

The regular meeting of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, in Room 212 of the Greenfield Education and Training Center in Daleville, Virginia, beginning at 12:30 P. M.

PRESENT: Members: Mr. Billy W. Martin, Sr., Chairman
Dr. Donald M. Scothorn, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Steve Clinton
Mr. I. Ray Sloan
Dr. Richard G. Bailey

ABSENT: Members: None

Others present at the meeting:

Mr. Michael Lockaby, County Attorney
Mr. David Moorman, Deputy County Administrator
Mr. Gary Larrowe, County Administrator

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:33 P. M.

On motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Dr. Scothorn, and carried by the following recorded vote, the Board went into Closed Session pursuant to the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, to discuss the following: Section 2.2-3711.A. 1, Discussion on personnel issues regarding constitutional office-related compensation; Section 2.2-3711.A. 3, Acquisition or disposition of real property for economic development purposes where discussion in open session would adversely affect the County's bargaining position or negotiating strategy namely concerning the Blue Ridge (EastPark) and Amsterdam (Greenfield) districts; Section 2.2-3711.A. 5, Discussion on prospective businesses or industries or the expansion of existing businesses or industries where no previous announcement has been made of their interest in locating or expanding facilities in the community in the Fincastle District; Section 2.2-3711.A. 7, Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members pertaining to actual or probable litigation where such consultation or briefing in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigation posture of the County regarding Fitzgerald versus Botetourt County. (Resolution Number 20-01-01)

AYES: Mr. Clinton, Mr. Martin, Dr. Scothorn, Dr. Bailey, Mr. Martin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

The Chairman called the meeting back to order at 2:02 P. M.

On motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Dr. Bailey, and carried by the following recorded vote, the Board returned to regular session from Closed Session and adopted the following resolution by roll-call vote. (Resolution Number 20-01-02)

AYES: Mr. Sloan, Mr. Clinton, Dr. Scothorn, Dr. Bailey, Mr. Martin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

BE IT RESOLVED, that to the best of the Board members' knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements and only such matters as were identified in the motion to go into Closed Session were heard, discussed or considered during the Closed Session.

Mr. Martin then welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Dr. Scothorn then led the group in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Martin then asked for a moment of silence.

The Board of Supervisors then held their 2020 reorganizational meeting.

Mr. Martin then turned Chairmanship of the meeting over to Mr. Larrowe. Mr. Larrowe then opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 2020.

Mr. Sloan then nominated Mr. Billy Martin for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 2020. Dr. Scothorn seconded this nomination.

After questioning by Mr. Larrowe, it was noted that there were no further nominations for Chairman. On motion by Dr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Sloan, and carried by the following vote, nominations for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors were closed and Mr. Billy Martin, Sr., was appointed as Chairman for calendar year 2020. (Resolution Number 20-01-03)

AYES: Mr. Clinton, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Martin, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

Mr. Larrowe then opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2020.

Dr. Bailey then nominated Dr. Scothorn for Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2020. Mr. Sloan seconded this nomination.

After questioning, it was noted that there were no further nominations for Vice-Chairman. On motion by Mr. Sloan, seconded by Dr. Bailey, and carried by the following vote, nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors were closed and Dr. Donald M. Scothorn, was appointed as Vice-Chairman for calendar year 2020. (Resolution Number 20-01-04)

AYES: Mr. Clinton, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Martin, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

Discussion was then held on various committee/commission/board appointments for 2020.

Mr. Martin noted that he would like to appoint Dr. Bailey to the General Fund Budget Subcommittee to serve along with Mr. Clinton.

On motion by Mr. Sloan, seconded by Dr. Scothorn, and carried by the following recorded vote, the various committee/commission/board appointments for 2020 were approved as follows. (Resolution Number 20-01-05)

AYES: Mr. Sloan, Mr. Clinton, Mr. Martin, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

**2020 Member
Assignment**

Position or Board

Mr. Martin	Board Chairman
Dr. Scothorn	Board Vice-Chairman
Mr. Martin	Roanoke Reg. Partnership
Mr. Martin	Social Services Board
Mr. Clinton	Parks and Recreation Commission
Mr. Sloan	Planning Commission
Mr. Clinton	Library Board of Trustees
Mr. Sloan	Transportation Safety Commission
Mr. Martin	TAP Board of Directors
Dr. Bailey	Economic Development Authority

Mr. Martin/Mr. Sloan	Fire & EMS Committee
Mr. Clinton	RVARC CEDS
Mr. Clinton	RVARC Transportation Planning Org.
Dr. Bailey/Mr. Sloan	Agricultural Projects Committee
All Board Members	General Fund Budget Committee
Dr. Bailey/Mr. Clinton	General Fund Budget Subcommittee
Mr. John Williamson	Budget Committee citizen rep.
Dr. Scothorn/Dr. Bailey	School Budget Committee
Mr. Larrowe/Mr. Lockaby	Parliamentarians
Mr. Larrowe	Clerk to the Board
Mrs. Fain	Deputy Clerk to the Board

Discussion was then held on proposed revisions to the Board's bylaws.

After questioning by Mr. Clinton, Mr. Larrowe then reviewed the proposed bylaw amendments: Section II—the Board meeting minutes shall be posted to the County's website as soon as possible after approval; Section IV--designation of a separate Board member comment period at the regular meetings; Section VII--removal of the reference to a specific room location at the Education and Training Center for regular Supervisors meetings; and Section IX—provisions regarding Board member participation in "electronic meetings," if certain parameters are met.

Mr. Larrowe stated that inclusion of language regarding posting of the Board's approved minutes to the County website would hold the staff accountable to have the minutes available for public review as soon as possible after the Board meeting. He noted that the bylaw amendments also propose the creation of a separate Board member comment period at each meeting after committee reports for members to make comments about any topic or issue of concern to them or their constituents.

Mr. Larrowe noted that the next proposed amendment would remove the room designation at the Education and Training Center for the Board's meetings and the final proposed amendments pertain to allowing members to participate in regular meetings electronically a maximum of twice a year if certain parameters are met.

Mr. Lockaby, County Attorney, stated that the State Code was amended last year to allow expanded electronic Board member participation in meetings if certain parameters are met. He noted that the proposed bylaw amendments allow notification of the Chairman that a member will not be present at the meeting due to a personal or medical matter; however, the member would like to participate in the meeting electronically.

Mr. Larrowe stated that there have been instances where Board members had surgery or medical issues and could not attend the meeting and these amendments would allow the member to be a part of the meeting's discussion via electronic means.

Mr. Clinton stated that he understands the advantage of having electronic meetings and has experience in them over the years. Mr. Clinton stated that with this concept, however, "you lose discipline and commitment to your responsibilities" as a Board member. He noted that with electronic meetings "you do not get the connection you have personally and, over time you lose some of the sense of importance of the meeting."

Mr. Clinton stated that the need for electronic participation by Board members in a meeting has not been a problem in the past other than occasional medical-related issues. Mr. Clinton stated that he is opposed to these specific bylaw amendments but, if enacted, they be limited to health-related issues by the Board members, if possible.

Dr. Scothorn stated that each Board member has been involved in a medical situation from time to time which caused them to miss meetings.

After discussion, Dr. Scothorn noted that the proposed amendments reference electronic meetings being allowed when the Governor has declared a state of emergency and it is impracticable or unsafe to assemble a quorum of the Board in one location to discuss said emergency. Dr. Scothorn then stated that he would be in favor of electronic meetings under certain, proposed situations.

Mr. Lockaby stated that the proposed bylaw amendments for electronic meetings only pertain to medical reasons or a meeting being held to discuss the issuance of a state of emergency by the Governor. Mr. Lockaby stated that the section (B) pertaining to "personal matter" can be removed from the proposed amendments if the Board prefers or the Board members can propose additional restrictions on participation in their meetings electronically, e. g., if a member is 100 miles away.

Mr. Clinton stated that the Board needs to further discuss the proposed electronic meeting provisions.

There being no further discussion, on motion by Dr. Scothorn, seconded by Mr. Sloan, and carried by the following recorded vote, the bylaws for the Board of Supervisors were approved as amended except for the proposed Section IX. Electronic Meetings provisions. (Resolution Number 20-01-06)

AYES: Mr. Clinton, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Martin, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

On motion by Mr. Clinton, seconded by Dr. Scothorn, and carried by the following recorded vote, the Board tabled consideration of amendments to Section IX. Electronic Meetings of their bylaws and directed the County Attorney and staff to further review these provisions and bring this matter back to the Board for consideration by the March regular meeting. (Resolution Number 20-01-07)

AYES: Mr. Clinton, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Martin, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

Mr. Jim Farmer, Director of Recreation and Facilities, then introduced Mr. Josh Willett to the Board. He noted that Mr. Willett began work in November 2019 as the County's Recreation Coordinator.

Mr. Farmer stated that Mr. Willett has a BS in Public Policy Administration and previously worked in Florida in the recreation industry. Mr. Farmer noted that his department is benefiting from Mr. Willett's expertise.

Mr. Martin welcomed Mr. Willett to employment with Botetourt County and noted that the Board looks forward to working with him.

Mr. Willett thanked Mr. Martin for his comments.

During the public comment period, Mr. Steve Lovell of Read Mountain Road then spoke to the Board. Mr. Lovell then provided hand-outs to the Board.

Mr. Lovell noted that he has been a resident of the County for 56 years and his current vehicle towing/repair business has been in its current location for 14 years. Mr. Lovell stated that these types of businesses are essential to citizens but they can accumulate junk cars and other items.

Mr. Lovell stated that he is requesting that the Board consider a vote to relax some restrictions that he put on his business in 2005 when he obtained a rezoning and Special Exception Permit approvals on his Cloverdale property. Mr. Lovell stated that 11 conditions were included with the Board's approval of the rezoning request.

Mr. Lovell stated that he would like to expand his business and some of these conditions are limiting his ability to do so. Mr. Lovell stated that he is requesting the Board's support for the removal of some of these conditions.

Mr. Martin stated that the Board has given Mr. Lovell a vote of approval by allowing him to operate his business. Mr. Martin stated that, if Mr. Lovell wants to expand his business, he will have to submit a request to the Community Development Department, explaining his proposal so that the appropriate public hearing advertisement process and consideration by the Planning Commission and then the Board of Supervisors can occur.

Mr. Martin encouraged Mr. Lovell to discuss his proposal with the County's Planning/Zoning staff to begin the application/advertisement process.

Mr. Lovell stated that he wants to have an open discussion on his proposal but it is difficult to go through some of the County's application processes. Mr. Lovell stated that he would like to bring his proffered conditions back to the Board next month for their consideration.

Mr. Lockaby, County Attorney stated that, if Mr. Lovell wants to file a Zoning Ordinance text amendment application for consideration by the Supervisors, he can do so. He noted that, if the Board determines that the request is feasible, they would direct the Planning/Zoning staff to submit the application to the Planning Commission for consideration and public hearing.

Mr. Lockaby stated that land use discussions are designed to have extensive community input in an application and public hearing process which is laid out in the Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Martin stated that due to advertising deadlines the Board will not be able to vote on Mr. Lovell's request at their next meeting.

Discussion was then held on the consent agenda items.

Dr. Scothorn stated that he would request that consent agenda item #5 (Consideration of a resolution of support for equal taxing authority for counties to compare with those of towns and cities.) be considered by the Board outside of the consent agenda process.

On motion by Dr. Scothorn, seconded by Mr. Sloan, and carried by the following recorded vote, the Board approved the following consent agenda items: (Resolution Number 20-01-08)

AYES: Mr. Clinton, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Martin, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held on December 19, 2019; and

Approval of a new lease agreement for the Glen Wilton boat ramp site with Mr. Wesley Hodges, authorized the County Administrator to sign the agreement on the County's behalf, and approved a one-time appropriation not to exceed \$9,000 to CIP Capital Projects-Greenway project, 100-4094000-71000-8012-720, for improvements on this site.

Consideration was then held on a resolution of support for equal taxing authority for counties to compare with those of towns and cities.

Mr. Martin stated that, under the Code of Virginia, towns and cities have authority to raise taxes on food, lodging, and other items that counties do not. He noted that this agenda item request received from the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) is asking that a resolution of support be sent to the General Assembly for adoption of legislation to give counties the same taxing authority as cities and towns.

Mr. Martin stated that he thinks that the citizens are taxed enough. He noted that the County has a good group that works together and looks after the County's needs. Mr. Martin noted that boards of supervisors can raise taxes any time they want if this legislation is approved. He stated that the County could take money from these new taxes but it would not offset the burden of these new taxes on the citizens.

After questioning by Dr. Scothorn, Mr. Larrowe stated that it has been a long-standing provision of the Code of Virginia that cities and towns have different taxing authorities than counties. He noted that towns and cities can adopt taxes on cigarettes, lodging, meals, etc., without having to obtain General Assembly approval as counties have to do. He noted that, several years ago, Botetourt County's increase in the lodging tax had to receive General Assembly approval before it could be implemented.

Mr. Larrowe stated that this VACo resolution expresses the County's support for the General Assembly to enact legislation to give counties the option of equal taxing authority to that already available to cities and towns. He noted that this resolution has nothing to do with the County actually approving the legislation.

After questioning by Mr. Martin, Mr. Larrowe stated that, if the General Assembly approves this legislation, it would give counties the authority to consider enacting the same taxes as cities and towns; however, it does not mean that the County would implement any or all of these taxes.

After discussion, Dr. Bailey stated that this legislation, if adopted, would "make the playing field level with towns and cities" regarding taxation/revenue options for counties. He noted that the VACo proposal is only requesting a resolution of support.

Mr. Larrowe agreed with Dr. Bailey's statements.

Dr. Bailey stated that these new taxation options are "consumption taxes."

Mr. Larrowe confirmed that these taxes would mostly be incurred by visitors to the County who purchase lodging, meals, admission to events, etc.

Mr. Lockaby stated that the Board could choose to implement one or more or none of these proposed taxes if this legislation is approved by the General Assembly.

Dr. Bailey stated that, if the County is given authority to implement these consumption taxes, the Board could choose to lower other taxes to offset receipt of these new revenues.

Mr. Sloan stated that he understands that this equal taxing legislation concentrates on meals, cigarette, transient occupancy and admissions taxes.

Mr. Sloan then made a motion, seconded by Dr. Scothorn, to adopt the following resolution of support for equal taxing authority for Virginia's counties as are available to cities and towns. (Resolution Number 20-01-09)

Whereas, under the Code of Virginia county governments have less authority to raise revenues to meet their responsibilities than do cities and towns, and

Whereas, limitations on counties' ability to raise revenues from diverse sources result in an over-reliance on real property taxes to fund basic services of local government; and

Whereas, counties are limited in their ability to raise revenues from meals, cigarette, transient occupancy, and admissions taxes that are available to cities and towns; and

Whereas, providing counties equal taxing authority merely provides local boards of supervisors the ability to levy the same taxes that may already be imposed by city councils; and

Whereas, county governments have the same responsibility as cities for the funding of and meeting state requirements for core services, such as K-12 education, public safety, social services, and public health; and

Whereas, relying too heavily on one source of revenue leaves counties vulnerable to downturns in the real estate market and population shifts; and

Whereas, additional tools to raise revenues would allow counties options to invest the necessary additional funds to respond to modern-day challenges, such as enhancing election cybersecurity; providing mental health treatment in jails; addressing substance abuse; maintaining vital infrastructure, such as water and sewer systems; and implementing Next-Generation 911 technology; and

Whereas, state enabling legislation is required to provide counties with this additional taxing authority; and

Whereas, each locality is best positioned to determine the appropriate mix of revenue sources to meet local needs;

Now, therefore, the Board of Supervisors of Botetourt County does hereby resolve and express its support and desire for the Virginia General Assembly to enact such legislation as is necessary to authorize Virginia counties to exercise additional taxing authority equal to that of cities and towns.

Mr. Clinton stated that he thinks the taxing options currently available to the County "work pretty well" but he thinks having the equal taxing option makes sense. He noted that the Board can elect to consider any of these taxes if we have General Assembly approval.

Mr. Clinton stated that he compared several taxing options available in Virginia and West Virginia. He noted that the sales tax in West Virginia is 6% compared to 5.3% in Virginia. Mr. Clinton stated that "it makes sense to hold the line on taxing authority" and he opposes the idea of changing these taxation options for counties.

Mr. Sloan's motion was then approved by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Sloan, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: Mr. Clinton, Mr. Martin

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

Mr. Martin then noted that, as this is the Board's first meeting of 2020, he would introduce the members of the Board to those present. After doing so, Mr. Martin stated that this is one of the best boards he has worked with and the members have a good working relationship with each other. Mr. Martin stated that he appreciates each of the members and thanked them for their hard work and team effort.

Consideration was then held on approval of transfers and additional appropriations. Mr. Tony Zerrilla, Director of Finance, stated that there were two transfers, 10 pass-through appropriations, and two regular appropriations for the Board's consideration. He noted that these were for reimbursements, donations, insurance proceeds, grant funds, etc.

Mr. Zerrilla stated that the \$553,800 Capital Outlay appropriation to Fire and EMS was for an Eagle Rock fire apparatus that was prepaid in FY 19 but not put in service until FY 20. He noted that the appropriation of \$6,945 is budget funding for the newly separated Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court from the General District Court system.

There being no discussion, on motion by Dr. Scothorn, seconded by Mr. Sloan, and carried by the following recorded vote, the Board approved the following transfer and additional appropriations: (Resolution Number 20-01-10)

AYES: Mr. Clinton, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Martin, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

Transfer \$716.52 to Sheriff's Department - Vehicle & Power Equipment Supplies, 100-4031200-31200-6009, from various departments as follows for vehicle repairs at the County Garage:

\$ 70.22	Animal Control–Veh. & Power Sup., 100-4035100-35100-6009
\$ 76.36	Fire & EMS – Rep. & Maint. – Veh., 100-4035500-35500-3312
\$ 40.98	Comm. Devel.–Rep. & Maint –Veh., 100-4081200-81200-3312
\$443.86	Deputy Co. Adm.-Rep. & Maint.-Veh., 100-4012120-12120-3312
\$ 24.19	Van Program – Rep. & Maint.–Veh., 100-4071500-71500-3312
\$ 19.95	Library – Rep. & Maint -Vehicles, 100-4073100-73100-3312
\$ 24.93	Purchasing – Rep. & Maint. – Vehicles, 100-4012530-12530-3312
\$ 16.03	Maint. – Repair & Maint.–Vehicles, 100-4043000-43000-3312

Transfer \$2,915.00 from General Fund – Fund 100 – Undesignated Fund Balance to Greenfield Preservation Area Fund – Fund 240. This provides a match of recent private donations received into the Preservation Fund.

Additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,799.00 to Sheriff's Department – RAID Patrol, 100-4031200-31200-5830. This is a quarterly reimbursement of RAID Program expenses for the Sheriff's Office Alternative Program.

Additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,800.00 to Library – Books & Subscriptions, 100-4073100-73100-6012. These are donation and contribution monies received from Kiwanis Club and Mr. & Mrs. Whitwell.

Additional appropriation in the amount of \$3,170.81 to Sheriff's Department – DMV Salaries, 100-4031200-31200-1800. These are grant funds received for enforcement of alcohol and speed violations.

Additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,589.35 to Waste Management – Salaries and Wages – Regular, 100-4042400-42400-1100. These are funds received from County Waste as a reimbursement of landfill operational support services performed by Botetourt County personnel.

Additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,515.00 to Fire & EMS – Other Operating Supplies, 100-4035500-35500-6014. These are donations received from various sources.

Additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,735.35 to the following Correction & Detention accounts: \$2,351.35 to Medical and Lab Supplies, 100-4033100-33100-6004; and \$384.00 to Uniforms, 100-4033100-33100-6011. The former is for reimbursement of medical costs for Craig County inmates and the latter is for contract payments.

Additional appropriation in the amount of \$62.50 to Dispatch – Uniforms, 100-4031400-31400-6011. These funds represent a contract payment.

Additional appropriation in the amount of \$4,021.43 to the following Sheriff's Department accounts: \$1,757.06 to Uniforms, 100-4031200-31200-6011; \$2,235.17 to Repairs & Maintenance – Equipment, 100-4031200-31200-3311; and \$29.20 to Vehicle Supplies, 100-4031200-31200-6009. These are funds received for contract payments, insurance proceeds, and a refund, respectively.

Additional appropriation in the amount of \$3,259.21 to the following Sheriff's Department accounts: \$1,909.96 to Subsistence and Lodging, 100-4031200-31200-5530; and \$1,349.25 to Vehicle Supplies, 100-4031200-31200-6009. These are reimbursements received for extradition costs.

Additional appropriation in the amount of \$3,231.06 to the following Sheriff Department accounts: \$3,013.02 to Overtime, 100-4031200-31200-1200; and \$218.04 to FICA, 100-4031200-31200-2100. These are funds received for reimbursement costs for providing security at high school football playoff games and for restitution.

Additional appropriation in the amount of \$553,800.00 to Fire & EMS – Capital Outlay – Motor Vehicle/Vehicle Equipment. This is an FY20 appropriation for an Eagle Rock fire apparatus that was recorded as prepaid in FY19 and was not in service on June 30, 2019. Therefore, as the vehicle is now in service in FY 20, a new appropriation is being requested. This appropriation has been verified with the County's auditors.

Additional appropriation in the amount of \$6,945.00 to Juvenile Domestic Relations Court, 100-4021500-21500. These are operating funds for the second half of FY20 for this court which is separate and distinct from General District Court.

Consideration was then held on approval of the accounts payable and ratification of the Short Accounts Payable List. Mr. Tony Zerrilla, Director of Finance, stated that this month's accounts payables totaled \$1,793,330.31. He noted that this month's large expenses included: \$83,581 as a quarterly budget payment to the Health Department; \$33,557 to EPLUS Technology for the computer hardware and maintenance support contract; \$164,987 to Sure-Flo for purchase of Fire/EMS self-contained breathing apparatus; \$31,694 to Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Center for their quarterly budget allocation; \$44,282 to VFIS for renewal of Fire/EMS vehicle and property insurance; \$215,789 to CST Industries for repairs to the landfill leachate tank; and \$83,694 to Bank of America for a lease payment on the County's telecommunications equipment upgrade project.

After questioning by Dr. Bailey, Mr. Zerrilla stated that leachate tank repairs of this size and nature would not recur in the foreseeable future and were budgeted for in the FY 20 CIP (Capital Improvement Plan).

There being no further discussion, on motion by Mr. Clinton, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried by the following recorded vote, the Board approved the accounts payable and ratified the Short Accounts Payable List as submitted. (Resolution Number 20-01-11)

AYES: Mr. Clinton, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Martin, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

Mr. Ray Varney, Resident Engineer with the Virginia Department of Transportation, was then present to speak to the Board.

Mr. Varney stated that he agreed with Mr. Martin's previous statements regarding the cohesiveness of the Board. He noted that the Board has a good working relationship which is better than most localities.

Mr. Varney then reviewed VDOT's monthly report. He noted that work on the safety improvements on Route 220 is proceeding. He noted that a box culvert on Route 220 at the Locust Bottom Road (Route 696) intersection will be replaced which will necessitate the realignment of Route 220 and a detour beginning on February 10 for traffic using Locust

Bottom Road. He noted that they hope this realignment/detour project will be finished by early April.

Mr. Varney noted that the bridge rehabilitation project on Ball Park Road is proceeding and on schedule. He noted that, after calls were received from the road's residents, VDoT worked with the contractor to adjust their working hours to accommodate access by local traffic. Mr. Varney stated that the road is now closed from 9AM to 3PM Monday through Friday. He noted that this project's contractor has been great to work with and not many contractors would agree to this work schedule adjustment.

Mr. Varney stated that VDoT has developed a listing of routes for resurfacing this year which is dependent on available funding.

Regarding land development projects, Mr. Varney stated that VDoT is waiting on the County's approval of a resolution requesting the acceptance of three streets in Orchards of Ashley into the Secondary System before this project can proceed. He further noted that approval of Daleville Town Center, Phase 3, is awaiting discussion with the developer on missteps that occurred during recent construction activities. Mr. Varney then noted that Roanoke Gas Company is installing a line to the new Colonial Elementary School site. He noted that VDoT submitted their comments to the County on the plans submitted for the Fieldstone project across from Ikenberry's Orchard and met with staff and the developers regarding entrance requirements and possible revisions to the proposed access. Mr. Varney noted that he plans to inform the developer of improvements that will be necessary for the development's entrance.

Mr. Varney noted that VDoT submitted comments to the developer in December on plans for Santillane Subdivision's north entrance and are waiting for a resubmittal. Mr. Varney also stated that VDoT did receive the Board's letter of request to begin work on the through truck restriction review process for Azalea Road.

He further noted that VDoT staff has also been working with the Department of Fire and EMS and the Sheriff's Department to review the impacts on local traffic and roadways caused by accident-related detours on Interstate 81. Mr. Varney stated that there are roadways in the County where large trucks should not go. He noted that VDoT will be reviewing Secondary System routes for implementation of potential through-truck restrictions and will bring a listing back to the County for consideration.

Mr. Varney stated that having these restrictions would allow certain roadways, during emergencies and when traffic is detoured off of the interstate, to be restricted from use by large trucks. He noted that there are several GPS routing programs available to the general public and truck drivers and some software programs are better than others about directing large trucks away from narrow, unsuitable roadways.

Regarding Residency projects, Mr. Varney stated that VDoT is meeting with the Zimmerman Road drainage contractor this week. He noted that the dirt/debris waste area on this project is full and the small bridge between Zimmerman Road and Archway Road has a weight restriction which impacts the load that dump trucks can carry. Mr. Varney further noted that the excavation work along the dirt bank adjacent to the ditchline should be completed in about 2 weeks. He noted that rough grading will be completed and stone will be placed on the roadway with surface treatment planned for May/June 2020.

Regarding the Archway Road pipe replacement project, Mr. Varney stated that VDoT staff is meeting with an adjacent property owner later this week to obtain their signature on a

right-of-entry agreement to complete downstream bank protection work. He noted that bank stabilization work on Nace Road should begin next week and will include lane closures for 2 – 3 days. Regarding the Murray Drive improvement project, Mr. Varney stated that VDoT has reviewed the plans with the contractor and there are some issues, including drainage, which will necessitate a lot of coordination between the various Colonial Elementary School contractors. He further stated that VDoT will have to work with the contractor on-site when the road improvement project begins.

Mr. Varney stated that he is still awaiting confirmation on the scheduling of citizen information meetings on the Route 460 arterial preservation project. Regarding area head-quarter, in-house projects, Mr. Varney stated that there are several pipe replacement projects scheduled over the next few weeks and VDoT is working to coordinate these projects so that at least one lane will be open to through traffic at all times.

Mr. Varney stated that VDoT staff is also meeting to discuss five proposed bridge projects in the County. He noted that a list of these large-scope projects, which may require traffic detours, will be provided to the County next week.

Consideration was then held on a resolution requesting VDoT acceptance of Island Green Road (Rte. 1169); Graystone Drive (Rte. 1170); and Cresthaven Lane (Rte. 1171) in Orchards of Ashley Plantation, Phase I, into the Secondary System of Highways. Mr. David Givens, Community Development Manager, stated that the County received a copy of the signed subordination of rights agreement from American Electric Power this week and the Board can now consider adoption of this street acceptance resolution.

It was noted that these roads were not completed by the development's contractor who filed for bankruptcy which necessitated the County intervening in the project to have the roads brought up to VDoT's Secondary System standards.

After discussion, on motion by Mr. Clinton, seconded by Dr. Scothorn, and carried by the following recorded vote, the Board approved the following resolution requesting the acceptance of Island Green Road (Rte. 1169), Graystone Drive (Rte. 1170), and Cresthaven Lane (Rte. 1171) in Orchards of Ashley Plantation, Phase I, into the State's Secondary System of Highways.

AYES: Mr. Clinton, Mr. Martin, Dr. Scothorn, Dr. Bailey, Mr. Martin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

Resolution Number 20-01-12

WHEREAS, the streets, Island Green Road, Greystone Drive, and Cresthaven Lane in The Orchards of Ashley, Phase 1, described on the attached Additions Form AM-4.3, fully incorporated herein by reference, is shown on a plat recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County; and

WHEREAS, the Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation has advised this Board that the streets meets the requirements established by the Subdivision Street Requirements of the Virginia Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Virginia Department of Transportation have entered into an agreement on January 11, 1994, for comprehensive stormwater detention which applies to this request for addition.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Botetourt County that this Board requests the Virginia Department of Transportation to add the street described on the attached Additions AM-4.3 to the secondary system of state

highways, pursuant to Section 33.2-705, Code of Virginia, and the Department's Street Subdivision Requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Board hereby guarantees the performance of the streets requested herein to become a part of the State maintained secondary system of state highways for a period of one year from the date of the acceptance of the referenced streets by VDOT into the secondary system of state highways. This Board will reimburse all costs incurred by VDOT to repair faults in the referenced streets and related drainage facilities associated with workmanship or materials as determined exclusively by VDOT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board guarantees a clear and unrestricted right-of-way, as described, and any necessary easements for cuts, fills and drainage; and

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

Dr. Bailey then thanked Mr. Varney for his assistance in working with the contractor on the Ball Park Road project to adjust the road's closure schedule. He noted that the new schedule has worked out very well and he appreciates Mr. Varney's and the contractor's efforts to work with the citizens.

After discussion regarding Price's Bluff Road, Mr. Varney stated that this road's proposed improvements can be discussed during the Board's Secondary System Six Year Plan work session planned for the April regular meeting.

Dr. Scothorn then noted that there are no visible white edgelines on Sanderson Road and asked that they be repainted. Mr. Varney stated that he will forward this request to the appropriate department.

After discussion by Mr. Clinton, Mr. Varney stated that the Western Virginia Water Authority is probably the entity conducting channel protection work near Azalea Road. He further stated that VDoT is meeting with the contractor tomorrow as one of the culverts under Azalea Road needs to be cleaned out and another is 1/3 to 1/2 full of debris. Mr. Varney noted that the culvert's joints are not sealed very well and they will try repair the pipes by inserting joint sealers. He noted that, if this does not work, then VDoT will have to replace the pipe which will impact through traffic along this street.

Dr. Bailey noted that he attended a community meeting in Oriskany last week and noticed while crossing Route 606 that the lines need to be repainted on the roadway especially on the Craig County side of Caldwell Mountain. Dr. Bailey stated that the citizens also requested that guardrail be installed on the mountainous portion of Route 606.

Mr. Varney stated that, in determining whether the installation of guardrail is warranted, VDoT evaluates the road's safety record. He noted that, if there are accidents occurring on the roadway, it would warrant the expense of installing guardrail. Mr. Varney stated that he also believes that this roadway has narrow shoulders which would make installation of any guardrail difficult.

He then stated that, if there is a certain location in which several accidents have occurred, then VDoT can review that area for potential guardrail installation. Mr. Varney noted that he will have VDoT staff review both of these requests.

Mr. Varney then stated that, in the next few months, VDoT will have to close Route 606 to through-traffic to replace a culvert on the Craig County portion of this roadway. He

noted that a notice of this road closure will be forwarded to the County when a more-exact schedule is available.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Martin thanked Mr. Varney for the work he has done for the County. Mr. Varney then left the meeting at this time.

An update was then given on the 2020 Reassessment. Mr. Cody Sexton, Assistant to the County Administrator, stated that the County is required by State mandate to conduct a real estate reassessment generally every four years. He noted that the County began work on this process almost two years ago through the issuance of Requests for Proposals for assessor services and is now entering the final phase of the process--assessor and Board of Equalization hearings.

Mr. Sexton stated that Wampler-Eanes Appraisal Group was hired as a third-party assessor to conduct the reassessment for the County. He noted that, over the next two weeks, Wampler-Eanes is conducting hearings with property owners who wish to appeal their property's assessment. He stated that the Board of Equalization will then meet later this spring to hear appeals from citizens who did not agree with the assessor's valuations of their property and the entire reassessment process should be completed by June 30, 2020.

Mr. Gary Eanes of Wampler-Eanes stated that his company is a Virginia and Botetourt-owned company located in the community Amsterdam. He noted that, by the end of 2020, the company will have completed 115 reassessments for 52 localities in Virginia and North Carolina totaling over 2.1 million properties.

He noted that the County's last reassessment was effective in 2016 and noted that, if the Virginia Department of Taxation's sales ratio study shows a sales assessment ratio lower than 70% in the year of the reassessment, this proves that the locality failed to assess at 100%.

Mr. Eanes stated that the first step for his company in the reassessment process is to conduct a comprehensive sales study. Mr. Eanes noted that his staff "does not come in with preconceived ideas" on property valuations. He stated that each parcel is visited by a field inspector who verifies the parcel's data and collects any additional property information that has changed since the last reassessment. Mr. Eanes further stated that the County is divided into smaller areas called neighborhoods for market comparison purposes and neighborhood sales, land values, yearly appreciation trends, and other data are analyzed and entered into their mass appraisal system.

After discussion, Mr. Eanes noted that their appraisers and field technicians use GIS to view property lines, topography, open land versus woodland, acreage, road frontage, other structures on the property, etc. He noted that three methods are used to value real estate: cost to build the structure new at current rates and land values; income the property would produce if it were rented, and a sales comparison/market approach which compares the property to similar properties that were recently sold.

Mr. Eanes stated that for the County's 2020 reassessment, the County averaged an overall property value increase of 9.32% (11%--residential; 10%--commercial; and 5% agricultural). He then compared the County's average increase (9.32%) over the 4 year reassessment cycle with other localities: 6 years: Amherst—7%; Appomattox—7%; 4 years: Clarke—14%; Franklin—6%; Orange—13%; 2 years: Powhatan—19%; and 1 year: Roanoke County—3.17%; Roanoke City—3.3%.

Mr. Eanes stated that their goal as an assessor conducting mass appraisals is to produce accurate and equitable assessments. He noted that a sales ratio study, which compares assessed values to market values in open-market sales, is the primary tool used to measure the outcomes of mass appraisals. He stated that the County's current sales ratio study is 97%.

After discussion, Mr. Eanes stated that once the property reassessment is complete, assessment notices are mailed to each property owner. He noted that these notices include current and proposed assessment data on the parcel and gives the property owner the opportunity to schedule a hearing with the appraisers to discuss their assessment. Mr. Eanes stated that these hearings are being held over the next 2 weeks. He noted that as of this time he has received 45 e-mail messages from property owners and has scheduled 166 face-to-face appointments.

Mr. Eanes stated that once these hearings have been held, his staff mails out notices to those property owners as to whether their appeals were approved. He further stated that, if the property owner still disagrees with the reassessment results, they may appeal the valuation to the Board of Equalization, which was appointed by the Circuit Court Judge late last year.

Mr. Eanes stated that the Commissioner of Revenue is responsible for the maintenance of all ownership and assessment records required for the issuance of the Land Book. He stated that neither the Commissioner nor the Board of Supervisors is directly involved in the reassessment process and encouraged any citizens to contact Wampler-Eanes directly with questions about their assessment or this process.

After questioning by Mr. Clinton regarding comparison of Botetourt and Roanoke County's assessment increases, Mr. Eanes stated that average property valuation increases are locality-specific. He noted that reassessments are based on comparisons of property sales within the specific jurisdiction.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Martin thanked Mr. Eanes for his presentation and his work on the County's reassessment.

Ms. Angela Coon, Co-Chair of the County's Sestercentennial Committee, stated that there are many activities/events included on the 250th anniversary's on-line calendar. She noted that many churches, organizations, and towns have events scheduled this year and many are added each week.

She noted that the kick-off event is scheduled for Saturday, February 1 at Lord Botetourt High School with Brent Watts, Chief Meteorologist with WDBJ 7 and a Buchanan native being the event's master of ceremonies. She noted that there will be displays, food, music and speeches. Ms. Coon noted that former Circuit Court Judge and State Senator Malfourd Trumbo will speak at the kick-off event and Ms. Cathy Benson plans to include 5 unusual facts about the County each week in the Botetourt Bee. She stated that banners and yard signs commemorating the Sestercentennial are available for groups/businesses to use/display.

Ms. Coon stated that on March 28 and 29 an 18th century encampment will be held on the Greenfield historic preservation area; on May 21 the Committee will be co-sponsoring a Business After Hours event with the Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce; the History Museum of Western Virginia will have an exhibit on the County from May 28 through

November 8; a ceremony on the County's past will be held on May 30 at the Circuit Court-house with several historic buildings in Fincastle open to the public, 18th century craftsmen displaying their wares, and the unveiling of a 250th commemorative monument; on April 25 several area homes and their gardens will be open during Garden Club Week; a genealogical fair is scheduled from July 9 – 12 at Breckinridge Elementary School; and there will be music and food at Blue Ridge Vineyard on September 20.

Ms. Coon noted that new events are constantly being added to the schedule and they are pleased to showcase the County with so many activities. She also noted that Buchanan's Civil War Days event will be held from April 24 – 26; scheduled tours of historic Fincastle are planned for May 16, and on February 8 the Botetourt Historical Society will sponsor a talk about Norville Lee who was a native of the Gala/Eagle Rock area and won a gold medal in boxing at the 1952 Olympics.

After discussion, Ms. Coon noted that the Sestercentennial's commemorative magazine was developed by Mrs. Anita Firebaugh and will be available to the public at Saturday's kick-off event.

Mr. Martin stated that the Committee has put a lot of work into this project and the Board appreciates all of their efforts.

Dr. Scothorn stated that he appreciates all the work and effort that the four co-chairs have done over the past year to prepare for this celebration. Dr. Scothorn stated that he would like a copy of the banner and several copies of the magazine to place in his office.

There being no further discussion, the Chairman thanked Ms. Coon for her report.

The Chairman then called for a 10 minute break.

The Chairman called the meeting back to order at 3:45 P. M.

Mr. David Moorman then gave a presentation on the new County marketing logo. Mr. Moorman stated that the current logo was developed in the early 2000s and the previous Board members decided that it needed to be freshened up. Mr. Moorman stated that after two unsuccessful, on-line design competitions, the County solicited proposals for a new marketing logo and awarded a contract to Access. He noted that Access is an advertising and marketing firm located in Roanoke whose CEO, Mr. Tony Pearman, is present at today's meeting.

Mr. Moorman noted that Mr. Pearman and his team collaborated with a County staff team consisting of Heather Fay, Susan Tincher, Tony Zerrilla, Cody Sexton, and himself, to develop this logo with the support and consent of the County Administrator and Board members. He further noted that Mr. Landon Howard and his staff, with Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, were also helpful and supportive in the process.

Mr. Pearman stated that he and his firm were pleased to help the County with this challenge. He noted that the current logo was no longer meeting the County's needs; however, developing a new marketing logo is not an easy process. Mr. Pearman stated that his company has developed logos/marketing brands for many companies and localities; each of which is very subjective. He noted that the County's team worked very hard on this project and the results include a bright color palette to give a fresh look for the new marketing logo. Mr. Pearman stated that the new logo is "contemporary without being trendy." He then played a video on the development of and reasoning for the logo.

Mr. Pearman stated that his company has also developed a guide for the use of the new logo for marketing, general correspondence, website, business cards, etc., purposes. Mr. Pearman noted that they believe that they have created something fresh and unique which will stand out in the crowd.

Mr. Landon Howard stated that he thinks that BOCO and VVBR has a great ring to it and will be easy to remember. He noted that the logo has beautiful colors, reminds him of the area's scenery, and makes a great impact. Mr. Howard stated that, as a part of VVBR's new wayfinding signage program, the signpost finials for Botetourt County will include the new logo.

Mr. Howard stated that this is a unique, one-of-a-kind identity which will be used to market the County and VVBR. He also wished the County happy birthday.

Mr. Martin stated that when Mr. Moorman explained what the new logo would be used for and what the colors meant, he thought the design was a good idea.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Martin thanked Mr. Moorman for this presentation.

Mr. Jim Jones, Park Manager, and Mr. Bob Gilbert with Friends of Natural Bridge State Park, were then present to speak to the Board.

Mr. Jones stated that he has been Park Manager since 2016. He thanked the Board for giving the presentation on the new County logo. Mr. Jones noted that it shows a vibrant County that is focused on its people and its economic development opportunities.

Mr. Jones stated that, during Natural Bridge State Park's first year of operation in FY 17, they were the sixth highest revenue producing State Park; in FY 18 they were fourth; and in FY 19 they were second behind First Landing State Park in Virginia Beach. He noted that a recent study showed that the Park had an \$11.2 million economic development impact in this region and their merchandise sales increased 1.1% over 2018's results. Mr. Jones noted that the total gross sales from their artisan center increased from \$37,000 in 2016 to \$63,000 in 2019. He noted that 30% of these revenues are retained by the Park.

After discussion, Mr. Jones stated that they currently have four full-time employees; however, they are self-funded and receive few additional monies from the State.

Mr. Jones further noted that the Park conducts many programs for the public during the year including: Arts in the Park, a winter speaker series, Black History Month activities, speakers on bears and other wildlife in the park, kids fishing programs, carriage rides under the bridge's arch with luminaries placed along the roadway, and, among others, a Park After Dark program as the staff is working on obtaining accreditation as a "Dark Sky" Park.

Mr. Jones further stated that the Garden Club of Virginia has donated \$30,000 for an interactive classroom on the site which hosts many school field trips by Botetourt County and other schools. He noted that 10,000 school kids visit the Park each year.

After discussion, Mr. Jones stated that in 2020 they will be renegotiating contracts for the Natural Bridge Hotel's food service and the Monacan Indian site exhibit.

Mr. Gilbert then stated that Mr. Jones and his staff are doing a great job at the Park. He noted that, of the four full-time staff, only two are partially funded (\$120,000) by the State through its General Fund. Mr. Gilbert stated that Mr. Jones has been given permission to hire one additional full-time staff member; however, this position's salary/benefits have to be

paid from the Park's admission/merchandising receipts. He noted that this is the only park in the State's system that is funded in this manner.

Mr. Gilbert stated that, when the Park was acquired from a private landowner, there was considerable debt associated with the purchase. He noted that this debt is now \$6.5 million and the yearly bank loan payment of \$325,000 will increase to \$579,000 in November 2020. He noted that the Park's operational and loan expenses are funded from the Park's direct revenues and they are asking for the Board's assistance to obtain additional State funds.

Mr. Gilbert stated that Delegates Creigh Deeds and Ronnie Campbell have introduced legislation to include funding in the State budget for five additional full-time positions at Natural Bridge State Park. He requested that the Supervisors contact their General Assembly representatives (Senator Steve Newman, Delegate Terry Austin, and Delegate Chris Head) and ask for their support of this budget amendment.

He then stated that the Board's support is also being requested for the passage of Senate Bill 790 which allows Park Conservation Officers to be treated the same and receive the same State benefits as law enforcement officers. Mr. Gilbert stated Mr. Jones is allocated a firearm as Park Manager, has 1,600 acres to patrol, and dealt with 172,000 visitors to the Park in 2019 but does not receive the same employee-related benefits as other State law enforcement personnel.

Mr. Gilbert stated that the Park and the County can also help each other with tourism and economic development opportunities for the area's visitors. Mr. Gilbert further stated that they would appreciate the Board members discussing their support of the proposed legislation and budget amendments on the Park's behalf with the County's General Assembly representatives.

Mr. Clinton stated that the Park provides a diversity of programs for its visitors to highlight the historical, geological, and natural assets of the site. He noted that the County should not overlook these benefits to citizens and visitors. Mr. Clinton further stated that this property has become much more prominent as a State Park than when it was operated by a private individual/company and he supports their requests.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Martin thanked Mr. Jones and Mr. Gilbert for their presentation.

On motion by Mr. Clinton, seconded by Dr. Scothorn, and carried by the following recorded vote, the Board adopted the following resolution of funding support for Natural Bridge State Park in Virginia's FY 21 budget.

AYES: Mr. Clinton, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Martin, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

Resolution Number 20-01-13

WHEREAS, Virginia State Parks are a critical element of rural Virginia's travel and tourism infrastructure, contributing over \$267.1 million dollars of state and local economic impact infused into the state's economy for 2018, and,

WHEREAS, the Natural Bridge State Park in Rockbridge County attracted over 187,000 visitors in 2019; and,

WHEREAS, these visitors travel through and frequently stay overnight in local hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, and campgrounds and visit local restaurants, gas stations, retail shops, and other attractions; and,

WHEREAS, patrons to Natural Bridge State Park have spent in excess of \$9.7 million in 2018 and approximately 76% of this spending was by out-of-state visitors; and,

WHEREAS, economic activity and the impact of Natural Bridge State Park generated approximately \$11.2 million in state and local revenues for 2018; and,

WHEREAS, by the measures described above, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and the leadership of Virginia State Parks have proven to be excellent stewards of limited funding by returning \$13.08 for every \$1.00 invested; and,

WHEREAS, Natural Bridge State Park is requesting much-needed additional funding in the State of Virginia's FY 2021 budget, which would support five new full-time positions, including a Chief Ranger for Visitor Experience, 2 Park Rangers for Maintenance, and Park Ranger for Retail, and a Park Ranger for Interpretation; and,

WHEREAS, such funds supporting these positions would help Natural Bridge State Park expand its ability to serve the public, with significant returns to the Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors, by this resolution, formally requests members of the Virginia General Assembly to support full funding of Virginia State Parks' FY 2021 budget request and to support what is needed to adequately maintain and operate what currently exists in terms of facilities, infrastructure, and authorized construction, as detailed in the Virginia State Parks 2019 Legislative Budget Decision Package.

Mr. John Alexander, Commonwealth's Attorney, then gave a presentation on the potential creation of a Botetourt County Drug Treatment Court program. Mr. Alexander stated that he has been a prosecutor for 24 years and was appointed as the County's Commonwealth's Attorney in 2018.

Mr. Alexander stated that his office's overall role is to enhance public safety and when the ability of drug offenders to obtain treatment is impacted, it is an enhancement of public safety.

Mr. Alexander stated that one of his goals is to launch a drug treatment court in the County. He noted that this program is designed to hold drug offenders accountable while offering them the opportunity to receive meaningful, intensive treatment and education. He noted that this program provides drug offenders with the tools to address their addictions, reducing the likelihood that they will re-offend, and improving their lives and the lives of those around them.

Mr. Alexander stated that a local advisory committee has been established for this program. He noted that this committee would apply for a State Drug Court designation for Botetourt and Craig counties and request funding through the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Virginia Supreme Court, which oversees this program.

After discussion, Mr. Alexander stated this is an alternative program for drug offenders which offers an intensive drug treatment program. He noted that the Probation Office and courts will be accountable for the program's participants who will learn the tools to get clean and stay clean for an extended period of time. Mr. Alexander stated that this program is not available for violent offenders—there are strict eligibility requirements to participate; however, the program does not always work. He noted that this program requires a commitment from judges, Commonwealth's Attorneys, defense counsel, probation officials, etc., and the drug offenders. Mr. Alexander stated that there are 39 drug court programs operating under several different models in Virginia at the present time.

Mr. Alexander stated that a pilot program to marshal treatment options has to be created by the local advisory committee prior to receipt of State grant funds. He noted that the County may be asked to cover the program's treatment resource expenses until State funding is received.

After discussion, Mr. Alexander stated that in FY 19 the savings to the State from the Drug Court program were estimated to be \$10.7 million or \$19,000 in savings for each drug court participant. He noted that this program will allow the participants to be a benefit to the County instead of a cost. Mr. Alexander stated that, in the future, he will provide the Board with more concrete numbers of the program's costs.

After questioning by Mr. Martin, Mr. Alexander stated that this program would be an alternative treatment option for non-violent drug offenders instead of incarceration. He noted that his vision is for those offenders on probation who fall back into drug use to have a different alternative than jail.

Mr. Alexander noted that there are many savings both tangible and intangible from the implementation of this program in Botetourt and Craig counties.

After further questioning by Mr. Martin on how to measure the participants' performance, Mr. Alexander stated that the participants would meet every week or two to report on their progress with work, having clean drug tests, involvement in community service activities, etc. He noted that if they "get off track" there are immediate sanctions implemented by the Judge. Mr. Alexander also noted that peer relationships built among the participants are important as well.

Dr. Scothorn noted that he previously had an opportunity to work in a penitentiary and saw the ruinous impact that drug abuse had on the inmates, their homes, and families. Dr. Scothorn stated that he cannot wait for Mr. Alexander's follow-up report to the Board on the progress made to implement this program in the County.

After questioning by Dr. Bailey, Mr. Alexander stated that there are currently 39 Drug Courts in the State; 32 of which are sanctioned by the Virginia Supreme Court. He also stated that there are both adult and juvenile drug courts and an annual summary of these programs is available for the Board's review through the Supreme Court's Office of Executive Secretary.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Martin thanked Mr. Alexander for this report.

Mr. Clinton then noted that Mrs. Beth Pappas recently retired as a Library Board of Trustees member from the Amsterdam District. He noted that a lot of changes were made to the Library system during her tenure. Mr. Clinton then stated that, as Mr. John Rader is leaving the Historic Greenfield Committee as the Botetourt Historical Society's representative, Mrs. Pappas has expressed an interest in serving in his place.

There being no further discussion, on motion by Mr. Clinton, seconded by Dr. Scothorn, and carried by the following recorded vote, the Board appointed Mrs. Beth Pappas of 164 Andrew Drive, Troutville, as the Botetourt Historical Society's representative on the Historic Greenfield Committee and directed County staff to send a letter to Mr. John Rader thanking him for his previous service on the Committee. (Resolution Number 20-01-14)

AYES: Mr. Clinton, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Martin, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

Mr. Clinton further noted that the Historic Greenfield Committee has submitted a letter of intent for an application for grant funds from the National Historic Trust. He noted that this grant will be used to develop a concept design and stabilization plans for the two Greenfield historic structures.

Dr. Bailey then stated that revisions to the Apex Wind Energy project proposal were discussed at the Supervisors' December meeting including text amendments to the County's Wind Energy Systems Ordinance. Dr. Bailey stated that he has discussed this issue with Nicole Pendleton, Community Development Director, and would like to propose scheduling a community meeting in the Eagle Rock area to allow citizens an opportunity to ask questions about the process that the County would have to follow to amend the Wind Energy Ordinance.

Dr. Bailey stated that he understands that a community meeting was also held in 2015 when the wind farm project was first being considered and he thinks it would be advantageous to conduct another such meeting to give the citizens transparency in this process.

After questioning by Dr. Scothorn, Dr. Bailey stated that he is proposing that this community meeting be held for transparency of the County Zoning Ordinance text amendment process not about the dynamics of the wind farm.

Mrs. Pendleton stated that, during the 2015 community meeting, staff gathered citizen information/input regarding the proposed wind energy text amendments and will plan to do so again on the text amendments that were proposed at the December Board meeting.

Dr. Bailey stated that he understands that the previous Board visited a wind farm in West Virginia and he would like to propose, since three of the five current Supervisors are new members, that such a trip be arranged again.

Mrs. Pendleton stated that she can help the Board with scheduling this trip.

Mr. Martin stated that he would like to again visit a wind farm.

Dr. Scothorn stated that the work to be completed by the third party consultant should be broadened from what was submitted to the County in 2015 to include additional noise, environmental, site decommissioning, financial, etc., information. He stated that the County also did not previously review Apex's full financial information or land value impact information. Dr. Scothorn further stated that he does not believe that the taxpayers should pay for the consultant's services.

Mrs. Pendleton stated that she will obtain an estimate from the third-party consultant of his fees to conduct this enhanced study.

After questioning by Dr. Scothorn, Mr. Martin stated that concerns were also expressed last month regarding wildlife and environmental impacts from the wind farm project.

Dr. Scothorn suggested that the consultant's study include company financial information, noise and infrasound impacts, land values, environmental impacts, shadow flicker impacts, decommissioning plans, etc.

After questioning by Dr. Bailey, Mrs. Pendleton stated that, based on the items mentioned by the Board today, this review by the consultant's will be more in depth than the review conducted in 2015.

Mr. Clinton stated that he thinks that these topics for the consultant's review are a great idea but questioned how deeply does the Board want to go into the financial aspects of this project.

After further discussion, Mrs. Pendleton stated that she will forward the Board's suggestions to the consultant.

Dr. Scothorn noted that the County was recently notified that it was not approved for funds through the most recent Virginia Technology Initiative (VATI) grant application process. He noted that a Broadband Committee meeting is scheduled on Friday to discuss other ways and means to fund an expansion of broadband services in the County.

Consideration was then held on various appointments.

On motion by Dr. Scothorn, seconded by Dr. Bailey, and carried by the following recorded vote, the Board reappointed Ms. Peggy Dall to the Building Code Board of Appeals for a four year term to expire on March 17, 2024. (Resolution Number 20-01-15)

AYES: Mr. Clinton, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Martin, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

On motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Dr. Scothorn, and carried by the following recorded vote, the Board recommended that the Circuit Court Judge reappoint Mr. S. E. Cash as the Blue Ridge District representative on the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term to expire on March 31, 2025. (Resolution Number 20-01-16)

AYES: Mr. Clinton, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Martin, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

On motion by Dr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Sloan, and carried by the following recorded vote, the Board recommended that the Circuit Court Judge appoint Ms. Beth Leffel, of 591 Leffel Lane, Eagle Rock, as the Fincastle District representative on the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term to expire on March 31, 2023, and directed staff to send a letter to Mr. Steve Vaughn thanking him for his previous service on the BZA. (Resolution Number 20-01-17)

AYES: Mr. Clinton, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Martin, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

On motion by Mr. Sloan, seconded by Dr. Scothorn, and carried by the following recorded vote, the Board appointed Ms. Shirley Thompson as the Court Services Unit representative, with Samantha Higgins as her alternate, on the Community Policy Management Team for a term to expire on September 1, 2020. (Resolution Number 20-01-18)

AYES: Mr. Clinton, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Martin, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

On motion by Dr. Scothorn, seconded by Dr. Bailey, and carried by the following recorded vote, the Board appointed Sheriff Matt Ward as the Sheriff's Department's alternate on the Community Policy Management Team for a term to expire on September 1, 2020. (Resolution Number 20-01-19)

AYES: Mr. Clinton, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Martin, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

On motion by Dr. Scothorn, seconded by Dr. Bailey, and carried by the following vote, the Board ratified the appointment Mr. Patrick Kenney, Esq., as an at-large member of the Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare Board of Directors for a three year term to expire on December 31, 2022. (Resolution Number 20-01-20)

AYES: Mr. Clinton, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Martin, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

On motion by Mr. Sloan, seconded by Dr. Scothorn, and carried by the following recorded vote, the Board reappointed Mr. Ken McFadyen as a County representative, and Mr. Luke Campbell as an alternate member, on the Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority for four year terms to expire on February 3, 2024. (Resolution Number 20-01-21)

AYES: Mr. Clinton, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Martin, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

There being no further discussion, on motion by Dr. Scothorn, seconded by Mr. Sloan, and carried by the following recorded vote, the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 P. M. (Resolution Number 20-01-22)

AYES: Mr. Clinton, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Martin, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None