

May 27, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Rockingham County Administration Center, Harrisonburg, Virginia. The meeting was conducted in accordance with significant modifications to normal processes, due to social distancing precautions to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The meeting was broadcast online, and no more than ten citizens were allowed in the Board Room at any one time.

The following members were present:

- BRENT V. TRUMBO, Election District #1
- SALLIE WOLFE-GARRISON, Election District #2
- RICK L. CHANDLER, Election District #3
- WILLIAM B. KYGER, JR., Election District #4
- MICHAEL A. BREEDEN, Election District #5

Also present:

- STEPHEN G. KING, County Administrator
- THOMAS H. MILLER, JR., County Attorney
- CASEY B. ARMSTRONG, Assistant County Administrator
- RHONDA H. COOPER, Director of Community Development
- PATRICIA D. DAVIDSON, Director of Finance
- JEREMY C. HOLLOWAY, Fire & Rescue Chief
- DONALD F. KOMARA, Residency Administrator  
Virginia Department of Transportation
- C. BURGESS LINDSEY, Assistant Residency Administrator  
Virginia Department of Transportation
- TAMELA S. GRAY, Deputy Clerk

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**CALL TO ORDER  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
INVOCATION.**

Chairman Kyger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Supervisor Breeden provided the invocation, and VDOT Residency Administrator Donald F. Komara led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

On motion by Supervisor Chandler, seconded by Supervisor Trumbo, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN – AYE; CHANDLER – AYE; KYGER – AYE; TRUMBO – AYE; WOLFE-GARRISON – AYE; the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of May 13, 2020.

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**COVID-19 UPDATE.**

Dr. Laura Kornegay, Health Director of the Central Shenandoah Health District, provided an update on COVID-19 in the Shenandoah Valley.

Dr. Kornegay noted that the Virginia National Guard assisted the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and Rockingham County Fire and Rescue staff to administer

COVID-19 tests earlier in the day. She stated that approximately 300 tests were provided to citizens in about an hour.

Dr. Kornegay announced two testing sites will be available in Harrisonburg on May 28, 2020, that will be able to administer 1,000 tests. Governor Northam's goal is to provide 10,000 tests per day statewide, and Dr. Kornegay noted seven to eight thousand tests are currently provided each day in Virginia. Test kits and labs are currently available to test citizens in the community, and the Virginia National Guard will continue to assist with testing into June, she said.

Dr. Kornegay indicated elderly citizens in long-term care facilities have been tremendously affected by the pandemic. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services developed guidelines for a Phase 3 reopening of long-term care facilities, which have been locked down over the last ten weeks. Robust testing will be needed in order to open the long-term facilities, Dr. Kornegay said.

Dr. Kornegay did not know how many cases were first identified when employees entered temperature check stations at manufacturing facilities, but she expected the number was high. She noted manufacturing facilities, medical facilities and nursing homes have done a good job in screening citizens.

Dr. Kornegay indicated testing was not available at the beginning of the pandemic, but sending employees home and isolating them from others was key to limiting the number of people affected. Dr. Kornegay indicated the Health Department has been in communication with poultry plants, which are the largest manufacturing facilities in the area, since the last week in March. She stated those employees are generally the vulnerable population because they often do not have much access to healthcare.

Dr. Kornegay said the Health Department worked with the poultry plants at the beginning of the outbreak to review their operation plans, and revisited the plants when COVID-19 numbers increased. In addition to putting additional safeguards in place, the companies sent employees home and supported them to quarantine. Numerous companies initiated short-term disability and extra sick leave in addition to providing environmental controls to help employees, she said.

Dr. Kornegay noted the epidemiology curve looks positive and seems to be on the downward trend in the area and the state.

Chairman Kyger asked Dr. Kornegay whether the different approach used by Shenandoah Valley industries and those on the eastern shore regarding whether to reopen during Phase 1 was due to the ability to handle the surge of patients with hospital rooms and necessary equipment. Dr. Kornegay indicated the only hospital on the eastern shore, Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, is a critical access hospital with 23 medical beds and six intensive care unit beds. When that hospital was full, people on the eastern shore had to travel to a hospital in Norfolk or Virginia Beach. Dr. Kornegay indicated there are more than 600 beds available between Sentara RMH and Augusta Health, so there has not been a capacity issue in the Valley.

Dr. Kornegay said the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) performed inspections at manufacturing facilities (poultry plants) on the eastern shore and found the facilities had already initiated most precautions the CDC would have recommended.

Dr. Kornegay indicated testing was provided by the plants, which agreed to fund and perform point-prevalence studies. A lab was brought in to perform the tests.

In response to a question, Dr. Kornegay said the number of COVID patients who have recovered has not been calculated yet. The VDH hopes to add that data to their website soon.

Dr. Kornegay indicated the State is planning a serology adult-prevalence study using antibody tests to determine how many people were infected, especially people who were exposed but did not have symptoms. They will enroll 5,000 people by mid-July and

hope to provide a report in August. Those participating in the study will be enrolled through the regional healthcare system.

Dr. Kornegay indicated the VDH does not have data on the number of people who have tested positive without showing symptoms. She believes data gained from the study will provide that information, which will help the VDH make future decisions. Dr. Kornegay said working with the Criminal Justice System and performing point-prevalence surveys should be helpful as all inmates and staff in a facility will be tested on the same day.

In response to a question regarding how trace contract testing is handled, Dr. Kornegay explained that all positive cases are tracked and may be considered a positive case or a clinical case. She noted doctors who do not provide testing, but think a patient has COVID symptoms or may have been exposed to COVID, refer the patient to the Health Department as a clinical case, which is tracked. The VDH contacts people identified as being in close contact with the COVID-patient two days before they became symptomatic, to request them to quarantine for 14 days.

Dr. Kornegay noted that most of her staff is dedicated to the pandemic as case investigators, contact tracers or assisting in some other role. The VDH has received federal funding to hire contact tracers, and Dr. Kornegay anticipates hiring 30 additional contact tracers. A contact tracing computer application will be available on May 29, 2020, to enter information about contacts so the VDH can check on them daily via phone, email or text to identify contacts that have become symptomatic.

In the transitional phase, where social distancing is relaxed, testing and contact tracing are important to avoid a second surge of the virus. Dr. Kornegay said citizens can loosen up a little, while continuing to social distance, wear masks, wash their hands frequently and avoid crowds. Otherwise, there will be a huge rebound of cases that could overwhelm the health system.

Dr. Kornegay indicated the VDH has an estimate of positive cases within various industries that have been traced to a source other than the employer. She said it was not difficult to trace the source of the virus when there were fewer cases and people traveling from other states or countries were spreading the virus. The virus is now spreading throughout communities, including places of work, making it difficult to determine where someone was exposed.

Dr. Kornegay said the VDH appreciates the support from County staff, especially with testing. Chairman Kyger indicated he has been impressed with the cooperation and extreme efficiency of the Virginia National Guard, Virginia Department of Health, and County staff.

In response to a question from Supervisor Trumbo, Dr. Kornegay indicated she did not know if the Virginia Occupational Safety and Health (VOSH) Program provides inspections to ensure safe work practices, but said the VDH does not perform inspections or regulate industries. The VDH does provide recommendations to employers regarding infection control. Dr. Kornegay noted she, along with County staff and others, participated in a virtual tour of Cargill to view their practices.

Supervisor Breeden noted he saw a website advertisement for a seminar regarding new OSHA standards, which he will share with Supervisor Trumbo.

Supervisor Trumbo said he thought VOSH should offer resources when requested, particularly since COVID-19 is a recordable, compensable illness.

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## **TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT.**

The Board heard Mr. Komara's report on the activities of the Transportation Department, including updates to bridge, road and rural rustic projects.

Additionally, Mr. Komara reported that VDOT started work on the Bicycle/Buggy lane extension along John Wayland Highway (Route 42) from Dayton to just before Walmart in mid-March and finished the lane extension on April 17<sup>th</sup>. He noted a lot of the design work was executed in-house.

VDOT is exploring a Safe Routes to School sidewalk project in Broadway, with an 80/20 match. Mr. Komara also said the passing lane on Brocks Gap Road (Route 259) near Hisers Lane (Route 752) will be eliminated due to the number of accidents that have occurred there.

Mr. Komara reported the bridge replacement project on Smithland Road (Route 720) that was originally planned to have four lanes at a cost of \$15 million, has been scaled back to two lanes. The bridge will be constructed so it may be expanded to four lanes, if desired later.

Mr. Komara noted that VDOT is designing the dual left turn lanes on Spotswood Trail (Route 33) at Spotswood High School and receiving lanes at the school entrance in-house. Work is expected to begin next summer. Since this is a revenue sharing project, Mr. Komara will request revenue sharing funds, and may be able to use money remaining from other projects.

The Friedens Church Road (Route 682) bridge replacement project will move forward this fall. VDOT has cut trees and built a detour, since the current road will be closed for approximately six months.

VDOT continues to work on utility plans and finish obtaining rights-of-way to widen South Valley Pike (Route 11) so construction of the four-lane road can begin in the spring of 2020-2021. Typically, a year is required for right-of-way and utility relocation, so the timing will be tight, Mr. Komara said.

In response to a question from Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison, Mr. Komara said there was a slight design element change on South Valley Pike. The median is wider to provide room for the R-cuts and U-turns.

Mr. Komara noted that the Board has requested aligning Cecil Wampler Road (Route 704) and Oakwood Drive (Route 704), but if a longer bridge is installed, it may impact the flood plain and Route 11. In addition, a reverse curve will be required on Cecil Wampler Road to align the road with the current bridge. Mr. Komara said that VDOT believes the best option is to make improvements to the existing intersection configuration.

The two traffic signals on South Valley Pike (Route 11 South) are functioning to allow enough time for trucks to depart, but Mr. Komara thinks a right turn is needed from Cecil Wampler Road onto Route 11 and from Oakwood Drive (Route 704) onto Route 11. Since there is a funding deficit on the South Valley Pike four-lane project, Mr. Komara recommended using excess funds from the Route 704 project toward the four-lane project to keep it moving forward. He informed Administrator King that all the work can be performed as one project. Administrator King agreed with continuing with the project, but suggested that the County continue to work on other options for the Pleasant Valley area.

Maintenance items included completing the first mowing along primary roads, with the exception of Spotswood Trail (Route 33 East) from Harrisonburg. VDOT has not started mowing along secondary roads, but Mr. Komara hopes the first mowing will be completed in two to three weeks. VDOT has performed plant-mix patching on many roads and resurfaced the Mt. Crawford Park & Ride. Mr. Komara noted a pending application for Smart Scale funding would expand the parking to approximately 80 spaces, with a charging station and bus stop, at an estimated cost of \$2 million.

Mr. Komara informed Supervisor Breeden that a new Verizon pole was installed to replace the pole that was split in half.

Mr. Komara reviewed a corridor study for Route 33 East, to be used as a planning tool to keep traffic flowing without additional traffic signals. If VDOT awards the funds for a US 33 Arterial Management Plan, its consultant will look at median treatments and intersections, develop innovative designs, review accident locations, and provide support to request funding to correct issues. Mr. Komara noted access to commercial businesses has to be balanced with safety for citizens. He said a 2006 study will serve as background.

After reviewing VDOT's Arterial Management Program, Mr. Komara said he thinks it is a good opportunity. He said the County may decide to move forward with some recommendations, and not others. Ms. Cooper indicated, if the application is approved, the consultant would start on the study this summer. She believes the study needs to be completed by mid-year 2021; VDOT wants to posture the study for the next round of Smart Scale project applications.

On motion by Supervisor Breeden, seconded by Supervisor Chandler, and carried by a roll call vote of 5 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN – AYE; CHANDLER – AYE; KYGER – AYE; TRUMBO – AYE; WOLFE-GARRISON – AYE; the Board adopted the following Resolution Requesting Funding for an Arterial Management Plan for Route 33 East from Harrisonburg to Elkton, with no cost to the County:

**RESOLUTION  
REQUESTING FUNDING FOR AN  
ARTERIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Rockingham County desires to study and plan for the future of the US 33 corridor, which serves as the primary east-west access across the County, a corridor of statewide significance, and a critical component of the regional network; and

**WHEREAS**, US 33 passes through the Stone Spring Urban Development Area, for which the Board of Supervisors adopted an Urban Development Area Plan on January 22, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, US 33 also serves several Urban Growth Areas designated in the Rockingham County Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), through its Arterial Management Program, seeks to preserve this corridor while also accommodating existing and future development by identifying ways to ensure safety and maintaining the capacity without wide-scale roadway widenings and traffic lights; and

**WHEREAS**, VDOT has funding available, with no contribution by the County, to prepare Arterial Management; and

**WHEREAS**, VDOT and County staff recommend that an application be submitted to request funding for an Arterial Management Plan for the segment of US 33 east of the City of Harrisonburg to the Town of Elkton to guide the County and the development community in decision-making processes that will ultimately lead to safer access while minimizing congestion; planning and designing the appropriate level of access for future development in the corridor; and improving the County's position when applying for Smart Scale, Revenue Sharing, and other transportation project grant funds.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Rockingham County supports this opportunity to study and plan for this important corridor, while accommodating existing and future development, with a US 33 Arterial Management Plan.

Adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020

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Supervisor Trumbo asked if an asphalt patch along the shoulder of American Legion Drive (Route 800) is temporary. Mr. Komara responded that he would find out.

Supervisor Chandler informed Mr. Komara that the grass is high on the right side of Massanetta Springs Road (Route 687) where it intersects with Spotswood Trail (Route 33). He also noted the left turn lane heading west on Spotswood Trail near the 7-Eleven convenience store, where traffic turns onto Massanetta Springs Road, is narrow and short. Supervisor Chandler said it looks like the line for the turn lane was placed in too far, and noted through-traffic passes close to vehicles in the turn lane.

Supervisor Chandler asked Mr. Komara to look at Williams Run Road (Route 672) to determine if it qualifies as a rural rustic project.

Chairman Kyger requested that a tree on the west side of Greenhouse Road between addresses 8187 and 8398 be removed. He said it is about to fall down, due to ground hogs burrowing under the tree.

Chairman Kyger requested that Messrs. Komara and Lindsey meet with him and Mr. McNult at Rawley Springs regarding the road extension, from the mailboxes to the bridge, which is not being maintained. Chairman Kyger will contact Mr. McNult.

Chairman Kyger discussed closing Erickson Avenue (Route 726) to through truck traffic because truck drivers create noise with their jake brakes in the middle of the night. He noted that a few years ago, a nearby industry educated their drivers not to use jake brakes at night. Chairman Kyger asked Mr. Komara if signage could be erected for “No Jake Brakes”, and said the trucks could travel through Harrisonburg. Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison stated the industry’s employees need another educational meeting, and jake brakes and through trucks should not be allowed on Erickson Avenue.

Mr. Komara noted the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) prohibits putting up “No Jake Brakes” signs.

Chairman Kyger and Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison suggested requesting that the company have another educational meeting with their truck drivers and companies supplying them, regarding the use of jake brakes on Erickson Avenue, particularly during late night and early morning hours. If that is not effective, the possibility of making Erickson Avenue a “No Thru Trucks” route should be explored, Chairman Kyger said.

Mr. Komara stated Erickson Avenue is a designated truck route, but could possibly be widened. Since Erickson Avenue is scheduled for an overlay this year, he suggested widening the pavement to create turn lanes on Erickson Avenue.

Administrator King asked that the Board allow staff a couple weeks to talk with the industry and investigate the possibility of trucks using another route.

Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison indicated trucks from the nearby industry are not the only trucks traveling on Erickson Avenue. Trucks from the eastern side of the County travel on Erickson Avenue to access Route 33 and head to West Virginia, she said. Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison indicated this should be identified as a solution, not an accusation toward a particular industry.

Chairman Kyger said he believes talking with the industry may resolve a majority of the problem.

In closing, Mr. Komara noted traffic volumes are down and speeds are up on Interstate 81.

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## **DISCUSSION – CITIZEN UPDATES REGARDING COVID-19.**

Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison said several citizens have requested that the County be proactive in sharing information with the public. She suggested providing data-driven information specific to the County, similar to what Dr. Kornegay provided. The data could be shared by a radio broadcast, TV-3 interview, live video, Facebook, or a posting to the County website. Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison stated updates need to be provided on a consistent basis, and the purpose of the presentations are to provide data and information about what is occurring in the County.

Chairman Kyger agreed that providing accurate information eliminates future problems. Since staff continues to deal with different aspects of the COVID-19 virus, Chairman Kyger said he did not want to add an extra burden to County staff, and suggested having someone on the perimeter collect the information and provide it to the public. Chairman Kyger noted that Joshua Gooden may be willing to coordinate a way to collect data and communicate with the public on a routine basis, not just during the pandemic. He also suggested requesting input from media outlets in the area about the best way to provide the data. Supervisor Chandler noted that the updated information needs to come from the VDH.

Chief Holloway indicated Fire and Rescue prepares a weekly informational packet for distribution. He has access to most data, but he wants to be sure information reported is accurate. Chief Holloway explained that as a precaution, the Fire and Rescue Department considers a clear (or non-active) case to be a COVID-19 patient who recovered from the virus and has been non-active after 21 days, rather than the 14 days used by most organizations. Chief Holloway said the County could report that and explain the calculation used. Chief Holloway noted the updates could include information such as Governor Northam's recommendations and what is being accomplished locally.

Chief Holloway said 299 citizens were tested earlier in the day for the COVID-19 virus. The citizens were provided a care package and extra masks. Many of the citizens tested were asked how they heard about the testing location. Most of them indicated they saw the notice on Facebook or television, and some learned about it from the newspaper. Chief Holloway indicated 500 flyers were distributed around the County over the last few days, but very few citizens reported that they learned about the testing from the flyers.

Chairman Kyger stated the metric used needs to be qualified and the science behind it explained. People need to understand the calculation is a best-guess estimate, which may not be precise. In response to a question from Chairman Kyger, Administrator King said, throughout the pandemic, the County has not had more than 20 citizens hospitalized at one time, and that number has declined over the last couple days. He noted there have been five deaths in the County.

Chairman Kyger informed Chief Holloway and Administrator King that if they could determine a way to provide citizens with consistently-updated, accurate data, he wanted them to design a distribution method. Chairman Kyger asked Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison if she would bounce ideas off Administrator King and Chief Holloway to help design a way to communicate with the community. Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison said the design may need to evolve.

Supervisor Chandler noted that the source of the data will be the VDH; County staff are not creating the data.

Supervisor Trumbo agreed with Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison, and stated utilizing Zoom and limiting the number of attendees at Board meetings, makes communication more essential. He said the information provided should be tailored based on questions received from the public. Supervisor Trumbo stated the County needs to hear from the public to know what information to provide.

Chairman Kyger agreed that it would be good if the process is community-driven and said the County may need to open the lines of communication by providing the initial

data and informing citizens how they can respond and ask questions of County staff. He wants people to be able to base their decisions on accurate information.

Chairman Kyger said there should be a County contact to receive emails from the public and coordinate the process, such as Joshua Gooden or someone in the Fire and Rescue Department.

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**STAFF REPORTS.**

Chairman Kyger indicated the staff reports on the agenda are for informational purposes, with the exception of specific action items.

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S STAFF REPORT.**

Mr. Miller said, in working with Treasurer Todd Garber, he and Administrator King prepared a resolution based on statutory authority where the Treasurer cannot impose a late penalty and interest if the late payment is not the fault of the taxpayer. The Resolution, if adopted, authorizes the Treasurer to provide guidance as to what is not presumptively the fault of the taxpayer. The taxpayer will need to sign a statement indicating the situation and stating they are not able to pay their taxes due to COVID-19.

Mr. Miller indicated interest will be charged August 31, 2020 and is retroactive to June and July. A statement will be provided to the taxpayer.

Mr. Miller said Treasurer Garber informed him that tax payments are coming in very similar to last year, and he has not received much input from citizens with difficulty in paying their taxes.

Mr. Miller reviewed the draft resolution with Board members and staff.

On motion by Supervisor Trumbo, seconded by Supervisor Chandler, and carried by a roll call vote of 5 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN – AYE; CHANDLER – AYE; KYGER – AYE; TRUMBO – AYE; WOLFE-GARRISON – AYE; the Board adopted the following resolution, time-dated to August 31, 2020:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has descended upon the human race, causing unprecedented governmental actions that have produced significant negative financial consequences for private businesses and individuals, and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has in some cases caused medical situations for households and individuals that also have resulted in significant negative financial consequences for those households and individuals, and

**WHEREAS**, the Code of Virginia in Section 58.1-3916 states that penalty and interest for failure to pay a tax in a timely manner shall not be imposed if such failure was not the fault of the taxpayer and, further, that the failure to pay a tax timely because of a medically determinable physical impairment shall be presumptive proof of lack of fault on the part of the taxpayer, and

**WHEREAS**, Section 58.1-3916, also authorizes the Board of Supervisors to grant reasonable extensions, not to exceed 90 days, for the payment of real estate taxes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of Rockingham County, Virginia, that proof that medical or financial circumstances brought about by COVID-19 caused a taxpayer to fail to pay real estate tax due by June 5, 2020, shall be considered presumptive proof of lack of fault on the part of a taxpayer, and the

usual penalty and interest shall not be imposed, so long as the tax is paid no later than August 31, 2020. If the tax is not paid by August 31, 2020, penalty and interest shall be imposed as usual, that is, as of June 6<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>, respectively. The Treasurer may accept as proof a signed, written statement from the taxpayer, satisfactory to the Treasurer, in his best discretion.

Given under our hand this twenty-seventh day of May  
in the year two thousand twenty, A.D.

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**ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S STAFF REPORT.**

The Board received and reviewed Mr. Armstrong's staff report dated May 27, 2020.

Mr. Armstrong informed the Board that Shenandoah Valley Hemp, a business that has been operating two years and recently located their main headquarters in Elkton, would like to apply for an Agriculture & Forestry Industries Development Fund (AFID) grant. The business provides cannabidiol (CBD) extraction, fiber storage and distribution from this location. They also provide seeds, post-processing, packaging, and distribution services for the local hemp industry. Mr. Armstrong indicated Shenandoah Valley Hemp is developing a strong network of farmers, vendors and consumers to produce products in the Valley.

Shenandoah Valley Hemp plans to add 24 new positions over the next three years. Mr. Armstrong indicated Shenandoah Valley Hemp's machinery and tools investment will amount to approximately \$3.794 million dollars over three years. The local request is for a \$50-75 thousand one-time match. If the locality provides a match, the State is willing to provide a match.

Mr. Armstrong indicated an immediate decision was not required, but he would like to inform Shenandoah Valley Hemp by June 10, 2020, whether the Board is willing to support and allocate funds to them.

Administrator King indicated this is the first request the County has had from a business in a town. Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison asked if the town can also provide money and Mr. King responded that towns cannot apply for AFID grants on behalf of a business.

Mr. Armstrong noted the County is receiving guidance from the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) regarding the Town's involvement.

Administrator King said the Board needs to look at the projected revenue and what that would mean for the Town and the County. Typically the County recoups their money from the company's real estate taxes and maintenance & tools taxes.

In response to a question from Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison, Mr. Armstrong said he believes the business will use the money in the next fiscal year, but he will confirm that, in case it needs to be included in the FY21 budget, for approval on June 10, 2020.

By consensus of the Board, this item will be included on the June 10, 2020 agenda for Board consideration.

Chairman Kyger brought attention to the tourism report and video clips, which he said were very well done.

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**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S STAFF REPORT.**

The Board received and reviewed Mrs. Davidson's staff report dated May 27, 2020. Mrs. Davidson indicated competitive sealed bids were requested to establish a contract for

the replacement of the Hybrid Rauland Intercom System at the Harrisonburg/Rockingham County Joint Judicial Complex. Three bids were received and Ambassador Enterprises, Inc. was the low bidder. Mrs. Davidson requested that the Board authorize staff to enter into a contract in the amount of \$115,080 with Ambassador Enterprises, Inc., to replace the intercom system.

On motion by Supervisor Breeden, seconded by Supervisor Chandler, and carried by a roll call vote of 5 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN – AYE; CHANDLER – AYE; KYGER – AYE; TRUMBO – AYE; WOLFE-GARRISON – AYE; the Board authorized staff to enter into a contract in the amount of \$115,080 with Ambassador Enterprises, Inc., to replace the Hybrid Rauland Intercom System at the Harrisonburg/Rockingham County Joint Judicial Complex.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of the Finance Committee, on motion by Supervisor Breeden, seconded by Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison, and carried by a roll call vote of 5 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN – AYE; CHANDLER – AYE; KYGER – AYE; TRUMBO – AYE; WOLFE-GARRISON – AYE; the Board approved the following supplemental appropriation:

**FY2019-2020 Supplemental Appropriation**

**Health & Human Services Funds – COVID-19**

The County received \$72,536.92 from the Health & Human Services Department to aide in the Emergency Response associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds are to be used for direct support of the response.

Supplemental Appropriation: \$72,536.92

\$72,536.92	GL Code: 1001-00000-13900-000-339510-000	HHS COVID-19 RESPONSE
\$72,536.92	GL Code: 1001-03205-00000-000-VARIOUS-000	COVID-19 EXPENDITURES

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Davidson indicated seven bids were received and opened on April 24, 2020, for contractors to provide sewer jetting services to the Public Works Utilities division. The work consists of flushing and vacuuming blockages from sewer mains and laterals, as needed. Bids were evaluated based on hourly rates and fees were compared to specific work scenarios. The contractors will be utilized on a rotation basis and will be contacted by Public Works staff to determine their best time and price for the project. Administrator King interjected that another important consideration is how quickly their business can respond.

Staff requested the Public Works Committee approve the top three contractors to allow flexibility in scheduling and response times if any of the contractors are not available. The Public Works Committee recommended Stillwater Septic Service Sewer & Drain Cleaner, Inc., Cox Construction, Inc., and Visu-Sewer East, LLC be approved to perform sewer jetting services for the Public Works Utilities division under a three-year contract, which may be renewed for two additional one-year periods.

On behalf of the Public Works Committee, on motion by Supervisor Chandler, seconded by Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison, and carried by a roll call vote of 5 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN – AYE; CHANDLER – AYE; KYGER – AYE; TRUMBO – AYE; WOLFE-GARRISON – AYE; the Board approved Stillwater Septic Service Sewer & Drain Cleaner, Inc., Cox Construction, Inc., and Visu-Sewer East, LLC to perform sewer jetting services for the Public Works Utilities division under a three-year contract, renewable for two additional one-year periods.

Supervisor Wolfe-Garrison expressed appreciation for Mr. Rhodes' forethought in selecting three companies to have a variety of options with timeliness.

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S STAFF REPORT.**

The Board received and reviewed Ms. Cooper's staff report dated May 27, 2020.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

AIRPORT

Chairman Kyger indicated the airline industry is struggling and boardings are down at Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport (SVRA), as well as other airports. He noted people are still flying and are using SVRA when they have business or leisure trips.

Chairman Kyger reminded the Board that SVRA Executive Director Greg Campbell and Airport Commissioner Michael Heatwole previously reported the airport planned to expand their boarding area. Chairman Kyger said the airport will move forward with the expansion to provide additional space for travelers to social distance when the travel industry rebounds.

Chairman Kyger reported that SVRA is proceeding with the taxi expansion to the hangar area, but the new commercial hangar is on hold. He encouraged people to use SVRA because the airport is operating, the planes are clean and they will get you to your destination safely.

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (VACo) LIAISON

Chairman Kyger informed the Board of a VACo Region 6 and Region 9 joint virtual meeting on May 28, 2020, from 1-3 p.m. via WebEx.

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**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.**

On motion by Supervisor Chandler, seconded by Supervisor Trumbo, and carried by a roll call vote of 5 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN – AYE; CHANDLER – AYE; KYGER – AYE; TRUMBO – AYE; WOLFE-GARRISON – AYE; the Board appointed Dr. John Kidd to serve as the District 1 member on the Community Services Board, for a term to expire June 30, 2023.

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**CLOSED MEETING.**

On motion by Supervisor Chandler, seconded by Supervisor Breedon, and carried by a roll call vote of 5 to 0, voting recorded as follows: BREEDEN – AYE; CHANDLER – AYE; KYGER – AYE; TRUMBO – AYE; WOLFE-GARRISON – AYE; the Board recessed the meeting from 8:04 p.m. to 8:49 p.m., for a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A(3), Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body; and (7), Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body

Chairman Kyger said no action would be taken following the closed meeting.

MOTION: SUPERVISOR BREEDEN  
SECOND: SUPERVISOR TRUMBO

RESOLUTION NO: 20-07  
MEETING DATE: May 27, 2020

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

WHEREAS, the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors has convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board of Supervisors that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the Closed Meeting to which this certification resolution applies; and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the Closed Meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors.

VOTE:

AYES: BREEDEN, CHANDLER, KYGER, TRUMBO, WOLFE-GARRISON

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT:

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**ADJOURNMENT.**

Chairman Kyger adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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Chairman