

AGENDA
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
February 9, 2016
THE REGULAR MEETING CONVENES AT 2:00 P.M.
IN THE GENERAL DISTRICT COURTROOM
AT THE COURTHOUSE IN LOVINGSTON

- I. Call to Order**
 - A. Moment of Silence
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance

- II. Ring Presentation – Nelson Senior FFA National 3rd Place Forestry Team**

- III. Consent Agenda**
 - A. Resolution – **R2016-05** Minutes for Approval
 - B. Resolution – **R2016-06** FY16 Budget Amendment
 - C. Resolution – **R2016-07** Jefferson Madison Regional Library-“The Big Read” 2016

- IV. Public Comments and Presentations**
 - A. Public Comments
 - B. VDOT Report
 - C. Presentation – FY15 Audit Report - Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates
 - D. Presentation – Piedmont Virginia Community College, CY15 Annual Report

- V. New Business/ Unfinished Business**
 - A. Petition of Circuit Court for Writ of Election – Commonwealth Attorney Seat (**R2016-08**)
 - B. Proposed Amendments to County Code, Appendix A - Zoning “Bed & Breakfast” Uses (**R2016-09** Authorization for Public Hearing)
 - C. Proposed Amendments to County Code, Appendix A – Zoning “Wayside Stands and Farmers Markets” (**R2016-10** Authorization for Public Hearing)

- VI. Reports, Appointments, Directives, and Correspondence**
 - A. Reports
 - 1. County Administrator’s Report
 - 2. Board Reports
 - B. Appointments
 - C. Correspondence
 - D. Directives

- VII. Recess and Reconvene Until 7:00 PM for the Evening Session**

EVENING SESSION
7:00 P.M. – NELSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Public Comments**
- III. Public Hearings**
 - A. Public Hearing – Special Use Permit #2015-18 – “Banquet Hall” / Mr. Armand Thieblot:** Consideration of a Special Use Permit application made pursuant to Zoning Ordinance §4-1-4a (“banquet hall”). Specifically, the applicant wishes to “allow for subdivision of property to be used as a banquet hall”. The subject property is located in Schuyler at 1981 Salem Road; it is further identified as Tax Map Parcel #61-A-23 and is zoned Agricultural (A-1).
- IV. Presentation - American Cancer Society, Available Patient Services & NC Relay for Life (S. Blanch, Community Manager)**
- V. Other Business (As May Be Presented)**
- VI. Adjournment**

**RESOLUTION R2016-05
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
(January 12, 2016)**

RESOLVED, by the Nelson County Board of Supervisors that the minutes of said Board meeting conducted on **January 12, 2016** be and hereby are approved and authorized for entry into the official record of the Board of Supervisors meetings.

Approved: February 9, 2016

Attest: _____, Clerk
Nelson County Board of Supervisors

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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 Lovingson Virginia.

Present: Constance Brennan, Central District Supervisor
Allen M. Hale, East District Supervisor – Vice Chair
Thomas H. Bruguire, Jr. West District Supervisor
Larry D. Saunders, South District Supervisor – Chair
Thomas D. Harvey, North District Supervisor
Stephen A. Carter, County Administrator
Candice W. McGarry, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk
Debra K. McCann, Director of Finance and Human Resources
David Hill, Sheriff
Larry Cindrick, Sheriff's Department

Absent: None

I. Call to Order

Mr. Saunders called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM, with all Supervisors present to establish a quorum.

- A. Moment of Silence
- B. Pledge of Allegiance – Ms. Brennan led the pledge of Allegiance

II. Reorganization of the Board

- A. Election of Chair
- B. Election and Appointment of Vice-Chair

Mr. Saunders turned the meeting over to Mr. Carter who noted that the historical succession of the Board provided that Mr. Hale was to be Chair and Mr. Harvey was to be Vice Chair. He advised that one motion and second could provide for both.

Ms. Brennan then moved to elect Mr. Hale as Chair and Mr. Harvey as Vice Chair for 2016 and Mr. Bruguire seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, Supervisors voted unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote to approve the motion.

The meeting gavel was then turned over to Chair Elect Hale.

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C. Resolution- **R2016-01** Annual Meeting of the Board

Mr. Hale then noted that the resolution for consideration set the Board's meeting schedule and also made annual appointments to various Boards and Committees; which the Board needed to discuss. He then noted he had served on the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission Board for the past four years and would like for someone else to take that over. He added that Mr. Saunders had volunteered for this and that it consisted of ten meetings per year.

It was then noted that Mr. Saunders had most recently served on the Planning Commission and he would like a volunteer to replace him. Mr. Bruguiere then volunteered for this post as long as he could relinquish his appointment to the EMS Council. Mr. Harvey then volunteered to be appointed to the EMS Council.

The Piedmont Workforce Council appointment was discussed and Mr. Hale noted he was willing to be appointed to this Board.

Mr. Hale then read aloud the list of appointees as amended and noted that the remainder of the resolution set the meeting schedule. He then noted that this was unchanged and regular meeting would be held on the second Tuesday of the Month at 2pm and 7pm unless there was no business to come before the Board and it was cancelled.

Mr. Harvey then moved to approve resolution **R2016-01**, Annual Meeting as amended 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:

**RESOLUTION R2016-01
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ANNUAL MEETING**

JANUARY 12, 2016

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable provisions of §15.2-1416 of the Code of VA and Chapter 2, Article 2 of the Code of the County of Nelson, VA, the Nelson County Board of Supervisors conducts an annual organizational meeting at the Board's first meeting in January of each year; and,

WHEREAS, matters to be determined by the Board of Supervisors in addition to the appointment of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman include the establishment of a schedule of regular and, as applicable, special meetings, the establishment of rules of order, the establishment of (a) meeting agenda(s), and the establishment of Board appointments, including a Clerk and Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, a Zoning Administrator and a Hazardous Material Coordinator.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Nelson County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors shall be conducted during Calendar Year 2016 in the General District Courtroom located in the Nelson County Courthouse in Lovingston, VA on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning at 2:00 p.m., and reconvening thereafter at 7:00 p.m. Should the regular meetings fall on any legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the next following regular business day, without action of any kind by the Board; unless otherwise cancelled. Should the Chairman or Vice Chairman (if the Chairman is unable to act) find and declare that weather or other conditions are such that it is hazardous for members to attend regular meetings; the meeting(s) will be continued on the following Tuesday. Such finding shall be communicated to the members, staff, and the press as promptly as possible. All hearings and other matters previously advertised shall be conducted at the continued meeting(s) and no further advertisement is required.

Special meetings of the Board of Supervisors may be convened from time to time, as determined by the Board of Supervisors in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Code of VA and the Code of the County of Nelson, VA.

In accordance with the Code of the County of Nelson, VA, Robert's Rules of Order, shall be observed as the rules for conducting the business of the Board of Supervisors and the agenda for all meetings of the Board of Supervisors shall be established by the Clerk of the Board in consultation with the Chairman.

Board of Supervisors appointments for Calendar Year 2016 shall be as follows:

Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission:	Larry Saunders
Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission:	Tim Padalino
Director of Emergency Services:	Thomas D. Harvey
Emergency Services Coordinator:	Jaime O. Miller
Piedmont Workforce Network Council:	Allen M. Hale
Clerk to the Nelson County Board of Supervisors:	Stephen A. Carter
Deputy Clerk to the Nelson County Board of Supervisors:	Candice W. McGarry
Zoning Administrator:	Tim Padalino
Hazardous Materials Coordinator:	Jaime O. Miller
Thomas Jefferson EMS Council:	Jaime O. Miller
Nelson County EMS Council:	Thomas D. Harvey
Thomas Jefferson Community Criminal Justice Board:	Constance Brennan
Nelson County Social Services Board:	Constance Brennan
Nelson County Planning Commission:	Thomas H. Bruguiera, Jr.
Jefferson Area Disabilities Services Board:	Kelly Hughes

III. Consent Agenda

Mr. Hale noted the consent agenda items for consideration and added that he had a minor correction to page 29 of the December 8th minutes; which Ms. McGarry then acknowledged.

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Ms. Brennan then moved to approve the consent agenda including Mr. Hale's correction and Mr. Harvey seconded the motion. 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 – **R2016-02** Minutes for Approval

**RESOLUTION R2016-02
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
(December 8, 2015 and December 15, 2015)**

RESOLVED, by the Nelson County Board of Supervisors that the minutes of said Board meetings conducted on **December 8, 2015 and December 15, 2015** be and hereby are approved and authorized for entry into the official record of the Board of Supervisors meetings.

B. Resolution – **R2016-03** COR Refunds

**RESOLUTION R2016-03
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE REFUNDS**

RESOLVED, by the Nelson County Board of Supervisors that the following refunds, as certified by the Nelson County Commissioner of Revenue and County Attorney pursuant to §58.1-3981 of the Code of Virginia, be and hereby are approved for payment.

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Payee</u>
\$4,754.60	2014&2015 PP Tax	Trans Lease, Inc. 630 N Central EXPY, Suite A Plano, TX 75074
\$234.45	2015 PP Tax	VW Credit Leasing LTD 1401 Franklin Blvd. Libertyville, IL 60048-4460
\$263.21	2012-2015 PP Tax	John E. Perry 7299 Briar Springs Farm LN Schuyler, VA 22969

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C. Resolution – **R2016-04** FY16 Budget Amendment

RESOLUTION R2016-04
NESON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AMENDMENT OF FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET
NELSON COUNTY, VA
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BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Nelson County that the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget be hereby amended as follows:

I. Appropriation of Funds (General Fund)

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Revenue Account</u>	<u>Expenditure Account</u>
\$1,800.00	3-100-002307-0001	4-100-021060-1003

II. Transfer of Funds (General Fund)

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Credit Account (-)</u>	<u>Debit Account (+)</u>
\$7,000.00	4-100-999000-9905	4-100-013010-1010
\$500.00	4-100-999000-9905	4-100-013010-5201
\$3,853.00	4-100-999000-9905	4-100-013010-5401
\$3,998.00	4-100-999000-9905	4-100-013010-5413
\$1,400.00	4-100-999000-9905	4-100-013010-5501
<u>\$350.00</u>	4-100-999000-9905	4-100-013020-1003
\$17,101.00		

IV. Public Comments and Presentations

A. Public Comments

1. Sheriff David Hill

Mr. Hale welcomed new Sheriff, David Hill, who then introduced Major Larry Cindrick who was back in Nelson now from Amherst County.

Sheriff Hill distributed Sheriff's Department payroll information to the Board for review. He noted that there had been some changes in positions and there were a few positions that were currently open. He advised that the numbers in green represented the Compensation Board salary and the yellow represented the County pay supplement. He then noted he was asking the Board to look at revising the current County policy on pay supplements. He added that there was a highly qualified individual that he would like to hire and he noted his qualifications. He added that the person would have to take a pay cut to work for the County

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and he was therefore asking the Board to leave the County supplement in place for him to work with in hiring people rather than starting them out at the base. He concluded by noting that he wanted to hire the best.

Mr. Hale advised that the Board would consider this during the budget process that was just starting. He added that the budget would be adopted by the end of June, would take effect in July, and they would discuss if anything in the interim would be done. Mr. Hill then noted that the individual highlighted in red showed that this had been done recently for former Sheriff Brooks.

Mr. Saunders suggested that the Board presently consider the Sheriff's request so he could make hiring decisions. Sheriff Hill agreed and noted that the candidate in question was on standby and that he was not asking for more funds than were already in the budget; just to keep the supplemental pay funds. Mr. Hale then clarified that Sheriff Hill was looking to fill a position at the same salary level it was previously paid at. He added he would like to be able to use the pay supplements of those retiring in order to attract highly qualified candidates.

Mr. Carter noted that this was a Board decision and the concern of staff was that the current Supplemental Pay Policy as approved by the Board did not provide for what Sheriff Hill was asking for. He then explained that it provided for instances where the County gave a greater salary increase than the State; then the Constitutional Officers and staff would get the supplemental pay so that they ultimately got the same increase as County employees. He added that staff has tried to adhere to this and the Sheriff's request would not comport to the policy. He further explained that he was not saying staff was opposed to it; however he thought it should be studied and his office was getting requests from the new Constitutional Officers to use these funds and staff was advising that the Board would have to approve it since the policy did not allow for it.

Mr. Hale then advised the Sheriff that the Board would take this up later in the meeting to see what could be done.

Mr. Bruguiere then asked if the Sheriff could provide the Board with a list of all of the deputies once they were all hired.

Mr. Saunders acknowledged that the matter would be taken up later but noted he thought the Sheriff should be supported. Ms. Brennan suggested a mini-workshop later in the meeting and inquired as to how many vacancies there would be including retirees. Sheriff Hill noted that once the other two individuals retired, there were currently four, two on the road, an Investigator position, and a Lieutenants position that has not been filled. He noted he could fill those immediately if he were able to use the supplemental pay funds. He added that he has had many inquiries and relative to surrounding localities, Nelson's salaries were low in comparison.

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2. Marion Kanour, Faber

Ms. Kanour noted that Shannon Farm had submitted an update to FERC and she read aloud the following:

Shannon Farm Community is in Nelson County, and thus our concerns about the impacts of the ACP remain, including previously-stated environmental, economic, safety impacts and serious impacts in the George Washington National Forest, which our members frequently visit for hiking and other recreation. All of the county-wide and regional concerns raised previously still stand, since the effects of the route will have negative environmental consequences not only on the properties directly crossed, but throughout the region. Erosion and sedimentation may affect waterways county-wide, blasting and soil slippage have wide-ranging impacts, and the potential safety hazards would also extend beyond the pipeline corridor. Negative economic impacts would affect the whole county and thus all our livelihoods and property values. We add to the previously submitted concerns, the following:

- A. Our membership of 90 residents strongly objects to any shortened procedures being used to approve this project. We request that FERC enforce all of its rules and regulations applicable to this filing.
- B. Furthermore, under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), federal agencies must evaluate the impacts of several related projects with cumulative impacts proposed or reasonably foreseeable in the same geographic region in a single Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). We feel that it is imperative that PERC do so in this case to properly evaluate the impacts to our community and beyond. This Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) must be a comprehensive evaluation of the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of pipeline development in this region (including all four interstate natural gas pipelines currently proposed for the central Blue Ridge and Appalachian Mountain region of Virginia and West Virginia) and evaluate all reasonable, less damaging alternatives.
- C. We also request that FERC provide adequate time for review of the draft environmental impact statement when it is issued. Given that the draft EIS will provide a large amount of information that we need to review to protect our interests, we request that FERC allow 120 days to comment on it.

3. Joanna Salidas, Afton

Ms. Salidas urged the Board to keep specifics in the forefront of their mind. She noted that the research cited by Dominion in their presentation was from 2013-2014 and the 2016 research showed that pipelines did affect property values. She added that they will reference four studies saying that there are no negative effects of pipelines; however local realtors could attest to their experiences. She added that the other studies cited evaluated effects of pipelines that were not comparable to the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline. She further

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stated that given the pervasive use of Eminent Domain by Dominion, a much higher standard was required than they could offer.

4. Craig Cooper, Nellysford

Mr. Cooper stated he wanted to give his thoughts on the ACP presentation. He noted that the presentation showed a number of slides of pipelines in Virginia that were compatible with their communities. He noted that the Transco line was started in 1951 and the Columbia line in 1968. He added that these were built before the land was developed in those areas. He noted that the ACP was not the same and it would disrupt all areas of the county since it was brand new. Mr. Cooper then noted that Pennsylvania had more knowledge about pipelines and he related that the Pennsylvania Extension Service has noted that pipelines would impact land values etc. and he cautioned people to look out for this. He further noted that he had asked the Virginia Department of Taxation and they said a parcel with a utility easement would have a downward adjustment and would essentially become the same as land that would not perk. Mr. Cooper further advised that residential and commercial property values would go down by as much as 30% and he urged the Board to be skeptical in listening to Dominion's presentation. He noted there were other experts out there who were very knowledgeable and would not be cited by Dominion.

5. Frederick Winter, Nellysford

Mr. Winter stated that Dominion noted all of the benefits of the pipeline and he stated that if a deal was too good to be true, it was not a good deal. He noted that he had read Dominion's reports and he had 45 years in academia, a PhD in business and economics, and has been Dean of several business schools. He noted that the Law of Supply and Demand was in effect. He then stated the Law of Demand says essentially that when people find something to be less desirable, new purchasers will pay less for it and those selling it will find it to be lower in value. He noted it was very clear to property owners and businesses that the pipeline would make their property less desirable to them and therefore it was insulting to their intelligence for Dominion to suggest property values would not go down because of the pipeline. He added that this would affect land that is miles from the pipeline. He then noted that the four studies cited were boilerplate studies and he could only find one of them online that concluded property values would decline. He noted they evaluated nineteen properties in Washington State and the conclusions were irrelevant.

Mr. Winter went on to say that one pipeline company in Tennessee said "it was not anticipated the pipeline will negatively affect values outside of the proposed right of way. Landowners who believed that their values have been negatively impacted may appeal for reappraisal of their property and a reduction in taxes." He stated he found this insulting and hoped the Board did as well.

6. Karen Dreyfus, Nellysford

Ms. Dreyfus referred to Table 2.2.7-1 of the Dominion application; which was a table on the water requirements of hydrostatic testing. She stated that the table noted the withdrawal of

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3.6 million gallons of water from the Rockfish River; which was relied on for the irrigation of crops, water for animals, and the recharging of aquifers among other things. She added that according to the chart, when finished with the water, they would dump it at four different locations and there were no plans to test or clean contaminants from the water prior to dumping it. She then noted that water was a precious resource and needed to be protected from overexploitation for profit.

7. Nancy Sorrels, Augusta County

Ms. Sorrels noted she was compelled to speak because of references by Dominion to Augusta County and the Columbia Gas Line. She noted that the comparison of the ACP to the Columbia gas line was apples and oranges. She noted that the Columbia line was built in the 1930s and the ACP would be four times greater in size. She added that there have been leaks and problems with the Columbia gas line and it had exploded in the past. She further noted that a 25 foot right of way was not a 75 foot right of way. She added that the ACP would take gas through Nelson County and would not serve anyone. She reiterated that there was no comparison between the two lines. Ms. Sorrels then noted that studies had shown that pipelines have an effect on soil layers that cause permanent destruction. She noted that soil temperatures would increase for up to fifty feet from the pipeline; which could negatively affect county revenues.

8. Helen Cauthen, Central Virginia Partnership for Economic Development.

Ms. Cauthen thanked the Board for their support and noted they were happy to have Steve Carter and Maureen Kelley as Board members from Nelson and she noted the other Board member groups that participated. She added that they wanted the whole region to be healthy and she noted her attendance of the November 10th ribbon cutting at Nelson's Virginia Distillery. She added that she had been very impressed and noted that local businesses were essential. Ms. Cauthen then thanked Mr. Saunders for his service on the Piedmont Workforce Network and welcomed Mr. Hale to the Council. In conclusion, Ms. Cauthen distributed their regional brochure and fact sheet on Nelson County including the most recent quarterly report.

9. Richard Averritt, Nellysford

Mr. Averritt noted he agreed with Mr. Winter and added that a more important issue, was the undermining of the American belief system. He noted that a negative impact that was required to get the perceived benefits offered by Dominion was the sacrifice of personal property rights; which amounted to the tyranny of the majority over the rights of a few. He asked the Board to require Dominion, if they came through Nelson, to do so ethically and responsibly and to work within free market principles and free will.

10. Neal Showstack, Shannon Farm

Mr. Showstack noted he did not trust anything said by energy companies. He noted that there were currently thousands of gallons of methane leaking and exploding in California.

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He added that the proposed pipeline has never been tested for this kind of pressure and allowing it meant accepting the hydro-fracturing of fossil fuels for production. He noted that Methane was more highly explosive than Carbon Dioxide and that global warming would get 80% worse. He further stated that there were no benefits for Nelson County from the pipeline and it would serve to contaminate other parts of the world through sales.

11. Vicki Wheaton, Faber

Ms. Wheaton thanked the Board for taking the public's comments. She noted that all of the pipelines mentioned by Dominion have been in place for years and therefore it was inappropriate and inaccurate to compare Nelson County's vineyards etc. to the White Hall vineyards in Albemarle County. She then added that California would never allow a 42 inch pipeline to go through their tourist areas now. She added that the Lake Monticello community was gearing up to oppose a proposed pipeline there. She noted that the pipeline would affect tourism, was dangerous, and she did not want it going through the natural resources of the county. She added that nothing was sacred to Dominion and no amount of money was worth it; permanent injury would occur due to the pipeline, and the presented cost analogies were inappropriate and inaccurate.

12. Marilyn Shifflett, Nellysford

Ms. Shifflett noted she hoped Dominion would explain more about how the tax revenues shown were derived. She read aloud Dominion's previous explanation and noted that it was not understandable and she would like it explained in plain English.

13. Ernie Reed, Nellysford

Mr. Reed noted that since the ACP was first announced, Dominion could not be trusted; they had not been honest or responsible. He noted that they had said they would not export the gas; however that seemed not to be the case. He added that they would not shoulder any liability when things went wrong with the ACP. Mr. Reed also stated that Dominion had not done any cost analysis and it was not in their interest to do so. He noted that there was evidence that pipelines did decrease property values. Additionally, he noted that Dominion had mis-represented to FERC the George Washington National Park surveys and they were required to redo these with qualified personnel. He then advised the Board to get a second opinion.

14. Deirdre Scoggan, Chesterfield Virginia and Potential Nelson Resident

Ms. Scoggan noted that she was planning to relocate to Nelson County in the summer. She then stated that the number of property owners being sued by Dominion showed that there was strong conviction against the ACP. She noted that Dominion says that 57% have given consent to survey; however 43% were still resisting and that was a large portion. She added that forced surveys if granted a certificate were unfortunately the law and Nelson property owners were using every tool to oppose this.

15. Gail Troy, Shipman

Ms. Troy noted that the Natural Gas Act allowed pipelines to seize property against the owners' will if given a certificate. She noted that the burden of proof should rest on the shoulders of the pipeline builders rather than citizens being forced to demonstrate obvious costs. She noted there were many reasons to question the validity of the benefits stated by Dominion and she hoped they would explain where their jobs numbers came from. She noted that Table 1.1 in the Chmura report says Virginia will gain 39 permanent jobs and 118 jobs from indirect impacts and additional figures were given on page 13. Ms. Troy noted that the 8,000 jobs reported by Dominion was overstated. Ms. Troy then noted she was concerned about Dominion's use of large trucks and she questioned who would pay to repair the roads after they had been damaged during construction. She then asked the Board to pay close attention to Dominion's claims and if they sounded too good to be true, they were.

16. David Sweezo, Roseland

Mr. Sweezo noted that later that night, the Board would consider Spruce Creek Resort and Market. He noted that the project was tremendously important and would provide jobs and tax revenue to the County. He added that Dominion would say they would be beneficial to the County; however, the Averritts would not build the project if the pipeline went through the property as proposed; so there would be economic damage. He added that according to Wintergreen Resort, revenues would fall 20%, and property values would decrease 20% or more. He added that if property values dropped, someone in Nelson County would have to make this up and this pushed the burden onto other parts of the county and he thought it was wrong.

17. Dima Holmes, Nellysford - Realtor

Ms. Holmes notes she lived in Horizons Village in Nellysford and there had not been one sale in the subdivision in the past twelve months; whereas in 2014, sales were doing very well. She added that they were very private, centrally located, and close to Route 151 breweries and wineries. She added that they were in the proposed route of the pipeline which would render vacant sites unbuildable due to the terrain of the land of the sites and there were landowners who could not build their dream home and would have to sell at a discounted price. She noted that she knew of two landowners that had plans and had secured financing; however they had put their plans on hold because of the pipeline that was proposed to be within 1000 feet. Ms. Holmes then noted that she has lived there for four years and would like to build a garage; however that was on hold now. She concluded by noting that there were real negative effects and the pipeline had not even been built yet.

18. Eleanor Amidon, Afton

Ms. Amidon called the Board's attention to a 1/7/16 article in the *Highland Recorder* <http://www.therecorderonline.com> and read it aloud. The article described how "citizens and environmental groups had joined in protest over Dominion allegedly disobeying environmental law by wrongfully ignoring the law in denying the need to pursue a regional

environmental impact statement for the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline.” The article further stated that Dominion’s claims “do not relieve FERC of its obligation to prepare a regional EIS whereas here, ‘several proposals for...actions that will have cumulative or synergistic environmental impact upon a region are pending concurrently before an agency.’” The article then refutes Dominion’s arguments that a regional EIS is unnecessary and requests that “To the extent that FERC considers Atlantic’s answers in its deliberations on the ACP (we) intervenors respectfully request that FERC also consider this answer to ensure a full and accurate presentation of the issues.”

Ms. Amidon reiterated that she thought FERC may be obligated to complete a regional environmental impact statement (EIS). She then noted that the Board was previously presented with a petition that the Board support a programmatic EIS and she inquired as to what the Board was going to do about that request and the petition. She added that this question went way further than the people of Nelson County; who have asked the Board to support this.

19. Kenda Hanuman, Buckingham County

Ms. Hanuman noted that in Buckingham County, they were dealing with the ACP and a proposed compressor station. She asked the Board to consider the facts that had been given and she noted that the compressor stations were added over time and there may be as many as fifteen of them, as more gas was requested of the line. She noted that she hoped the Board would consider the statements made from landowners regarding the lack of sincerity of Dominion. She added that since October, hundreds of millions of gallons of methane have been leaked into the air and there was no way of stopping it. She noted that the pipeline would have a negative impact on landowners and she referenced the sacrifice zone that had been mentioned. Ms. Hanuman then noted that in Buckingham, the pipeline would be going through the Ellis farm, a longtime family farm, and they would not be able to farm any longer if it went in, as they would not be able to move heavy equipment and livestock over the right of way. Ms. Hanuman then related that a group from Buckingham went to Pennsylvania to tour a compressor station. She noted that her experience with Dominion was there was a lot of magic thinking and nothing to back it up. She then referenced “Precautionary Principles: The process of applying the precautionary principle must be open, informed, and democratic and must include potentially affected parties. It must also involve an examination of the full range of alternatives, including no action”.

20. Heidi Dhivya, Friends of Buckingham

Ms. Dhivya encouraged Dominion to make a shift to a sustainable energy policy. Ms. Dhivya noted that her new favorite author, Jeremy Rifkin, an economist and author had served as an advisor to numerous heads of state of European countries on issues related to the economy, climate change, energy security, and the environment. She noted that the EU was working to create the infrastructure required for sustainable energy and she encouraged Dominion to get into renewable resources.

21. Sarah Ray, Nellysford

Ms. Ray noted that it seemed that the only one who would consider burying a 42 inch pipeline in Nelson County would be someone whose head was buried in the sand; which left a vulnerable behind exposed.

Mr. Hale noted he appreciated the public's comments and that the Board did not have the power to make the decision on the project.

B. Presentation – Atlantic Coast Pipeline LLC, Potential Economic Impacts

Ms. Susan King of Dominion addressed the Board and noted that Brian Wilson would be giving the presentation. She noted that the information was meant to provide their views on the economic impacts of the ACP and the experiences of other communities. She noted that these communities had experienced economic development, thriving tourism, and tremendous agricultural production. She added that this information was not provided to insult the Board's intelligence, but rather to help allay some of the concerns and to present a different view.

Mr. Wilson noted that there were many communities across Virginia that hosted natural gas pipelines. He showed a map of the State and the location of the following pipelines: the proposed ACP, the Columbia Gas Transmission line, East Tennessee Natural Gas line, Transcontinental Gas Transmission line, the Virginia Natural Gas Company line, and a few smaller lines labeled local and other. Mr. Wilson reiterated that there were thousands of feet of safely operating pipelines and that safety was their number one core value at Dominion.

He then showed a slide labeled "Maintaining the community's rural character" that showed pictures of a natural gas line right of way on an Augusta County farm.

The next slide was labeled "without interfering with residential and commercial development" and showed a natural gas right of way in Augusta County going through residential areas and a commercial area. Mr. Wilson noted that Columbia has maintained their pipeline for 80 years in Augusta County and the rural character of the area was preserved. He added that it had been proven that development activity did occur along pipelines and there was continued thriving economic development activity and the maintenance of rural character.

The next slide labeled "Or discouraging tourism" showed an aerial view of the Columbia Gas line going through White Hall Vineyard in Albemarle County and noted that the vineyard was part of the Monticello Wine Trail and was a producer of award-winning wines for more than 20 years. He added that this site has flourished alongside a 20 inch gas pipeline.

The next slide labeled "California's premier wine country hosts natural gas pipelines" showed an aerial view of Napa Valley that depicted the locations of existing PG&E Natural

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Gas pipelines relative to hotels and vineyards. Mr. Wilson noted that there were 280 miles of natural gas lines through thriving tourism areas, Napa County generated \$1.5 billion each year in tourism, and Sonoma produced nearly \$1 billion annually in agricultural products.

The next slide labeled “42-inch Transco crosses neighboring counties, and Lake Monticello community” and showed an aerial view of the Transco right of way in relation to Lake Monticello properties that is home to 10,000 residents. The slide noted that the Transco line crosses Buckingham, Fluvanna, Orange, Culpeper, Fauquier, and Prince William Counties; crossing Interstate-64. Mr. Wilson added that this pipeline spanned 130 miles and operated alongside 3 other lines. He noted that in Northern Virginia, luxury homes were built in very close proximity to the Dominion lines.

The next slide labeled “Significant economic benefits across Virginia from energy savings and local tax revenue” showed the following:

Construction: Economic Activity: \$1.4 billion total, Jobs: 8,800, Local Tax Revenue: \$2.4 million annually. Mr. Wilson noted that this included direct and indirect revenues.

Operations: Energy Cost Savings: \$243 million, Economic Activity: \$37.8 million annually, Jobs: 1,300, and Local Tax Revenue: \$10.4 million annually. Mr. Wilson noted this covered all consumers in Virginia.

It was noted that the benefits analysis was provided by ICF International, Chmura Economics & Analysis, and Dominion Resources.

The next slide labeled “Local Tax Benefits” noted that in 2022, the full value of the project will be reflected in tax payments as follows:

Virginia Counties + Suffolk and Chesapeake: Estimated 2022 property tax payments of \$10.4 million.

Nelson County: Estimated 2022 property tax payments of \$1.25 million. Mr. Wilson noted that these figures were based upon VA Department of Taxation methodology and the values were based on an income based approach. He added that the methodology allocated the value of the entity to localities it crossed and applied local tax ratios and the estimates provided were based on Virginia Department of Taxation methods.

The next slide labeled “Values and Mortgages” noted well-documented reviews showed no negative impact on property values* based on: * multiple FERC Reports – as recently as October 2014: Diskin et, al., 2011 (Arizona), PGP Valuation, Inc., 2008 (Palomar Gas Transmission), Ecowest, 2008 (Oregon LNG Project), and Hansen et.al. 2006 (Washington State).

It also noted that because property values would not be affected: appraisal values would not be affected and therefore the ability to obtain a mortgage would not be affected. Mr. Wilson

noted that there were not a lot of reports because it was hard to pin down; there were a myriad of factors that went into determining property values.

The next slide labeled “Atlantic Coast Pipeline” noted that: FERC filing was done in September 2015, more than 3,000 miles of potential routes had been explored to find the current 564 –mile path, and 50 major route adjustments were proposed in response to feedback. It also showed a map depicting the current ACP route and various route alternatives. Mr. Wilson noted that there had been hundreds of field adjustments made through working with land owners and that they could only find the best routes through surveying.

The next slide labeled “Nelson County” showed a map of Nelson County and the proposed and alternative ACP route as of May 2015. It noted that there were 120 tracts on the proposed route equaling about 27 miles, and 57% of landowners had agreed to allow surveys and they would like to increase that number. Mr. Wilson noted that they believed that collaboration was the best way to achieve multi-beneficial outcomes.

The final slide labeled “Regulatory Process and Expected Timeline” Showed the following:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Timing</u>
Survey/route planning	May 2014-Ongoing
Hosted Open Houses	September 2014
FERC Pre-Filing Request	October 2014
Prepare & Submit draft Resource Reports	Fall 2014- Spring 2015
Hosted Open Houses	January & March 2015
FERC held Scoping Meetings	March 2015
Respond to Comments submitted during Scoping	May 2015
File FERC Application	September 2015
FERC draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	
FERC Comment Period/Host public meetings on draft EIS	Winter 2016
FERC Final EIS	Spring 2016
FERC Certificate	Summer 2016
Construction	2016-2018
In-service	Late 2018

It was noted that FERC = Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the lead agency responsible for environmental review and approval of the project.

Mr. Wilson advised that they were now working through data requests from FERC, including working with other federal agencies.

In closing, Mr. Wilson noted their appreciation for having an opportunity to talk with the Board. He added that he understood there were many concerns and they appreciated the opportunity for an ongoing dialogue. He noted he thought that they were setting the table to have an ongoing dialogue and were supportive of that.

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Mr. Hale then opened the floor for questions from the Board.
Mr. Bruguiera and Mr. Harvey had no questions for Mr. Wilson.

Ms. Brennan:

Ms. Brennan noted that she had not been consulted about Dominion's presentation and having read the referenced reports, she was amazed that they came up with the economic presentation they did. She noted that they should have included both benefits and costs and she thought the Augusta County comparison was unrealistic since the topography was completely different and the pipelines they referenced were built in areas with no development. She added that the ACP would go through a lot of commercial and residential areas and was much larger than a 20 inch pipeline. She added that the White Hall pipeline was built in the 1950s and the winery was built in 1994 and the pipeline sizing was not comparable. She noted that the Napa Valley pipelines were built a long time ago and those were also not comparable to Nelson County. She added that the topography, geography, geology, and the water resources or anything else related to the Napa Valley with Nelson County. She noted she felt insulted that they would compare Nelson to Napa Valley and that they touted the economic benefits and did not talk about the costs. She also questioned the presentation of the tax revenue benefits and noted that developments that would not happen were costs, citing the Wintergreen Hotel project. She then questioned whether or not Dominion had spoken with these folks.

Mr. Wilson noted that they had spoken to those that would be affected and they felt that things related to the impacts of construction and the tourism impacts could be managed with collaboration with county staff. He noted they had traffic management plans and things of that nature that will be developed to minimize impacts to the local economy, to tourism and how the seasonal tourism dovetails with the construction schedule.

Ms. Brennan further questioned how this would address the effects on the County's economy and she noted there would be huge costs that they would not be able to minimize or eliminate. She then questioned how emergency preparedness would be addressed given that there have been more pipeline failures in the last decade than in the previous five. She noted that given that, it has been estimated that there will be five pipeline failures of the ACP in the next twenty years and a leaking 42 inch pipeline would explode. Mr. Wilson noted that safety was highest priority and the line would be monitored 24/7 for 365 days per year from their gas control center and they would be using epoxies that were corrosion resistant. He added that the pipeline monitor would run "smart pigs" through the line that were tools that gathered intelligence and looked for anomalies that would cause further investigation. He reiterated that they were concerned about safety. Ms. Brennan noted that they would do everything they could to prevent a failure and that safety was high on their list of importance. She noted though that did not address that there would probably be a failure and the fact that the cut off valves were put further apart in rural areas and that did not provide a sense of security and safety of the pipeline.

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Ms. Brennan then noted she would like to see a study showing impacts to air quality, water quality and she questioned whether or not they would really test the wells and water for a long distance away from the pipeline. She noted she would like for them to come back with a report showing what some of the costs were and an explanation of the factors used to come up with their figures.

Mr. Saunders:

Mr. Saunders noted that the economic impacts was all speculation. Mr. Wilson noted that they used the tools available to them and no one had a perfect model for this. He added that they had used reputable consultants recognized as trusted within the industry and with policy-makers who had been used quite a bit. He noted that the information presented was the best information they had at this time.

Mr. Saunders noted that in his profession, he had installed three 30 inch gas lines side by side and homes were built as fast as they could be in both Deer Lake Estates in Greene County and at Lake Monticello. Mr. Wilson noted that was the point they were making was that development occurs and it was a testament to the safety features used in pipelines today.

Ms. Brennan noted she did not think anywhere else could be compared to Nelson that would have its view sheds impacted that would have negative effects on the County's property sales. She reiterated that there would be a lot of costs and she thought Dominion should have utilized collocation more. She added that this pipeline had the lowest collocation rate of any other one they knew about and there were other options. She added she had no personal ill-will towards Mr. Wilson or Ms. King but rather it was the Company she had issues with.

Mr. Wilson spoke to the collocation issue and he noted that they had to hit a number of points to meet their contractual obligations and had to manage competing constraints within the resources and minimizing impacts to the environment. Ms. Brennan stated she would like to see the study done on collocation opportunities. Mr. Wilson noted that there was a lot of this contained in their resource reports filed with FERC and there were many reasons why collocation did not always work. He noted that with electric transmission lines, they could be sited on slopes whereas a gas transmission line could not. He noted that the side slopes were a concern and they would employ the best practices construction techniques and much of it was handled through routing. Mr. Wilson then noted that he understood the challenges; however from a Dominion perspective the project was critical to meet the needs of growing markets in Virginia and North Carolina and to provide for clean power plants.

Mr. Saunders further noted that Ms. King and a Dominion engineer met with an affected property owner in November and the engineer stated then that four tests of their wells would be done in each season of the year in order to get a baseline and if the well failed during construction, Dominion would have to provide potable water to the property owner until the problem could be corrected. Mr. Wilson confirmed this to be the case. He noted that they have indicated that they would voluntarily test wells and have contacted those who have granted survey permission to see if they would like for them to come out and do testing on a quarterly basis in order to establish seasonal baselines for water quality and flow rates. He

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reiterated that if there was an issue with the water caused by the construction of the pipeline, they would take care of it.

Mr. Saunders then asked if Dominion would test the discharge water after the hydrostatic testing and Mr. Wilson noted they would and water issues would be highly regulated.

Mr. Hale:

Mr. Hale noted that Dominion has said repeatedly, the project would reduce energy costs. He noted he found it hard to understand how this was the case when they have had their rates frozen until 2023 and now they were building a hugely expensive line and he did not understand how this resulted in savings. Mr. Wilson noted that the project was related to lowering energy costs of producing the energy and distribution rates was a separate issue altogether. He noted that there was a net energy savings to rate payers who were paying the costs of the assets. He added that they would be introducing a lower cost source of supply, the marginal price of electricity is being reduced; thereby reducing energy costs. Mr. Hale noted he found this contradictory and he believed Virginia was facing a suit on the constitutionality of precluding the SCC from reviewing rates by Dominion.

There being no further questions or comments from the Board, Mr. Hale thanked Mr. Wilson and Ms. King for the presentation.

C. Presentation – 2015 JABA State of the Seniors Report (F. Mitchell)

Ms. Mitchell provided the following report to the Board based on data for 2014:

STATE OF THE SENIORS FY2014
The Third Annual Report to the Nelson County Board of Supervisors
From the Senior Advisory Committee
December 30, 2014

Senior Advisory Committee Mission Statement: to promote the well-being of Nelson County's seniors and those who care for them by identifying needs and issues as well as resources and solutions.

The purpose of this report is to draw attention to the status of seniors in the County and to familiarize the Nelson County Board of Supervisors with the issues facing seniors today and in the future.

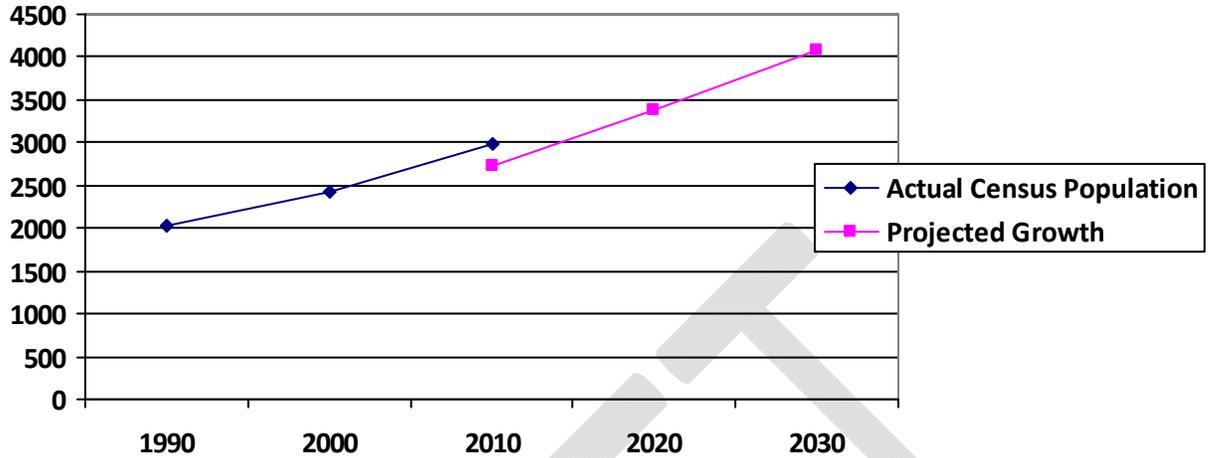
Where We Are Now:

Statistics from 2011 U.S. Census Quick Facts

- According to this data the total population in Nelson was 15,097
- 3095 of the total population were seniors (65 and over)
- In 2011 seniors comprised 20.5% of the total population in Nelson

Nelson 65+ Actual and Projected Population Growth

State Projections from Virginia Employment Commission

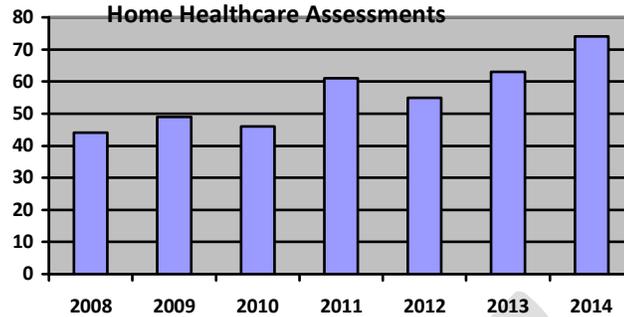


Dental Care 2014

- BRMC’s Rural Health Outreach Program provided affordable dental care to approximately 42 seniors in 2014 through a voucher program.

Health Care 2014

- Nelson County has three primary care sites, all of which offer a sliding fee scale; the County is listed as an official “medically underserved area” primarily because of the distances residents must travel to get to specialty care and or hospital based care
- In 2014 BRMC served 1742 seniors, comprising 18.2% of their patient population
- The Nelson Senior Center provided 178 health promotion activities which included assessments, screenings, 36 health education, 34 physical activity and 83 therapeutic social recreational activities
- The Medication Assistance Program at BRMC served 121 seniors in 2014.
- The Nelson County Health and Social Services departments provided 74 home healthcare assessments or screenings to seniors to evaluate their need for nursing home care, assisted living and in home companion services (assisting with house-cleaning, grocery shopping, bathing etc.)



Meals - 2014

In FY14: 50 Nelson County residents received 2,150 meals served at the Nelson Center, 915 at the Gladstone Center (including 50 meals delivered to shut in seniors), 807 at the Schuyler Center (which includes 279 meals delivered to shut in seniors), 1,225 at the Rockfish Center (including 22 meals delivered to shut in seniors) and 65 Nelson County residents received 7674 Home Delivered Meals via JABA's Mom's Meals program.

- JABA is required to meet the Virginia Department of Aging nutrition requirements for meals served at the Nelson Center as well as the JABA Home-Delivered Meals program

Affordable Housing - 2014

- Ryan School Apartments currently has seniors in 21 of its 32 affordable units. Seniors 60 and over compose 66% of the residency
- Lovington Ridge Apartments currently has seniors in 26 of its 64 affordable units. Seniors 60 and over compose 41% of the residency
- Rosewood Village at Wintergreen is a 55 and older community. Currently, of the 24 lots available 17 homes have been built. 15 of the homes are occupied and 2 of the homes are for sale. 7 lots are available for sale to build on

Supports for Seniors to Help Them to Remain in Their Homes Longer - 2014

- In FY14: JABA provided approximately 75 home visits to seniors to help ensure they had access to programs and services which assist them with home safety, nutrition, caregiver support, medications, dental and eye care, transportation, housing and other important initiatives which put senior concerns first and allows them to stay in their homes longer
- According to the Nelson County Department of Social Services, at the end of 2014 there were 24 seniors on the waiting list for companion services

JABA Home Support Services

- JABA provides home care services through a contract with At Home Care Staffing. These services are provided in all the localities of Planning District Ten by funds provided by the Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services (DARS). JABA provided home care to three Nelson County residents that helped them to remain in their homes. These services costs almost \$5000 but the recipients of these services received them at no cost.

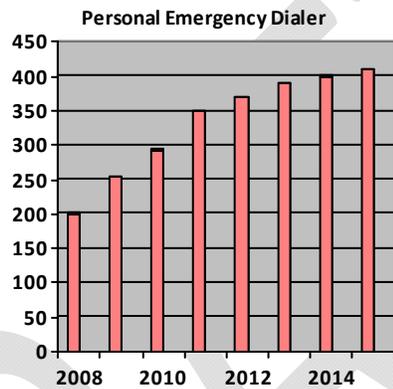
Families Program

- JABA is a partner with the UVA Memory and Aging Care Clinic and the Alzheimer's Association in a federally-funded research program that provides counseling, support and access for family caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's disease or other types of dementia. Ten caregivers who are residents of Nelson County have participated

Safety & Security – 2014

Personnel Emergency Dialers (PEDs) are a Nelson - TRIAD project

- The recipient's cost is a one-time fee of \$75.00
- Over 410 PED's have been installed by the Nelson County Sheriff's Dept. since 2008



Transportation – 2014

- In FY14: JAUNT provided 5322 trips to seniors

JAUNT services include:

- Three commuter routes (two to Charlottesville on weekdays and one to Wintergreen Wednesday through Sunday)
- Monday-Wednesday-Friday service to Charlottesville
- Monday and Tuesday intra-county service, primarily to the senior centers

What Is Needed In 2015 and Beyond?

Health Care

- Affordable dental care that is integrated with primary care; there are many more seniors who are suffering from serious oral health problems
- Improved and more affordable home-based services so that low-income seniors can “age in place” by remaining in their own residences longer
- Mental health services that cater to seniors

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- Alzheimer's Care Unit in Nelson

Meals

- Expanded meals programs at Nelson, Rockfish, Gladstone and Schuyler centers to allow more seniors to participate as well as attend more often

Housing

- An assisted living facility in Nelson
- Additional units of affordable housing are needed for seniors
- Need for additional home improvement program(s) in Nelson. A program like the Albemarle Housing Improvement Program, focuses on helping those who are low income to rehabilitate and improve homes.

Transportation

- More flexible services to reduce long waiting times after doctor visits, as well as to reduce long ride times
- Five day/week service to doctor appointments, etc. in Charlottesville
- Five day/week service to destinations within the County

At Risk Seniors

- At-risk seniors need monthly visits to help with bill-paying

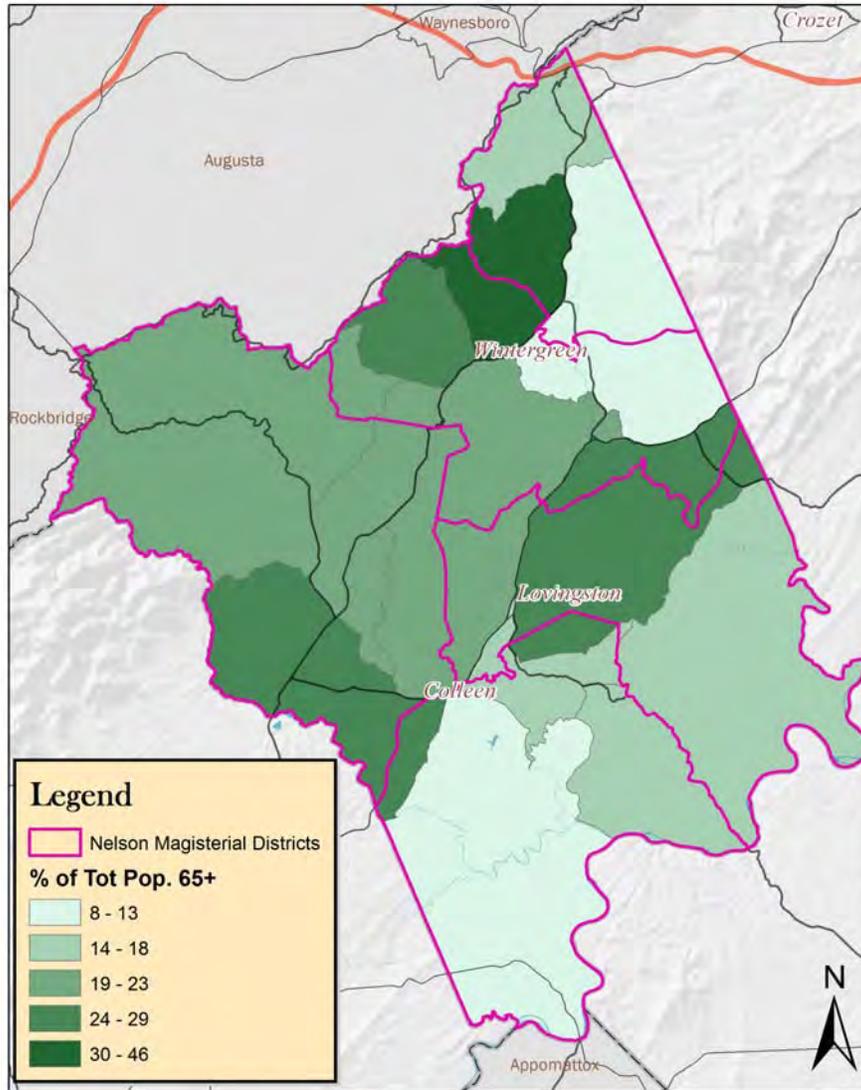
How Do We Get There?

We need to engage the entire community to work toward solutions for our growing population of seniors.

Additional funding from the County can draw down more federal and state dollars to improve the lives of senior citizens.

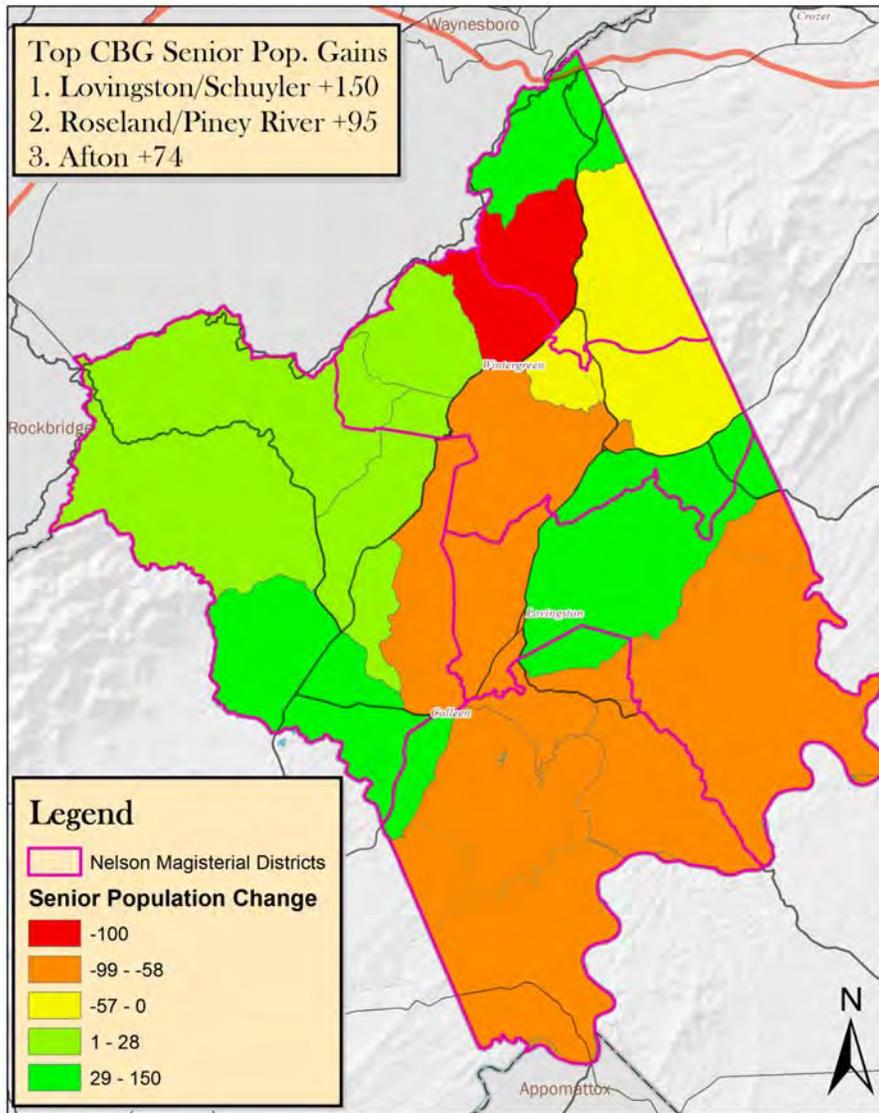
Based on American Community Survey data, the following map gives an overview of the density of seniors by census block group in Nelson County.

Elderly % of Total Population 2013



The following map based on American Community Survey data estimates the change in senior population by census block group between 2010 and 2013. The three census block groups with the estimated largest population gains are listed in the upper left corner of the map.

Est. Change in Senior Population 2010-2013



Ms. Mitchell noted that these maps were significant in demonstrating how Nelson residents were aging into the 65+ range and those who were in that range that were moving into the county.

She then noted that the Senior Advisory Committee meetings were held every other month and she invited them to lunch at the Senior Center. She noted the next meeting was on January 25, 2016 at 2:30. She added that senior lunches were served every week at noon on Monday and Tuesday and there was going to be a senior lunch at Nelson United Methodist Church on January 18th.

D. VDOT Report

Mr. Don Austin of VDOT gave the following report:

- Will need to update the Secondary Six Year Plan and he will send out the most recent secondary road priority list.
- Reported that the VDOT Commissioner has set aside funds for safety improvements and Nelson has a little over \$50,000. He added that they would need to come up with how to use it prior to July on something small, it was available now, and could accumulate from year to year; however that was not preferred. He then suggested that it could be used to cut down the median at Tye River and Route 29 and he noted it could be used on primary or secondary roads.
- Reported that for the landscaping project in Lovington, either the County or an individual could get the permit. He noted that if an individual got it, there were restrictions on sign-age etc. He then added that there were more guidelines if a group did it as a sponsorship and there would have to be a maintenance agreement along with it. Mr. Carter noted that he had mentioned this to Emily Harper to work on and that VDOT was willing to proceed.

Mr. Bruguiere supposed that the maintenance would fall back to the County if an individual were to get the permit. Mr. Carter noted he had asked Emily Harper to facilitate the project since she was in the same building as Michael LaChance. He added that the consensus was that Ms. Murray apply for the permit and get assistance from Ms. Harper. Mr. Austin advised that VDOT would need a letter from the County endorsing the project. The Board then gave their consensus to endorse project.

- Reported that VDOT would do final right of way work on the two HSIP projects. He added that other funds were transferred to the project so HB2 funds were no longer needed.
- Reported that they would try to get inmate litter pick up to come back in Nelson and that he would talk with the Regional Jail in Charlottesville and the Sheriff on getting something going. He advised that there were costs involved to VDOT and those would supplement costs to the County and he would be looking into it more.

Supervisors then discussed the following VDOT issues:

Mr. Harvey had no VDOT issues.

Mr. Bruguiere suggested that the safety improvement funds be utilized on Tan Yard Road to provide for trench widening to the Convenience Center.

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Mr. Saunders noted that there needed to be signage on Tye River Road for large trucks and he referenced an email of issues that were sent through Mr. Carter that morning.

Ms. Brennan advised that Hill Hollow Rd. was starting to get muddy. She added that Buck Creek Lane looked great. She then inquired as to another accident at the stop light and Mr. Austin advised he would get the report.

Mr. Hale noted that the entrance to Calohill Drive had holes in it as did the shoulder. He then directed that if nothing was done in the next thirty days, the County needed to fix it. Mr. Hale then inquired if it was possible to go north on Tidbit Lane at Route 29 and Route 6. He explained that if at Woods Mill, at the Route 29 and Route 6 intersection; and one is turning to go northbound, there were people turning in front of you. Mr. Austin noted he would have this reviewed to see if any improvement could be made.

V. New Business/ Unfinished Business

A. Planning & Zoning Permit Fees

Mr. Carter noted that staff was looking for direction on this or the matter could be brought back. He explained that staff could not confirm when or how the fees for administrative zoning approvals went from \$5 to \$25; however the Department has been charging \$25 for quite some time. He added that the question was should they continue to charge \$25 for these and the Board agreed by consensus they should. It was noted that this could be formalized at the next meeting if necessary.

VI. Reports, Appointments, Directives, and Correspondence

A. Reports

1. County Administrator's Report

1. Courthouse Project Phase II: Construction is in process, on schedule and budget. No construction issues to report to date. A related project element is working towards the procurement of audio-video and recording equipment for the Circuit Court, which was not an initial project element and which has grown (somewhat) in scope.

2. Broadband: Please see the attached 1-8-16 report on this subject to the NCBA.

Mr. Carter briefly noted for Ms. Brennan the scope of the strategic plan to be put together by the retained consultants, Design Nine.

He then confirmed that Stewart Computer Services (SCS) was sold to Acelanet, He noted that Mr. Stewart was still the technical manager, and they were still doing business as SCS Broadband. He added that the Mid-Atlantic Broadband representative had noted that Acelanet may be a group of investors getting into the broadband market.

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3. BR Tunnel: County and Woolpert staff are focused on the consolidation of Phase 2 and Phase 3 in order to secure grant funding that will enable the overall project to be funded for completion. Input from VDOT staff is, as follows:

“We have received confirmation from Central Office that the Open Container funds are available for eligible off system trail projects that can be obligated in FY17. These are 100% funds which means there is no match requirement by the locality. To be a competitive candidate for these funds it will be important to show that your project can be obligated in fiscal year 2017. Open Container Funds will not be available until October 2016 which means you will not be able to advertise until after the funds are in place. To be able to advertise in October 2016 we will need to obtain federal authorization in advance of that date. Federal authorization to advertise can take up to 30 days once a submittal to FHWA is made. To get all of the documentation necessary to make this submittal will take several months (sometimes 4-5 months). To allow plenty of time to get the documentation needed the County should start submitting documentation as you have it completed with a target of having everything in by early May.”

Additionally, County staff will submit later in the month of January a grant request to the national Rails to Trails Conservancy. The grant request (amount) has not yet been finalized. The maximum grant award is \$50,000. The funding would be used for installations such as project signage, kiosks, possibly, security cameras, etc.

Mr. Carter confirmed that Woolpert had assigned an engineer to the project and they were moving faster than first thought. Mr. Hale then confirmed with Mr. Carter that nothing would happen as far as bidding the project until October 2016.

4. Lovington Health Care Center: Harrisonburg based Valley Care Management has requested a meeting with the County to discuss the company’s status on acquiring the facility for use as an assisted living and memory care center. The meeting will be scheduled in January or early February 2016.

Mr. Carter noted that Valley Care Management has asked what the County would ask for the building and he has told them at least the assessed value at this point. Supervisors agreed by consensus that the assessed value was the starting point.

Mr. Hale then suggested that they needed to see if they were seriously interested before spending money on an independent appraisal. Mr. Harvey noted that if they could provide assisted living services to Nelson County it would be worth the effort to make it work.

Mr. Carter noted that Region Ten and Piedmont Housing Alliance were still interested and there had also been interest from a local business in using it for their operations.

5. Radio Project: The following was taken from the monthly report of the Department of Information Systems (S. Rorrer): County staff and B&V (RCC) have completed a review of system documentation and provided Motorola with a list of additional information that

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should be provided. Once that information is received the County will sign off on the final project milestone.

The County and B&V are currently working to evaluate the Digital Vehicular Repeaters proposed to be installed in vehicles for the Rockfish, Montebello and Wintergreen departments. Motorola has provided a list of references who currently utilize the DVR Systems. Motorola has requested proof of concept information from systems engineering however that information has not been received. The County will proceed with the purchase once the solution has been proven to work as proposed.

Mr. Carter noted a \$50,000 cost for this and they had received feedback that it would be worth the cost.

He noted that the County was continuing to pursue the deployment of a new communications site on Bear Den Mountain. He added that Black and Veach, Motorola, Virginia State Police, and the County would work together to assess options for use of the site. He noted that the site would provide significant coverage enhancement in the northern part of the County.

6. CDBG Grant Application for Sewer Line Extension: A set of information questions has been submitted to Aqua VA, which has just recently assigned staff to this subject (to work with the County), Until these informational needs are addressed and done so to enable the project to proceed to a final decision by VA-DHCD on project funding, additional work that is required to be completed (i.e. income surveys, grant application revisions, etc.) are being deferred (until there is certainty that all required details can be completed with Aqua VA).

Ms. Brennan inquired as to the length of Wild Wolf's temporary permit and Mr. Carter noted it went until July 2016. He then noted that the County would have to survey the households along the extension for LMI qualifications and desire to connect. He added that staff would have to amend the budget to allow for LMI connections; however staff did not want to do all of this work if the project did not work for Aqua Virginia.

7. Nelson County Public Schools (Office of Civil Rights Follow-Up): An update on the status of this subject has not been received from the School Division but is thought to be in process.

Mr. Carter noted that the School Division was working with another consultant who had noted that the larger issues may be able to be resolved without a large capital outlay.

8. FY 14-15 Audit Report (CAFR): The completed report will be distributed to the Board in the ensuing two weeks with staff from Robinson, Farmer Cox Associates to present on this subject at the February regular session.

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9. FY 16-17 Budget: Work on the County's ensuing fiscal year budget is in progress. Department of Finance and HR staff are also endeavoring to complete a compensation study for the Board's consideration during FY 16-17 budget work sessions.

10. VDOT HB2 Applications: A final decision on the County's three HB2 project applications is pending (early to mid-2016). The Rt. 29/655 application has been shifted at the request and recommendation of VDOT staff to the Department's Safety HB2 Need Category (instead of the Corridor of Statewide Significance Category).

11. Board Retreat: Completed. A summary report completed by Mr. Boyles (Chip) of TJPDC is included herewith.

12. Department Reports: Included with the BOS agenda for the 1-12-16 meeting.

Added:

County Surplus Auction: Mr. Carter reported that this would take place on January 30th at the Calohill Maintenance Facility. He noted there was mostly furniture and some vehicles to be auctioned off by Counts and Dobyns. He added that some attorneys in the region were interested in office chairs etc. and the feedback from Counts and Dobyns was that it could go well.

Jefferson Madison Regional Library: Mr. Carter noted that staff had met with the Library's Executive Director who related that a system wide accessibility assessment had been done and four pages of things to work on had been given to the Maintenance Department. Examples included fixing the sidewalk lip, the counters were all uniform and did not have a handicap accessible section, and the bathrooms were not accessible.

Assistant Code Official: Mr. Carter reported that James Allen had been hired as the Assistant Building Code Official and had started on Monday. He added that he would get certified as soon as possible.

Rockfish Valley Area Plan: Mr. Carter reported that a kick off meeting had been held.

2. Board Reports

Mr. Harvey, Mr. Hale and Mr. Saunders had no report; other Supervisors reported the following:

Mr. Bruguere:

- Visited the caboose at the Blue Ridge Trail and noted that it had steps into it; however there were no funds to rebuild it. He noted it would have to be completely rebuilt and he would like to see the County contribute \$5,000 towards this.

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Mr. Carter noted he would have to see who the money would need to go to and he added that the work was supposed to be done by volunteer labor.

Mr. Bruguiera moved to contribute \$5,000 towards the restoration of the caboose at the Piney River trail and Ms. Brennan seconded the motion. Mr. Bruguiera noted that this was not a lot of money and would get things done. He added that the trail was being highly used. Mr. Hale agreed it was a worthwhile expenditure of County funds.

There being no further discussion, Supervisors voted unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote to approve the motion.

Ms. Brennan:

- Attended Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) meeting and learned about new programs offered. She noted there was now a program for kids under 18; where CIT would go to homes and deal with issues.

B. Appointments

Ms. McGarry distributed the impending appointments for 2016 as follows:

Board or Commission	Terms Expiring	Incumbent
NC Social Services Board <i>BOS Member Annually Appointed in January</i>	1/1/2016	Connie Brennan-BOS
Jefferson Area Disability Services Board <i>Gov't Rep. Appointed at BOS Org. Meeting</i>	1/1/2016	Kelley Hughes
Piedmont Workforce Network Board <i>1 year term annually appointed BOS member</i>	1/30/2016	Larry D. Saunders
Planning Commission <i>BOS Member Annual Appointment in January</i>	1/30/2016	Larry D. Saunders
T.J. Community Criminal Justice Board <i>Appointed at BOS Annual Org. Meeting</i>	1/1/2016	Connie Brennan-BOS
T.J. Planning District Commission <i>1 year term appointed at BOS Annual Organizational Meeting</i>	1/1/2016 1/1/2016	Tim Padalino -Planning Director Allen M. Hale - BOS
Ag & Forestal Dist. Advisory <i>4 Year Term - 3 Term Limit</i>	5/13/2016	Other Landowners Bill Halvorsen
Board of Building Appeals <i>4 Year Term - No Term Limit (initial 3 - 2012, initial 2 - 2014 per Ordinance)</i>	6/30/2016 6/30/2016 6/30/2016	Shelby Bruguiera Steven C. Crandall Kenneth H. Taylor

Board or Commission	Terms Expiring	Incumbent
Jefferson Madison Regional Library Board 4 Year Term - 2 Term Limit	6/30/2016	Marcia McDuffie (T1) Unexp Term of Mary Coy
N.C. Broadband Authority 4 Year Term	6/30/2017	Alan Patrick Vacancy- Central
N.C. Economic Dev. Authority 4 year term	6/30/2016 6/30/2016	R. Carlton Ballowe Emily H. Pelton
N.C. Library Advisory Committee 4 year term appointed by District	6/30/2016	Audrey Evans - West District
N.C. Service Authority 4 Year term appointed by District	6/30/2016 6/30/2016 6/30/2018	Edward L. Rothgeb - South David S. Hight-West Tommy H. Vacancy- North
N.C. Social Services Board 4 year term /2 term limit	6/30/2016	Clifford Savell (T1)
Piedmont Workforce Network Board PWN Business Representative - 3 Year Term No Term Limits	6/30/2016	James S. Turpin
Planning Commission 4 Year term appointed by District	6/30/2016 6/30/2016	Mary K. Allen - South Michael Harman-West
Region Ten Community Services Board 3 Year term / 3 Term Limit	6/30/2016	Patricia Hughes (T1)
JABA Board of Directors 2 year term	7/15/2016	Diane Harvey
JAUNT 3 year term	9/30/2016	Janice Jackson
Board of Zoning Appeals Appointed by Circuit Ct. Judge 5 year term	11/10/2016	Goffrey Miles
T.J. Planning District Commission Corporation 1 year term no term limit - Appointed By TJPDC Corporation	12/10/2016	George Krieger

The Nelson County Broadband Authority Central District vacancy and the North District Service Authority vacancy were briefly discussed as being important. Ms. McGarry noted that both of these have been advertised and would continue to be. Mr. Harvey then advised that he would continue to serve on the Service Authority Board until a replacement was appointed.

C. Correspondence

1. Goodwin Law of VA, PLLC – Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Mr. Carter noted the County had received a letter from Heather Goodwin, who had proposed a Zoning Ordinance text amendment to address a zoning violation of her client.

Mr. Padalino provided the following guidance via his staff report as follows:

“Mrs. Goodwin’s correspondence ultimately seeks to establish “contractor’s equipment storage yard” as a permissible use in the Limited Industrial District M-1. That land use is currently only a permissible use in Industrial District M-2. Mrs. Goodwin’s request of the BOS to consider initiating a text amendment would remedy the zoning violation at Mr. Bryant’s property, as the subject property is zoned M-1 and is currently the operational headquarters of Bryant Paving (which was previously determined to be a “contractor’s equipment storage yard”).

While it is my position that amending the Ordinance to resolve a zoning violation is typically not a good practice, it may be justified in this case. Specifically, my recommendation is as follows:

Amend Zoning Ordinance Article 18, Limited Industrial District M-1, Section 3, to include “contractor’s equipment storage yard, or rental of equipment commonly used by contractors” as a Use – Permissible by Special Use Permit only.

As noted above, this particular land use is currently permissible in M-2, but not in M-1. In some cases, the use may be acceptable or appropriate in Limited Industrial District M-1; but it is also possible that it may not be acceptable or appropriate in the M-1 district in other cases (depending on the scale of the operation and other property-specific and project-specific details).

Therefore, allowing this land use as a “special use” in M-1 gives property owners the opportunity to request a Special Use Permit from the BOS; but it doesn’t guarantee the property owner the right to use M-1 property for that land use (as it would be if it were made a “Use – permissible by-right”). Additionally, requiring a SUP for this type of land use in M-1 would allow the BOS to make case-by-case decisions about establishing conditions to any SUP approval, if the Board were to determine that there were property-specific or project-specific reasons for doing so.”

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Mr. Carter noted that Mr. Padalino recommended that the text be amended to allow this by Special Use Permit in order to mitigate some of his issues; however the Board would retain full discretion and it would not be a by right use.

Mr. Hale asked if the Board could act directly without referring this to the Planning Commission and Mr. Carter advised it would have to be referred. Mr. Hale and Mr. Bruguere both stated they did not see the need for a special use permit and this should be a by right use.

Mr. Hale then agreed that it should be referred to the Planning Commission but that the sense of the Board was that a Special Use Permit should not be required.

Ms. Brennan then moved that the issue be referred to the Planning Commission and Mr. Saunders seconded the motion.

Mr. Hale then re-read the text to be referred as follows: Amend Zoning Ordinance Article 18, Limited Industrial District M-1, Section 3, to include “contractor’s equipment storage yard, or rental of equipment commonly used by contractors” as a Use – Permissible by Special Use Permit only.

There being no further discussion, Supervisors voted unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote to approve the motion and resolved to refer the proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation.

2. Elaine Woodson – Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Mr. Hale noted that this request was to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow for accessory structures to be placed on property with no existing structures.

Mr. Padalino provided the following guidance via his staff report as follows:

“This correspondence seeks to initiate a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance which would allow sheds, garages, and/or other structures (typically considered “accessory structures”) to become permissible (by-right) primary uses/structures.

This requested amendment would represent a significant departure from current County policies and from traditional County practices.

Currently, there is no limit to the number of sheds, outbuildings, garages, or other accessory structures which may be placed or constructed on a property – but only if a permissible primary use or structure already exists on the property. Commonly, the permissible primary use/structure is a dwelling, to which the other structures are permissible accessory uses/structures. There are numerous examples in most zoning districts of properties having both primary and accessory uses.

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In my opinion, amending the ordinance to allow such sheds, outbuildings, or other garages without a permissible primary use or structure on the same parcel is not advisable. Allowing sheds and/or garages prior to establishing a primary use or structure may help certain individuals in certain instances, but it is not in the interest of the County at large. Consider the following thoughts regarding the requested amendments; these attempt to take into account all possible scenarios (and not just the one current circumstance involving Mrs. Woodson):

- It would create conditions in which the shed or garage has an increased potential for being used as a dwelling (regardless of whether that is the initial intent, or not) – despite the structure not being compliant with all applicable Building Inspections and/or Health Department regulations. In essence, this concern is related to public health and safety, and more specifically the issues of sub-standard housing, child welfare, and at-risk seniors with fixed, limited, or no income.

- It would contribute to some (perhaps many) properties not being utilized for their “highest and best use,” which would in turn result in reduced aggregate property values and would negatively affect County tax revenues. If property owners are permitted to construct or place a shed on a property in lieu of building a dwelling, cottage, or vacation house, that would ultimately impact the County’s ability to fully realize potential tax revenues.

- It would represent an abrupt departure from deliberate County policies and established procedures. The ordinance is clearly written to prevent sheds, garages, and other such structures from being a permissible primary use. Consider (among other provisions) Article 14, Section 2 “Powers and Duties of Board of Zoning Appeals” Item 1a: “To hear and decide applications for Special Use Permits to erect an accessory building prior to the construction of the primary building on the same parcel or lot.” This provision clearly shows that previous Nelson County Board of Supervisors, in their judgment and discretion, did not wish for sheds or garages to be permissible by-right as a primary use, but rather to only be permissible with a Special Use Permit issued by the Board of Zoning Appeals (a quasi-judicial body).

Therefore, with respect to those considerations, my recommendation is as follows:
Do not amend the ordinance to allow sheds, outbuildings, garages, or other structures typically considered “accessory structures” to be permissible as a by-right primary use/structure.

In my opinion, the only possible amendment which should be considered in regards to this issue would be to explicitly add “accessory building(s) prior to the construction of the primary building(s) on the same parcel or lot” as a “Use – Permissible with Special Use Permit only” to certain Articles, including Article 4 (Agricultural District A-1), and/or whichever other zoning districts the PC and BOS consider to be appropriate. Such an amendment would help to clarify the existing policy (which is currently only referenced in Article 14, “Board of Zoning Appeals”), but is not necessary.”

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Mr. Harvey noted the Zoning Ordinance was that way because if not, sheds would go up and then the owners would be living in them. It was noted that this has historically been the consensus of staff. Mr. Harvey added that this was a monitoring problem as well.

Following discussion, no action was taken by the Board.

D. Directives

Mr. Saunders and Mr. Harvey had no directives

Ms. Brennan confirmed that newly elected officials were sworn in.

Mr. Bruguere confirmed with Mr. Carter that a letter to Mr. Larkin regarding the County's interest in his property had been sent to him and would also be sent to the appropriate contact at the bank.

Mr. Hale:

Mr. Hale noted that he would like to have a commitment in writing from Woolpert on the Blue Ridge Tunnel project as well as the name of the Engineer assigned to the project. He added that he and Mr. Saunders would like to have a meeting with him ASAP.

Mr. Hale noted that the Calohill Drive issue still needed to be solved. Mr. Carter advised that staff had researched it and no one seemed to be in charge of the road. He added that neither Doug Long nor Bo Delk was in charge and it could be the responsibility of a property owner's association. Mr. Saunders noted that it should work that way.

Mr. Hale then inquired about discussing the Sheriff's earlier request.

Mr. Bruguere asked for clarification on what was being requested.

Mr. Harvey explained that the Sheriff wanted to use salary supplement funds in order to hire new people and the Board's policy had been if you were new, you started at the base salary. Mr. Hale clarified that this was the Compensation Board salary and Mr. Harvey noted that this hurt a lot when trying to hire qualified people. He added that with the recent hire; they had been convinced of her qualifications and that it would take a higher salary to hire her and they wanted to hire good people. He noted that most of the time, an entry level person would be hired in at the Compensation Board salary and they would have to be trained and would not be of any benefit to the department for a while. Mr. Carter confirmed that they were using the current Compensation Board salaries and were not losing that.

Mr. Hale looked at an example provided by the Sheriff to get clarification and Mr. Carter noted that the outgoing employee was paid at the higher level and the incoming employee per policy, would not get the supplement – it would be lost. Mr. Hale then confirmed that the Sheriff said he needed that money in order to hire. He then asked if this would be a one-time approval or across the board. Mr. Harvey noted that it was a given you could hire better

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people with the supplement included and he thought this should be across the board. Mr. Carter noted that while he had no problem with this in theory; he questioned what the structure was to do that as the concern was there was no system in place. He then advised the Board that the Commissioner of Revenue had come to them to say that the Compensation Board had told her that the County should also pay her the supplement; which was about \$6,000 to \$8,000 more and he questioned whether or not the Board wanted to pay the incoming Officers the same as the outgoing. Mr. Harvey noted he had no problem with it since she would be losing the supplement from her previous position and Mr. Hale disagreed noting he thought the elected positions were different. Staff began to note how it was done in the past and Mr. Harvey suggested that they were now moving forward.

Mr. Harvey then moved that the salary supplement policy be changed to allow the Constitutional Officers and employees to be able to receive the payroll funds already budgeted. He added there was no new money involved and was already there.

Ms. Brennan questioned this in the case where someone brand new was being hired and Ms. McCann asked about County employees; noting that what if someone with 10 years' experience left a position and a person was hired in at the same salary that did not have as much experience; this was what they would be allowing the Constitutional Officers to do. Mr. Harvey noted that this would give them the opportunity to hire someone with the experience. Ms. McCann noted that this was not always the case unless parameters were put in place. Mr. Harvey noted that they could not manage everything and Ms. Brennan agreed noting that they had to trust the judgement of the Sheriff; who would not bring someone in and waste money. Ms. Brennan then stated that she thought they should give the Sheriff the option to hire his people.

Mr. Hale suggested that they not say this was an automatic pay level for an incoming employee; but that the Sheriff has the discretion to use these funds up to the salary that includes the County supplement. Ms. McCann then noted that the Sheriff was wanting to juggle this around and he could then take several supplements and put it towards one position. Mr. Hale noted that would be alright with him and Mr. Saunders concurred. Ms. McCann then suggested that they set a parameter of a percentage above the minimum pay that they could use to hire people and she noted that the Compensation Board salaries had pay classes that were not necessarily at the bottom of the scale; they had the flexibility on the Compensation Board side to move the salary around within budgeted Compensation Board amounts. She noted that they may have someone going out with a certain Compensation Board salary and bring someone in at a lesser salary and would still have that Compensation Board differential to apply to other Compensation Board positions.

Mr. Bruguiere inquired as to how the County would appropriate the money to the Sheriff's Department and did Sheriff make the decision where it went. Mr. Carter noted that this was not done in this manner in the past. Mr. Carter then explained that if a 3% raise was given and they got the 3%, then it was just adjusted by the 3%, there was no discretion about that. Staff clarified that this was a percentage given when there was a difference between the percentage raise the County gave and the Compensation Board raise percentage or even the timing of the raise. Mr. Carter noted that when the Constitutional Officers did not get raises

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from the state one year, they came to the Board and asked for the same raise as the County employees were getting and the outcome of that was the establishment of the policy. He added that so every time the State gave less and the County gave more, the County would make up the difference. He added that conversely if the State provided more than the County, then the supplement policy was adjusted downward so that it balanced out.

Mr. Hale noted that they were not really talking about a change in that respect and Mr. Harvey then withdrew his motion for the time being.

Mr. Hale noted that this was the first time the Board was addressing this and his feeling was that the Board wanted to work with the Sheriff to enable him to get the best people possible. Mr. Carter agreed but noted that the staff did not want disruption; where things were all over the place creating issues and he suggested that there should be some structure to it.

Mr. Hale questioned the ease of which some sort of structure to this could be drawn up to give the Sheriff the flexibility to hire some of these more qualified people. Mr. Carter noted staff just needed to work on it, however the issue was the Sheriff wanted to make these hires immediately. Mr. Hale then suggested that they deal with the immediate hire request and defer action on the rest of it.

Sheriff Hill then addressed the Board and noted that Major Larry Cindrick had come in to fill the place of the previous Captain Ron Roberson. He noted he was a County native and resident and was highly qualified having been a Captain in Amherst and supervised more people there than he would in Nelson. He noted that he had taken a pay cut to return to Nelson and he added that he would like to see him get paid what the previous Captain, Ron Robertson, was being paid. He advised that Major Cindrick was performing the same duties if not more than the former Captain. He then reiterated the credentials of the other individual he wanted to bring in and would be a benefit to Nelson.

Mr. Hale then suggested that the Board agree to do this for the two individuals being discussed, the Captain and the Investigator, and that be it. Ms. Brennan then questioned the salary of Ms. Rebecca Espinoza and noted that she had received the supplement. Mr. Saunders then agreed with Mr. Hale's suggestion. Ms. McCann related that the County was doing a pay study and this could be further addressed when the Board reviewed the study.

Mr. Saunders then moved to cover the supplement for the two employees in question. It was clarified that there was no new money involved and the funds were already budgeted.

Ms. Brennan then seconded the motion.

Staff advised that this involved approximately \$8,000. Supervisors noted that they did not want to see the Sheriff's hands tied to start with. Mr. Hill commented that the department was in a pinch and they did have the option of calling the State Police or other localities to assist; however he needed to act very quickly.

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There being no further discussion, Supervisors voted unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote to approve the motion.

Ms. Brennan had further questions regarding the other salaries and was advised to consult separately with the Sheriff as the Board did not want to discuss individuals' salaries even though it was public information.

VII. Recess and Reconvene Until 7:00 PM for the Evening Session

At 5:45 PM, Mr. Harvey moved to adjourn and continue until 7:00 PM for the evening session 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.

**EVENING SESSION
7:00 P.M. – NELSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

I. Call to Order

Mr. Hale called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM with all Supervisors present to establish a quorum.

II. Public Comments

1. Vickie Wheaton, Faber

Ms. Wheaton noted that she attended a Community Advisory Board meeting in Buckingham on the Atlantic Coast Pipeline where Dominion said they would come back and answer their questions. She noted that the group did not receive the answers until the night of their meeting; so there was no way they could review them ahead of time. She noted that they “talk the talk” and then behave differently. Ms. Wheaton then related that a Committee member felt intimidated by the police officers at the door during the meeting and when asked; Dominion claimed to know nothing about them being there, when in fact, they had been hired by Dominion.

2. Reverend Foster, Shipman

Reverend Foster expressed concern regarding the removal of the bell from the old school house in Shipman and questioned the authority of Mr. Saunders and Reverend Rose to move it. He noted that he did not believe Reverend Rose had any right to move the bell and noted that no one did until or if the old schoolhouse was sold. He noted in that event, there would be a meeting about what to do with the bell. He further stated he would like to know who gave the authority to take the bell.

Mr. Carter noted that per the research done by the County Attorney, no one had ownership of the property. He noted that the original trustees, when the school was constructed and

deeded from Oak Ridge Estate, were no longer living. He added that concern about the bell had been discussed over a year ago and the County Attorney had advised that it should be retrieved and put in good care. He noted that the County had conferred with the Heritage Center who said they would be good stewards of the bell. He reiterated that the matter was researched thoroughly and it was found that no one currently owned the property as all of the trustees were deceased.

Mr. Hale advised Reverend Foster that it could be discussed further and looked into; however the matter would not be further debated that night.

III. Public Hearings

- A. **Public Hearing – Spruce Creek Resort & Market, Special Use Permits 2015-10, 2015-11, 2015-12, and 2015-13 (Averitt):** The Special Use Permit applications #2015-10 to #2015-13 seek approval to build a small grocery/market for the sale of local foods and goods pursuant to Zoning Ordinance §4-1-35a (“retail store, neighborhood”); build a banquet hall to be used for weddings, meetings, etc....and provide lodging cottages & provisions for overnight stays pursuant to §4-1-13a (“conference center”); build a small spa with a few cabins for guest use and public use pursuant to §4-1-44a (“activity center”); and build a restaurant on property zoned A-1 pursuant to §4-1-34a (“restaurant”). The subject property is identified as Tax Map Parcels #21-A-35; -36, is zoned Agricultural (A-1) and consists of 98.21 acres located on Rockfish Valley Highway.

Mr. Carter noted that for consideration were four Special Use Permit applications as follows:

SUP #2015-10 for “neighborhood retail store”, pursuant to §4-1-35a, would allow for the construction and operation of “a small grocery/market for the sale of local foods and goods.” Per Zoning Ordinance Article 2, this special use would be limited to a total of 4,000 SF.

SUP #2015-11 for “conference center”, pursuant to §4-1-13a, would allow for the construction and operation of “a banquet hall to be used for weddings, meetings, etc and to provide overnight lodging accommodations in cottages.” Per the application materials, this special use would be comprised of an event facility as well as approximately 36 cottages which would accommodate approximately 60-80 guests.

SUP #2015-12 for “activity center”, pursuant to §4-1-44a, is being requested to “build a small spa...for guest use and public use.”

SUP #2015-13 for “restaurant”, pursuant to §4-1-34a, would allow for the construction and operation of a restaurant, which is proposed for the upper tract of the subject property.

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He noted that the property comprised of two vacant, formerly developed parcels located in the Nellysford area on the northwest side of Rockfish Valley Highway, identified as Tax Map Parcels #21-A-35 and #21-A-36. He added that these two parcels totaled 98-acres of Agricultural (A-1) zoned property, with an area of General Floodplain overlay district (FP) along Spruce Creek. He added that the subject property was currently vacant, and was formerly the location of Waynesboro Nursery.

Mr. Carter noted the submission of a minor site plan and portfolio by the applicants and the following review process: August 26th – official submission, September 9th – Site Plan Review Committee meeting, October 13th – project introduction to Board of Supervisors, October 28th – Planning Commission public hearing, November 12th – Board of Supervisors public hearing (applicants requested two-month postponement to January 12th).

Mr. Carter referred to Mr. Padalino's staff report that noted the following related to comments from VDOT, TJSWCD, and VDH:

VDOT: Mr. Jeff Kessler, Virginia Department of Transportation representative, initially provided review comments in writing on September 3rd. Mr. Kessler's initial review comments included the following:

“In order to access the potential traffic impacts from this proposed development, we will need a Traffic Impact Statement (TIS) in accordance with 24VAC30-155-60.”

After attending the September 9th Site Plan Review Committee, Mr. Kessler then provided written review comments on September 10th. Mr. Kessler noted that the required Traffic Impact Statement can be partially addressed during the SUP review process, and then fully resolved during the Major Site Plan process (subsequent to any SUP approvals the County may grant).

Mr. Kessler's review comments from September 10th are as follows:

“While a Traffic Impact Statement will be needed to assess the potential traffic impacts, entrance requirements, and roadway improvements to the state highway system by the proposed development, at a minimum, the following items are [to] be addressed in order for VDOT to provide comments to both the Developer and Nelson County. The remaining items of the Traffic Impact Statement may be delayed to the site plan process.”

“ITE Trip Generation and distribution for the proposed development based on the preliminary plan (to include banquet hall traffic).”

“Turn lane analysis for entrances onto Route 151 and the Route 151/627 intersection based on the highest peak hour traffic (may be weekend peaks).”

“Intersection (ISD) and Stopping Sight (SSD) distances at the proposed entrances on Route 627, and ISD-Right and SSD-NBL for the Horizon Village Road entrance.”

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“Measured distance in feet between the Horizon Village Road entrance and the proposed development entrance to the north.”

Mr. Kessler and the applicants (through their consultant Mr. Scott Dunn, AICP, PTP, of Timmons Group) then exchanged correspondence during September and October. Most recently, Mr. Dunn provided Mr. Kessler with updated Traffic Impact Statement materials on Tuesday, January 5th; Mr. Kessler has not yet provided his review comments at the time of his report. A detailed update from VDOT should be available by (or before) the BOS review on 1/12.

TJSWCD: Mrs. Alyson Sappington of the Thomas Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation District noted in writing on September 9th that a full Erosion & Sediment Control Plan will need to be included in the Major Site Plan submittal, review, and approval process (subsequent to any SUP approval by the BOS). Mrs. Sappington also noted that the proposed project would also need an approved Stormwater Management Plan and Virginia Stormwater Management Program permit.

VDH: Mr. Tom Eick of the Nelson County Health Department did not attend the meeting and provided written comments as follows:

“Spruce Creek will need to have an engineered proposal for their sewage needs.”

Mr. Carter reiterated that the applicants would have to address VDOT’s recommendations and adhere to the TJSWCD and VDH requirements if the project moved forward.

Mr. Carter then noted that the Planning Department had evaluated the Special Use Permits using the criteria Per Zoning Ordinance Article 12, Section 3-2, and applicable State Code provisions and the Planning Director and Commission recommended approval of all four of the Special Use Permits.

The Applicant, Mr. Richard Averitt, was then invited to address the Board.

Mr. Averitt showed the Board the project concept plan layout. He noted that the project had been conceived by him, his wife, and father and that they had moved to Nelson County in 2003 and purchased the property across from Bold Rock Cidery in 2013. He noted he had a background in restaurants and hospitality and they felt that they lived in the most beautiful place in world; however it lacked a destination experience for dining, lodging and taking in the County. He added that they recognized the traffic issues that went along with the density and they have worked on it for over a year.

Mr. Averitt then explained that the project consisted of a lower area containing a public market space and an upper area consisting of cabins and a high end restaurant. He added that they wanted to compete with the Inn at Little Washington and the Blackberry Inn. He noted that the market would celebrate the bounty of the area with the sale of local foods and crafts and the event space would seat 100 people and would spill over into the outdoor spaces. He

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noted that they would focus attention into the natural environment and patrons would take in the natural beauty of the property.

Mr. Averitt noted that the property was once an old nursery and they thought they could take advantage of that and make something great out of the property that was once disturbed and has been generally neglected.

Mr. Averitt then noted that the Atlantic Coast Pipeline would bisect the upper parcel from Horizons Village across and down the far side of the property; however he did not think the pipeline would ultimately go there.

Mr. Hale then asked how they would deal with sewage there and Mr. Averitt noted that they had not gotten that far in their planning yet; however he thought they would have to design their own treatment facility.

There being no other questions from the Board, Mr. Hale opened the public hearing for all four (4) Special Use Permits and the following persons were recognized:

1. Joe Lee McClellan, Lovington

Mr. McClellan noted that he supported the project. He added that he owned property near it and he thought that concerns about sewage would be addressed by the regulations that were in place. He noted that he thought the Board should let the property owner take the risk and spend the money to make it work if he wanted to.

2. Bill Uhl, Piney River and Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District (TJSWCD) Board of Directors

Mr. Uhl noted that although he was a Director at TJSWCD, his comments were his own and did not reflect the thoughts of the Soil and Water Conservation District. Mr. Uhl then noted he wanted to speak on the protection of water quality. He related that he was aware of a home that was purchased with a septic system and after about six months it failed and it was going to cost \$25,000 to effect a solution. He noted that a small convenience store was found to have a failed system discharging into the creek and the SWCD shared costs to correct this. He noted that a local Brewery/Restaurant could not expand due to sewage issues and the County was stepping in to effect a solution with taxpayer dollars. He referenced the Monarch Inn project that had been presented and noted that the presenter had indicated that the soils there were better for a swimming pool. Mr. Uhl then noted he understood the Board's mission and further understood that one of the priorities was to continue to work on the Route 151 area plan. He stated that he would like the Board to place a high emphasis on completing this plan and he encouraged them to have the study to look at the necessary infrastructure to support the development that they wanted to see. He advised that in his experience drain fields failed eventually, the infrastructure in the area was very limited, and providing it should be a high priority. He added that until then, the Board should consider a moratorium on Special Use Permits when they involve high occupancy uses that could have environmental impacts.

3. Neal Showstack, Afton

Mr. Showstack noted he agreed with Mr. Uhl. He noted that he felt like the project could be a game changer and he would like the Board to explore this more before approving the Special Use Permits. He added that in terms of high end restaurants, he found this to be a contradiction. He noted that the County has had soft development so far and he thought this kind of development was scary. He further noted that he thought it would change the cultural aspect of the community which was not in keeping with the SUP proviso #5. He then questioned how the completion of the proposed resort would affect Bold Rock Cidery's water supply. He added that local well drillers were going down 400 feet to find water whereas it used to be 150 feet and he was unsure of how to account for that. In conclusion he noted he would like to see more thought out acceptance for this.

4. Vicki Wheaton, Faber

Ms. Wheaton noted she was on the Ligmincha Council and that they have had water issues there. She noted she was not opposed to the project; however she cautioned the Board about setting a precedent with an approval and not being able to say no in the future. She added that she thought they needed to look at the big picture and consider the long run. She noted that she thought clustering the cottages may be the way to go and she was put off by the all-inclusive type of resort proposed as opposed to spreading the wealth throughout the community.

5. Reverend Foster, Shipman

Reverend Foster noted he supported the project.

There being no other persons wishing to be recognized, the Public Hearing was closed.

Ms. Brennan then moved to approve SUPs #2015-10 to #13; Spruce Creek Resort and Market and Mr. Bruguire seconded the motion.

The Board then had the following discussion:

Mr. Harvey inquired as to the status of the Monarch Inn now and Mr. Carter advised that the property had different owners and he did not have the sense that they would move forward with the project. He noted that if the previously approved Special Use Permits were not initiated within 24 months, they would expire. He added that per the County Attorney, the Board could establish conditions for Special Use Permits; such as not allowing the permits to be transferable. He added that Mr. Payne had also advised against considering that.

Mr. Bruguire noted that the Monarch Inn project had already done work with a soil scientist and regulating this was up to the Virginia Department of Health, not the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Carter advised that regardless of who had to permit it; it would have to be permitted to the owners and if they did not meet the permit requirements, they would be required to correct it. He added that there would be regular reporting requirements.

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Mr. Harvey asked about the upslope and if there were rocky sandy soils on the property. Mr. Averitt noted he did not believe it was the same but they had not done a definitive study on that. He noted that the next phase would explore those questions. The project Architect then noted that while they had not studied this on the project site; they had done work in the area and their firm had the experience to provide this type of expertise.

Mr. Averitt then noted that the project was not all-inclusive and he noted that the next planning phase would study the details and they would have to come back to the Board for the final approvals etc.

Mr. Hale then noted what Mr. Padalino's recommendation said: "If the applicants obtain BOS approval for their four (4) Special Use Permit applications, they would then have to address numerous important project details through the submission, review, and approval of a Major Site Plan. These details include signage, lighting, landscaping, and other specifications and design details; as well as important regulatory details pertaining to VDOT, VDH, and VDEQ. The applicants are aware of these issues and details, and have conveyed their intentions for all aspects of the proposed project to be appropriate and compliant with all applicable requirements and regulations." He reiterated that there was a lot of work still to be done and he thought the project would be a great asset to the County.

Mr. Harvey supposed that if there was a 12 month restriction; they would not be able to pursue all of these things in that amount of time. Mr. Averitt noted he was not aware that there was a time limit and he would like guidance on what entailed making progress or acting on the Special Use Permits. Mr. Carter advised that if they were retaining professionals etc.; they were taking action on the permits.

Mr. Harvey advised it was easy to get an extension and they could extend the timeframe and amend the motion.

Ms. Brennan then amended her original motion to give a two year time period to move forward. She noted she was excited about it; however she did share some of the same concerns that had been expressed. She added that she thought it fit in with the Route 151 corridor activity.

Mr. Bruguiere then seconded the amended motion.

Mr. Saunders then asked for clarification on the process for getting a special use permit extension and Mr. Carter noted he would have to look at this to see if extension requests required going back through a public process or not. He added that as long as the permittees initiated some work and the County was cognizant of it; it would not be said that they weren't proceeding.

There being no further discussion, Supervisors voted unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote to approve the motion.

January 12, 2016

IV. Other Business (As May Be Presented)

There was no other business considered by the Board.

V. Adjournment

At 8:01 PM, Mr. Saunders moved to adjourn and Ms. Brennan seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Supervisors voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the motion and the meeting adjourned.

DRAFT

**RESOLUTION R2016-06
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AMENDMENT OF FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET
NELSON COUNTY, VA
February 9, 2016**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Nelson County that the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget be hereby amended as follows:

I. Transfer of Funds (General Fund)

A. General Fund (FY16 Employee Salary/Benefit Adjustment)

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Credit Account (-)</u>	<u>Debit Account (+)</u>
\$ 6,667.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-012010-1001
\$ 397.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-012010-1002
\$ 801.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-012010-2002
\$ 702.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-012010-2005
\$ 77.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-012010-2006
<u>\$ 318.00</u>	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-012010-2008
\$ 8,962.00		
\$ 1,914.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-012090-1001
\$ 10,981.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-012090-2005
\$ 4.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-012090-2006
\$ 113.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-012090-2009
<u>\$ 2,313.00</u>	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-012090-2013
\$ 15,325.00		
\$ 4,268.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-012150-1001
\$ 831.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-012150-2001
\$ 384.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-012150-2002
<u>\$ 53.00</u>	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-012150-2006
\$ 5,536.00		
\$ 1,366.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-012180-1001
\$ 53.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-012180-2001
\$ 169.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-012180-2002
<u>\$ 15.00</u>	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-012180-2006
\$ 1,603.00		
\$ 1,482.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-013020-1001
\$ 330.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-013020-1003
\$ 263.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-013020-2001
\$ 184.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-013020-2002
<u>\$ 19.00</u>	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-013020-2006
\$ 2,278.00		
\$ 6,332.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-021060-1001
\$ 325.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-021060-1003
\$ 593.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-021060-2001
\$ 780.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-021060-2002
\$ 76.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-021060-2006
<u>\$ 90.00</u>	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-021060-2009
\$ 8,196.00		

General Fund (Salary/Benefit Transfer) Continued

\$ 6,636.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-022010-1001
\$ 511.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-022010-1003
\$ 640.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-022010-1006
\$ 205.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-022010-2001
\$ 818.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-022010-2002
\$ 79.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-022010-2006
<u>\$ 8,889.00</u>		

\$ 1,361.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-031020-1001
\$ 644.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-031020-1005
\$ 2,589.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-031020-1006
\$ 616.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-031020-1009
\$ 5,416.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-031020-2002
\$ 924.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-031020-2005
\$ 473.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-031020-2006
\$ 3,910.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-031020-7015
<u>\$ 15,933.00</u>		

\$ 8,248.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-032010-1001
\$ 3,955.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-032010-2002
\$ 100.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-032010-2006
\$ 20.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-032010-2009
\$ 403.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-032010-2013
<u>\$ 12,726.00</u>		

\$ 1,704.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-032030-1001
\$ 177.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-032030-2001
\$ 209.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-032030-2002
\$ 357.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-032030-2006
<u>\$ 2,447.00</u>		

\$ 2,016.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-035010-1001
\$ 965.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-035010-1003
\$ 228.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-035010-2001
\$ 24.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-035010-2006
\$ 248.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-035010-2013
<u>\$ 3,481.00</u>		

\$ 2,471.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-042030-1001
\$ 6,898.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-042030-1003
\$ 1,534.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-042030-1005
\$ 508.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-042030-2002
\$ 50.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-042030-2006
<u>\$ 11,461.00</u>		

\$ 5,999.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-043020-1001
\$ 1,000.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-043020-1002
\$ 740.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-043020-2002
\$ 69.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-043020-2006
<u>\$ 7,808.00</u>		

\$ 2,760.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-071020-1001
\$ 579.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-071020-2001
\$ 340.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-071020-2002
\$ 37.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-071020-2006
<u>\$ 3,716.00</u>		

\$ 2,665.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-081010-1001
\$ 4.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-081010-2001
\$ 334.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-081010-2002
\$ 37.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-081010-2006
<u>\$ 3,040.00</u>		

General Fund (Salary/Benefit Transfer) Continued		
\$ 3,201.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-081020-1001
\$ 1,732.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-081020-1003
\$ 266.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-081020-2001
\$ 398.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-081020-2002
\$ 1,014.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-081020-2005
\$ 44.00	4-100-091030-5616	4-100-081020-2006
\$ 6,655.00		

\$ 118,056.00 Total Employee Salary/Benefit Transfer

B. General Fund (Other Transfers from Contingency)

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Credit Account (-)</u>	<u>Debit Account (+)</u>
\$ 2,500.00	4-100-999000-9905	4-100-021020-3012
\$ 5,000.00	4-100-999000-9905	4-100-091030-5659
\$ <u>34,850.00</u>	4-100-999000-9901	4-100-032030-3005

\$ 42,350.00 Total Other Transfers from Contingency

Total Transfers \$ 160,406.00

Adopted: February 9, 2016

Attest: _____, Clerk
Nelson County Board of Supervisors

EXPLANATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT

- I A.** The **Transfer of Funds (FY16 Employee Salary/Benefit Adjustment)** includes the allocation of FY16 salary and benefit adjustments from the Employee Benefits line item (4-100-091030-5616) to the appropriate departmental salary/benefit line items. Adjustments totaling **\$118,056** reflect the approved 3% salary increase for employees.
- I B.** The **Transfer of Funds from General Fund Contingency** includes **\$2,500** for court appointed attorney fees anticipated by the General District Court. Also included is a requested transfer for **\$5,000** for the Virginia Blue Ridge Trail Foundation for caboose restoration. This funding was approved by the Board at the January meeting. A transfer of **\$34,850** is also requested for the radio system maintenance agreement (effective date 2/1/2016). The agreement was budgeted for half a year but full year premium will be due in current fiscal year. After these requests, \$1,323,400 remains in the General Fund Contingency of which \$1,112,045 is from recurring revenue.

RESOLUTION R2016-07
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JEFFERSON-MADISON REGIONAL LIBRARY'S THE BIG READ 2016
"THE HEART IS A LONELY HUNTER" BY CARSON MCCULLERS

WHEREAS, The Big Read is designed to restore reading to the center of American culture and provides our citizens with the opportunity to read and discuss a single book within our community; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library invites all book lovers to participate in the Big Read that will be held throughout March 2016. The Library's goal is to encourage all residents of Central Virginia to read and discuss "The Heart is a Lonely Hunter" by Carson McCullers; and

WHEREAS, the novel tells a dramatic story of poverty and racism in a 1930s Georgia mill town, and explores themes such as isolation and deaf culture; and

WHEREAS, the Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest; and is supported by the Art and Jane Hess Fund of the Library Endowment;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Nelson County Board of Supervisors, that The Big Read be observed during March 2016 and all residents are encouraged to read "The Heart is a Lonely Hunter" by Carson McCullers during this time.

Adopted: February 9, 2016

Attest: _____, Clerk
Nelson County Board of Supervisors

COUNTY OF NELSON, VIRGINIA
FINANCIAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

COUNTY OF NELSON, VIRGINIA

FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

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COUNTY OF NELSON, VIRGINIA
DIRECTORY OF PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Larry D. Saunders, Chairman
Allen M. Hale, Vice-Chairman
Constance Brennan, Central District
Thomas D. Harvey, North District
Thomas H. Bruguere, Jr., West District

COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

David Francis	Janet Turner-Giles, Chairperson Debbie Harvey, Vice-Chairperson	David Parr Ceasar Perkins
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COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

Connie Brennan Joe Williamson	Joan Giles, Chairperson Cliff Savell, Vice-Chairperson	Pauline Page Diane Harvey
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OTHER OFFICIALS

Michael Gamble
Judy Smythers
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Jean W. Payne
Angela F. Johnson
David Brooks
Jeff Comer
Angela A. Rose
Stephen A. Carter

Judge of the Circuit Court
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Commonwealth's Attorney
Commissioner of the Revenue
Treasurer
Sheriff
Superintendent of Schools
Director of Social Services
County Administrator

ROBINSON, FARMER, COX ASSOCIATES

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

A PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors
County of Nelson, Virginia

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of County of Nelson, Virginia, as of and for the year ended Financial June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the *Specifications for Audits of Counties, Cities, and Towns*, issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County of Nelson, Virginia, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Change in Accounting Principle

As described in Note 22 to the financial statements, in 2015, the County adopted new accounting guidance, GASB Statement Nos. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27* and 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, and schedules related to pension and OPEB funding on pages 4-12, 84, and 85-90 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The budgetary comparison information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County of Nelson, Virginia's basic financial statements. The introductory section, other supplementary information and statistical information, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The other supplementary information and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the other supplementary information and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Matters

Other Information: (Continued)

The introductory section and statistical information have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 28, 2015, on our consideration of the County of Nelson, Virginia's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering County of Nelson, Virginia's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Robinson, Farnell, Cox Associates

Charlottesville, Virginia

December 28, 2015

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The following is a narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the County of Nelson, Virginia for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

Financial Highlights

Government-wide Financial Statements

The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the County of Nelson, Virginia exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$33,282,784. Of this amount, \$22,159,443 is unrestricted, and may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to creditors and citizens. Of the total net position, there is \$11,081,819 invested in capital assets net of related debt (an increase of \$1,202,687 from the previous year). The School Board's net position is a deficit of \$5,303,483, of which the unrestricted net position was a deficit of \$19,844,048. (See Exhibit 1.)

The County implemented new accounting standards related to reporting net pension liability and associated measurements for the first time for the year ended June 30, 2015, as required. This resulted in a restatement of beginning net position per the Statement of Activities. However, due to the lack of available information to categorize these changes in the data presented for the prior year, the comparative tables included in this narrative do not reflect the detail of the restatement in the 2014 data. The details of the impact of this implementation are identified in Note 22 of the financial statements. The net result was a reduction in beginning net position of the Governmental Activities of \$2,590,025 and a reduction in beginning net position of the Component Unit - School Board of \$19,813,805.

The total net position of the Primary Government increased by \$3,182,564. The School Board's net position increased by \$626,027. (See Exhibit 2.) However, when comparing the individual components of net position, the Unrestricted portion of the Primary Government's net position decreased \$616,455, and the School Board's decreased by \$19,597,209. Both of these reductions were largely due to the reporting of net pension liability as noted above.

Fund Financial Statements

At the end of the current fiscal year, the unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$22,421,509. (See Exhibit 3.) This amount includes taxes and accounts receivable reflected in the fiscal year 2014-15 budget. At the close of the current fiscal year, the County's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$23,988,684 of which \$22,421,509 is available for spending at the government's discretion (unassigned fund balance). (See Exhibit 3.)

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to Nelson County's basic financial statements. These statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains the required supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide Financial Statements

Government-wide financial statements provide financial statement users with a general overview of County finances. The statements include all assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, deferred inflows, and net position using the accrual basis of accounting. All current year revenue and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid. Both the financial overview and accrual accounting factors are used in the reporting of a private-sector business. Two financial statements are used to present this information: 1) the statement of net position and 2) the statement of activities.

The statement of net position presents all of the County's permanent accounts or assets, liabilities, deferred outflows, deferred inflows and the resulting net position. The difference between assets (including deferred outflows of resources) and liabilities (including deferred inflows of resources) is reported as net position. Increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the County is improving or deteriorating. Other non-financial factors will also need to be considered to determine the overall financial position of the County.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the fiscal year. The statement is focused on the gross and net cost of various government functions that are supported by general tax and other revenue. The statement of activities presents expenses before revenues, emphasizing that in governments, revenues are generated for the express purpose of providing services rather than as an end in themselves.

Both government-wide financial statements separate government activities and business-type activities of the County. The primary source of funding for government activities is taxes and intergovernmental revenues. Government activities include general government administration, judicial administration, public safety, public works, health and welfare, education, parks, recreation and cultural, and community development. Business-type activities recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges. The County currently classifies the Piney River public water and sewer system and the Nelson County Broadband Authority as business-type activities.

The government-wide financial statements include, in addition to the primary government or County, two component units: 1) the Nelson County School Board and 2) the Nelson County Economic Development Authority. Although the component units are legally separate entities, the County is accountable or financially accountable for them. A primary government is accountable for an organization if the primary government appoints a majority of the organization's governing body. A primary government is financially accountable if, in addition, either the government is able to impose its will on the organization or the organization is capable of imposing specific financial burdens on the primary government. For example, the primary government may approve debt issuances, rate structures and/or provide significant operational funding of the component unit.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a group of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The County's funds can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions, or services, reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Whereas, the government-wide financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting, the governmental fund financial statements are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The focus of modified accrual reporting is on near-term inflows and outflows of financial resources and the balance of financial resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Since the governmental funds focus is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements a reconciliation between the two methods is provided after the governmental fund balance sheet on Exhibit 4 and after the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances on Exhibit 6.

Governmental funds: (Continued)

The County maintains four individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, and the Capital Projects Fund, all of which are considered to be major funds. Data for other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

Proprietary funds

There are two types of proprietary funds: enterprise funds which are established to account for the delivery of goods and services to the general public and internal service funds which account for the delivery of goods and services to other departments or agencies of the government. Proprietary funds use accrual basis accounting, similar to private sector business.

The financial statements for the Piney River public water and sewer system and the Nelson County Broadband Authority are reported as enterprise funds in the County's fund financial statements. The Piney River public water and sewer system's operation provides for the delivery of public water and sewer service to County residents in designated areas of Nelson County. The Nelson County Broadband Authority operates a middle mile broadband network. The County does not have any internal service funds.

Fiduciary funds

Fiduciary funds account for assets held by the government as a trustee or agent for another organization or individual. The County is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes. All of the County's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement of fiduciary net position (Exhibit 10). Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the funds are not available to support the County's own activities. These funds consist of the Special Welfare and EMS Loan Funds.

Notes to the financial statements

The notes provide additional information that is needed to fully understand the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the County's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees.

The combining statements mentioned earlier in connection with non-major governmental funds are presented as other supplementary information.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As previously noted, net position may serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. For the County of Nelson, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$33,282,784 at the end of the fiscal year.

The County's net position is divided into three categories: 1) invested in capital assets, net of related debt; 2) restricted; and 3) unrestricted.

County of Nelson's Net Position As of June 30, 2015

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Current and other assets	\$ 36,595,383	\$ 35,248,096	\$ 755,748	\$ 540,745	\$ 37,351,131	\$ 35,788,841
Capital assets	30,407,581	31,273,243	7,846,636	8,146,087	38,254,217	39,419,330
Total assets	<u>\$ 67,002,964</u>	<u>\$ 66,521,339</u>	<u>\$ 8,602,384</u>	<u>\$ 8,686,832</u>	<u>\$ 75,605,348</u>	<u>\$ 75,208,171</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 790,542	\$ 372,775	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 790,542	\$ 372,775
Long-term liabilities	\$ 29,502,784	\$ 30,065,241	\$ 1,087,636	\$ 1,102,556	\$ 30,590,420	\$ 31,167,797
Other liabilities	1,003,753	1,204,729	23,756	50,145	1,027,509	1,254,874
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 30,506,537</u>	<u>\$ 31,269,970</u>	<u>\$ 1,111,392</u>	<u>\$ 1,152,701</u>	<u>\$ 31,617,929</u>	<u>\$ 32,422,671</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 11,495,177	\$ 10,468,030	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,495,177	\$ 10,468,030
Net Position:						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 4,322,819	\$ 2,835,601	\$ 6,759,000	\$ 7,043,531	\$ 11,081,819	\$ 9,879,132
Restricted for:						
Debt service and bond covenants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,522	\$ 35,215	\$ 41,522	\$ 35,215
Unrestricted	21,468,973	22,320,513	690,470	455,385	22,159,443	22,775,898
Total net position	<u>\$ 25,791,792</u>	<u>\$ 25,156,114</u>	<u>\$ 7,490,992</u>	<u>\$ 7,534,131</u>	<u>\$ 33,282,784</u>	<u>\$ 32,690,245</u>

For the County, investment in capital assets (i.e., land, buildings, machinery and equipment), net of related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding, represents 33.3 percent of total net position. The County uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens therefore; these assets are not available for future spending. Although, the County's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay debt must be provided from assets restricted for that purpose or other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The County has restricted net position for debt service and bond covenants (\$41,522) at June 30, 2015. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position, which is \$22,159,443 or 66.6 percent of total net position, may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At the end of the fiscal year, the County's Primary Government is able to report a positive balance in total net position. The governmental activities reported positive balances of \$4,322,819 in net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt and \$21,468,973 in unrestricted net position. The business-type activities reported positive balances of \$6,759,000 in net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt and \$690,470 in unrestricted net position.

The government's total net position increased by \$3,182,564 during the current fiscal year (taking into consideration the restatement of beginning net position as mentioned previously), compared to an increase of \$1,264,109 in FY 2013-2014.

Government-wide Financial Analysis: (Continued)

Governmental and Business-type Activities

Governmental activities increased the County's net position by \$3,225,703. Business-type activities decreased the County's net position by \$43,139. Key elements of these changes are as follows:

**County of Nelson's Changes in Net Position
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Revenues:						
Program Revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 934,970	\$ 883,247	\$ 500,091	\$ 380,850	\$ 1,435,061	\$ 1,264,097
Operating grants & contributions	2,868,264	2,924,866	-	-	2,868,264	2,924,866
Capital grants & contributions	753,001	431,654	-	-	753,001	431,654
General revenues:						
General property taxes	22,191,371	21,779,423	-	-	22,191,371	21,779,423
Other local taxes	4,256,941	4,022,028	-	-	4,256,941	4,022,028
Use of money and property	59,213	125,442	-	-	59,213	125,442
Miscellaneous	71,605	80,201	-	-	71,605	80,201
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	2,412,973	2,458,708	-	-	2,412,973	2,458,708
Transfers	(140,000)	(176,035)	140,000	176,035	-	-
Total revenues	\$ <u>33,408,338</u>	\$ <u>32,529,534</u>	\$ <u>640,091</u>	\$ <u>556,885</u>	\$ <u>34,048,429</u>	\$ <u>33,086,419</u>
Expenses:						
General government	\$ 1,931,016	\$ 2,024,078	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,931,016	\$ 2,024,078
Judicial administration	709,914	760,170	-	-	709,914	760,170
Public safety	5,130,442	5,037,123	-	-	5,130,442	5,037,123
Public works	2,051,142	2,121,760	683,230	741,324	2,734,372	2,863,084
Health and welfare	2,366,870	2,506,489	-	-	2,366,870	2,506,489
Education	15,784,538	16,169,175	-	-	15,784,538	16,169,175
Parks, recreation and cultural	568,093	565,861	-	-	568,093	565,861
Community development	773,915	928,029	-	-	773,915	928,029
Interest on long-term debt	866,705	968,301	-	-	866,705	968,301
Total expenses	\$ <u>30,182,635</u>	\$ <u>31,080,986</u>	\$ <u>683,230</u>	\$ <u>741,324</u>	\$ <u>30,865,865</u>	\$ <u>31,822,310</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ 3,225,703	\$ 1,448,548	\$ (43,139)	\$ (184,439)	\$ 3,182,564	\$ 1,264,109
Beginning net position, as restated	22,566,089	23,707,566	7,534,131	7,718,570	30,100,220	31,426,136
Ending net position	\$ <u>25,791,792</u>	\$ <u>25,156,114</u>	\$ <u>7,490,992</u>	\$ <u>7,534,131</u>	\$ <u>33,282,784</u>	\$ <u>32,690,245</u>

Note: Due to the implementation in fiscal year 2015 of Accounting Pronouncements issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, beginning net position was restated for items related to net pension liability and its measurement. However, due to lack of available information to categorize these changes, comparative tables included in this discussion and analysis do not reflect this in the fiscal year 2014 data. This accounts for the tables reporting a lower restated net position as compared to the previous year's ending net position.

The statements causing this impact were GASB No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, and GASB No. 71, Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date - An Amendment of Statement No. 68. These statements establish standards for measuring and recognizing liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expense/expenditures related to pensions. Note disclosure and required supplementary information about pensions are also addressed. The requirements of these statements will improve financial reporting by improving accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for pensions (see Note 22).

Government-wide Financial Analysis: (Continued)

- Overall revenues increased by \$962,010. The most significant increases in revenue were due to increased general property tax revenues of \$411,948 and other local taxes of \$234,913. Additionally, charges for services increased by \$170,964 as well as capital grants and contributions increased by \$321,347. These increases in revenues were offset by a reduction of \$177,162 in other categories of revenues, primarily due to fluctuations in certain grants and contributions.
- Overall grants and contributions reflect a net increase of \$219,010. The most significant factor in this increase is the County received \$422,447 more in federal Transportation Enhancement Act grant funds for the Crozet Tunnel and Blue Ridge Trail capital projects in FY15 than it did in FY14. The County had received \$98,400 in state grants for the trail in FY14 that it did not receive in FY15.
- The revenues from general property taxes increased by \$411,948 primarily due to an increase in the personal property tax rate for 2014. The real property tax rate also increased but is mitigated by the reduction in 2014 real property values as established by the reassessment.
- The revenues from other local taxes increased by \$234,913. This is due to increases in local sales and use taxes in the amount of \$66,359 and increases in motor vehicle license fees of \$24,366. Additionally, revenue from meals tax increased by \$96,759 and transient occupancy tax increased by \$97,126. These increases were offset by a reduction of \$65,831 in revenue from taxes on recordation and wills.
- The revenues from charges for services increased by \$170,964. Of this amount, \$51,723 is attributable to governmental activities and \$119,241 is attributable to business-type activities. Within governmental activities, the most significant factor is the increase of \$101,067 in permits, privilege fees, and regulatory licenses (in particular, land use application fees increased by \$64,614 and building permits increased by \$36,875) and an increase of \$19,092 in other charges for services, in particular charges for sanitation and waste removal. These increases were offset by a decrease of \$68,436 in court fines and forfeitures. Within business-type activities, the most significant factor is an increase of \$79,625 from the operation of the broadband network. FY2014-2015 is the second full year of operation for the network. Within business-type activities, the balance of the increase in the amount of \$39,616 is relative to water and sewer revenues from the Piney River system.
- Expenses reflected an overall net decrease of \$956,445. Of this amount, expense from governmental activities decreased by \$898,351 and business-type activities decreased by \$58,094.
- All areas of expenses for governmental activities reflected reductions with the exception of public safety and recreation with respective increases of \$93,319 and \$2,232. The most significant categories of reduction include Health and Welfare with a decrease of \$139,619, education with a decrease of \$384,637 and a decrease of community development expense in the amount of \$154,114. It is also pertinent to note the reduction of interest expense relative to long term debt in the amount of \$101,596.
- The education function reported a decrease in expenditures of \$384,637 which is mainly attributable to budgeted funds that remained unexpended at the end of FY2014-2015.
- The business activities reported a decrease in operational expenses of \$58,094. Of this amount a reduction of \$11,631 is attributable to the Piney River water and sewer operations and a reduction of \$46,463 is attributable to the Nelson County broadband network which had its second full year of operation in FY2014-2015.

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

The County uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds

The focus of the County's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of financial resources. Such information is useful in assessing the County's financing requirements. Unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

At the end of the fiscal year, the County's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$23,988,684, an increase of \$1,718,540 from the prior year. Approximately, 93.5 percent of this total amount constitutes the unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at the government's discretion. The remainder of the fund balance is classified to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it is constrained as follows:

- Nonspendable fund balance of \$33,577
- Restricted fund balance of \$8,266
- Committed fund balance of \$1,525,332

Details of these classifications can be found in Note 1 (O) of these financial statements.

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the County. As of June 30, 2015, total fund balance of the general fund was \$22,638,607, of which \$22,421,509 was unassigned. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both the unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total general fund expenditures. The unassigned fund balance represents 77.3 percent of total general fund expenditures which includes transfers to the School Board component unit of \$14,295,439. Total fund balance represents 78.1 percent of total general fund expenditures.

The fund balance of the County's general fund increased by \$2,130,771 during the current fiscal year. Key factors in this increase are as follows:

- Overall General Fund revenues increased by \$1,089,883. Local revenues increased by \$868,173 of which \$803,091 can be attributed to general property taxes and other local taxes. Federal revenues also increased by \$362,033. These increases are offset by decreased state revenues in the amount of \$140,323.
- However, expenditures decreased by \$1,128,379. The decreased expenditures are attributable primarily to decreases in public safety expenditures (\$122,708), education expenditures (\$241,635), public works expenditures (\$221,686) and capital projects expense (\$422,686).
- Transfers out for debt service and support of business-type activities (broadband network and Piney River water and sewer) decreased by \$97,783 in FY2014-2015. Transfers in decreased by \$350,000. In FY2013-2014, \$350,000 was transferred in from the Capital Fund for school buses and other miscellaneous capital projects. There were no transfers into the General Fund during FY2014-2015.

Proprietary funds

The County's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements but in more detail.

Unrestricted net position of the Piney River Water and Sewer Fund at the end of the fiscal year was \$133,598. This is an increase from the prior year of \$48,724.

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds: (Continued)

Unrestricted net position of the Broadband Authority at the end of the fiscal year was \$556,872 as compared to \$370,511 in the prior year, for an increase of \$186,361. This is primarily attributable to growth in the subscriber base during the network's second full year of operation.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The final amended budgeted appropriations for the General Fund were \$402,021 more than the original budgeted expenditure appropriations, which is 1.3 percent of the total original budget, and can be briefly summarized as follows:

- A supplemental appropriation was approved for the Crozet Tunnel project in the amount of \$284,589. The appropriation was supported with grant funding.
- Supplemental appropriations to the Sheriff's department were approved in the amount of \$55,621 for expenditure of both state and federal asset forfeiture receipts. A supplemental appropriation of \$16,889 was also approved for expenditure of a grant from the Division of Motor Vehicles to provide selective alcohol law enforcement patrols.
- The Board approved various other supplemental appropriations. Refer to Schedule 2 for details of the increases and decreases by department.
- Contingency reserves also provided for various transfers within the General Fund appropriated budget.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The County's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2015 is \$30,407,581 (net of accumulated depreciation and is a decrease of \$865,662 from the previous fiscal year). This investment in capital assets includes land, infrastructure, buildings and improvements, machinery and equipment, and construction in progress.

**County of Nelson, Virginia
Capital Assets for Governmental Activities
(net of depreciation)**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Land	\$ 693,157	\$ 573,234	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 733,157	\$ 613,234
Infrastructure	-	-	4,915,115	5,103,217	4,915,115	5,103,217
Buildings and improvements	23,655,167	25,572,161	-	-	23,655,167	25,572,161
Machinery and equipment	4,215,422	1,986,269	2,891,521	3,002,870	7,106,943	4,989,139
Construction in progress	1,843,835	3,141,579	-	-	1,843,835	3,141,579
Total	<u>\$ 30,407,581</u>	<u>\$ 31,273,243</u>	<u>\$ 7,846,636</u>	<u>\$ 8,146,087</u>	<u>\$ 38,254,217</u>	<u>\$ 39,419,330</u>

Additional information on the County's capital assets can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration: (Continued)

Long-term debt

At the end of the fiscal year the County had the following outstanding loans and bonded indebtedness:

County of Nelson's Outstanding Debt For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Lease Revenue Refunding	\$ 8,565,000	\$ 9,045,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,565,000	\$ 9,045,000
General Obligation Bonds	8,240,000	8,940,000	-	-	8,240,000	8,940,000
Revenue Bonds	1,935,000	2,360,000	1,102,556	1,087,636	3,037,556	3,447,636
Refunding Revenue Bonds	6,200,000	6,740,000	-	-	6,200,000	6,740,000
Retirement Incentive Loan	185,640	239,824	-	-	185,640	239,824
Total	\$ <u>25,125,640</u>	\$ <u>27,324,824</u>	\$ <u>1,102,556</u>	\$ <u>1,087,636</u>	\$ <u>26,228,196</u>	\$ <u>28,412,460</u>

All debt reported by the Discretely Presented Component Unit - School Board, has been assumed by the Primary Government as required by Section 15.2-1800.1, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

Additional information on the County's long-term debt, including other long-term obligations such as compensated absences, other post-employment benefits and net pension liability, can be found in Notes 7-10, in the notes of the financial statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

- The unemployment rate for the County was 4.5 percent (June 2015), which is a decrease from the rate of 5.0 percent a year ago (June 2014). This compares favorably to the state's average unemployment rate of 5.0 percent (June 2015) and the national average rate of 5.5 percent (June 2015). These rates were obtained from the Virginia Employment Commission's Labor Market Data.
- Due to current housing market conditions, the County incurred an increase in building permit fees of 34% for FY14-15, whereas in recent previous years the County had seen steady declines in similar fees. The County does anticipate slow recovery of the housing market but does not expect to generate building permit fees at the level realized in fiscal year 2007-2008. Recordation taxes, also impacted by housing market conditions, remain fairly level with the exception of an unusually large transaction in Fiscal Year 2013-2014.
- The County anticipates some reductions in state aid to localities at least in the next fiscal year due to shortfalls in projected state revenues. The reduction in Fiscal Year 2014-2015 is was \$29,697 with a similar reduction anticipated in Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
- A property reassessment effective for 2014 has been completed and reflects an 18.6% decline in property values. Tax rates for both real estate and personal property were adjusted to compensate for this decline in real property values.

All of these factors were considered in preparing the County's budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide readers with a general overview of the County of Nelson's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Office of the County Administrator, County of Nelson, Post Office Box 336, Lovingson, Virginia 22949.

Basic Financial Statements

Government-wide Financial Statements

Statement of Net Position
At June 30, 2015

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Component Units	
				School Board	Economic Development Authority
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,860,717	\$ 552,336	22,413,053	\$ 1,293,043	\$ 39,527
Restricted cash	-	41,522	41,522	-	-
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):					
Taxes receivable	12,199,420	-	12,199,420	-	-
Accounts receivable	357,000	50,843	407,843	103,238	67,200
Notes receivable	-	-	-	-	128,000
Connection fees receivable	-	111,047	111,047	-	-
Due from component unit	564,135	-	564,135	-	-
Due from other governmental units	1,580,534	-	1,580,534	531,584	-
Inventories	-	-	-	41,718	-
Prepaid items	33,577	-	33,577	18,175	-
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation):					
Land and improvements	693,157	40,000	733,157	851,210	-
Buildings and improvements	23,655,167	-	23,655,167	14,185,113	-
Infrastructure and equipment	-	7,806,636	7,806,636	-	-
Machinery and equipment	4,215,422	-	4,215,422	1,465,768	-
Construction in progress	1,843,835	-	1,843,835	-	-
Total assets	\$ 67,002,964	\$ 8,602,384	\$ 75,605,348	\$ 18,489,849	\$ 234,727
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred amount on refunding	\$ 326,459	\$ -	\$ 326,459	\$ -	\$ -
Pension contributions subsequent to measurement date	464,083	-	464,083	2,312,838	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	\$ 790,542	\$ -	\$ 790,542	\$ 2,312,838	\$ -
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 67,793,506	\$ 8,602,384	\$ 76,395,890	\$ 20,802,687	\$ 234,727
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$ 497,554	\$ 20,875	\$ 518,429	\$ 107,058	\$ 12,462
Accrued liabilities	-	-	-	825,145	-
Amounts held for others	85,688	-	85,688	-	-
Accrued interest payable	379,444	2,881	382,325	-	-
Due to primary government	-	-	-	564,135	-
Unearned revenue	41,067	-	41,067	-	-
Long-term liabilities:					
Due within one year	2,500,143	15,583	2,515,726	144,259	-
Due in more than one year	27,002,641	1,072,053	28,074,694	21,337,135	-
Total liabilities	\$ 30,506,537	\$ 1,111,392	\$ 31,617,929	\$ 22,977,732	\$ 12,462
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred revenue - taxes	\$ 10,536,302	\$ -	\$ 10,536,302	\$ -	\$ -
Items related to measurement of net pension liability	958,875	-	958,875	3,128,438	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	\$ 11,495,177	\$ -	\$ 11,495,177	\$ 3,128,438	\$ -
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 4,322,819	\$ 6,759,000	\$ 11,081,819	\$ 14,540,565	\$ -
Restricted:					
Debt service and bond covenants	-	41,522	41,522	-	-
Unrestricted (deficit)	21,468,973	690,470	22,159,443	(19,844,048)	222,265
Total net position	\$ 25,791,792	\$ 7,490,992	\$ 33,282,784	\$ (5,303,483)	\$ 222,265
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	\$ 67,793,506	\$ 8,602,384	\$ 76,395,890	\$ 20,802,687	\$ 234,727

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

COUNTY OF NELSON, VIRGINIA

Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT:				
Governmental activities:				
General government administration	\$ 1,931,016	\$ -	\$ 207,704	\$ -
Judicial administration	709,914	387,298	439,826	-
Public safety	5,130,442	296,601	950,410	-
Public works	2,051,142	194,609	8,528	-
Health and welfare	2,366,870	-	1,256,796	-
Education	15,784,538	-	-	-
Parks, recreation, and cultural	568,093	56,038	5,000	-
Community development	773,915	424	-	753,001
Interest on long-term debt	866,705	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	\$ 30,182,635	\$ 934,970	\$ 2,868,264	\$ 753,001
Business-type activities:				
Piney River Water & Sewer	346,611	188,460	-	-
Nelson County Broadband Authority	336,619	311,631	-	-
Total primary government	\$ 30,865,865	\$ 1,435,061	\$ 2,868,264	\$ 753,001
COMPONENT UNITS:				
School Board	\$ 25,491,339	\$ 431,808	\$ 10,065,602	\$ -
Nelson County Economic Development Authority	18,460	8,339	-	-
Total component units	\$ 25,509,799	\$ 440,147	\$ 10,065,602	\$ -
General revenues:				
General property taxes				
Local sales and use taxes				
Consumers' utility taxes				
Meals taxes				
Transient occupancy tax				
Motor vehicle licenses				
Other local taxes				
Payment from County of Nelson				
Unrestricted revenues from use of money and property				
Miscellaneous				
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs				
Transfers				
Total general revenues and transfers				
Change in net position				
Net position - beginning, as restated				
Net position - ending				

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position				
Primary Government			Component Units	
Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	School Board	Economic Development Authority
\$ (1,723,312)	\$ -	\$ (1,723,312)		
117,210	-	117,210		
(3,883,431)	-	(3,883,431)		
(1,848,005)	-	(1,848,005)		
(1,110,074)	-	(1,110,074)		
(15,784,538)	-	(15,784,538)		
(507,055)	-	(507,055)		
(20,490)	-	(20,490)		
(866,705)	-	(866,705)		
<u>\$ (25,626,400)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (25,626,400)</u>		
	(158,151)	(158,151)		
	(24,988)	(24,988)		
<u>\$ (25,626,400)</u>	<u>\$ (183,139)</u>	<u>\$ (25,809,539)</u>		
			\$ (14,993,929)	\$ -
			-	(10,121)
			<u>\$ (14,993,929)</u>	<u>\$ (10,121)</u>
\$ 22,191,371	\$ -	\$ 22,191,371	\$ -	\$ -
1,125,811	-	1,125,811	-	-
471,128	-	471,128	-	-
976,490	-	976,490	-	-
514,579	-	514,579	-	-
716,630	-	716,630	-	-
452,303	-	452,303	-	-
59,213	-	59,213	15,330,439	10,000
71,605	-	71,605	24	8,970
2,412,973	-	2,412,973	289,493	-
(140,000)	140,000	-	-	-
<u>\$ 28,852,103</u>	<u>\$ 140,000</u>	<u>\$ 28,992,103</u>	<u>\$ 15,619,956</u>	<u>\$ 18,970</u>
\$ 3,225,703	\$ (43,139)	\$ 3,182,564	\$ 626,027	\$ 8,849
22,566,089	7,534,131	30,100,220	(5,929,510)	213,416
<u>\$ 25,791,792</u>	<u>\$ 7,490,992</u>	<u>\$ 33,282,784</u>	<u>\$ (5,303,483)</u>	<u>\$ 222,265</u>

PVCC SERVES NELSON: ENROLLMENT IN 2014-2015

Total number of students enrolled at PVCC	7,673
Number of Nelson County residents enrolled at PVCC	275
Percent of PVCC students who are residents of Nelson County	4%
Percent of all Nelson County residents enrolled at PVCC	1.9%
Number of recent public high school graduates from Nelson County enrolled at PVCC in Fall 2014	17
Percent of recent regional public high school graduates from Nelson County enrolled at PVCC in Fall 2014	12%

Total Number	College		Nelson County	
	7,673	100%	275	100%
Full-Time*	967	13%	32	12%
Part-Time	6,706	87%	243	88%
New to PVCC	2,893	38%	108	39%
Returning	4,780	62%	167	61%
Male	3,166	41%	110	40%
Female	4,507	59%	165	60%
White	5,471	71%	234	85%
African-American	1,043	14%	25	9%
Other	1,159	15%	16	6%

*Includes students who took 24 or more hours annually

ENROLLMENT TRENDS

Nelson County	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Fall End of Term Credit Headcount	159	181	191	197	212	228	198
Recent Public HS Graduates Enrolling in Fall	11	14	27	22	27	33	17
Recent Public HS Graduates Enrolling in Year	16	19	32	25	29	40	27
Annual Dual Enrollment	53	55	44	43	62	52	47

COMMUNITY ENROLLMENT 2014-15

Dual Enrollment

NCHS: 108 enrollments; 47 students; 4 courses

Community

Wintergreen: 64 enrollments; 35 students; 4 courses

Credit Distance Learning Courses

PVCC: 8,367 enrollments, 3,223 students, 150 courses*

179 students from Nelson

*Includes online and hybrid courses, and dual enrolled students who took distance learning classes

Workforce Development:

Afton Mountain Vineyards

Armstrong Consulting

Blue Mountain Barrel House

Cardinal Point Winery

Democracy Vineyards

Nelson County Public Schools

R.W. Miller Woodworking

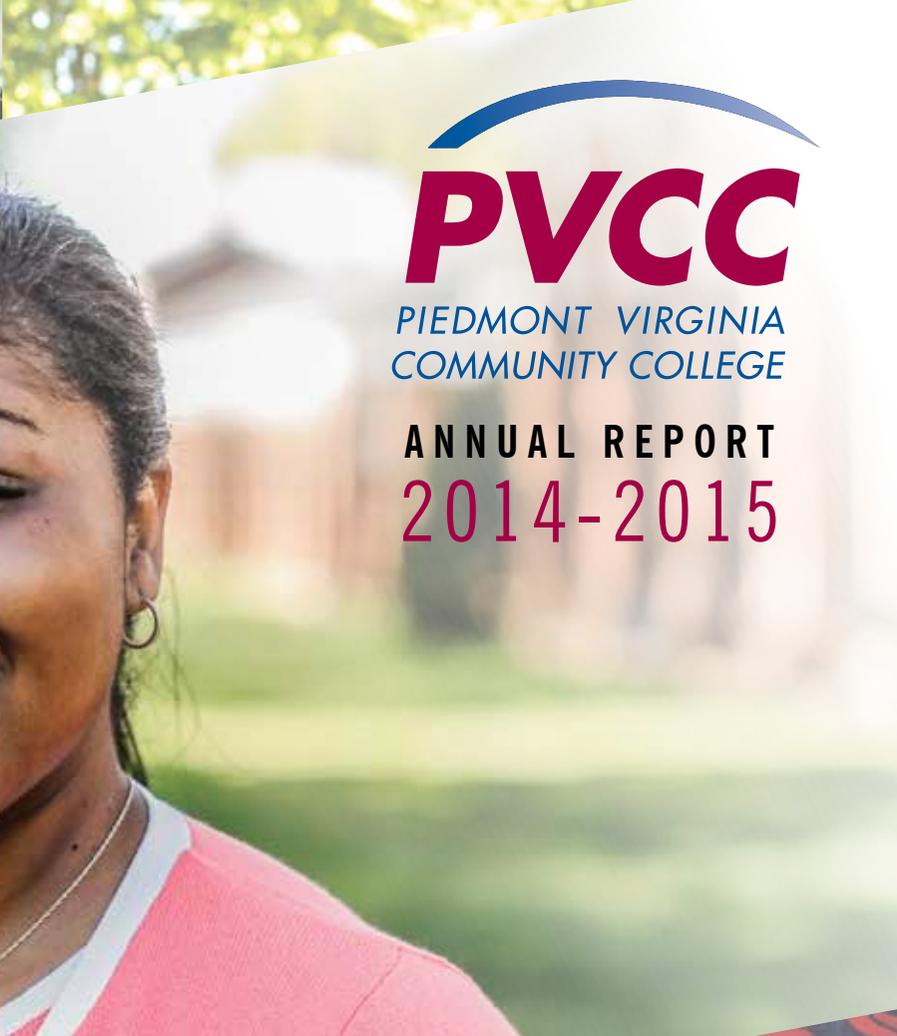
RoseWood Village at Wintergreen

Saunders Brothers, Inc.

Veritas Vineyards and Winery

Wood's Mill Malt House

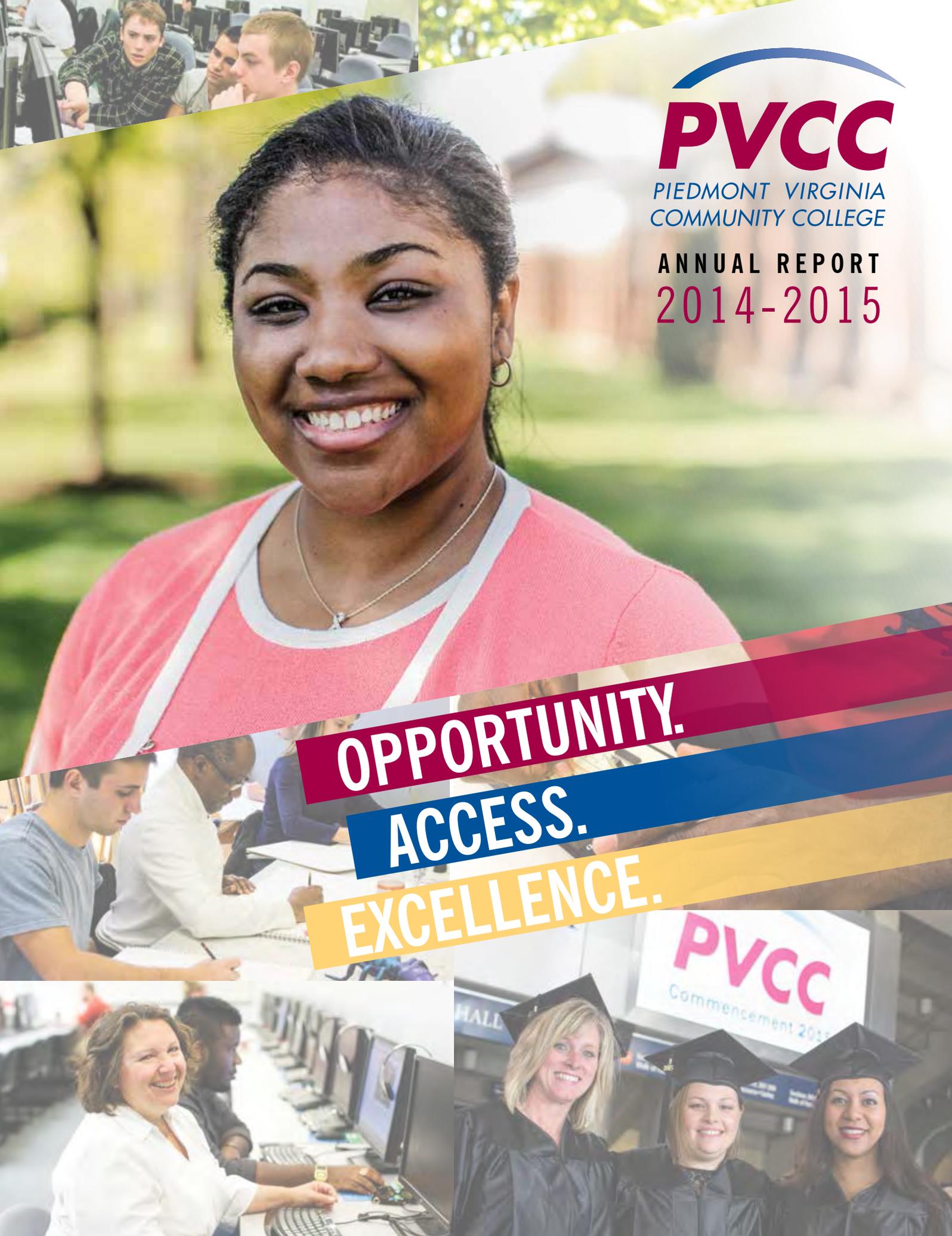




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There are 1,100 community colleges in the United States enrolling over seven million students, representing 46% of all of the undergraduate college students in our nation. Despite these facts, I still get questions from people who don't fully understand the mission of the community college and how community colleges differ from four-year colleges and universities.

To understand PVCC and all community colleges, you need to appreciate the power of four beliefs that drive who we are and what we do.

1 We believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to get a postsecondary education and we will try to eliminate barriers that prevent people from enrolling. How does PVCC do this? We keep tuition relatively low (37% of the tuition at Virginia public universities). PVCC has non-selective admissions. That means that everyone with a high school degree or a GED is eligible to enroll because many mediocre high school students will become outstanding college students when they mature and get focused. We offer courses day, evening, weekend, online, and at off-campus sites so that working adults and people with busy lives can still enroll. We reach out to underserved populations to encourage them to reach their potential through education. We offer people a second chance, a third chance and even a last chance to improve their lives through education, including offering degree programs to the inmates at Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women.

2 We believe in student success. It is not enough to enroll. We want our students to succeed. But it cannot be success because we lowered our standards. Student success is measured by their grades after they transfer to a university to pursue a bachelor's degree or their success on the job after completing a PVCC career and technical program. We promote student success by providing a personal, caring environment with dedicated faculty and staff. Tutoring is available for free in all subjects and our writing center and math lab assist students with mastering these critical elements of the curriculum. Our student services department provides for all students academic advising and career counseling. Accommodations are available for special needs students. Intervention specialists work with students in danger of dropping out for academic, financial or personal reasons. At PVCC, we succeed only when our students succeed.

3 We believe in the power of great teaching. PVCC faculty are hired to teach. Some do research and some write books, but they are hired because they love to teach and excel at it. Unlike universities, which often have 200 or more students in a freshman level class taught by a graduate student, PVCC keeps its classes small (95% have fewer than 40 students and none is larger than 80 students) and only uses fully qualified college faculty. PVCC faculty get to know their students and provide personal, individual attention. Great teaching helps produce successful students.

4 We believe in community. PVCC works with area employers, economic developers and community leaders to help create a highly skilled local workforce. If UVA Health System needs to hire pharmacy technicians, PVCC creates the program. When the wine industry was poised for growth in Central Virginia, PVCC created programs in viticulture and enology. When defense intelligence jobs were hard to fill, PVCC created a program to prepare local individuals for these high paying jobs. When Charlottesville Area Transit needed bus drivers, PVCC partnered with the City of Charlottesville to train local residents. PVCC helps people get the skills they need to get local jobs, and by doing so, helps our local employers succeed.

As you read this year's annual report, think about these four beliefs. You will see their influence in every story.

The American community college was described by former Secretary of Education, John Gardner, as "the greatest educational invention of the 20th century." That is the power and the promise of achieving these four beliefs and that is what PVCC strives to do every day and every year. I hope you will enjoy reading about the success and accomplishments of PVCC faculty, staff and students in this year's annual report.

Frank Friedman

Frank Friedman, PVCC President
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Quality Healthcare Programs Put Graduates on the Road to Success

The Growth of PVCC's Programs

Since its founding in 1972, PVCC's healthcare programs have grown substantially, both in the number of graduates, as well as program offerings available to students. Since its early days, nursing has remained the college's most popular healthcare program, graduating more than 85 students each year in its registered nursing and practical nursing tracks.

In recent years, however, new allied health programs have been established at PVCC, allowing students to receive training in radiography, diagnostic medical sonography, emergency medical services, surgical technology, and other healthcare fields needed to fill the increasing demand for trained workers to staff hospitals, physicians' offices, long-term care facilities, and medical and surgery centers.

"Healthcare is one of the fastest growing areas of employment in our community," said Kathy Hudson, dean, health and life sciences at PVCC. "As a comprehensive community college, we routinely reach out to local healthcare employers to discuss their needs for future employees and then collaborate with them to make sure they have a pool of qualified employees."

According to Hudson, new programs are established when employers reach out to the college with an identified or projected need. Faculty and staff then work with employers to establish program curricula that not only train students in the specific skills they need to excel in the job, but to pass state and national certification exams in their fields.

The Importance of Community Partnerships

Once the curriculum has been established, partnerships with community entities, most notably the University of Virginia and Martha Jefferson Hospital, help to make these programs a reality, providing financial support when state funds are unavailable or insufficient to get new programs up and running.

"Healthcare program development is truly a community effort," said Hudson. "Because the state does not provide program start-up funding, PVCC relies on our community partners to fund any necessary equipment and faculty salaries for the first three years, at which time the college takes over this funding. Our community partners also provide access to required clinical resources so that our students can experience real-life situations in addition to on-campus lab practice. We couldn't do this without them."

Job Placement Success for Graduates

The value of these community partnerships is made even more apparent when students are able to secure jobs within months of graduating. Job placement is extremely important to PVCC, especially for career and technical programs such as those in allied health. Success is measured in the number of graduates that have secured employment within six months of receiving their associate degree. In general, the college's goal is to ensure that at least 90% of its career and technical education graduates are employed by the six-month deadline. In 2014, a study conducted by PVCC's Institutional

Research, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Office found that 96% of PVCC health science graduates were employed. In nursing alone, 89% of PVCC graduates were employed between six and nine months of graduating, with half of those graduates employed at UVA and 14% employed at Martha Jefferson Hospital.



"As a single mother, my journey to my current career was a long and bumpy one," said Mary Katherine Thurman, a 2013 graduate of PVCC's nursing program who now works at UVA's Transitional Care Hospital. "Sometimes I felt like an acrobat balancing the raising of my daughter Lily, work, school, and my dream of becoming a nurse. I'm very thankful for my time and experience at PVCC—it provided me with a smooth transition to University of Virginia's RN to BSN program and prepared me for my first job as a graduate nurse."

Mary Hannah Dolan, a 2015 nursing graduate who now works on the orthopedic trauma floor at the UVA Medical Center, agrees.

"PVCC is extremely dedicated to its students. The staff makes sure you reach your educational goals and that you know the skills you need to use on a daily basis," said Dolan. "What's more, the faculty and staff really exemplify what true compassion is: to take time for others even when it's not convenient for you. The sacrifice of self, laying your personal needs down so that you can help another—that is what I want to stick with me throughout my whole nursing career and throughout my life."

Like nursing, job placement rates for other PVCC allied health programs are equally high. Radiography, a program that PVCC started in 2010, had a job placement success rate of 100% for the 2013-2014 graduating class; all were employed within 12 months of graduating.

"My biggest goal in my career is to be in a place where I love waking up and going to work and that I can support my family," said Josh Kramer, a 2013 graduate of PVCC's radiography program who now works at Martha Jefferson Hospital as a vascular interventional radiology technologist. "PVCC not only gave me the tools to begin to succeed in my career, but also the support and follow-up after graduation to make sure my next goals were in sight and ready to be achieved."

In addition to working at Martha Jefferson, Kramer will be teaching as an adjunct instructor at PVCC beginning this fall. He says that he's excited to be teaching so early in his career and expects to see continued growth in the radiography program.

"With our continued partnership with UVA, PVCC students will continue to be exposed to the newest technology, the latest techniques, and innovative treatments," said Kramer. "Employers nationwide will be excited to see the clinical experiences and capabilities of our students."

On the cover: Ebonee Parrish graduated magna cum laude (with high honors) in 2010 with an associate degree in liberal arts. After graduating from PVCC, she used the guaranteed admissions program to transfer to U.Va., where she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology. She now works as a family and youth counselor in Charlottesville.

PVCC Adds Five New Programs for 2015

Five new programs of study are now offered through PVCC including Central Services Technician, Construction Management, Cybersecurity, Pharmacy Technician, and Retail Management.



Central Services Technician

This 21-credit program can be completed in two semesters and will train students to be a central services technician responsible for the proper decontamination and sterilization of equipment used in hospitals and community-based surgery centers.

Jobs in this high-demand field are expected to grow 21% in Central Virginia over the next decade, compared to 14% nationally.* The program is made possible by support from the University of Virginia Health System and Martha Jefferson Hospital.



Construction Management

The 23-credit career studies certificate in construction management prepares graduates to plan, direct and coordinate construction projects, including development and implementation, and provides training for managers in specialized construction fields, such as carpentry or plumbing.

Cybersecurity

The 28-credit career studies certificate in cybersecurity prepares students to work as network specialists, with an emphasis on protecting data confidentiality and preventing attacks on computer systems and networks.



Aligned with standards set forth by the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education, this certificate will also help prepare graduates for the Security +, SSCP, CISM and ISSP certification exams and will prepare graduates to function in public, private and government organizations in roles requiring assessment, operations, protection and improvement of network security systems.



Pharmacy Technician

Consisting of 29 credits, the program prepares students for work as a pharmacy technician in hospitals and retail-based pharmacies. Students who excel in this field are detail-oriented and would enjoy working in a structured environment.

The current average salary for pharmacy technicians in Central Virginia is \$13-15 an hour, and economic projections estimate a 27% growth in this field over the next 10 years.*

This new program is made possible by generous support from the University of Virginia Health System.



Retail Management

PVCC's new Retail Management Program will train students to supervise sales associates in a retail establishment. The 24-credit Career Studies Certificate will prepare graduates for the National Retail Federation (NRF) Certification exam in Retail Management that will allow for further career advancement.

Jobs in retail management are expected to grow 4% by 2022 in Central Virginia with an average annual salary of \$39,644 (\$19.06 an hour). The retail sector is projected to grow 9% in Central Virginia by 2022.*

PVCC has more than 40 programs of study that prepare graduates for a job, career change or skills upgrade, or transfer to a four-year school to complete a bachelor's degree. [To learn more about PVCC's programs of study, visit www.pvcc.edu/programs.](http://www.pvcc.edu/programs)

**Sources: Economic Modeling Specialists Intl., the Virginia Employment Commission and the Bureau of Labor Statistics*

Satellite Center Locations Make PVCC Accessible to Many



Eugene Giuseppe Center | 222 Main Street | Stanardsville

PVCC recently completed its third year of holding classes at its satellite center at the Eugene Giuseppe Center in Greene County. This academic year, more than 360 students took classes there. Courses offered at the Center include art appreciation, criminal justice, biology, business, economics, English, health, information technology, math, philosophy and sociology.

Located on the second floor of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library (JMRL), the Center also has a large community room that PVCC rents to agencies, organizations and the general public on a space-available basis. [To learn more, visit www.pvcc.edu/greene.](http://www.pvcc.edu/greene)



Jefferson School Center | 233 Fourth Street NW | Charlottesville

Home to the college's popular Culinary Arts Program, PVCC recently wrapped up its second year of offering courses at the Jefferson School Center in downtown Charlottesville. This academic year, 306 students took classes at the Jefferson School. In addition to culinary courses, PVCC offered classes in English, health, psychology, child development, information technology, business, math, and other credit classes.

PVCC's Workforce Services Division also schedules a number of noncredit culinary classes there for individuals seeking personal enrichment. To learn more about PVCC's noncredit offerings, visit www.pvcc.edu/workforceservices. For more information about PVCC's Jefferson School Center, visit www.pvcc.edu/jefferson.

PVCC Campus Branch of UVA Community Credit Union Opens

On March 16, PVCC and UVA Community Credit Union held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open its new Campus Branch at PVCC.

"We are pleased to be able to offer PVCC students another avenue for learning," stated Frank Friedman, PVCC president, "Whether in the classroom or on the job, our students will have the opportunity to gain valuable hands-on experience."

The PVCC Campus Branch is a full-service branch serving the students, faculty and staff of PVCC. The new branch is the result of an educational partnership formed in 2014 between the college and the credit union. The purpose of this partnership is to help students gain practical money skills and learn about banking industry careers through classroom projects, working at the campus branch, maintaining accounts and by attending free financial seminars conducted by the credit union. The branch will be staffed by credit union trained PVCC students.

The PVCC Campus Branch and ATM are located in the Main Building at PVCC. Members who join the credit union and open an account at the PVCC Campus Branch have access to all credit union products and services at any branch location or through Online Banking and Mobile Apps.

Leading up to the grand opening of the PVCC Campus Branch, PVCC students participated in classroom projects for marketing the new branch. Students entered contests for naming the branch and designing a logo. The



From left to right: Zaneta Romero and Liz Casey, branch staff; PVCC President Frank Friedman; Credit Union Board Chair Jeffrey C. Moscicki; and branch staff Courtney Stalnaker and Victoria Fulton.

student winners were recognized at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Credit union staff and PVCC faculty and administrators are already formulating plans for new classroom projects and initiatives for the 2015-2016 school year.

"Our partnership with PVCC furthers the credit union's commitment to providing quality financial education to our community," said Alison DeTuncq, credit union president/CEO, "We are pleased to have this opportunity to work with students and help increase their knowledge of the financial industry as well as help them manage their personal finances."

[Learn more at www.pvcc.edu/uvacreditunion.](http://www.pvcc.edu/uvacreditunion)

PVCC Earns 2015 Military Friendly Schools Designation

PVCC was named to Victory Media's Military Friendly Schools® list for 2015. The list honors the top 15% of U.S. colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans and dependents and to ensure their academic success. This is the second year in a row the college has received this honor.

Nearly 700 current students at PVCC are classified as veterans, active-duty military, reservists or dependents. The college is designated "Military Friendly" based upon having a dedicated military and veterans affairs advisor, an active Student Veterans of America club, a Veterans Center on campus, information sessions for prospective students who are veterans, academic advising for enrolled veterans throughout their tenure at PVCC, support services such as tutoring and academic coaching, and observances on campus of Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

Meet two of PVCC's outstanding student veterans below.



Patrick Fritz: Discovering New Purpose

When Navy Submariner Patrick Fritz was medically retired from active service in 2011, he knew he needed to find a new career to support his family, and that meant going back to school.

Transitioning to College Life

"It was definitely a concern," said Fritz. "I was worried that I was too old or that I wouldn't be able to transition from the military environment to the academic environment. However, the exact



Patrick Fritz

opposite has been true. For newly separated veterans, it's a great way to transition from the rigid structure of the military into civilian life. There is a structure not unlike the military actually. Just like the military, you have to be on time, you have to manage your time efficiently, and you have to meet strict deadlines."

As a 15-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, Fritz was interested in public policy, particularly veterans' issues, and knew that community college would be a good starting point, especially as a first-time college student.

Why He Chose PVCC

Fritz made his decision to attend PVCC after speaking with Veterans and Admissions Advising Counselor Jackie Fisher.

"The support services here are incredible," said Fritz. "Jackie Fisher is always available to provide support. Her desire to serve the veterans and willingness to go above and beyond made me apply. After speaking with her,

I began researching PVCC. The quality of education and the college's commitment to the success of the students, both while at PVCC and beyond, made the decision to attend easy."

Camaraderie and a Sense of Belonging

In addition to veterans' services, Fritz says that the staff and faculty at PVCC have been extremely supportive right from the very beginning. He also found a welcome resource in his fellow veterans.

"The other veterans on campus come from every branch of service and every career field, from infantry to intelligence to submarines," said Fritz. "They provide a tremendous support system, helping with some of the issues that we face as we transition, and share a commonality of experience. It's an opportunity to continue the best part of military service: the camaraderie and sense of belonging."

Leading by Example

"There are so many opportunities here, just like in the military, to be mentors and role-model behavior for some of the younger students," said Fritz, who was recently elected president of PVCC's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. "Many clubs and student organizations have veterans in leadership positions where we can utilize those skills we learned while active duty. And I want to be an example for my kids. I'm the first one in my family to go to college. Now I have a frame of reference for my own children. I can tell my kids about the process, about what to expect when they go to college."

Fritz was recently selected as a Valley Proteins Fellow for the 2015-2016

academic year and is one of only nine community college students in Virginia to receive this honor.

Launched five years ago with generous support from Valley Proteins, Inc., this scholarship program provides second-year, full-time students with financial resources as well as service opportunities and a unique leadership curriculum. Fellows are selected on the basis of demonstrated academic excellence, leadership potential, and financial need.

Looking to the Future

In spring 2016, Fritz will graduate with an associate degree in liberal arts, and transfer to the University of Virginia to complete his bachelor's degree in political philosophy, policy, and law. He's already made the decision to continue on and earn his master's degree and intends to enroll in an accelerated master's program through the Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy at U.Va. Once he's earned his master's degree, he plans to either work with veterans' issues at the local level or with immigration law.

A Solid Foundation

"Returning to school in general, and PVCC particularly, has been one of the best and most rewarding decisions I have ever made," said Fritz. "The military has instilled the drive to be the best, and PVCC allows the opportunity to continue that and provides a supportive environment that fosters the development of new skills. At PVCC, the rewards are directly proportional to the effort you put in. The foundation I have received here will provide me with the tools to succeed wherever I am."



Amy Davis

Amy Davis: The Journey for a New Dream

Eye on the Sky

For most people, jumping out of airplanes isn't common, let alone something they aspire to do, but for army veteran Amy Davis, it was her dream, and the best part of her military career.

"It was super fun," said Davis. "I still miss it, but I can always do it on the civilian side. One day, I will get back in the sky."

Living the Dream

Davis began her military service as a counterintelligence agent in the Army Reserves, where she served for eight years before requesting a transfer to Fort Bragg in North Carolina to undergo training as a parachute rigger and paratrooper in 2004. Her choice to transition was deliberate because it would allow her to go to airborne school, something she'd wanted to do for years.

"My favorite uncle was a Green Beret in Vietnam, and before he passed away, he gave me his airborne wings," Davis said. "He told me that I could have them if I earned them. They were already 50 years old when he gave them to me and had belonged to his father—my grandfather—before him.

They'd seen battle in both World War II and Vietnam. I knew then that I needed to become airborne certified."

After completing her training, Davis spent the next four years parachuting, before retiring from the Army Reserves in 2007 when she and her husband, who was active-duty Army, decided to start their family.

Changing Careers

Having earned a bachelor's degree in cellular biology from Western Washington University and a master's degree in epidemiology and statistics from the University of Arizona while still in the army, Davis turned her sights towards earning a Ph.D. She completed her doctorate in Urban Services Leadership at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) in 2010 while raising two small children and living in California.

"It was a lot of work," said Davis with a laugh. "I had to fly back and forth to Richmond to meet with my dissertation committee a lot, but it all worked out in the end."

She spent the next several years working from home as a research associate for VCU in a grant-funded position. Once the grant ran out,

Davis was laid off, and she found herself unable to get another academic position because she never knew where her husband would be stationed next.

Finding a New Calling

"I realized that I needed to find a new field—one that I could work in from anywhere and one that was always in demand," said Davis. "I chose sonography. I think being a sonographer will be very interesting. Each day will be different since I'll see new patients every day. And most importantly, it will allow me to be mobile. Army posts are always looking for sonographers, so I can work anywhere in the world."

Why She Chose PVCC

Davis says the decision to come to PVCC was easy. She knew that her husband was going to be transferred to the Charlottesville area in summer 2015, so the location was perfect, especially since PVCC was one of only four schools in Virginia that offered an accredited sonography program.

"After researching schools, I realized that I could complete my entire degree at PVCC without needing to transfer anywhere else. I decided it was fate, and I applied."

Davis is currently taking her program prerequisites online from her home in Sanford, N.C., near Fort Bragg. She says that she loves her online classes and that the college has been very accommodating about allowing her to take her exams remotely.

"Some of my classes required that exams be taken on campus, which isn't an option since I live so far away," said Davis. "But my instructors worked with me so that I could use the testing center at Fort Bragg for my exams. They made it so easy. It's been wonderful."

Once Davis and her family move to Charlottesville this summer, she will be taking the rest of her prerequisites on campus, before applying to the sonography program in May 2016.

To learn more about PVCC's veterans services, visit www.pvcc.edu/veterans.

PVCC Graduates First Class of Students in University Bridge Program

Created by Andrew Ullman and Hayward Majors in 2012, the University Bridge program offers specialized services to international students who are looking to further

“University Bridge provides a soft landing for students, giving them extra care while enjoying the small classes offered at community colleges like PVCC.”
– Hayward Majors

their education in the United States. The program connects students with community colleges, allowing them to take general education courses and earn an

associate degree prior to applying to a four-year college.

“University Bridge provides a soft landing for students, giving them extra care while enjoying the small classes offered at community colleges like PVCC,” said Majors. “It was our goal from the very beginning to partner with the best community colleges near top universities and provide exceptional services to international students as they transition into college.”

Once accepted into the program, students are provided with personalized services that complement those offered by partner community colleges. Services include housing, academic planning and social and cultural activities. The PVCC-University Bridge partnership began in 2013 when the first class of international students began taking courses in fall of that year.

“We chose PVCC for many reasons, including its top quality faculty, its location next to one of the top

universities in the nation, and the proven success of its graduates,” said Majors. “What we have learned by working with PVCC helps serve as a model for other campuses.”

PVCC’s first class of participants included:

Zihan “Mia” Li, of Liaocheng, China, who received an associate degree in general studies and will be transferring to the University of Virginia to major in global development studies.

Jinsha Liu, of Beijing, China, who graduated with an associate degree in business administration and will be transferring to the University of Michigan to major in financial mathematics.

Ruihong “Ron” Sun, of Dalian, China, who graduated this summer with an associate degree in art and will be applying to the University of Virginia to major in visual arts and economics.

Weidong “Wilson” Zhao, of Weihai, China, who is set to graduate in December 2015 with an associate degree in business administration and will be applying to the University of Virginia to major in financial mathematics.

All students are graduating with GPAs of 3.81 or higher. Majors and Ullman couldn’t be more pleased.

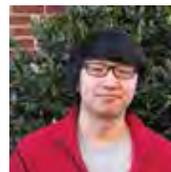
“We really see ourselves as an extension of PVCC,” said Majors. “While our first class was small, we wanted to take our time to build the best program we could. Our students’ success proves that it works.



Zihan “Mia” Li



Jinsha Liu



Ruihong “Ron” Sun



Weidong “Wilson” Zhao

Not only are our students going to top universities next year, but they have helped us mentor and prepare this year’s incoming group of students, who will start taking classes next fall.”

“Having these students on our campus and in our classes has enriched our students’ experiences by providing a new global perspective.”

– John Donnelly

John Donnelly, vice president, instruction and student services at PVCC, agrees.

“The University Bridge program is a win-win for the participating students and for PVCC,” said Donnelly. “We are proud of the success of this first group of international students. Having these students on our campus and in

our classes has enriched our students’ experiences by providing a new global perspective. We wish them well in their future academic pursuits.”

To learn more about the University Bridge program, visit www.ubridge.org.



PVCC students in the Vineyard Management course work at DuCard Vineyards in Etlan, Virginia, on May 9, 2015.

2015 Workforce Services Milestones & Highlights

- PVCC's Viticulture and Enology Program celebrated its 10th Anniversary on March 19, 2015. Approximately 15 to 20 wineries in Virginia have been started by PVCC students.
- Kids College@PVCC reached 850 enrollments for the summer of 2014. The program also received grants from the Freas Foundation and the Chancellor's Innovation Fund to start a program for underserved students in the rural counties and inner city Charlottesville. Albemarle County Rotary Club named Kids College as a multi-year recipient of Kids Swing, its major fundraiser.
- Workforce Services partnered with the City of Charlottesville and both public and private sector employers to start Growing Opportunities (GO), a program to train low-income unemployed and underemployed adults. Programming includes:
 - » Workplace readiness skills
 - » Career readiness certificate preparation and testing
 - » Job shadowing and job coaching
 - » Mentoring
 - » Technical skills training (including commercial driver's license, nurse aide and administrative assistant/office worker).

PVCC had 100% completion for 32 students.

To learn more about Workforce Services offerings and programs, visit www.pvcc.edu/workforceservices.

Great Expectations Opens Doors for Foster Youth

PVCC's Great Expectations Program is a statewide program that helps current and former foster youth between the ages of 13 and 24 in Central Virginia gain access to a community college education and transition successfully to living independently.

Using PVCC resources and working with community agencies and individuals, Great Expectations provides a full array of academic, career and support services. The program has an advisory board with representatives from social service and other agencies and individuals who have a passion for the welfare of foster youth.

"Great Expectations aspires to be that beacon of light for so many of our youth that feel lost, alone and hopeless," said Sarah Groom, PVCC Great Expectations advisor. "We want to encourage them to rise above their circumstances and have futures different from the pasts they have been so badly scarred by. This program not only has the potential to change individual lives, but the potential to change our communities by providing these individuals with the opportunity and resources they need to succeed."

To date, the program has assisted more than 150 PVCC students and currently serves more than 70 students at the high school and college levels. Funding for this program is made possible through a generous donation by Barbara and Mark Friedman, the VCCS Educational Foundation and other community donors. To learn more about Great Expectations, visit www.pvcc.edu/ge.



EXCELLENCE.

Commencement 2015

PVCC graduated 680 students—its largest graduating class ever—at the 42nd annual commencement on Thursday, May 14, at the John Paul Jones arena.

A significant number of graduates worked, parented and/or met other responsibilities while attending PVCC, as evidenced by the number of graduates who stood to applause when PVCC President Frank Friedman asked which of them fulfilled such demographics.

Keynote speaker was Anne Holton, Secretary of Education for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Holton commended graduates on their hard work, their persistence, and their decision to choose community college as the first step in their educational journeys.

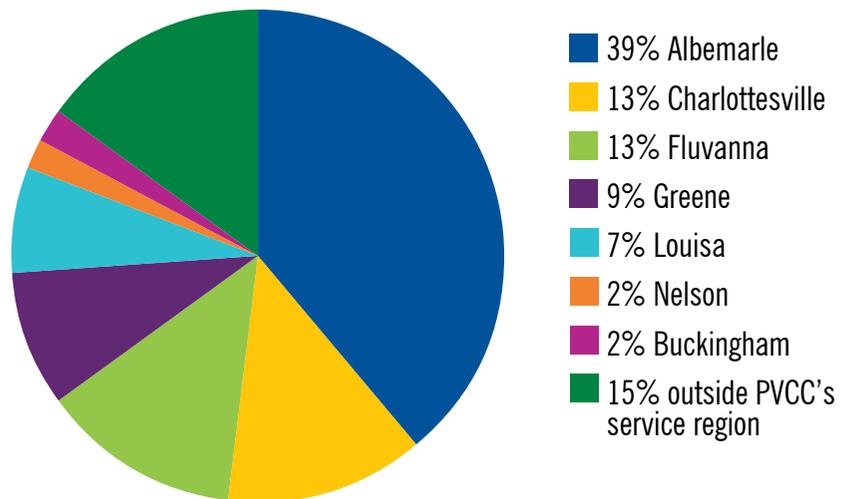
“One of the most obvious benefits to a community college education is its affordability,” said Holton. “The fact that so many of you are graduating with no debt, or very little debt, is a tribute to the strength of our community colleges and what they offer. Tuition, fees, supporting yourself through college may have been a struggle—I’m sure it was—but you have found the absolute smartest path financially to higher ed attainment.”

Student speaker Brandon Zeman spoke about his time working in the Admissions and Advising Office as a student ambassador and how that gave him insight into the lives of his fellow students.

“Each and every one of us shares a unique story about our educational journey,” Zeman said. “Today is about celebrating a milestone in our lives, about congratulating each and every one of us for the sacrifices that we have made. Hundreds of students with hundreds of different stories sit in the audience right now. Remember where your journey started. At that school sitting on top of the hill: Piedmont Virginia Community College.”



PVCC 2015 Graduates by Location



Awarded Degrees in 2014-2015

AWARD	SUMMER 2014	FALL 2014	SPRING 2015	TOTAL	PERCENT
Associate of Arts	14	10	61	85	10%
Associate of Science	42	55	155	252	28%
Associate of Applied Science	12	11	142	165	18%
Certificate	35	96	177	308	35%
Career Studies Certificate	18	8	56	82	9%
Grand Total	121	180	591	892*	100%

*680 students earned at least one Degree, Certificate, or Career Studies Certificate from PVCC this academic year. Some students earn more than one.



PVCC Student Team Named One of Top 10 Winners in National Science Competition



PVCC's winning student team: Stephen Haze, Candice Tomlinson, and Maya Fraser-Butler

A student team at Piedmont Virginia Community College has been named one of the top 10 winners of the 2015 National Science Foundation Community College Innovation Challenge (NSF CCIC).

Held in spring 2015, the NSF CCIC challenged community college students from across the nation to propose innovative STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) solutions to perplexing, real-world problems. Students were invited to identify key problems and propose innovative solutions in areas with potential for solving some of America's most

daunting challenges: big data; infrastructure security; sustainability (including water, food, energy and environment); and broadening participation in STEM. Participating student teams submitted projects ranging from engineering algae to improve fuel production to developing mobile medicine dispensing units for disaster relief.

Teams submitted their entries in January to NSF, who selected several finalists to attend its "Innovation Boot Camp," which was held from June 15 to 18 in Washington, D.C. The PVCC student team, comprised of science major Maya Fraser-Butler; science major Stephen Hazen; and biotechnology major Candice Tomlinson, all of Charlottesville, placed as a finalist, earning the team the opportunity to take part in the Innovation Boot Camp, where PVCC was selected as one of top 10 winning teams.

"I'm so proud of our students," said Anne Allison, associate professor, biology, who served as the team's faculty advisor. "Winning this competition advances their young scientific careers to the highest level."

PVCC's team focused its project on freshwater sustainability in Virginia. To supplement work already being done by groups such as the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and StreamWatch, the team proposed creating a new way of measuring water health by surveying protists, the largely single-celled organisms that form the base of the food chain in aquatic ecosystems. To manage research workflow and share data with the public, the team used an emerging open-access tool called the Open Science Framework, created by the Center for Open Science. Use of this tool allows research to be shared between numerous groups and will ultimately help improve freshwater quality as researchers collaborate to find solutions for ongoing issues.

To learn more about the CCIC competition, or view videos from community college winners, visit www.nsf.gov/news/special_reports/communitycollege.

Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Anne Allison, Associate Professor, Biology

Dr. Anne Allison began teaching at the college as an adjunct instructor in 2007 and was promoted to a full-time professorship in August 2013.

Since her arrival as a full-time faculty member, Allison has hit the ground running, embracing a wide variety of educational technology and open-source materials for her classes and introducing new research models into her lab courses.

At PVCC, Allison teaches everything from introductory life science and general biology classes to advanced courses in cell biology and genetics. For several of those courses, she uses open-source online textbooks to make the material more accessible for students, as well as an open-access research tool, the Open Science Framework (OSF), to manage a large number of authentic research projects. Allison also uses an open-source, online homework system that she designed with several of her PVCC colleagues. The use of open-source materials and homegrown online systems allows her to not only reduce costs for the college, but more importantly, to ensure that her students succeed by providing them with tools that they can access from anywhere.

When it comes to her laboratory courses, Allison feels that it's very important to involve undergraduate students in authentic, scientific research, a task that can be somewhat daunting due to the high volume of students that need research experience and the small number of faculty who are available to serve that need.

In an effort to get more community college students involved in research, Allison is currently pioneering the open-source research management tool, Open Science Framework (OSF) to assist educators with managing complex research projects that involve multiple students.

"OSF is a great, free tool that provides a centralized and powerful system for managing research, which allows students to conduct research and gain critical evaluative and analytical skills needed to identify and create excellent work," said Allison. "And because the answers in authentic research are not known, students and faculty get to share their love of learning and exploration. Whatever educators can do to make these experiences widely available, we should."

The bottom line for Allison is that she loves teaching and wants to make sure that she provides a quality education for her students so that they not only learn and gain mastery of the material, but develop a love of science that they will carry with them into their future careers.

"I try to share my love of science with my students in a very genuine and personal way," said Allison. "I think they sense my excitement, and they start to catch the science bug. When science educators allow for lots of exploration, and when we involve students in scientific research, students realize that learning is about more than grades. They take ownership of their work and see their contribution as part of something bigger. They leave the classrooms and labs still talking about the work. They go into the world with a much deeper appreciation and understanding of science."



Anne Allison

Student Awards & Recognition

The following students were recognized at PVCC's 11th Annual Academic and Leadership Awards convocation held in April 2015. Students were selected by PVCC faculty in recognition of their grade point average, class involvement, service to PVCC and/or peers, and leadership.

Division of Business, Mathematics and Technologies

Accounting: **Jo Ann Moore**

Laura A. O'Rourke Award for Administrative Support Technology: **LaValla S. Coleman**

Clea and Peggy Parker Award for Business Administration: **Melissa S. Kiernan**

The Money Professors Award for Business Management: **Douglas A. Fargo**

James W. O'Rourke Award for Computer Science: **Brennan J. Ebeling**

Ken Hamm Award for Criminal Justice: **Thomas S. Brizzolara**

Virginia Ross Award for Culinary Arts: **Alicia M. Simmons**

Economics: **Christian J. Adams**

Larry Brown Award for Electronics and Computer Technology: **Peter T. Arthur**

Sarah Rogers Award for Engineering: **Joshua P. Smith**

Information Technology: **Chris Avant**

Euler Prize for Excellence in Mathematics: **Richard M. Marshall V**

Frances G. and Glenn M. Norcutt Mathematics Spirit Award: **Jena K. Helfrick**

Wolf, Goss and Mayer Award for Physics: **Brennan J. Ebeling**

Web Design: **Erin M. Kennedy**

Division of Health and Life Sciences

Dick Harrington Award for Composition: **Jesus Pino**

Dance: **Sarah A. Alcoch**

Ada Sloan Award for English: **Amin Haghtalab**

Fine Arts: **Susan J. Sorbello**

Roger C. Chappuis Award for French: **Sarah A. Shifflett**

Rebecca and Andrew Straley Award for German: **Cory C. Coogan**

Emily Timberlake Watterson Award for History: **Michael L. Baize**

Carole Friedman and Gail Koplou Award for Humanities: **Thomas Hunt**

Frances G. and Glenn M. Norcutt Award for Literature: **Molly A. Turner**

Prudence Curtis Award for Music: **Nicholas A. Lauterbach**

Philosophy: **Joaquin D. Litzenberger**

Mary Ann Elwood Award for Political Science: **Jacob Hannay**

Dr. Neil Friedman Award for Psychology: **Fei Guo**

John Albert Broadus Award for Religion: **Samuel L. Amos, III**

Sociology: **Nicole E. Smith**

Spanish: **Kai Hobenik**

Speech: **Erin M. Kennedy**

Theatre & Drama: **Sarah L. Williams**

Division of Humanities: Fine Arts and Social Sciences

Dolores Brandolo Award for Anatomy and Physiology: **Stella Masako Kanda**

Lloyd Willis Award for Biology: **Dorcas F. Yoder**

Biotechnology: **Candice Tomlinson**

Chemistry: **Veronica Deighan**

Kirby Award for Diagnostic Medical Sonography: **Michael S. Green**

Elizabeth Morning Hamm Award for Emergency Medical Services: **Kevin L. Mast**

Geology: **Catherine R. Tatman**

Health Information Management: **Gigi Ferraris**

Jane Hendricks Award for Patient Admissions Coordinator: **Gigi Ferraris**

Campbell Ross Award for Horticulture: **Antonia Florence**

Rosa M. Lee Award for Microbiology: **Amalia M. Lomu**

Mildred Montag Award for Nursing: **Mary H. Dolan**

Wyant-Dowell Award for Physical Education: **Amy E. Porter**

Mary Lamb Wyant Award for Practical Nursing: **Stephanie J. Shirley**

Elizabeth Nalley Award for Radiography: **Karen E. Pfeiffer**

Dana Reye Shifflett Award for Surgical Technology: **CopperPhoenix**



Distinguished Student Award Brandon L. Zeman

The highest award presented by the college to a student, the Distinguished Student Award was established in 1994 to recognize students who demonstrate exemplary service or leadership at the college and through activities in the college service region and beyond.

Board Service Award:

Lauren J. Housel

2015 Travel Scholarship Recipient:

Patrick E. Hedger

PVCC All-USA Academic Team Nominees

PTK Top 10 All-Virginia Academic Team and Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Silver Scholar: **Charlotte A. Barstow**

PTK All-Virginia Academic Team: **Brandon L. Zeman**

Student Leadership Awards

Art Club: **Aubrey L. Tomlin**

Graphics Club: **Aubrey L. Tomlin**

Basketball Club: **Spencer Clem**

Christian Student Fellowship Club: **Cory C. Coogan**

Engineering and Technology Club: **Mark G. Potter**

First Quadrant Tutoring: **Jena K. Helfrick**

Horticulture and Environmental Club: **Jonathan L. Dean**

Student Activities: **Jonathan L. Dean**

International Club: **Kayley Yimin Liang**

Investment Club: **Brandon L. Zeman**

Phi Theta Kappa: **Brandon L. Zeman**

Mu Alpha Theta: **Albert Hwang**

Music Club: **Jacob R. Brumback**

Radiography Club: **Elizabeth Lucchetti**

Soccer Club: **Edwing Alicandu Pena**

Spanish Club: **Brigith N. Bautista**

Structured Learning Assistance Facilitator: **Rachel Koch**

Student Government Association: **HeeYun Joo**

Student Nurses Association of Piedmont: **Jessica D. Walsh**

Ultimate Frisbee Club:

Calvin D. Biesecker: III

Writing Center Tutoring: **Annette L. Cashatt**

Phi Theta Kappa 2015 Inductees

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the national honor society at Piedmont Virginia Community College, recently inducted 36 new members. To be eligible for PTK, students with 12 to 30 credit hours in a program of study at PVCC must be enrolled full-time during the semester they become a member and have a cumulative grand point average of 3.5 or higher. Students with more than 30 credit hours in a program of study at PVCC must be enrolled full- or part-time during the semester they become a member and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher.



Alaha Abdul Jamil, Greyson Robinson Beights, Jini Bitzer, Cary Campbell, Joshua Choi, Jon Colemon, Margaret Comberg, Patrick Cottrell, Derowen Cutchin, Cory Coogan, Heather Disbrow, Chance Drummond, Madeline Feden, Gillian Henderson, Douglas Fargo, Patrick Fritz, Fintan Horan, Joyce Howard, Mehdi Huseynov, Austin Jarrell, Chunjin Jiang, Devan Kaufman, Alaney Kulenek, Seungjae Lee, Yimin Liang, Lauren Meintzschel, Lauren Mort, Marion Peeschla, Hannah Ridings, Angela Roberson, Brian Seymour, Muhammad Sultan, Crawford Ulmer, John Ulmer, Julie Wright, David Yeago

To learn more about PVCC's PTK chapter, visit www.pvcc.edu/ptk.

Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

The following students were nominated by PVCC faculty for academic excellence and student leadership.

Shahleen Z. Ahmed, Shannon N. Albright, Chiron J. Anderson, Peter T. Arthur, John E. Brandt, Thomas S. Brizzolara, Hunter E. Campbell, Kevin L. Carter, Zachary L. Chagnon, Adam B. Clites, Rebekah A. Colwell, Kristina M. Craig, Jacob P. Donovan, Mackenzie L. Dovel, Heather L. Fauber, Emma G. Ferreira, Mckenzie J. Fitzgerald, Megan C. Ford, Chloe A. Freeman, Dreama N. Fretwell, Carly N. Fulcher, Deanna M. Funkhouser, Michael D. Gilmore, Jonnay M. Grooms, Kelly O. Harlow, Stephen E. Hazen, Jena K. Helfrick, Kimberly Hellems, Alexandra L. Hineman, Alexandria L. Hollis, Joyce M. Howard, David J. Irby, Crystal M. Johnson, Grayson Katzenbach, Charles L. Kovacik, Marsha J. Leitzel, Elizabeth Lucchetti, Richard M. Marshall, V, Jessica L. Martin, Sunshine C. Miller, Lauren A. Mort, Cynthia M. Newsome, Stephen A. Nolin, Sean P. Norville, Jessie T. Opler, Christopher R. Owen, Dhruvan V. Patel, Karen E. Pfeiffer, Kyle O. Pillow, Mark G. Potter, William J. Raike, IV, Nicholas W. Racine, Jessica A. Roy-Harrison, John R. Sanderson, Clifton T. Santiago, Eric K. Sartain, Xavier Schoenwetter, Jordan R. Shifflett, Alicia M. Simmons, Martin L. Simpkins, Jr., Frances G. Stadlin, Tzvi Tabackman, Candyce F. Tarrance, Tiffany M. Walton, Crystal C. Wever, Eileen S. Wilcox, Valerie C. Woods



Anne Allison



Jane Anderson



Karen Bloomfield



Eric Breckoff



Andria Clark



Wendi Dass



Kit Decker



Wendy Diment



David Duvall-Early



Patricia Franklin



Jorge Grajales-Diaz



Adam Hastings



Jon Hexter



Kim Hoosier



Charles Huffman



Tom Hyder

Kudos, Service Awards & Retirements

Three-Year Faculty Appointments and Promotions:

- Jane Anderson**, assistant professor of nursing
- Melanie Bailey**, professor of history
- Karen Bloomfield**, assistant professor of nursing
- Eric Breckoff**, associate professor of culinary arts
- Charemon Brooks**, assistant professor of nursing
- Hunter Moore**, assistant professor of engineering and electronics
- Theresa Rase**, assistant professor of nursing

Five-Year Faculty Appointments and Promotions:

- Wendi Dass**, assistant professor of math
- Wendy Diment**, assistant professor of nursing
- David Duvall-Early**, instructor of computer science
- Jorge Grajales-Diaz**, assistant professor of Spanish
- Kim Hoosier**, professor of sociology
- Charles Huffman**, associate professor of psychology
- Tom Hyder**, professor of engineering
- Jessica Kingsley**, professor of English
- Jennifer Koster**, associate professor of English
- Juliane Milburn**, associate professor of nursing
- Kristina O'Meara**, associate professor of nursing
- Ann Smith**, associate professor of nursing

Faculty Rewards

- Karen Bloomfield**, assistant professor of nursing, for the Teaching Effectiveness Award
- Wendi Dass**, assistant professor of math, for the Institutional Responsibility Award
- Kit Decker**, professor of Spanish, for the Excellence Award
- Kim Hoosier**, professor of sociology, for the Teaching Effectiveness Award
- Jessica Kingsley**, professor of English, for the Excellence Award
- Elaine Nichols**, assistant professor of diagnostic medical sonography, for the Institutional Responsibility Award
- Beryl Solla**, professor of art, for the Community Impact Award

Diane Valade, assistant professor of mathematics, for the Teaching Effectiveness Award

Faculty Recognitions

- Anne Allison**, associate professor of biology
- Andria Clark**, clinical coordinator of radiography
- Colum Leckey**, associate professor of history
- Hunter Moore**, assistant professor of engineering and electronics
- Bill Pratt**, assistant professor of business
- Kris Swanson**, assistant professor of French

College Awards & Recognitions

- Anne Allison**, associate professor of biology, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award: 2015 Rising Star Nominee, VCCA Faculty Showcase
- Patty DeCourcy**, administrative assistant, Greene County, Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award
- Adam Hastings**, dean, Business, Mathematics and Technologies, Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award
- Jessica Kingsley**, professor of English, New Horizons 2015 Excellence in Education Award: Best Practices in Teaching Face-to-Face, Online and Student Success
- Colum Leckey**, associate professor of history, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award: 2015 Institutional Representative Nominee
- Rob McHenry**, testing specialist, VCCA Support Staff Showcase Award
- Crystal Newell**, coordinator of library services, Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award
- Nicole Oechslin**, professor of English, New Horizons 2015 Excellence in Education Award: Best Practices in Teaching Face-to-Face, Online and Student Success
- Andrew Renshaw**, coordinator of dual enrollment and off-campus programs, Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award
- Lisa Shifflett**, administrative assistant, Instruction and Student Services, Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award
- Malena Smith**, administrative assistant, Jefferson School, Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award

PVCC Writing Program Wins Award for Excellence in Education

A writing intensive program for students at PVCC has received a Virginia Community College System (VCCS) Best Practices in Teaching award for excellence in education. Jessica Kingsley and Nicole Oechslin, PVCC professors of English, developed the program.



Jessica Kingsley and Nicole Oechslin

“Write Here, Write Now: Creating a Culture of Writing at PVCC” is the winner in the category of Best Practices in Teaching Face-to-Face, Online and Student Success. The program is a series of writing experiences in the classroom that prepares PVCC graduates to meet the writing expectations of four-year institutions and the workforce. Since the program’s inception in 2011, PVCC has offered 123 classes in 17 different disciplines that have an increased number of assignments to promote the value of writing.



Jennifer Koster



Colum Leckey



Rob McHenry



Marie Melton



Juliane Milburn



Hunter Moore



David Moyer



Crystal Newell



Elaine Nichols



Kristina O'Meara



Bill Pratt



Theresa Rase



Andrew Renshaw



Doris Roach



Lisa Shifflett



Anita Showers



Ann Smith



Beryl Solla



Kristine Swanson



Robert Thacker



Timothy Woodson



Diane Valade

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Melanie Bailey, Charemon Brooks, Linda Cahill, Patty DeCourcy, Nery Hererra and Malena Smith

Beryl Solla, professor of art, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award: 2016 Institutional Representative Nominee, VCCA Faculty Showcase and Chancellor’s Award for Teaching Excellence Nominee

Timothy Woodson, grounds, Distinguished Service Award

Retirements

Linda Cahill, librarian, 22 years

Patricia Franklin, associate professor emeritus of biology, 22 years

Nery Hererra, buildings and grounds, 22 years

Jon Hexter, associate professor emeritus of mathematics, 17 years

Marie Melton, business manager, 42 years

Doris Roach, purchasing officer, 14 years

Anita Showers, director of Marketing and Media Relations, eight years

Robert Thacker, buildings and grounds, 29 years

OPPORTUNITY.

Message from PVCC Educational Foundation President Rob Capon

Thank you for your generous support of Piedmont Virginia Community College. Private donations from businesses, individuals, and foundations have helped make PVCC a nationally respected community college that helps make our region an outstanding place to live and work. Our Educational Foundation Board passionately believes in the mission of PVCC because it's transforming lives, building businesses, and strengthening our community. We believe that investing in education is the best investment our community can make.

Your gifts have become even more important because state governmental funding to the Commonwealth's community college system has steadily declined in recent years. Fortunately, through the generosity of our extremely supportive community, the PVCC Educational Foundation has had a successful year that is helping PVCC meet the growing challenge to provide services to students, businesses, and the community.

Because of your generosity, the Educational Foundation generated more than \$1.4 million in 2014 from all sources, an increase of 40% in overall giving from 2013. This private funding supported many programs, including radiographic technology, culinary arts, fine arts, and nursing; faculty and staff teaching and learning grants; workforce services programs; academic awards; scholarships; the Great Expectations Program for foster youths' transition to college; and many other vital college services and programs.

Your tremendous support resulted in a record-breaking \$212,109 for the 2014 PVCC Annual Campaign, an increase of 60% over the 2013 Campaign. This was the most successful annual campaign in PVCC's history, and is the first time we've reached \$200,000. We are pleased to report that 100% of our Board members contributed to the campaign, and their donations increased by 32%. The campaign included 54 donors who gave \$1,000 or more, and seven donors who gave \$10,000 or more. Alumni donations increased by more than 600%!

This year, Bill and Evelyn Deisbeck, Frank and Sue Friedman, Patt Keats, Marshall and Virginia Thompson, and Ed and Betty Whitcomb reached the \$50,000 level in cumulative giving, earning them a place on the PVCC Donor Wall. We are deeply appreciative of their commitment to PVCC.

The impact of your support is characterized by Zachary Chagnon, a May graduate in the radiologic technology program who made inspiring comments at the dedication of the Theodore E. and Patt Hart Keats Science Building. Zach said his PVCC experience will forever change his life for the better and that he now has the ability to achieve his dream of "becoming directly involved in the fight against cancer and other diseases." He praised PVCC and its donors for enabling our graduates to "dedicate our lives to saving the lives of our community's sick, elderly, and injured."

Your donations are changing lives. The PVCC Educational Foundation Board deeply appreciates your generosity. But we cannot rest on our laurels. Your continuing support is vitally important to PVCC so that we can meet the diverse needs of our growing community, and continue to do so with excellence.

Thank you, again, for your continuing support of *our* community college.

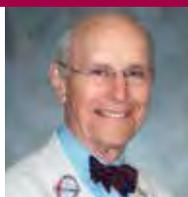


A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Capon'.

Robert Capon
President

Keats Science Building Dedicated

PVCC formally dedicated the Theodore E. and Patt Hart Keats Science Building in recognition of a generous donation made by Dr. Patt Hart Keats to support the Radiologic Technology Program. Dr. Keats and her late husband, Dr. Theodore E. Keats, shared a passion for the field of radiology, he as a renowned radiologist, she as a radiologic technologist. Through their devotion, they helped ensure excellence in the practice of radiography for future generations. A graduate of PVCC, Dr. Patt Keats has created the perpetual Keats Awards of Excellence in the Radiologic Technology Program.



Theodore E. Keats



Patt Hart Keats



CenturyLink Donates Funds for Holiday Event

CenturyLink generously donated \$7,500 to support PVCC's "Let There Be Light" holiday extravaganza. The event was attended by several thousand local residents. CenturyLink's \$7,500 donation in 2014 is a 50% increase from the previous year.

Pictured from left: PVCC President Frank Friedman; CenturyLink Market Development Manager Simone Alley; and PVCC Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Development Jim Ross.

Greene County Students Awarded Scholarships for Early College Program

Greene County Schools Superintendent Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh reached out to PVCC seeking more scholarship opportunities for her students to attend the college's Early College Program. The program enables high school students to take college classes at the PVCC Eugene Giuseppe Center as they pursue an associate of science degree in general studies while in high school. Dr. Whitmarsh spoke with such eloquence and passion for her students, said Institutional Advancement and Development Vice President Jim Ross, that the PVCC Educational Foundation leaders included an initiative in the 2014 Annual Campaign to raise \$40,000 to provide Early College scholarships to William Monroe High School students.



Andrea Whitmarsh

Thanks to a \$20,000 challenge donation from anonymous, extremely community-minded Greene County leaders, and donations from more than two dozen local residents, the campaign raised the necessary funds and 21 WMHS students will now be attending PVCC's Early College Program for the 2015-2016 academic year, giving them the opportunity to earn a college degree at the same time as their high school diploma.

New Endowed Scholarship for Nursing Students Established

Community philanthropist Mary Beth Smyth has created a scholarship through the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation (CACF) that will support PVCC students who are working toward an associate of applied science degree in nursing. The endowment is created simultaneously with a second fund at CACF that will support nurses employed at Martha Jefferson Hospital to earn their bachelor of science degrees in nursing.



Mary Beth Smyth

"One of our community's unsung heroes for education has done it again," said Jim Ross, vice president of institutional advancement and development at PVCC. "Mrs. Smyth has a vision of making our world a better place through education, and she just took another giant leap toward doing that."

The two-year Smyth Scholarship for Nursing at PVCC is made possible through the philanthropy of Mary Beth Smyth and her late husband, Gordon. The Smyths established the Smyth Foundation Fund in 1990 after Gordon retired from DuPont after 42 years of service. "Gordon was a real scholar," said Mary Beth. "He taught people as long as he was alive—he loved tutoring, teaching Sunday School, and books. His main interest was always education, so we're glad to do what we can to help people succeed."

CACF President Anne Scott said, "The endowed nursing scholarship will help attract and retain talented nurses and help make high quality healthcare available and accessible to all. We are honored to partner with leaders in nursing education, Martha Jefferson Hospital and PVCC, and to play a part in realizing Mary Beth and Gordon Smyth's education vision, now and for many years to come."

Thank You for Giving So Generously to PVCC in 2014!



The fundraising successes of this past year illustrate the deep appreciation citizens of our region have for our college and its role in helping make this community so great. Many people and businesses gave generously to help our college meet the increasing needs of our community while experiencing the trend of less

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To all who donated any amount this year to the PVCC Educational Foundation, please know you are deeply appreciated. Thank you for enabling our college to change lives for the better. In so many ways, you are changing our part of the world for the better.

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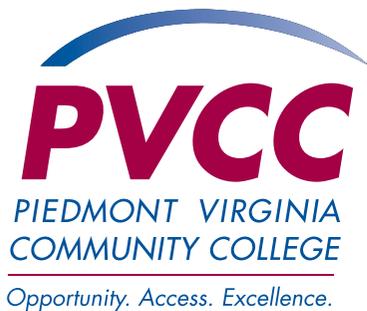
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College Profile 2015



Piedmont Virginia Community College

is a comprehensive, public institution of higher education that awards associate degrees and certificates. PVCC offers accessible, affordable, high-quality educational programs that promote student success and community vitality.

College transfer and workforce development are the core of the college's mission. The first two years of baccalaureate study prepare students for success at four-year colleges and universities. Workforce development programs prepare students for successful careers and promote a skilled regional workforce by meeting the training and educational needs of employers.

As part of the Virginia Community College System, PVCC serves the City of Charlottesville and the counties of Albemarle, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa and Nelson. Since the college opened in 1972, more than 180,000 students have taken credit and noncredit classes, and PVCC has awarded more than 12,200 associate degrees and certificates.

Location

PVCC's main campus is located at 501 College Drive in Charlottesville, Virginia. It consists of the 105,000 square foot Main Building, the 36,500 square foot V. Earl Dickinson Building for Humanities and Social Sciences, the 34,000 square foot Keats Science Building and the 9,000 square foot Stultz Center for Business and Career Development.

The PVCC Jefferson School Center is located in the Starr Hill neighborhood in downtown Charlottesville. The Center has two standard classrooms and two fully equipped computer classrooms, a 2,500-square-foot teaching kitchen, a 700-square-foot culinary classroom and a reception area and offices. The graduating class of 2015 included the first recipients of PVCC's associate in applied science degree in culinary arts.

The PVCC Eugene Giuseppe Center occupies the second floor of the Greene County Library building in Stanardsville. The 14,000-square-foot space holds classrooms, labs, a community meeting room and other facilities. The college began offering classes there in fall 2012.

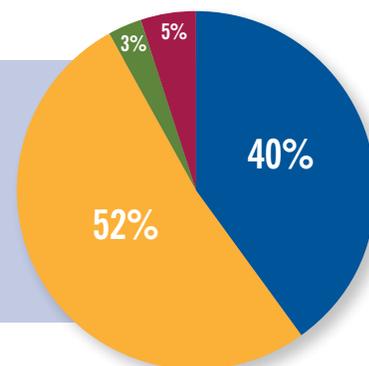
Cost

Beginning with fall semester 2015, tuition and fees are \$148.15 per credit hour for Virginia residents and \$342.75 per credit hour for out-of-state students. This includes a student activity fee of \$2.90 per credit, an institutional fee of \$1.75 per credit, a technology fee of \$8.50 per credit, and for out-of-state students, a capital fee of \$18.00 per credit.

PVCC Revenues

2014-15 Total Revenues: \$23,047,643

- State
- Tuition
- Grants & Contracts
- Other



Programs of Study

Associate of Arts

- Liberal Arts
- Visual and Performing Arts – Art Specialization
- Visual and Performing Arts – Music Specialization
- Visual and Performing Arts – Theatre and Drama Specialization

Associate of Science

- Business Administration
- Computer Science
- Education
- Engineering
- General Studies
- Physical and Natural Sciences – Biotechnology Specialization
- Physical and Natural Sciences – Horticulture Specialization
- Physical and Natural Sciences – Science Specialization

Associate of Applied Science Degree

- Accounting
- Culinary Arts
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Electronics and Computer Technology
- Emergency Medical Services
- Information Systems Technology
- Management
- Nursing
- Police Science
- Radiography

Certificates

- Health Information Management
- Practical Nursing
- Surgical Technology

Career Studies Certificates

- Administrative Support
- Building Trades I & II
- Central Services Technician
- Computer and Networking Support Technologies
- Construction Management
- Criminal Justice
- Cybersecurity
- Early Childhood Development – Infant/Toddler
- Early Childhood Development – Preschool
- Emergency Medical Services – Intermediate
- Emergency Medical Services – Paramedic
- Entrepreneurship
- Graphic Design
- Horticulture
- Nursing Assistant
- Patient Admission Coordinator
- Pharmacy Technician
- Retail Management
- Web Technologies

* Associate degrees generally take two years of full-time study to complete and require 60 to 72 credit hours. Certificates and Career Studies Certificates require nine-59 credit hours and two to four semesters of full-time study to complete. They are designed to prepare students for a specific job, career change or skills upgrade. For more information, visit pvcc.edu/programs.

Enrollment

Enrollment in credit classes totaled 7,643 for the 2014-15 academic year.

Student Profile (Based on Fall 2014)

Total Number	5,554	100%
Full-Time	1,234	22%
Part-Time	4,320	78%
New	1,420	26%
Returning	3,679	66%
Transfer	455	8%
Male	2,346	42%
Female	3,208	58%
White	4,945	71%
African-American	733	13%
Other Race	876	16%

PVCC Transfer Highlights

Each year between 1,500 and 2,000 students leave PVCC and pursue a bachelor's degree at a four-year college or university, including an average of 280 per year to the University of Virginia (UVA). Generally, about two-thirds stay in Virginia and one-third enroll out of state. Since 1973, more than 3,000 students have transferred to UVA. PVCC transfer students are successful at UVA, achieving grade point averages comparable to native students.

PVCC has guaranteed admission agreements with all four-year public colleges and universities in Virginia and many of the private colleges. These agreements allow students to attend PVCC for two years and then complete their undergraduate education at a four-year school. There are considerable cost savings since PVCC tuition is about one-third the average cost of a four-year college or an average of \$10,000 savings in tuition and fees per year.

PVCC regularly surveys its graduates from the previous year to learn which schools they are attending, how satisfied they are with their schooling and what impact PVCC has had on their careers and further education. Here are the major findings from graduates in the class of 2014:

- Ninety-five percent (95%) who were planning to attend a four-year college or university indicated that the credits they earned at PVCC transferred as expected.
- Compared with students who started as freshmen at their current colleges, nearly all felt that they were either better prepared or as well prepared for their studies compared to other students.

Workforce Outcomes

- In 2014-15, PVCC conferred 555 career and technical awards: 165 associate of applied science degrees and 308 certificates and 82 career studies certificates. These degrees and certificates are designed for students seeking employment in local business and industry or seeking to upgrade their job skills.
- Of these awards, 150 were in health professions: 76 awards in nursing, 19 in emergency medical services, 14 in licensed practical nursing, 10 in surgical technology, nine in diagnostic medical sonography, 19 in radiography and three in patient admissions coordination.
- Data shows that most graduates of PVCC's Career and Technical Education programs are employed within six months of earning their degree or certificate. Among 2013-14 graduates, 95 percent were employed six to nine months after graduation, and two-thirds were employed in jobs related to their PVCC program of study.
- Among 2013-2014 graduates, 22 percent of graduates of Career and Technical programs said their degree helped them to get a promotion.

Results of 2013 Community Leaders' Survey

Every three years, PVCC conducts a Community Leaders' Survey as part of the college's three-year strategic planning process. Civic, political and business leaders in Central Virginia are asked how well the college is doing and what can we do better. More than 200 completed surveys were received by mid-June 2013. Among the findings, 99 percent of community leaders felt that PVCC is very or somewhat effective in offering accessible, affordable, high-quality educational programs that promote student success and community vitality, while nearly 97 percent felt that PVCC is an asset to our community. Ninety-five percent rated PVCC as offering high-quality academic programs. Ninety-one percent indicated that PVCC prepares students for successful careers, and nearly 90 percent indicated that PVCC prepares students for success at four-year colleges and universities.



In April 2015, PVCC formally dedicated its science building The Theodore E. and Patt Hart Keats Science Building in recognition of the generous donation made by Dr. Patt Hart Keats and her late husband, Dr. Theodore Keats.



Most graduates of PVCC's Career and Technical Education programs are employed within six months of earning their credential.



PVCC awarded 892 degrees and certificates to students graduating during the 2014-15 academic year.



Increasing numbers of graduates in PVCC healthcare programs provide Central Virginia's employers with an expanding pool of trained workers.



Faculty and Staff

PVCC employs 74 full-time faculty members, 20 administrative and non-teaching faculty and 85 classified staff. Over 300 talented adjunct faculty teach credit and noncredit courses each year.

Accreditation and Recognition

PVCC is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.679.4500 for questions about PVCC's accreditation.

PVCC also has the following healthcare program accreditations:

- An agency member of the Association of Surgical Technologists (6 West Dry Creek Circle, Suite 200, Littleton, CO 80120-8031, phone 303.694.9130)
- Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (1361 Park Street, Clearwater, FL 33756, phone 727.210.2350)
- Accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326; phone number 404.975.5000)
- Accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (4101 W. Green Oaks Boulevard, Suite 305-599, Arlington, TX 76016, phone 817.330.0080)
- Accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 2850, Chicago, IL 60606-3182, phone 312.704.5300)

The college is approved by the U.S. Department of Education for various federal funding programs and by the Virginia Department of Education for the payment of veterans' benefits.

PVCC does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, family medical history or genetic information, military service, national origin, parental status, political affiliation, race, religion, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation or any other non-merit base factor. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Human Resources Manager, 501 College Dr., Main Building, Room M810, Charlottesville, VA 22902; 434.961.6567.

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. Carter:

I write to provide advance notice of a possible new funding request from Piedmont Virginia Community College.

As you know, the seven jurisdictions served by PVCC provided \$55,271 in 2015 to support PVCC public awareness efforts. The annual distribution is based upon the jurisdiction's share of credit enrollment. The actual breakdown in 2015 is as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Jurisdiction, FY 15-16, Percent. Rows include Albemarle, Buckingham, Charlottesville, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Nelson, and TOTAL.

In addition to this annual local contribution, Virginia law prohibits state funds from being spent on site development for new construction projects at the community colleges. We therefore turn to our local jurisdictions for this funding. When PVCC built its last building, the Keats Science Building (formerly called the Kluge-Moses Science Building), the jurisdictions' share of the site development costs was the following. You will note that this was spread out over four years to make it easier for the jurisdictions to budget.

Table with 4 columns: Jurisdiction, Total Request, Annual Amount, Years. Rows include Albemarle, Buckingham, Charlottesville, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Nelson, and TOTAL.

Mr. Stephen A. Carter
January 15, 2016
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I alert you now that the Governor has included planning funds in his 2016-17 budget proposal for design of an Advanced Technology Center at PVCC. A description of this building is enclosed. If these funds are approved by the General Assembly we will begin the design process in 2016-17 and hopefully receive construction funds in 2018-19 or shortly thereafter. This means that we would be requesting site development funds from you perhaps as soon as 2016-17 and continuing for three more years. We propose to base the distribution once again on each jurisdiction's share of enrollment. For illustration purposes, the table below uses an estimate of \$1 million for site development and the current enrollment distribution.

Jurisdiction	Total Request	Annual Amount	Years
Albemarle	\$ 425,000	\$106,250	4
Buckingham	24,000	6,000	4
Charlottesville	198,000	49,500	4
Fluvanna	131,000	32,750	4
Greene	89,000	22,250	4
Louisa	87,000	21,750	4
Nelson	45,000	11,250	4
TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$250,000	

Our seven jurisdictions have always supported our requests. You have recognized that the local investment for site development leverages about 20 times that amount in state funding for construction. This is a good investment of local funds to support the education of Central Virginians.

PVCC will need your guidance as to how and when to submit a formal request for multi-year site development funding. Please let me know how you want PVCC to handle this. Also, please contact me if you have any questions or comments about this request.

Thank you for your support of education at PVCC.

Sincerely,



Frank Friedman
President

Enclosure

Piedmont Virginia Community College

Capital Construction Project: Advanced Technology Center

This project was previously submitted in 2014 as a Student Success and Learning Center, but was not included in the 2015 Appropriation Act.

This request is for a combination of general and non-general funds to construct a 45,000 square foot advanced technology center which will house credit and non-credit programs in advanced manufacturing (engineering technology and mechatronics), information systems technology (cybersecurity, networking and programming) and viticulture and enology. Graduates of these programs will earn degrees, certificates and industry certifications that will prepare them for high-tech and high-demand jobs that will meet the needs of regional employers and advance the economic and workforce development goals of the Commonwealth.

Thirty thousand (30,000) square feet of the building will be dedicated for classrooms, laboratories and collaborative spaces to support the programs. The facilities will include separate clean and dirty laboratory spaces for the advanced manufacturing programs, a dedicated cybersecurity and networking laboratory and a computer lab to support networking and programming. A dedicated training winery space will also be included that would include a lab for wine analysis and testing to support the growth of the wine industry in Central Virginia and to prepare the workforce for this essential element of the area's economy. A dedicated industry certification testing center to support all career and technical programs will also be included in the new building. All classrooms and laboratories will be equipped with the latest instructional technology including lecture capture and teleconferencing capabilities. In addition to supporting PVCC's current and future students, these spaces will support the partnership between Piedmont Virginia Community College (PVCC) and the Charlottesville Albemarle Technical Education Center (CATEC) to increase access to high quality career and technical education and training through the development of secondary to post-secondary career pathways. Career pathways have already been developed for credit and non-credit programs in advanced manufacturing and information systems technology but they cannot be fully implemented until adequate facilities are available.

Fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet of the building will be designated as a "student commons" that will include student gathering spaces as well as a one-stop student success center that will house the following student services support functions: admissions, financial aid, advising, counseling, student activities, bookstore and dining. A new Career and Workforce Readiness office will also be part of the one-stop student success center. At this office, students will be able to access services such as career exploration and planning, job placement, resume writing, workforce readiness skills training, as well as internships and other experiential learning opportunities. All student support functions will be centralized in one physical space, providing students with a seamless experience and promoting partnerships and cross functionality between departments. This is essential to increase student retention to completion.

It is anticipated that many of the students entering these new programs will be active duty military, veterans and dependents. Therefore, a Veterans' Center will be included in the student success center to enhance the educational experience and the success rate of this student population by providing such services as student success coaching, financial aid assistance and job placement services.

Justification

From 2003 to 2013, jobs within the greater Charlottesville region were on the rise (12.7%). While regional employment is focused primarily in the industries of government/education, retail and hospitality, and health care, recent reports point to the need to grow and diversify employment opportunities into technical fields such as advanced manufacturing, cybersecurity and viticulture and enology.

The programs proposed for this new center are linked directly to the target industries identified through extensive analysis by the Central Virginia Partnership for Economic Development (CVPED) as the best fit for economic development in the area. Detailed results of this study are provided in their Target Markets Report on the CVPED website (<http://www.centralvirginia.org/site-selection-assistance/target-industries/>). With this new center, PVCC will be positioned to produce and sustain the highly skilled workforce needed to attract and support firms in these target industries.

Further, nearly 58% of residents in the Charlottesville Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) have obtained less than an associate degree. Despite being the majority population, these residents lack sufficient access to a diverse offering of educational training options aligned to industry-specific career ladders out of poverty and into prosperity. Expanding programs in advanced manufacturing, information systems technology (cybersecurity) and viticulture and enology will offer a greater opportunity for access to prosperity for more residents of our community.

The FTE enrollment at Piedmont Virginia College has increased from 269 to 3,003 in FY15 since the original building was constructed in 1972. Despite this tremendous increase in enrollment, total space for student services support has not measurably increased in the 40+ year existence of PVCC.

The additional 15,000 square feet dedicated to student support will offer a much needed environment that facilitates collaborative learning and student success. Currently PVCC has insufficient space for students to gather. To alleviate this issue, the student commons area will include gathering spaces that promote active learning and collaboration, which are integral keys to student success. In the one-stop student success center, students will have immediate access to important resources needed throughout each stage of their academic experience, including academic and transfer advising, veterans' services, registration, internship and career services. Having these resources in one place allows students to easily connect with important student services resources that enhance academic success and build a sense of community and engagement, leading to an increased graduation rate.

With ever increasing pressure placed on state revenues, this proposal seeks to leverage state funds with a 25% (\$5 million) non-general funds component. The source of these non-general funds will be private contributions and local government support for site work expenses. With regard to private contributions, the PVCC Educational Foundation has secured a multi-million dollar gift for the naming of the building. The Foundation will also be instituting an aggressive fundraising campaign to generate the balance of the private contributions.

August 2015

RESOLUTION R2016-08
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PETITION OF CIRCUIT COURT FOR WRIT OF ELECTION
COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY SEAT

WHEREAS, the serving Commonwealth's Attorney, Anthony Martin, has submitted his resignation effective March 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the next regularly scheduled election for the office of Commonwealth's Attorney is in 2019; and

WHEREAS, a special election to fill a vacancy in any constitutional office shall be held promptly pursuant to Virginia Code § 24.2-682; and,

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 24.2-228.1 directs that the governing body of the county in which the vacancy occurs shall, within 15 days of the occurrence of the vacancy, petition the circuit court to issue a writ of election to fill the vacancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Attorney be and hereby is directed to petition the Circuit Court of Nelson County requesting the issuance of a Writ of Special Election for Tuesday, November 8, 2016, to fill the unexpired term of the Commonwealth's Attorney's current term of office.

Adopted: February 9, 2016

Attest: _____, Clerk
Nelson County Board of Supervisors

§ 24.2-682. Times for special elections

A. Notwithstanding any charter or special act to the contrary, the following provisions govern the times for holding special elections. Every special election shall be held on a Tuesday. No special election shall be held within the 55 days prior to a general or primary election. No special election shall be held on the same day as a primary election. A special election may be held on the same day as a general election.

B. A referendum election shall be ordered at least 81 days prior to the date for which the referendum election is called.

C. A special election to fill a vacancy in any constitutional office shall be held promptly and in accordance with the requirements of subsection A.

Code 1950, §§ 24-44, 24-136, 24-137, 24-138, 24-139, 24-141, 24-346; 1956, c. 378; 1966, c. 115; 1970, c. 462, §§ 24.1-1(5)(c), 24.1-163, 24.1-165; 1971, Ex. Sess., c. 119; 1972, c. 620; 1973, c. 30; 1974, c. 428; 1975, c. 515; 1976, c. 616; 1977, c. 30; 1978, cc. 258, 304, 778; 1979, c. 37; 1980, c. 639; 1981, c. 367; 1982, cc. 498, 650; 1983, c. 461; 1989, c. 322; 1991, c. 592; 1991, 1st Sp. Sess., c. 12; 1993, c. 641; 2000, cc. [787](#), [1070](#); 2008, cc. [107](#), [385](#); 2010, cc. [431](#), [542](#).

§ 24.2-228.1. Election to fill vacancy in constitutional office

A. Notwithstanding any provision of a charter to the contrary, a vacancy in any elected constitutional office, whether occurring when for any reason an officer-elect does not take office or occurring after an officer begins his term, shall be filled by special election. The governing body of the county or city in which the vacancy occurs shall, within 15 days of the occurrence of the vacancy, petition the circuit court to issue a writ of election to fill the vacancy as set forth in Article 5 (§ 24.2-681 et seq.) of Chapter 6. Either upon receipt of the petition or on its own motion, the court shall promptly issue the writ ordering the election for a date determined pursuant to § 24.2-682. Upon receipt of written notification by an officer or officer-elect of his resignation as of a stated date, the governing body may immediately petition the circuit court to issue a writ of election, and the court may immediately issue the writ to call the election. The officer's or officer-elect's resignation shall not be revocable after the date stated by him for his resignation or after the thirtieth day before the date set for the special election. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, a vacancy in any elected constitutional office in any county or city with a population of 15,000 or less, or shared by two or more units of government with a combined population of 15,000 or less, shall be filled by a special election ordered by the court to be held at the next ensuing general election to be held in November. If the vacancy occurs within 90 days prior to that election, however, the writ shall order the election to be held at the second ensuing such general election.

B. Notwithstanding any provision of a charter to the contrary, the highest ranking deputy officer, or, in the case of the office of attorney for the Commonwealth, the highest ranking full-time assistant attorney for the Commonwealth, if there is such a deputy or assistant in the office, shall be vested with the powers and shall perform all of the duties of the office, and shall be entitled to all the privileges and protections afforded by law to elected or appointed constitutional officers, until the qualified voters fill the vacancy by election and the person so elected has qualified and taken the oath of office. In the event that (i) there is no deputy officer or full-time assistant attorney for the Commonwealth in the office or (ii) the highest-ranking deputy officer or assistant attorney for the Commonwealth declines to serve, the court shall make an interim appointment to fill the vacancy pursuant to § 24.2-227 until the qualified voters fill the vacancy by election and the person so elected has qualified and taken the oath of office.

C. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no election to fill a vacancy shall be ordered or held if the general election at which it is to be called is scheduled within 60 days of the end of the term of the office to be filled.

D. The absence from the county or city of a constitutional officer by reason of his service in the Armed Forces of the United States shall not be deemed to create a vacancy in the office without a written notification by the officer of his resignation from the office. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including § 19.2-156, the power to relieve a constitutional officer of the duties or powers of his office or position during the period of such absence shall remain the sole prerogative of the constitutional officer unless expressly waived by him in writing.

2000, cc. 787, 1070;2003, c. 1015;2006, cc. 120, 253;2009, c. 157;2011, c. 599;2015, c. 648.

DEPARTMENT OF
PLANNING & ZONING



PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

To: Chair and Members, Nelson County Board of Supervisors
From: Tim Padalino | Planning & Zoning Director
Date: February 3, 2016
Subject: **PC Recommendations for Referred Zoning Ordinance Amendments –
“Bed and Breakfast Uses” and Transient Lodging (BOS Resolution R2015-66)**

Issue Introduction:

The existing Zoning Ordinance provisions for permitting and regulating “transient lodging” uses are problematic in multiple ways: they are unclear and somewhat contradictory; and they do not reflect or account for the current variety of lodging types that exist in Nelson County. After conferring on this matter multiple times over the course of 2015, County staff determined that the Planning Commission (PC) and Board of Supervisors (BOS) should formally conduct a policy review of the existing provisions in the Zoning Ordinance in order to identify possible amendments.

County staff believe a text amendment process could result in the following beneficial outcomes:

- ensure that provisions and regulations are appropriate for and reflective of the current economy
- ensure that provisions and regulations are clear, consistent, and reasonable
- minimize the amount of time and effort required of staff for interpreting and explaining the provisions and regulations which are contradictory, outdated, and otherwise insufficient
- simplify and clarify the issues of property rights and permitting processes for local residents and businesses

As such, in August 2015 County staff provided the BOS with an introduction to these issues and presented a request of the BOS to make a text amendment referral to the PC. The BOS then acted to refer BOS Resolution R2015-66 “Bed and Breakfast Uses” to the PC. Please see below for a summary of the text amendment review process to date.

Summary of Review Process:

August 11, 2015: BOS refers amendments to PC via BOS Resolution R2015-66

August 26: PC formally receives referred amendments and begins review

September 23 and October 28: PC continues review, proposes various modifications, and directs staff to advertise for a public hearing

November 18: PC conducts public hearing and requests three (3) month extension from BOS for continued review(s) prior to making recommendation to BOS

December 8: BOS grants requested three (3) month extension

December 16: PC continues review inclusive of additional proposed modifications

January 27, 2016: PC continues review and votes to formally recommend 12/28 draft of amendments

Commentary on Referred > Modified > Recommended Amendments:

The enclosed Word document (dated December 28, 2015) contains the most recent version of the referred amendments, inclusive of modifications recommended by the Planning Commission. Specifically, these modifications are recommended in response to extensive public comments which were received during the public hearing process (and throughout the overall PC review of the referred amendments).

As indicated above, the PC conducted a public hearing on November 18, 2015 and continued their review until January 27, 2016. At the January PC meeting, the Commission voted 5-0 to pass a motion (made by Commissioner Harman and seconded by Commissioner Allen) to recommend the enclosed amendments to the BOS.

In conclusion, please contact me with any questions, concerns, or requests for assistance regarding the PC's recommendations for the "Bed & Breakfast Uses" amendments, originally referred to the PC via BOS Resolution R2015-66.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this important subject.

➤ **Article 2: Definitions**

Delete the following:

~~Boardinghouse, tourist home:~~

~~Tourist home:~~

Add the following:

Bed and Breakfast, Class A: A use composed of transient lodging provided by the resident occupants of a dwelling that is conducted within said dwelling and/or one or more structures that are clearly subordinate and incidental to the single family dwelling, having not more than five (5) guest rooms in the aggregate, and having not more than twelve (12) transient lodgers in the aggregate, and which also may include rooms for dining and for meetings for use by transient lodging guests of the class A bed and breakfast, provided that the dining and meeting rooms are accessory to the class A bed and breakfast use.

Bed and Breakfast, Class B : A use composed of transient lodging provided within a single family dwelling and/or one or more structures that are clearly subordinate and incidental to the single family dwelling, having not more than eight (8) guest rooms in the aggregate, and having not more than twenty-four (24) transient lodgers in the aggregate, and which also may include rooms for dining and for meetings for use by transient lodging guests of the bed and breakfast provided that the dining and meeting rooms are accessory to the bed and breakfast use.

Boardinghouse: A use composed of a single building in which more than one room is arranged or used for lodging by occupants who lodge for thirty (30) consecutive days or longer, with or without meals, for compensation. A boardinghouse may be occupied by the owner or operator, but may not be operated on the same parcel as a bed and breakfast.

Tent: A structure or enclosure, constructed of pliable material, which is supported by poles or other easily removed or disassembled structural apparatus.

Transient: A guest or boarder; one who stays for less than thirty (30) days and whose permanent address for legal purposes is not the lodging or dwelling unit occupied by that guest or boarder.

Transient lodging: Lodging in which the temporary occupant lodges in overnight accommodations for less than thirty (30) consecutive days.

Vacation House: A house rented to transients. Rental arrangements are made for the entire house, not by room. Vacation houses with more than five (5) bedrooms are subject to the requirements contained in Article 13, Site Development Plan.

Amend the following:

Campground: Any place used for transient camping where compensation is expected in order to stay in a tent, travel trailer, or motor home. Campgrounds require the provision of potable water and sanitary facilities.

Dwelling: Any building which is designed for residential purposes (except boardinghouses, dormitories, hotels, and motels).

Dwelling, single-family detached: A building arranged or designed to contain one (1) dwelling unit.

Home Occupation, class A: An occupation carried on by the occupant of a dwelling as a secondary use in connection with which there is no display, and not more than one (1) person is employed, other than members of the family residing on the premises, such as the tailoring of garments, the preparation of food products for sale, and similar activities, beauty parlors, professional offices such as medical, dental, legal, engineering, and architectural offices conducted within a dwelling or accessory building by the occupant.

Home Occupation, class B: An occupation carried on by the occupant of a dwelling as a secondary use in connection with which there is no display, and not more than four (4) persons are employed, other than members of the family residing on the premises, such as the tailoring of garments, the preparation of food products for sale, and similar activities, beauty parlors, professional offices such as medical, dental, legal, engineering, and architectural offices conducted within a dwelling or accessory building by the occupant.

Hotel: Any hotel, inn, hostelry, motel, or other place used for overnight lodging which is rented by the room to transients, is not a residence, and where the renting of the structure is the primary use of the property.

Travel Trailer: A vehicular, portable structure built on a chassis, designed as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational, and vacation uses. The term "travel trailer" does not include mobile homes or manufactured homes.

➤ **Article 4: Agricultural District A-1**

Amend as follows:

Section 4-1 *Uses – Permitted by right.*

- 4-1-3 Boardinghouse
- 4-1-30 Bed and Breakfast, Class A
- 4-1-31 Bed and Breakfast, Class B
- 4-1-32 Vacation House

Section 4-1-a *Uses – Permitted by Special Use Permit only:*

- 4-1-10a Campground

➤ **Article 5: Residential District R-1**

Amend as follows:

Section 5-1 *Uses – Permitted by-right:*

- 5-1-17 Bed and Breakfast, Class A
- 5-1-18 Bed and Breakfast, Class B, if the subject property contains more than one zoning classification with a majority portion of the subject property zoned Agricultural A-1.
- 5-1-19 Vacation House, if the subject property contains more than one zoning classification with a majority portion of the subject property zoned Agricultural A-1.

Section 5-1-a *Uses – Permitted by Special Use Permit only:*

- 5-1-4a Bed and Breakfast, Class B, if the provisions in 5-1-18 do not apply to the subject property
- 5-1-5a Vacation House, if the provisions contained in 5-1-19 do not apply to the subject property

➤ **Article 6: Residential District R-2**

Amend as follows:

Section 6-1-a *Uses – Permitted by Special Use Permit only:*

- 6-1-3a Boardinghouse
- 6-1-4a Bed and Breakfast, Class A
- 6-1-5a Vacation House

➤ **Article 7: Residential Planned Community District RPC**

Amend as follows:

Section 7-5-2 Single-Family Residential Sector - SR

In Single-Family Residential Sectors, the following uses will be permitted:

1. Single-family detached dwellings.
2. Single-family attached dwellings.

3. Other uses as permitted in Residential Districts R-1 and in Section 7-5-1(b); except that Vacation House shall be a permissible by-right use in the SR Sector of the RPC District and shall not require a Special Use Permit.

➤ **Article 8: Business District B-1**

Amend as follows:

Section 8-1 Uses – Permitted by right:

- 8-1-25 Bed and Breakfast, Class A, if the subject property contains an existing non-conforming dwelling or has an approved Special Use Permit for dwelling units pursuant to 8-1-10a
- 8-1-26 Bed and Breakfast, Class B, if the subject property contains an existing non-conforming dwelling or has an approved Special Use Permit for dwelling units pursuant to 8-1-10a
- 8-1-27 Vacation House, if the subject property contains an existing non-conforming dwelling or has an approved Special Use Permit for dwelling units pursuant to 8-1-10a

Section 8-1-a Uses – Permitted by Special Use Permit only:

- 8-1-13a Campground

➤ **Article 8A: Business District B-2**

Amend as follows:

Section 8A-1-a Uses – Permitted by Special Use Permit only:

- 8A-1-15 Hotel

➤ **Article 8B: Service Enterprise District SE-1**

Amend as follows:

Section 8B-1 Uses – Permitted by right:

- 8B-1-3 Boardinghouse, vacation house, class A bed and breakfast, class B bed and breakfast, churches, church adjunctive graveyards, libraries, schools, hospitals, clinics, parks, playgrounds, post offices, fire department, and rescue squad facilities

Section 8B-1-a Uses – Permitted by Special Use Permit only:

- 8B-1-14a Campground

RESOLUTION R2016-09
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUTHORIZATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING
TO AMEND THE CODE OF NELSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA
APPENDIX A, ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE 2- DEFINITIONS, ARTICLE
4- A-1, ARTICLE 5- R-1, ARTICLE 6-R-2, ARTICLE 7- RPC, ARTICLE 8- B-1,
ARTICLE 8A-B2, AND ARTICLE 8B-SE1 TO INCLUDE
“BED & BREAKFAST USES”

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has completed its review, held a public hearing, and has made its recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding proposed amendments to the Code of Nelson County, Appendix A, Zoning Ordinance, to include “Bed and Breakfast Uses”,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to §15.2-1427, §15.2-2204, and §15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia 1950 as amended, the County Administrator is hereby authorized to advertise a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the General District Courtroom in the Courthouse in Lovingston, Virginia to receive public input on an ordinance proposed for passage to amend Appendix A, Zoning Ordinance, Articles 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8A, and 8B to include items regarding “Bed and Breakfast Uses”.

Adopted: _____, 2016

Attest: _____, Clerk
Nelson County Board of Supervisors

DEPARTMENT OF
PLANNING & ZONING



PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

<p>To: Chair and Members, Nelson County Board of Supervisors</p> <p>From: Tim Padalino Planning & Zoning Director</p> <p>Date: February 5, 2016</p>
<p>Subject: Citizen's Working Group Recommendations for Zoning Ordinance Amendments RE: "Wayside Stands" and "Farmers Markets" (off-farm agricultural retail sales)</p>

Issue Overview:

The Planning Commission (PC) and Board of Supervisors (BOS) have undertaken a policy review of the Zoning Ordinance (Z.O.) provisions for the retail sale of agricultural products at locations "off the farm." This effort included the production of (proposed) Z.O. text amendments, which were originally drafted to:

- substantially revise and improve the existing "wayside stand" provision by creating new definitions and new application procedures; and
- establish a "farmers market" definition and corresponding land use regulations.

Those proposed amendments were reviewed at a public hearing conducted by the PC on July 14, and at a public hearing conducted by the BOS on October 13. Then, at the November 12 BOS meeting, the Board directed Supervisor Bruguiera to convene a citizen's working group to review the most recent version of the proposed amendments (dated November 5th), and to identify recommendations for improving those proposed text amendments.

Updates on Working Group Activities and Recommendations:

Please review the following summary of the citizen's working group activities, which met on November 19, December 15, and January 27, and February 5:

Working Group Recommendations to Improve Farmers Market provisions:

These proposed modifications to the amendments for "Farmers Market," as proposed by the citizen's working group, are intended to accomplish the following:

- **More flexibility:** Create more economic opportunity for Farmers Market vendors by allowing a wider variety of products and items to be offered for sale, and by eliminating the

requirement that the items being sold are principally cultivated, produced, processed, or created on the vendor's farm.

- **Better balance:** Create more flexibility for Farmers Market vendors, and establish an appropriate balance between:
 - Protecting the authenticity of what a Farmers Market is intended to be; and
 - Providing more economic opportunity for agricultural products to be made available to consumers, regardless of the origin of those ag products

Working Group Recommendations to Improve Wayside Stand provisions:

These proposed amendments would also modify the “wayside stand” provisions as follows:

- Bring clarity and consistency to the current provision (§4-11-2), which is extremely vague and which currently lacks any clear methods or criteria for applying for, reviewing, approving, or denying these types of administrative permits.
- Create two separate categories or classes for the “wayside stand” land use, determined by the type of road it would be located on (or accessed from).
 - This would allow for proposed wayside stands to be applied for, reviewed, and approved more easily (administratively) if they are located on smaller roads; and
 - This would require applicants to go through the Special Use Permit process if a wayside stand is proposed for a location associated with greater potential risk(s) to public health, safety, and welfare (such as a location on roads with higher traffic counts, higher rates of speed, or other transportation factors which inherently create more concerns regarding public safety and land use changes).
- Eliminate the “temporary” nature of wayside stands (and specifically eliminate the proposed limitation to 5 consecutive days), and would instead allow for a wayside stand to be operated for any duration or frequency throughout any given week, month, or year.
- Eliminate the requirement that all products offered for sale must have been produced by the seller; and allow for the sale of products obtained from other producers.
- Provide for the operation of class A and class B wayside stands as a by-right use in all three business districts (B-1, B-2, and SE-1); currently, wayside stands are only permissible in Agricultural (A-1) District.

Specifically, the citizen's working group recommends the **newly proposed modifications** are shown below.

➤ **Article 2: Definitions**

Remove the following definition:

~~Wayside stand, roadside stand, wayside market: Any structure or land used for the sale of agriculture or horticultural produce; livestock, or merchandise produced by the owner or his family on their farm.~~

Add the following definitions:

Farmers Market: Any structure, assembly of structures, or land used by multiple vendors for the off-farm sale or resale of agricultural and/or horticultural products, goods, and services, including value-added agricultural or horticultural products. Farmers Markets may include the sale or resale of accessory products, including arts, crafts, and/or farm-related merchandise, as long as the majority of products being offered for sale are, in the aggregate, comprised of agricultural or horticultural products.

Wayside Stand: Any use of land, vehicle(s), equipment, or facility(s) used by a single vendor for the off-farm sale or resale of agricultural and/or horticultural products, goods, and services, including value-added agricultural or horticultural products. Wayside Stands may include the sale or resale of accessory products, including arts, crafts, and/or farm-related merchandise, as long as the majority of products being offered for sale are, in the aggregate, comprised of agricultural or horticultural products. The majority of products being offered for sale by the Wayside Stand operator must have been cultivated, produced, processed, or created on an agricultural operation owned or controlled by the operator or operator's family. ~~Wayside stands are a temporary (non-permanent) land use.~~

Wayside Stand, Class A: A Wayside Stand which is located on a Local or Secondary road, or other road which is not functionally classified (as defined by the Virginia Department of Transportation).

Wayside Stand, Class B: A Wayside Stand which is located on a Minor Collector, Major Collector, Minor Arterial, Principal Arterial, or other road which is functionally classified (as defined by the Virginia Department of Transportation), or located within three-hundred (300) feet of an intersection with any such road.

➤ **Article 4: Agricultural District (A-1)**

Revise the following provision in Section 4-11 "Administrative Approvals:"

The Zoning Administrator may administratively approve a zoning permit for the following uses, provided they are in compliance with the provisions of this Article.

4-11-2 Wayside Stands: Wayside Stand, Class A, which provides one (1) year of approval. An approved Class A Wayside Stand may be renewed annually; no renewal fee or site plan resubmission shall be required with any request for annual renewal unless the

layout, configuration, operation, vehicular ingress/egress, and/or scale is substantially modified.

No Class A Wayside Stand permit may be approved or renewed unless the Planning and Zoning Director reviews and approves the following operational details regarding the safety and appropriateness of the proposed Wayside Stand:

- (i) Signed affidavit declaring that the majority of products offered for sale at the Wayside Stand are cultivated, produced, processed, or created on an agricultural operation owned or controlled by the operator or operator's family.
- ~~(ii) Proposed frequency and duration of Wayside Stand operations, which must be compliant with the following restrictions:
 - a. may not exceed 5 consecutive days
 - b. limited to a weekly maximum of 5 days per week total~~
- (ii) Location and type of proposed Wayside Stand equipment or facility:
 - a. All Wayside Stand structures or facilities must be located outside of VDOT right-of-way
 - b. All permanent Wayside Stand structures must comply with the required front yard setback areas of the applicable zoning district
- (iii) Location and details of proposed signage:
 - a. Maximum of one sign allowed, which may be double-sided
 - b. Maximum of twelve (12) square feet of signage
- (iv) Sketch site plan, including accurate locations and dimensions of:
 - a. property boundaries and right-of-way
 - b. proposed location of Wayside Stand equipment and/or facility(s)
 - c. proposed signage
 - d. proposed layout and provisions for safe vehicular ingress, egress, and parking
 - e. lighting plan and lighting details (for any Wayside Stand request involving any proposed operation(s) after daylight hours)
- (v) Review comments from Virginia Department of Transportation:
 - a. VDOT review comments must include a formal "recommendation for approval" by VDOT before a Class A Wayside Stand permit can be approved by the Zoning Administrator

Add the following provisions to Section 4-1-a "Uses – Permitted by Special Use Permit only:"

4-1-46a Wayside Stand, Class B

4-1-47a Farmers Market

➤ **Article 8: Business District (B-1)**

Add the following provisions to Section 8-1 "Uses – Permitted by right:"

8-1-25 Wayside Stand, Class A and B

8-1-26 Farmers Market

➤ **Article 8A: Business District (B-2)**

Add the following provisions to Section 8A-1 "Uses – Permitted by right:"

8A-1-15 Wayside Stand, Class A and B

8A-1-16 Farmers Market

➤ **Article 8B: Service Enterprise District (SE-1)**

Add the following provisions to Section 8B-1 "Uses – Permitted by right:"

8B-1-4 ~~Farming~~ Agricultural Operations

8B-1-25 Wayside Stand, Class A and B

8B-1-26 Farmers Market

Conclusion:

Thank you for your attention to these recent modifications to the proposed Z.O. text amendments regarding "wayside stands" and "farmers markets." These modifications are presented to you for your review/consideration and possible enactment. Please contact me with any questions you may have regarding any of the information contained in this packet.

RESOLUTION R2016-10
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUTHORIZATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING
TO AMEND THE CODE OF NELSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA
APPENDIX A, ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE 2- DEFINITIONS, ARTICLE 4
(A-1), ARTICLE 8 (B-1), ARTICLE 8A (B2), AND ARTICLE 8B (SE1)
TO INCLUDE “WAYSIDE STANDS & FARMERS MARKETS”

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has completed its review, held a public hearing, and has made its recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding proposed amendments to the Code of Nelson County, Appendix A, Zoning Ordinance, to include “Wayside Stands and Farmer’s Markets”;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to §15.2-1427, §15.2-2204, and §15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia 1950 as amended, the County Administrator is hereby authorized to advertise a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the General District Courtroom in the Courthouse in Lovingston, Virginia to receive public input on an ordinance proposed for passage to amend Appendix A, Zoning Ordinance, Articles 2, 4, 8, 8A, and 8B to include items regarding “Wayside Stands and Farmer’s Markets”.

Adopted: _____, 2016

Attest: _____, Clerk
Nelson County Board of Supervisors

NELSON COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION FORM

Subject: Appointments - Statement of Interest Form

Completing this form is one way to indicate your interest in being considered for appointment to some of the Boards, Commissions and Committees appointed by the Board of Supervisors. All appointments remain at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors.

Please complete and mail this form to:

Nelson County Board of Supervisors
Attention: Stephen A. Carter, Clerk of Board
Post Office Box 336
Lovingston, VA 22949

or fax to (434) 263-7004

Date 1/15/2016

Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Name: Gary W. Strong

List a maximum of three (3) Boards on which you are interested in serving.

1. Nelson County Broadband Authority
2. _____
3. _____

Home Address: 12 Old Turtle Place

Nellysford, VA 22958

Occupation: Retired Employed by: _____

Home Phone No.: 434-361-2135 Business Phone No.: _____

Fax No.: _____ E-Mail Address: gwstrong@gmail.com

Do you live in Nelson County? Yes No

Are you currently a member of a County Board, Commission, Committee or Authority? Yes No

If yes, list the Board(s):

What talent(s) and/or experience can you bring to the Board(s)?

(See attached resume)

What do you feel you can contribute to the Board(s) and to the community that may not be evident from information already on this form?

My main interests in serving on the NCBA are finding ways to get access at home for school children and for people who need to work from home.

Please use this space for any additional information you would like to provide:

I have talked with Supervisor Brennan about this position and expressed my interest to her.

A resume or separate sheet with additional information may be included.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Section 2-153, Absences, Chapter 2, Administration, Article V. Appointments for Boards and Commissions of the Nelson County Code, an appointee of the Board of Supervisors who either (a) fails, during a calendar year, to attend seventy-five percent of the regular meetings of the board or commission of which he/she is a member, or (b) is absent for three consecutive regular meetings, shall be deemed to have tendered his/her resignation from such position. The Board of Supervisors may accept such resignation by appointing another person to fill the position.

In light of the above, will you be able to attend at least 75% of the regular meetings of the boards to which you may be appointed?

Yes No

RESUME – Gary W. Strong (RETIRED)

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 1967-1974, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Member of Technical Staff, Data Communication
- 1981-1982, University of Louisville, Post-doctoral Research Associate
- 1982-1994, Drexel University, College of Computing and Informatics, Tenured Professor
- 1995-2004, US National Science Foundation, Directorate of Computer Science
 - Created joint program with European Commission on Human Language Technology Research
 - Responsible for interagency coordination of national security programs;
 - Served as a member of the US delegation to the G8 Working Group on Biometrics;
 - Co-chaired two White House National Science and Technology Council interagency coordination groups: Biometrics Working Group & Social, Behavioral, and Economics Research Subcommittee;
 - 1999-2001: on detail to the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA);
 - 2002-2003: on detail to the Department of Homeland Security
- 2004-2007, MITRE Senior Scientist
- 2007-2010, Founding Executive Director, Human Language Technology Center of Excellence, Johns Hopkins University

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, University of Michigan, 1967
- Master's of Science in Electrical Engineering, Columbia University, 1969
- Joint Ph.D., Computer and Communication Sciences & Anthropology, University of Michigan, 1981

VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

- Little League Baseball Coach
- Federation of Information Processing Societies Technical Working Group on Assistive Communication for People with Disabilities
- Loudoun County High Schools Science Fair Judge
- Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) of Charlottesville
- Amateur Radio Operator, Extra Class License
- US Army Military Auxiliary Radio System License and Net Control Operator
- AARP Taxwise Program, Technology Coordinator, District 6, Virginia
- Horizons Village Property Owners Association Board Member
- Chair, Horizons Village Committee, US and VA Departments of Forestry, FireWise Program

HONORS

- 1973-1974, Co-inventor on two US patents
- 1981, American Association for the Advancement of Science Socio-Psychological Prize
- 1981, Recipient of Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels from Kentucky Governor
- 1989, Award from McDonald Foundation to attend Cognitive Neuroscience Summer School, Dartmouth
- 1991, Exchangee between US National Academy of Sciences and Soviet Academy of Sciences
- 1992, Recipient of McDonald Foundation Award to Support Former Soviet Scientists in UK
- 1992, Association of Computing Machinery, Recognition Award, Curriculum Development
- 1998, Invited by the Organization of American States, Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission, Panel Discussion held in Tegucigalpa, Honduras
- 2001, Funded US Navy Third Fleet to create demonstration series, exercising humanitarian assistance and consequence management technologies, which they named "Strong Angel"
- 2009-2010, Invited to train Kingdom of Saudi Arabia scientists on establishment of research programs

Please publish Thurs. January 14 and Thurs. January 21 in The Nelson County Times:

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with Volume 3A, Title 15.2, Counties, Cities and Towns, of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and pursuant to §15.2-107, §15.2-2204, §15.2-2285, §15.2-2310, and §15.2-4307, the Nelson County Planning Commission hereby gives notice that a Public Hearing will start at **7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 27th** in the **General District Courtroom** on the third floor of the Nelson County Courthouse located at 84 Courthouse Square, Lovingston, for the following:

Public Hearing

1. Special Use Permit #2015-18 – “Banquet Hall” / Mr. Armand Thieblot

Consideration of a Special Use Permit application made pursuant to Zoning Ordinance §4-1-4a (“banquet hall”). Specifically, the applicant wishes to “allow for subdivision of property to be used as a banquet hall”. The subject property is located in Schuyler at 1981 Salem Road; it is further identified as Tax Map Parcel #61-A-23 and is zoned Agricultural (A-1).

2. Consideration of Proposed Amendments to Zoning Ordinance Regarding “Temporary Events, Festival Grounds, and Out-of-Door Accessory Uses”

Consideration of Zoning Ordinance amendments that were initially referred to the Planning Commission by Board of Supervisors Resolution R2015-68 (“Temporary Events, Festival Grounds, and Out-of-Door Accessory Uses”). The full text of the proposed amendments is available for public inspection at the Planning & Zoning office; and a descriptive summary of the proposed amendments is as follows:

ARTICLE 24. TEMPORARY EVENTS, FESTIVAL GROUNDS, OUT-OF-DOORS ACCESSORY USES

The proposed Article provides regulations designed to address temporary uses in districts where such uses would not otherwise be permissible, establishes criteria for the approval or disapproval of such temporary uses, and provides requirements for the permitting and conduct of such uses. The Article also requires for the issuance of a Special Use Permit for properties where the intended use envisions large scale events, and provides for the regulation of out-of-door activities conducted as an accessory use to certain permitted commercial uses. The Article is not intended to regulate, and does not regulate, the traditional non-commercial use of property by its owners.

24-1. Definitions are created for Agritourism Activity; Festival Grounds; Out-of-Door, Accessory Use; Temporary Event; Temporary Event, Historical Property; Temporary Event, Non-Profit; and, Temporary Event, Social.

Out-of-Door, Accessory Use provides that: The following out-of-door activities are accessory uses to a Banquet Hall, Conference Center, Corporate Training Center, Restaurant, Brewery, and Distillery: receptions, dining, and entertainment, such as musical or small band performances, which (i) are conducted in connection with the primary permitted use, (ii) do

not involve amplified sound later than 9:00 p.m. on Sundays through Thursdays or later than 10:00 p.m. on Fridays or Saturdays, and (iii) hosts less than 1,000 attendees at any one time during the activity. Unless otherwise specified in (ii), all such accessory activities are limited to 10:00 p.m. on Sundays through Thursdays, and are limited to 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

24-2. A Temporary Event Permit is required for Temporary Events defined in this subsection as either Category 1, 2, or 3.

24-2-A. Lists Temporary Events exempted from Temporary Event Permit requirements and fees: Private non-commercial functions conducted on the property of the host, Social Temporary Events where permitted by right, Historical Property Temporary Events, Non-Profit Temporary Events having or projecting less than 1,000 attendees at any time during the event, Athletic and sporting events conducted on sites approved for such events, Political gatherings, Religious gatherings, Out-of-Door Accessory Uses, and Farm winery and Agritourism activities conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

24-2-B. Provides that a Category 1 Temporary Event is any event which is neither an otherwise permitted use nor exempt and (i) for which admission is charged or at which goods and services are sold, having or projecting less than 1,000 attendees, or, (ii) is a Non-Profit Temporary Event having or projecting more than 1,000 attendees, or, (iii) is a Farm winery or Agritourism activity conducted after 7:00 p.m. and having or projecting less than 1000 attendees. Contains limitations on duration and amplified sound.

24-2-C. Provides that a Category 2 Temporary Event is any event which is neither an otherwise permitted use nor exempt, for which admission is charged or at which goods and services are sold, having or projecting 1,000 or more attendees but less than 10,000 attendees. Contains limitations on duration and amplified sound.

24-2-D. Addresses structures used for either a Category 1 or 2 event.

24-2-E. Defines a Category 3 Temporary Event as any event having or projecting more than 10,000 attendees and requires a Special Use Permit for Festival Grounds, provides for review of a Festival Grounds Special Use Permit by the Board of Supervisors every five (5) years after which the Board may renew, revoke, or modify its terms and conditions, and contains limitations on duration and amplified sound.

24-2-F. For the purposes of Article 24, defines “applicant” to include the members of an applicant’s immediate family or an affiliated business entity relationship and lists factors.

24-3A and B. Lists six factors to be considered by the Planning and Zoning Director when determining whether a Temporary Event Permit will be issued and limitations the Director may impose.

24-3-C. Provides a chart listing the number of non-exempt Temporary Events which may be conducted in a calendar year by property category type.

Type of Property	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
Farm Winery or Bona Fide Agricultural Operation, the aggregate acreage of which is equal to or greater than 250 acres*	16	8	4
Farm Winery or Bona Fide Agricultural Operation, the aggregate acreage of which is less than 250 acres*	12	6	3
Any other property zoned A-1, B-1, B-2, or SE-1**	8	4	2
*Contiguous parcels under the same or different ownership or control may be aggregated to attain the minimum acreage. **Category 3 Temporary Events are not permissible in Service Enterprise District (SE-1)			

24-3-D. Permits the Director to issue a single Temporary Event Permit for more than one Temporary Event.

24-3-E. Establishes Temporary Event Permit application requirements and fees.

In addition to the proposed introduction of Article 24, the following amendments are also proposed for existing Articles:

Article 4. Agricultural District (A-1)

Remove the following: Temporary events not otherwise a permitted use may be allowed pursuant to a Special Events Permit for a specified time period. [...]

Add the following:

4-1 Uses – Permitted by right:

Agritourism Activity

Social Temporary Event, provided that there are no more than fifty such events in a calendar year and that any noise generated by the event is not discernible by adjoining landowners.

Category 1 Temporary Event

Category 2 Temporary Event

Category 3 Temporary Event in connection with a Festival Grounds Special Use Permit

4-1a Uses – Permitted by Special Use Permit Only:

Festival Grounds

Article 8. Business District (B-1)

Add the following:

8-1 Uses – Permitted by right:

Category 1 Temporary Event

Category 2 Temporary Event

Category 3 Temporary Event in connection with a Festival Grounds Special Use Permit

8-1a Uses – Permitted by Special Use Permit Only:
Festival Grounds

Article 8A. Business District (B-2).

Add the following:

8A-1 Uses – Permitted by right:

Category 1 Temporary Event

Category 2 Temporary Event

Category 3 Temporary Event in connection with a Festival Grounds Special Use Permit

8A-1a Uses – Permitted by Special Use Permit Only:
Festival Grounds

Article 8B. Service Enterprise District (SE-1)

Add the following:

8B-1 – Uses – Permitted by right:

Category 1 Temporary Event

Category 2 Temporary Event

Following the hearing, the Planning Commission may vote to approve or deny an agenda item, or to forward an agenda item to the Board of Supervisors, as applicable. The agenda items requiring Board of Supervisors' review and approval will be forwarded (with a recommendation for approval, a recommendation for approval with conditions, or a recommendation for denial) for action by the Board, which may adopt a resolution or ordinance to approve, modify, or reject an item.

The Nelson County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** on those items referred to it by the Planning Commission. The meeting will be held at the location listed above. The following items are scheduled to be considered:

1. **Special Use Permit #2015-18 – “Banquet Hall” / Mr. Armand Thieblot**

Consideration of an application as described above in Item 1.

Copies of the above files are available for review in the Dept. of Planning & Zoning office, 80 Front Street, Lovingson, Virginia, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Telephone inquiries may also be directed to the Dept. of Planning & Zoning, (434) 263-7090, or toll free at 888-662-9400, selections 4 and 1. Nelson County does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in admission or access to its programs and activities. Accommodation will be made for handicapped persons upon advance request.



To: Chair and Members, Nelson County Board of Supervisors
From: Tim Padalino | Planning & Zoning Director
Date: February 3, 2016
Subject: **Public Hearing for Special Use Permit #2015-18**
(Banquet Hall – “Quarry Gardens at Schuyler” / Mr. Armand Thieblot)

Summary of Application(s)	
<u>Site Address / Location:</u>	Salem Road / Schuyler / East District
<u>Tax Parcel(s):</u>	#61-A-23
<u>Parcel Size:</u>	439.8 acres (current); 40-acre “Quarry Gardens” parcel to be subdivided from existing parcel (per application)
<u>Zoning:</u>	Agricultural (A-1) with General Floodplain overlay (FP)
<u>Applicants:</u>	Mr. Armand Thieblot
<u>Request:</u>	Review and Approval of Special Use Permit #2015-18
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Completed Applications Received On:</i> November 23rd, 2015▪ <i>PC Recommendation:</i> Recommended BOS Approval (5-0)	

On November 23rd, the Department of Planning & Zoning received a Special Use Permit (SUP) application and supporting materials from Mr. Armand Thieblot (property owner) and Mr. Chris Sonne (authorized agent for property owner). Specifically, the application materials include the following:

- **Special Use Permit** request for SUP #2015-18, requesting permission to conduct “banquet hall” operations within an existing structure and throughout the grounds of the “Quarry Gardens at Schuyler,” a partially-built arboretum for native plant exhibits centered around former soapstone quarries. This banquet hall SUP request is made pursuant to Zoning Ordinance (Z.O.) §4-1-4a.
 - This requested SUP would allow for the renovation of an existing Quonset hut and its reuse as a space for educational exhibits, private events, and administrative facilities for a small number of staff.
 - The requested banquet hall use would be seasonal; it would not be continuously operated year-round.
- **Minor Site Plan** prepared by Mr. Chris Sonne, PE, LEED AP, which portrays the proposed configuration of all the site features, and which distinguishes the existing site features and improvements from the proposed (additional) improvements.

Subject Property Location and Characteristics:

The subject property is an approximately 440-acre parcel in Schuyler with frontage on Salem Road and also along the Rockfish River. It is further identified as Tax Map Parcel #61-A-23, which is zoned Agricultural (A-1) and which also contains General Floodplain overlay district (FP) in certain locations. *Please see maps on pages 8-11.*

The subject property is the site of an abandoned soapstone quarry and also a residential dwelling; as noted above, the property owner has declared the intent to formally divide a new 40-acre property for the “Quarry Gardens” (banquet hall and arboretum) out of the existing parcel of record. Currently, a large portion of the 440-acre parcel is held in conservation easement.

Review Process Overview:

- November 23rd – official submission
- December 9th – Site Plan Review Committee meeting
- January 27th – Planning Commission public hearing
- February 9th – Board of Supervisors public hearing

Site Plan Review Committee Comments:

The Site Plan Review Committee reviewed the Minor Site Plan for this SUP application on December 9th, which resulted in the following review comments being provided to County staff (below).

Please note: Full-size copies of the Minor Site Plan are available for review in the County Administrator’s office.

- VDOT: Mr. Jeff Kessler, Virginia Department of Transportation representative, provided written review comments on December 16th. Mr. Kessler’s initial review comments include the following:
 - “Based on the size of the existing buildings (3,550 Sq. Ft.) and the proposed 20 parking spaces and one bus, an entrance design meeting VDOT’s Moderate Volume Commercial Entrance requirements will be needed. The Engineer, Chris Sonne, P.E., has presented such an entrance design, which he will need to verify [the following]:
 - that it will accommodate the turning movements for a bus as the design vehicle [and]
 - the location of the entrance must meet the minimum sight distance requirements (both stopping and intersection) for the existing speed limit. In this case, a 55 mph design speed for an unposted (statutory) speed limit. The measured intersection sight distance provided on plan sheet C2 does not [meet] the minimum requirements for this design speed, and no stopping sight distance was provided. If the applicant feels the actual travel speeds at the entrance are less than 55 mph, a speed study that is signed and sealed by a Professional Engineer may be considered to justify a lower design speed.”

Mr. Kessler also wrote that, as part of the site plan review which follows, he will provide more detailed comments regarding the design of the commercial entrance, VDOT Plan Notes, and VDOT’s signature block and disclaimer.

- **Nelson County Building Official:** Mr. David Thompson provided written review comments on December 9th. Because this project has already been partially constructed (including site preparation and grading as well as construction of some site features), Mr. Thompson noted the following requirements:
 - “A Nelson County Land Disturbing Activity Permit application and permit issuance is required prior to development.”
 - “An erosion and sediment control plan shall be filed for a development and the buildings constructed within, regardless of the phasing of construction.”

And because this project involves the proposed reuse of an existing structure, inclusive of what the Building Official deems a “change in use,” Mr. Thompson noted the following:

- “Nelson County Building permits are required to authorize construction and a change of use for facilities, structures, and buildings regulated by the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC), unless specifically exempted.”
 - “Existing agricultural buildings – No change of occupancy shall be made in any structure when the current USBC requires a greater degree of accessibility, structural strength, fire protection, means of egress, ventilation, or sanitation.
 - “A certificate of occupancy from the Nelson County Inspections Department is required for a use other than agricultural.”
- **TJSWCD:** Mrs. Alyson Sappington of the Thomas Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation District noted in writing on December 4th that a full Erosion & Sediment Control Plan is required. She also provided the following details:
 - The E&SC Plan must include documentation of the total disturbed area (including previous areas of site disturbance as well as proposed / requested future areas of site disturbance). If the total disturbed area is over 1 acre, the applicants will need to apply for a Virginia Stormwater Management Program Permit.
 - *Note: On December 7th, the applicant stated in writing that the total area of disturbance does not exceed the one acre threshold, and as such the project is not subject to VSMP regulations.*
 - Because the construction of this project was started prior to obtaining County approval, Mrs. Sappington noted that “the E&SC controls are probably irrelevant at this point,” but also emphasized that “the stormwater computations for both E&SC & VSMP will need to include all previously disturbed areas.”
 - **VDH:** Mr. Tom Eick of the Nelson County Health Department attended the meeting and has since been in communication with the co-applicants. His main points of discussion/review were 1.) the provision of drinking water (the applicants stated their intention to provide bottled water in lieu of installing and permitting a public well) and 2.) the proper disposal of waste.

Regarding the latter issue, both the applicant and property owner state that the site is entirely unsuitable for private septic systems: the entire site contains no sufficient soils, as the former quarry only has bedrock under the surface. Therefore, the applicants wish to install a permanent structure next to the existing building containing two bathrooms (one handicap accessible) which

would be pumped out periodically. The co-applicants and VDH continue to coordinate on this proposed alternative solution for waste disposal.

Staff Evaluation:

Per Zoning Ordinance Article 12, Section 3-2, there are four criteria which must be evaluated when reviewing all requests for Special Use Permits. The following list includes the SUP review criteria and corresponding review comments from County staff:

A. The use shall not tend to change the character and established pattern of development of the area or community in which it proposes to locate.

The immediate area is quite rural with numerous dwellings located along Salem Road, and with large sections of undeveloped land or very low-density rural residential areas in most directions. The subject property is in the vicinity of Schuyler, which historically has included a highly concentrated mix of land uses including industrial, commercial, and residential uses.

The project site is sufficiently remote, and set back far enough from the roadway, so as to not alter the visual character or pattern of development in the area. The only possible change would be an intermittent (and seasonal) increase in traffic patterns, which would likely be noticeable but not major. It does not appear that the proposed use would produce unacceptable changes to the area.

B. The use shall be in harmony with the uses permitted by right in the zoning district and shall not affect adversely the use of neighboring property.

The proposed use (banquet hall) would be located on a very large property which includes the property owner's dwelling. Additionally, the requested use would not be in continuous operation – it would be conducted seasonally (early spring – late autumn).

Please note there is one dwelling (1527 Salem Road, T.M. Parcel #62-A-24C, Phillips) located in relatively close proximity to the project site (approximately 400 feet between dwelling and parking lot area). However, it is not known if this dwelling is currently occupied, or (if so) what the occupant and/or owner think about this requested use. It is also not well understood if the existing dwelling would be subject to any undesirable changes or perceived nuisances associated with the operation of the proposed banquet hall, or if site-specific details (such as existing landform, vegetation, and/or site plan configuration) are such that the impacts would be negligible or non-existent.

In consideration of these details, and in consideration of the fact that the Agricultural (A-1) District provides for a large variety of by-right uses, it does not appear that the proposed use would be unharmonious with neighboring properties or adversely affect neighboring properties.

C. The proposed use shall be adequately served by essential public or private services such as streets, drainage facilities, fire protection and public or private water and sewer facilities.

As noted above, the Health Department's review and final position on the proposed bathroom facility is critically important. Although this type of facility is not commonly proposed or approved, the site-specific conditions (former quarry; extensive bedrock; absence of soils) merit careful consideration. Please also note that such a facility currently exists in Nelson County, at Wintergreen Adaptive Sport. Ultimately, it is the opinion of staff that, if the Health Department has completed their review and is comfortable with approving the installation and operation of this proposed bathroom facility, then it can be considered reasonable and acceptable given the property's site-specific attributes as a former quarry with extensive bedrock.

Additionally, as noted above, VDOT's initial review comments indicate that the proposed commercial entrance is not acceptable without further analysis and documentation and/or modification of the proposed entrance design (location). The applicants are currently conducting a speed study for that portion of Salem Road, which will clarify if the entrance will need to be modified and/or relocated (or not). Ultimately, it is the opinion of staff that the proposed use is acceptable, if the applicants continue their coordination with VDOT and modify the site plan such that VDOT completes their review and recommends approval of the site plan.

D. The proposed use shall not result in the destruction, loss or damage of any feature determined to be of significant ecological, scenic or historic importance.

The proposed use would actually enhance (not destroy or damage) important site features.

The proposed use would include the reuse of abandoned quarries, as well as the adaptive reuse of an existing industrial storage structure. The proposed use would in fact preserve and highlight historic features (the soapstone quarries) which are of central importance to Schuyler's heritage and history. Additionally, the proposed use would include sustainable land management practices – most notably the extensive installation of native plant communities for ecological, recreational, and educational benefits.

Staff Recommendation(s):

The opinion of Staff is that the requested Special Use Permit, as detailed in the application materials for SUP #2015-18, seems to be acceptable relative to all four evaluation criteria (above) – conditional upon the following:

- appropriate resolution of issues related to safe and proper disposal of waste, which is an issue most directly managed by the Department of Health; and
- appropriate resolution of issues related to commercial entrance location and design, which is an issue most directly managed by VDOT and typically resolved during final site plan process

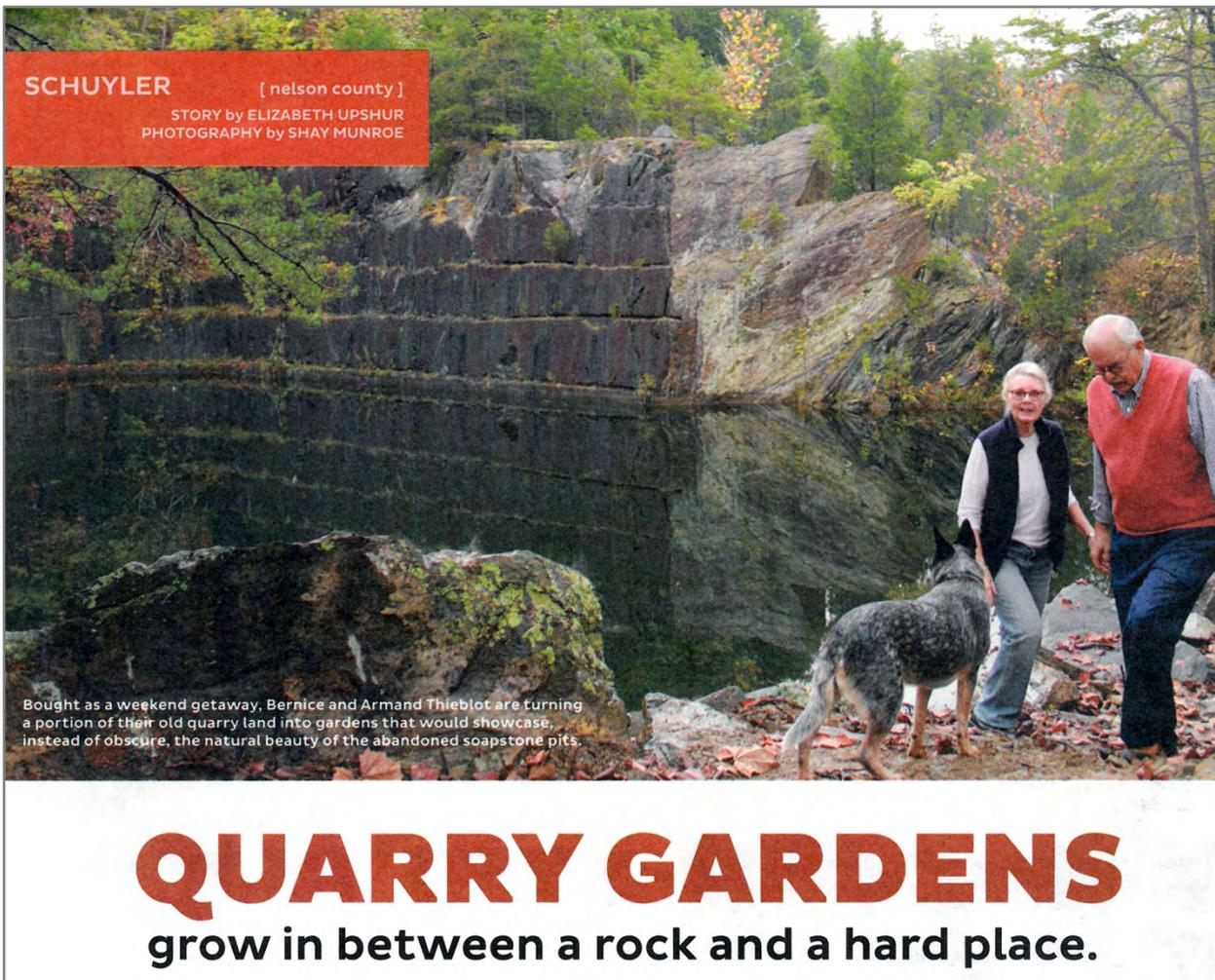
Therefore, subject to pending VDH review and recommendations (approval) of the proposed alternative waste disposal facility, I recommended that the Planning Commission recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of SUP #2015-18 for “Quarry Gardens at Schuyler” Banquet Hall.

Please note that, if the applicants eventually obtain SUP approval from the BOS, the issue of the commercial entrance would still need to be resolved and approved by VDOT for site plan approval (which is required before the applicants can obtain approvals from Building Inspections, including a change in Use Permit and Certificate of Occupancy).

Planning Commission Recommendation(s):

The PC conducted a properly-advertised public hearing on January 27th. One member of the audience, a resident of Schuyler, spoke in favor of the proposed project. After closing the public hearing, and after discussing the application among themselves and with the applicant and staff, the PC voted 5-0 to pass a motion (made by Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner Harman) to recommend approval of SUP #2015-18 to the Board of Supervisors.

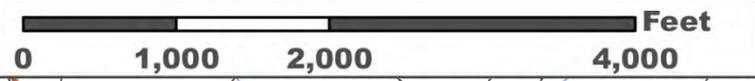
In conclusion, please contact me with any questions, concerns, or requests for assistance leading up to the February 9th BOS public hearing for Special Use Permit #2015-18. Thank you very much for your time and attention to this application.



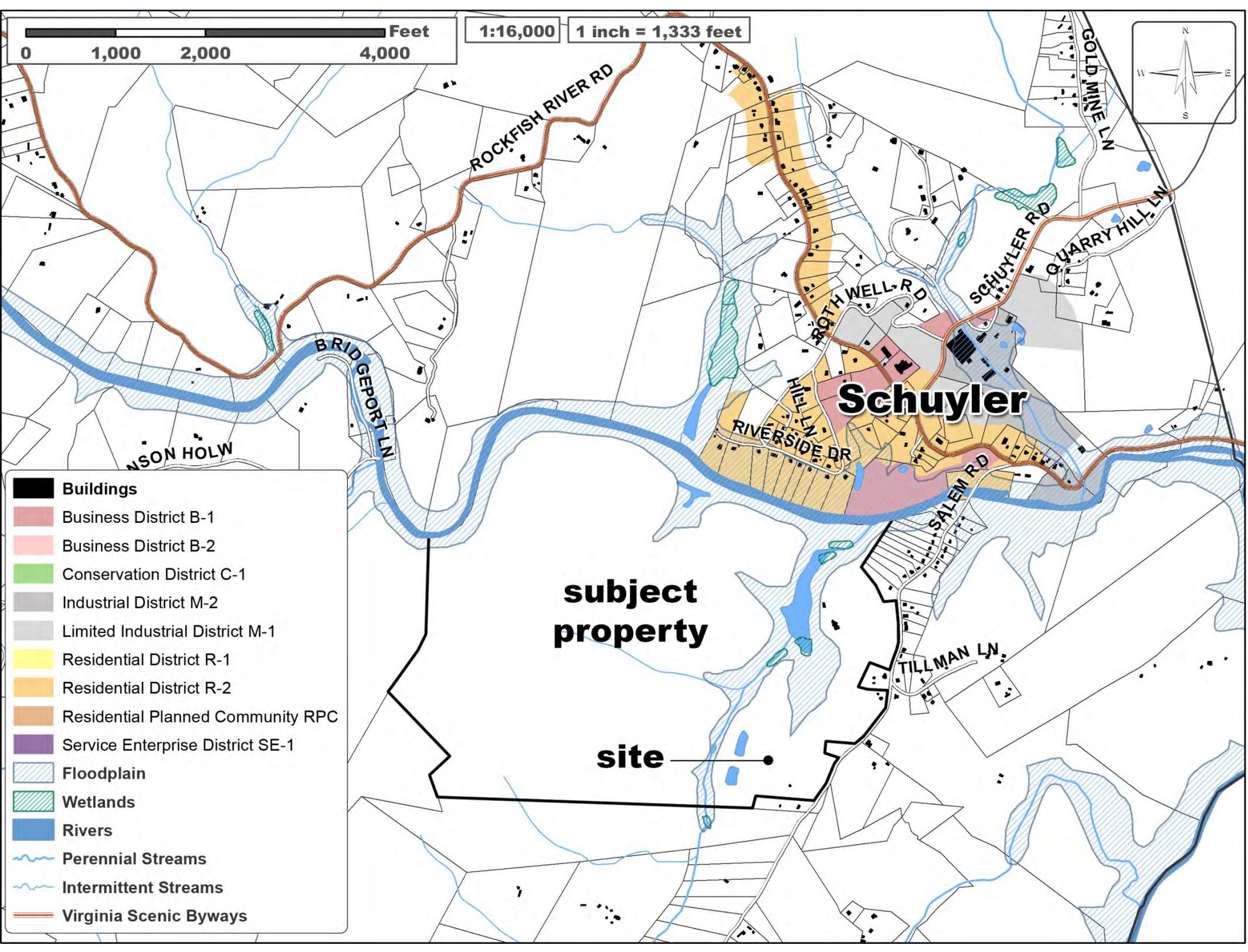
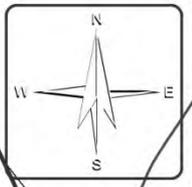
Story in Blue Ridge Life No. 118 – January 2015



site visit photos – Summer 2015



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- Business District B-2
- Conservation District C-1
- Industrial District M-2
- Limited Industrial District M-1
- Residential District R-1
- Residential District R-2
- Residential Planned Community RPC
- Service Enterprise District SE-1
- Floodplain
- Wetlands
- Rivers
- Perennial Streams
- Intermittent Streams
- Virginia Scenic Byways

subject property

site

Schuyler

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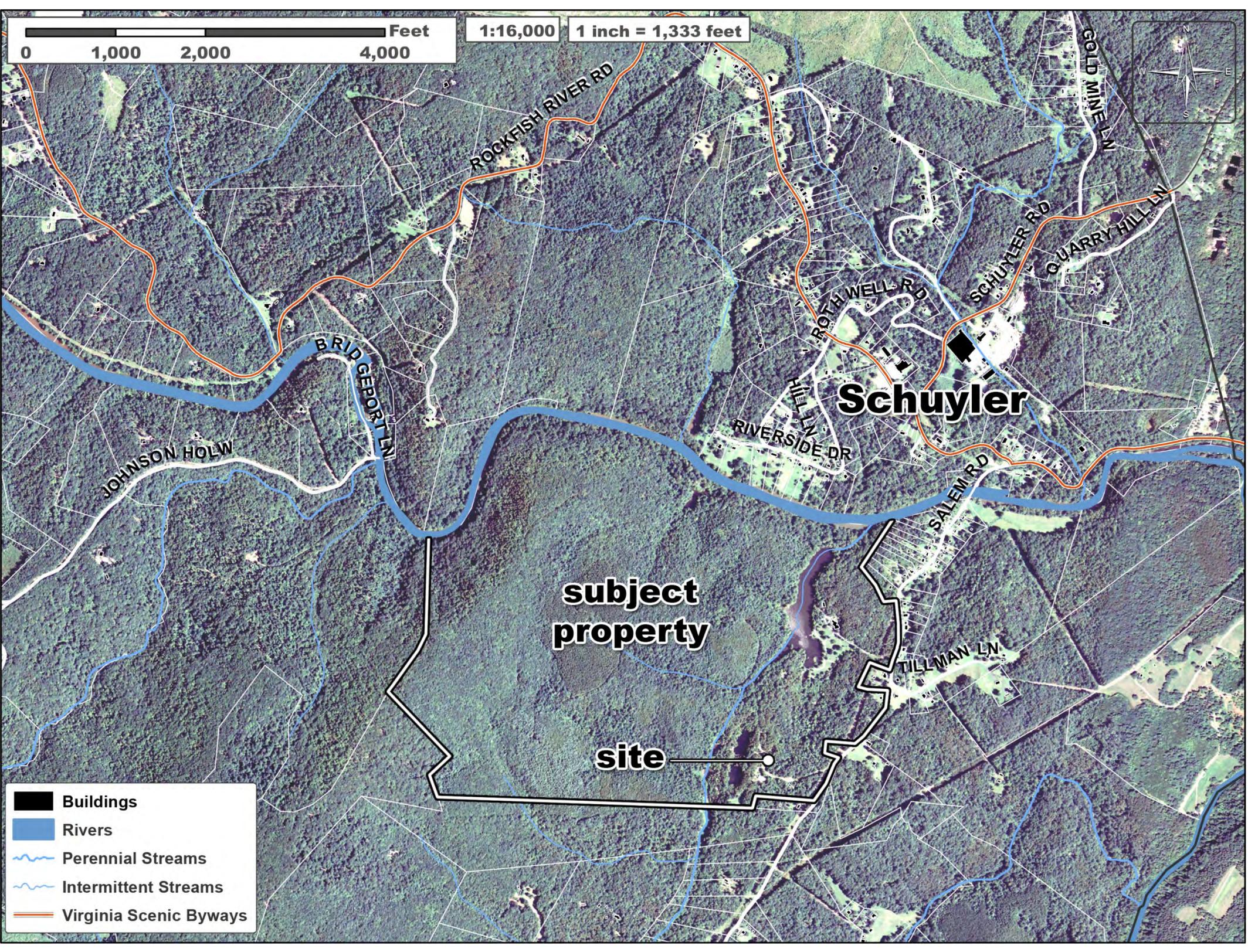
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Schuyler

subject property

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- Rivers
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- Virginia Scenic Byways

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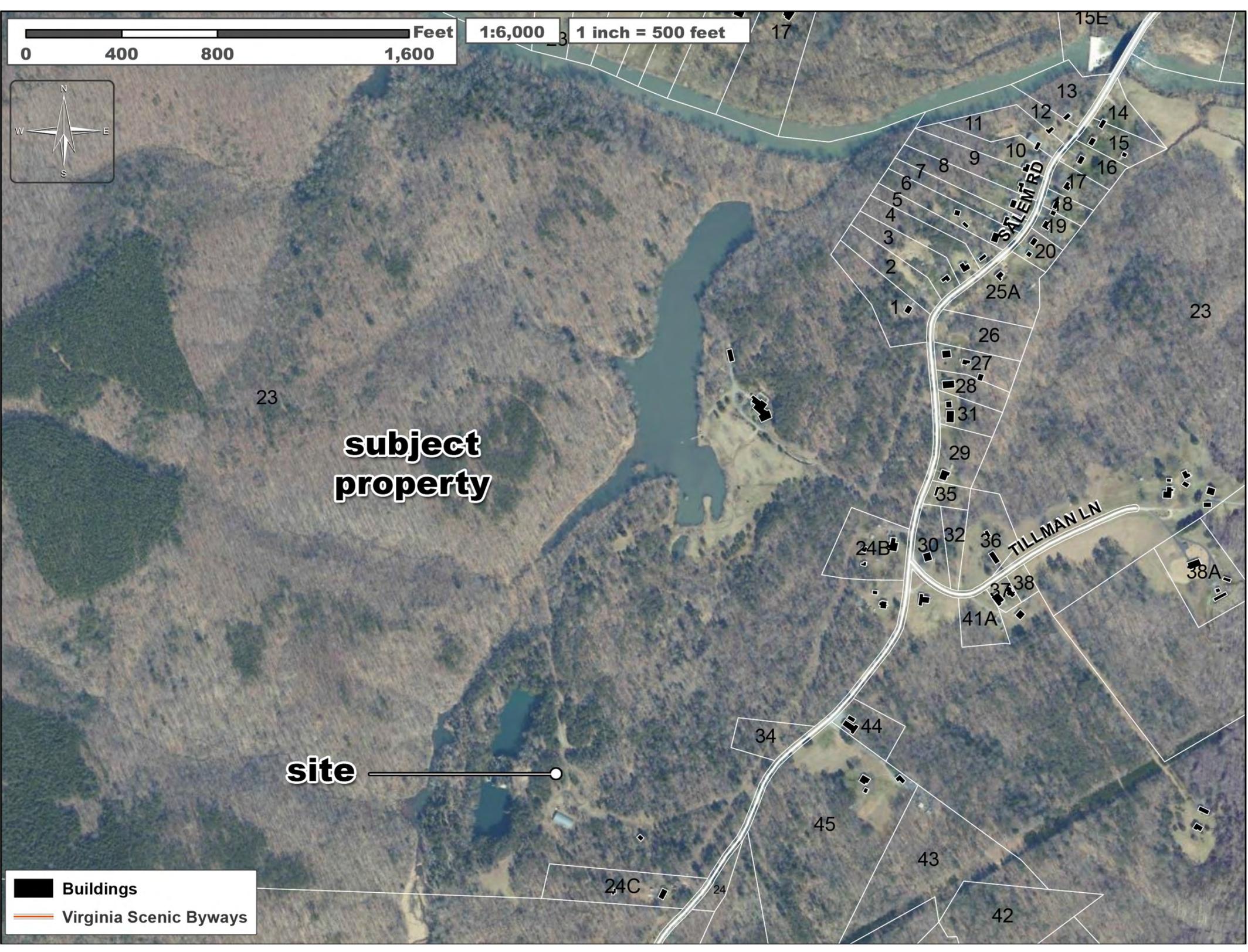
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■ Buildings
— Virginia Scenic Byways



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site



existing entrance



existing structure



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-  Buildings
-  Floodplain
-  Virginia Scenic Byways



PERMIT APPLICATION:
 Nelson County Department of Planning & Zoning

TO THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Special Use Permit # 2015-18
application type application number

1. The undersigned hereby petitions the Planning Commission and/or Board of Supervisors for approval of the following (check appropriate box):

- Rezoning from _____ to _____
- Subdivision – Preliminary
- Subdivision – Final
- Major Site Plan
- Minor Site Plan
- Conditional Rezoning from _____ to _____
- Site Plan – Preliminary (optional)
- Site Plan – Final
- Special Use Permit
- Other: _____

- Pursuant to Article _____, Section _____ of the Nelson County Zoning Ordinance.
- Pursuant to Section _____, Subsection _____ of the Nelson County Subdivision Ordinance.

Reason(s) for request: Require Special Use Permit to allow for subdivision of property to be used as a banquet hall.

(Please use reverse or attach additional sheet if more space is needed.)

2. Applicant(s) and Property Owner(s):

(Please provide names of applicants and property owners and indicate applicable title; if applicant is not the property owner, please show relationship, i.e. lessee, contract purchaser, etc.)

Applicant Property Owner Name: Armand & Bernice Thieblot
 Mailing Address: 1981 Salem Road, Schuyler, VA 22969
 Telephone # (434) 831-2153 E-mail Address: AThieblot@me.com
 Relationship (if applicable): _____

Applicant Property Owner Name: Chris Sonne, PE, LEED AP
 Mailing Address: 191 Satinwood Lane, Nellysford, VA 22958
 Telephone # (434) 361-1443 E-mail Address: 1civilengr@gmail.com
 Relationship (if applicable): Site Engineering Consultant

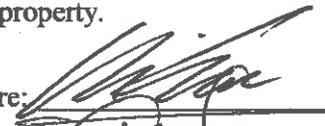
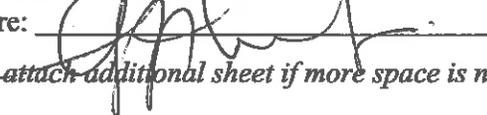
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3. Location and Characteristics of Subject Property:

- a. Address of property (specific location, route numbers, street names, voting district, etc.):
1981 Salem Road, Schuyler, VA
- b. Official tax map number: 61-A-23
- c. Acreage of property: 40.0 (To be subdivided from existing 439.8 acre lot)
- d. Present use: Abandoned soapstone quarry
- e. Present zoning classification: A-1 Agricultural
- f. Zoning classification of surrounding properties: A-1 Agricultural

4. Names of Adjacent Property Owners: A.O. Jones (TM#61-A-25); C.B. Phillips (TM#62-A-24C)
R.R. Phillips, Jr. (TM#62-A-45); E.W. Tillman (TM#62-A-41); R.N. III & G.J. Hayes (TM#62-A-34)
H.T. & K.R. Stevens (TM#62-A-24B)

5. **Affidavit:** The undersigned applicant(s) and/or property owner(s) certifies that this application and the foregoing answers, statements, and other information herewith submitted are, in all respects, true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief. Also, the applicant(s) and/or property owner(s) gives permission for members of the Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, and County Staff to visit and view the subject property.

Signature:  Printed Name: Chris Soune
 Signature:  Printed Name: ARMAND THIEBLOT
 (Please attach additional sheet if more space is needed for applicant(s) / property owner(s) signatures.)

6. **Additional information:** (Please attach separate sheet for additional details, explanations, etc.)

7. **Please note:** In the event of cancellation or postponement at your request after the initial newspaper advertisement for this application, an additional fee will apply for re-advertisement (determined by the actual cost of the ad). This fee will not apply in cases of Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors deferment.

----- TO BE COMPLETED BY PLANNING & ZONING STAFF -----

- o Completed application and fee (\$380.00^{11/23/15}) received on _____
- o Hearing Notice published on _____
- o Planning Commission action: Date of Meeting / Hearing: _____
 Recommendation: _____
- o Board of Supervisors action: Date of Hearing: _____ Date of Decision: _____
 Action: _____

The American Cancer Society is here to help.

We have programs and services in your community to help people with cancer and their families. Our programs offer **information**, **day-to-day help**, and **emotional support**.

To learn more about these programs, contact us 24 hours a day, seven days a week at cancer.org or 1-800-227-2345.

Information **1-800-227-2345**

Trained cancer information specialists are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to answer questions about cancer, including information on diagnosis and treatment, and to link callers with resources in their communities and nationwide.

cancer.org

This user-friendly site provides in-depth information on every major type of cancer, as well as an email service to help answer your questions.

Clinical Trials Matching Service

The American Cancer Society Clinical Trials Matching Service is a free, confidential program that helps patients, their families, and health care workers find cancer clinical trials most appropriate to a patient's medical and personal situation. Call 1-800-303-5691 to speak to one of our specialists.

Day-to-day Help **Transportation**

The American Cancer Society Road To Recovery® program provides free rides to cancer patients to and from treatments. Trained volunteer drivers donate their time and the use of their personal vehicles to help patients get to the treatments they need. Other transportation resources may also be available in your area.

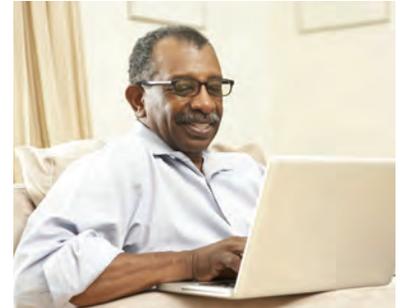
Lodging

The American Cancer Society Hope Lodge® program provides free overnight lodging to cancer patients and their caregivers who have to travel away from home for treatment.

We also partner with local hotels across the country to provide free or reduced-rate rooms for cancer patients and their caregivers traveling for treatment.

Guidance Through Your Cancer Experience

The American Cancer Society Patient Navigator Program and cancer resource centers can help guide patients and families through their cancer experience. They can provide information and connect you with day-to-day help and emotional support.



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Emotional Support

Appearance-related Side Effects

Look Good Feel Better® workshops help women with cancer manage the appearance-related side effects of treatment. Trained volunteer beauty professionals teach simple techniques on skin care, makeup, and nail care, and give practical tips on hair loss, wigs, and head coverings. Each registered program participant receives a complimentary beauty kit to use during the workshop and to take home. The program is a collaboration of the American Cancer Society, the Personal Care Products Council Foundation, and the Professional Beauty Association.



Breast Cancer Support

The American Cancer Society Reach To Recovery® program matches trained volunteer breast cancer survivors to people facing or living with breast cancer. Our volunteers give cancer patients and their family members the opportunity to ask questions, talk about their fears and concerns, and express their feelings. Our Reach To Recovery volunteers have been there, and they offer understanding, support, and hope.



Online Support

The American Cancer Society Cancer Survivors Network® is a free online community created by and for people living with cancer and their families. You can get and give support, connect with others, find resources, and tell your own story through personal expressions like music and art. Visit csn.cancer.org to access this resource.



American Cancer Society I Can Cope® online cancer education classes are a quick and easy way to get the answers you need to help you or a loved one during and after cancer treatment. Classes are free and can be accessed at cancer.org/icancope anytime, day or night.

The availability of American Cancer Society programs and services are based on community resources and needs. Some programs and services may not be available in your community.

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AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

RELAY FOR LIFE

OF NELSON COUNTY

Saturday, June 4, 2016

www.relayforlife.org/nelsonva

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life movement is the world's largest fundraising event to fight every cancer in every community. Rallying the passion of 4 million people worldwide, Relay For Life events raise critical funds that help fuel the mission of the American Cancer Society, an organization that's reach touches so many lives – those who are currently battling cancer, those who may face a diagnosis in the future, and those who may avoid a diagnosis altogether thanks to education, prevention, and early detection.



WHAT HAPPENS AT A RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT?

Relay For Life events are community events where teams and individuals camp out at a school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team has at least one participant on the track at all times and participates in fundraising in the months leading up to the event. Individuals and teams raise money and awareness to help the American Cancer Society save lives. Symbolizing the battle waged around the clock by those facing cancer, the event can last up to 24 hours and empowers communities to take a stand against the disease and take action by supporting the Society's lifesaving mission.

Contact Susanna with questions or to get involved: 434.978.7423 or susanna.blauch@cancer.org

Join the Relay For Life movement today!

Register online at relayforlife.org to start your fundraising team or join an existing team. Then join us on event day to celebrate survivors, remember loved ones lost, and fight back!

HOW YOUR DOLLARS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

With your help, the American Cancer Society is fighting for every life threatened by every cancer, in every community. Through your support of the Relay For Life movement, your dollars contribute to:



Groundbreaking cancer research so cancer never steals another year from anyone's life.

Education and prevention efforts for those currently battling the disease and those who may face a future diagnosis.



Free information and services for cancer patients who need them.

Advocacy through the American Cancer Society Cancer Action NetworkSM (ACS CAN) to make cancer a national priority.



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YOUR DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life movement is the world's largest fundraising event to end cancer, uniting communities across the globe to fight back against the disease. With every dollar raised, you are helping the American Cancer Society be there for those affected by every cancer in every community, including those who are currently dealing with a cancer diagnosis, those who may face a diagnosis in the future, and those who may avoid a diagnosis altogether because of education and risk reduction.

LODGING



\$500 could help provide a cancer patient and their caregiver with five nights of free lodging at an American Cancer Society Hope Lodge® community when their best hope for effective treatment is away from home.

NAVIGATION



\$150 could help connect a trained patient navigator to a cancer patient so they can understand their diagnosis and get the help they need.

SUPPORT



\$100 could help provide a breast cancer patient with one-on-one peer support from a trained volunteer breast cancer survivor.

RIDES



\$50 could help provide five rides to and from treatment for a cancer patient.

RESEARCH



\$35 could help support three years of follow-up for one participant enrolled in our Cancer Prevention Study-3, a research study that will help us better understand what causes cancer so that we can ultimately help prevent it.

INFORMATION



\$25 could help provide free 24-hour information and support via phone, email, and online chats for one person.