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Virginia:

AT A REGULAR MEETING of the Nelson County Board of Supervisors at 2:00 p.m. in the General District Courtroom located on the third floor of the Nelson County Courthouse, in Lovingston Virginia.

Present: Allen M. Hale, East District Supervisor – Chair
Constance Brennan, Central District Supervisor
Thomas H. Bruguere, Jr. West District Supervisor
Larry D. Saunders, South District Supervisor
Thomas D. Harvey, North District Supervisor – Vice Chair
Stephen A. Carter, County Administrator
Candice W. McGarry, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk
Debra K. McCann, Director of Finance and Human Resources
Grant Massie, Solid Waste & Recycling Coordinator

Absent: None

I. Call to Order

Mr. Hale called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM, with all Supervisors present to establish a quorum.

- A. Moment of Silence
- B. Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Bruguere led the pledge of Allegiance

II. Presentation of Rings – NCHS Senior FFA Forestry Team

Mr. Hale then acknowledged the attendance of the Nelson County High School Senior FFA Forestry Team and presented the rings to the following recipients:

Kelsy Fitzgerald, Ruth Fitzgerald, Jacob Phillips, Stephen Tyree, and Advisor Ed McCann

Mr. Hale then noted that while he did not know their parents, he thought their parents should get a little bit of credit for their accomplishment as well. He added that the Board was very proud and they had done a spectacular job.

Mr. Harvey noted he had watched their competition live on TV and he was impressed. He noted that there were 64,000 attendees and it was a tremendous competition. He commended those that had won first place in the nation and noted it was incredible. He added that the Board was very proud of their hard work, he hoped they could continue to provide the things they needed, and they could continue Mr. McCann's track record.

Pictures were taken, the FFA members and Mr. McCann thanked the Board for their continued support, and then the FFA Members distributed gifts to the Board and staff.

III. Consent Agenda

Mr. Hale noted the items for consideration on the consent agenda. He specifically noted resolution **R2016-72** Confirmation of Local Emergency Declaration and explained that during the dry spell and fires, outside burning was prohibited and the resolution also removed the burn ban. Mr. Bruguiera commented that perhaps in hindsight, they put the burn ban on too late; however it was necessary.

Mr. Hale agreed and Ms. Brennan moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Saunders seconded the motion and there being no further discussion, Supervisors voted unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote to approve the motion and the following resolutions were adopted:

A. Resolution – **R2016-68** Approval of Minutes (Deferred from 11/8)

**RESOLUTION R2016-68
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
(September 13, 2016 & October 11, 2016)**

RESOLVED, by the Nelson County Board of Supervisors that the minutes of said Board meetings conducted on **September 13, 2016 & October 11, 2016** be and hereby are approved and authorized for entry into the official record of the Board of Supervisors meetings.

B. Resolution – **R2016-71** Approval of Minutes

**RESOLUTION R2016-71
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
(November 8, 2016)**

RESOLVED, by the Nelson County Board of Supervisors that the minutes of said Board meeting conducted on **November 8, 2016** be and hereby are approved and authorized for entry into the official record of the Board of Supervisors meetings.

C. Resolution – **R2016-72** Confirmation of Local Emergency Declaration

**RESOLUTION R2016-72
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CONFIRMATION OF DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
(NOVEMBER 21, 2016)**

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WHEREAS, Pursuant to §44-146.21 and §15.2-922.1 of the State Code of Virginia 1950 as Amended, a local state of emergency and ban on open air outdoor burning in Nelson County was declared on November 21, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the local state of emergency and ban on open air outdoor burning in Nelson County was precipitated by dangerously dry conditions throughout the county that were favorable for rapid fire spread due to the lack of measurable rainfall; as well as the existence of the Eades Hollow fire already consuming fire and rescue resources; and

WHEREAS, due to recent rains and the forecast for periodic rainfall since November 25, 2016 that has decreased the fire risk; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Forestry recommends that the ban on open air outdoor burning be lifted in concert with other surrounding areas and the Shenandoah National Park Service; and the Board, in its judgement, has deemed that all necessary emergency actions have been taken,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Nelson County Board of Supervisors does hereby confirm the declaration of local emergency made on November 21, 2016 and hereby directs that the ban on open air outdoor burning be lifted effective immediately.

D. Resolution – **R2016-73** FY17 Budget Amendment

RESOLUTION R2016-73
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AMENDMENT OF FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 BUDGET
NELSON COUNTY, VA
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BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Nelson County that the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget be hereby amended as follows:

I. Appropriation of Funds (General Fund)

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Revenue Account</u>	<u>Expenditure Account</u>
\$88,950.00	3-100-001901-0056	4-100-032030-7007
\$5,000.00	3-100-001899-0031	4-100-091050-7150
\$23,788.00	3-100-002404-0009	4-100-091050-7150
<u>\$8,992.00</u>	3-100-009999-0009	4-100-021040-3025
\$126,730.00		

IV. Public Comments and Presentations

A. Public Comments

Mr. Hale invited the public to comment on any topic; to limit their remarks to 2-3 minutes, and to state their name and address. He noted that comments could be on any agenda items since there were no public hearings to be conducted. The following persons were then recognized to speak:

1. Thomas Nelson, Roseland

Mr. Nelson referenced the proposed resolution **R2016-75** that recommended to reduce the speed limit near Mac's Market in Roseland. He noted that the citizens there were concerned about speeding and that he was requesting to lower the speed limit in the named area. He added that there may be increased traffic at Mac's because of the Piney River store shutting down. He advised that the request would extend the 45 mph speed limit by .7 miles. He then asked the Board to endorse the effort and noted that he disagreed with using how many people were hurt or killed to analyze this need. He added that the roads belonged to the citizens and 45 mph was a common reduced speed in the area. Mr. Nelson then noted he understood this was VDOT's decision and he reiterated that this was a safety issue.

2. David Hight, Roseland

Mr. Hight commended and thanked the Board for the improvements to Tan Yard Road in Roseland. He then noted that VDOT had lowered the speed on Route 151 in Amherst County from 55 mph to 45 mph at an intersection that only had 120 cars per day. He noted that the Lane Ford Bridge intersection in Roseland had 1,200 cars per day going west by Mac's Market and 1,600 cars per day on Route 151. Mr. Hight then described being passed by speeding vehicles. He added that the request would extend the existing 45 mph zone through the Lane Ford Bridge intersection for .7 miles. He noted that the time lost in doing this was 11 seconds. Mr. Hight reiterated that he used the intersection every day and he thought it was a matter of safety first. He added that the roads belonged to the citizens and safety outweighed the need to get somewhere in a hurry. He then asked the Board to endorse the proposed resolution to be considered later in the meeting.

3. Kathryn Walsh, Afton

Ms. Walsh noted that she was speaking on the issue of the Rockfish reuse shed closure and that she represented the Rockfish Valley Community Center. She noted that the RVCC staff was not opposed to the reuse shed. She noted that the amount of donations at the Treasure Chest was more than they could handle or needed and so they brought stuff down to the shed. She noted that those items were now going into the dumpster and then to the landfill; which she noted to be ridiculous when so many benefitted from it. She added that they did not care what was done with the items taken as long as they were kept out of the landfill.

4. Victoria Jenkins, Afton

Ms. Jenkins distributed a list of bullet points regarding the closure of the re-use shed. She noted that a petition was going around to keep the shed open. She then noted that the point she wanted to make was that there were no clear lines at the site directing people on where to go. She added that there were none related to the shed posted and the reuse shed guidelines were unclear and led to the abuse issues that Mr. Carter had cited. She then proposed that the guidelines be rewritten and that staff be on board with them. She reiterated that distinctive lines were needed at the site to address the safety issue. She then showed a photo of the site; showing no lines, no pedestrian pathways, or loading zones noted. Ms. Jenkins then noted that there were also no clear rules posted regarding children on the site. Ms. Jenkins also noted that the community's passion was about the magic of the shed and she was passionate for the whole community. She said that passion was evidenced by the 300 signatures gotten in 4 hours. She then asked the Board to look at the whole issue from a community standpoint and to consider creating a community action group to keep the shed moving forward. She added that she wanted to help the Board to help them. In conclusion, Ms. Jenkins noted that she appreciated the shed being there for 10 years and did not understand why it had to close now. She added that they should focus on creating lines at the site.

5. Virginia Dawes, Afton

Ms. Dawes noted that she supported reopening the shed. She noted that she was disappointed that it was shut down without any announcement or feedback from the community that used it. She added that it was a wonderful thing and served a great purpose; noting that 400 petition signatures was a drop in the bucket of those that supported the shed. Ms. Dawes then stated she supported a community action group to find out how to improve it. She then noted she also did not care who took the stuff out of the shed or what they did with it as long as it was not being landfilled and they were not paying tax dollars for it. She added that she wanted community involvement in the decisions and it was her understanding that the shed was bought with grant funds and she wanted that to be upheld.

6. Anne Brudenell, Afton

Ms. Brudenell noted that she had investigated the reuse shed and she appreciated what has been considered. She noted that she could see there have been problems; however they should not punish everyone for the actions of a few. She then asked the Board to consider those that did use it and asked them to not go along with the few complaining. Ms. Brudenell then stated that she appreciated the Board's mission statement language that included citizens participating in their governance. She noted that it was common sense not to throw stuff away that could be reused and the logistics of making it work was what needed to be worked on; as their mission should be keeping stuff out of the landfill. Ms. Brudenell noted that the reuse shed had made many people happy and she noted that she had volunteered at the Treasure Chest for years. She added that Treasure Chest staff supported

those bringing items there and she would be happy to donate time to help the convenience center staff. She noted that she thought the reuse staff should have first crack at items that came in. She questioned whether or not the convenience center staff were empowered to handle people abusing it. She concluded by noting that she appreciated what the Board does and they should consider helping them out.

7. Irene Thompson, Nellysford

Ms. Thompson noted being unhappy with the closing of the reuse shed by email. She also noted that guardians should be responsible for their children. They then questioned if there were problems with the sheds at other sites and noted that they thought the problem was with the convenience center attendants at Rockfish. She noted that the site Attendants had told her that they had to clean the shed out and that was not part of their job. She noted that the phone calls received by the County were made from one or two of the Attendants that worked there and wanted it closed. She added that her impression was that they did not want to have to deal with it. She noted that the Attendants have been seen taking things home and she was not sure that was right or wrong and she was not sure they should be doing it. Ms. Thompson then noted that people were able to get nice clean clothes for their children there. She did say that people should not put trashy stuff in the shed and that if one shed was closed, they should all be closed. She concluded by stating that the shed served the community well and she asked the Board not to close it.

8. Citizen residing at 21 Black Walnut LN, Nellysford

The citizen stated that he had heard from the site Attendants that they did not want the shed there and they just sat in the building and worked the compactors. He noted he had observed that they were throwing things from the shed into the dumpster and cleaning it out when he thought it should be left in there for the next day.

9. Fred Terry, Roseland

Mr. Terry noted that he had gotten all kinds of stuff from the reuse shed; but mainly books. He noted that a site Attendant had told him that they did not want the shed there because it was too much work and dealing with it was not in his job description. He stated that the County should replace those that did not want to do the job. He added that he thought there should be signage regarding children and about specific items that were not to be left there. Mr. Terry then noted that he had gathered that the attendants were not being supervised properly and their work was not seen. He concluded by noting that they needed to keep the reuse shed as it was a big asset to the county.

10. Ron Cote, Nellysford

Mr. Cote noted he used the reuse shed regularly and had both brought and taken things from there. He added that he thought the world was supposed to be moving in the direction of

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being green and he cited the ideology of reuse, repurpose, recycle, and lastly landfill. He noted he thought it was a mistake to close the shed and that the issues could be worked out. He added that he had never seen more than two cars on a line or kids running around at the site. He noted that those issues may exist but they were very minor and could be worked through in order to make the site safe and the reuse shed kept open. He concluded by reiterating the shed had been helpful to him and others and he suggested that the County work through the issues and find solutions to keep it open.

11. Susan McSwain, Shipman

Ms. McSwain stated that closing the shed was not solution and the problems should be solved. She then distributed and read aloud the following comments:

All of you have the greatest job, and also the worst job -local government! All kinds of issues come your way in a never-ending stream, but good governance requires that you listen to feedback from citizens, especially when citizens have specialized knowledge about a given topic. I hope my comments will be of use to you.

I agree there are problems with the Rockfish Re-use Shed, but closing it is not the solution. Solving the problems is the solution. In the 1990s, the County had 21 drop-off sites for garbage. People used to leave items on the ground that were "too good to throw away." This was done as an act of charity. When the system of staffed sites was approved, I heard a variety of skeptical comments from the public. Primarily, there was fear that roadside dumping would increase, but another major concern was anger that people would no longer have a way to leave things out for other people.

When Rockfish opened in 2005, people began leaving items on the ground near the entrance gate. I remember arriving at Rockfish one afternoon to find an antique, foot pedal Singer sewing machine that had been left there. Sending items like that sewing machine to the landfill would have been wrong. We live in a throw-away society, with grave consequences for the Earth, our one and only home.

As the County's first Solid Waste & Recycling Coordinator, I began researching options that would allow Re-Use to become an effective, cost-saving part of the County's waste reduction efforts. People's aversion to wastefulness should be accommodated! Most programs I researched were too cumbersome to apply here, but the nation-wide movement known as "Free-cycle" offered solutions that could be applied in staffed Collection Centers.

I asked Keep Nelson Beautiful members if they would be willing to dedicate DEQ grant money that we had at our disposal to purchase a Re-Use Shed. My request was approved unanimously.

Next I spoke with the manager of the thrift shop in the Rockfish Community Center. It was important that the Re-Use Shed not be seen as a competitor for the thrift shop. I also discussed the concept of the Shed with the attendants at Rockfish. Every attendant thought

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the Shed was a good idea. They did not like telling citizens to throw useful items into the trash, and in fact, even felt it was wrong to do so.

Lastly, I asked the BOS for permission to place a Shed at Rockfish. The Shed was so popular with the public that Sheds were installed at the other three staffed Collection Centers when they were built. At Montebello, materials and labor to construct a Re-use Shed were provided by volunteers, who also manage the Shed.

Before disposal, the priority for handling waste is Reduce, Re-Use, & Recycle- in that order! Every year when I filled out the report to apply for DEQ's "Litter & Recycling" grant, it bothered me that Re-Use was completely ignored. I felt that Nelson County should get credit for its efforts. I attended all of the regional waste and recycling meetings to promote allotting credit to localities with Re-Use programs. I am proud of the role I played in helping convince DEQ to amend their application form to include Reuse.

So what is the story today? Problems with the Re-Use Shed at Rockfish have been allowed to escalate to an unacceptable level. However, I feel that the Re-Use Shed is merely the most visible of the problems we face with our solid waste program.

Solid waste is one of the most basic services provided by the County to its citizens. It is also one of the most expensive. The County is being foolish in its failure to hire a qualified employee whose time is dedicated solely to solid waste. One result is that the highest paid County employee has to expend time handling issues that could -and should -be handled by a lower paid employee.

While serving in my County job, there is no way I could have managed the Collection Centers if the bulk of my hours had been spent working for another department. It is well past time for the County to drop the charade that an employee hired to work part-time in another unrelated department can also oversee the Collection Centers. This is not fair to the employee, to the public, or to the attendants.

I request that you delay any decision to close the Re-Use Shed, and instead reinstate a citizen advisory council to look at solutions. After the demise of KNB, a solid waste committee was supposed to be formed. That has not happened. With 300 signatures on the petition presented, I am certain that several talented individuals can be found to serve on the new council. I will be first in line to volunteer. Regarding solid waste, you have already done the hard part! You faced public opposition when you closed unstaffed drop-off sites. You spent nearly \$3 million* and developed one of the premiere waste and recycling programs in VA. Please don't let the high quality service that has been established slide downhill due to lack of adequate attention and supervision. I have faith that a joint effort between you and a dedicated council of volunteer citizens can solve the Re-Use Shed issue.

By the way, I got the skirt I am wearing in the Rockfish Re-Use Shed. Also, my necklace is the one given to me by you when I left my County job. It is made from aluminum flip tops

that have been sewn together to create a lovely piece of jewelry. It is a Re-Use necklace, and I wear it today with pride.

12. Eleanor Amidon, Afton

Ms. Amidon noted she was glad that the reuse shed issues had been brought to light. She stated that she loved the reuse shed and the problems needed to be solved. She added that reducing waste going to the landfill was the logical thing to do and she asked the Board to keep the reuse shed open.

13. Lee Diehl, Nellysford

Mr. Diehl noted that there would always be problem people to deal with. He noted that he had a box of toys in his pantry to bring to the reuse shed this time of year and there were children that would've gotten those that now won't this year. He added that children learned the importance of recycling at the reuse shed and he has found great books there. He added that he thought the Board listened to the community and also needed to stand up to the problem of outside businesses taking their land away as with the Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

There being no other persons wishing to be recognized, the public comments session was closed.

B. Presentation – Clerk of Circuit Court (L. Bryant)

Ms. Bryant thanked the Board for the invitation to speak and noted that they had hired a new person to replace her and everyone was training and cross training. She noted that the biggest factor in her office was the construction and they were being accommodating to the public. She noted it to be a time of transition that would result in a new space for which she thanked the Board. Mr. Saunders then thanked all of the staff for working around the construction; which had saved the County a lot of money.

C. Presentation - Blue Ridge Medical Center (P. Whitehead)

Ms. Peggy Whitehead presented the following:

She noted that she would discuss: services and programs, updates, and the current health care environment and what it meant for health centers.

For more than 50 years, health centers have provided comprehensive, culturally competent quality primary health care to medically underserved communities & vulnerable populations.

Fundamentals: Located in high need communities, governed by a volunteer community board; 51% patients, comprehensive care available to all with fees adjusted

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based on ability to pay, and meet very specific performance and accountability requirements

Ms. Whitehead noted that BRMC was one of 1500 Community Healthcare facilities in the US and they offered a sliding fee scale to those at or above 200% of the federal poverty level. Ms. Whitehead then showed a map of Virginia and the locations of thirty community healthcare facilities.

Ms. Whitehead then showed pictures of the Blue Ridge Medical Center as it has progressed from it beginning in 1985 to its current state.

Ms. Whitehead noted that they provided the following Services and Programs:

Primary Care

- Family Practice
- Pediatrics

Behavioral Health

Dentistry

Pharmacy

Physical Therapy

X-ray

Lab

School Nursing

Community-based services Mobile Clinic

- Health Depots
- Home Visits

Case Management

Medication Assistance Program

Health Education Groups

Transportation

Latino Outreach Program

- Interpretation
- Community Health Promoters

Ms. Whitehead noted that the Medication Assistance Program assists low income patients and the uninsured such that they pay \$3.97 for a 90 day supply of medications. She then noted that the Nelson Neighbors organization helped with transportation.

Ms. Whitehead noted the following provider staff at BRMC:

- Pediatrics: Dr. Hurst, Dr. DeWitt, and joining the staff in January Allison Robertson, FNP

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- Family Practice Physicians: Emily Edwards, DO, and Charles Haden, MD
- Family Practice Nurse Practitioners: Lois Alderfer, Steve Alderfer, Heidi Kelly, Ben Nissley, and Petheree Nissley
- Dentistry: Aba Mills-Robertson, DDS, Halcyon Innis, DDS, and Christie Hope, RDH
- Behavioral Health: Ken Fore, MD, Ralph Chester, MD, Heather Keyes, LCSW
- Physical Therapy: Janet Ngai, PT

Ms. Whitehead added that they had two behavioral health nurses working alongside the others in order to provide integrative care.

Ms. Whitehead then noted those working in the School Nursing Program:

- Director of School Nursing: Peggy Swan, RN
- Nelson County High School: Kimberly Duff
- Nelson Middle School: Lindsay Phillips
- Tye River Elementary School: Dianne Rasile, RN
- Rockfish River Elementary School: Cindy Lachance, RN
- Substitute Nurse: Courtney Downs, RN

Ms. Whitehead then discussed their required measuring and reporting of quality of care using the following metrics and showing the following data:

- Uniform Data System (UDS)
 - Demographic data
 - Clinical measures
 - Financial data

Ms. Whitehead emphasized that they worked hard to improve things and had a committee that analyzed things in order to make improvements. She added that electronic health records had really changed things and they were working to make those processes easier for providers.

- Improvement Cycles
- Meaningful use of Electronic Health Records
- Patient Centered Medical Home
- Healthcare Effectiveness Data and information Set (HEDIS)

Ms. Whitehead reported that BRMC was at a Level 3; which was the highest they could be, they were highly accredited, and had maintained it for a long time.

Ms. Whitehead then discussed how BRMC was funded (2015 numbers) as follows:

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2015 Revenues:

Net Patient Service Revenue (35%)	\$2,422,972
Net Pharmacy Revenue (24%)	\$1,648,844
*Federal Grants (28%)	\$1,966,986
Other Grants (8%)	\$ 531,828
Contributions/Special Events (4%)	\$ 296,186
Other Revenue (1%)	<u>\$ 86,479</u>
	\$ 6,953,295

* Ms. Whitehead noted that Federal Grants were currently 20% of the total

Ms. Whitehead then discussed 2015 BRMC expenditures as follows:

2015 Expenses:

Medical Care (36%)	\$ 2,521,204
Pharmacy Services (8%)	\$ 521,744
Case Management (0%)	\$ 28,901
Medical Records (3%)	\$ 203,397
Dental Care (6%)	\$ 395,806
Lab and X-ray (3%)	\$ 207,129
Behavioral Health (3%)	\$ 190,466
Outreach & Transportation (1%)	\$ 80,305
Facility Costs (8%)	\$ 576,807
*Patient Enabling services (13%)	\$ 896,915
Supporting Services (19%)	<u>\$ 1,292,484</u>
	\$ 6,915,158

*Includes interpreting and transportation services

Ms. Whitehead then noted the following with regards to the patients they serve:

- In 2015, 8,687 people from Nelson and Amherst Counties and other places within a 100 mile radius of the center
- 38.7% commercially insured, 24.3% Medicaid & CHIP, 17.1% Medicare, and 19.9% uninsured
- 3,180 pediatric patients (0-18)
- 1,211 people 65 and over
- 427 with a first language other than English
- 3,225 people at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, FPL (37.1%)

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Ms. Whitehead added that the number of uninsured had gone down because of the Affordable Care Act and that those who were at or below 200% of the FPL qualified for sliding scale services.

Ms. Whitehead then noted they were preparing for the future by:

- Actively preparing ourselves for a value based payment world and the unknowns with repeal and replace.
- Maintaining a high quality of service.
- Prioritizing the patient experience at BRMC
- Recruitment and retention of quality staff
- Recruitment and retention of quality Board members
- Increased utilization of telehealth services.
- Monitoring the needs of the population in our service area
- Collaborating with other health and human service providers

Ms. Whitehead added that they were subject to pay for performance with health outcomes being the priority. She noted that they had one more position to fill and then they would be fully staffed.

Ms. Whitehead then described how BRMC was partnering with Region Ten CSB and Horizon Behavioral Health as follows:

- Putting a primary care provider at the Nelson Counseling Center
- Network formed including BRMC, Region Ten CSB, and Horizon Behavioral Health to improve patient outcomes through integrated care
- Appropriate health information exchange designed to improve health outcomes and prepare for a value based payment world.

In conclusion, Ms. Whitehead noted that she would be retiring in October and they were working through a succession plan for a smooth process. She noted that the job advertisement would come out in January, they would get resumes, would conduct interviews in the first quarter of the year, and would offer the position in April. She added that she would stay on and do grant writing.

In response to questions, Ms. Whitehead noted it was not good news when Centra built in Amherst; however they remain friends with them and will work to collaborate with them. She noted that she felt like it was a competitive world and they would work hard to keep patients and to improve the patient experience. She noted that they needed to get to a point where they had 10,000 active patients by the end of 2017 or they would lose some grant funding. She then noted she was not sure what would happen with federal funding when the

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new federal administration took over; noting they had enjoyed bipartisan support in Congress and were not expecting it to change.

D. Presentation - Virginia Department of Forestry (M. Warring)

Martha Warring, noted that she was the Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) Forester in Nelson County and she also assisted in Amherst and Campbell Counties. She added that VDOF was now operating on a work area basis instead of a county basis. She noted that they had fewer people but were able to pull from other areas as needed.

Ms. Warring then updated the Board on the Eades Hollow fire. She reported that the fire had started on November 20, 2016 at around 7 pm below a cabin on the northeast side of Eades Lane. She noted that the Mt. Pleasant fire was already going and resources were tied up there at the time. She advised that they assessed the fire at that point and made an effort to control it but they were unable to do that and tried again the following day. She noted that more help was able to come in with equipment then.

Ms. Warring noted that the total area burned on November 26, 2016 was 1,614 acres. She added that VDOF has a GIS specialist and they had the best maps of the fire. She noted they protected 27 homes valued at \$2 Million, including Virginia Distillery and 47 other structures. She noted that the fire was contained on November 25, 2016, which took 118 hours of a tractor plow, 40 hours of ATVs, and 2,429 man hours to get it under control. She noted it was not cheap to suppress, they did not use air support which runs up costs, and it cost \$60,000 to get it under control. Ms. Warring noted that they could not have done that without the help of Nelson County. She added that they really appreciated the support, food, water etc. brought out to support them - it made their jobs easier and she thanked everyone in Nelson.

Mr. Harvey asked about the new procedure with VDOF and Ms. Warring noted that it depended upon the area burning and the weather at the time. She noted that the night the fire started, the conditions were such that they could back off of the fire to attack it the next day in the daylight. She noted that they used maps etc. to find natural barriers to fight the fires. She added that they used those and it was one reason the fire got so large and she noted that the fire crossed them at times because of the low humidity. She then noted that every so often they have a large fire like this and there was nowhere to stop it in the terrain they were in.

Mr. Harvey asked how many volunteers were used on the fire and Ms. Warring noted she was not sure. She added that the part time fire fighters numbered 30-40 and all of the Fire Departments were there except Gladstone and Montebello. Mr. Harvey asked if their philosophy was now to burn underbrush and Ms. Warring noted it was not with VDOF, they wanted to put fires out in the safest way possible in order to protect people and property.

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Ms. Warring noted that the County Dispatchers got many calls and it was a frightening sight to see the fire come over the mountain; but they were confident they would get it out.

It was noted that the farthest away crew was from Pulaski County. Mr. Harvey noted it was certainly a positive that no structures or lives were lost. Ms. Warring noted that they did have to take a firefighter over to Blue Ridge Medical Center to have an ankle checked out.

The Board then thanked Ms. Warring for her report.

1. Resolution of Appreciation for Local Fire Response (R2016-74)

Mr. Hale noted the resolution for consideration and Mr. Saunders moved to approve resolution **R2016-74** and Mr. Bruguire seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Supervisors voted unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote to approve the motion and the resolution was adopted. Thereafter, Mr. Hale read the following resolution aloud:

**RESOLUTION R2016-74
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APPRECIATION OF LOCAL FIRE RESPONSE**

WHEREAS, the Eades Hollow fire near Lovington began Sunday, November 20, 2016, was active through the Thanksgiving Holiday; burning approximately 1,600 acres, and was declared fully contained thereafter in late afternoon on Friday, November 25, 2016; and

WHEREAS, local, regional, and state fire agencies, local emergency services agencies, and County EMS and law enforcement departments worked tirelessly throughout the incident inclusive of the Thanksgiving Holiday to ensure no loss of life or property,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Nelson County Board of Supervisors that the members of the following agencies/departments are hereby commended for their exemplary and selfless dedication during the Eades Hollow fire incident:

Piney River Fire Department
Faber Fire Department
Rockfish Valley Fire Department
Wintergreen Fire Rescue
Gladstone Fire Department
Rockfish Valley Rescue Squad
Roseland Rescue Squad
Nelson County Emergency Communications Center
Nelson County EMS
Nelson County Sheriff's Office
Nelson County Emergency Management
North Garden Fire Department

Virginia Department of Forestry

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Nelson County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes and greatly appreciates the overwhelming generosity of many citizens, businesses, and community organizations that contributed food, water, other provisions, and moral support for those working this incident.

E. VDOT Report

Mr. Don Austin reported that the widening of Tan Yard Road had been done and he was not sure of the final cost of the project. He then reported that the Lovington sidewalk project was in the design process and would be advertised for construction in March. He then noted that they were looking at the design for the Route 664 turn lane and Route 635 in Colleen. Mr. Austin noted that the Route 151 turn lane projects were moving forward to construction next year. He then reported that there would be an upcoming meeting about the traffic light installation at the intersection of Route 151 and Route 250 and that they were anticipating temporary installation there by March. He noted that the overall final improvement would be requested through the Smart Scale funding program which was to be determined.

Mr. Austin noted that he heard the public's request on the Roseland speed reduction and noted that this location had been reviewed several times. Mr. Bruguire noted that the community was behind the request this time and Mr. Austin advised that they were legally obligated to do the speed study. Mr. Hale asked for clarification on the Amherst section that was reduced and Mr. Bruguire noted that it was reduced in the Clifford area of Amherst and Mr. Austin added that was done because of winding road conditions and other speed limiting factors. It was noted that there had been quite a few accidents in those curves.

Mr. Harvey then noted that the VDOT work at Route 151 and Route 6 should necessitate a 45 mph speed limit.

Mr. Harvey and Ms. Brennan had no VDOT issues.

Mr. Saunders reported that there were three mattresses on Centenary Road and Mr. Austin noted they would remove them if they were in the VDOT right of way.

Mr. Bruguire noted that the Tan Yard Road improvement would alleviate pavement from breaking off and a whole host of roads in the County needed this type of improvement.

1. Resolution Endorsing Speed Reduction Study-Roseland (**R2016-75**)

Mr. Bruguire moved to approve resolution **R2016-75** and Mr. Saunders seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Supervisors voted unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote to approve the motion and the following resolution was adopted:

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RESOLUTION R2016-75
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ENDORSEMENT OF REQUEST FOR SPEED REDUCTION - ROSELAND
ROUTE 151 FROM BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TO JUST SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 56 (CRABTREE FALLS
HIGHWAY)

WHEREAS, a citizen request has been made to lower the speed limit from 55mph to 45mph along a stretch of Route 151 in Roseland spanning from Bethlehem United Methodist Church to just south of the intersection of Route 151 and Route 56, Crabtree Falls Highway; and

WHEREAS, the citizen has based their request upon the following:

- Increased patronage at Mac's Country Store during daylight hours;
- Increased traffic at the Route 151 and Route 56 intersection due to patronage of local orchards and breweries in the area; and
- The need to protect the safety of local residents

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Nelson County Board of Supervisors does hereby endorse a Virginia Department of Transportation traffic study associated with the citizen request (VDOT no. 699365) for a speed limit reduction on Route 151 in Roseland, spanning from Bethlehem United Methodist Church to just south of the intersection of Route 151 and Route 56, Crabtree Falls Highway.

V. New Business/ Unfinished Business

A. Rockfish Collection Site Re-Use Shed Operations (R2016-76)

Mr. Carter noted that there had not been too much input criticizing staff. He added that he knew all of the site attendants at Rockfish personally and he monitored the site each week. He noted they were hardworking people making the site work as efficiently as possible. He noted his reliance on the Recycling Coordinator and his sentiments extended to him too. He added that he did a very good job despite the fact that he did two jobs for the County.

Mr. Carter then advised that he had reported the concerns observed to the Board that were reported to him over several months and in fact years. He noted that the issues were a matter of logistics with the site. He advised that it was the smallest of the sites and the reuse shed was not originally contemplated when it was established. He noted this to be unlike the other three sites which were larger in size and the County had planned for the reuse sheds to be included in them.

Mr. Carter then noted that concerns had been expressed about a variety of things; which he saw all of the time. He noted that he thought it to be a good service and most people were good about using it. He reiterated that there were all kinds of issues experienced and the

question was what to do about it. He noted that it could be closed or operated with fewer hours. He added he did not think there was another good location within that site that would be more advantageous; however it could be placed outside of the parking lot. Mr. Carter noted that the site was highly and regularly used, with it having 800-900 tons more this year than Shipman, the second-most used site. He added that once they used a VDOT counter and counted one car per minute going into the site.

Mr. Carter then noted the issues were the smaller size of the site, the reuse shed location not being optimum and its high usage, concerns about staff taking items although it was prohibited, people arguing over things, children walking around unattended, items being put there that were not supposed to be there, and posted rules that were disobeyed. Mr. Carter conclude by stating he did recognize it provided a good service.

Ms. Brennan noted that she thought that good suggestions for improvements had been made and she was interested in seeing the formation of a citizens committee to figure out solutions to the reuse shed. She agreed the site was small and noted that they could use some help in looking at options. Mr. Carter advised that he was confident that staff could develop options and he was not sure a citizens committee was needed. He noted that staff needed direction from the Board on closing the site or coming up with alternatives for the publics' access to the site.

Mr. Harvey noted that they had offered to move the shed and for RVCC to run it with volunteers and he thought that with the number of volunteers they had it should run smoothly.

Mr. Bruguere noted that he was hearing that the thrift shop was bringing stuff they did not want to the reuse shed and Ms. Brennan noted that was a great idea. Mr. Bruguere continued by noting that he thought the reuse shed should be put on their property. He then questioned why the public would not want to take their stuff to the thrift shop and make a little bit of money. He reiterated that they should move the shed next to the thrift shop and that would alleviate the problems. He added that they had the volunteers to run it and this has been an ongoing problem. Ms. Brennan agreed a solution was needed. Mr. Bruguere concluded by stating that it could be a stop gap solution to keep it open and if it did not work, they could come up with something else; adding that it was a constant bundle of problems.

Mr. Harvey noted that the shed was set right at the entrance of the site and the weekends were the busiest times. He noted that people needed to understand that the sites were not set up for commercial trash or anything else that was not supposed to go there; they were there for residential trash only and anything else needed to be taken to the landfill. He added that the County spent over \$1 Million on trash and was committed to providing the service of taking household trash to the people of Nelson County. He noted that Albemarle did not offer this service, they either had to take it to the Ivy landfill or use private services. Mr. Harvey then stated that the County had reigned in the issue of out of county trash. He then

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noted that Amherst had some sites that were similar to Nelson. He noted that trash was expensive and the biggest complaint was that people brought mattresses and they could not be sold by law and had to be thrown away. He noted he wanted to do what the County could; however it was a hounding thing.

Mr. Harvey then advised that he had over ten (10) years' experience with these, given that he had one at his business and finally the two guys helping keep it clean said they could not do it anymore and it closed. He noted that he had similar problems there as those at the Rockfish site. He added that he was willing to come up with solutions; however he did not see it staying where it was at the main entryway of the site. He reiterated that the purpose of the sites was to provide household trash disposal and he noted it to be a very efficient system that saved the County a lot of money. He then noted he backed the County's employees 100%, they were very friendly and wanted to help; however dealing with the reuse shed put a burden on them.

Mr. Hale noted he visited the Rockfish site on a weekday and verified there was a steady stream of traffic there unlike at the other sites. He noted that while there, two ladies pulled up with a dehumidifier and he helped them with it. He noted that while that happened, another car pulled up and there was a traffic problem. He added that the site Attendant was busy operating the compactors and other recycle containers and he noted that all of that required their attention.

Mr. Hale then advised that in looking in the reuse shed; he had noted that much of it needed to go to the landfill and not the reuse shed. He noted that there was a lot of stuff that no one takes and when that happened, it must be put into the compactors; which was the Attendants' job and they had to do it. Mr. Harvey then noted that it then became non-household trash that should not go in there to begin with. Mr. Hale agreed and asked if clothing would be considered household trash. He noted that the clothing bins were full but the County was working on that. He then asked Mr. Carter to give a status report on the progress of reinstating the clothing bins.

Mr. Carter noted that Goodwill in Staunton/Waynesboro would be assuming responsibility for all of the bins at each of the staffed sites. He added that the Agreement with them was ready to go, they would assume ownership of the bins, the bins would be labeled with Goodwill, and they would regularly pick them up, empty them, and return them. He then advised that the previous business, Green Earth Recycling had gone out of business and left the containers for the County to assume ownership of.

Mr. Hale noted he thought there were too many bins at that site. He added that he had gone to the Treasure Chest and had spoken to an employee there and they wanted the reuse shed to operate it.

Mr. Saunders questioned whether or not the Treasure Chest was considered a business and therefore should have to carry their trash to the landfill as did his church. Mr. Hale advised

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that it was his understanding that they sold things at the Treasure Chest and placed things not sold into the reuse shed; which Mr. Saunders noted was illegal. Mr. Hale noted that he was told that the Treasure Chest generated \$30,000 in revenue per year for the Rockfish Valley Community Center. He reported that after going there, he visited the Shipman site and spoke to the attendant and noted that the items in the reuse shed there were junk. He did acknowledge that perhaps the good stuff went quickly. He then noted that after that he visited the SPCA thrift store in Colleen; which was also in the business of taking donations and selling them to support the SPCA. He noted that every week they had to have someone pick up all of the stuff that was not wanted and it was taken to the transfer station.

Mr. Hale then concluded that this needed to be discussed at greater length particularly with RVCC. He noted that Mr. Harvey had suggested that the County would give them the reuse shed and they could operate it with volunteers. He noted that obviously, the experience was that if the shed were not closed when there wasn't anyone there, it may become a problem. He added that they may need a fenced in area and limited hours. He noted that in terms of moving forward, maybe Mr. Harvey and Mr. Hale could discuss this with possible volunteers or organizations that might take it over; however right now he was not inclined to reopen it.

Mr. Saunders then asked if Mr. Hale was saying that the shed be moved onto RVCC property and he answered that he was saying they should explore that possibility.

Mr. Harvey then declined being on the committee because of his extensive current involvement with broadband. He then suggested Ms. Brennan work on it as she had many connections at RVCC.

Mr. Hale then noted that his reading suggested that Mr. Carter had the authority to do whatever he wanted at the sites. Mr. Carter then noted that the Ordinance did give him the authority to make decisions with the consent of the Board such as equipping and managing; however sometimes it came down to a decision by the Board.

Mr. Hale then recognized Mr. Grant Massie, Recycling Coordinator in attendance and he noted he had no other comments but offered to answer any questions the Board had.

Mr. Saunders noted that a citizen had mentioned that the shed closure was done by email and he noted that was also the case on the fire ban. Mr. Carter clarified that State Code provided for the declaration of the fire ban by the Emergency Services Coordinator provided the decision was then confirmed at a Board meeting. He added that State Law allowed a designated person to declare the ban and then the Board sanctioned it. Mr. Carter added that he was cognizant that the Board had final approval and he noted that the reuse building was still there on site.

Ms. Brennan then indicated that she would work with Mr. Hale on the matter and would do so immediately; especially with the upcoming holidays.

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Supervisors and staff then briefly discussed opening it up for the holidays; acknowledging that it would be a busy time for donations and opportunities for re-use. It was noted that there were other avenues to donate toys such as the Toy Lift at the Rockfish Valley Fire Department. Mr. Harvey added that this was the busiest time of the year for the site attendants and if they slacked off on handling trash requirements; people would be very upset. Mr. Carter noted he was not averse to reopening it until a final solution was put in place; however he strongly believed something needed to be done. Ms. Brennan noted her concern that there were a lot of people in need especially at Christmastime and Mr. Harvey reiterated that there were other sites available for people to use. Ms. Brennan suggested that signage could be placed there indicating this.

Supervisors agreed that the current situation was not working. Mr. Hale suggested that County staff could provide a large sign on the shed that said that the Treasure Chest thrift store accepted donations of usable items and the attendants could direct people there. He added that could work until a better solution was devised.

Mr. Hale then noted the draft resolution on the matter and Ms. Brennan noted that no action was required on the resolution. Mr. Bruguere agreed and stated that the Board should wait for Mr. Hale and Ms. Brennan to present their recommendation to them and then they could advise Mr. Carter accordingly.

Mr. Hale then stated for the public that no conclusion had been reached, they were not acting on the draft resolution, however at the present time, the reuse shed was closed and the Board would work as quickly as possible to find a solution.

*B. Introduced: Amendment to Adopted Resolution **R2016-74***

Mr. Harvey stated that the Board needed to go back and amend the resolution regarding the local fire response to include Lovingson Fire Department and perhaps all of the agencies.

Mr. Harvey then moved to amend resolution **R2016-74** to include Lovingson Fire Department, Gladstone, Montebello, and Rockingham Fire Department and Ms. Brennan seconded the motion. Mr. Carter advised that staff had been given a list and had not questioned any omissions etc.

There being no further discussion, Supervisors voted unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote to approve the motion and the following amended resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION R2016-74
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APPRECIATION OF LOCAL FIRE RESPONSE**

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WHEREAS, the Eades Hollow fire near Lovington began Sunday, November 20, 2016, was active through the Thanksgiving Holiday; burning approximately 1,600 acres, and was declared fully contained thereafter in late afternoon on Friday, November 25, 2016; and

WHEREAS, local, regional, and state fire agencies, local emergency services agencies, and County EMS and law enforcement departments worked tirelessly throughout the incident inclusive of the Thanksgiving Holiday to ensure no loss of life or property,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Nelson County Board of Supervisors that the members of the following agencies/departments are hereby commended for their exemplary and selfless dedication during the Eades Hollow fire incident:

Lovington Fire Department
Piney River Fire Department
Faber Fire Department
Rockfish Valley Fire Department
Wintergreen Fire Rescue
Gladstone Fire Department
Montebello Fire Department
Rockfish Valley Rescue Squad
Roseland Rescue Squad
Nelson County Emergency Communications Center
Nelson County EMS
Nelson County Sheriff's Office
Nelson County Emergency Management
North Garden Fire Department
Rockbridge Fire Department
Virginia Department of Forestry

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Nelson County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes and greatly appreciates the overwhelming generosity of many citizens, businesses, and community organizations that contributed food, water, other provisions, and moral support for those working this incident.

VI. Reports, Appointments, Directives, and Correspondence

A. Reports

1. County Administrator's Report

1. Courthouse Project Phase II: County (Administration, Finance & HR and Information Services) and Commissioner of Revenue staffs have relocated to their new offices. The project's substantial completion date is 5-27-17 with final completion currently on 6-23-17.

2. Broadband: A) Expansion Project – Project construction is completed. Administrative closed out with VA-DHCD is in process. **B) Broadband Planning Project** – County and

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Design Nine staffs are continuing work to complete issuance of an RFP for network operation services and a county wide expansion plan. **D) NCBA Customer Base:** 348 current service connections with 60-100+ additional connections possible within the first quarter of 2017.

Mr. Hale inquired about cable going in South of Colleen and Mr. Saunders noted he thought it was telephone line.

Mr. Carter then advised that they were relocating the fiber at Route 6 and Route 151 for the VDOT safety project.

Ms. Brennan asked if SCS was working on wireless internet and Mr. Carter noted that yes they were, staff had recently met with them, and they were still deploying on Sugarloaf and Herd's Mountain. He noted that on the fiber side, they were proactive in gaining new customers. He added that although it was not a major concern, they were working in many other localities and seemed stretched a bit. In response to questions regarding their response to the CVEC project, Mr. Carter noted they may have received two responses. He noted that the County could not take on their whole service area so the County did not respond.

3. BR Tunnel Project: VDOT has established a 4-30-17 project bid date albeit it is anticipated the project will be advertised for bids prior to this date. County and Woolpert staffs are closing in on final VDOT comments to enable the project to move forward. Sharon White, VDOT's Local Assistance Engineer has assumed project responsibility, which is very positive.

Mr. Carter added that the County also had to get Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval to advertise the project.

4. Region 2000 Service(s) Authority & Solid Waste/Recycling: The Authority's strategic planning project is ongoing but appears to be steering towards two outcomes; use of the Authority's landfill property in Campbell County or construction of a transfer station (which does not benefit Nelson County or, possibly, Appomattox County). The addition of a citizen representative from Campbell County to the Authority Board was defeated (2-2). Work continues on a (private) real property reimbursement policy (Nelson is opposed to this consideration). Final installation of gas and odor collection/control systems is in process with very positive outcomes. An agreement with Goodwill Industries to assume ownership/operation of the clothing reuse equipment at each staffed collection site is nearing completion.

Mr. Carter advised that Campbell County should be responsible for any real property reimbursement policy since the land use planning there was done by them. He added that they could use the \$900,000 it gets annually from the Authority for this.

5. Radio Project: Motorola, Inc.: The addition of the Rockfish Tower to the radio network is in process (summer 2017 completion). A software licensing requirement has

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delayed installation of the vehicle repeater equipment, now projected for installation by 1-15-17.

7. Economic Development & Land Use Planning: Planning & Zoning staff is working towards completion of the Rockfish Valley Area Plan (final report and recommendations). The initial team meeting (County, TJPDC and 310 Limited) for the Route 29 Corridor Project was conducted on 11-29-16. Project completion is scheduled for 2-28-17.

8. Maintenance Facility: Completion of the building's reconstruction is anticipated by 1-1-17.

Mr. Carter noted that staff was refurbishing two offices and a bathroom there and that the HVAC unit was at Maddox and ready for installation. He then noted that the County was currently housing surplus materials in the building to be auctioned at a future date to be determined.

9. 2018 General Reassessment: Wampler-Eanes is in process with the 2018 reassessment.

10. Personnel: Recruitment of Info. Systems and Finance & HR positions is in process.

11. 2015 Board Retreat Outcomes: Final report to BOS by 12-16.

12. Wintergreen/WPOA Meeting: Scheduled for 9 a.m. on 1-19-17 (Stoney Creek B&G).

13. Department Reports: See Agenda.

Added Items:

a. Mr. Carter reported that the County signed an agreement with Virginia Department of Fire Programs for the study of Fire and EMS service delivery in the County. He noted that there would soon be a kick-off meeting.

b. Mr. Carter reported that staff had met with Region Ten who has concerns about paying the full assessed value for the former Lovingson Healthcare building up front due to financial constraints.

c. Mr. Carter noted the he, Mr. Saunders, and Ms. McGarry had attended the annual VACO conference and attended informative sessions. He noted that the Broadband session was not overly helpful and the State said they would not be able to help with it much.

d. Mr. Carter reported that he was contacted by the CSX real estate division; who was meeting with VDOT and the Service Authority and they wanted to discuss how to dispose of the YMCA building. He added that they also wanted to move the depot building away from the tracks or demolish it. He noted he was not sure what shape the depot building was in and

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Mr. Bruguere noted he saw it the previous week and the outside was a bit rough but it was structurally sound. Mr. Carter noted that CSX was coming over to the office on Thursday at 3pm. Mr. Saunders indicated he may also be coming and Mr. Bruguere noted he wanted to go. Mr. Saunders then advised that they had a water issue down there to resolve with VDOT.

e. Mr. Carter reported that the Draft Audit Report had been received and should be ready for a full report at the January meeting. He noted that Ms. McCann was working on the Management Discussion and Analysis section; which was a discourse on the County's financial condition. He added that David Foley from Robinson Farmer Cox Associates would attend in January to report.

f. Mr. Bruguere then noted he had spoken with Ted Hughes on the Piney River caboose and he was putting tarps on it to cover it up for winter and would finish it in spring. He noted that he needed more money (not from the County) and had the idea that he thought he could use the caboose as a welcome center for the County. He added that he could put a model train in the building and staff it with volunteers. He noted that across the river was the regional railroad heritage area in Amherst. Mr. Bruguere noted he had to redo it from the wheels up and it was coming along.

2. Board Reports

Mr. Bruguere had no report given there was no Planning Commission meeting held in November.

Mr. Saunders reported attending a Cub Scout meeting to explain how the Board of Supervisors worked.

Mr. Saunders then inquired as to the status of Gladstone Rescue Squad and Mr. Carter advised that per Emily Harper, a Board member there, OEMS has done inspections and re-licensure has or would happen soon. He noted that they had elected a Captain for EMS and had two or three people ready to run calls. He added that they would be able to run basic life support (BLS) calls which was their primary response level in the past.

Ms. Brennan reported attending the Department of Social Services meeting and noted that they had been visited by the Regional Director and things were running well.

Ms. Brennan reported attending a Rockfish Valley 151 Ag Planning Group meeting that was also attended by Mr. Padalino and the TJPDC. She noted that good feedback was received.

Mr. Hale reported that the NCHS One Act play group won second place at the State competition and did a great job. Ms. Brennan noted that she attended the State Competition and there would be another presentation of the play at 2:15 pm the following afternoon at the High School.

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Mr. Hale reported that for the past two Saturdays, a volunteer trail crew has cleared the path for the fence relocation at the Blue Ridge Tunnel. He added that this item could be removed from the fencing construction bid sheet now. He noted that the Foundation had also contacted fencing contractors and the fence would be done in January.

B. Appointments

Ms. McGarry noted there were no appointments for consideration by the Board and the vacancy still existed for the Local Board of Building Code Appeals. She noted that there would be annual appointments to be made in January.

C. Correspondence

Mr. Carter advised that correspondence had been received regarding the Go Virginia Program. He noted that Region Ten and Region Nine had consolidated for Go Virginia purposes and each Planning District Commission was asked to nominate either an elected official or an administrator that would serve on a Board. He then asked if the Board would like to nominate one of themselves or him to the committee. He advised that he would like to be nominated if they were not interested.

Ms. Brennan then moved to nominate Mr. Carter to serve on the Go Virginia committee and Mr. Saunders seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Supervisors voted unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote to approve the motion.

Mr. Hale then confirmed that they wanted a nomination from each County and Mr. Carter supposed that it was probable that a larger county would likely yield the representative.

D. Directives

Mr. Saunders and Mr. Harvey had no directives.

Ms. Brennan asked about fixing the humming noise in the Courtroom and Mr. Carter noted that staff was following up with Simplex Grinnell and he was not sure of the status.

Ms. Brennan asked if thank you cards had been sent to Janice Jackson and Godfrey Miles and Ms. McGarry noted this had been done.

Ms. Brennan asked about LOCKN revenues and Mr. Carter advised that the Commissioner was still pursuing revenue from that.

Ms. Brennan asked about getting a list of new and closed businesses from the Commissioner and she was advised that information was now included on the second page of her monthly report.

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Ms. Brennan inquired as to the status of the new pay study and Mr. Carter advised that it was nearly ready and he hoped to present it in January. He added that staff was working on the final analysis and commentary to present the work. He noted that Ms. McCann's work on the audit had briefly delayed this. Ms. Brennan noted that the Board needed to have it to look at before the budget process began.

Ms. Brennan noted she was pleased to see that Nelson was competitive with school pay for teachers; however she noted that Dr. Comer's salary was close to the bottom. Mr. Saunders added that starting teacher's pay in Nelson was \$5,000 above any surrounding areas including Lynchburg City and Campbell County.

Ms. Brennan asked if Forest Management Plans for land use were being looked at by the Commissioner's Office. Mr. Bruguere noted that she may need to consult with other counties on doing this and Mr. Carter noted he would check. Mr. Bruguere reiterated that he thought these were important as many people were not doing this with forested land use parcels.

Ms. Brennan then asked about the opening status of La Michoacana Restaurant and Mr. Saunders advised that the Chamber of Commerce says they will open after the first of the year sometime; as they were contacted about hosting a Chamber After Hours event.

Ms. Brennan then asked about replacing Mr. Padalino on the TJPDC Board. Mr. Bruguere noted that he was to check with the Planning Commission and Mr. Carter advised that none of them were interested. Staff noted that this appointment would be considered at the January meeting.

Mr. Bruguere commended the VDOF and firefighters; but noted he thought the Eades Hollow fire went on for way too long. He added that the effects of the smoke shutting down the courthouse and the Mt. Pleasant fire smoke was a health hazard. He questioned why the Governor wasn't called and the National Guard brought in. Mr. Carter advised that he asked about that and VDOF had determined it was not necessary. Mr. Hale noted that the terrain was incredibly hard and they could not put in land lines very easily. Mr. Bruguere questioned why the volunteers couldn't help out with that and Mr. Hale stated he thought a local fellow did put his own lines in. It was noted that the Departments did get paid by VDOF. Mr. Carter advised that they kept the volunteers on the perimeter of the fires and VDOF primarily fought the fires. He added that the volunteer were used in a back-up capacity and protected structures. He noted that Ms. Warring had said that they used a lot of part time people. Mr. Carter then advised that he did close the offices even though everyone volunteered to stay. He noted that he was going to transfer dispatch to Wintergreen but then did not have to as he had the air tested and it was safe for them to stay. He added that the emergency communications staff should be commended as they did not want to leave.

Mr. Hale advised that he would like to attend meetings with Region Ten in investigating the CDBG grant possibilities for the former Lovingson Healthcare Center building.

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VII. Other Business (As May Be Presented)

There was no other business considered by the Board.

VIII. Joint Meeting with the Nelson County School Board (5 PM) CANCELLED

A. Proposed NCSB FY17-18 Capital Improvements Plan

Supervisors commented that they were disappointed that the School Board was not able to maintain a quorum for the meeting when they had requested it and it had been in the works for some time.

IX. Adjournment – No Evening Session at 7PM

It was noted that the County Christmas party would be held on Thursday from noon until 2pm. Supervisors then briefly discussed continuing the meeting and reached consensus to consider the Temporary Events Ordinance after the new year.

At 5:15 pm Mr. Bruguiere moved to adjourn and Mr. Saunders seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Supervisors voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the motion and the meeting adjourned.