

AT A WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY
VIRGINIA, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,
150 SOUTH MAIN STREET LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA,
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014, AT 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN J.M.HIGGINS
MEMBERS: R.S.FORD, R.R.CAMPBELL,
ABSENT: A.W.LEWIS, JR., D.W.HINTY, JR.
CLERK TO BOARD: SPENCER H. SUTER
COUNTY ATTORNEY: VICKIE L. HUFFMAN
FISCAL DIRECTOR: STEVEN BOLSTER
STAFF: SAM CRICKENBERGER, CHRIS SLAYDON, BRANDY WHITTEN

Call to Order

Chairman Higgins called the Work Session to order at 4:30 P.M.

Review of draft FY2016-2020 Capital Improvement Plan

Mr. Slaydon reviewed Appendix C of the County's Capital Improvement Plan by project and cost.

While Mr. Slaydon reviewed new voting equipment estimates, Chairman Higgins requested that more details be provided on the current equipment and why new equipment is necessary.

A discussion among the Supervisors and the CIP Committee centered on the fessibility of moving some of the CIP items to Operational expenditures instead of keeping them in the CIP.

When Mr. Slaydon reviewed details on the replacement of the HVAC system in the Admin Building, Mr. Suter stated that this was a necessity that should be done as soon as possible.

Mr. Slaydon then moved on to reviewing the Solid Waste Authority's projects and costs.

While Mr. Slaydon reviewed details on the Landfill Post Closure amounts, Chairman Higgins suggested that it be noted that costs associated with the Landfill Post Closure were already sitting in savings, and that no additional funding would need to be set aside for this. Supervisor Ford noted that most capital costs of opening the new landfill cell are expected to be covered by landfill tipping fees.

Planned purchase of new compactors at two locations would allow moving the old compactors to other sites that process much less tonnage.

There were no further questions or comments related to the draft CIP.

Rockbridge Middle School review of Proposals received

Director of Community Development Sam Crickenberger briefly reviewed the Agenda Item: "The proposal to re-purpose the former Rockbridge Middle School was advertised in the The Roanoke Times, The Richmond Times Dispatch, The News Gazette, The Rockbridge Advocate, the County website and on eVa, the State's website. We had three requests for the full proposal; we also know that it received 169 hits on the State's site but not how many hits it received on the County's site. We showed the school to two potential users, but by November 7th we had only received one proposal; that proposal - from The Rick Mast Foundation - is enclosed. The EDA will be reviewing this proposal on Thursday the 20th at 8:30 a.m., and I will report their recommendation to you."

Chairman Higgins recommended that the EDA meet with The Rick Mast Foundation and request that they improve the scope of their proposal and further negotiations could take place following this request. This was the consensus of Board members present.

Chairman Higgins closed the Work Session at 5:17 P.M.

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BRANDY WHITTEN

Call to Order

Chairman Higgins called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Supervisor Campbell delivered the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognitions/Presentations

Proclamation Honoring the late Leo Clemmer

Director of Fire and EMS Brandon Mitchell read aloud the following proclamation:

**PROCLAMATION TO HONOR THE SERVICE AND DEDICATION OF OWEN LEO CLEMMER – VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AND
FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE SOUTH RIVER DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE-RESCUE.**

WHEREAS, Owen Leo Clemmer was born on August 07, 1931 in Rockbridge County and was a lifelong resident of Rockbridge County; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemmer was a member of Fairfield United Methodist Church for many years; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemmer was a founding member of the South River District Volunteer Fire-Rescue and served the community in this and various other roles; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemmer devoted 65 years of his life in service to the citizens of Rockbridge County; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemmer used his skills as a carpenter to enhance many areas of the community and the fire department and carnival; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemmer served the South River District Volunteer Fire-Rescue in many different administrative and operational positions; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemmer responded and operated fire and rescue apparatus on many incidents throughout Rockbridge County, and served on many notable responses; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemmer was an advocate for fire and rescue training, and helped pioneer the department's strong theology on solid and ongoing training; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemmer leaves a legacy of four generations of public service through his family; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemmer was a stellar example of a true service minded volunteer firefighter – always active and assisting in department fundraising or any opportunity for community outreach; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemmer was a good standing Rockbridge County citizen, who gave so much of himself to the community in service and compassion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge County, Virginia, that Owen Leo Clemmer be, and is hereby, recognized and honored by the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge County, Virginia for his monumental citizenship to our County and commendable membership to the South River Volunteer Fire District.

AND BE IT FURTHER KNOWN, that the Board of Supervisors expresses sincere appreciation to Owen Leo Clemmer's family for their roles and many services in our communities.

Adopted this 24th day of November, 2014.

John M. Higgins
Chairman, Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Spencer H. Suter
County Administrator/ Clerk to the Board

The proclamation was approved by consensus of the Board members present.

The Board of Supervisors then presented a framed proclamation to members of Mr. Clemmer's family as well as staff of the South River District Volunteer Fire-Rescue. A photo was taken of the family accepting the resolution.

Citizens Comments

Chairman Higgins called for citizens comments. There were none.

Items to be added to the Agenda

Chairman Higgins called for items to be added to the Agenda. There were none.

Approval of November 10, 2014 Minutes

Supervisor Ford moved to approve the November 10, 2014, Minutes as presented. Supervisor Campbell provided the second, and the Minutes were approved by the following roll call vote by the Board:

AYES: Ford, Campbell, Higgins
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Lewis, Hinty

Convene Solid Waste Authority

Chairman Higgins convened the Solid Waste Authority at 5:38 P.M.

Consideration of Precast Wall System Delivery and Installation Bid

Director of Finance Steven Bolster briefly reviewed the Agenda Item:

"On April 14, 2014, the Rockbridge County Solid Waste Authority (SWA) concurred with a staff request to continue progress on the development of a future landfill expansion to handle regional solid waste. Part of the concurrence involved moving forward with the necessary actions to begin construction on administrative offices at the Rockbridge County landfill located at 231 Landfill Road, Buena Vista, VA. In conjunction with the completion of the office design plans and associated permits, an Invitation for Bid (IFB) was developed for the purchase of precast exterior walls and installation per minimum specifications and plans. The SWA issued an IFB on October 29, 2014, with advertising running for two consecutive weeks. The IFB was also published on the County's website from October 29th through November 13th. One firm submitted a proposal by 2:00 PM EST on November 13th, in accordance with IFB # 2014-10-001. The evaluation committee members have confirmed the qualifications, experience, and ability of Superior Walls of Central Virginia to execute this project to the satisfaction of the SWA's planned budget cost and targeted completion schedule."

Supervisor Campbell moved to authorize the Solid Waste Authority's Clerk, Spencer Suter, to enter into negotiations on behalf of the SWA based on the Superior Walls of Central Virginia bid and to enter into an agreement if negotiations result in a contract which is satisfactory and advantageous to the SWA at a price considered fair and reasonable. Supervisor Ford provided the second, and the motion carried by the following roll call vote by the Board:

AYES: Campbell, Ford, Higgins
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Lewis, Hinty

Chairman Higgins closed the Solid Waste Authority at 5:40 P.M. and reconvened in the Board of Supervisors regular meeting.

Consideration of -Special Exception- Washington & Lee University- private school expansion in R-1 and A-T

Assistant Director of Community Development Chris Slaydon introduced this agenda item. He then introduced Tom Contos, Washington and Lee [W&L] University Planner.

Mr. Contos explained that changes had been made to the original proposal to address all of the Board's concerns on parking, traffic, and student safety.

Supervisor Ford asked John Hoogakker, W&L Executive Director of University Facilities, about the "BRTZ" lighting being proposed for students' safety.

Mr. Hoogakker explained that "BRTZ" in the W&L proposal was a typo, and that the university plans to use the *ERTZ* "blue light" emergency call box system.

Supervisor Campbell asked the Director of Community Development, Sam Crickenberger, if the Planning Commission is ok with what is now being presented.

Mr. Crickenberger responded yes.

Chairman Higgins stated that previously he had concerns about parking and commended Washington and Lee staff for addressing those concerns.

Supervisor Ford moved to adopt the Ordinance granting a Special Exception Permit to Washington & Lee University for a private school expansion, amending the acronym "BRTZ" in number four (4) of Exhibit A to "ERTZ". Supervisor Campbell provided the second, and the motion carried by the following roll call vote by the Board:

AYES: Ford, Campbell, Higgins
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Lewis, Hinty

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA,
HELD AT THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICES ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014

Ordinance to Grant a Special Exception Permit to Washington and Lee University For Expansion of Private School Facilities in the Agricultural Transitional District (A-T) and Residential General District (R-1) to Construct a Natatorium and Expand On-Campus Student Housing and Related Facilities on Property Located Off Denny Circle (Tax Map #61-A-46) in the Kerrs Creek Magisterial District

WHEREAS, Washington and Lee University, the applicant, is the owner of property located on both sides of Denny Circle, which intersects with West Midland Trail, identified upon the Rockbridge County Land Records as Tax Map #61-A-46 in the Kerrs Creek Magisterial District of Rockbridge County; and,

WHEREAS, the University has applied for a special exception permit to expand its school facilities, including a natatorium, on-campus student housing, and related school uses, on the subject property in the Agricultural Transitional District (A-T) and Residential General District (R-1) pursuant to Sections 603B.03-17 and 604.03-4 of the Rockbridge County Land Development Regulations; and,

WHEREAS, legal notice and advertisement has been provided in accordance with §15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) and in accordance with the Rockbridge County Land Development Regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter on October 8, 2014, and recommended approval with specified conditions to the Board of Supervisors; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has held a public hearing on this matter on October 27, 2014, with further consideration of this matter on November 24, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, after review of the application and all other documentation submitted by the applicant, the Planning Commission and the public, after due consideration to the presentations and comments at the public hearing hereon, and after evaluation of the factors set forth in §802.03-5 of the Rockbridge County Land Development Regulations, finds and determines that the proposed use, with the herein specified conditions, is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the policies of Rockbridge County and the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge County, Virginia, as follows:

1. That the Board finds that the granting of a special exception permit to Washington and Lee University to expand its school facilities, including a natatorium, on-campus student housing, and related university uses, on its property along Denny Circle, identified on the Rockbridge County Land Records as Tax Map #61-A-46 in the Kerrs Creek Magisterial District of Rockbridge County, located in the Agricultural Transitional District (A-T) and Residential General District (R-1) pursuant to Sections 603B.03-17 and 604.03-4 of the Rockbridge County Land Development Regulations, shown on the 'Schematic Site Plan – Overall – C200' dated August 15, 2014, (as modified by the 'Campus Map – Parking Diagram' dated November 24,

2014), the 'Future Site Plan – Housing – C701' dated October 7, 2014, prepared by Hanbury Evens Wright Vlattas Company, and the Natatorium 'Planting Plan – L0501' prepared by Cannon Design, copies of which are on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, is substantially in accord with the Comprehensive Plan of the County adopted pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2232 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) and said special exception permit is hereby approved with and subject to the conditions set out on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, contingent upon approval from Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Management, and the Rockbridge County Public Service Authority and/or the City of Lexington for water and sewer service.

2. That this ordinance shall be effective on the date of its adoption. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Adopted this 24th day of November, 2014.

Recorded Vote:

AYES: Ford, Campbell, Higgins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Lewis, Hinty

ABSTAIN: None

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Spencer H. Suter, Clerk

EXHIBIT A

**WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY
SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT CONDITIONS
FOR EXPANSION OF SCHOOL FACILITIES:**

(1) Substantial compliance with the 'Schematic Site Plan – Overall – C200' dated August 15, 2014, and the 'Campus Map – Parking Diagram' dated November 24, 2014, as explained through letter dated November 24, 2014, from John Hoogakker, Executive Director of University Facilities for the University.

(2) Substantial compliance with the 'Future Site Plan – Housing – C701' dated October 7, 2014, prepared by Hanbury Evens Wright Vlattas Company.

(3) Substantial compliance with Natatorium 'Planting Plan – L0501' prepared by Cannon Design.

(4) Property to be used solely for student housing and natatorium, with a maximum of 1,300 square feet of customer service area for food and/or retail sales owned and operated by the University, as shown on plans.

(5) Lighting in accordance with Section 1303 of the Rockbridge County Land Development Regulations with ERTZ communication devices installed along the walking paths between the new student housing and their associated parking areas.

Consideration of FYE2016 Funding Priorities

Director of Finance Steven Bolster briefly reviewed the Agenda Item: "We are beginning the FYE 2016 budget cycle with a call for budget estimates beginning on December 5, 2014. Part of the budget process includes the establishment and approval of funding priorities to guide the Board of Supervisors and budget-submitting organizations/departments during the development of the FYE 2016 budget. The Board's Finance Committee developed the draft funding priorities for FYE 2016. Below are items for your review. These reflect the external fiscal challenges which may impact our unencumbered reserves for current and future fiscal years.

- Automatic federal-spending caps related to the 2013 sequestration legislation will continue through 2021. Defense funding caps will increase by less than 1%, while nondefense funding cap will remain level in FYE 2015 and 2016.
- National economy is expected to grow by 3.0% in 2015, 2.9% in 2016, and 2.7% in 2017.¹
- General Assembly legislation passed on November 10th requires the reduction of aid to local governments by \$30M in FYE 2015. The Virginia Department of Planning and Budget released information on November 14th, detailing the reduction of Aid to Locality for FYE 2015. I will highlight the cuts impacting Rockbridge County on the next agenda item.
- No change in funding Line of Duty Act requirement; it remains the responsibility of localities.
- Expenditures for VRS Hybrid Plan employees' short- and long-term disability coverage are expected as the workforce changes.

Fiscal challenges we face internal to our locality include:

- Construction of "piggyback" lined landfill (\$145-150M over 40-46 years)
- Adjustment of landfill tipping fees (to ~\$52 per ton)
- Radio system upgrade (Approximately \$7M)
- Modification of fire and EMS delivery system (\$400K+ per annum)
- First stage of reassessment effort (\$232K)

- Overall School Division debt service increases by \$416K+ per annum, continuing at that level through 2022
- Annual Comprehensive Services Act expenditures could exceed budget by ~\$100-200K to meet needs of connected programs

It is anticipated that localities will continue to absorb costs related to the shift in funding of basic and mandated services down to the local level. To assist the Board with passing a balanced budget, the draft funding priorities for FYE 2016 have been developed so that all concerned are aware that we must take a critical view at their funding requests and then make difficult decisions on which budget submissions can be supported ."

Mr. Bolster then reviewed comments he had received from Supervisor Lewis and recommended amending number four (4) of the priorities to state the following: "The Board shall include an emphasis on maintaining existing and potential or planned county infrastructure. It will also sustain a quality county workforce via a compensation plan that is competitive and rewards exemplary performance."

Supervisor Ford moved to approve the FYE 2016 funding priorities, as amended. Supervisor Campbell provided the second, and the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Ford, Campbell, Higgins
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Lewis, Hinty

Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors

Funding Priorities for FYE 2016 Budget

The Board of Supervisors recognizes our citizens will continue to face financial challenges associated with a moderately growing economy. At the national level, the 2013 automatic federal spending cuts related to sequestration legislation may result in less funding for grants and reimbursement programs for several years into the future. In addition, the announcement that state revenues will fall short of projections by 2.4 billion dollars over the next three years was released in August 2014. Recent history reflects that both federal and state funding cuts will shift the fiscal support of basic and mandated requirements - such as education, health and human services, public safety, and general government, down to localities. Furthermore, local revenues are projected to realize only modest growth in the upcoming fiscal years. Considering each of these factors, the Board will make every effort to limit overall expenditures, modifying services as necessary to pass a balanced budget.

The Board will take a critical look at all funding requests and make the difficult decisions needed in order to pass a balanced budget that fully supports mandated and core programs and services. The Board and county staff will adhere to our mission, vision and values statements, which will drive strategic plans and future funding decisions. As a result, the Board remains committed to public safety and public works expenditures as part of a multi-year improvement effort.

To meet our goals, the Board establishes the following funding priorities for FYE 2016:

1. The Board has a legal and/or moral obligation to fund debt payments, federal and state mandates, and existing contracts. Funding for these requirements will be included in the budget.
2. The Board will strive to support services that provide a critical "safety net" for citizens in need due to circumstances beyond their control. Service agencies must pursue opportunities to enhance efficiencies or leverage current capabilities to optimize the delivery of these vital services.
3. Funding for public education, fire and EMS services, solid waste management, emergency communications (911), and economic development initiatives remain key objectives. Some programs may realize increased funding compared to prior years.
4. The Board shall include an emphasis on maintaining existing and potential or planned county infrastructure. It will also sustain a quality county workforce via a compensation plan that is competitive and rewards exemplary performance.

In addition to the above stated funding priorities, the Board outlines the following directives to guide organizations requesting funding support in FYE 2016:

Organizations funded by contractual formula, mandates, or other agreements shall provide evidence of efficiency and economic measures to reduce the county's share. Only those programs specifically approved by agreements shall be included in the activity's funding request. Documentation showing program requirements and associated costs shall be included in budget submissions. Other agencies which have traditionally been supported by the county must provide detailed justification for funding requests. Those organizations which clearly demonstrate value, efficiency of operations, and a demonstrated effort to secure non-county funds will receive priority consideration. All budget submissions shall contain revenue projections from all sources for the prior and current year as well as expected revenues in FYE 2016. No organization should expect the Board to make up revenue

lost from any other source.

Adopted this 24th day of November, 2014.

RECORDED VOTE:

AYES: Ford, Campbell, Higgins

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Hinty, Lewis

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Spencer H. Suter, Clerk

Update on FYE 2015 State Aid to Localities

Mr. Bolster briefly reviewed the Agenda Item: "In August 2014, Governor Terry McAuliffe announced that the Commonwealth of Virginia is projecting a three-year budget shortfall of 2.4 billion dollars. As part of a multi-pronged effort to close this gap, the General Assembly passed legislation on November 14, requiring the reduction of state aid to local governments by 30 million dollars in FYE 2015 [the current fiscal year]. On November 14th, the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget released an online spreadsheet listing the programs affected by revenue cuts from the state, including the amounts to be trimmed from each program. (<http://dpb.virginia.gov>). The list of programs and their reductions is

attached (see Official Certification Form - Rockbridge County). The state cuts identified for Rockbridge County come to \$63,287. Projected reductions directly impacting the County's General Fund equal \$23,951. The majority of these cuts (\$19,583) come in the area of Constitutional Officer and the Election/Registrar functions. The remaining \$4,368 results from reductions in the distribution of Rolling Stock and Recordation taxes. The Comprehensive Services Act Pool Fund (Fund 31) will see a state reimbursement reduction for the Child and Youth Services programs in the amount of \$38,892. Administration will work with the Director of the Rockbridge Area Department of Social Services, to monitor the potential necessity for the County to provide additional funding support in the months ahead. In addition, state funding support for Community-based Alternative Treatment Services programs tied to the Juvenile Probation Office will see a cut of \$444. This funding goes directly to the City of Lexington (fiscal agent) on behalf of the County. In addition, the Rockbridge Regional Jail will realize state reimbursement reductions totaling \$50,200 in FYE 2015. As a result, this revenue shortfall from the state may result in higher cost-share expenditures paid by the regional partners. Administration will continue to track the County's cost-share expenses as the year progresses in preparation for the potential need for further budget authority from the Board to support the Jail Fund (Fund 80). State reductions of aid-to-localities will continue into FYE 2016. These expected cuts will be reflected in the upcoming budget cycle."

Chairman Higgins suggested that the Board send the State a check for the shortfall and ask the State to reimburse the County for those funds to

show that the State is not providing to localities as they should be. Mr. Suter noted that, while he fully understood the intent of cutting a check to the Commonwealth, he was concerned about the additional workload this might create on staff. He asked that the Board consider allowing staff to take the option of simply requesting that the State underfund the targeted lines. After a brief discussion, the Board gave its consensus for the County Administrator to complete and submit, no later than January 1, 2015, the required certification form which communicates Rockbridge County's decision to designate that the reductions be withheld from the aid-to-locality payments for targeted programs.

Public Hearings

Special Exception- Feed Store Café- country store in A-T

Mr. Slaydon briefly reviewed the Agenda Item: "Scott and Kelly Mangione have applied for a special exception permit per Section 603B.03-1 of the Land Development Regulations to reopen the former Turpin's Country Store as the Feed Store Café. This is the old store located off of Thornhill near the Moose Lodge. They expect to run it like the West Midland Trail Market [former Kelly's Corner] that was approved a few years ago. The subject property is connected to public water but will have to utilize a drainfield for sewage disposal, as the PSA has a force main sewer line in this area which cannot accept a single line connection."

Mr. Slaydon then introduced Kelly Mangione.

Ms. Mangione expressed her excitement at starting up a new business in the county. She explained that she and her husband had just recently moved to Rockbridge County and loved it so much that they wished to open a business and stay.

Chairman Higgins opened the public hearing at 6:09 P.M. There were no comments. Chairman Higgins closed the public hearing.

Chairman Higgins then shared his support of the new business.

Supervisor Campbell moved to adopt the ordinance granting a Special Exception Permit for Feed Store Café. Supervisor Ford provided the second, and the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Campbell, Ford, Higgins
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Lewis, Hinty

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY,
VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICES ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014

Ordinance to Grant a Special Exception Permit for Scott and Kelly Mangione to Operate a Country Store as the Feed Store Café on a 2.257-Acre Parcel of Land (Tax Map No. 74-6-1B) Owned By Timothy M. & Ann L. Sullivan, Formerly Known as Turpin's Country Store, in the Agricultural Transitional (A-T) Zoning District, Located on the East Side of Thornhill Road Approximately .9 Mile South of Its Intersection With Country Club Road in the Buffalo Magisterial District

WHEREAS, Timothy M. Sullivan and Ann L. Sullivan are the owners of a parcel of land, consisting of 2.257 acres, located on the east side of Thornhill Road (Route 251) in the Agricultural Transitional (A-T) District, Buffalo Magisterial District of Rockbridge County, Virginia, identified as "New Tax Parcel 074000060000001B" on a 'Single Lot Subdivision Survey for Timothy M. Sullivan and Ann L. Sullivan', surveyed January 11, 2014, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Rockbridge County in Plat Cabinet 4, Slide 657; and,

WHEREAS, Scott and Kelly Mangione have filed an application for a special exception permit, pursuant to Section 603B.03-1 of the Rockbridge County Land Development Regulations, to reopen the former Turpin's Country Store as the Feed Store Café, to be operated as a country store and deli in the two-story structure on the above-described property; and,

WHEREAS, legal notice and advertisement has been provided as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, following a public hearing, reviewed this application on November 12, 2014, and recommended approval conditioned upon final Health Department approval; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge County, Virginia, held a public hearing on this matter on November 24, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has given due consideration to the factors set forth in Section 802.03 of the Rockbridge County Land Regulations, for issuance of a special exception permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge County, Virginia, as follows:

1. That the Board of Supervisors finds that the granting of a special exception permit to Scott and Kelly Mangione to operate a country store and deli (the Feed Store Café) in the two-story existing structure on the 2.257-acre parcel of land, owned by Timothy M. Sullivan and Ann L. Sullivan, located on the east side of Thornhill Road (Route 251) in the Agricultural Transitional (A-T) District, identified on the Rockbridge County Land Records as Tax Map #74-6-1B, in the Buffalo Magisterial District of Rockbridge County, is substantially in accord with the Comprehensive Plan of the County adopted pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2232 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended), and said special exception permit is hereby granted and approved, contingent on final Health Department approval.

2. That this ordinance shall be effective on and from the date of its adoption. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall be, and the same hereby are, repealed.

Adopted this ____ day of November, 2014.

Recorded Vote:

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Spencer H. Suter, Clerk

Special Exception- Rockbridge County Sheriff's Office- outdoor shooting range in A-2

Mr. Slaydon briefly reviewed the Agenda Item: "The Sheriff's Office has been required to re-apply for a special exception permit to develop an outdoor shooting range in the Agricultural and General Uses District (A-2) per Section 603.03-19 of the Land Development Regulations. The landfill location approved this past January is being relocated further to the west to avoid conflicts with future landfill operations which we were not aware of at the time."

Chairman Higgins opened the public hearing at 6:11 P.M. There were no comments. Chairman Higgins closed the public hearing.

Supervisor Campbell moved to adopt the ordinance granting an Amended Special Exception Permit for the Outdoor Shooting Range. Supervisor Ford

provided the second and the motion carried by the following roll call

vote:

AYES: Campbell, Ford, Higgins

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Lewis, Hinty

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA,
HELD AT THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICES ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014

**ORDINANCE GRANTING AN AMENDED SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT TO THE
ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO DEVELOP AN OUTDOOR SHOOTING
RANGE IN THE AGRICULTURAL AND GENERAL USES DISTRICT (A-2) LOCATED AT THE
ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY LANDFILL AT THE END OF LANDFILL ROAD (TAX MAP # 77-A-
15 AND 77-A-16) IN THE SOUTH RIVER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2014, the Board of Supervisors adopted an Ordinance to grant a special exception permit to the Rockbridge County Sheriff's Office to develop an outdoor shooting range in the Agricultural and General Uses District (A-2) located at the Rockbridge County Landfill at the end of Landfill Road (Tax Map # 77-A-15 and 77-A-16), owned by the Rockbridge County Solid Waste Authority, in the South River Magisterial District of Rockbridge County; and,

WHEREAS, revised plans for the Landfill Expansion project have necessitated relocation of the shooting range on the Solid Waste Authority property; and,

WHEREAS, the Rockbridge County Sheriff's Office has applied for an amended special exception permit to develop the outdoor shooting range and training facility; and,

WHEREAS, the Rockbridge County Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter on November 12, 2014, and recommended approval of the amended application for use by law enforcement personnel of the Rockbridge County Sheriff's Office and the Rockbridge Regional Jail, and potential future use by law enforcement personnel with the City of Lexington and/or the City of Buena Vista, subject to the conditions that there be substantial compliance with the Site Plan and that the outdoor shooting range not be open for use by the general public; and,

WHEREAS, legal notice has been provided in accordance with Va. Code §15.2-2204 and in accordance with the Rockbridge County Land Development Regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has held a public hearing on this matter on November 24, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has given due consideration to the factors set forth in Section 802.03-5 of the Rockbridge County Land Regulations, for issuance of a special exception permit and finds that, with the specified conditions, the proposed use is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the policies of Rockbridge County and the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge County, Virginia, as follows:

1. That the Board finds that the granting of an amended special exception permit to the Rockbridge County Sheriff's Office to develop and operate an outdoor shooting range for law enforcement personnel in the Sheriff's Office and the Rockbridge Regional Jail, with potential future use by law enforcement personnel with the City of Lexington and/or the City of Buena Vista, in the Agricultural and General Uses District (A-2) located at the Rockbridge County Landfill at the end of Landfill Road (Tax Map # 77-A-15 and 77-A-16) in the South River Magisterial District of Rockbridge County, is substantially in accord with the Comprehensive Plan of the County adopted pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2232 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended), and said special exception permit is hereby approved subject to the following conditions:

(a) That the relocated shooting range shall be developed in substantial compliance with the Site Plan, entitled 'Preliminary Site Layout Plan and Special Exception Plan' dated October 18, 2014, and on file in the Rockbridge County Community Development Department.

(b) That the outdoor shooting range shall not be open for use by the general public.

2. That this ordinance shall be effective on the date of its adoption. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed. Specifically, this Ordinance shall supersede and replace the previous Ordinance for a special exception permit to develop an outdoor shooting range adopted on January 13, 2014.

Adopted this _____ day of November, 2014.

Recorded Vote:

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Spencer H. Suter, Clerk

Special Exception- Virginia Safari Park- parking lot expansion in B-1

Mr. Slaydon briefly reviewed the Agenda Item: "The Virginia Safari Park has applied for a special exception permit per Section 605.03-19 of the Land Development Regulations to construct a parking lot in the General Business District (B-1) to accommodate increased visitation to the park. The park was originally permitted May 24, 1999 and competes with the Natural Bridge as the most visited attraction in the County. This new parking lot and a future expanded lot to be built in similar fashion were not a part of the original plan."

Mr. Slaydon introduced the applicant Janet Mogensen, and Russ Orrison of Perkins and Orrison.

Chairman Higgins opened the public hearing at 6:12 P.M. There were no comments. Chairman Higgins closed the public hearing.

Supervisor Higgins expressed his thanks to the owners of the Virginia Safari Park in bringing so much business to the southern end of the County. Supervisor Ford moved to adopt the ordinance to grant a Special Exception Permit to expand parking at the Virginia Safari Park. Supervisor Campbell provided the second, and the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Ford, Campbell, Higgins
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Lewis, Hinty

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY,
VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICES ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014

Ordinance to Grant a Special Exception Permit to Eric C. Mogensen and Janet M. Mogensen for Expansion of the Virginia Safari Park to Add Immediate and Future Parking for Tourists and Visitors in the General Business District (B-1) on Property Located at the End of Safari Lane Near the Fancy Hill I81 Interchange (Portions of Tax Map #96-10-1, #96-10-2 and #96-A-24) in the Buffalo Magisterial District

WHEREAS, Eric C. Mogensen and Janet M. Mogensen are the owners and operators of The Virginia Safari Park, on their property located at the end of Safari Lane, approximately .2 mile south of Oak Bank Lane at the Fancy Hill I81 Interchange in the Buffalo Magisterial District of Rockbridge County; and,

WHEREAS, on May 24, 1999, the Board of Supervisors approved a special exception permit for the zoological garden on the property identified as Tax Map #96-A-17 in the Agricultural and General Uses District (A-2); and,

WHEREAS, the Mogensens have filed for a special exception permit, pursuant to Section 605.03-19 of the Rockbridge County Land Development Regulations, to expand the Park with addition of immediate and future parking areas on portions of adjoining properties identified as portions of Tax Map #96-10-1, #96-10-2 and #96-10-24 in the General Business District (B-1); and,

WHEREAS, legal notice and advertisement has been provided in accordance with §15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) and in accordance with the Rockbridge County Land Development Regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter on November 12, 2014, and recommended approval with specified conditions to the Board of Supervisors; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has held a public hearing on this matter on November 24, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, after review of the application and all other documentation submitted by the applicant, the Planning Commission and the public, after due consideration to the presentations and comments at the public hearing hereon, and after evaluation of the factors set forth in §802.03-5 of the Rockbridge County Land Development Regulations, finds and determines that the proposed use, with the herein specified conditions, is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the policies of Rockbridge County and the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge County, Virginia, as follows:

1. That the Board finds that the granting of a special exception permit, pursuant to Section 605.03-19 of the Rockbridge County Land Development Regulations, to Eric C. Mogensen and Janet M. Mogensen to expand the Virginia Safari Park with addition of immediate and future parking areas on portions of adjoining properties identified as Tax Map #96-10-1, #96-10-2 and #96-10-24 at the end of Safari Lane in the Buffalo Magisterial District of Rockbridge County, located in the General Business District (B-1), shown on the 'Concept Plan' dated September 26, 2014, prepared by Perkins and Orrison, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, is substantially in accord with the Comprehensive Plan of the County adopted pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2232 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) and said special exception permit is hereby approved with and subject to the condition of substantial compliance with said Concept Plan, incorporated herein by reference, and contingent upon final Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Management approval.

2. That this ordinance shall be effective on the date of its adoption. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed; provided, however, that this Ordinance shall not supersede, but shall be supplemental to, the special exception permit for the zoological park on the property identified as Tax Map #96-A-17 in the Agricultural and General Uses District (A-2), granted to the Mogensens on May 24, 1999.

Adopted this ____ day of November, 2014.

Recorded Vote:

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Spencer H. Suter, Clerk

Zoning Ordinance Amendment- Washington & Lee University- rezone from R-1 to A-T

Mr. Slaydon Briefly reviewed the Agenda Item: "W&L has applied to rezone 21 acres of the former Warner property, which totals 68.9 acres, from Residential General District (R-1) to Agricultural Transitional District (A-T), in order to enhance the conservation value of the property and in order to apply for a special exception permit to develop a solar field for power generation on a portion of the property per Section 603B.03-14 of the Land Development Regulations. This property is also

under a conservation easement held by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF) which has determined that the development of the solar array, as planned, is considered a "qualifying agricultural activity" and consistent with the terms of the easement. See letter enclosed. Essentially, sheep would be allowed to graze under the solar panels to keep that area maintained and, in turn, the sheep will benefit from the shade provided. The solar array will create one megawatt of power which is estimated to be the power requirement of the just-approved new housing; it will be connected to the new housing by an underground and above ground transmission line. Section 58.1-3660 of the Code of Virginia exempts solar arrays that generate 20 megawatts or less from local machinery and tools or personal property tax, as an incentive to development. We were contacted by residents from Buckland Subdivision, just west of the project off of Midland Trail, who were concerned about viewshed issues. After visiting the site and observing the area from Buckland Subdivision, staff has determined that a couple of homeowners will see a portion of the array, as it is sited in a saddle area behind the former Warner home. The panels are non-reflective, and the land owners do not have any objection to the project."

Mr. Slaydon then introduced Tom Contos to answer Board questions.

Supervisor Campbell asked if the proposed property is under a conservation easement.

Mr. Contos replied, "Yes."

Chairman Higgins opened the public hearing at 6:15 P.M. There were no comments. Chairman Higgins closed the public hearing.

Supervisor Ford mentioned that some of the landowners surrounding the proposed land had met and shared their concerns about this project. He asked Mr. Crickenberger to elaborate.

Mr. Crickenberger stated that those individuals now share their support of the project.

Supervisor Ford moved to adopt the ordinance to rezone the proposed land for this project.

Supervisor Campbell stated that he could not support this rezoning because it would be depriving future generations of the use of the land due to it being under a conservation easement.

Chairman Higgins then called for additional comments from staff of the public on this matter.

Hugh Stoll with Secured Futures, LLC. in Staunton, Virginia, spoke in support of the project. He noted that the developers of this project went through an extensive process with the Virginia Outdoor Foundation and that the project has their blessing.

Chairman Higgins then closed all additional public comments.

Supervisor Ford's motion to adopt the ordinance to rezone the proposed land for this project still stood on the floor for a second. A second was provided by Supervisor Campbell, and the ordinance was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Ford, Higgins
NAYES: Campbell,
ABSENT: Lewis, Hinty

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY,
VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICES ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014

Ordinance to Change the Zoning Classification of a 21-acre Portion of a 68.9 Tract of Land (Tax Map #61-A-44) Owned by Washington and Lee University, from Residential General District (R-1) to Agricultural Transitional District (A-T) Located off of West Midland Trail in the Kerrs Creek Magisterial District of Rockbridge County

WHEREAS, Washington and Lee University is the owner of a tract of land, consisting of 68.9 acres, more or less, located off of West Midland Trail, approximately .25 miles west of its intersection with West Denny Circle in the Kerrs Creek Magisterial District of Rockbridge County, Virginia, and identified upon the Rockbridge County Land Records as Tax Map #61-A-44; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 21 acres of said tract is currently zoned Residential General (R-1), with the balance being zoned Agricultural Transitional, and the entire property is subject to a conservation easement held by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the University has applied for rezoning of the 21-acre portion of the subject property from Residential General District (R-1) to Agricultural Transitional District (A-T) to enhance the conservation value of the property; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter on November 12, 2014, and recommended approval of the application to the Board; and,

WHEREAS, legal notice has been provided in accordance with §15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) and in accordance with the Rockbridge County Land Development Regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has held a public hearing on this matter on November 24, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined that the rezoning of the property would generally promote the health, safety and general welfare of the public, and that it accomplishes one or more of the objectives set forth in §15.2-2200 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended), and serves one or more of the purposes set forth in §15.2-2283 of the Code of Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge County, Virginia, as follows:

1. That the zoning classification of a 21-acre portion of a 68.9-acre tract of land (Tax Map #61-A-44) owned by Washington and Lee University, located off of West Midland Trail, approximately .25 miles west of its intersection with West Denny Circle in the Kerrs Creek Magisterial District of Rockbridge County, Virginia, is hereby changed from Residential General District (R-1) to Agricultural Transitional District (A-T).

2. That this action is taken upon the application of the property owner, Washington and Lee University.

3. That this ordinance shall be effective on the date of its adoption. All ordinances or parts of ordinance in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed. The Zoning Administrator is directed to amend the zoning district map to reflect the change in zoning classification authorized by this ordinance.

Adopted this ____ day of November, 2014.

Recorded Vote:

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Spencer H. Suter, Clerk

Special Exception - Washington & Lee University - solar field in A-T

Mr. Slaydon explained that the Planning Commission had recommended approval with the following conditions:

(1) Under no circumstance may the topography of the Property be significantly altered to serve the solar array structure or supporting facilities.

(2) Expansion of the solar array may not occur without further VOF review.

(3) The area below the solar array must remain available for agricultural use during the entire lifecycle of the solar array.

(4) Once the solar array has been decommissioned, the Property shall be reclaimed to pre-array conditions.

Chairman Higgins asked Mr. Contos what the life expectance of this project is.

Mr. Contos replied that the life span of the panels is up to 40 years, and that many of the details of this project have not been fully worked out just yet. He stated that he wished to seek the Board of Supervisors approval on this project before moving forward.

Supervisor Ford stated that, once before, Washington and Lee University had asked about approval by the Board for a similar project, but the County could not support the request to grant a tax exemption to a third party developer. He then noted that State code now allows for this type of project to be tax exempt.

Chairman Higgins opened the public hearing at 6:28 P.M. There were no comments. Chairman Higgins closed the public hearing.

Supervisor Ford moved to adopt the ordinance granting a Special Exception Permit to Washington and Lee University to construct a solar field in A-T, Tax Map #61-A-44. Supervisor Campbell provided the second, and the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Ford, Higgins
NAYES: Campbell,
ABSENT: Lewis, Hinty

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY,
VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICES ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014

Ordinance to Grant a Special Exception Permit to Washington and Lee University For Development of a Solar Field for Power Generation in the Agricultural Transitional District (A-T) on Property Identified as Tax Map #61-A-44 Located Off West Midland Trail in the Kerrs Creek Magisterial District

WHEREAS, Washington and Lee University, the applicant, is the owner of a tract of land, consisting of 68.9 acres, more or less, located off of West Midland Trail, approximately .25 miles west of its intersection with West Denny Circle in the Kerrs Creek Magisterial District of Rockbridge County, Virginia, and identified upon the Rockbridge County Land Records as Tax Map #61-A-44; and,

WHEREAS, the University has applied for a special exception permit to develop a solar field for power generation on the subject property in the Agricultural Transitional District (A-T), pursuant to Section 603B.03-14 of the Land Development Regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the 68.9-acre tract of land is also subject to a conservation easement held by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation; and,

WHEREAS, legal notice has been provided in accordance with §15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) and in accordance with the Rockbridge County Land Development Regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter on November 12, 2014, and recommended approval with specified conditions to the Board of Supervisors; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has held a public hearing on this matter on November 24, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, after review of the application and all other documentation submitted by the applicant, the Planning Commission and the public, after due consideration to the presentations and comments at the public hearing hereon, and after evaluation of the factors set forth in §802.03-5 of the Rockbridge County Land Development Regulations, finds and determines that the proposed use, with the herein specified conditions, is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the policies of Rockbridge County and the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge County, Virginia, as follows:

1. That the Board finds that the granting of a special exception permit to Washington and Lee University to develop a solar field for power generation in the Agricultural Transitional District (A-T), pursuant to Section 603B.03-14 of the Land Development Regulations, on its property consisting of 68.9 acres, more or less, located off of West Midland Trail, approximately .25 miles west of its intersection with West Denny Circle in the Kerrs Creek Magisterial District of Rockbridge County, Virginia, and identified upon the Rockbridge County Land Records as Tax Map #61-A-44, as shown on the "Prospective Solar Array Location Plan for the Washington and Lee Farm Property", is substantially in accord with the Comprehensive Plan of the County adopted pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2232 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended), and the special exception permit is hereby approved with and subject to the following conditions:

(a) Substantial compliance with the "Prospective Solar Array Location Plan for the Washington and Lee Farm Property" a copy of which is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.

(b) Compliance with the conditions of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, as set forth in letter dated November 12, 2014, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.

2. That this ordinance shall be effective on the date of its adoption. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Adopted this ____ day of November, 2014.

Recorded Vote:

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: _____

Chairman

Attest: _____

Spencer H. Suter, Clerk

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY

SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT

CONDITIONS OF THE VIRGINIA OUTDOORS FOUNDATION

AS SET FORTH IN A LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 12, 2014

**SOLAR FIELD FOR POWER GENERATION IN THE AGRICULTURAL TRANSITIONAL DISTRICT (A-T)
TAX MAP #61-A-44**

- (1) Under no circumstance may the topography of the Property be significantly altered to serve the solar array structure or supporting facilities.
- (2) Expansion of the solar array may not occur without further VOF review.
- (3) The area below the solar array must remain available for agricultural use during the entire lifecycle of the solar array.
- (4) Once the solar array has been decommissioned, the Property should be reclaimed to pre-array conditions.

Consideration of Ambulance Transport Service Contract

County Administrator Spencer Suter briefly reviewed the Agenda Item: "In August, the Board approved staff rankings of Contracted EMS Service proposals. To recap, this year's budget deliberations included consideration for implementation of paid ambulance services in the County. After a great deal of study, it was determined that the optimum method of initial delivery of this service is via a contracted ambulance service, similar to the model that the City of Lexington employed for several years. A draft plan was submitted to the Fire and Rescue Commission this spring. The Fire and Rescue Commission subsequently recommended that the plan be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. Then Director of Fire and EMS Craig Bryant presented the plan to the Board in an April 28 work session, and funding was approved via adoption of the FY14-15 Budget. Funding amounts dedicated to this service totaled \$400,000 - with \$300,000 coming from the general fund and \$100,000 from

EMS cost recovery funds. As directed by the Board in the April 28 meeting, we returned to the Board at its regular June 23 meeting with a Request for Proposals for consideration. The RFP requested staffing of two EMS units, 12 hours a day, 5 days a week. While the RFP noted that staffing would initially be housed in Glasgow and Fairfield for purposes of answering calls wherever service is needed in the County, it left open the option for mobility as may be required in the future. With subsequent Board approval, the RFP was advertised and, following a mandatory pre-proposal meeting on July 8th, three proposals were received. A selection advisory committee consisting of the County Administrator, Director of Fiscal Services, Glasgow VRS Captain Robert Hickman, and Fairfield VRS Chief Steve Reese reviewed the proposals and conducted interviews with the three vendors. Given its combination of directly applicable experience, team of management staff and project approach, LifeCare Medical Transports, Inc., was deemed the top ranked proposer. Subsequent to Board approval, negotiations with LifeCare included direct input from the foretasted selection advisory committee, as well as new Director of Fire and EMS Brandon Mitchell. The resultant draft contract is attached. Please note that at \$351,665, the cost - which includes a 7% overtime cushion - is below the initial budget estimate of \$400,000. Should the Board approve the contract, it is anticipated that an expedited implementation will occur. The target would be a mid-January start date. Dates on the attached contract will be filled in when a firm start date is identified."

Mr. Suter noted that County Attorney Vickie Huffman had pointed out that the Board would need to adopt a resolution permitting LifeCare Medical Transports, Inc. to operate as an EMS agency in the County. He

noted that this is an action which could occur in the future, prior to LifeCare's commencing work under the agreement. He also stated that there was still a disagreement over the amount of liability insurance which LifeCare would need to carry, noting that LifeCare's policy provided lower coverage limits than the County had originally requested. Stating that the increased coverage costs would ultimately be passed on to the County, he asked for flexibility in negotiating an additional expenditure, should this be required.

Supervisor Ford moved to authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute the contract with LifeCare Medical Transports, with flexibility to negotiate contract costs pertaining to insurance, and to instruct the County Administrator to implement the program. Supervisor Campbell provided the second, and the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Ford, Campbell, Higgins
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Lewis, Hinty

Update on Strategic Priorities Review

Mr. Suter briefly reviewed the Agenda Item: "Approximately 18 months ago, the Board conducted a retreat to develop Mission, Vision and Values Statements, as well as strategic priorities (attached), facilitated by Mr. Jerry Burgess. At that time, the Board resolved to revisit the strategic priorities with Mr. Burgess at some point in the future, to gauge progress and potentially discuss new initiatives, with a focus on economic

development. At the Board's last regular meeting on November 10th, I was instructed to contact Mr. Burgess to ascertain his interest in a further, facilitated conversation. I did so, and he is willing to engage with the Board for these purposes. In our initial discussion, we agreed that the recommend course of action would be first to review the strategic priorities individually, assess progress in each area and, if the Board agrees, identify new relative targets. Next, we would discuss economic development generally, gradually drilling down to specific courses of action needed to meet defined objectives. I envision the same type of forum - a ½ to full day retreat (held locally - likely in the Regional Courthouse). The resultant product(s) would be driven by the conversation but would likely include, at minimum, a defined incentive guideline for new or expanding businesses."

The Board members present gave consensus to instruct the County Administrator to work with Mr. Burgess on an agenda and schedule for the retreat.

Adjourn

By consensus of the Board members present, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.