

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Alleghany County, Virginia held on Tuesday, May 3, 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  
Shannon P. Cox  
James M. Griffith  
Cletus W. Nicely  
Richard Lee Shull

and Jonathan A. Lanford, County Administrator  
Jim Guynn, County Attorney  
Melissa A. Munsey, Deputy Clerk to the Board

ABSENT: Suzanne T. Adcock

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.

MINUTES:

Hearing no corrections or deletions, the Chairman declared the following minutes approved as submitted: (1) a regular meeting held on April 5, 2016; (2) an adjourned meeting held on April 12, 2016; (3) an adjourned meeting held on April 13, 2016; and (4) an adjourned meeting held on April 20, 2016.

PUBLIC HEARING - APPOINTMENTS TO THE ALLEGHANY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD (CLIFTON FORGE EAST DISTRICT, COVINGTON DISTRICT, AND SHARON DISTRICT):

Public Hearing was held to consider three appointments to the Alleghany County School Board. Two of the appointments are from the Clifton Forge East District and the Covington District for a term of four years beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2020. The third appointment is from the Sharon District and would complete the term of Mr. William Angle beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2018.

The Chairman announced that this public hearing was advertised in the Virginian Review on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 and Tuesday, April 19, 2016 in accordance with the Code of Virginia. He then called the public hearing to order.

Mr. Bennett stated that one resume was received for the appointment from the Clifton Forge East District (Mr. Benjamin Truett), three resumes were received for the appointment from the Sharon District (Mr. R. Kenneth Higgins, Jr., Mr. Lawrence V. Hipes, and Ms. Jennifer S. Seckner), and one resume was received for the appointment from the Covington District which is at each Board member's seat (Mr. Gerald E. Franson). The resume from Mr. Franson is a part of the record of this meeting. He asked for each candidate to go out in the hall and come in individually to give a brief presentation and answer any questions the Board may have. He noted that Ms. Adcock was unable to be present tonight due to business in Richmond, but her daughter is present to Skype the proceedings so that she hears the questions and responses.

Presentations by candidates:

Mr. Gerald E. Franson, 9001 Dunlap Creek Road, stated that Mr. Griffith approached him and asked him to consider applying. He commented that he owes the Alleghany Highlands a lot as the community has been good to him with his businesses and he would like to serve on the School Board to give back to the community. He commented that he would like the school system to operate within its means and that is the way he runs his businesses. He mentioned that he has no educational experience, but does have business experience and common sense.

Mr. Lawrence V. Hipes, currently resides at 1900 Oakwood Drive but is moving to 4606 Nicelytown Road in June, stated that he is currently a Police Sergeant with the Clifton Forge Police Department and has worked there for the past six years. He commented that he previously worked with the Montgomery County school system as a DARE Officer and School Resource Officer. He stated that he is not a spouse of an employee and does not have a child in the system, but wants what is best for the system. He mentioned that he has worked with the AHS band since 1982 even after he moved away and understands the concerns that families and teachers have had with the school system.

Mr. R. Kenneth Higgins, Jr., 95 Vine Avenue, stated that he is present tonight as he is interested in being appointed to the School Board for the Sharon District.

Ms. Jennifer S. Seckner, 307 Evans Lane, read the following prepared statement:

*Chairman Bennett, Vice Chairman Garten, Mr. Lanford and Members of the Board,*

*I would like to express my interest in filling the vacancy on the Allegheny County School Board for the Sharon District. I have lived in the Sharon area most of my life. I am a graduate of Allegheny High School and received my B.A. degree from Hollins College. I studied at the University of London through the Hollins' Abroad Program my junior year for one semester. I have worked for the National Cooperative Business Association in Washington, D.C., the Roanoke County Finance & Budget Departments and also as a legal assistant and real estate title abstractor. I, along with my 3 siblings, attended Sharon Elementary School. I have 3 children who have attended Sharon School and one of those is currently a student in Mrs. Adams 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom. My oldest son Patrick, graduated in 2013 from Allegheny and my daughter, Clair graduated in 2014 from Allegheny and is currently a second year student at the University of Virginia, she was also a student at the Jackson River Governor's School during her Junior and Senior years at AHS. The credits she received will give her the potential to graduate as a double major from UVA.*

*I have been actively involved in both the PTO and PTA's at Sharon & Clifton Middle Schools serving in various leadership positions over the past 15 years. During my tenure as the PTO President of Sharon Elementary from 2001-2006, I worked with the playground committee to secure a matching grant from the Allegheny Foundation to purchase the playground on the left side of the school. I along with Guy Pullen, Kenny Carroll, Liza Carroll and the late Silas Wilson, worked many long hours over the summer of 2003 before the school year to install the playground equipment. Also, during my tenure, I worked with the late Shawn Truett, Renee Warren and J. R. Simpson, our principal, to raise the funds necessary to install the playground on the back play area near the blacktop. This project took many hours of volunteer work and commitment to make sure we had the funds needed, not only for the equipment, but also for the company to perform a factory installation. I am currently serving as the PTO, Vice President and I have worked closely with our PTO President Michelle Downs during the past two years organizing various school events. This week we are celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week at Sharon School and pampering the teachers and aides as they so rightly deserve. I, along with Mrs. Downs, also plant the flowers as you enter the school grounds. So, as you can see, I do my best to work well with others to achieve positive results.*

*I am also currently a Substitute Teacher. I witness the daily accomplishments and struggles of each student first hand and see the classroom through the eyes of a teacher. It takes a very special person to walk into a classroom everyday with all the students looking to you for guidance, instruction and compassion, try dividing that by 15-20 or more students and you can very well understand the demands on a teacher's day. Teachers and teaching assistants are truly an inspiration to me. This is the reason why I don't understand that although there has been a 930 million dollar increase for public education, total K-12 funding as a percentage of the state general fund will still be 5% less than it was for fiscal year 2009. These additional funds need to go toward teacher's salaries and equipment in the classrooms, not to some upper administrators at the state level. I also understand that we continue to lose enrollment and there will be a reduction of 72 students for the fiscal year 2017. Our community leaders need to work together to bring a positive change to our area through economic development, excellent schools and positive leadership. I believe there are some people starting to work in this direction in our community.*

*I am interested in becoming the representative for the Sharon District because I care deeply about the students, teachers and also the parents who volunteer in our schools. I want to attract and keep the best teachers and reward them by making sure their pay is at least equal to those teachers in the Covington School System and surrounding areas. Not only am I a proponent of STEM classes including the One-to-One Initiative, but I am also an advocate for attracting the best and most competent foreign language teachers, band instructors and art teachers. We can't afford to lose any more great teachers. Also, there are too many local professionals who work in our area but do not live in Allegheny County, therefore, we lose their children to surrounding counties. We have to compete with those schools in order to gain the confidence of the families who are leaving or plan to leave Allegheny County.*

*In closing, in order for our County to be the best it can possibly be, we need to attract and retain the best teachers for our classrooms. If we have great teachers, we will have great schools. Also, I want to encourage parental involvement in the schools. Statistics show that the more parental involvement, the higher their students success level and the less discipline issues. This, in turn, will attract and keep families who care deeply about their child's education in our County. Should I be chosen to be the Sharon District School Board Representative, I will do my best to represent the Sharon District and all of Allegheny County Schools in a positive, professional manner and be an advocate for the students, teachers and parents alike. Thank you for your time.*

Mr. Benjamin Truett, 728 McCormick Boulevard, stated that it has been a pleasure to serve on the School Board over the last four years. He commented that he served one year as Chairman and two years as Vice-Chairman. He mentioned that there are a number of challenges facing the School Board, school system, and County that we must try diligently to overcome.

Questions by Board members and answers from the candidates:

1. *What are your feelings on a joint/consolidated school system?*
  - Mr. Franson stated that he is a firm believer in a joint system, but it has to be fair to all.
  - Mr. Hipes commented that it would be an advantage for the area as long as the educational system is in the forefront. He mentioned that he was a Colt and now they are the Mountaineers. He stated that everyone needs to move forward and not move backwards. They will always have an identity.

- Mr. Higgins commented that basically a consolidated system should work and should be a joint advantage with all parties getting all they can get. He stated that things should be addressed and looked at in a calm manner. He mentioned that the School Superintendent did an outstanding job with his thoughts and let Covington react. He commented that it needs to happen in a fair and equitable manner. He stated that the State may not be able to fund as much and the area does not need to be handcuffed with that situation.
- Ms. Seckner commented that we will have to get to that point eventually and everyone needs to look to the future and not the past. She mentioned that it may not happen in the next five years, but needs to be looked at seriously.
- Mr. Truett stated that a joint school system would best serve the local communities, but it takes two to consolidate and it should happen when both parties see it that way.

2. *What are any specific goals/changes you may have as a School Board member?*

- Mr. Hipes stated that he has no specific goals or changes, but has spoken with employees on things they would like to have. He commented that he wants to look at the inner-workings to see what is taught and needed to make a better school and curriculum (i.e., more technology).
- Mr. Higgins stated that the school system is losing experienced teachers to other school systems and we need to get qualified teachers in here and make sure that we can keep them around. He commented that we need to get back the good educational system that we had.
- Ms. Seckner stated that she is a parent volunteer and would like to encourage people to volunteer. She commented she would like to get the best teachers here, but need a competitive salary to get them. She mentioned that with a happy teacher then all are happy (kids, parents, etc.).

3. *What do you think of the New Tech concept?*

- Mr. Hipes stated that he is just starting to learn about New Tech and thinks it is great.
- Mr. Higgins commented that he is a dinosaur and does not like to jump into things too quickly. He stated that he is not sure that we need to spend additional money on wires and whistles, but see if we can afford it.
- Ms. Seckner commented that she is for New Tech as it is the future. She mentioned that everything her daughter does at UVA is done on the computer (grades, assignments, textbooks, etc.). She stated that the program would get students ready for when they go to college. She mentioned that it should not be used for gaming and there need to be limits placed at home.
- Mr. Truett stated that it is a tremendous and valuable tool by taking creativity to teach kids how to think.

4. *What would you like to see our school system accomplish within the next five years?*

- Mr. Hipes commented that he would like to see the consolidation of the school systems.
- Mr. Higgins stated that he hopes the system will be able to serve all kids better (i.e., gifted, middle of the road, and special needs kids). He commented that the kids in the upper spectrum take care of themselves and generally go to college. We need to get those kids back to the area. He mentioned that the middle of the road kids end up being our neighbors and the special needs kids need to be trained for jobs to be self-supporting. He stated that we need a well rounded educational system.
- Ms. Seckner replied the Vision 20/20 program, continue with the program with DSLCC to prepare kids for college, attract the best teachers, and consolidation of the school systems (even though she does not see this item occurring in the next five years).
- Mr. Truett stated 100% accreditation and making the most of what we have. He commented that he is excited about the program with DSLCC so that students can graduate high school with a two year Associates degree. He mentioned that it gives students the opportunity to continue on with a four year or Masters degree. He stated that accomplishing the One-to-One Initiative program and also seeing New Tech come to fruition are definite goals. He commented that it would also be nice to have a consolidated school system as there is strength in numbers for the school system and community.

5. *What do you think the biggest barrier/obstacle facing the school system is right now?*

- Mr. Hipes commented that economics is the biggest barrier. He stated that the area has a declining population and they need to work with all local governments to get more industries, businesses, and families in the area to boost the school system.
- Mr. Higgins replied that the State is not supporting this end of the State is a big minus. He commented that teachers have not had a raise in 7 to 9 years and areas in northern Virginia get

the funds to give good raises. He mentioned that we need to be able to funnel the funds and kids are our biggest resource.

- Ms. Seckner stated the lack of funding from the State. She commented that we need to send people to Richmond and lobby more.
- Mr. Truett replied the State budget.

6. *Additional questions/comments to individual applicants:*

Mrs. Cox commented that Ms. Seckner has been a substitute teacher since 2012. She asked Ms. Seckner if she plans to continue doing this if appointed to the School Board? Ms. Seckner replied that she does not substitute very often and if it is a conflict she would not continue.

Mrs. Cox stated that Ms. Seckner mentioned in her statement about making sure that teacher pay salaries in the County school system be at least equal to Covington and the surrounding areas, which has been a roadblock with joint system discussions. She asked if Ms. Seckner has any suggestions to offer? Ms. Seckner replied that she does not think that salaries for Covington teachers should decline, but the County needs to start stepping up the salaries of its teachers now to get to that point. She commented that it would not all happen now, but gradually over time.

The Board thanked everyone for applying. Mr. Nicely commented that he has three highly qualified candidates to choose from.

Mr. Bennett stated that at each Board member's seat is a packet with four letters of recommendation and support for Mr. Higgins (from Jimmy Fridley, Lynette Huffman, Glenn Spangler, and Jamie Huffman). The letters are a part of the records of this meeting.

There being no one else who wished to speak, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed. He stated that action will be taken at the June 7<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER BOND ISSUANCE (TRANSFER OF CLIFTON FORGE DEBT ON OLD WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, RELATED HOLDING TANKS, AND REAL ESTATE ON WHICH THEY ARE LOCATED):

Public Hearing was held to consider the proposed issuance of bonds by Allegheny County (the "County"). As part of its agreement with the Town of Clifton Forge (the "Town"), the County will accept the transfer of the Town's remaining obligations under its \$5,415,000 Sewer System Revenue Bond, Series 2000 in exchange for the transfer to the County of a portion of the Town's old wastewater treatment plant and related holding tanks and the real estate on which they are located. The transfer of the Town's debt will be evidenced by a new water and sewer revenue bond to be issued by the County to the Virginia Resources Authority, which was the holder of the Town's prior bond. The estimated maximum amount of the County's bond is \$1,759,875. There are no other uses of the bond proceeds.

The Chairman announced that this public hearing was advertised in the Virginian Review on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 and Tuesday, April 26, 2016 in accordance with the Code of Virginia. He then called the public hearing to order.

Mr. Lanford stated that this transfer is part of the current wastewater agreement with Clifton Forge, as well as the recent settlement. He commented that the annual debt service will be approximately \$270,000 at 0% interest with debt retirement in September 2022.

Mr. Jeff Irvine, 1261 Commercial Avenue, thanked the Board and Mr. Lanford for working with Clifton Forge through the settlement. He commented that it is a great benefit to both communities and it will save the taxpayers a lot of money.

There being no one else who wished to speak, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed. He stated that action will be taken at the June 7<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING WITH VDOT - PROPOSED SIX YEAR PLAN AND SECONDARY CONSTRUCTION BUDGET:

Public Hearing was held with the Virginia Department of Transportation to consider the proposed Six Year Plan for FY 2017 through 2022.

The Chairman announced that this public hearing was advertised in the Virginian Review on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 and Tuesday, April 26, 2016 in accordance with the Code of Virginia. He then called the public hearing to order.

Ms. Susan Hammond, VDOT Resident Engineer, stated that the Board has a copy of the draft budget and plan in its agenda packet. She commented that the VDOT Secondary Improvement Budget allocations for FY 2017 total \$67,096 for improvements on secondary highway systems (route number 600 and above) in the County from two funding sources (CTB Formula and TeleFee). The CTB Formula funds will run out in 2020, but will be picked up by District Grant funds. She mentioned that there are a number of Rural Rustic Roads in the plan which can be done at a lower cost. She then gave a brief overview of projects contained in the draft Secondary Six Year Improvements Program:

**Route 638** (Natural Well Road) replacement of 1913 truss bridge and approaches over the Jackson River at Rt. 687. Funding is from District bridge funds.

**Route 781** (Rucker Gap Road) Rural Rustic Road Project. Construction will begin this year in August due to protected plant species.

**Route 607** (Jonestown Road) Rural Rustic Road Project. Work to begin in July 2019.

**Route 611** (Stone Mountain Road) Rural Rustic Road Project. Work to begin in July 2020.

**Route 639** (Longdale Station Road) Rural Rustic Road Project. Advertising is anticipated in 2020, but could be sooner if funding for other Rural Rustic Road projects come in lower.

**Route 638** (Natural Well Road) Rural Rustic Road Project. Advertising in 2021.

**Route 637** (Sycamore Bend Road) Rural Rustic Road Project. Advertising in 2021.

**Route 617**(Sailings Mountain Road) reconstruction. Work has been completed with Forest Highway funds and this project will eventually come off of the plan.

She commented that the other document contains the budget information on each road with each funding source listed.

There being no one else who wished to speak, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed. He stated that action will be taken at the June 7<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 MINUTE TIME LIMIT):

No one spoke at this time.

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

- *County-wide pothole patching continues.*
- *Completed grading of stabilized roads.*
- *Repaired drainage structures and cleared downed trees from storm damage.*
- *Continue brush cutting and tree trimming.*
- *Replaced pipes on Routes 687, 601, 606, 613, 616, 604, and 600.*
- *Mowing of Secondary and Primary routes will start after May 9<sup>th</sup>.*
- *Next month will also start sweeping concrete medians, barrier walls, and bridges.*

Construction

- *Route 159 bridge replacement project underway. Detour functioning well. On schedule for completion this fall.*

Mr. Shull asked if any work will be done in the Selma area. Ms. Hammond replied that there will be general maintenance and significant patching.

Mr. Bennett asked about the pipe in Rich Patch at the church. Ms. Hammond replied that this will be done through normal maintenance.

Mr. Garten commented regarding rocks and hanging trees on Rt. 220 near Honda Nissan potentially falling due to the weather. Ms. Hammond stated that this area is being closely monitored.

Mrs. Cox mentioned that with trees being removed in several places along Rt. 18 and Dunlap that there are large rocks falling from the banks and if a vehicle had to swerve to miss them they could go over the embankment. Ms. Hammond

commented that they will take a look at this.

Mr. Bennett mentioned that the Emerald Ash Borer has been killing trees and there are a lot of these trees along the highway system. He commented that VDOT may need to make a plan to cut the trees now before they come down. Ms. Hammond stated that she will bring this up to the VDOT Roadside Manager.

MS. ELIZABETH MCNICHOLS, DISTRICT RANGER - FOREST SERVICE UPDATE:

Ms. Elizabeth McNichols, District Ranger, introduced herself as the new District Ranger for the Forest Service. She commented that this is her second day on the job and Mr. Pat Sheridan retired in December. She mentioned that she came from Michigan and has been with the Forest Service for 35 years. She gave the following update:

- Secure Rural Schools proposals are due in mid-June and there is approximately \$47,000 for projects in the County.
- Fire season is over with the recent rains and no prescribed burns are planned.
- Roads are open for spring turkey season.
- There are issues with the road to the Low Moor shooting range that will have the road closed for a few weeks.

Mr. Nicely stated that there is a rumor that the Alleghany District is looking to consolidate with Bath County and move the local office. Ms. McNichols replied that the two districts have been combined for a few years. She commented that they are in a long-term lease in Covington, but may look for something sooner as the building is large and there are safety concerns with the location. Also, those funds could be put into staff versus the building.

Mr. Nicely stated that he has concerns with Forest Service roads being closed due to lack of funding for maintenance. He commented that a lot of the roads are in bad shape and just need to be graded. He mentioned that roads in other districts are in great shape. He stated that hunters spend a tremendous amount of money here and he would appreciate all that could be done to fix the roads.

Ms. McNichols commented that there are quite a few roads that are gated over the winter months due to public safety. She stated that they do not have an engineer or road maintenance staff and what gets fixed depends upon the amount of funding they get. She mentioned that they try to get the worst roads first.

Mr. Bennett commented that recreation and tourism is not given the attention it needs from the Forest Service. He stated that there are too many layers to the Forest Service system and funds are feeding too many at the top.

Ms. McNichols commented that budgets have been slashed extremely hard and they will do all they can to work with partners and the County.

MRS. INGRID BARBER, AHCSB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND MR. ED STEIN, COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY - JAIL SERVICES UPDATE:

Mrs. Ingrid Barber, AHCSB Executive Director, stated that she and Mr. Stein are present to seek funding for the jail services program. She mentioned that Mr. Stein and Sheriff Hall spoke to the Board approximately nine months ago regarding the need for services and the Board asked them to look into this. She commented that a committee was set up and they have spent this time working on a program as many are released and end up back in jail as they need treatment.

Mr. Ed Stein, Commonwealth Attorney, stated that their first figure for the treatment services was in excess of \$100,000/yr, but they have gotten the amount down to \$28,000 which is a big bang for the buck. He commented that he understands money is tight, but the committee has come up with a program at a low cost. He mentioned that they are starting to get the Judge's and defense attorney's into the rehab program.

Ms. Barber mentioned that the total cost of the program is \$38,000 with the County's share being \$28,000 and Covington's \$10,000.

Mr. Lanford stated that he has reached out to Mr. Eddie Wells of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission

(RV-ARC). He commented that the RV-ARC has a search engine to look for Federal, State, etc. grants and Mr. Wells thinks that he has found one to assist with this program. He mentioned that Mr. Wells is researching the grant and an application will need to be submitted for the competitive funding.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE DRAFT CONSENT ORDER REGARDING THE INDIAN VALLEY PUMP STATION:

Mr. Lanford stated that the Board is aware that the County is upgrading several pump stations and obtained funding for those stations with construction already in progress. He commented that the County is proactive in addressing overflows which is why the pump stations were being upgraded prior to involvement of regulatory agencies. He mentioned that DEQ has a point system and once they reach a certain point then the issue is turned over to enforcement. He stated that while the County was in the design phase of the pump station upgrades there was a massive rain event that caused overflows. He commented that the County received a draft Consent Order from DEQ for unpermitted discharges from the Indian Valley pump station with a \$6,500 fine. He stated that the County began discussions with DEQ as the County was already being proactive to correct issues there and negotiated the fine down to a \$4,550 settlement which includes a \$455 fine as long as the County does a supplemental environmental program (i.e. hazardous response training and tools/equipment) with the remaining \$4,095 balance. He commented that when there is an overflow the locality has to report it to DEQ with a five-day follow-up letter, but if the overflow is not reported DEQ knows nothing about it. He mentioned that they are sending the wrong message by fining localities that are reporting properly. He recommended payment of the fine and the investment in the supplemental environmental program. He stated that the funds will come out of water/sewer contingency.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Allegheny County Board of Supervisors authorize Mr. Jonathan A. Lanford, Interim County Administrator, to sign the document entitled "State Water Control Board Enforcement Action - Order by Consent Issued to County of Allegheny for Unpermitted Discharges from the Indian Valley Pump Station;"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorize the County to pay the \$455.00 civil charge to the Treasurer of Virginia and to satisfy the remaining \$4,095.00 of the civil charge by satisfactorily completing the Supplemental Environmental Project described in Appendix B of the Order.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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| Suzanne T. Adcock  | Absent |
| 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:

Auditing Services Update

Mr. Lanford stated that the County has re-engaged Robinson Farmer Cox Associates as the auditor for the County for the FY16 audit. He commented that they are here this week.

Broadband Survey

Mr. Lanford commented that he sent an email to the Board and County staff regarding a Broadband needs survey. He stated that individuals can respond as a residence or a business. He mentioned that he also sent an attachment on why the survey is being done. He commented that he has heard from residents from Mr. Bennett's district (Jackson Heights, Brentwood, Mallow, etc.) and others just outside of Covington that do not have service. He stated that the survey will also help determine how to get the fiber in place for the school initiative and help to grow the economy. He mentioned that this endeavor was spearheaded by Clifton Forge and recommended that all respond to the survey.

Budget Update/Work Session Date

Mr. Lanford stated that he has received news regarding a drastic change in the budget on the revenue side. He asked the Board to hold a work session in the next week or so to discuss how to move forward with the budget. He mentioned that he will have recommendations for the Board to consider.

The Board agreed to hold a work session on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (INQUIRIES/REPORTS):

Miscellaneous

Mrs. Cox thanked everyone for being at the meeting, those interested in the School Board appointments, and Mr. Irvine for his nice comments. She also thanked Mrs. Barber and Mr. Stein and commented that there is a need for the program and hopes that the RV-ARC can assist with getting a grant.

Mr. Griffith thanked all that applied for the School Board appointments.

Mr. Shull thanked Mr. Stein, Mrs. Barber, and the School Board applicants. He stated that the old Kmart building would be a great place for a call center or production facility. He commented that he heard a store was going into that building, but it went to Lexington. He mentioned that with Shentel buying out Lumos they are going to lose a call center. He stated that when he was in Walmart he heard two managers discussing the closing of Walmart stores in Virginia and that they had not heard anything about our store. He commented that he would hate to see that happen.

Mr. Nicely stated that he appreciates all the applicants for the School Board appointments. He commented that he attended the Rt. 220 meeting in Eagle Rock and afterwards there was a fatality on Rt. 220. He mentioned that all the fatalities do not seem to bother the politicians, but something needs to be done. He commented regarding Phase 1 and Phase 2 and the funding needed for that work. He stated that he spoke with Delegate Terry Austin who suggested that resolutions be sent and the Board has sent many over the years. He suggested that all individuals, organizations, etc. in the area send a letter to the Governor and State representatives regarding the project.

Mr. Garten thanked the applicants for their interest in the School Board appointments.

Mr. Bennett commented that it can be miserable to have two or three very qualified individuals applying for the same appointment and he does not envy Mr. Nicely at all.

CLOSED MEETING:

On motion of Mr. Garten, seconded by Mr. Nicely, that the Board go into a Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Sections 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the purpose of: (1) discuss County Administrator position. Unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. Shull, seconded by Mr. Nicely, 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.

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

APPOINT MR. JONATHAN A. LANFORD AS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that Mr. Jonathan A. Lanford be appointed as the County Administrator effective May 3, 2016 pursuant to the terms of the employment agreement prepared by the County Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman is authorized to sign the employment agreement with Mr. Lanford on behalf of the Board.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Mr. Lanford is authorized to execute warrants and sign checks as the need arises.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Mrs. Cox stated that Mr. Lanford is on top of anything you ask of him and feels that all requests are a top priority. She commented that she appreciates his openness and would take him anywhere to represent the County.

Mr. Bennett stated that, for the record, Ms. Adcock is very much in favor of the appointment. He stated that the County hired a search firm that received 29 applications. He commented that the field was narrowed down to eight and then to three. He commented that Mr. Lanford received the top rating and the Board only interviewed Mr. Lanford for the position. He mentioned that the Board followed the process to get to this point.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mr. Garten, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 p.m. to Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room A of the County Governmental Complex. Motion carried.

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Stephen A. Bennett  
Chairman