

Range of Checking Accts: 100GENERAL to 100GENERAL Range of Check Dates: 06/28/22 to 07/14/22  
Report Type: All Checks Report Format: Super Condensed Check Type: Computer: Y Manual: Y Dir Deposit: Y

check #	check date	vendor	Amount Paid	Reconciled/Void	Ref Num
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210102	06/30/22	ANTH0015 Anthem - Dental	555.96		1500
210103	06/30/22	BOSTO005 Boston Mutual Life Ins Co	25.87		1500
210104	06/30/22	DSSFL005 DSS FLOWER FUND	61.80		1500
210105	06/30/22	GRAY0105 Grayson Co Treasurer's Office	15.00		1500
210106	06/30/22	GRAY0105 Grayson Co Treasurer's Office	23.55		1500
210107	06/30/22	MINNE005 Minnesota Life	137.03		1500
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210109	06/30/22	SKYLI005 DSS Christmas Club	980.00		1500
210110	06/30/22	UNIT0010 United Way SOUTHWEST, VA.	10.75		1500
210111	06/30/22	VAAS0015 VACORP	124.17		1500
210112	06/30/22	VACU0005 VA CREDIT UNION, INC	266.30		1500
210113	06/30/22	WASHI010 WASHINGTON NATIONAL	56.41		1500
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210115	06/30/22	AMER0010 American Heritage Life Ins Co	73.77		1501
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210125	06/30/22	VAAS0015 VACORP	556.00		1501
210126	06/30/22	ANTH0010 Anthem - Health	311.37		1502
210127	06/30/22	ANTH0015 Anthem - Dental	31.17		1502
210128	06/30/22	SUNT0010 Truist	25,000.00		1503
210129	06/30/22	CENTU005 Century Link	839.98		1504
210130	06/30/22	DEBRA045 Sustainable Results	2,220.00		1504
210131	06/30/22	HEALT005 Health Equity	11.45		1504
210132	06/30/22	JOHNH020 John Haynes DBA Haynes Informa	2,613.05		1504
210133	06/30/22	LEONA005 Leonard's Copy Systems, Inc	349.00		1504
210134	06/30/22	SHEEH005 Sheehy Ford Of Richmond, Inc.	35,943.00		1504
210135	06/30/22	STOPS005 Stop stick, Ltd.	245.00		1504
210136	06/30/22	SUNT0010 Truist	10,468.16		1504
210137	06/30/22	TACS Taxing Authority consulting	5,539.60		1504
210138	06/30/22	USCELO05 us cellular	92.32		1504
210139	06/30/22	GRAY0055 Grayson Co School Board	6,835.49		1506
210140	06/30/22	GRAY0060 Grayson Co Sheriff's office	599.87	06/30/22	1506
210141	07/05/22	VAAS0015 VACORP	19.04		1515

Checking Account Totals	Paid	Void	Amount Paid	Amount Void
Checks:	43	0	162,541.68	0.00
Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
Total:	43	0	162,541.68	0.00

100GENERAL Report Totals	Paid	Void	Amount Paid	Amount Void
Checks:	43	0	162,541.68	0.00
Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
Total:	43	0	162,541.68	0.00

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Grayson County Board of Supervisors  
Regular Meeting  
July 14, 2022

Members attending in person: Michael S. Hash, Kenneth R. Belton, and R. Brantley Ivey. Tracy A. Anderson attended by teleconference/zoom. John S. Fant was out of town and unable to attend.

Staff attending in person: William L. Shepley, Mitchell L. Smith and Linda C. Osborne

IN RE: OPENING BUSINESS

Supervisor Belton made the motion to amend the agenda for old business and add update on abandonment of Greenhouse Road and Sweetwater Road; duly seconded by Supervisor Ivey. Motion carried 4-0.

IN RE: PRESENTATIONS OR REQUESTS

Mr. Keith Andrews – Clean River Month – August, gave the following update:

- Thanked the Board for issuing the Proclamation in making August “Clean River Month”
- Strive to protect the NEW and keep it clean
- Need next generation involved
- The Board made 5 commitments: work with organizations, develop programs to be better educated, develop overall communication and involvement program, encourage property owners along to river to help, and provide promotional materials
- Had 6 cleanups with 68 participants; 7 groups, 4 vendors and 231 tires were collected along with lots of other debris
- 7 participants helped clean Little River
- New River Campground helped distribute bags and river users are already asking for bags so they can collect debris
- Important to have a debrief at the end and use all types of communication to promote
- Recognize groups participating and issue certificates
- Working on a notice going out with all the tax tickets in order to reach all landowners
- Oak Hill Academy participates well but having trouble getting Galax Schools and Grayson Schools involved – Oak Hill Academy had a river cleanup on July 9
- Several folks participated in the New River Conservancy Symposium

- DWR – put on a clinic with hands on regarding fish in the NEW and fish stocking at the club along with going over the importance of water quality
- Approval from DWLR to put up 2 bags stands where weekenders have access to the bags – if it works well then will see about getting stands placed at all boat access places
- Blue Ridge Discovery Center just completed their weeklong expedition where they take several kids on the river for 4 days and collected debris
- Legends of Grayson will do a cleanup at the Falls in September
- The month of August each weekend a cleanup will take place and would like to challenge everyone to get involved and participate
- Recommends: Debrief in September; work session on how to improve things with new county leader; get Parks and Recreation involved; Giles County has offered to come visit and discuss what they've done

Supervisor Hash asked Mr. Andrews to send schedule of river cleanups to County Administration.

Mrs. Stacey Reavis, Grayson County Registrar – Election Official Update

- Sent email to officers of elections asking if they would be willing to work outside of the home location and how far they would be willing to travel
- November election – still need 1 person for Flatridge; 2 for Troutdale; still waiting to hear back from some in Mouth of Wilson.
- Alternates are needed for anywhere in the County
- Pay incentive – would like to have everyone at \$15/hour – number is based on a 15-hour day. Regular officers of election would go from \$150 to \$225 for election day plus they would get paid mileage for any training and/or working outside of their polling place. Election Chiefs pay would increase from \$200 to \$275 as more travel is involved along with more responsibility. Asking for an additional \$10,000 which includes pay/mileage.

Supervisor Ivey noted we need to keep all precincts open; additional \$10,000 is needed for staff and mileage which is reimbursed at the state rate. Mr. Smith noted that Mrs. Gayheart, Director of Finance had added \$10,000 and Mrs. Reavis noted that's correct and an additional \$10,000 has been added to their budget. Supervisor Ivey requested Mrs. Reavis present the Board with a worksheet on how they came up with needing the \$10,000 along with the additional \$10,000 and how it would be spent.

- Early voting begins September 23, 2022

Mrs. Lyndsie Young – Ag/Economic Development Director; Mr. Kevin Spurlin – Ag Extension Agent; Mr. Richard Vaughn – Sheriff/Grayson County: Animals Trespassing or Running at Large

Mrs. Young gave the following presentation on behalf of the Ag Advisory Committee:

- Issue: Increase in citizen concern due to livestock trespass
  - Calls to the Extension Office/Sherriff's Office/ACO have **increased over the past 5 years** with specific concern over **repeated** livestock trespass

- Citizens brought concerns to Agriculture Advisory Committee members and requested recommendations to **help alleviate repeated** livestock trespass
- Discussions within the Agriculture Advisory Committee began in August 2021
- Recommendation:
  - **An ordinance to regulate and prohibit animals trespassing or running at large on public highways and property of others**
  - County Attorney Steve Durbin was given the issue and suggested drafting an ordinance for the Ag Committee to review
- Key Purpose of the Ordinance
  - **To give the Sheriff increased authority to enforce LIVESTOCK TRESPASS that could pose a significant public SAFETY THREAT if those animals are frequently allowed to run at large, particularly on roadways.**
  - The term “**running at large**” implies **uncontrolled, unsupervised** animal movement vs controlled herding of animals across a public road from one field/facility to another
- Main Points of the Ordinance
  - **The Grayson County Board of Supervisors acknowledge that allowing animals to trespass and run at large on public highways in Grayson County constitutes a threat to the health, safety, and public welfare of the citizens of Grayson County**
  - **It shall be a violation of law for the owner or keeper of any animal or fowl, except for dogs, cats or honey bees, to allow or fail to prevent such animal or fowl from trespassing on the property of others or from running at large upon public highways located in Grayson County**
  - **Owner or keeper of animals or fowl must be notified in person or writing that the animals or fowl were trespassing on the lands of another or running at large on public highways**
- The Ordinance DOES NOT:
  - ....In **NO WAY** contradict state law governing division line fences, and who is responsible for paying for division fence upkeep.
  - ....In **NO WAY** change Grayson County’s status from Fence Out to Fence In.
- Summary:
  - The Agriculture Advisory Committee feels this is the best compromise between **protecting the rights of animal owners** from **undue liability** related to **infrequent, accidental** livestock trespass, and protecting the rights of non-livestock owners/public from **repeat, habitual** livestock trespass

- Next Steps:
  - **Request a public hearing for the ordinance titled “An Ordinance of The Grayson County Board of Supervisors Regulating and Prohibiting Animals Trespassing or Running At Large on Public Highways”**
  - Note: If this ordinance is approved and signed, it would not become **effective for 12 calendar months** from adoption

Mr. Spurlin noted that the 20 months should give everyone time to fix their fences. Supervisor Ivey noted this is a fence-out county and Mr. Spurlin noted this will keep the county a fence out county – puts more responsibility on the livestock owner – and also noted in the State Code it states that the property line is all that has to be crossed – County Attorney wrote the ordinance and it still keeps Grayson as a fence out county – this is a proposal, nothing is set in stone. After some discussion, Supervisor Ivey noted this is an issue and needs to be addressed. Supervisor Ivey made the motion to advertise for a public hearing for this ordinance of not fence out, giving the Sheriff the authority to address habitual offenders; duly seconded by Supervisor Belton. With no discussion, roll call vote as follows: Tracy A. Anderson – yes; R. Brantley Ivey – aye; Kenneth R. Belton – aye; Michael S. Hash – aye. Motion carried 4-0.

#### IN RE: OLD BUSINESS

Update on abandonment of Greenhouse Road and Sweetwater Road – Jada Black, Planning & Community Development Director – gave the following update:

#### FACT SHEET - Greenhouse Road Abandonment - Minute Synopsis

On May 12, 2022, during a regular scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting to discuss the VDOT’s six-year road plan, Supervisor Fant also mentioned Greenhouse Road and inquired in order to abandon that road, the same process would need to be followed. Mrs. Heath noted that is correct and also noted that even if someone doesn’t live on that road but uses it as an adjoining route, they can also object to the abandonment. Supervisor Ivey made the motion to direct staff to send a letter to VDOT on Sweetwater Road and Greenhouse Road for abandonment, duly seconded by Supervisor Anderson. Roll call vote as follows: Tracy A. Anderson – aye; John S. Fant – aye; R. Brantley Ivey – aye; Kenneth R. Belton – aye; Michael S. Hash – aye. Currently, Administration and staff have not received any public comment as to the abandonment of Greenhouse Road. However, VDOT shared one comment from Ms. Jennifer Snow on May 23, 2022. Her comments are below.

Board Members,

I would like to address the County Board of Supervisors pursuing VDOT to abandon Greenhouse road which connects Peach Bottom road and Power House road. Myself and others in the community and outside the community want this road to stay in the VDOT system and not be abandoned. This road has been vital to the community over the years as an alternate route for us when other routes are blocked. If you are at all familiar with

Peach Bottom road you know there are several “horseshoe” curves. Many times trucks trying to bring in mobile homes, large equipment, etc. get hung up in these curves, as long as two days, blocking our normal route to primary roads. If Greenhouse road is abandoned we will have to travel approximately 10 miles extra to reach primary roads. Although a long time ago, when Hurricane Hugo came thru Greenhouse road was the only road that was not blocked by downed trees therefore it gave us a route to get to work that morning. It is understandable that people who do not use Greenhouse road or actually live in the community do not realize how vital this road is to the public. That being said we do have a petition circulating to keep the road in the VDOT system and many will be attending any public hearing to oppose the abandonment. After talking with both the Richmond and Wytheville VDOT office’s I feel the County and Commonwealth can save the taxpayers money by **not** pursuing the abandonment of Greenhouse Road as there will be opposition and in the current economic environment any savings counts!! Thank you, Jennifer Snow

Should the Board want to continue to pursue the abandonment, staff will formalize the details of a resolution of intent to abandon and submit it to the VDOT Commissioner and prepare for the public hearing in September.

#### Sweetwater Road Abandonment

Minute Synopsis - At the May 12<sup>th</sup> regular Board of Supervisors meeting, during the Public Hearing for secondary six-year plan. Ms. Jeanie Hash provided packets to board from the VDOT handbook requesting members of the BoS and Commonwealth to make a decision to reinstate 250’ of Sweetwater Rd that runs through her property and return it to private use by abandoning her portion for safety. Vehicles traveling that road are 10’ from her house – should be able to feel safe at your own home – only permanent resident on that road, the other six property owners are second homeowners – emergency vehicles not safe to travel this road – not enough room for vehicles to pass – according to VDOT there is no file on Sweetwater Rd – just the section of Big Ridge Rd/Sweetwater Rd intersection. Supervisor Ivey made the motion to direct staff to send a letter to VDOT on Sweetwater Road and Greenhouse Road for abandonment, duly seconded by Supervisor Anderson. Roll call vote as follows: Tracy A. Anderson – aye; John S. Fant – aye; R. Brantley Ivey – aye; Kenneth R. Belton – aye; Michael S. Hash – aye. Since this time, County Administration and Planning Staff have heard by phone or emails from concerned citizens numerous objections to the closing of the 250’ section of Sweetwater. The following list of names is from emails received in **objection:**

7/11/22 Patricia Waring - Sent an email to confirm the public hearing date

7/10/2 - Jane Sexton - Objection to Sweetwater abandonment

7/11/22 - Rick Gamber - Why should property owners and taxpayers be inconvenienced when owner moved in knowing the road was close to house. EMS services

impacted with response times. Many homeowners own property where the road splits; property closure will set precedent to future requests.

- 7/4/22 - Lynne Smith - Home Health assistance will be affected
- 7/6/22 - Allen Jelich - Inconvenience to local residents
- 7/6/22 - Dan Moore - Inconvenience no benefit or purpose, will impact many.
- 7/5/22 - Paul Furr - Disrupt access for neighbors, service providers (UPS, FedEx, USPS) and emergency services.
- 7/4/22 - Will Roberts - Disrupt travel, distances further causing delays for EMS, local trash pickup, USPS, etc.
- 6/30/22 - Eric Grayson - Center Manager at UPS Dublin – Closure will disable movement of commerce and wreak havoc to service to customers
- 6/27/22 - Dean McRae - Detrimental for services, community, and Tourism.
- 6/27/22 – Larry/Laura Sutton - Disrupt medical treatment for patients, EMS, and fire delays. Driving distances further to Independence Physical and Occupational patient care affected, trash, USPS, FedEx, UPS
- 6/28/22 - Jonathan Warren - Home health provider uses Sweetwater to see patients. EMS/Fire response times affected
- 6/24/22 - Joyce Roberts - Objection to closure uses the road to visit neighbors and walk family pets
- 6/24/22 - Patricia Waring - Closure will cause residents to drive miles to get to homes on other end, fears 911 services will be delayed. Suggested Ms. Hash provide guest parking on her property beside her house. VDOT also received objections to road closure on 6/22/22 for fear she wouldn't be heard.
- 6/15/22 – Matthew Tischler – Extreme hardships for family safety to have to use other routes; other residents included. Disruption to postal and package delivery, sanitation, EMS, fire, law enforcement, response times affected.

Supervisor Anderson noted he recently traveled that road and he's not in favor of closing the road (Sweetwater) – that road goes all the way through and doesn't make any sense to close the road. Supervisor Belton noted that if there's any opposition, VDOT won't close the road and Mrs. Black noted that's correct. Mrs. Black requested direction from the Board and noted that in Ms. Snow's email regarding Greenhouse Road, she had indicated that a petition would be circulated. Mrs. Black noted that should be Board decided to pursue the abandonment, she would formalize the intent to abandon and noted that the County has the ability to post signage on roads being looked at for abandonment and she would like to post signage along the road to help in the process of notifying everyone that it would affect or we can place an ad in the newspaper or we can do both and it must be done for 30 days. Supervisor Anderson made the motion to

abandon the idea to abandon Sweetwater Road; duly seconded by Supervisor Belton. After some discussion, roll call vote as follows: Tracy A. Anders – aye; R. Brantley Ivey – aye; Kenneth R. Belton – aye; Michael S. Hash – aye. Regarding Greenhouse Road, Supervisor Anderson made the motion to table this item which would give board members time to travel that road; duly seconded by Supervisor Ivey. Roll call vote as follows: Tracy A. Anders – aye; R. Brantley Ivey – aye; Kenneth R. Belton – aye; Michael S. Hash – aye. Motion carried 4-0.

#### IN RE: NEW BUSINESS

- Ordinance – Public Hearing Approval – Personal Property

Mr. Larry Bolt, Commissioner of Revenue noted that the Board needs to approve to advertise for the public hearing on a proposed ordinance to create a new class of personal property for tax purposes and to declare a surplus and credit/refund of such surplus funds to the taxpayers. Supervisor Ivey made the motion to proceed with the advertisement for the public hearing; duly seconded by Supervisor Belton. Roll call vote as follows: Tracy A. Anders – aye; R. Brantley Ivey – aye; Kenneth R. Belton – aye; Michael S. Hash – aye. Motion carried 4-0.

- Mutual Aid – Grayson County Sheriff's Office and Alleghany County

Mr. Shepley explained that this is a renewal of the existing agreement which is on file in the County Administrator's office and the Grayson County Sheriff's office. Supervisor Ivey made the motion to renew; duly seconded by Supervisor Belton. Roll call vote as follows: Tracy A. Anders – aye; R. Brantley Ivey – aye; Kenneth R. Belton – aye; Michael S. Hash – aye. Motion carried 4-0.

#### IN RE: BOARD APPOINTMENTS

BRCEDA – CPMT – Regional Improvement Commission (Bristol hard Rock Casino) – Recommends Mitchell L. Smith as Mr. Shepley's replacement

GC Senior Advocacy Committee – 2yr term

- Nancy Liebrecht (P) – term expires 8-10-22 – will continue to serve
- Kate Irwin (W) – term expires 7-10-22 – will continue to serve
- John Fant – term expires 8-10-22 – **Table to next meeting**

Virginia-Carolina Water Authority – Chris Morton – term expires 6-30-22

Supervisor Ivey made the motion to approve the appointments; duly seconded by Supervisor Belton. Roll call vote as follows: Tracy A. Anders – aye; R. Brantley Ivey – aye; Kenneth R. Belton – aye; Michael S. Hash – aye. Motion carried 4-0.

## IN RE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Tracy Cornett, Tourism-Economic Development Director, updated the Board on Whitewater-Grayson: they are a not-for-profit organization with a focus on outdoor; based on Pisgah; purchased a 120 acres on Pond Mountain/Whitetop near TN line; will be restoring 2 cabins on property; will focus mainly on property they currently own; will look to build more accommodations later; have purchased 92 acres on Dolinger Road/Whitetop which includes an 1860's house they hope to renovate; David Landis who is developing the bike trail to connect the Creeper Trail in Whitetop to Fries and will go live on August 5, 2022 which will be a difficult bike trail; requesting from the County – the road that goes up to their property is only state maintained part-way – would like to have the road state maintained all the way – Mr. Smith is working on getting connections made for that.

Mr. Shepley noted this would be the last Board meeting he would be at and thanked the Board for their support and gave the following report:

- Introduced new IT Director for Grayson County, Mr. Ernest Ochoa and his wife Hilda
- Covid-19 hit – 2 years of operating in emergency mode
- Gate Center is up and going with lots of usage
- Expanded Ag/Tourism and expanded Parks & Rec
- Greatest achievement – the team and all women stepping forward
- Thanked administrative staff

Supervisor Hash noted that due to the pandemic, the County had to navigate through uncharted waters and the Board appreciates Mr. Shepley's service to the County. Supervisor Hash then presented a gift card to Mr. Shepley.

## IN RE: INFORMATION ITEMS

As presented – Mr. Andrews noted that the large item cleanup has helped with the river cleanup.

## IN RE: REGISTERED SPEAKERS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Larry Bolt, Big Ridge Rd/Independence – addressed the Board and noted that he's speaking for himself and several citizens regarding tractor/trailers (from Western Express) that are traveling on Big Ridge Road and getting stuck – this has happened 6 times in the last 2 month – requesting signs be placed on Rt. 21 and also on Pheasant Run Road off of Big Ridge Road. Supervisor Belton made the motion for staff to forward concern on to VDOT; duly seconded by Supervisor Ivey. Roll call vote as follows: Tracy A. Anders – aye; R. Brantley Ivey – aye; Kenneth R. Belton – aye; Michael S. Hash – aye. Motion carried 4-0.

IN RE: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' TIME

None

IN RE: CLOSED SESSION

None

IN RE: ADJOURN MEETING

Supervisor Belton made the motion to adjourn; duly seconded by Supervisor Ivey. Motion carried 4-0.