

October 7, 2024, 2024

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: C. McGarry  
Re: County Administrator's Report for October 8, 2024 Board Meeting

**A. VDOT Meetings:**

1. **Route 151 Speed Study Results Meeting:** Staff and Supervisor Reed met with VDOT staff on September 16, 2024. The speed study data was reviewed and it was noted that the drivers behind the recommendation of not reducing the speed limit to 45 mph from Route 664, Beech Grove Road north to the County line were the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds of around 60 mph and the 10 mph range of pace speeds that were 47mph – 58mph at the count locations. They noted that creating such a speed differential causes problems and when speed limits are undershot, enforcement and driver training issues were created; especially when a low percentage was already going slower than the pace speed. It was discussed that the future roundabouts planned for along the corridor would change the geometry of the roads, which would in turn create a naturally slower pace; which would warrant speed reductions at that time. Traffic engineering indicated they would possibly consider going to 50 mph from Bland Wade Lane going south.
2. **Route 29 Corridor:** County staff and Sheriff's Department met with VDOT staff and VSP to discuss recent fatal crashes on the Route 29 corridor and six "hot spots" were identified: Woods Mill intersection of 29 and Route 6, Route 56 West and Route 29, Irish Road and Route 29, Eades Lane and Route 29, Buck Creek Lane and Rockfish River Rd., Arrington Rd. and Route 29. It was determined VDOT would conduct a study that would take 60-90 days and in the meantime, they would look at short term solutions such as improvements to signage, pavement markings, and intersection controlled warning systems. Long term solutions that may arise from the study would be potential future Smart Scale or Highway Safety Improvement Program funding projects. The conduct of a public listening forum by the Sheriff's Department was agreed upon with VDOT, VSP, and Board of Supervisors invited to attend and hear citizen concerns. This forum will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm at NCHS with advertisements posted soon.

**B. DSS Building:** The due diligence evaluation under the purchase agreement for the building site at 37 Tanbark Plaza is in process; with settlement/closing to follow upon its favorable conclusion.

**C. Region 2000 Solid Waste Authority:** With 2029 being the expected year for the Regional landfill to reach capacity, the Solid Waste Authority is preparing to submit a 60-acre expansion proposal to Campbell County for consideration, that would provide for solid waste disposal through 2053. In conjunction with this proposal, Campbell County and Lynchburg City have adopted resolutions directing their staff to prepare and execute agreements to resolve the Region 2000 litigation; with Nelson and Appomattox staff and attorneys evaluating proposal of a similar resolution for our Boards' consideration in the very near future.

**D. ACRJ Opioid Use Disorder Program (OUD):** Member jurisdiction executives met with ACRJ staff to discuss a pilot initiative to move from providing multi-dose oral medication to inmates with OUD to providing them with a monthly injectable medication, starting January 1, 2025. This method is more beneficial for both ACRJ staff and the inmate; but is substantially more costly per year. ACRJ is looking to fund this pilot program with either a combination of pro-rata shares of opioid abatement authority funds from each locality or preferably a Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) grant opportunity. Nelson's pro-rata share would be \$21,045. ACRJ staff are investigating the possibility of them applying for this DCJS grant; and once the funding options are known, staff will follow up with more details of the proposal.

**E. County Facility Maintenance:**

**1. Scheduled/Budgeted Projects:**

**a. Animal Shelter Roof:** Roof replacement began on Monday, October 7, 2024, is in process and is expected to be completed by the end of the week.

**b. Transfer Station Tipping Floor:** AE investigation, development of bid specifications and bid package is in process for replacement of the 2006 tipping floor, the addition of a concrete approach apron at the entrance, and repair of existing damage to the metal building wall paneling. Bidding is planned for January 2025 with award of a contract in February, and construction starting in early March to allow for optimal concrete curing.

**c. Carpet Cleaning:** Quotes for routine carpet cleaning in the ECC, Courthouse, and DSS are being obtained.

**d. Signage Maintenance:** Signage at the Courthouse Complex, Registrar's Office, and McGinnis building will be refreshed in the coming month.

## **2. Unbudgeted Facility Needs:**

**a. Commonwealth Attorney Office Door:** To address immediate ADA accessibility and security concerns, quotes are being sought to establish a new ADA accessible entry door to the Commonwealth Attorney's office that also provides for visibility of those entering. The new main doorway would be within the brick archway and would be metal and glass and the current solid entry door would be removed. The preference is to tie-in this doorway with the current badged and monitored door security system.

**b. Animal Shelter Ceiling Repair:** Ceiling panels at the animal shelter are in need of replacement due to exposure to moisture from the leaky roof. Staff will look at getting quotes for this repair in the near future.

**c. Animal Shelter Drain and Kennel repair:** The drain that carries away animal waste from the kennels in the shelter is clogged/collapsed and in need of repair; in order to access the drain and do the work, the kennels need to be removed. My understanding is that these kennels are original to the shelter which is at least 24 years old and they are recommended to be replaced. This provides the opportunity to reconfigure the kennel arrangement to better suit the needs of the department; which Kevin is working on. The kennel floor will need to be re-epoxied as part of this process. Kevin and Jeff are working on this and are in the process of obtaining quotes for this work.

**F. Larkin Water Capacity Follow Up Proposal (CHA):** Staff has recently inquired with Stevie Steele of CHA regarding the Board's consensus to get a follow up proposal and pricing for some next steps in evaluating water supply at the former Larkin property. Mr. Steele is working on that proposal for the Board's consideration which includes flow calculations from Dillard Creek, and a resistivity analysis plan inclusive of drawdown testing for potential wells; and water quality testing.

**G. Regional Planning Grant for Digital Inclusion:** The VA Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has approved the regional application for Virginia Affordability and Adoption Planning Grant funds in the amount of \$150,000; to develop a regional Broadband Adoption and Affordability plan for Nelson, Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Charlottesville City. No local match was required. The next step is a Facilitated Planning Session with DHCD staff.

**H. Meals and Lodging Tax Collection Tracking:** See Attached – **\*NEW\* Lodging Establishments/Revenue by Calendar Year Chart**

**I. Hurricane Helene Damage Reporting:** Staff is gathering/sending storm damage of County property to VA Dept. of Emergency Management (VDEM) in the event reimbursement will be provided. Primary damage is at the Blue Ridge Tunnel trail.

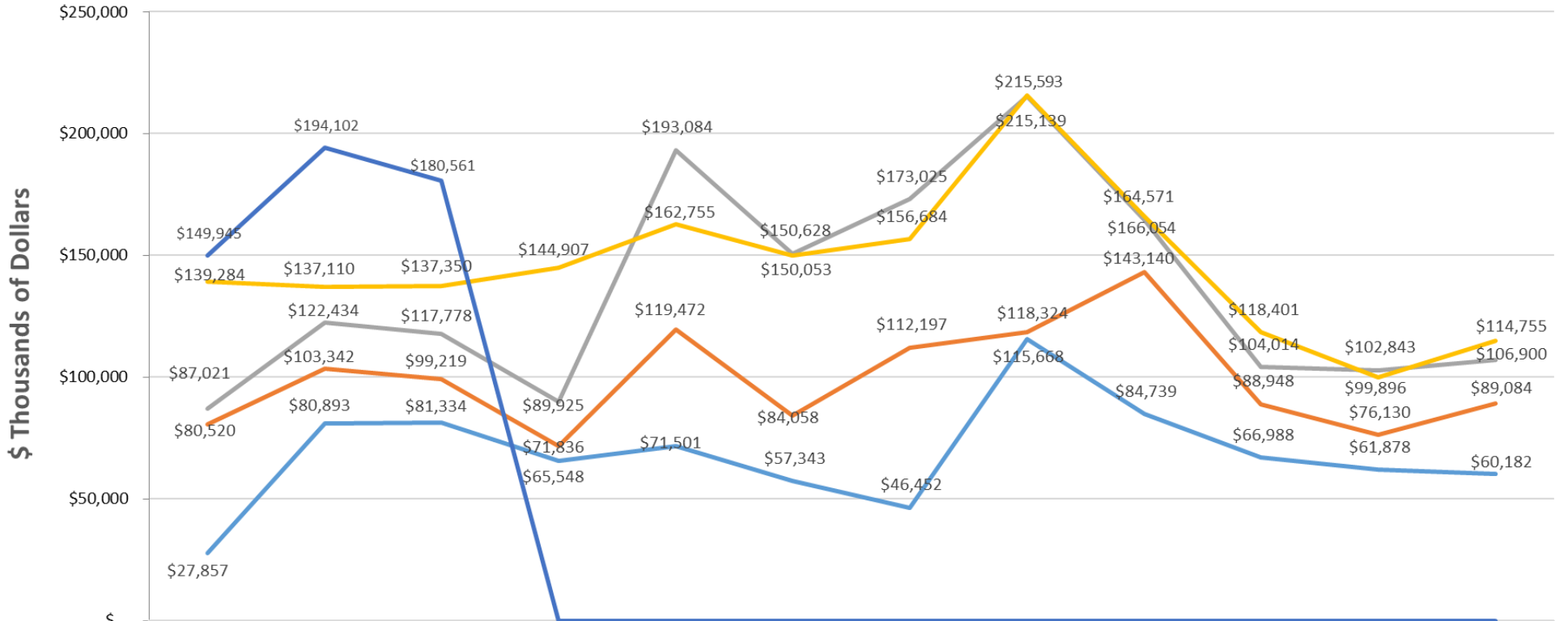
**J. Staff Reports:** Department and office reports for July/August have been **provided**.

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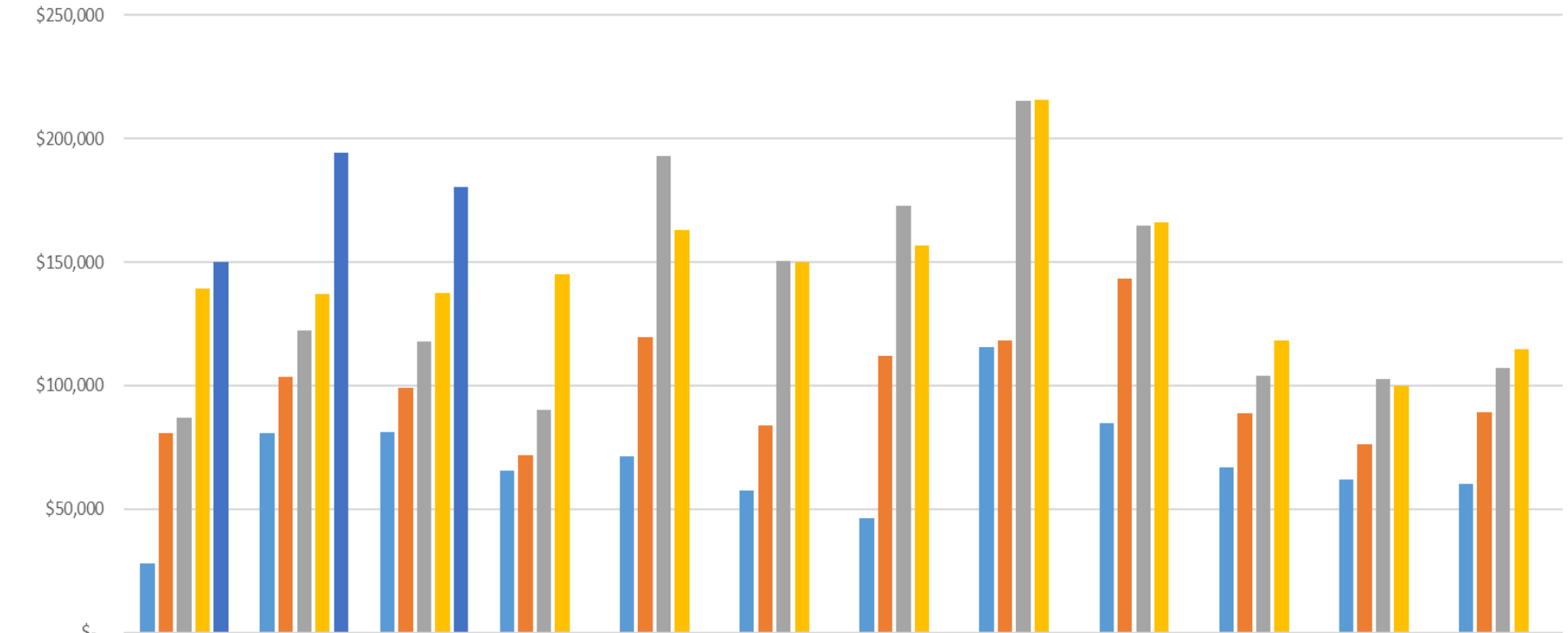
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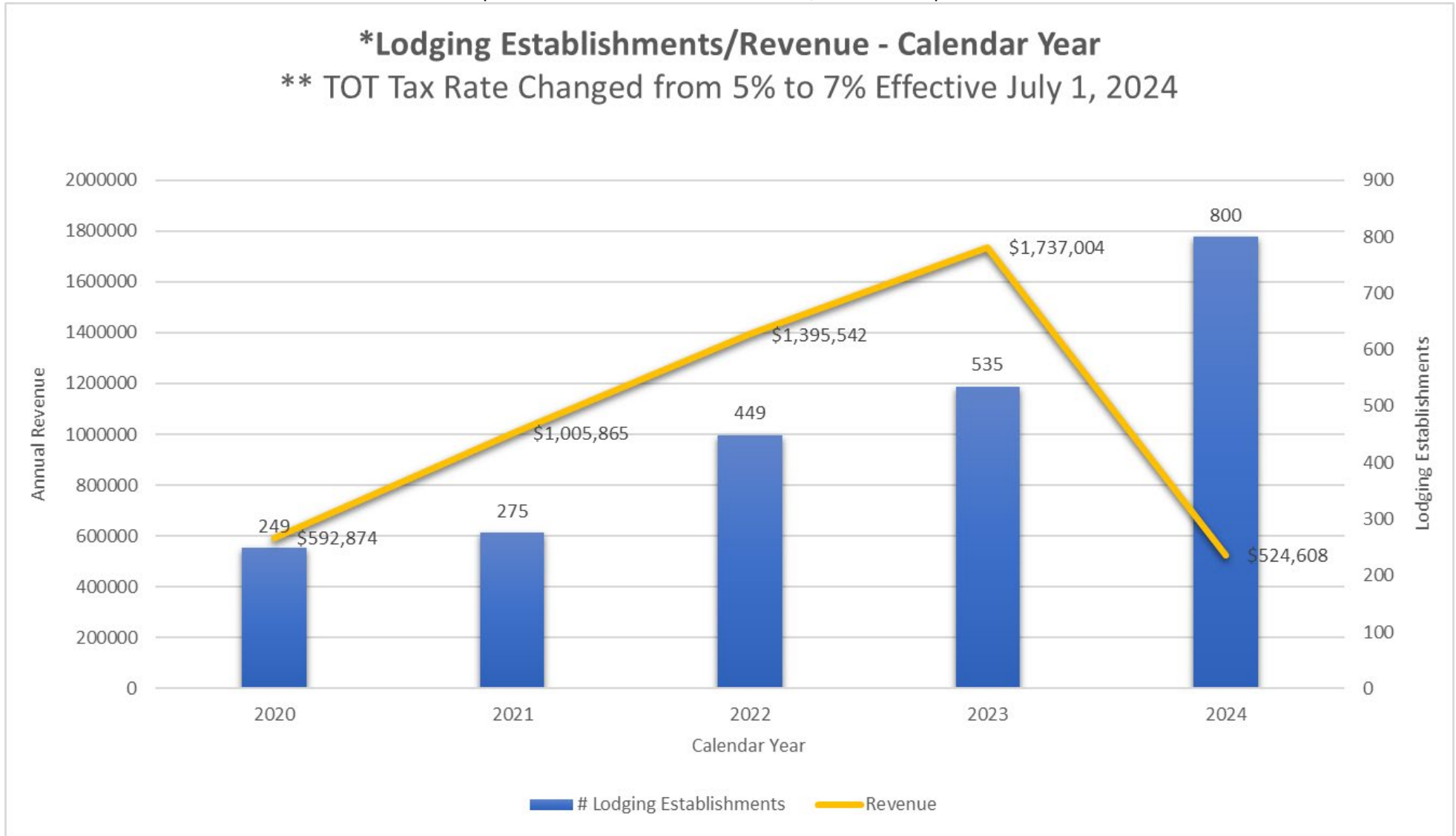
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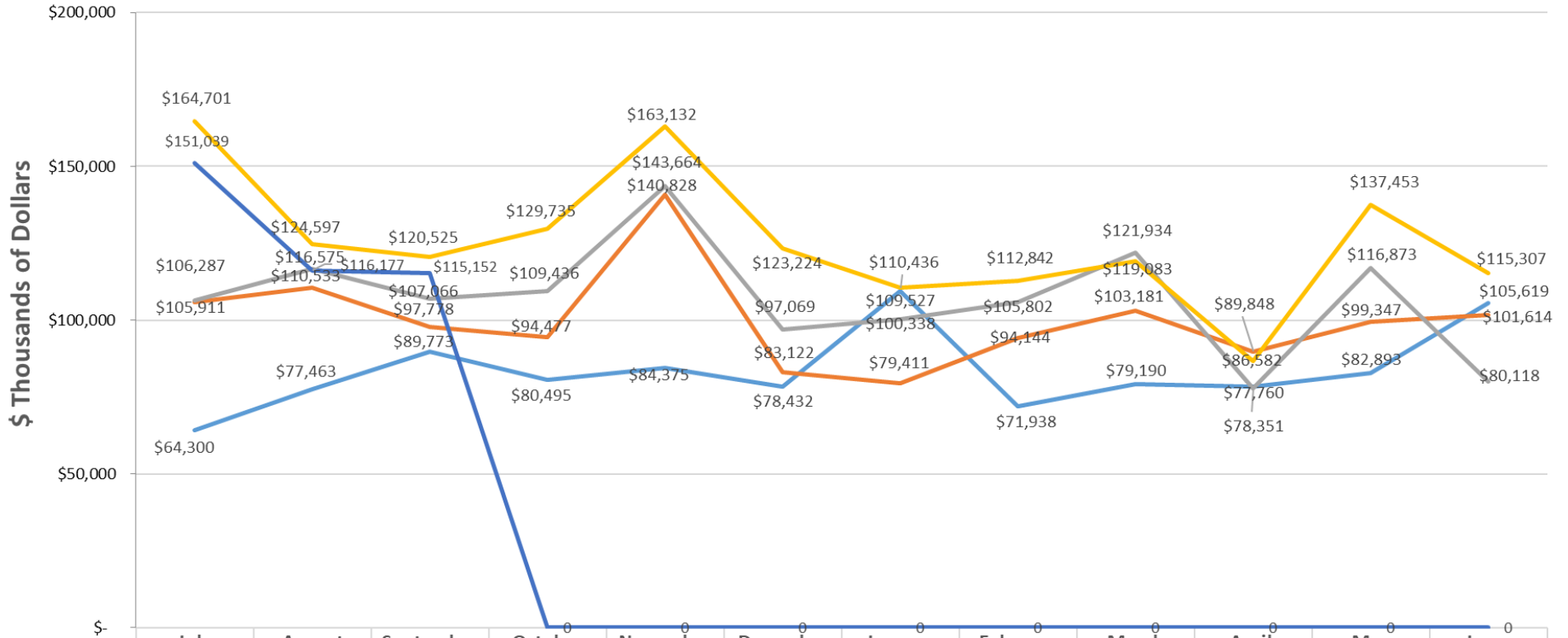


\*Lodging Establishments is the number of businesses who are registered with the Commissioner of the Revenue for lodging in Nelson County. The number includes businesses who may have multiple properties who remit for all units with one payment. Some businesses remit their taxes quarterly, and due to their start date, may not be on a January-March-June-September schedule. Many businesses utilize services such as AirBnB who remit on their behalf and by State Code, these revenues are only to be disclosed in aggregate; no personal information can be shared (55.1-1209).

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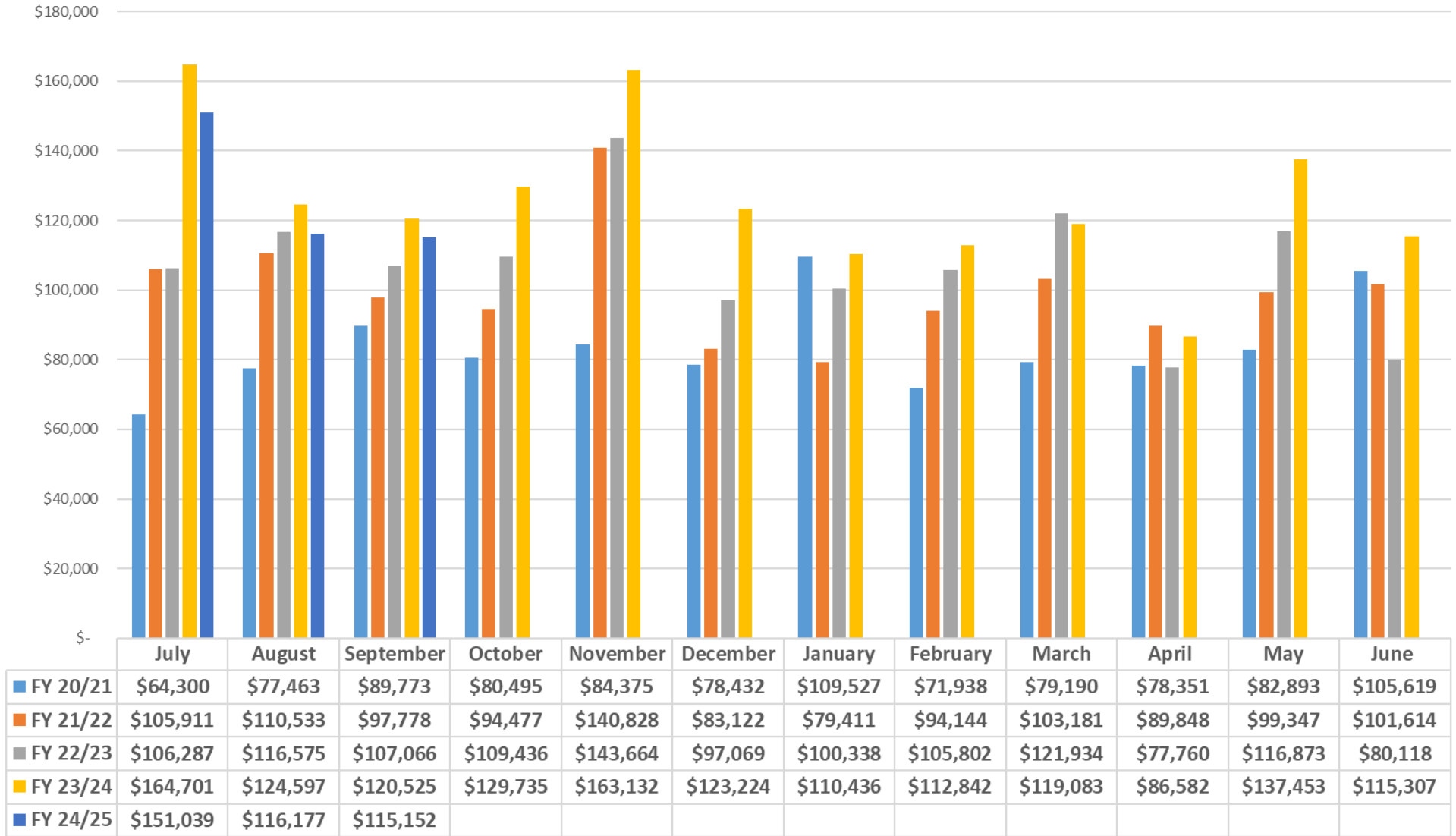
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FY 21/22	\$105,911	\$110,533	\$97,778	\$94,477	\$140,828	\$83,122	\$79,411	\$94,144	\$103,181	\$89,848	\$99,347	\$101,614
FY 22/23	\$106,287	\$116,575	\$107,066	\$109,436	\$143,664	\$97,069	\$100,338	\$105,802	\$121,934	\$77,760	\$116,873	\$80,118
FY 23/24	\$164,701	\$124,597	\$120,525	\$129,735	\$163,132	\$123,224	\$110,436	\$112,842	\$119,083	\$86,582	\$137,453	\$115,307
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