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Botetourt Courthouse Plan Approved by Board of Supervisors

June 22, 2021 (Botetourt County, VA) – During their June 22nd meeting, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the proposed courthouse plan as recommended in the agenda item.

The conceptual plan, developed by an advisory committee consisting of local officials and local history advocates, calls for building a new courthouse on the site of the existing Circuit Courthouse on Main Street in Fincastle, the County Seat. The plan includes a new courthouse "green" area for public use and gatherings, expanded parking, and relocating the museum that is occupied by the Botetourt County Historical Society.

Mayor Mary Bess Smith from Fincastle spoke in support of the proposed plan moving forward and read a resolution that will be adopted by the Fincastle Town Council and Planning Commission.

The County hired Architectural Partners of Lynchburg and appointed an advisory committee to come up with a solution. Architectural Partner's team included Ken Jandura of the Washington, D.C.-based DLR Group, a pre-eminent court facilities designer in the United States. The advisory committee included Circuit Court Judge Joel Branscom, Clerk of Circuit Court Tommy Moore, Commonwealth's Attorney John Alexander, Fincastle Town Mayor Mary Bess Smith, Botetourt Board of Supervisors members Richard Bailey and Steve Clinton, Botetourt Historical Society representatives Weldon Martin and Ed Holt, and staff from the Sheriff's Department and County Administration. Retired Circuit Court Judge Malfourd "Bo" Trumbo served as a consultant.

The estimated cost of the project is approximately \$25 million and is slated for completion December of 2024.

The committee's complete report is available on the County's website at www.botetourtva.gov/news

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About Botetourt County

Botetourt County (Pop. 33,494) is a 546 sq. mile community in Southwestern Virginia. The rural community is in the southwestern portion of the state in the scenic Roanoke Valley of Virginia. Strategically located on Interstate 81, and just 20 miles south of Interstate 64, Botetourt County is accessible to the markets of the Mid-West, the Mid-Atlantic, and the entire Eastern Seaboard. Botetourt County has a five-member elected Board of Supervisors which oversees most of the county's government-related operations. In addition, Botetourt County has a complete administrative staff that works under the direction of a County Administrator who is

