REGARDING THE CONFEDERATE STATUE ON THE GROUNDS OF THE COURTHOUSE

WHEREAS, it appears to the Board of Supervisors from public comment at recent Board meetings that there are differences of opinion among citizens of Franklin County regarding the statue of the Confederate soldier on the Franklin County courthouse grounds; and

WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2020, the Virginia General Assembly empowered the Board of Supervisors to decide whether or not the Confederate statue should remain on the courthouse grounds; and

WHEREAS, before making any decision regarding whether or not to remove, relocate, contextualize, or cover the statue, the Board of Supervisors would like to receive the advice of citizens of Franklin County through a referendum.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the County Attorney petition the circuit court on behalf of the County for an order calling an advisory referendum for November 3, 2020, on the question, "Shall the County relocate the Confederate statue from County courthouse grounds to a location of appropriate historic significance?" or such other question as the court may deem appropriate.

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

CHRISTOPHER WHITLOW, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Christopher Whitlow would like to thank Public Safety and the Sheriff's Office for their work at this Board Meeting. Virtual VACo is set to have a virtual meeting today and he will share more information as it becomes available. Also, VACo will have their yearly meeting in November.

Mr. Whitlow presented a Resolution in regard to COVID-19.

(RESOLUTION #14-07-2020)

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING FRANKLIN COUNTY CITIZENS TO WORK TOGETHER TO DECREASE THE COMMUNITY SPREAD OF COVID-19

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, a Franklin County emergency declaration found that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has the potential to cause damage, loss, hardship or suffering to the citizens of Franklin County in accordance with the provisions of §44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia and thereby proclaimed that a local emergency exists; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors found that COVID-19 constitutes a real and substantial threat to public health and safety as defined by Virginia Code §44-146.16, being a “communicable disease of public health threat;” and

WHEREAS, in recent weeks the County of Franklin has seen a substantial increase in the number of positive COVID-19 cases; and

WHEREAS, most recently this region of Virginia continues to see an increase in the number of hospitalizations as a result of the continued increase of positive COVID-19 cases related to “community spread”; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County desires to ensure the safety and well-being of all citizens and visitors within our community taking the important step of following guidance from the Virginia Department of Health.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County of Franklin courteously requests and encourages its citizens to help reduce community spread by continuing to practice safe, social distancing and respecting the provisions of Virginia’s guidelines with the wearing of face coverings in public spaces, where feasible.

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

OTHER MATTERS BY SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Tatum spoke about the generator at the Henry Volunteer Fire Department. He expressed that their generator has broken, but is aware the County is in the process of surplussing one. He asks the Board to reallocate the generator to the Henry Volunteer Fire Department.

(RESOLUTION #15-07-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to reallocate the generator that is not being used to the Henry Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Supervisor R. Mitchell would like those citizens who have not received what is owed to them by MVP to get what they deserve. He would like a representative from MVP to attend a meeting. *a consensus was reached* to ask a representative to attend. Supervisor R. Mitchell noted the need to do something for our black citizens that focuses on equality and inclusiveness, such as creating a Diversity and Inclusion Committee. A committee allows us to have our black and white citizens sit down and have good dialogue about race relations.

He would like to have a work session with the Board on setting the agenda and review the process. He would also like the High School to be able to replace their chiller. He also wants to attract more housing and development. He wants to work to increase minority and women owned businesses and also look at preventing restrictions on gun rights. He also mentioned a potential surplus in funds. He would like the Board to know we appreciate police and thank law enforcement. The Board has got to have their back.

Supervisor Carter would like the agenda to state what the public comment is regarding. Supervisor Carter would like the County to share a letter to Richmond regarding the potential reform of police.

Mr. Whitlow spoke to the Board and let them know if and when Richmond makes any decision in police reform the Board then can send correspondence in agreement or disagreement.

(RESOLUTION #16-07-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to enter into a Closed Meeting in Accordance with 2.2-3711, (A) (2) (D) in violation of the law of public contract, of the Code of Virginia, as Amended.

SECONDED BY: Ronnie Thompson

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum, Thompson

Roll Call was taken

MOTION: Ronnie Thompson
SECOND: Lorie Smith

RESOLUTION: #17-07-2020
MEETING DATE: July 21, 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.

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum, Thompson

Roll call was taken

Chairman Mitchell adjourned the Board until August 18, 2020