



Roanoke Valley-Alleghany

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January 20, 2016

The January meeting of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission will be held as follows:

DATE:	Thursday, January 28, 2016
TIME:	3:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission office (Top Floor Conference Room), 313 Luck Ave., SW, Roanoke, VA

AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions *Chairman Wagner*
2. Approval of Consent Agenda Items *Chairman Wagner*
 - A. December 10, 2015 Minutes, pp. 3-6
 - B. Financial Report Ending 12/31/15, pp. 7-10
3. Chairman’s Report *Chairman Wagner*
 - VAPDC Winter Meeting-February 11-12, 2016, Richmond
 - Update on Work Program FY2017
4. Executive Director’s Report *Wayne Strickland*
 - Legislative Web Page
 - Update on GO Virginia
 - Designation of the Roanoke River Blueway to the Virginia Treasures initiative
5. Election of New Vice Chair, p. 11 *Chairman Wagner*
6. The Opportunity for Health Using the Health Opportunity Index *Dr. Stephanie L. Harper
Director, Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts(p. 12)*

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7. Other Business
 - Consideration of adopting a resolution opposing the closing of Catawba Hospital
8. Comments from Commission Members and/or Public
9. Adjournment

NOTE: Commission members serving on the FY 2016-17 Work Program Committee, are reminded that at the conclusion of the Regional Commission meeting, a brief meeting of the Work Program Committee will follow.

Public Input Policy

“At the end of each Regional Commission meeting, the Commission will allow for an open public forum/comment period. This comment period shall not exceed one-half hour in length and each speaker will be asked to sign up and be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to speak.”

ADA Compliance

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MINUTES

The Combined November-December meeting of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission was held on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 3:00 pm at the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission office (Top Floor Conference Room), 313 Luck Avenue, SW, Roanoke, VA.

Voting Members Present

Erin Henderson
Clay Goodman, III
Charles Wagner, *Chair*
Tom Gates
Kevin Hutchins
Dean Martin
Charlotte Moore, *Vice Chair*
Lee Osborne
Bill Bestpitch
Ray Ferris
Chris Morrill
Braxton Naff
Lisa Garst
Ben Tripp (*Alt. for Melinda Payne*)
Johnette Roberts
James Ervin
Mayor Brad Grose

Representing

Botetourt County
Craig County
Franklin County
Roanoke County
Roanoke County
Roanoke County
Roanoke County
Roanoke County
City of Roanoke
City of Roanoke
City of Roanoke
City of Roanoke
City of Salem
City of Salem
Town of Clifton Forge
Town of Rocky Mount
Town of Vinton

1. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Wagner called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. A quorum was present.

Guests in attendance: Gwen Mason, Regional Director for U.S. Senator Tim Kaine; and Frank Smith, Executive Director of the Roanoke Valley Broadband Authority.

2. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following Consent Agenda items were distributed earlier: (A) September 24, 2015 Minutes, and (B) Financial Reports ending 9/30/15, 10/31/15 and 11/30/15.

Regional Commission Action:

Items A & B under the Consent Agenda were unanimously approved, as presented.

3. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chairman Wagner appointed the following Commissioners to serve on the Regional Commission's FY 2016-17 Work Program Committee. The Committee will work with the staff to develop a Work Program for the next fiscal year. It is anticipated that the Committee will meet three times between January and March, usually following a monthly Commission meeting. The final Work Program will be brought before the Commission at its April 2016 meeting.

Shannon Cox -- Alleghany County
Billy Martin* -- Botetourt County, *Chair*
Clay Goodman -- Craig County
Bob Camacia -- Franklin County
Joe McNamara -- Roanoke County
Allan Tucker -- City of Covington

Bill Bestpitch -- City of Roanoke
Bill Jones -- City of Salem
Johnette Roberts -- Town of Clifton Forge
James Ervin -- Town of Rocky Mount
Mayor Brad Grose -- Town of Vinton
Charles Wagner -- Commission Chair (*Ex-Officio*)

** To serve as Chair of the Work Program Committee.*

The Commission Chair will serve as an ex-officio member of the Work Program Committee.

4. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Commission's Finance Director, Olivia Dooley, developed an RFP for Auditing Services to encompass the audits for both the Regional Commission and the Workforce Development Board (since the Commission now serves as the Fiscal Agent for the Workforce Board). Due to the inter-agency transaction between the Regional Commission and the Workforce Board, staffs felt one auditor should complete both audits in a timely manner. An RFP was advertised on September 13-14, 2015 and four proposals were received. Two committees were formed (i.e., one with Regional Commission representatives and one with Workforce Board representatives) and asked to score the four proposals. The firm of Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates received the highest scores from both the Commission Committee and the Workforce Board Committee.

It was reported that the Workforce Development's Executive Committee and full Board have approved the hiring of Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates.

The Executive Committee of the Regional Commission is recommending to the Commission that the auditing firm of Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates be hired to perform Auditing Services for FY 2016.

Regional Commission Action:

Mayor Grose moved the Executive Committee's recommendation that the firm of Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates be hired to perform Auditing Services for FY 2016 for the Regional Commission. The motion was seconded by Ms. Henderson and carried.

5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **Strategic Plan Update** – Wayne Strickland proposed that an update to the Commission's Strategic Plan begin in the spring of 2016. The purpose of the Plan is to help guide the programmatic direction of the Commission for the next three to five years.

The Commission's Strategic Plan was last updated in 2012 (with adoption in January 2013). Mr. Strickland will assess possible options for updating the Plan (e.g., preparing the plan in-house or using a consulting firm) and bring them back to the Commission at a future meeting.

Regional Commission Action:

Commission members unanimously agreed that the Regional Commission staff move forward with the update to the Strategic Plan in the spring of 2016.

- **GO Virginia Initiative** – Wayne Strickland reported on the new *GO Virginia* initiative which came out of businesses, community leaders and legislators in Virginia to help generate private-sector growth and job opportunities through collaborative effort in each region of the Commonwealth. Businesses, organizations, local governments, individuals, etc., are being asked to join the GO Virginia Coalition by signing a commitment form. Chris Morrill and Tom Gates both agreed that this is an opportunity for our region to participate in promoting greater regional cooperative activities.

Regional Commission Action:

Mr. Morrill moved that the Executive Director be authorized to sign the Go Virginia Coalition Commitment Form. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gates and carried.

- **Main Street Coordinator** – Wayne Strickland reported that the Regional Commission staff recently participated in a strategic planning retreat. One of the ideas suggested for services that the Commission might be able to offer was a regional Main Street manager position. At this time, the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) does not accept multijurisdictional applications. The Commission staff talked with DHCD about this idea several years ago and their response was that it was an interesting idea, but it did not move forward.

Currently, none of the localities in the RVARC are a full member in the Main Street Program. The towns of Clifton Forge and Vinton are Affiliate Members (following the Main Street approach without a full-time manager). The City of Salem recently applied for designation. Many of the small towns will never be able to meet the eligibility requirements for the minimum number of businesses (50), or afford a full-time Main Street manager on their own. Mr. Strickland noted that the regional approach would address both issues.

Since discussion of the Commission's work program for next year is beginning, Mr. Strickland stated that he wanted to bring the idea to the Board's attention to gauge their level of interest. Staff realizes that DHCD approval will be needed to pursue this, as well as commitments from the localities involved, and that there are other details to be worked out; however, staff feels that it could be a service that would benefit several of our smaller localities.

Regional Commission Action:

Mr. Morrill recommended that the Executive Director write a letter to the Director of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) requesting that DHCD strongly consider allowing communities to pursue a regional Main Street Manager position. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goodman and carried.

6. UPDATES OF WORK PROJECTS

- **Roanoke Valley Broadband Authority** – The 50-mile, open-access network is about 60% complete and is expected to be operational by spring 2016. The Authority hired an Executive Director, Frank Smith, who is overseeing the construction and business development of the network.
- **Alleghany Highlands Broadband Grant** – Matt Miller worked with the Town of Clifton Forge to develop and submit a broadband planning grant application to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The grant was approved by DHCD and the Alleghany Foundation agreed to provide the required match. A consultant will work with the participating localities and stakeholders to develop strategies to improve broadband access and affordability in the region.
- **Livable Roanoke Valley Partnership/New Director Named** – A part-time director has been hired to work with the Partnership for a Livable Roanoke Valley Steering Committee to move forward on the recommendations addressed in the Livable Roanoke Valley Plan. Lisa Garst, former Salem City Council member, was named the new Director and will begin work on January 4, 2016. Ms. Garst stated that she will be looking into expanding the planning area to the Alleghany Highlands as well.
- **New Ozone Standards for the Roanoke Metro Area** – The Environmental Planning Agency's (EPA) new ozone air quality standard has been set at 70 ppb (it was 75 ppb). This means that the Roanoke metro area will remain in attainment with the new standards set by EPA. The new standard only addresses ozone; growing area of concern is particulate matter pollution which is a year-round problem and deals with combustion (i.e., wood burning stoves).
- **RIDE Solutions** – This year the RIDE Solutions program expanded into the West Piedmont area and is located in the office of the Workforce Development Board. The launch of the program was successful with positive impacts. The Results Company has registered approximately 10% of its workforce in the carpool program. Jeremy Holmes also distributed copies of a book of poems entitled "In Transit" from 2015 Art by Bus in collaboration with the City of Roanoke Arts Program and Valley Metro.

7. COMMENTS

Gwen Mason, Senator Kaine's Regional Director for the Roanoke and Shenandoah Valley, stated that she and her staff are available to assist localities interested in applying for federal grants. Feel free to contact her at Gwen_Mason@kaine.senate.gov.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

Wayne Strickland
Secretary to the Regional Commission

Agencywide Line Item Revenues and Expenditures

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Period: 07/01/2015 to 12/31/2015

With Indirect Detail

Code & Description	Budget	Current	YTD	Un/Ovr	% Bud
Revenues					
40000 ARC	60,814.00	0.00	26,253.87	34,560.13	43.17%
40200 FEDERAL - PL	321,862.00	0.00	70,441.44	251,420.56	21.89%
40210 VDOT PL	40,231.00	0.00	8,805.18	31,425.82	21.89%
40400 VDHCD ALLOCATION	75,971.00	0.00	37,985.00	37,986.00	50.00%
40410 ROANOKE VALLEY BROADBA	30,000.00	0.00	6,412.50	23,587.50	21.38%
40600 ALLEGHANY COUNTY	10,265.00	0.00	10,265.00	0.00	100.00%
40602 WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT	49,985.00	9,798.15	34,834.28	15,150.72	69.69%
40699 BEDFORD COUNTY	288.00	0.00	288.00	0.00	100.00%
40700 BOTETOURT COUNTY	31,096.00	0.00	31,096.00	0.00	100.00%
40800 CLIFTON FORGE	3,301.00	0.00	3,301.00	0.00	100.00%
40900 COVINGTON	5,320.00	0.00	5,320.00	0.00	100.00%
41000 CRAIG COUNTY	4,509.00	0.00	4,509.00	0.00	100.00%
41010 FRANKLIN COUNTY	44,009.00	0.00	44,009.00	0.00	100.00%
41020 MONTGOMERY COUNTY	114.00	0.00	114.00	0.00	100.00%
41100 CITY OF ROANOKE	101,913.00	0.00	107,113.00	-5,200.00	105.10%
41200 ROANOKE COUNTY	87,306.00	0.00	89,831.00	-2,525.00	102.89%
41208 REGION 2000	13,200.00	0.00	2,105.30	11,094.70	15.95%
41209 WEST PIEDMONT WFDB	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00%
41210 ROCKY MOUNT	4,079.00	0.00	4,079.00	0.00	100.00%
41300 SALEM	25,274.00	0.00	26,607.00	-1,333.00	105.27%
41400 VINTON	8,098.00	0.00	8,531.00	-433.00	105.35%
41500 VDRPT/FTA - TRANSIT	125,542.00	0.00	27,322.00	98,220.00	21.76%
41600 VDRPT/STATE TRANSIT	15,693.00	0.00	3,415.00	12,278.00	21.76%
41800 VDOT/SPR RURAL TRANSP	58,000.00	0.00	14,099.19	43,900.81	24.31%
41900 VDRPT - RIDESHARE	273,180.00	0.00	86,506.00	186,674.00	31.67%
41901 VDRPT-TMP	45,000.00	0.00	0.00	45,000.00	0.00%
43000 INTEREST INCOME	1,000.00	49.65	191.61	808.39	19.16%
43200 MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	14,751.00	3,345.00	17,960.24	-3,209.24	121.76%
43300 LEADERSHIP TRIPS	0.00	0.00	4,696.47	-4,696.47	0.00%
43400 NRV	9,261.00	0.00	2,816.56	6,444.44	30.41%
43700 GREATER ROANOKE TRANSIT	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00%
43702 HOMELESSNESS INTERAGEN	700.00	0.00	0.00	700.00	0.00%
Revenues	1,485,762.00	13,192.80	678,907.64	806,854.36	45.69%

Expenses

50000 SALARIES	709,200.00	61,397.06	390,411.79	318,788.21	55.05%
50500 FRINGE BENEFITS	286,944.00	21,810.43	138,580.15	148,363.85	48.30%
51300 HEALTH INSURANCE	0.00	1,094.00	3,829.00	-3,829.00	0.00%
51400 FICA EMPLOYER WWDB	0.00	941.04	3,474.39	-3,474.39	0.00%
51500 LIFE & LT DISABILITY	0.00	59.21	59.21	-59.21	0.00%
51700 STATE UNEMPLOYMENT WWV	0.00	0.00	63.97	-63.97	0.00%
51800 RETIREMENT WWDB	0.00	-260.00	780.00	-780.00	0.00%
52000 INSURANCE	5,000.00	261.92	1,876.02	3,123.98	37.52%
52100 SUPPLIES	9,500.00	3,898.53	8,363.82	1,136.18	88.04%
52200 POSTAGE	4,000.00	252.65	3,531.71	468.29	88.29%

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52300 SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,000.00	0.00	74.00	926.00	7.40%
52400 DUES	13,800.00	1,397.32	6,544.74	7,255.26	47.43%
52500 PRINTING	14,000.00	0.00	891.49	13,108.51	6.37%
52600 PUBLIC RELATIONS	2,000.00	0.00	350.00	1,650.00	17.50%
52700 TRAINING	5,500.00	78.00	6,133.00	-633.00	111.51%
52800 TELEPHONE	8,500.00	3,368.24	6,414.39	2,085.61	75.46%
52900 TRAVEL	24,314.00	2,546.83	12,808.41	11,505.59	52.68%
53000 AUDIT FEES	9,500.00	0.00	6,000.00	3,500.00	63.16%
53200 CONFERENCES	8,295.00	0.00	2,845.00	5,450.00	34.30%
53300 FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	3,500.00	0.00	584.00	2,916.00	16.69%
53400 DEPRECIATION F & E	900.00	72.33	433.98	466.02	48.22%
53500 MAIN F & E	12,000.00	0.00	1,918.10	10,081.90	15.98%
53600 MISCELLANEOUS	2,000.00	103.24	2,017.10	-17.10	100.86%
53700 ADVERTISING	73,779.00	423.68	29,091.82	44,687.18	39.43%
53800 RECRUITMENT	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00%
53900 MEETINGS	8,500.00	308.24	5,472.80	3,027.20	64.39%
54100 LEGAL FEES	500.00	0.00	269.50	230.50	53.90%
54200 LIBRARY & MAPS	500.00	0.00	479.00	21.00	95.80%
54400 CONTRACT SERVICES	7,850.00	0.04	3,176.32	4,673.68	40.46%
54500 SUBCONTRACT PAYMENTS	96,180.00	0.00	20,705.09	75,474.91	21.53%
54700 CONSULTANTS	110,500.00	10,093.04	10,093.04	100,406.96	9.13%
54900 COMPUTER SERVICES	14,000.00	615.51	8,111.59	5,888.41	57.94%
55200 UTILITIES	15,000.00	1,236.04	5,555.65	9,444.35	37.04%
55300 LEASE PAYMENTS	6,500.00	721.84	2,165.52	4,334.48	33.32%
55800 BUILDING MAINTENANCE	22,000.00	757.00	7,392.63	14,607.37	33.60%
56000 DEPRECIATION BUILDING	10,000.00	910.06	5,428.41	4,571.59	54.28%
Expenses	1,485,762.00	112,086.25	695,925.64	789,836.36	46.84%
Agency Balance	0.00	-98,893.45	-17,018.00		

Balance Sheet

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Assets:

10000	CASH IN BANK BB&T	327,033.35
10100	INVESTMENT CUSTODY ACCT BB&T	63,572.21
10101	BBT&T WIOA ACCOUNT	1,500.00
10110	CAPITAL ONE CD	124,960.61
10111	WELLS FARGO	100,062.68
10300	PETTY CASH	150.00
10400	A/R REGIONAL BROADBAND AUTHORITY	5,000.00
10600	A/R MISC	311.52
10700	A/R GRANTORS	4,435.81
11000	PREPAID INSURANCE	1,809.00
11600	PREPAID PHYSICAL ASSETS	553,881.25
11700	PHYSICAL ASSETS, ACCUM DEP	-298,127.71
12200	PREPAID COMPUTER EQUIPT	4,340.00
12300	COMPUTER EQUIPT, ACC DEP	-3,110.19
12500	PREPAID TELEPHONE EQUIPT	1,591.00
12600	TELEPHONE EQUIPT, ACC DEP	-1,591.00
12800	PREPAID DUES	3,933.32

Total Assets:

\$889,751.85

Liabilities:

20300	ACCRUED ANNUAL LEAVE	50,044.74
20800	DEFERRED REVENUE	344.00
21200	BUILDING FUND	15,000.00
21600	POSTAGE DUE	250.00

Total Liabilities:

\$65,638.74

Projects

30500	RURAL TRANSPORTATION	-10,674.40
30600	PL TRANSPORTATION	-54,775.43
30800	VDRPT/FTA TRANSPORTATION	-37,725.04
30871	SAVE-A-TON	3,289.36
30900	RIDESOLUTIONS	-30,160.26
30903	ROANOKE RIVER BLUEWAY	11,903.93
31100	WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT	-17,455.20
31300	WIOA FUNDS	-47,433.81
31400	WIF GRANT	-559.55
31500	TAP GRANT	-42.53
36010	OTHER GRANTS	-6,889.04
37000	ROANOKE RIVER TMDL	-10,388.39
37600	BIKE MONTH SPONSORSHIP	4,237.08
38000	LEADERSHIP TRIPS	4,696.47
39000	GENERAL OPERATING FUND	174,958.81
39400	UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE & INVEST CA	844,273.96

Total Projects

\$827,255.96

Total Liabilities and Projects

892,894.70

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Net Difference to be Reconciled	\$-3,142.85
Total Adjustment	\$-3,142.85
Unreconciled Balance	\$0.00

Reconciling Items

(1)	Paid Salaries are Timesheets show Difference	393,554.68 393,554.68	0.00
(2)	Leave accrued this year	-3,142.89	
(3)	Fringe Pool is Fringe allocated Difference	138,580.11 138,580.15	0.04
(4)	Indirect Pool is Indirect Allocated Difference	158,317.07 158,317.07	0.00
	 Total adjustments	 \$-3,142.85	



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STAFF REPORT

SUBJ: Election of New Vice Chair

In July 2015, Commission officers were elected -- Charles Wagner (Franklin County) - Chair and Charlotte Moore (Roanoke County) - Vice Chair. The officers' two-year terms commenced at the October 2015 Annual Meeting.

Due to the November election results and subsequent recount, Charlotte Moore is no longer serving on the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors. According to Article III, Section 2 of the **Commission's Charter**... *"The terms of office of Commission members who are also members of governing bodies shall be three years or until his/her successor has been appointed. In the event any elected member of the Commission shall cease to be an elected member of the local governing body which he/she represents, they shall cease to be a member of the Commission. The appropriate governing body shall within thirty days make an appointment to succeed him/her for their unexpired term."*

Since Ms. Moore is no longer a Roanoke County representative on the Commission, an election for a new Vice Chair will need to take place at the January 28, 2016 Commission meeting.

Article V, Section 5 of the **Commission Bylaws** states...*"A vacancy in the office of Chair or Vice Chair shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Commission at the next regular meeting following occurrence of the vacancy, except that no such action shall be taken unless placed on the agenda mailed to all members. A member elected to fill an unexpired term may be elected to one or two successive full terms in that office."*

Article V, Section 8 of the **Commission Bylaws** also states... *"If more than one name is placed in nomination for any elected office, the vote for that office shall be by open ballot."*



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Biographical Sketch

Dr. Stephanie Lynne Harper is the Health Director for the Roanoke City and the Alleghany Health Districts. In this capacity she directs all medical, nursing, environmental and administrative public health services in Roanoke City, Salem City, Covington City, Roanoke County, Craig County, Botetourt County and Alleghany County. She utilizes an interdisciplinary staff with efforts directed towards quality patient care, case management and care coordination, environmental protection, community assessment and health education, program design, program evaluation and resource allocation. Dr. Harper is a native of Washington, D.C. She attended the public school there before going to Atlanta, Georgia to attend Spelman College where she graduated with a Bachelor's of Science. After college, Dr. Harper moved to Boston, Massachusetts where she attended Harvard Medical School. She also attended Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and while there, she was awarded a Kennedy Fellowship. She graduated from Harvard in 1994 with a Medical Doctorate (MD) and a Masters of Public Policy (MPP). She remained at Harvard Medical School and completed residency and fellowship training. After completing her formal training she worked as a private practitioner and an academic professor at Howard University. Dr. Harper served in the District of Columbia Government as the Chief of the Bureau of Chronic Disease Control, providing oversight and direction for chronic disease programs serving DC residents. She has also served as the President of a Community Development Corporation serving a historically underserved area. Dr. Harper joined the Roanoke and Alleghany health district with a commitment to providing services that add value to the community. The health department accomplishes this through direct service delivery and by partnering with community members, local officials, government and non-governmental agencies and private industry to provide support to health district residents. Dr. Harper serves on various boards and committees, efforts that are aligned with the mission of the Virginia Department of Health which is to promote and protect the health of all Virginians. In addition to her official Health Department responsibilities, she is a volunteer physician at The Bradley Free Clinic.

Dr. Stephanie L. Harper, District Health Director

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