

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Alleghany County, Virginia held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Alleghany County Governmental Complex, Covington, Virginia, thereof:

PRESENT: Stephen A. Bennett, Chairman  
G. Matt Garten, Vice-Chairman  
Suzanne T. Adcock  
Shannon P. Cox  
James M. Griffith  
Cletus W. Nicely  
Richard Lee Shull

and Jonathan A. Lanford, Interim County Administrator  
Chad Williams, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Mike Lockaby, Assistant County Attorney  
Melissa A. Munsey, Deputy Clerk to the Board

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chairman called the regular meeting to order. Mrs. Cox gave the invocation and the audience remained standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bennett stated that Item 9H under New Business (appointment to Court-Community Corrections Board and ASAP) is being removed from the agenda. He also moved the Closed Meeting to the beginning of the agenda.

MINUTES:

Hearing no corrections or deletions, the Chairman declared the following minutes approved as submitted: (1) a regular meeting held on February 2, 2016.

CLOSED MEETING:

On motion of Mr. Garten, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board go into a Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Sections 2.2-3711(A)(7) for the purpose of: (1) consultation with legal counsel on actual litigation. Unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Ms. Adcock, that the Board come out of the Closed Meeting with the following certification:

CERTIFICATION  
SECTION 2.2-3712

To the best of our knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the session.

/s/James M. Griffith	Yes
/s/Richard L. Shull	Yes
/s/Suzanne T. Adcock	Yes
/s/Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
/s/Shannon P. Cox	Yes
/s/G. Matt Garten	Yes
/s/Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

TABLE CLIFTON FORGE SEWER RATE PORTION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Mr. Bennett asked the Board to consider tabling the portion of the public hearing regarding the Clifton Forge sewer rate to the next regular meeting.

On motion of Mr. Garten, seconded by Ms. Adcock, that the Board table the portion of the public hearing regarding the Clifton Forge sewer rate to the April 5, 2016 regular meeting.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Suzanne T. Adcock	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Richard Lee Shull	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL - SEWER RATE FOR THE TOWN OF IRON GATE:

Public Hearing was held to consider, pursuant to Sections 15.2-107 and 15.2-2122 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and agreements between the parties, the possible adoption of sewer rates not higher than the following:

<u>Fiscal Year*</u>	<u>Iron Gate</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2016		\$12,987.48 per month

\*Fiscal years run from July 1 through June 30 of the following year.

The Chairman announced that this public hearing was advertised in the Virginian Review on Saturday, February 20, 2016 and Tuesday, February 23, 2016 in accordance with the Code of Virginia. He then called the public hearing to order.

Mr. Lanford stated that the proposed rate for the Town of Iron Gate is \$12,987.48 per month which is part of the agreement reached with Iron Gate on the average of their total cost per year.

There being no one else who wished to speak, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed.

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mr. Griffith, that the Board waive its policy of not acting on a public hearing on the same night.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Suzanne T. Adcock	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Richard Lee Shull	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mr. Garten, that the following ordinance proposed at the Public Hearing held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 be adopted as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT SEWER RATES FOR THE TOWN OF IRON GATE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2122, the Board of Supervisors is required to adopt rates for users of its wastewater system that are fair and reasonable, and reasonably reflect the costs of operating the system; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Iron Gate and Alleghany County have agreed on a method of calculating rates for the Town of Iron Gate, which is reflected by the rate adopted herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, the Board adopts a wastewater rate of \$12,987.48 per month for the Town of Iron Gate for fiscal year 2016.

Adopted: March 1, 2016

Effective Date: July 1, 2015

Adopted by the following roll call vote:

Ms. Adcock	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mrs. Cox	Yes
Mr. Garten	Yes
Mr. Griffith	Yes
Mr. Nicely	Yes
Mr. Shull	Yes

ALLEGHANY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Deputy Clerk to the Board

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 MINUTE TIME LIMIT):

Mr. Jeff Irvine, 1261 Commercial Avenue, thanked the County Recreation Department for the great job that they do in relation to the Clifton Forge Armory.

MS. SUSAN HAMMOND, VDOT RESIDENT ENGINEER - VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UPDATE:

Ms. Susan Hammond, VDOT Resident Engineer, gave a report on the following VDOT activities:

Maintenance

- Responded to one major and several minor winter weather events.
- Patching potholes County-wide.
- Cleared and repaired minor slides on Route 220 (north and south), Routes 60, 311, and 18.
- Cleared downed trees due to high winds and heavy rains.
- Cleaned and repaired snow removal equipment.
- Responded to citizen issues.
- Most bulbs on the high mast lights at Exit 16 have been replaced.

Construction

- Route 696 Revenue Sharing Project continues to move forward on schedule. The easement in front of the County property will need to be addressed in a public hearing next month. The deed and plat were provided for review.

Mr. Garten commented that on Route 220N near Honda Nissan there are trees hanging over and there have been more rock slides.

Mr. Griffith asked when there would be safety blinds put up for testing in the Island Ford Bridge area of I-64. Ms. Hammond replied that three sample products will be put up this spring in 100' sections.

MS. BETH DOUGHTY, ROANOKE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP - UPDATE:

Ms. Beth Doughty, Roanoke Regional Partnership, stated that they address economic development on a regional basis and statistics are kept in this manner. She handed out and reviewed a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation is a part of the records of this meeting. The presentation highlighted information requests by year (i.e., housing statistics, economic trends, etc.); social engagement (i.e., website, Facebook, Twitter, etc.); business attraction/expansion/retention activity (limitations in the County due to shortage of sites, natural gas, etc.); annual economic impact (mostly were expansions); private sector employment (the County wage income was up 3.3%); and unemployment rate (the County rate was 6% in 2014 and went to 5.4% in 2015). She thanked the Board for its support and stated that the partnership continues to work with the Chamber of Commerce and AHEDC.

MR. CORBIN STONE, ROBINSON FARMER COX ASSOCIATES - PRESENTATION OF THE COUNTY AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015:

Mr. Corbin Stone, Robinson Farmer Cox Associates, commented that the Board has a copy of the audit for year ending 2015. He mentioned that the audit went extremely well with all departments and they did not have a problem getting information needed. He handed out to the Board a presentation which he reviewed. The presentation included: (1) a chart showing a comparison of the General Fund from 6/30/08 to 6/30/15 (shows annualized growth rates with total revenues having a 0.62% growth and expenditures a 0.70% growth); (2) a graph showing general fund revenues by fiscal year; (3) a graph showing general fund expenditures by fiscal year; (4) a chart showing a comparison of the School Operating Fund from 6/30/08 to 6/30/15 (shows annualized growth rates with total revenues having a 0.62% decrease and expenditures a 2.03% decrease); (5) a graph showing school fund revenues by fiscal year; (6) a graph showing school fund expenditures by fiscal year; (7) a chart showing a summary of original tax assessments (total annualized growth rate of 3.22%); (8) a chart showing select financial data (general fund balance of \$9.4 million and a debt per capita of \$1,383.16); (9) summary of information on the GASB 68 and 71 (shows liability with pension discount rates); (10), (11), and (12) standard management letter (no issues to report); and (11) audit recommendations memo (three minor recommendations). The presentation is a part of the records of this meeting. He commented that he is impressed with the County having an adequate fund balance and low debt. He mentioned that he does not know of any other locality that he has worked with that hold expenditures this tight.

Mr. Bennett asked the Board to contact Mr. Stone if they have any questions after reviewing the full audit report.

MS. LESSLEY CUNNINGHAM, CLIFTON FORGE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER - UPDATE:

Ms. Lessley Cunningham, Clifton Forge Public Library Board Member, reviewed the update contained in the Board agenda packet. The update is as follows:

*Clifton Forge Public Library Update*

- *Armstrong Room - new flooring is in, just need to touch up around baseboards.*
- *Frozen Christmas Party - very successful, overflow crowd.*
- *Black History Month - B. C. Williams presentation on Role of the Black Soldier in the Civil War, 55 attended, overflow crowd.*
- *Winter Reading Program - for 4-12 year olds, read certain amount of books, at end in March is a Dr. Seuss party, drawings for gift cards (ex: DQ).*
- *ACPS Remediation Program - still well attended.*
- *Con of the Mountain - adding writing to literacy theme, teens/tweens can take characters from our original artwork (see below) and give back stories, similar to fan fiction.*
- *Looking into creating our own small comic book for release at Con; characters can be seen at conofthemountain.com and as of now include the Dragon of Illiteracy, ConMan and son, Dippy the Dwarf, and as yet to be named character including a female archer, a doctor, and a time-traveling steampunk professor who gets people from various times/worlds to come fight the Dragon.*
- *Looking to add Bibliobook, an ebook database that would put books by VA and local authors in a module for easy find and read.*
- *Next project - remodel Children's Area to create a more warm and inviting atmosphere, hope to start in March and includes painting (possibly a mural with our characters), adding rocking chairs and a seating bench in front of the windows, and a Thomas the Tank Engine table.*

DISCUSS AND APPROVE PROPOSAL RECEIVED FOR TOURISM AND MARKETING SERVICES:

Mr. Lanford stated that in 2010 the Board requested legislation to increase its lodging tax from 2% to 5% with the additional 3% to go toward tourism. He commented that proposals were solicited at that time and the County entered into an agreement with the Alleghany Highlands Chamber of Commerce. He mentioned that the contract term is expiring and a new RFP was issued with only one proposal received from the Chamber. He stated that the current FY 16 budget contains \$108,000 from this additional revenue. He handed out a revised itemized budget from the Chamber that includes more details which is a part of the records of this meeting. He mentioned that the initial contract is for three years with an option to renew for an additional two years. He commented that Ms. Teresa Hammond, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, is present if the Board has further questions.

Ms. Adcock stated that the increase in the lodging tax is a great way to funnel money into tourism. She commented that she appreciates the Chamber's time and effort.

Mr. Bennett mentioned that having a more secure funding source such as this allows the County and Chamber to do long-term planning with tourism.

On motion of Ms. Adcock, seconded by Mr. Garten, that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors accept the proposal from the Alleghany Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Tourism for Tourism and Marketing Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorize Mr. Jonathan A. Lanford, Interim County Administrator, to execute the Tourism and Marketing Services Agreement with the Alleghany Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Tourism.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Suzanne T. Adcock	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Richard Lee Shull	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

DISCUSS AND APPROVE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH INLAND CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR PHASES 3 & 4 OF THE JACKSON RIVER SCENIC TRAIL PROJECT ONCE VDOT AUTHORIZES THE BIDDER:

Mr. Williams stated that the Board has a revised resolution at its seat. The resolution is a part of the records of this meeting. He commented that five bids were received on Phases 3 and 4 of the Jackson River Scenic Trail Project on February 25<sup>th</sup>. He mentioned that the lowest bid was from Inland Construction, Inc. of Abingdon, VA in the amount of \$1,951,728.80 for

Phase 3 and \$560,132.84 for Additive Bid 1 Phase 4 for a total of \$2,511,861.54. He commented that the bid came in lower than the engineering estimate. He asked the Board to authorized Mr. Lanford to sign a contract with Inland Construction, Inc. for this work and allow staff to execute change orders for the project up to 10% of the total contracted amount.

On motion of Ms. Adcock, seconded by Mrs. Cox, that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors accept the lowest, responsive bid from Inland Construction, Inc. of Abingdon, VA for Jackson River Scenic Trail Phases 3 and 4 in the amount of \$2,511,861.54 (\$1,951,728.80 for Phase 3 and \$560,132.84 for Additive Bid 1 Phase 4). Funding for the project is from the Alleghany Foundation, VDOT Transportation Enhancement Funds, and the MeadWestvaco Foundation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorize Mr. Jonathan A. Lanford, Interim County Administrator, to execute the construction contract documents between Alleghany County and Inland Construction, Inc. for the abovementioned project subject to approval by VDOT of the low bidder.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board authorize staff to execute change orders for the project up to 10% of the total contracted amount.

Adopted by the following roll call vote:

Suzanne T. Adcock	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Yes
James M. Griffith	No
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Richard Lee Shull	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

DISCUSS AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT BUCKINGHAM BRANCH RAILROAD COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION RAIL PRESERVATION FUND:

Mr. Lanford stated that there is a letter in the agenda packet from Buckingham Branch Railroad with a map showing the tracks involved, as well as a draft resolution. He commented that Buckingham Branch Railroad is asking for support for the Richmond and Alleghany Tie Replacement Project that they are applying for through the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation Rail Preservation Fund. He mentioned that the project has a five year time-frame with an estimated cost of \$10,000,000. He stated that Clifton Forge passed a resolution at their last meeting.

On motion of Mr. Garten, seconded by Mr. Griffith, that the following resolution be adopted:

**Support of Rail Preservation Application  
Buckingham Branch Railroad**

WHEREAS, the Buckingham Branch Railroad desires to file an application with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation for funding assistance for the **Richmond and Alleghany Tie Replacement Project**, which will replace mainline ties, switch ties, siding ties, and mainline bridge deck ties. Work will also include adding ballast, tamping, surfacing, and drainage improvements on the Buckingham Branch Railroad line located between MP 85.5 in Richmond and MP 276 in Clifton Forge, VA; and

WHEREAS, the Buckingham Branch Railroad estimates that this project will cost \$10,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly, through enactment of the Rail Preservation Program, provides for funding for certain improvements and procurement of railways in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Buckingham Branch Railroad is an important element of the Alleghany County transportation system; and

WHEREAS, Buckingham Branch Railroad is instrumental in the economic development of the area, and provides relief to the highway system by transporting freight, and provides an alternate means of transportation of commodities; and

WHEREAS, the County of Alleghany supports the project and the retention of the rail service; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board has established procedures for all allocation and distribution of the funds provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors does hereby request the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation to give priority consideration to the **Richmond and Alleghany Tie Replacement Project** proposed by Buckingham Branch Railroad for inclusion in the projects funded in the Rail Preservation Program.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Suzanne T. Adcock	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Richard Lee Shull	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

DISCUSS AND APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH ANDERSON & ASSOCIATES FOR DESIGN OF THE CHEROKEE WATER PUMP STATION AND PRESSURE REDUCTION VALVES:

Mr. Lanford stated that there is a memo in the agenda packet which he reviewed. The memo is as follows:

*Currently, Alleghany County is upgrading the Cherokee/Indian Valley Sanitary Sewer Lift Station. As a part of this project, and with full approval from Virginia Department of Health and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the new structure to house the sanitary sewer lifts was separated to include a room to house domestic water booster pumps. This was done with the understanding that Covington would be making changes to its public water system that would dramatically decrease delivery pressures in the Cherokee/Route 18 portion of our service area.*

*The actual design/installation of the booster pumps was to occur at a later date. It is my recommendation we move forward with the design/installation of the pumps at the present time. We currently have the design engineer, Anderson & Associates, engaged and Hammond-Mitchell on-site performing construction. By accomplishing this at the current time, we will be ready when Covington completes the changes to its system and our customers will see little or no effect.*

*In order to complete this work currently, an amendment to Anderson & Associates design contract in the amount of \$9,435 is necessary to allow Anderson to complete the final pump design calculations, plans, and specifications. At a later date, I will be coming back before you recommending a change order to Hammond-Mitchell's contract to allow for the actual pump installation.*

*No additional funds for this effort are required. We currently have sufficient funds to accomplish this work in the FY 16 budget.*

Mr. Lanford added that after the agenda packet went out it was found out that the modification will cause pressures in parts of this service area to spike and an additional \$4,310 is needed for necessary pressure regulating valves to make the total amendment \$13,745.

On motion of Ms. Adcock, seconded by Mrs. Cox, that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors authorize Mr. Jonathan A. Lanford, Interim County Administrator, to sign an amendment to the Term Engineering Contract with Anderson & Associates in the amount of \$13,745 to complete the final pump design calculations, plans, and specifications for the Cherokee water pump station project, as well as necessary pressure regulating valves.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Suzanne T. Adcock	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Richard Lee Shull	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. MAC CAMPBELL TO THE COVINGTON-ALLEGHANY COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

Mr. Bennett stated that the term of Mr. Mac Campbell (Clifton Forge East District) on the Covington-Alleghany County Industrial Development Authority expires March 25, 2016. Terms are for four years and Mr. Campbell is eligible for reappointment.

Ms. Adcock commented that Mr. Campbell is interested in being reappointed.

On motion of Ms. Adcock, seconded by Mr. Nicely, that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that Mr. Bernard "Mac" Campbell, Jr. (Clifton Forge East District), 1310 Forester Road, Clifton Forge, VA 24422 be reappointed to the Covington-Alleghany County Industrial Development Authority for a term of four years beginning March 26, 2016 and ending March 25, 2020.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Suzanne T. Adcock	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Richard Lee Shull	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

REAPPOINTMENT OF REV. MATTHEW BARNETTE TO THE LOCAL OFFICE ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD:

Mr. Bennett stated that the term of Rev. Matthew Barnette (Clifton Forge West District) on the Local Office on Aging (LOA) Advisory Board expires March 31, 2016. Terms are for three years and Rev. Barnette is eligible for reappointment.

Mr. Shull commented that Rev. Barnette would like to serve again.

On motion of Mr. Shull, seconded by Mr. Nicely, that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that Rev. Matthew Barnette (Clifton Forge West District), P.O. Box 237, Clifton Forge, VA 24422 be reappointed to the Local Office on Aging (LOA) Advisory Council for a term of three years beginning April 1, 2016 and ending March 31, 2019.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Suzanne T. Adcock	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Richard Lee Shull	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Lanford gave a report on the following items:

Authorization to Sign Mediation Agreement with the Town of Clifton Forge

Mr. Lanford asked the Board to authorize him to sign the mediation agreement with the Town of Clifton Forge.

On motion of Ms. Adcock, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors authorize Mr. Jonathan A. Lanford, Interim County Administrator, to execute a mediation agreement with the Town of Clifton Forge in regards to current litigation pertaining to sewer costs.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Suzanne T. Adcock	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Richard Lee Shull	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

#### Solid Waste Management Plan/Electronic Recycling

Mr. Lanford stated that updates are being made to the Solid Waste Management Plan and discussions on Electronic Recycling. He mentioned that Jackson River Enterprises does an annual Electronic Recycling event and the next one will be held April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### DMV Customer Service Center Ribbon Cutting

Mr. Lanford stated that an invitation has been received for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new DMV Covington Customer Service Center which has moved to 121 Mall Road. The ceremony will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### Lumos Networks Tariff Rates

Mr. Lanford commented that a notice has been received from Lumos Networks regarding their plan to go to the State Corporation Commission to increase its tariff rates by \$3.00/month. He mentioned that the deadline for comments is March 10<sup>th</sup> and a hearing will be held on April 1<sup>st</sup> with the SCC.

#### Budget Committee Meetings

Mr. Lanford stated that the Budget Committee which includes me, Mr. Griffith, Ms. Adcock, Ms. Donna Kimberlin, and Ms. Ann Shawver will be scheduled. He anticipates the first meeting will be held during the week of March 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (INQUIRIES/REPORTS):

##### Miscellaneous

The Board thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mrs. Cox thanked Ms. Teresa Hammond and staff of the Chamber for the wonderful Chamber dinner at the Homestead.

Ms. Adcock stated that she attended the VACo Rural Caucus and Legislative Day in Richmond last month. She mentioned that on Legislative Day the Governor spoke regarding education funding, unfunded mandates, relevant legislation, the two budgets that are out, etc. She commented that after General Assembly visits she attended a meeting with the Lt. Governor.

Mr. Garten stated that with recent job losses in the Roanoke area, the County may take a back seat in economic development with the Roanoke Regional Partnership and he would rather the County take a look at self-investment rather than a regional approach.

Mr. Bennett commented that he attended the Chamber dinner and spoke with three individuals that were there for the first time (Ms. Marla Akridge, Mr. Eugene Kotulka, and Mr. Richard Douglas). He mentioned that they were impressed with the number of people that attended the dinner.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m. to Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Governmental Complex. Motion carried.

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Stephen A. Bennett  
Chairman