To: Board of Supervisors
From: C. McGarry
Re: County Administrator's Report for November 13, 2025 Board Meeting

A. **Board Elections:** Congratulations to Mr. Reed and Mr. Rutherford on re-election to the Board and to Mr. Cameron Lenahan, elected to represent the North District. Staff will be coordinating an orientation day/days with Mr. Lenahan and County Department Heads and Constitutional Officers for some time in December. Additional new Board member training opportunities will be provided to Mr. Lenahan as they are offered.

B. **DSS Building Project:** The site has been cleared, demolition of the parking area, and site work has begun.

C. **Department of Social Services CPS Data & Agency Corrective Action Plan:**

Agency CPS Referral Data for October is shown below with there still being a discrepancy between the total validated referrals (11) and the total of referrals separated by category (12). State VDSS IT will be looking into this:

Total Referrals Received = 16
Validated = 11 (data discrepancy noted)
Screened out = 5
Percentage Validated = 69%
Percentage Screened Out = 31%

Results of Referrals Validated:
Investigations = 1
Family Assessments = 11
Percentage Investigations = 10%
Percentage Family Assessments = 90%

As of the November 6, 2025 CAP review, the Agency has made significant progress across all program areas and is transitioning from a corrective action plan to a supportive services plan over the next 3 months. Congratulations to DSS leadership and staff on this achievement! The supportive services plan will provide continuity of support for staff and the new Director in order to preserve the Department's positive momentum.

See attached detailed report for October from the Department; hereafter this will be provided to the Board with the other monthly departmental reports.

Applications for the Local DSS Advisory Board are still being taken pending the Board's advisement.

D. **Christmas Lights:**

- Nellysford (CVEC): CVEC has said that they will be completing the necessary updates to the outlets on the light poles over the next few weeks. They will pick up the lights from the County once they are ready to be installed and they will take care of installing the lights for us in Nellysford. We are very grateful for their assistance with this project!

- Lovingston & Shipman (AEP): Staff has spent two months communicating back and forth with AEP, collecting pole numbers and working with Chamber of Commerce volunteer, Paul Carter, who personally confirmed light pole numbers and locations in Lovingston and Shipman. AEP has told us that they are responsible up to the metering point, and any electrical wiring and connections beyond the meter were the customer's responsibility and that a certified electrician would be the appropriate route to assess and address any customer owned wiring, receptacles and conduit on the poles. I have asked AEP representatives to revisit this issue. Jeff Brantley has gotten 1 quote from a local electrical contractor for $2,732 per pole to perform the work that would be required and there are 25 poles. Due to the anticipated cost, a written informal solicitation of a minimum of 4 bidders or offerors would be required by the County's purchasing policy. While we are working towards a successful solution, we are not sure if there will be lights in Lovingston and Shipman for this coming holiday season.

E. **Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC) – Tourism Region:** Currently the VTC has established the Central Virginia Tourism Region, which includes: Nelson, Madison, Greene, Albemarle, Louisa, Fluvanna, Amherst, Campbell, Appomattox, Prince Edward, Nottoway, Buckingham, Cumberland, Goochland, Hanover, Powhatan, Amelia, Dinwiddie, Chesterfield, Henrico, Prince George, and Sussex. Nelson and its other GO Virginia Region 9 Counterparts of Albemarle, Greene, Orange, Louisa, Fluvanna, Culpeper, Rappahannock, and Fauquier are interested in applying to the VTC for the creation of a distinct tourism region under the VTC structure that would allow more targeted investment, improved data collection, and a unified brand message aligned with the economic and cultural identity of GO Virginia Region 9. The VTC application process requires passage of a resolution to this effect, by the Governing bodies of the applying entities; to this end, the Board will be more fully briefed and asked to consider such a resolution at an upcoming regular meeting.

F. FY 26 General Fund Financials through October - 33% into the year, 67% remaining: Aside from property taxes and license fees that are billed at certain times of the year, Local Revenues are tracking as expected. Second half of 2025 Property tax bills have been sent out and are due December 5th. Staff continues to monitor its primary economy driven revenues such as Local Sales Tax, Recordation Taxes, Meals and Lodging Taxes, and Interest on Investments. Expenditures are also tracking as expected; keeping in mind that transfers to other funds from the General Fund are made in the first quarter of the fiscal year and departmental budgets do not yet reflect the approved FY26 salary increases; which will be transferred into those budgets in the coming months.

G. 2026 Reassessment: 2026 Reassessment notices are expected to go out to citizens by the end of November. Notices will contain information on how to schedule a meeting with Assessors regarding property valuations. Following Assessors' Hearing, citizen hearings can be scheduled with the Board of Equalization – a citizen review board to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Those hearings will be conducted around February/March and information on those will be provided by public notice.

H. VACo Conference: Attended by Supervisors Reed, Rutherford, and Parr, and me. I attended sessions related to:

1. **Economic Development Benefits of Future Energy Solutions** – Among the discussed future energy solutions were Small Nuclear Modular Reactors (SMRs) and Nuclear Fusion and the tax benefits associated with hosting these along with their colocation with data centers and the need for the State and Country to win the AI war with China. Nuclear Fusion was touted as the long term energy solution.
2. **Building the Workforce in Virginia** – CTE and building regional and state partnerships along with working with higher education and private employers was discussed, as well as the impact of AI on the workforce. It was stated that AI may not replace you in the workplace, but someone who knows how to use AI will.
3. **How Virginia Counties Are Working with AI** – Google Data Centers coming to Chesterfield and Botetourt Counties were discussed as well as examples of how Fairfax County has employed some AI strategies to reduce administrative burdens primarily in the area of Law Enforcement and Emergency Call Centers. Human supervision and a "Trust but Verify" mantra was noted as key in using AI based platforms; as was having an AI policy in place.

I. Meals and Lodging Tax Collection & Lodging Entity Tracking: See Attached Charts **-** # of Lodging Units went from 820 to 821. Rental Scape is the selected STR monitoring and tracking software platform and staff is in process with its procurement.

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

October 2025 case count

Total Cases: 2958

SNAP: 899

Medicaid: 2023

TANF:21

Childcare:15

<u>Worker Totals</u>

Jenny: 169	SNAP:42	Medicaid:110	TANF:17	
Danielle: 467	SNAP:160	Medicaid:307		
Chamae: 533	SNAP:168	Medicaid:350		CC:15
Tracey: 445	SNAP:154	Medicaid:287	TANF:4	
Holly: 399	SNAP:124	Medicaid:275		
Rose: 288	SNAP:96	Medicaid:192		
Tammy: 198	SNAP:0	Medicaid:198		
Diamond: 459	SNAP:155	Medicaid:304		

Month/Year OCTOBER 2025

Benefits-

SNAP Timeliness-100% non-expedited 77.78% expedited two workers' processed expedited cases out of compliance due to oversight on workers' part. I have spoken to each worker concerning compliance and the reason their cases were worked incorrectly

Enrollee-1692

Expedited-9-two cases worked out compliance

Non-expedited-23

Total Monthly Issuance-$262,365.00

Medicaid Timeliness-100%

TANF/VIEW-Cases- 100%

Applications-SNAP:32 Medicaid:50 TANF:1

Fuel Assistance begins October 14, 2025 and runs through November 14 to date 365 fuel applications have been processed.

Crisis Assistance begins November 1-March 15 due to the government shutdown we will accept crisis applications, pend and document them however we will not be processing these cases until we receive further guidance.

We are following this guidance as issued by the state for SNAP benefits during the government shutdown

1) All SNAP issuances certified 10/30-ongoing will not be issued VENA. They will resume once VENA ceases and SNAP funding is received.
2)Anything certified 10/29 or prior will receive VENA, as files were sent last night.
3) Benefit adjustments, restorations, supplements, etc. are included in this and "paused" for the time being.
4) All NOAs must be suppressed and manually generated ones sent for Nov. The wording is in the broadcast for what to enter on the manual NOAs.
5) All normal SNAP actions will continue to take place in regards to processing IRs, recerts, applications, and changes.
6) Nov 2025 work clock has been suspended.
7) Claim establishment and recoupment has been suspended.
8) VENA will begin issuing funds to those eligible households Monday, Nov 3rd.

VENA Issuance

Starting November 3, 2025 25 % of a household's monthly SNAP benefit will be issued on their EBT card. The weekly VENA issuance will occur on either Monday, Wednesday or Friday. VENA will appear on the issuance history screen as an ongoing issuance for each week VENA is generated.

November VENA issuance dates are as follows:

Case ends with:	**Will receive VENA on Mondays**	**Will receive VENA on Wednesdays**	**Will receive VENA on Fridays**
0, 1, 2 & 3	3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th		
4 & 5		5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th	
6, 7, 8 & 9			7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th

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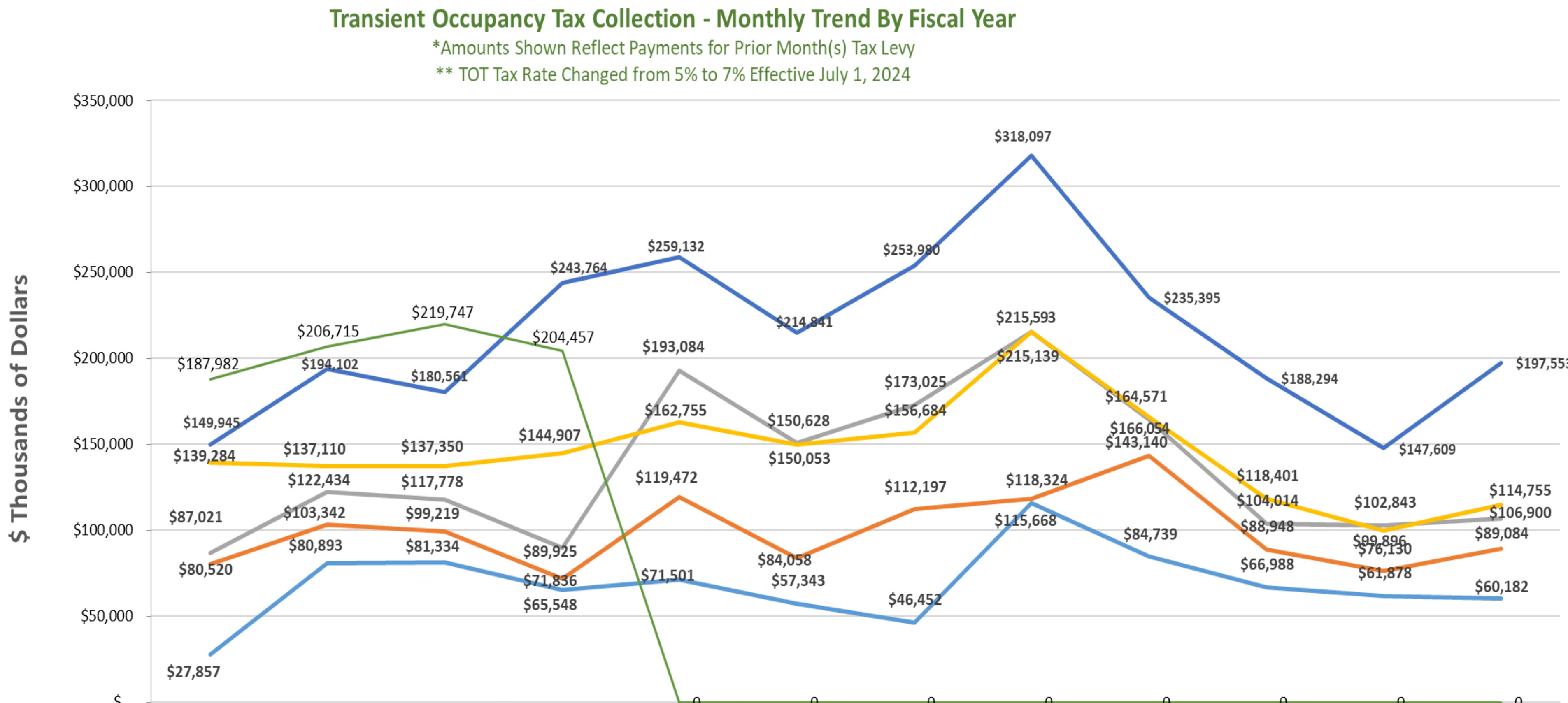

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FY 20/21	$27,857	$80,893	$81,334	$65,548	$71,501	$57,343	$46,452	$115,668	$84,739	$66,988	$61,878	$60,182
FY 21/22	$80,520	$103,342	$99,219	$71,836	$119,472	$84,058	$112,197	$118,324	$143,140	$88,948	$76,130	$89,084
FY 22/23	$87,021	$122,434	$117,778	$89,925	$193,084	$150,628	$173,025	$215,139	$164,571	$104,014	$102,843	$106,900
FY 23/24	$139,284	$137,110	$137,350	$144,907	$162,755	$150,053	$156,684	$215,593	$166,054	$118,401	$99,896	$114,755
FY 24/25	$149,945	$194,102	$180,561	$243,764	$259,132	$214,841	$253,980	$318,097	$235,395	$188,294	$147,609	$197,553
FY 25/26	$187,982	$206,715	$219,747	$204,457								

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Transient Occupancy Tax Collection by Month and Fiscal Year

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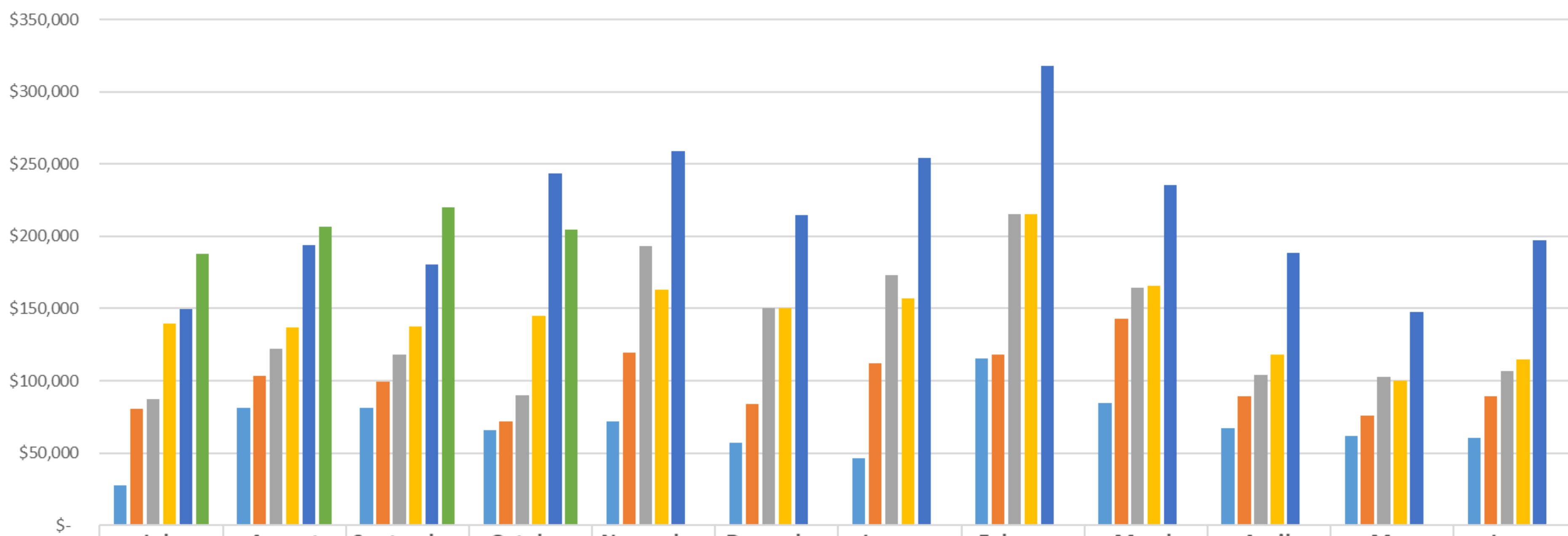
** TOT Tax Rate Changed from 5% to 7% Effective July 1, 2024



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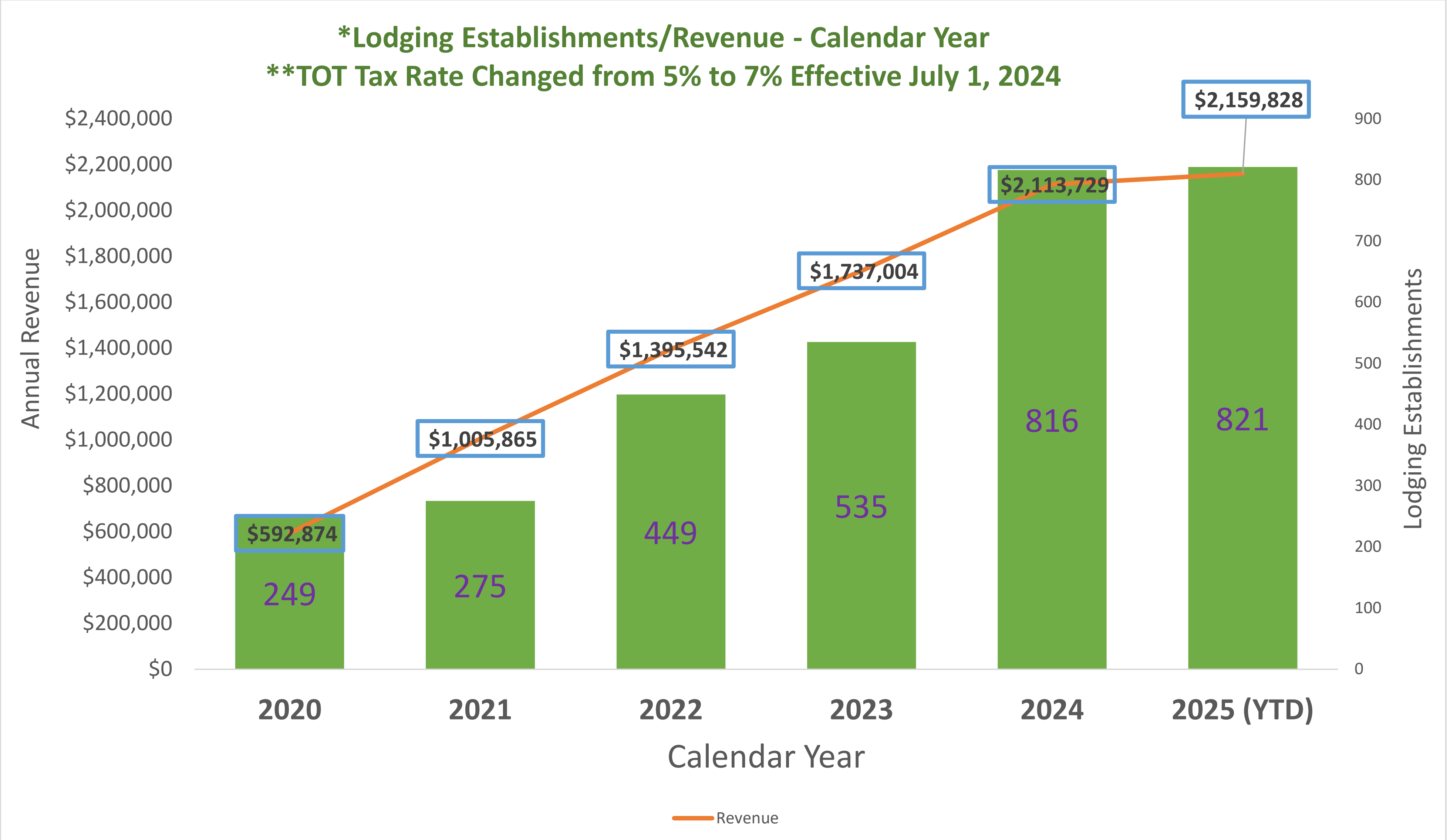

*Lodging Establishments is the number of businesses who are registered with the Commissioner of the Revenue for lodging in Nelson County. This number is up 1 from 820, in the previous month's report. The number includes businesses who may have multiple properties who remit for all units with one payment. 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 (State Code Section 55.1-1209).

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Meals Tax Collection - Monthly Trend By Fiscal Year

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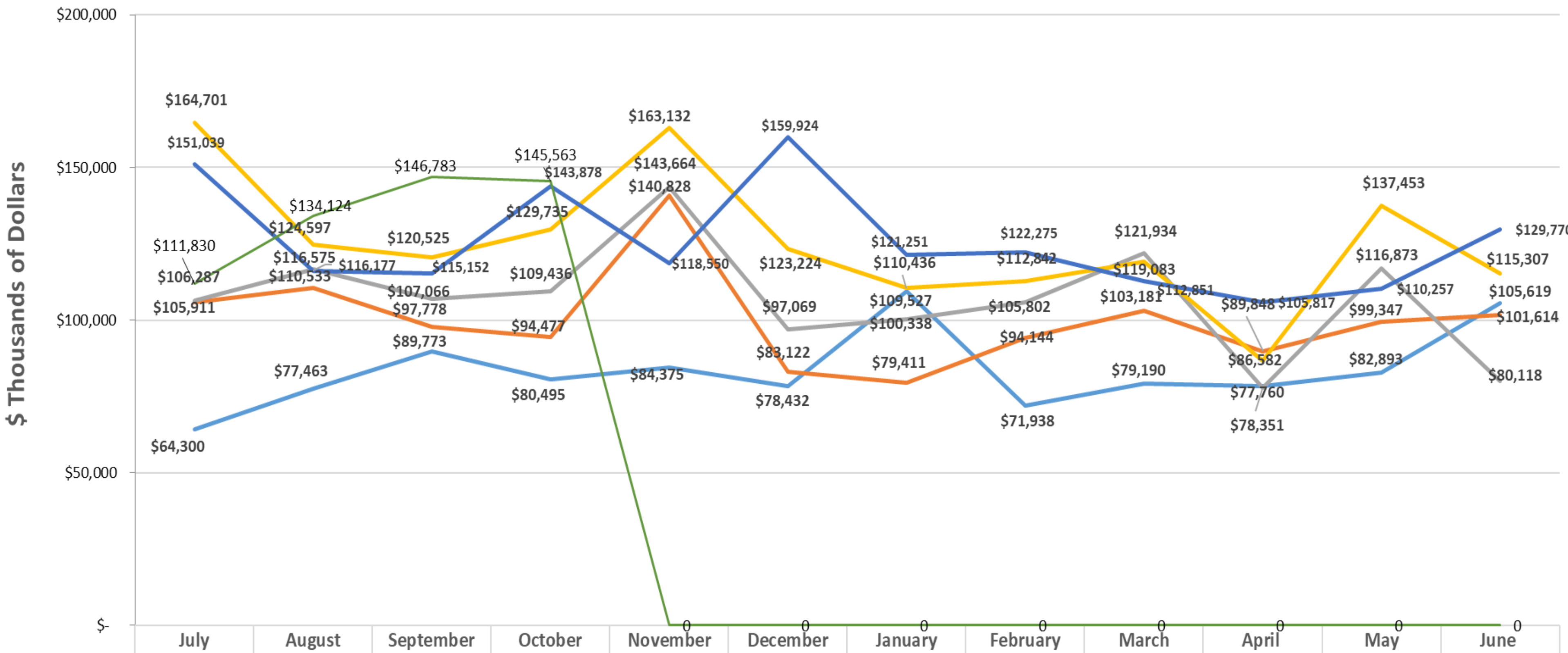

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FY 21/22	$105,911	$110,533	$97,778	$94,477	$140,828	$83,122	$79,411	$94,144	$103,181	$89,848	$99,347	$101,614
FY 22/23	$106,287	$116,575	$107,066	$109,436	$143,664	$97,069	$100,338	$105,802	$121,934	$77,760	$116,873	$80,118
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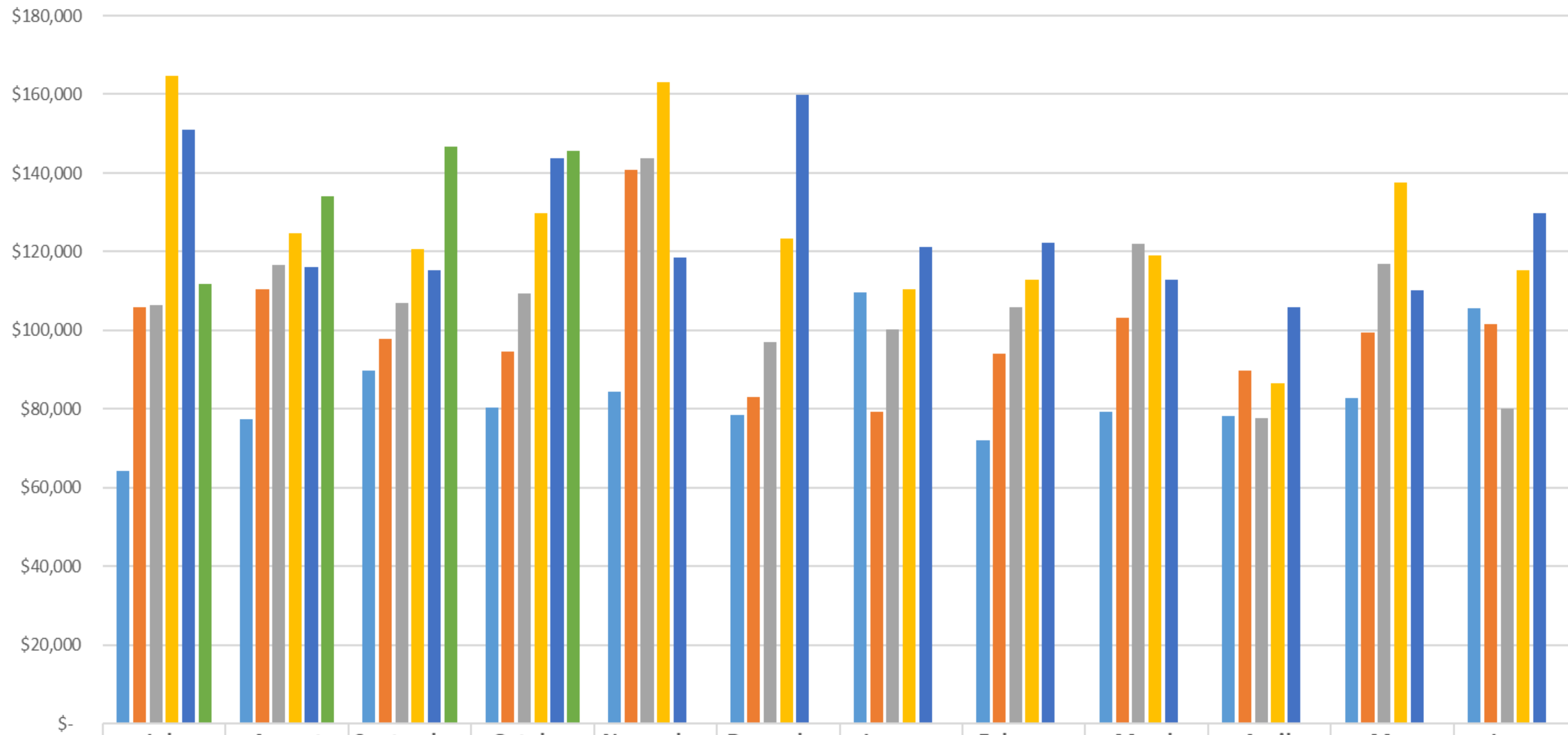

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