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| 203582     | 12/13/19   | WILLI085 William Lawrence Shepley       | 576.31      |                 | 968 Direct Deposit |
| 203583     | 12/13/19   | BETTY005 Betty Whitaker                 | 51.04       |                 | 968 Direct Deposit |
| 203584     | 12/13/19   | CHERY010 Cheryl Carter                  | 118.32      |                 | 968 Direct Deposit |
| 203585     | 12/13/19   | AFLAC005 Aflac                          | 114.04      |                 | 969                |
| 203586     | 12/13/19   | ANTH0010 Anthem - Health                | 7,558.67    |                 | 969                |
| 203587     | 12/13/19   | ANTH0015 Anthem - Dental                | 433.67      |                 | 969                |
| 203588     | 12/13/19   | BOSTO005 Boston Mutual Life Ins Co      | 25.87       |                 | 969                |
| 203589     | 12/13/19   | DSSFLO05 DSS FLOWER FUND                | 57.68       |                 | 969                |
| 203590     | 12/13/19   | GRAY0105 Grayson Co Treasurer's Office  | 275.46      |                 | 969                |
| 203591     | 12/13/19   | MINNE005 Minnesota Life                 | 120.99      |                 | 969                |
| 203592     | 12/13/19   | NACOD005 NACO DEFERRED COMPENSATION     | 115.00      |                 | 969                |
| 203593     | 12/13/19   | NTALI005 NTA LIFE                       | 99.97       |                 | 969                |
| 203594     | 12/13/19   | SKYLI005 SKYLINE NATIONAL BANK          | 532.00      |                 | 969                |
| 203595     | 12/13/19   | UNIT0010 United Way SOUTHWEST, VA.      | 12.25       |                 | 969                |
| 203596     | 12/13/19   | VAAS0015 VACORP                         | 87.95       |                 | 969                |
| 203597     | 12/13/19   | VACU0005 VA CREDIT UNION                | 266.30      |                 | 969                |
| 203598     | 12/13/19   | WASH010 WASHINGTON NATIONAL             | 103.71      |                 | 969                |
| 203599     | 12/20/19   | APPAL005 Appalachian Power              | 933.38      |                 | 970                |
| 203600     | 12/20/19   | APPAL015 APPALACHIAN JUVENILE COMMISSIO | 1,925.00    |                 | 970                |
| 203601     | 12/20/19   | CARTE005 Carter Machinery Co., Inc.     | 523.41      |                 | 970                |
| 203602     | 12/20/19   | CENTU005 Century Link                   | 1,951.02    |                 | 970                |
| 203603     | 12/20/19   | CINTA005 Cintas Corp, #532              | 370.34      |                 | 970                |
| 203604     | 12/20/19   | DIVIS005 DIVISION OF CONSOLIDATED LABS  | 248.36      |                 | 970                |
| 203605     | 12/20/19   | EDMUN005 Edmunds & Associates, Inc      | 393.00      |                 | 970                |
| 203606     | 12/20/19   | FOODC005 Food City, Store #866          | 71.34       |                 | 970                |
| 203607     | 12/20/19   | GUYNN005 Guynn,Wadde1l,Carroll,Lockaby  | 460.00      |                 | 970                |
| 203608     | 12/20/19   | HRGAR005 H & R Garage                   | 150.00      |                 | 970                |
| 203609     | 12/20/19   | KRISTO20 Wards Landscaping and Lawn Car | 175.00      |                 | 970                |
| 203610     | 12/20/19   | NATIO010 National Assoc Of Counties     | 450.00      |                 | 970                |
| 203611     | 12/20/19   | NET3T005 Net3 Technology, Inc.          | 1,248.64    |                 | 970                |
| 203612     | 12/20/19   | OMNIL010 OMNILINK SYSTEMS TX            | 662.00      |                 | 970                |
| 203613     | 12/20/19   | PROFO010 Professional Networks, Inc     | 35.00       |                 | 970                |
| 203614     | 12/20/19   | ROTE005 Rotenizer Drapery & Carpet      | 8,825.00    |                 | 970                |
| 203615     | 12/20/19   | SAFLA005 Saflab                         | 92.50       |                 | 970                |
| 203616     | 12/20/19   | SANDS005 Sands Anderson Pc              | 220.00      |                 | 970                |
| 203617     | 12/20/19   | SPRIN005 Spring Valley Graphics         | 164.00      |                 | 970                |
| 203618     | 12/20/19   | THOMA045 Thomas R Revels                | 1,109.97    |                 | 970                |
| 203619     | 12/20/19   | TONYS005 Tony Shaffner                  | 1,120.00    |                 | 970                |
| 203620     | 12/20/19   | TOWN0010 TOWN OF INDEPENDENCE           | 44.79       |                 | 970                |
| 203621     | 12/20/19   | USCEL005 Us Cellular                    | 205.13      |                 | 970                |
| 203622     | 12/20/19   | USPOS005 Us Postal Service              | 76.00       |                 | 970                |
| 203623     | 12/20/19   | VAAS0015 VACORP                         | 40,386.46   |                 | 970                |
| 203624     | 12/20/19   | VADEP005 Va Dept Of Motor Vehicles      | 4,875.00    |                 | 970                |
| 203625     | 12/20/19   | VIRGI040 VIRGINIA PLUMBING AND MECHANIC | 40.00       |                 | 970                |
| 203626     | 12/20/19   | WORL005 WORLDWIDE EQUIPMENT             | 3,937.21    |                 | 970                |
| 203627     | 12/20/19   | XEROX005 Xerox Corporation              | 123.84      |                 | 970                |
| 203628     | 12/31/19   | AFLAC005 Aflac                          | 1,062.69    |                 | 971                |
| 203629     | 12/31/19   | AMERO010 American Heritage Life Ins Co  | 73.77       |                 | 971                |
| 203630     | 12/31/19   | ANTH0010 Anthem - Health                | 52,255.93   |                 | 971                |
| 203631     | 12/31/19   | ANTH0015 Anthem - Dental                | 3,226.58    |                 | 971                |
| 203632     | 12/31/19   | BOSTO005 Boston Mutual Life Ins Co      | 793.11      |                 | 971                |
| 203633     | 12/31/19   | GRAY0020 Grayson Co Circuit Court       | 186.96      |                 | 971                |
| 203634     | 12/31/19   | GRAY0105 Grayson Co Treasurer's Office  | 835.00      |                 | 971                |
| 203635     | 12/31/19   | GRAY0105 Grayson Co Treasurer's Office  | 1,257.27    |                 | 971                |

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| 203636 | 12/31/19 | ING00005 | Ing                            | 200.00    |               | 971 |
| 203637 | 12/31/19 | MINNE005 | Minnesota Life                 | 546.10    |               | 971 |
| 203638 | 12/31/19 | VAAS0015 | VACORP                         | 260.78    |               | 971 |
| 203639 | 12/31/19 | AFLAC005 | Aflac                          | 114.04    |               | 972 |
| 203640 | 12/31/19 | ANTH0010 | Anthem - Health                | 7,558.67  |               | 972 |
| 203641 | 12/31/19 | ANTH0015 | Anthem - Dental                | 433.67    |               | 972 |
| 203642 | 12/31/19 | BOSTO005 | Boston Mutual Life Ins Co      | 25.87     |               | 972 |
| 203643 | 12/31/19 | DSSFL005 | DSS FLOWER FUND                | 57.68     |               | 972 |
| 203644 | 12/31/19 | GRAY0105 | Grayson Co Treasurer's Office  | 275.46    |               | 972 |
| 203645 | 12/31/19 | MINNE005 | Minnesota Life                 | 138.27    |               | 972 |
| 203646 | 12/31/19 | MACOD005 | MACO DEFERRED COMPENSATION     | 115.00    |               | 972 |
| 203647 | 12/31/19 | NTALI005 | NTA LIFE                       | 99.97     |               | 972 |
| 203648 | 12/31/19 | SKYLI005 | SKYLINE NATIONAL BANK          | 532.00    |               | 972 |
| 203649 | 12/31/19 | UNIT0010 | United Way SOUTHWEST, VA.      | 12.25     |               | 972 |
| 203650 | 12/31/19 | VAAS0015 | VACORP                         | 88.29     |               | 972 |
| 203651 | 12/31/19 | VACU0005 | VA CREDIT UNION                | 266.30    |               | 972 |
| 203652 | 12/31/19 | WASHI010 | WASHINGTON NATIONAL            | 103.71    |               | 972 |
| 203653 | 01/09/20 | 1STQU005 | 1ST QUALITY AIR, INC.          | 550.00    |               | 973 |
| 203654 | 01/09/20 | 7PSOL005 | 7Psolutions                    | 31.00     |               | 973 |
| 203655 | 01/09/20 | ADAMS005 | Adams Building Supply          | 78.74     |               | 973 |
| 203656 | 01/09/20 | ALLIS025 | Allison Anderson               | 130.00    |               | 973 |
| 203657 | 01/09/20 | APPAL005 | Appalachian Power              | 1,749.13  |               | 973 |
| 203658 | 01/09/20 | ARCETO05 | ARC 3 GASES                    | 4,668.30  |               | 973 |
| 203659 | 01/09/20 | BANK0005 | Bank Of Marion - Visa          | 1,235.62  |               | 973 |
| 203660 | 01/09/20 | BKTUN005 | Bkt Uniforms                   | 1,497.62  |               | 973 |
| 203661 | 01/09/20 | BRAND015 | BRANDON BOYLES                 | 120.00    |               | 973 |
| 203662 | 01/09/20 | BRCED005 | Brceda                         | 12,550.00 |               | 973 |
| 203663 | 01/09/20 | CARQ0010 | Carquest Auto Parts            | 65.55     |               | 973 |
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| 203665 | 01/09/20 |          | Alignment Check                |           | VOID          |     |
| 203666 | 01/09/20 | CARR0020 | Carroll-Grayson-Galax Solid wa | 33,195.25 |               | 973 |
| 203667 | 01/09/20 | CENT0010 | Century Link (ASAP)            | 51.95     |               | 973 |
| 203668 | 01/09/20 | CENTU005 | Century Link                   | 3,885.81  |               | 973 |
| 203669 | 01/09/20 | CHAR0010 | Charles Brown                  | 69.30     |               | 973 |
| 203670 | 01/09/20 | CENTA005 | Cintas Corp, #532              | 946.00    |               | 973 |
| 203671 | 01/09/20 | COMCA015 | COMCAST BUSINESS               | 406.29    |               | 973 |
| 203672 | 01/09/20 | COMM0015 | Commission On Vasap            | 1,569.38  |               | 973 |
| 203673 | 01/09/20 | CRAIG005 | CRAIGS FIREARM SUPPLY, INC.    | 409.00    |               | 973 |
| 203674 | 01/09/20 | CROSS005 | Crossroads Institute           | 25,000.00 |               | 973 |
| 203675 | 01/09/20 | DANNY030 | DANNY L LINEBERRY              | 60.00     |               | 973 |
| 203676 | 01/09/20 | DANST005 | Dan Stewart                    | 75.00     |               | 973 |
| 203677 | 01/09/20 | DAVID040 | DAVID J BOISVERT               | 360.00    |               | 973 |
| 203678 | 01/09/20 | DISTR005 | District Iii Governmental Coop | 1,386.75  |               | 973 |
| 203679 | 01/09/20 | DODS0005 | Dodson Pest Control            | 467.40    |               | 973 |
| 203680 | 01/09/20 | DOLIB005 | doli/Boiler Safety             | 20.00     |               | 973 |
| 203681 | 01/09/20 | EASTC005 | EAST COAST EMERGENCY VEHICLES  | 715.00    |               | 973 |
| 203682 | 01/09/20 | ELBER005 | ELBERT J LEAGANS               | 4.54      |               | 973 |
| 203683 | 01/09/20 | FEEDI005 | Feeding American Southwest Va  | 6,000.00  |               | 973 |
| 203684 | 01/09/20 | FITZG005 | Fitzgerald Peterbilt II, LLC   | 386.15    |               | 973 |
| 203685 | 01/09/20 | FLEET005 | Fleetpride                     | 1,144.98  |               | 973 |
| 203686 | 01/09/20 | FRIEN005 | Friends Of Southwest Virginia  | 5,000.00  |               | 973 |
| 203687 | 01/09/20 | GALA0040 | Galax Public Library           | 330.00    |               | 973 |
| 203688 | 01/09/20 | GALLS005 | GALLS, LLC                     | 245.52    |               | 973 |
| 203689 | 01/09/20 | GAZET005 | Gazette Press, Inc             | 925.00    |               | 973 |
| 203690 | 01/09/20 | GBOIL005 | G&B OIL COMP, INC.             | 2,919.64  |               | 973 |
| 203691 | 01/09/20 | GOODY005 | GOODYEAR COMMERCIAL TIRE       | 1,775.05  |               | 973 |
| 203692 | 01/09/20 | GRAIN010 | Grainger                       | 229.06    |               | 973 |
| 203693 | 01/09/20 | GRAY0040 | Grayson Co Health Dept         | 44,692.50 |               | 973 |
| 203694 | 01/09/20 | GRAY0055 | Grayson Co School Board        | 0.00      | 01/09/20 VOID | 0   |
| 203695 | 01/09/20 | GRAY0055 | Grayson Co School Board        | 3,490.93  |               | 973 |
| 203696 | 01/09/20 | GRAY0060 | Grayson Co Sheriff's Office    | 919.99    |               | 973 |
| 203697 | 01/09/20 | GRAY0065 | Grayson-Carroll-wythe Mutual   | 739.00    |               | 973 |

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| 203698 | 01/09/20 | GRAY0070 Grayson Florist & Gifts        | 89.70     |               | 973 |
| 203699 | 01/09/20 | GRAYS035 GRAYSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL     | 98.00     |               | 973 |
| 203700 | 01/09/20 | HEALT005 Health Equity                  | 67.15     |               | 973 |
| 203701 | 01/09/20 | HIGH0010 Highlands Community Services B | 600.00    |               | 973 |
| 203702 | 01/09/20 | HIGH0005 High Country Springs, LLC      | 33.00     |               | 973 |
| 203703 | 01/09/20 | HILLS005 Hill Studio Pc                 | 616.54    |               | 973 |
| 203704 | 01/09/20 | HURTP005 HURT & PROFFITT                | 2,437.00  |               | 973 |
| 203705 | 01/09/20 | INDE0015 Independence Tire Co           | 123.58    |               | 973 |
| 203706 | 01/09/20 | IWORQ005 Iworq Systems                  | 1,000.00  |               | 973 |
| 203707 | 01/09/20 | JADAB005 Jada Black                     | 372.94    |               | 973 |
| 203708 | 01/09/20 | JAMES080 JAMES T. BISE                  | 30.00     |               | 973 |
| 203709 | 01/09/20 | JJLIG005 J & T Lighting Lube, LLC       | 20.00     |               | 973 |
| 203710 | 01/09/20 | JONA0020 Jonathon M. Venzie             | 120.00    |               | 973 |
| 203711 | 01/09/20 | JUNIO005 JUNIOR WILSON                  | 6.49      |               | 973 |
| 203712 | 01/09/20 | KIMBA010 KIMBALL MIDWEST                | 542.54    |               | 973 |
| 203713 | 01/09/20 | KISER005 Kiser Computer Consulting, LLC | 225.00    |               | 973 |
| 203714 | 01/09/20 | LEONA005 Leonard's Copy Systems, Inc    | 349.00    |               | 973 |
| 203715 | 01/09/20 | LOWES005 Lowe's Home Centers            | 199.50    |               | 973 |
| 203716 | 01/09/20 | MANSF005 Mansfield Oil Company          | 7,198.61  |               | 973 |
| 203717 | 01/09/20 | MERRI005 Merritt Supply, Inc            | 16.66     |               | 973 |
| 203718 | 01/09/20 | MGLPR005 MGL Printing Solutions         | 211.00    |               | 973 |
| 203719 | 01/09/20 | MTROG005 Mt Rogers Community Service Bd | 10,300.00 |               | 973 |
| 203720 | 01/09/20 | NATIO040 National Sheriffs' Association | 129.00    |               | 973 |
| 203721 | 01/09/20 | NCQUI005 NC Quick Pass                  | 6.54      |               | 973 |
| 203722 | 01/09/20 | NEWR0025 New River Valley Juvenile Det  | 3,753.50  |               | 973 |
| 203723 | 01/09/20 | NTAIN005 Nta, Inc.                      | 24.18     |               | 973 |
| 203724 | 01/09/20 | NWCDI005 Nwcd, Inc                      | 208.03    |               | 973 |
| 203725 | 01/09/20 | OCVLL005 OCV, LLC                       | 2,500.00  |               | 973 |
| 203726 | 01/09/20 | PAPER005 Paper Clip                     | 0.00      | 01/09/20 VOID | 0   |
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| 203728 | 01/09/20 | PEACE005 Peace Of Mind Counseling       | 225.00    |               | 973 |
| 203729 | 01/09/20 | PIED0010 Piedmont Truck Center, Inc     | 4,096.97  |               | 973 |
| 203730 | 01/09/20 | PITNE010 PITNEY BOWES RESERVE ACCOUNT   | 500.00    |               | 973 |
| 203731 | 01/09/20 | PROF0010 Professional Networks, Inc     | 35.00     |               | 973 |
| 203732 | 01/09/20 | RAYMO010 RAYMOND C. & REBA FUNK         | 30.00     |               | 973 |
| 203733 | 01/09/20 | ROBER085 ROBERT E ROSE                  | 45.78     |               | 973 |
| 203734 | 01/09/20 | ROMAR005 Romar Elevators, Inc           | 712.09    |               | 973 |
| 203735 | 01/09/20 | SAMUE025 SAMUEL D. PARKS                | 60.00     |               | 973 |
| 203736 | 01/09/20 | SCOTT010 SCOTT E MORRIS                 | 45.00     |               | 973 |
| 203737 | 01/09/20 | SENSU005 Sensus Usa Inc.                | 1,949.94  |               | 973 |
| 203738 | 01/09/20 | SPENC005 MARTHA A. SPENCER              | 30.00     |               | 973 |
| 203739 | 01/09/20 | SPRIN005 Spring Valley Graphics         | 364.00    |               | 973 |
| 203740 | 01/09/20 | STEPH020 STEPHEN CORNETT                | 6.00      |               | 973 |
| 203741 | 01/09/20 | STEVE030 STEVEN A & JEANNE H FRANKS     | 10.00     |               | 973 |
| 203742 | 01/09/20 | STON0010 Stonewall Technologies         | 326.93    |               | 973 |
| 203743 | 01/09/20 | SUNT0010 Suntrust Bank                  | 0.00      | 01/09/20 VOID | 0   |
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| 203745 | 01/09/20 | THEGA010 THE GAZETTE/DECLARATION        | 303.60    |               | 973 |
| 203746 | 01/09/20 | THEPE010 The Peterbilt Store, Knoxville | 103.55    |               | 973 |
| 203747 | 01/09/20 | TOWN0010 TOWN OF INDEPENDENCE           | 195.15    |               | 973 |
| 203748 | 01/09/20 | TOWN0015 Town Of Marion                 | 100.00    |               | 973 |
| 203749 | 01/09/20 | TRANS005 Transource                     | 401.23    |               | 973 |
| 203750 | 01/09/20 | TRICO005 Tri-County Glass, Inc          | 307.73    |               | 973 |
| 203751 | 01/09/20 | TWINC005 Twin Co Airport Commission     | 36,360.76 |               | 973 |
| 203752 | 01/09/20 | USCELO05 Us Cellular                    | 2,498.85  |               | 973 |
| 203753 | 01/09/20 | VABU0010 VBCOA                          | 525.00    |               | 973 |
| 203754 | 01/09/20 | VABUI005 va Building/Code Official Asso | 227.50    |               | 973 |
| 203755 | 01/09/20 | VHHEA005 V&H Heating and cooling        | 6,800.00  |               | 973 |
| 203756 | 01/09/20 | VIRGIO55 VIRGINIA UTILITY PROTECTION SE | 16.80     |               | 973 |
| 203757 | 01/09/20 | VIRGIO75 VIRGINIA CAROLINA HEATING      | 11,354.00 |               | 973 |
| 203758 | 01/09/20 | WATTS005 D's Trophies                   | 160.00    |               | 973 |
| 203759 | 01/09/20 | WILLI080 WILLIAM H. DELP                | 60.00     |               | 973 |
| 203760 | 01/09/20 | WYTH0015 wytheville Office Supply       | 264.73    |               | 973 |
| 203761 | 01/09/20 | XEROX005 Xerox Corporation              | 90.32     |               | 973 |
| 203762 | 01/09/20 | CENT0015 Century Link                   | 36.76     |               | 974 |

| Checking Account Totals | <u>Paid</u> | <u>Void</u> | <u>Amount Paid</u> | <u>Amount Void</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Checks:                 | 174         | 4           | 423,309.97         | 0.00               |
| Direct Deposit:         | 3           | 0           | 745.67             | 0.00               |
| <b>Total:</b>           | <b>177</b>  | <b>4</b>    | <b>424,055.64</b>  | <b>0.00</b>        |

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| Checks:         | 174         | 4           | 423,309.97         | 0.00               |
| Direct Deposit: | 3           | 0           | 745.67             | 0.00               |
| <b>Total:</b>   | <b>177</b>  | <b>4</b>    | <b>424,055.64</b>  | <b>0.00</b>        |

Grayson County Board of Supervisors  
Regular Meeting  
January 9, 2020

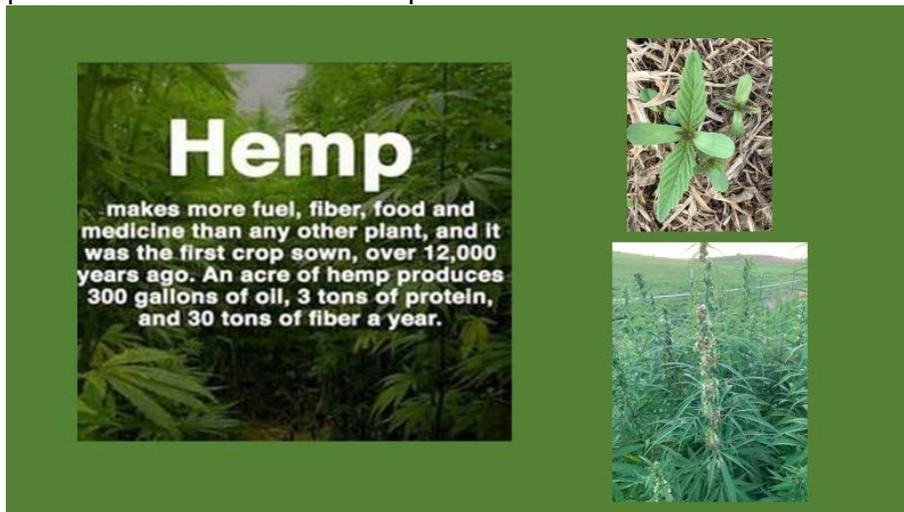
Members attending: Brenda R. Sutherland, Kenneth R. Belton, John S. Fant, Michael S. Hash and Thomas R. Revels.

IN RE: OPENING BUSINESS

Supervisor Hash made the motion to approve the agenda/consent agenda; duly seconded by Supervisor Revels. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: PRESENTATIONS OR REQUESTS

Chris and Susan Moore of Appalachian Biomass Processing gave the following presentation on industrial hemp:



## 2020 Grow Season

- Need 3,000- 5,000 acres of raw Industrial Hemp Fiber
- Paying \$150-250 a ton of hemp
- Most acres yield 2-5 ton
- Possibility of 2 grow cycles per year
- Anticipate gain for growers \$600-1200 per acre
- Low start up cost:
  - Seed drill
  - Regular hay equipment

## Field to Industry



## Contacts for Farmers

- Application to be grower of Industrial Hemp- \$50
  - [www.vdas.virginia.gov/plant-industry-services-hemp.shtml](http://www.vdas.virginia.gov/plant-industry-services-hemp.shtml)
- Seed Supplier
  - [www.fiacre-enterprises.com/](http://www.fiacre-enterprises.com/)
- Ground kill and Fertilizer
  - S&W Fertilizer- 276-228-2521

<https://www.appbiomass.com/>

- 131 Queens Knob Wytheville, VA 24382
- Office Phone 276-228-9898
- vitalityfarmsva@gmail.com

In 2018 they participated with conjunction with UVA and then in 2019 a private permit was obtained and 50 acres was grown (2 different times) independently from April through October. The business is located in Wythe County and they have the only industrial decorticator in the state of Virginia; the only one east of the Mississippi river and the closet competition is in Colorado. Industrial hemp takes away a lot of the risks and is more lucrative for farmers because your upfront expenses are small. It usually grows approximated 3” per day. If you can make a round bale of hay, you can grow the kind of hemp that their business can market. A permit is required in the state of Virginia to grow hemp and the fee is \$50. Applications may be obtained from County Administration or on line. This is another revenue for the farmers in our area and wanted to share this information with the board and the farmers. This is a good adjunctive for the farmers – it’s just like making hay even though its new with a supply and demand market. We have external sources but would really like to keep it geographically located in Virginia. Once it’s baled w/ 18-24% moisture, net-wrapped preferred, then we’ll work to either have it delivered or we’ll pick it up – we just need the farmers to know about us.

Vicky Town gave the following update regarding the Summer Stage Program:

- Summer Stage Program was started in the summer of 2018 which is a local theatre program. This is a four (4) week summer youth theatre program and serve young people in Galax, Grayson, Carroll and Surry. We had 37 young people the first summer and the kids thoroughly enjoyed themselves after they got the hang of things. The hours are Monday through Friday, 9am – 3:30pm and we ask no money from the county – the Upper Darby put \$13,000 into the program and local folks are hired for help. The federal lunch is offered for each child. This past summer we had 50 young people participate and the program was moved from the 1908 Courthouse to the Grayson County High School Auditorium. Our goal is to raise young people to be leaders and outstanding citizens of the community. Mrs. Town then showed a short YouTube video highlighting the program. Video can be found at <https://youtu.be/Or27NnfzSYg>.

- Mrs. Town also noted there are academic skills embedded in the program: reading skills; math skills, science (light & shadow), social studies and music, fine arts and physical education (dance) and nutrition.
- In 2020 the program will be held at the Grayson County High School Auditorium from June 29 through July 24, Monday through Friday, 9am-3:30pm

Supervisor inquired on how the county could help and Mrs. Town noted that they will need a bus to transport the young people and the rent for the auditorium is \$1,100 for the four (4) week program. Mrs. Town also noted that volunteers are needed and wanted! Supervisor Fant suggested Mrs. Town send a formal request to the county for their needs. Mrs. Town then thanked the Board for their time.

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING

- PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO UPDATE AND REVISE THE TWIN COUNTY 9-1-1 COMMISSION’S ORGANIZATIONAL DOCUMENTS DUE TO STATUTORY REVISIONS OVER THE YEARS. THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE WOULD UPDATE THE TERMS UNDER WHICH THE JOINT ENTITY WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE

Jolena Young, E-9-1-1 Coordinator addressed the Board and noted this is just a “housekeeping” item and does not change how the commission has operated for the last 20 years.

Supervisor Fant made the motion to open the public hearing; duly seconded by Supervisor Revels. Motion carried 5-0.

With no one signed up to comment, Mrs. Young noted that the prior ordinance which was passed in 1989 referenced tax legislation that has since been repelled and it also referenced a charter and no evidence has ever been found that a charter was ever created. The Commission does have by-laws in place since 1989 and has been our guidance and the shared service agreement that goes along with this was based upon those by-laws.

Supervisor Fant made the motion to close the public hearing; duly seconded by Supervisor Hash. Motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor Fant made the motion to approve the amendment (listed below); duly seconded by Supervisor Hash. Motion carried 5-0.

**TWIN COUNTY 9-1-1 REGIONAL COMMISSION  
JOINT SERVICES AGREEMENT**

This Agreement is executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2019, by and among the Counties of Grayson and Carroll, and the City of Galax, Virginia (hereinafter, the “Member Jurisdictions”).

**WHEREAS**, the Member Jurisdictions duly established the Twin County E-911 Regional Commission (the “Commission”) as a joint entity in 1989 by actions of their respective governing bodies in order to serve the public of the Member Jurisdictions by establishing, developing, maintaining and operating a regional integrated 9-1-1 telephone response and dispatch system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has developed, operated and maintained the regional system, and has continuously operated in accordance with the purposes for which it was established since that time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Member Jurisdictions wish to update and revise the Commission's organizational documents due to statutory revisions over the years entailing changes in the Commonwealth's funding mechanisms and other changes to the Code of Virginia over time; and,

**WHEREAS**, Va. Code § 15.2-1300 provides that local governments may enter into agreements for joint or cooperative exercise of any power, privilege or authority which each is capable of exercising individually, and pursuant to Va. Code § 56-484.16 each of the Member Jurisdictions is responsible for ensuring that its territory is provided 911 services through a Public Safety Answering Point ("PSAP") and each of the Member Jurisdictions is individually capable of establishing a PSAP and providing management, governance and oversight to the same; and

**WHEREAS**, the Member Jurisdictions desire to update the terms under which the Joint entity will continue to operate, and confirm the formation of the Commission as a joint entity to be governed and operated as provided herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties do mutually covenant and agree as follows:

#### **Article I - Entity**

**Section 1. Formation/Ratification of Twin County 9-1-1 Regional Commission.** The Member Jurisdictions acting pursuant to authority granted to them under Va. Code § 15.2-1300 hereby recognize, ratify, confirm and create the Twin County 9-1-1 Regional Commission (the "Commission") as an entity that may exercise the powers set forth in this Agreement.

**Section 2. Commission Membership.** The Member Jurisdictions of the Commission shall be the Counties of Grayson and Carroll, and the City of Galax.

#### **Article II – Commission Board Membership**

**Section 1. Commission Board Membership.** The Commission shall be governed by a Board of Directors (the "Board") which shall consist of six (6) members, composed of the following:

1. One (1) administrative officer for the City of Galax (the City Manager, or his/her designee);
2. One (1) administrative officer for the County of Carroll (the County Administrator, or his/her designee);
3. One (1) administrative officer for the County of Grayson (the County Administrator or his/her designee);
4. One (1) member of the Galax City Council;
5. One (1) member of the Carroll County Board of Supervisors;
6. One (1) member of the Grayson County Board of Supervisors;

**Section 2. Term of Representatives.** Each Member Jurisdiction shall determine the length of term for its Representatives on the Board; however, no person selected as an administrative officer of the Member Jurisdiction can continue to serve as Board member if he ceases to be an employee of the Member Jurisdiction. Each Member Jurisdiction shall be responsible for filling any vacancy of its Representatives. Any member of the Board so appointed notwithstanding the expiration of his or her term shall continue to serve until a successor is selected and qualified.

**Section 3. Policy Making Authority.** Every Board member shall have the authority to speak affirmatively for the Member Jurisdiction and to commit the Commission to a course of action.

**Section 4. Removal of Member.** A Board member may be removed from office in accordance with the by-laws and governing rules of the Member Jurisdiction that appointed the Board Member.

### **Article III - Purpose and Powers**

**Section 1. Purpose.** The purpose of the Commission shall be to establish, operate, maintain and expand as necessary a regional integrated 9-1-1 telephone response and dispatch system, serving the Member Jurisdictions, which meets or exceeds the minimum standards as may be promulgated by the Commonwealth of Virginia from time to time, acting through its duly authorized agencies.

**Section 2. General Powers.** The Commission shall engage in all things necessary or convenient to carry out its purpose of service to the Member Jurisdictions. Such powers shall include, without limitation, the authority to:

- A. To sue, be sued, complain and defend in its name, however nothing herein shall be construed to operate as a waiver of sovereign immunity by the Member Jurisdictions or by the Commission.
- B. To adopt and amend bylaws, not inconsistent with this Agreement or with the laws of the Commonwealth, for managing the business and regulating the affairs of the Commission.
- C. To hire an 9-1-1 Coordinator and oversee, discipline and discharge said coordinator as appropriate.
- D. To create additional employment positions as may be necessary to assist the 9-1-1 Coordinator in achieving the purposes of the Commission, and to define the job descriptions, salaries and benefits of the 9-1-1 Coordinator and subordinate employees, including retirement and deferred compensation plans, health and life insurance, and other leave and pay benefits as the Board determines is consistent with the practices within the Member Jurisdictions. The authority to make personnel decisions relating to hiring, discharging and disciplining of employees, as well as decisions relating to salaries and benefits may be delegated by the Board to the 9-1-1 Coordinator.
- E. To purchase, receive, lease, or otherwise acquire, and own, hold, improve, use and otherwise deal with, real or personal property, or any legal or equitable interest in property, wherever located for purposes of furthering its purpose as set forth herein.
- F. To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, and otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property.
- G. To make contracts, apply for grant funds, incur liabilities, borrow, and secure any of its obligations by mortgage or pledge of any of its property, franchises, or income. Such contracts and other instruments shall be executed by the 9-1-1 Coordinator upon due authorization from the Board.

- H. To receive and disburse revenue as may be necessary in the administration of the Commission's operations.
- I. To approve an annual budget, and provide continuing fiscal oversight of all funds received and expended.
- J. To invest and reinvest its funds.
- K. To elect officers and establish policies to define and control their duties.
- L. To obtain and maintain a policy or policies of insurance deemed necessary or advisable to protect the Commission, its officers, employees or member jurisdictions from any and all casualty, injury, loss, claims, actions or causes of actions which may occur or arise in the course of or due to the activities of the Commission, including but not limited to worker's compensation policies.
- M. To employ legal counsel, accountants, and other advisors as the Board deems necessary.
- N. To have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which the Commission is organized.

**Section 3. Ratification of Commission Actions.** The Member Jurisdictions hereby ratify and confirm all actions taken by the Commission from the date of its formation to the effective date of this Agreement.

#### **Article IV - Governance**

**Section 1. Twin County 911 Regional Commission Meetings and Officers.** The Board shall meet as determined by its members through its duly adopted bylaws. The Board shall elect from its membership such officers upon such terms as may be provided for in the bylaws.

**Section 2. Twin County 911 Regional Commission By-Laws.** The Twin County 9-1-1 Regional Commission may adopt operational and procedural bylaws consistent with this Agreement, applicable federal and state laws, and rules and regulations pursuant thereto. Such bylaws shall be adopted or amended by a majority of the members of the Board.

**Section 3. Roberts Rules of Order.** Roberts Rules of Order (revised) shall govern the proceedings of the Board insofar as they do not conflict with applicable law or administrative rules or bylaws duly adopted by the Board.

**Section 4. Quorum.** A a minimum of one (1) member from each of the jurisdictions shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 5. Voting.** Unless otherwise required by state or federal law, all votes shall be approved by a simple majority of the Board members present and serving.

**Section 6. Minutes.** Written minutes shall be kept on all meetings. Such minutes shall state succinctly the substance of the matters considered and all votes taken.

#### **Article V - Operational Provisions**

**Section 1. Designation of Fiscal Agent.** The Member Jurisdictions hereby designate the City of Galax as the fiscal agent for the Commission. The Commission Board may, with the consent of

the Member Jurisdictions designate a different fiscal agent and/or grant recipient, in the event such is necessary or advisable for purposes of managing the day to day financial operations of the Commission, or for purposes of obtaining state or federal grants or other funds.

**Section 2. 9-1-1 Coordinator Duties.** The duties of the 9-1-1 Coordinator shall include, but not be limited to:

- A. Managing day to day operations of the Commission.
- B. Employing, discharging, and otherwise managing all staff of the Commission.
- C. Attend meetings of the Commission Board and make such reports as deemed appropriate by the Board regarding Commission finances, operations, staffing and other activities or undertakings of the Commission.
- D. Perform any and all duties assigned to the 9-1-1 Coordinator under the Bylaws.

#### **Article VI—Duration and Termination/Dissolution**

**Section 1. Duration.** The duration of the Commission shall be perpetual unless and until dissolution as provided herein.

**Section 2. Dissolution of the Commission.** This Agreement may be terminated and the Commission dissolved upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

- A. Approval by ordinance of an agreement which supersedes or rescinds this Agreement by all Member Jurisdictions; or
- B. Termination by ordinance of one of the member jurisdictions with 180 days' notice prior to withdrawal; or
- C. Termination by mutual agreement of all Member Jurisdictions by ordinance passed by each.

**Section 3. Commission Property upon Dissolution.** Upon dissolution, all the assets or property of the Commission, including but not limited to real and personal property, accounts, equipment or supplies shall be distributed among the Member Jurisdictions as they may mutually agree, or in absence of such agreement, in proportion to the funding contributions made to population of each Member Jurisdiction. In instances of withdrawal by one jurisdiction, no asset shall be removed from the Commission that will jeopardize 911 operations.

#### **Article VIII - Miscellaneous**

**Section 1. Effective Date of Agreement.** This Agreement shall be effective upon approval by ordinance by the governing bodies of all of the Member Jurisdictions and execution by the chief elected officials thereof.

**Section 2. Amendments.** The Member Jurisdictions may amend this Agreement by ordinance upon approval of a written amendment by all of their governing bodies and execution by the chief elected officials thereof.

**Section 3. Repeal of Prior Agreements.** This Agreement shall repeal and supersede any and all prior written or oral agreements to the extent they conflict with this Agreement, however all actions taken in the past by GGEMS up to the date of this Agreement are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 4. **Effective.** This Agreement shall be effective when approved by ordinance by the County Board of Supervisors/City Council of each Member Jurisdiction and executed by the chief elected official thereof pursuant to said ordinance.

Section 6. **Severability.** Should any part of this Agreement be invalidated otherwise rendered null and void, the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Chief Elected Officials of the Member Jurisdictions execute this Agreement pursuant to an ordinance enacted by each of the Member Jurisdictions.

Chair, Board of Supervisors  
GRAYSON COUNTY

\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor  
CITY OF GALAX

\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair, Board of Supervisors  
CARROLL COUNTY

\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE FORMATION OF A JOINT ENTITY KNOWN AS THE TWIN COUNTY E-911 REGIONAL COMMISSION CREATED BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTIES OF CARROLL, GRAYSON, AND THE CITY OF GALAX, VIRGINIA AND BESTOWING ON SUCH ENTITY ALL POWERS NECESSARY AND PROPER FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES AS PROVIDED BY LAW

**WHEREAS**, the Counties of Grayson and Carroll and the City of Galax (the "Member Jurisdictions") duly established the Twin County E-911 Regional Commission (the "Commission") as a joint entity in 1989 by actions of their respective governing bodies in order to serve the public of the Member Jurisdictions by establishing, developing, maintaining and operating a regional integrated E-911 telephone response and dispatch system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has developed, operated and maintained the regional system, and has continuously operated in accordance with the purposes for which it was established since that time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Member Jurisdictions wish to update and revise the Commission's organizational documents due to statutory revisions over the years entailing changes in the Commonwealth's funding mechanisms and other changes to the Code of Virginia over time; and,

**WHEREAS**, Va. Code § 15.2-1300 provides that local governments may enter into agreements for joint or cooperative exercise of any power, privilege or authority which each is capable of exercising individually, and pursuant to Va. Code § 56-484.16 each of the Member Jurisdictions is responsible for ensuring that its territory is provided 911 services through a Public Safety Answering Point ("PSAP") and each of the Member Jurisdictions is individually capable of establishing a PSAP and providing management, governance and oversight to the same; and

**WHEREAS**, the Member Jurisdictions desire to update the terms under which the Joint entity will continue to operate, and confirm the formation of the Commission as a joint entity to be governed and operated as provided herein.

**WHEREAS**, the Member Jurisdictions wish to enter into an amended and updated Agreement to account for the changes in law and to enhance the Commission's ability to fulfill its mission into the future, in serving the citizens of the Member Jurisdictions.

**NOW WHEREFORE**, the (Board of Supervisors/ City Council of the City) of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby

1. Approves entering into the Twin County E-911 Regional Commission Joint Services Agreement (the "Agreement") which is attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance; and

2. Authorizes the Chair of the (Board/Council/Mayor) of the City/County of \_\_\_\_\_ to execute the Agreement on behalf of the governing body.

3. Repeals those portions of its ordinance of \_\_\_\_\_, not in conformity herewith, including without limitation the taxation provisions referenced therein which have been superseded by general law.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

Adopted this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk, \_\_\_\_\_ City Council/Board of Supervisors

Ms. Laura Bryant, gave the following update on "Grayson Celebrates Women: 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Centennial – Women Win the vote 1920-2020"

Equal Tea: Women Win the Vote in Virginia

**\*\*\* GREAT SUCCESS !!! Sat., October 5, 2019: 2:30: Historic 1908**

**Courthouse**

**Winter 2020: February 23, March 29, April 26th Sunday afternoons 2:30**

Film and Discussion Series: *How Women Win the Vote*. These will include "Winning the Vote: the Triumph of the American Woman

Suffrage Movement," "CA Women Win the Vote", and "American Women Win the Vote". On March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Paula Casey, a dynamic speaker of voting rights and the 72 years fight for women's suffrage, presents a program. Locations include the newly restored theater in Fries, Galax, Whitetop and Independence.

Spring/Summer 2020: Grayson Celebrates Women in the Arts.

Spring concerts by area music choirs and art shows plan to feature suffrage selections and highlight local women artist. Dates and places to be announced.

During June 7-15 to correspond with the activities of The Crooked Road 's "Mountain Music Homecoming", there will be an Artist Showcase and Exhibit in the Historic 1908 Courthouse featuring Grayson artists and performers

In partnership with the Twin County Arts Council plans are in process for the production of a suffrage era play or musical in the summer.

Grayson Celebrates Women: Show our History

Women Win the Vote featured on a float in the Independence 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade featuring the Justice Bell, marchers in costume, and vintage cars.

Woman's Hour: August 26, 2020, 11:00 am at the Historic 1908 Courthouse

This is the day the Tennessee Legislature voted to ratify [by one vote] the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920. The 1908 Courthouse Bell will ring followed by a ceremony on the Historic 1908 Courthouse lawn.

Women Win the Vote: End of an Era: November 9 - December 19, 2020.

A traveling exhibit at the Historic 1908 Courthouse from the Library of Virginia; with displays, photographs and text of the challenges, campaigns, and adventures of women's political pathway to gain the right to vote

A final program will feature a speaker and the auction of the Grayson Women's History Centennial Quilt constructed during this year of celebration along with other prizes and activities. Performer Kate Campbell Stevenson will present "Amending America, How Women Won the Vote."

Grayson Women's History Centennial Quilt:

This lap size quilt designed and pieced by Barbara Moncrief of Independence, features the suffrage theme and the colors associated with the suffrage movement. Purple represents loyalty, white represents purity and gold represents life. These were declared the official colors of the National Women's Party in 1913, and were featured prominently in suffrage parades, plays and campaigns. The quilt will be on display at each of the

Grayson Celebration events show the work in progress as the year proceeds. The quilt will be awarded to the winner of the silent auction at the final event of the Celebration.

Why do we need to Celebrate Women's History in Grayson County?

Grayson County in 1919-20's was a rural isolated section of Virginia with limited electricity, phone service, roads and services we have today. Women's role was primarily that of the farmer's wife and mother to her family, but her interest in the political, religious and social times, and her feelings, desires and attitudes were denied in the ability to vote in federal, state, and local elections. The path to women's suffrage was long and hard fought. It is important to remember because today's young people need to know that 'instant participation' has not been always been given as one of our basic political rights.

This year of events and sharing of the national fight for women's suffrage, that of Virginia and the Southern states, and specifically that of Virginia and Grayson County, will bring attention to these people, places and events. Little has been written of this time here in Grayson, but, we hope, with participation from those interested in local family history, and sharing the contributions of Grayson Women, Grayson families and events will be brought forward to show Grayson's women did want the vote.

**Lasting Memorials of Grayson Celebrates Women 1920-2020:**

Printed Document of Outstanding Women of Grayson County, VA in the format of a dictionary of biographical essays, with photo of each entry.

Memorial plaque [form and content to be determined] to honor Grayson County Women. Location to be selected, possibly the Historic 1908 Courthouse

Please join in this effort to highlight Grayson Celebrates Women.

Grayson County Historical Society, Historic 1908 Courthouse Foundation, Grayson County Tourism Office, Sponsors. Call 276-773-8002 or 276-773-3711 or Laura Bryant, 276-655-4658 for more information.

After the presentation, Mr. Shepley read a Proclamation (listed below) and on behalf of the Board, presented the Proclamation to Ms. Bryant.

***Proclamation***  
***Grayson Celebrates Women***  
***19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Centennial Celebration***

**Whereas**, the introduction, passage and ultimate ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment were culmination of decades of work and struggle by advocates for the rights of women across the United States; and

**Whereas**, the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment on August 26, 1920, in Tennessee, ensured women could more fully participate in our democracy and fundamentally change the role of women in the civic life of our Nation and County; and

**Whereas**, most of the women who began asking for the right to vote never lived to see the enfranchisement of women; and

**Whereas**, the daughters, granddaughters and great granddaughters of the women who fought so hard to vote have been making their voices heard at the polls for nearly 100 years; and

**Whereas**, the County of Grayson

- 1) commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage and ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, providing for women's suffrage, to the Constitution of the United States;
- 2) honors the role of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment in further promoting the core values of our democracy as promised by the Constitution of the United States;
- 3) reaffirms the opportunity for people in Grayson County to learn about and commemorate the efforts of women to the life and heritage of Grayson County, and their role in our democracy; and
- 4) reaffirms the desire that Grayson County shall enjoy the freedom of voter participation, continue to fight for voting rights for all citizens, and celebrate this important milestone by proclaiming the calendar year 2020 to be **Grayson Celebrates Women: 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Centennial Celebration.**

***Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020 in the County of Grayson, Virginia.***

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Kenneth R. Belton, Chair  
Grayson County Board of Supervisors

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
William L. Shepley, Clerk  
Grayson County Board of Supervisors

Ms. Terri Gillespie, VHCVP Caseworker/VITA Coordinator gave the following presentation on the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program:

Ms. Gillespie addressed the Board asking for their recognition and support for their Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. The program was started 14 years ago and the program provides free tax preparation for area citizens – which saves citizens a lot of money. Last year the program served approximately 600 filers and in Grayson alone we served approximately 200 filers which saved approximately \$45,000. The average refund is approximately \$1,300. Asked the Board to please send people their way so they can help them keep money in their pockets. They can file taxes free of charge for anyone making \$66,000 or less. Ms. Gillespie also stated to see her if anyone is interested in volunteering to help with the taxes and she'll be glad to work on getting them certified. Their office is in the Rooftop of Virginia building, 206 N. Main Street, Galax, VA and take appointments Tuesdays through Fridays, usually during business

hours and some Saturdays to help the people that can't get there during normal business hours. Supervisor Fant asked if they have considered taking this to the western end as well and Ms. Gillespie noted that due to limited help, they've not been able to do that yet and money is an issue as well along with space (which requires certain things) and good internet connection. Supervisor Fant suggested Ms. Gillespie send a formal request for needs and funds to the Board.

After the presentation, Mr. Shepley read a Proclamation (listed below) and presented the proclamation to Ms. Gillespie.

### ***Proclamation***

**Whereas**, In 1975, Congress and the President created Earned Income Tax Credit to encourage work, to be responsive to the economic challenges low income workers face and to address poverty and inequality; and

**Whereas**, Congress and the President created the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program in 1969 which resulted in the development of a network of volunteer-driven, free tax preparation sites across the country to provide low income taxpayers with access to the Earned Income Tax Credit and other tax credits; and

**Whereas**, Rooftop of Virginia Community Action Program began offering the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program in 2005 in order to provide free income tax preparation to low income workers living or working in the counties of Grayson, Carroll and the city of Galax; and

**Whereas**, Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day was established as a day celebrating the EITC on the last Friday in January; and

**Whereas**, Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day serves to promote the vital credit that benefits low to moderate income workers and to bring awareness of the availability of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program; and

**Whereas**, Rooftop of Virginia CAP works diligently to provide services that assist local residents in reaching goals of economic and social independence.

**Now, therefore**, the Grayson County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim the last Friday in January to be Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Earned Income Tax Credit Day.

***Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020 in the County of Grayson, Virginia.***

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Kenneth R. Belton, Chair  
Grayson County Board of Supervisors

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
William L. Shepley, Clerk  
Grayson County Board of Supervisors

Mr. Carl Caudill, II, Grayson County Director of IT/Economic Development/GIS gave the following broadband preview:

Grayson County, Virginia covers an area of 446 square mountainous miles in the heart of Appalachia. The County seat is in the town of Independence, where most services are located. Grayson County's main industry is agriculture, involving livestock, timber, and non-timber forest products such as wildcrafted herbs. There is a strong, emotional attachment to the land; many families have lived in this county for over 200 years. With vast undeveloped areas of timbered land and elevations ranging from 2,500 to 5,729 feet on Mt. Rogers, Grayson boasts of an extraordinary diversity of flora and fauna. Hunting, fishing, hiking and other outdoor recreation opportunities abound. Old time and bluegrass music are common pastimes and a point of pride for the culture.

### **What is Broadband?**

Broadband is currently (as of September 2019) defined by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as 25 Mbps download by 3 Mbps upload (25M/3M). Unfortunately many of the funding opportunities to expand broadband will only fund areas with 10Mbps/1 or less -- considering any fixed service providing speeds greater than 10Mbps/1 as suitable for 2019. The reality is a family of 4 with all family members getting online using multiple devices, streaming video and connecting home devices (smart thermostats, security cameras/sensors, appliances, etc) will need far more than even today's official definition of 25Mbps/3.

Throughout Grayson County's broadband assessment and planning we have excluded cellular and satellite when identifying unserved areas. We include only the services we consider "fixed" -- cable, DSL, fiber, fixed wireless. Cellular is certainly important to support mobility, however, this is an expensive option for families to use as their sole Internet access. Likewise, current satellite services are expensive (including data caps) include 'latency' in the communications which can impact many critical applications from executing properly making satellite services difficult for many people to use.

### **Definition of Broadband:**

Unserved – no fixed service or service 10Mbps/1 or less (No fixed service at all or likely DSL)

Underserved - Service >10Mbps/1 and <25Mbps/3 (Likely "improved" DSL or slow fixed wireless)

Served – 25Mbps/3 or greater (Cable/Fixed Wireless/Fiber)

(<25Mbps/3 on underserved and 25Mbps/3 or greater on served are not eligible for grant funding).

### **Grayson County's Broadband Initiative**

In 2018 Grayson County contracted Rural Broadband Consulting, LLC (RBBC) to perform a comprehensive assessment of broadband access throughout the County and make recommendations for how to improve services. The assessment was based on broadband as defined as 25Mbps/3 and considered all fixed access below that speed as "unserved".

Based on the 25Mbps/3 definition, data as of June 2017 (FCC data was corrected using citizen truth from the field) and additional data 57% of the County was unserved, 50+%

of the County's public safety facilities were unserved and when compared Grayson's neighbors, the County had the least connectivity in the region but certainly not the lowest spend in regards to schools/libraries.

Grayson County's beauty includes terrain that makes broadband expansion difficult and costly. The County has limited vertical assets which limits cellular coverage and limited commercial fiber (capacity). Additionally, population density is low - average density in Grayson is 21 per square mile.

The assessment included estimating broadband demand using the latest national research findings on home broadband adoption. This estimated residential demand was combined with local government needs to develop a demand driven geographically based phased plan. This phased plan provides the data the County needs to pursue grant opportunities, address the greatest demand early and leverage a portion of early revenues to offset the more costly expansion in lower demand areas. In late 2018, Grayson County published a Request for Proposals to identify a private fixed-wireless/fiber internet service provider partner. As a result of that process Grayson County partnered with Gigabeam Networks to expand broadband throughout the county.

#### **Broadband Coverage in Grayson County**

Broadband coverage data is reported by Internet service providers to the FCC bi-annually. Once the data is published by the FCC it is already over a year old due to the lengthy collection/processing time. The coverage data is overstated based on federal reporting rules. The entire nation has complained about the erroneous data as an entire census block may be marked as served even if only one address receives service. Census blocks are larger in rural areas therefore the least served areas are more overstated than urban areas. As mentioned previously, Grayson engaged their citizens to report what type of service they have and whether it was meeting their needs. This data allowed us to correct the overstated coverage.

The state of Virginia, and most federal broadband funding programs, will not award grants for broadband expansion in areas where service exists at speeds greater than 10Mbps/1. As such, the fixed coverage on the right and available below is filtered to only show service with speeds greater than 10Mbps/1.

#### **County Owned Facilities**

This interactive map displays Grayson County facilities including local government offices, fire and rescue stations, schools and libraries. Local government in every community is a large consumer of broadband bandwidth. Currently Grayson is like many rural communities and obtains Internet access for most facilities individually from incumbent providers.

Recommendations from the 2018 assessment included one for the County to consider constructing/leasing a fiber wide-area-network (WAN). A WAN would allow the County to aggregate local government demand across all facilities to lower costs and improve network management long term.

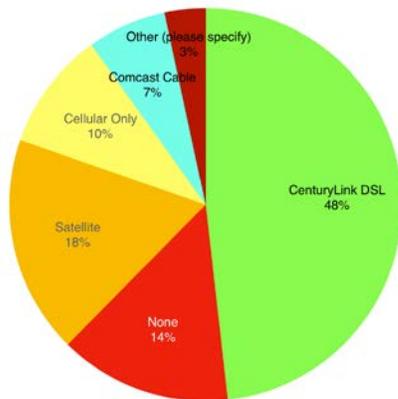


### Unmet Grayson Broadband Demand

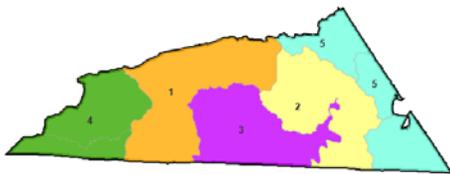
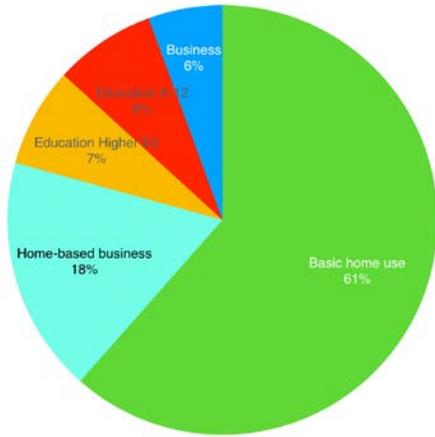
The initial map for this section displays the corrected fixed broadband coverage (greater than 10Mbps/1) and the residences (orange dots) and businesses (blue dots) in the County. Over 54% of Grayson County's residences and over 52% of businesses have no fixed broadband greater than 10Mbps/1. As identified during the 2018 assessment, over 50% of the County's public safety facilities (Fire/rescue) are unserved and the County is below national bandwidth standards at their schools and libraries and yet do not have the lowest broadband spend in the region.

Grayson County conducted a citizen survey (<-- please click this link - there is a Legend at top right on right panel). The survey was conducted in the summer of 2019 to document the residential and business broadband demand and to correct the overstated coverage. Grayson received 860 citizen responses which means the survey responses represent Grayson citizens with 95% (+/- 3.2%) accuracy!!

The majority of Grayson citizens depend on DSL for Internet access and in rural areas such as Grayson the distance constraints of DSL means very few people have broadband by any definition.



Grayson citizens primarily use the Internet for basic home needs with 18% running a home-based business and 15% needing access for education.



**Grayson\_Phases**

-  1
-  2
-  3
-  4
-  5
-  Other

As mentioned earlier, the assessment completed in 2018 segmented Grayson County geographically into phases based on total unmet broadband demand. The intent is to support the pursuit of public funding opportunities (grants) and build to demand. The interactive map to the right shows the phase areas.

Clicking any phase will provide the total estimated unserved residences, businesses and estimated take rate.

Due to Grayson's sparse population density and terrain, the County pursued finding a fixed wireless Internet service provider (WISP) partner. Fixed wireless technology has continued to advance and is capable of delivering fiber-like speeds in ideal conditions. Fixed wireless technology makes the business case for the more rural areas as it is a

lower cost of entry for broadband expansion. In late 2018 the County issued a request for proposals and as a result of that procurement process Grayson chose Gigabeam Networks as their partner.

While Grayson County was searching for a WISP partner, Appalachian Power Company (AEP/APCO) was wrapping up their Virginia state legislatively required broadband feasibility study. AEP reviewed broadband initiatives across the state and for multiple reasons selected Grayson for the location of their smartgrid fiber deployment pilot. Virginia has asked private power companies to conduct 1-2 pilots to leverage their smartgrid fiber for broadband expansion in unserved areas. AEP has submitted the required SCC filing and is awaiting a ruling on the pilot in Grayson. The AEP pilot has the potential to provide significant middle-mile fiber access to Gigabeam Networks which will allow Gigabeam to deliver fiber to the premise services as well as direct fiber connect fixed wireless services throughout Grayson's unserved areas. The following information is assuming the AEP pilot will be approved. If it is not approved, then all services will be wireless and estimates will have to be recalculated.



The following scenarios provide funding options for all unserved areas. These project areas attempt to follow the prioritized phases as much as makes sense with infrastructure deployment. The scenarios are mostly focused on Virginia state funding opportunities but could leverage federal funding programs such as the USDA ReConnect, Community Connect or the upcoming Rural Development Opportunity Fund program -- details on all federal broadband funding is available via Broadband USA's Funding online tool.

Scenarios 1-3 provide funding source options for all areas reported unserved by any provider at speeds greater than 10Mbps/1. Scenario 1 is our current plan -- Scenario 2 or 3 will only be pursued if the current VATI grant request is denied (decision due by end of 2019).

Scenario 4 is focused on the areas reported served by providers and then later identified as unserved based on citizen survey data. Since these "corrected, unserved" areas were reported served, it is recommended that these areas be funded using a portion of the broadband revenues with additional funding from Grayson / their private partner, if possible. Therefore, whether Scenario 1, 2 or 3 becomes the actual funding

arrangement, Scenario 4 will have to be included to fund the additional corrected unserved areas.

### SCENARIO 1(link available only in online story)

- TRRC 2018 grant (yellow polygon):(link available only in online story) ◦To be spent by spring 2021

- Summerfield area as initially that area will need to be all wireless and this grant was intended for wireless solution ■100% wireless service

- Includes: ■265 residences

- 41 businesses

VATI 2020 Grant Request (pink polygon)(link available only in online story) ◦Awards to be announced by end of 2019 or early 2020

- If awarded, must be spent within 12-18 months of contract sign (early 2021 at latest)

- All remaining Phase 1, 2, 3 and 5 areas not reported served by any providers with speeds greater than 10Mbps/1 ■Approximately 57% will be fiber service and 43% wireless

- Includes: ■2,648 residences

- 451 businesses

TRRC 2019 grant (purple polygon)(link available only in online story) ◦To be spent by spring 2022

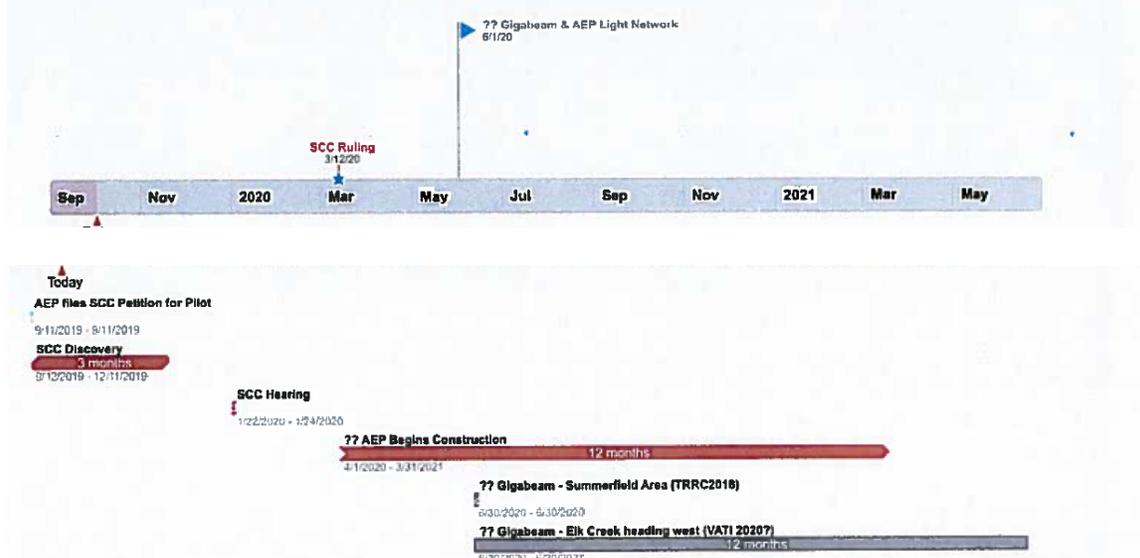
- Phase 4 area - western portion of Grayson ■Approximately 52% will be fiber service and 48% wireless

- Includes: ■931 residences

- 133 businesses

- The final corrected unserved areas will be addressed by Scenario 4.

## Grayson Broadband Funding Scenario 1 Timeline DRAFT





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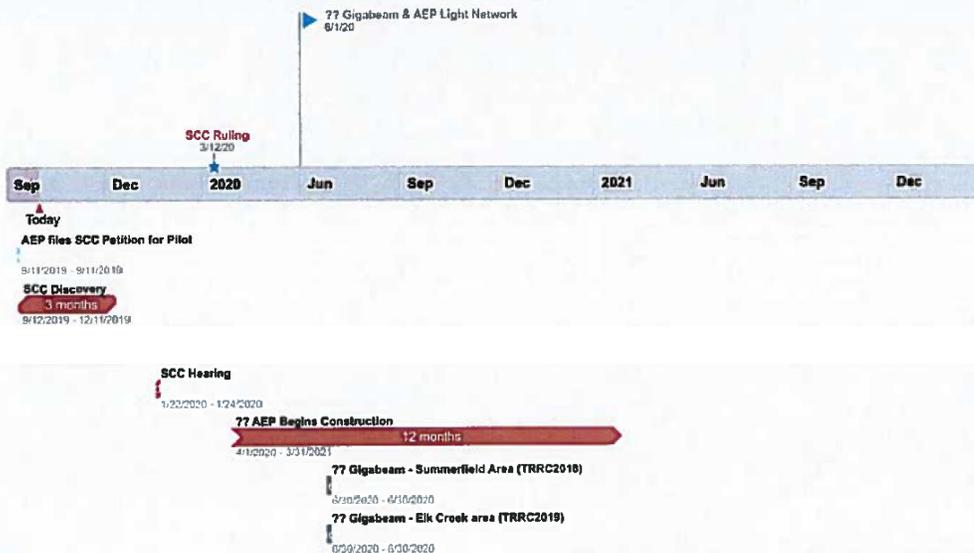
?? Gigabeam -  
Whistop area  
(TRRC 2019)  
6/1/2021 - 6/30/2021  
Corrected  
Unserviced Areas  
6/1/2021 - 6/1/2021

### SCENARIO 2 (link available only in online story)

- **TRRC 2018 grant (yellow polygon): (link available only in online story)**
  - Same as with Scenario 1 above
- **TRRC 2019 grant (purple polygon): (link available only in online story)**
  - Since this must be spent by spring 2022, we move this to Phase 1 area.
  - Elk Creek area moving west through Flatridge to Troutdale from Rt 21
    - Approximately 73% will be fiber service and 27% wireless
  - Includes:
    - 849 residences
    - 117 businesses
- **VATI 2021 Grant Request (pink polygon): (link available only in online story) (this grant request could be applied to a federal grant such as USDA as well)**
  - Request remaining unserved areas to be funded by 2021 VATI program -- application in fall 2020
  - If awarded, must be spent within 12-18 months (early 2022 at latest)
  - All remaining areas not reported served by any providers with speeds greater than 10Mbps/1
    - Approximately 50% will be fiber service and 50% wireless

- Includes:
  - 2,676 residences
  - 962 businesses
- The final corrected unserved areas will be addressed by Scenario 4

## Grayson Broadband Funding Scenario 2 Timeline DRAFT





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09/2020 - 03/2020

?? Gigabeam - Remaining Unserved Areas (VATI 2021/ federal funding in 2021)  
12 months  
1/15/2021 - 1/14/2022

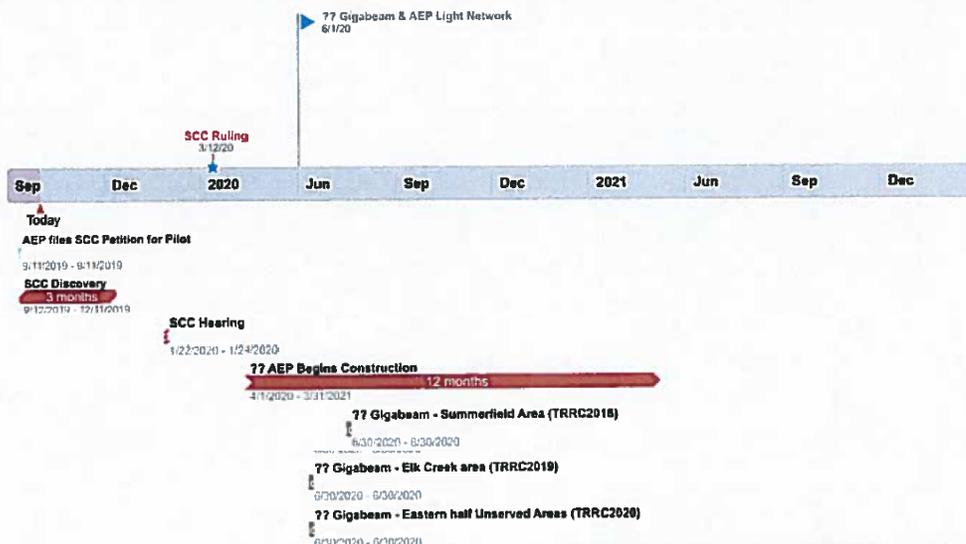
Corrected Unserved Areas

6/1/2021 - 6/1/2021

### SCENARIO 3 (link available only in online story)

- **TRRC 2018 grant (yellow polygon): (link available only in online story)**
  - Same as with Scenario 1 and 2 above
- **TRRC 2019 grant (purple polygon): (link available only in online story)**
  - Same as with Scenario 2 above
- **VATI 2021 Grant Request (pink polygon): (link available only in online story)**
  - Request funding from the 2021 VATI program -- application in fall 2020 (or some federal funding program)
  - If awarded, must be spent by early 2022 at latest
  - Western half of remaining unserved areas not reported served by any provider with speeds greater than 10Mbps/1
    - Approximately 50% will be fiber service and 50% wireless
  - Includes:
    - 1,753 residences
    - 289 businesses
- **TRRC 2020 grant (blue polygon): (link available only in online story)**
  - Request funding from the 2020 Last Mile program - application spring 2020
  - If awarded, must be spent by 2023
  - Eastern half of remaining unserved areas not reported served by any provider with speeds greater than 10Mbps/1
    - Approximately 55% will be fiber services and 45% wireless
  - Includes:
    - 982 residences
    - 188 businesses
- The final corrected unserved areas will be addressed by Scenario 4

## Grayson Broadband Funding Scenario 2 Timeline DRAFT





03/30/2020 - 07/30/2020

?? Gigabeam - Remaining Unserved Areas (VATI 2021/ federal funding in 2021)  
12 months  
11/6/2021 - 1/14/2022

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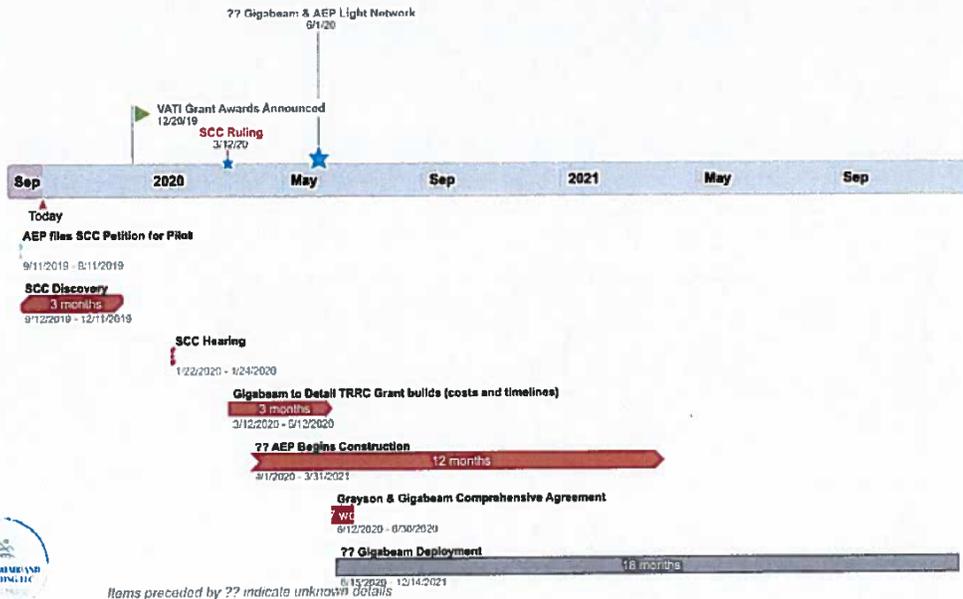
Corrected Unserved Areas  
6/1/2021 - 6/1/2021

### SCENARIO 4 (link available only in online story)

- The red polygons in the map for Scenario 4 are the areas that were reported served with speeds greater than 10Mbps/1 by providers. However, the citizen data indicate these areas are overstated and are NOT served.
- These areas are unserved but may be more challenging to obtain public funding as they are reported served. These areas may be funded by Grayson County and Gigabeam or they can pursue public funding but it will require additional effort to defend the citizen data.
- Approximately 50% will be fiber service and the other half wireless.
- Includes:
  - o 1,524 residences
  - o 230 businesses

## When Will Grayson Have Broadband?

### Grayson Broadband Timeline DRAFT



Items preceded by ?? indicate unknown details

# Everyone wants better broadband TODAY!

However, great developments take time and especially broadband that may include a very important national pilot program!

The timeline on the right is estimated based on what we know today and what we know must happen -- approvals, designs, detailed deployment plans, negotiations, funding and legal agreements. This timeline is assuming the current state VATI grant application is approved. If the VATI grant is not awarded then we must inject a few more tasks to finalize the funding plan and pursue alternate funding opportunities.

Broadband expansion done right takes time! Grayson County, AEP and Gigabeam are committed to providing services as soon as possible and we will try to keep this information updated to provide the latest as we move through the process.

IN RE: NEW BUSINESS  
- BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Crooked Road (no term)

- William Crawford – resigned effective 11/1/19; the Board will hold off on filling this position

Grayson County Senior Advocacy Committee – 2yr term

- Amelia Bland Waller – resigned effective 12/15/19  
Supervisor Fant noted that this position is still open; currently have five (5) members and really need a couple more

Planning Commission – 4yr term

- Robert Noblett – term expired 12/31/19 – would like to continue to serve  
Supervisor Fant made the motion to approve; duly seconded by Supervisor Revels. Motion carried 5-0.
- Robert J. Felicito – is interested in serving on the Planning Commission Board  
Supervisor Hash made the motion to approve the appointment; duly seconded by Supervisor Fant. Motion carried 5-0.

New River Highlands RC&D – 1yr term

- William Crawford – resigned effective 11/1/19 – term expires 12/31/19; the Board will hold off on filling this position

Twin County Free Clinic – 1yr term

- William L. Shepley – resigned his position

IN RE: SURPLUS – PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Shepley noted that the 1998 Jeep 4d that the cam bearings are gone & there is water in the oil; odometer is 153,300 and last four (4) of the vin are 3247. Supervisor Hash made the motion to approve for surplus; duly seconded by Supervisor Revels. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: EAGLE BOTTOM FAIR HOUSING PHASE II – FAIR HOUSING CERTIFICATION &  
RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT & RELOCATION PLAN

Mr. Shepley explained that we need a motion to appropriate the funds from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for the Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$523,200 to the Fiscal Year 2020 and Fiscal Year 2021 budgets, to be expended solely for the Eagle Bottom II Housing Project in the approved project area. Supervisor Hash made the motion; duly seconded by Supervisor Tom. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Fair Housing Certification**

#### **Compliance with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968**

**Whereas**, the Grayson County has been offered and intends to accept federal funds authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and

**Whereas**, recipients of funding under the Act are required to take action to affirmatively further fair housing;

**Therefore**, the County agrees to take at least one action to affirmatively further fair housing each grant year, during the life of its project funded with Community Development Block Grant funds. The action taken will be selected from a list provided by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Grayson County

### RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION PLAN

Grayson County will replace all occupied and vacant occupiable low/moderate-income dwelling units demolished or converted to a use other than as low/moderate-income dwelling unit as a direct result of activities assisted with funds provided under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. All replacement housing will be provided within three (3) years of the commencement of the demolition or rehabilitation relating to conversion.

Before obligating or expending funds that will directly result in such demolition or conversion, the County will make public and advise the state that it is undertaking such an activity and will submit to the state, in writing, information that identifies:

- (1) a description of the proposed assisted activity;
- (2) the general location on a map and approximate number of dwelling units by size (number of bedrooms) that will be demolished or converted to a use other than as low/moderate-income dwelling units as a direct result of the assisted activity;
- (3) a time schedule for the commencement and completion of the demolition or conversion;
- (4) the general location on a map and approximate number of dwelling units by size (number of bedrooms) that will be provided as replacement dwelling units;
- (5) the source of funding and a time schedule for the provision of replacement dwelling units;
- (6) the basis for concluding that each replacement dwelling unit will remain a low/moderate-income dwelling unit for at least 10 years from the date of initial occupancy; and
- (7) information demonstrating that any proposed replacement of dwelling units with smaller dwelling units is consistent with the housing needs of low- and moderate-income households in the jurisdiction.

Grayson County will provide relocation assistance to each low/moderate-income household displaced by the demolition of housing or by the direct result of assisted activities. Such assistance shall be that provided under Section 104 (d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, or the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

The FY 2020/21 project includes the following activities:

Eagle Bottom 2 Housing Project, through the use in whole or in part of Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Activities for the project include:

Rehabilitation of 4 LMI owner units, 2 LMI investor owned units, Substantial reconstruction of 3 owner units, Demolition of 3 vacant units and the clearance of all junk and debris

In all cases, an occupiable structure will be defined as a dwelling that meets local building codes or a dwelling that can be rehabilitated to meet code for \$25,000 or less.

County Administrator

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William L. Shepley

Date

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Adopted by Board of Supervisors

IN RE: RESOLUTION AND CODE OF CONDUCT FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Shepley read the Resolution (listed below) and explained this is to finish out the grant for the Sheriff's vehicles. Roll call vote as follows: Michael S. Hash – Aye; Brenda R. Sutherland – Aye; Thomas R. Revels – Aye; John S. Fant – Aye; Kenneth R. Belton – Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

## **RESOLUTION of the Board of Supervisors of Grayson County, Virginia**

The Governing Body of the Grayson County Board of Supervisors, consisting of five (5) members, at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 9th day of January 2020, at which a quorum was present **RESOLVED** as follows:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that in order to facilitate obtaining financial assistance from the United States of America, United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (the Government) in the development of Grant Funds to serve the community, the Governing Body does hereby adopt and abide by all covenants contained in the agreements, documents, and forms required by the Government to be executed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that either the County Administrator or the Deputy County Administrator of the County of Grayson be authorized to execute on behalf of the Grayson County Board of Supervisors, the above referenced agreements, documents, and forms and to execute such other documents including, but not limited to, debt instruments, security instruments, and/or grant agreements as may be required in obtaining the said financial assistance.

This Resolution is hereby entered into the permanent minutes of the meeting of the Grayson County Board of Supervisors.

County of Grayson

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kenneth R. Belton, Chair  
Grayson County Board of Supervisors

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
William L. Shepley, Clerk  
Grayson County Board of Supervisors

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Grayson County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting held on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
William L. Shepley, Clerk  
Grayson County Board of Supervisors

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

**No employee, officer or agent of the owner shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract as supported by Rural Housing Service funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved.**

**The above Code of Conduct was approved at a meeting held January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and \_\_\_\_\_ members of the Governing Body were present which represents a quorum. A vote was held on this resolution and the resolution was adopted by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas and \_\_\_\_\_ nays with \_\_\_\_\_ abstaining.**

**Grayson County Board of Supervisors**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, Title)

## IN RE: EQUAL TAXING AUTHORITY FOR COUNTIES

Mr. Shepley explained that VACo is asking the County boards to endorse by way of Resolution (listed below). Mr. Shepley read the Resolution. Supervisor Fant made the motion to approve; duly seconded by Supervisor Sutherland. Roll call vote as follows: Michael S. Hash – Aye; Brenda R. Sutherland – Aye; Thomas R. Revels – Aye; John S. Fant – Aye; Kenneth R. Belton – Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

### **RESOLUTION**

#### **IN SUPPORT FOR EQUAL TAXING AUTHORITY FOR VIRGINIA COUNTIES**

**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 the County of Grayson 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.

*Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020, in the County of Grayson, Virginia.*

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kenneth R. Belton, Chair  
Grayson County Board of Supervisors

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
William L. Shepley, Clerk  
Grayson County Board of Supervisors

IN RE: RESOLUTION – LEGISLATION IMPROVING LOCAL FISCAL IMPACT REVIEW  
PROCESS

Mr. Shepley explained this Resolution is in support of legislation to improve the process for review of legislation with local fiscal impact. Mr. Shepley then read the Resolution (listed below). Supervisor Revels made the motion to approve; duly seconded by Supervisor Hash. Roll call vote as follows: Michael S. Hash – Aye; Brenda R. Sutherland – Aye; Thomas R. Revels – Aye; John S. Fant – Aye; Kenneth R. Belton – Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

## **RESOLUTION**

### **IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE THE PROCESS FOR REVIEW OF LEGISLATION WITH LOCAL FISCAL IMPACT**

**WHEREAS**, each year the General Assembly considers thousands of pieces of legislation, many of which have a significant impact on local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the need for localities to have an opportunity to review and analyze legislation that may require additional expenditures of local funds or reduce local revenues, Virginia Code sets out a process for the Commission on Local Government to develop local fiscal impact statements for such bills, with the assistance of local volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, under the current process, the large volume of bills and the rapid pace of the legislative session limit the time that is available for the review of bills with implications for local government finances; and

**WHEREAS**, the local volunteers who assist with the fiscal impact review process take on this responsibility in addition to their regular duties, often during the same time as local budgets are being finalized; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to 2010, legislation that had a local fiscal impact was required to be introduced by the first day of the General Assembly session, which allowed some additional time for the legislation to be reviewed by the Commission on Local Government and local staff, but this requirement was eliminated in the 2010 session, compressing the opportunity for review of legislation in subsequent General Assembly sessions; and

**WHEREAS**, additional time to review legislation would allow for a more thorough understanding of the potential ramifications of bills affecting local finances; and **WHEREAS**, a robust analysis of legislation affecting local governments benefits policymakers, as localities work in partnership with the state to deliver critical services to Virginia residents.

**Now, therefore**, be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Grayson expresses its support for legislation that would provide additional time for review and analysis of legislation with a fiscal impact on localities, as well as direct further consideration of additional ways to improve the review process.

***Adopted this 9th day of January 9th, 2020 in the County of Grayson, Virginia.***

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Kenneth R. Belton, Chair  
Grayson County Board of Supervisors

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

William L. Shepley, Clerk  
Grayson County Board of Supervisors

IN RE: RESOLUTION – APPALACHIAN CENTER FOR HOPE

Mrs. Shepley read the Resolution (listed below). Supervisor Fant made the motion to approve; duly seconded by Supervisor Sutherland. Roll call vote as follows: Roll call vote as follows: Michael S. Hash – Aye; Brenda R. Sutherland – Aye; Thomas R. Revels – Aye; John S. Fant – Aye; Kenneth R. Belton – Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

## **RESOLUTION**

### **OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPALACHIAN CENTER OF HOPE**

**WHEREAS**, the Grayson County Board of Supervisors recognizes there is a need for mental health and substance abuse treatment facilities to be located in Southwest Virginia to serve our residents; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an existing facility located on the grounds of Southwest Virginia Mental Health Institute, Marion, Virginia, that could be utilized for a Women’s Residential Treatment Facility to aid in providing services to assist in helping women stay clean and sober; and

**WHEREAS**, communication has occurred between the Commonwealth of Virginia and interested parties from Smyth County to lease said building, as a budget neutral lease for three (3) years, requesting all repairs and renovations be made by the Commonwealth before entering into such a lease; and with the understanding should the programs not be successful, the building will remain as property of SWVMHI; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Grayson County Board of Supervisors hereby requests that the Commonwealth of Virginia work with Smyth County to establish a residential treatment facility that would be open to serve all residents of Southwest Virginia.

*Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020 in the County of Grayson, Virginia.*

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kenneth R. Belton, Chair  
Grayson County Board of Supervisors

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
William L. Shepley, Clerk  
Grayson County Board of Supervisors

IN RE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

William L. Shepley gave the following report:

- Showed the commercial that staff has worked on for our Facebook page and potentially used on television
- Reminded everyone that the mailings for Census2020 will be going out to everyone in the county and it's very important that everyone participate and fill one out. We need to be able to count everyone in the county so we can receive the maximum amount of reimbursement. Census2020 is looking for workers and you can apply online at [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs). They are paying \$14.50/hr. and \$.58/mile. It will be in the papers again and we will place it on the County Facebook page.

IN RE: INFORMATION ITEMS

As presented

IN RE: REGISTERED SPEAKERS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IN RE: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' TIME

None

IN RE: CLOSED SESSION

Supervisor Revels made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia to discuss personnel matter and §2.2-3711(A)(5) discussions relating to prospective business or industry or expansion of an existing business or industry; duly seconded by Supervisor Hash. Motion carried 5-0.

Whereas, the Grayson County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed session on this 9th day of January 2020, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

Whereas, §2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board of Supervisors that such closed session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (I) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed session to which this certification resolution applies, and (II) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors with recorded confirmation from members as follows: Michael S. Hash – I so certify; Thomas R. Revels – I so certify; Kenneth R. Belton – I so certify; John S. Fant – I so certify; Brenda R. Sutherland – I so certify.

IN RE: ADJOURN MEETING

Supervisor Hash made the motion to adjourn; duly seconded by Supervisor Revels. Motion carried 5-0.