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May 18, 2023

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

DATE:	Thursday, May 25, 2023
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 Chair North
2.	 Action Requested: Approval of Consent Agenda Items
3.	Chair's Remarks Chair North
4.	Executive Director's Report Jeremy Holmes
5.	Legislative Update and Catawba Hospital StatusDelegate Sam Rasoul
6.	State of the Economy Sonya Waddell, Richmond Federal Reserve
7.	Approval of the FY24 Regional Commission Work Program, <u>Attachment #1</u> Jeremy Holmes ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of the work program, voice vote
8.	Other Business
9.	Comments from Commission Members and/or the Public
10.	Adjournment
	Member Governments: Counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, Franklin and Roanoke,

Reminder to Members of the Commission's 2023 Nominating Committee: After the Conclusion of the Regional Commission Meeting a short meeting will be held with the members of the Nominating Committee.

The meeting will be live streamed on the Regional Commission's Facebook page at <u>https://www.facebook.com/rvarc</u>.

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."

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MINUTES

The April meeting of the Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission was held on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. at the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission office, 313 Luck Avenue, SW, Roanoke, VA. The meeting was streamed live via the Regional Commission's Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/rvarc.

1. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS

Chair North called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING

Steve Clinton, Vice Chair	Botetourt County
Peter Volosin	City of Roanoke
Dawn Erdman	City of Roanoke
Barbara Duerk	City of Roanoke
Jim W. Wallace III	City of Salem
Lorie Smith	Franklin County
Mike Carter	Franklin County
Phil North, <i>Chair</i>	Roanoke County
Dean Martin, <i>Treasurer</i>	Roanoke County
Lee Osborne	Roanoke County
Debbie Laudermilk	Town of Clifton Forge
Robert Wood	Town of Rocky Mount
David Clements	Town of Rocky Mount
Mayor Bradley Grose	Town of Vinton
Richard "Pete" Peters	Town of Vinton

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Alleghany County Alleghany County Botetourt County Botetourt County City of Covington City of Covington City of Roanoke City of Salem Craig County Craig County Franklin County Franklin County

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Forge

David Radford	Roanoke County
Chuck Unroe	Town of Clifton Fo

Others Present: Cody Sexton, Town of Vinton; Marshall Stanley, Town of Vinton.

Staff: Jeremy Holmes, Bryan Hill, Jonathan Stanton, Sherry Dean, Bailey Helgeson, Virginia Mullen, and Elizabeth Elmore.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Consent Agenda items were as follows:

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. March 23, 2023, RVARC Minutes
- C. Financial Reports Ending March 31, 2023
- D. Resolution to Pursue Section 5303 Funding to Support the RVTPO Unified Planning Work Program
- E. Resolution to Approve the FY24 Rural Transportation Planning Work Program Scope of Work

Mr. Jim Wallace asked what is the difference between Accounts Payable and Accounts Payable1 listed in the balance sheet. Ms. Dean answered that the accrued bills are being entered into one account and the regular bills into the other.

MOTION: by Dean Martin to approve consent agenda items (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E), as presented. The motion was seconded by Steve Clinton.

Regional Commission Action: Motion carried unanimously.

3. REMARKS BY THE CHAIR

- Chair North noted that today's meeting is being livestreamed on the Commission's Facebook page. This is part of an ongoing effort to improve public awareness of the important work undertaken by the Regional Commission.
- Chair North reported that Commission staff were pleased to host a Zoom call with Erin Belt, VDOT's Decarbonization Lead and several locality planning staff earlier this month. Ms. Belt provided information on the various federal funding programs investing in electric vehicle charging infrastructure and VDOT's role in supporting local efforts. The TPO will be undertaking a regional electric vehicle charging station study to better prepare for future rounds of federal funding. A recording of the Zoom call is available for locality staff that were not able to attend the meeting.

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- Chair North reported that Regional Commission staff were pleased to attend, along with local economic development and recreation staff, a strategy meeting for Blue Ridge Rising, an initiative of the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation to support the economic impact of the Parkway on gateway communities like the Roanoke Valley. The meeting was just one of many the Foundation will be having with the 29 counties through which the Parkway travels from North Carolina through Virginia. The Blue Ridge Parkway is the most visited national park in the country hosting \$15.9 million visitors annually and generating \$1.3 billion of economic impact. Staff will be providing updates on future developments from this effort.
- Chair North announced that the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport is hosting a public meeting to review its draft Master Plan. The meeting will be held today at the Holiday Inn Roanoke Airport Conference Center from 4 pm to 6 pm and will be an opportunity to review recommended improvements to the airport's terminal, general aviation facilities, and runway.
- Chair North reported that every odd-numbered year, the Commission establishes a Nominating Committee to consider a slate of officers to take their seats at the annual meeting in October. Mr. North announced the following Commissioners to serve on the nominating committee:

Mayor Brad Grose, Vinton – Committee Chair Billy Martin, Botetourt County Lorie Smith, Franklin County Stephanie Moon Reynolds, City of Roanoke

The Committee will meet in May and will bring a slate of candidates to the full Board at the June meeting. Members interested in serving as an officer can contact Mr. North or a member of the Nominating Committee.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Holmes reminded that the Roanoke Valley Collective Response became a program under the Regional Commission with the support from City of Roanoke's ARPA funding in 2020. Among the several activities undertaken by the Collective Response since then was the Building on Hope white paper, an update to the 2020 Blueprint for Action report that identified the key strategies and prioritizes the region should pursue to develop an effective response to the opioid addiction crisis. In addition, the Collective Response has been working closely with the localities and the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority as the Authority has worked towards launching its grantmaking and other funding programs. In support of this effort, the Collective



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Response has been using the conclusions of the Blueprint for Action and Building on Hope to assist several of the Commission's member governments to identify, prioritize, and budget for potential projects that could have the most positive impact on addiction response and recovery in our region.

The authority's largest funding effort is its Cooperative Partnership Program, focused on funding regional projects that include two or more eligible local governments as applicants. The Regional Commission is excited to pursue continued funding for the Collective Response under this grant program and is further excited to have commitments from the City of Roanoke and Roanoke County as it's two core local government partners, with the City of Roanoke serving as the fiscal agent and primary applicant for the grant. Mr. Holmes asked members for letters of support from each of the member governments. A draft letter of support will be emailed to the chief administrative officers of each Commission member. Mr. Holmes commented he looks forward to the opportunity to continue to expand the impact of the Collective Response and, using the collective knowledge contained in that program and its stakeholders, position the region to access the resources it needs through the OAA and other sources to address this critical problem.

5. LOCALITY HIGHLIGHTS: TOWN OF VINTON

Marshall Stanley, Economic Development Specialist, Town of Vinton, provided an update on the latest key initiatives of the Town's economic development (the PowerPoint presentation is included with the Minutes). Due to technical difficulties Mr. Stanley couldn't play a video included with the presentation, it was requested that the link is distributed to members and included in the Minutes: <u>Vinton, Virginia - It Keeps</u> <u>Getting Better - YouTube</u>.

Ms. Duerk commented that she loves the crosswalks in Vinton. She also asked about the ordinance that the Town of Vinton implemented a while back ago (she thinks maybe 10 years ago) about fines for litterers. Mr. Peters replied that staff will research it and report back to the Commission.

6. ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE AGENDA COMMITTEE

Chair North reminded that at the January 23rd Commission meeting, members agreed to continue exploring the ideas of establishing and supporting an annual legislative agenda. A small taskforce of Commissioners was convened to discuss the best way to pursue this effort, and it was decided the establishment of a Legislative Committee who would help develop, lead the implementation of, and measure the effectiveness of an agenda would be the best strategy for initially undertaking this work. Executive



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Director Holmes presented the previously distributed with the agenda packet staff report (pages 26 through 27).

Mr. North nominated the following Commission members to the Legislative Committee.

- Chair Phil North, Roanoke County
- Vice Chair Steve Clinton, Botetourt County
- Lorie Smith, Franklin County
- Jim Wallace, City of Salem
- Debbie Laudermilk, Town of Clifton Forge
- Peter Volosin, City of Roanoke

MOTION: by Lorie Smith to approve the establishment of a Legislative Committee and the acceptance of the members as nominated. The motion was seconded by Dawn Erdman.

Regional Commission Action: Motion carried unanimously.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

8. <u>COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS AND/OR THE PUBLIC</u>

Mr. North announced that the 2023 SYIP meeting will be held on May 16th at 4:00 p.m. at the Salem Civic Center Community Room (1001 Roanoke Blvd., Salem VA 24153).

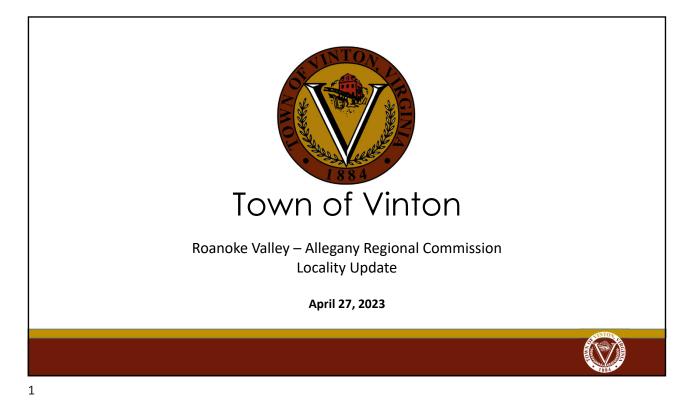
Ms. Barbara Duerk commented that May is a bike month. May 19th is bike to work day. She encouraged businesses and localities to provide incentives to their employees to ride or walk.

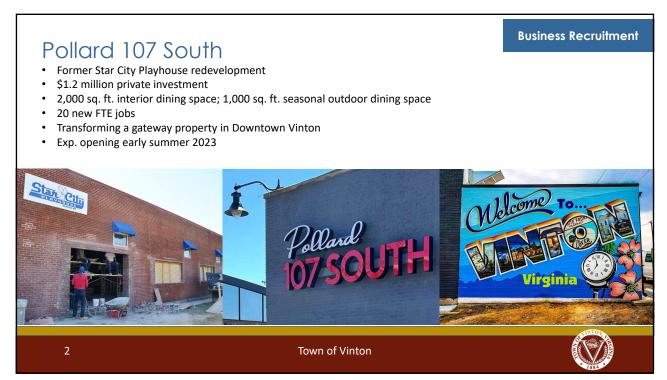
Mr. Lee Osborne asked if the Commission still sponsors the Mayors and Chairs meetings. Mr. Holmes replied that he would investigate and report back.

Mayor Gross invited members to come to the Dogwood festival in Vinton this Saturday, April 30th.

Adjournment at 4:00 p.m.

Jeremy Holmes, Secretary Secretary to the Regional Commission

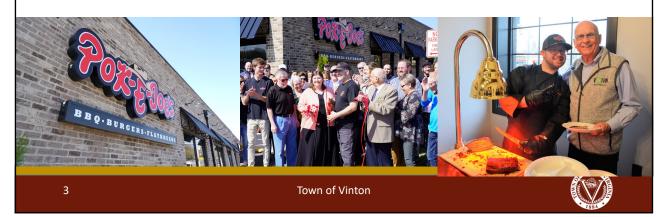




Business Recruitment

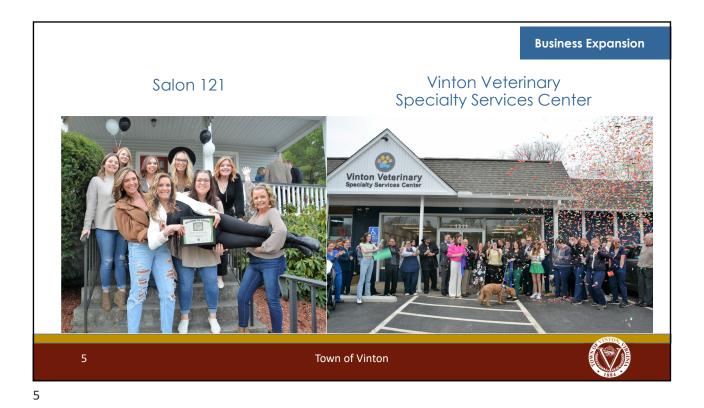
Pok-E-Joe's

- Newest tenant in redeveloped Vinyard Station Opened early April 2023
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- 20 new FTE jobs •
- Corner of Vinton's main street ٠
- Quick backfill of unexpected departure -high ٠ prospect interest



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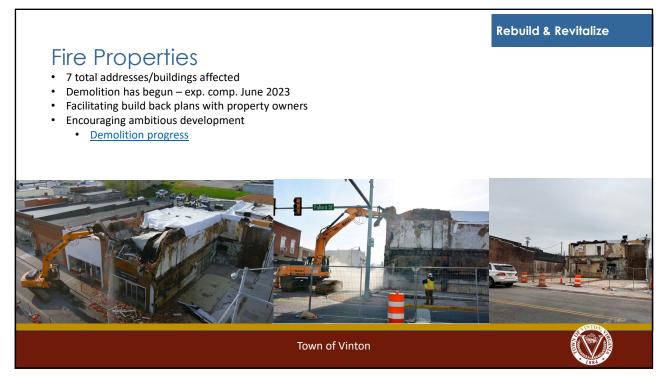
E. Cleveland Redevelopment Project

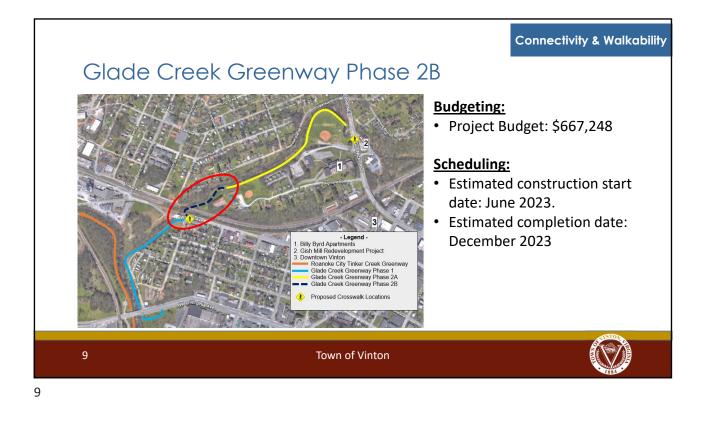
Strategic Redevelopment

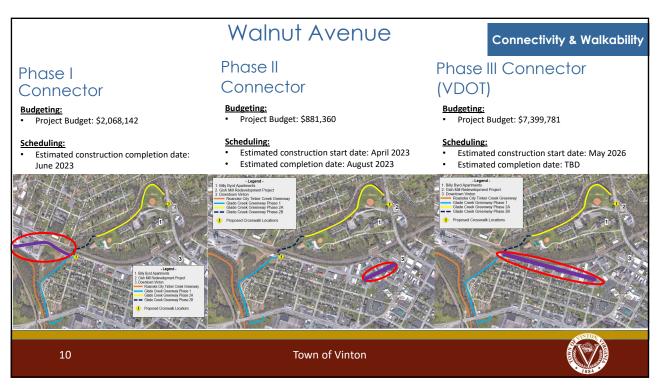
- Redevelopment of former Cleveland Mart space
- \$1.1 million private investment
- Local developers involved in project
- Blight removal and neighborhood revitalization
- 7 new multi-family residential units (700 950 sq. ft. each); 1,350 sq. ft. commercial space
- Exp. Completion date July 1, 2024

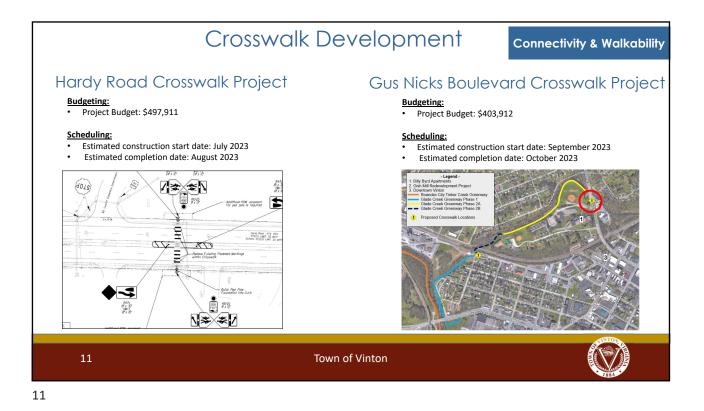


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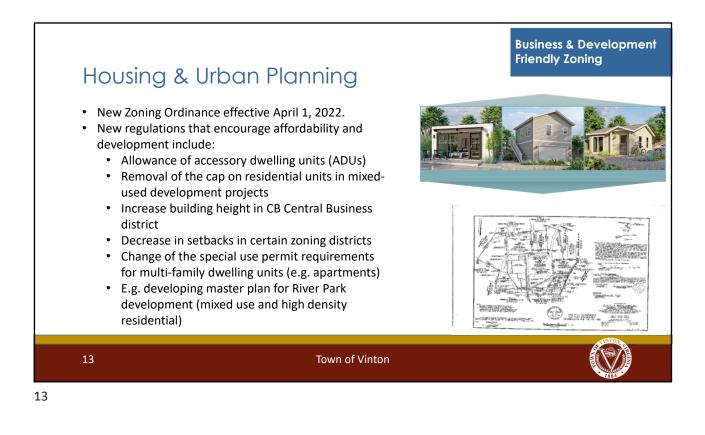




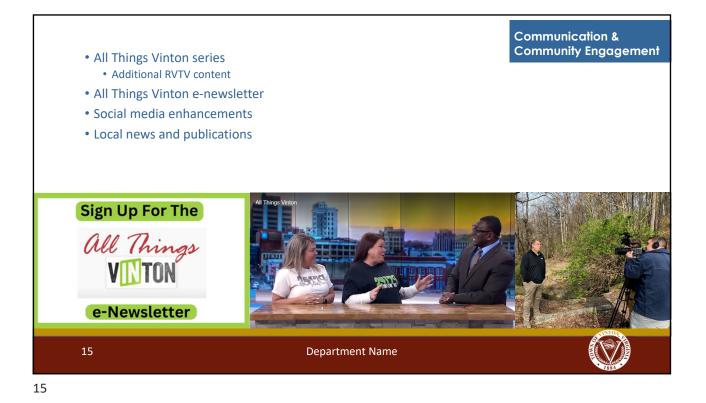
















Agencywide Line Item Revenues and Expenditures

Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission	Run Date:	05/08/2023
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Code	Description	Budget	Current	YTD	Un/Over	% Bud
Revenu	es					
40000	ARC	76,506.00	38,253.00	89,438.88	(12,932.88)	116.90 %
40200	FEDERAL - PL	527,512.00	0.00	185,054.06	342,457.94	35.08 %
40210	VDOT PL	65,939.00	0.00	23,131.76	42,807.24	35.08 %
40351	FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION	751.00	0.00	751.29	(0.29)	100.04 %
40400	VDHCD ALLOCATION	89,971.00	0.00	67,478.00	22,493.00	75.00 %
40410	ROANOKE VALLEY BROADBAND AUTH	6,000.00	0.00	3,660.00	2,340.00	61.00 %
40500	VIRGINIA DEPT EMERGENCY MGMT	49,923.00	0.00	0.00	49,923.00	0.00 %
40570	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINIST	84,344.00	0.00	49,344.07	34,999.93	58.50 %
40580	ARP ACT COLLECTIVE RESPONSE	175,001.00	0.00	277,033.37	(102,032.37)	158.30 %
40581	ARP ACT ROANOKE COUNTY	53,616.00	0.00	0.00	53,616.00	0.00 %
40585	SAMHSA	227,296.00	0.00	47,773.87	179,522.13	21.02 %
40600	ALLEGHANY COUNTY	11,668.00	0.00	11,668.00	0.00	100.00 %
40604	WVRIFA	25,000.00	2,083.33	18,749.97	6,250.03	75.00 %
40699	BEDFORD COUNTY	240.00	0.00	240.00	0.00	100.00 %
40700	BOTETOURT COUNTY	36,441.00	0.00	36,441.00	0.00	100.00 %
40800	CLIFTON FORGE	3,555.00	0.00	3,555.00	0.00	100.00 %
40900	COVINGTON	5,737.00	0.00	5,737.00	0.00	100.00 %
41000	CRAIG COUNTY	4,892.00	0.00	4,892.00	0.00	100.00 %
41010	FRANKLIN COUNTY	49,574.00	0.00	49,574.00	0.00	100.00 %
41020	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	201.00	0.00	201.00	0.00	100.00 %
41100	CITY OF ROANOKE	179,975.00	4,294.44	141,279.72	38,695.28	78.50 %
41200	ROANOKE COUNTY	105,980.00	0.00	105,980.00	0.00	100.00 %
41210	ROCKY MOUNT	4,903.00	0.00	4,903.00	0.00	100.00 %
41300	SALEM	30,481.00	0.00	30,481.00	0.00	100.00 %
41400	VINTON	9,701.00	0.00	9,701.00	0.00	100.00 %
41500	VDRPT/FTA - TRANSIT	168,355.00	65,345.00	132,376.00	35,979.00	78.63 %
41600	VDRPT/STATE TRANSIT	21,045.00	8,169.00	16,548.00	4,497.00	78.63 %
41800	VDOT/SPR RURAL TRANSP	58,000.00	0.00	30,647.94	27,352.06	52.84 %
41900	VDRPT - RIDESHARE	154,633.00	0.00	76,095.00	78,538.00	49.21 %
41902	VDRPT	89,977.00	10,336.00	11,859.00	78,118.00	13.18 %
41950	VIRGINIA HOUSING	881,380.00	5,873.17	60,780.72	820,599.28	6.90 %
42100	DEPT ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	58,000.00	0.00	27,463.12	30,536.88	47.35 %
42150	VIRGINIA ENVIRONMENTAL ENDOWN	21,551.00	0.00	13,002.51	8,548.49	60.33 %
43000	INTEREST INCOME	14,000.00	4,978.76	30,250.84	(16,250.84)	216.08 %
43200	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	3,500.00	0.00	1,597.57	1,902.43	45.64 %
43250	SPONSORSHIPS	2,000.00	0.00	1,836.75	163.25	91.84 %
43707	SERDI	1,538.00	0.00	1,538.00	0.00	100.00 %
44700	DEPT OF FORESTRY	8,850.00	0.00	0.00	8,850.00	0.00 %
49000	CARRYOVER FUNDS	42,228.00	0.00	42,228.22	(0.22)	100.00 %
	Revenues	3,350,264.00	139,332.70	1,613,291.66	1,736,972.34	48.15 %
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Expense		1 020 520 00	74 000 70	727 204 65	202 426 25	72.26 0/
50000		1,020,528.00	74,228.79	737,391.65	283,136.35	72.26 %
50500		330,773.00	24,201.92	232,257.66	98,515.34	70.22 %
52000	INSURANCE	5,200.00	371.33	4,157.80	1,042.20	79.96 %
52100	SUPPLIES	27,429.00	347.55	6,707.29	20,721.71	24.45 %
52200	POSTAGE	2,000.00	0.00	626.02	1,373.98	31.30 %
52300	SUBSCRIPTIONS	4,625.00	0.00	489.31	4,135.69	10.58 %
52400	DUES	14,000.00	683.32	15,409.18	(1,409.18)	110.07 %
52500	PRINTING	1,150.00	0.00	499.12	650.88	43.40 %
52700	TRAINING	10,133.00	0.00	5,474.64	4,658.36	54.03 %
52800	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	9,971.00	45.23	5,494.34	4,476.66	55.10 %
52900	TRAVEL	48,936.00	3,614.69	19,119.00	29,817.00	39.07 %
53000	AUDIT FEES	12,100.00	0.00	12,100.00	0.00	100.00 %
53200	CONFERENCES	11,475.00	1,088.50	6,715.01	4,759.99	58.52 %
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	Agency Balance	0.00	(6,120.66)	271,535.09			
	Expenses	3,350,264.00	145,453.36	1,341,756.57	2,008,507.43	40.05	%
90000	OPERATING RESERVE	355,547.00	0.00	0.00	355,547.00	0.00	%
56000	DEPRECIATION BUILDING	13,000.00	773.20	7,459.96	5,540.04	57.38	%
55800	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	36,000.00	1,949.78	34,117.19	1,882.81	94.77	%
55300	LEASE PAYMENTS	5,000.00	393.52	3,935.20	1,064.80	78.70	%
55200	UTILITIES	13,500.00	1,714.26	12,048.24	1,451.76	89.25	%
55000	DEPRECIATION COMP EQUIPT	1,040.00	86.43	864.30	175.70	83.11	%
54900	COMPUTER SERVICES	46,391.00	1,884.00	21,373.76	25,017.24	46.07	%
54400	CONTRACT SERVICES	1,293,916.00	32,255.41	169,394.95	1,124,521.05	13.09	%
54100	LEGAL FEES	15,500.00	0.00	5,062.50	10,437.50	32.66	%
53900	MEETINGS	9,800.00	725.86	8,711.45	1,088.55	88.89	%
53800	RECRUITMENT	1,600.00	0.00	2,696.63	(1,096.63)	168.54	%
53700	ADVERTISING	43,500.00	634.04	18,047.81	25,452.19	41.49	%
53650	BANK FEES	1,100.00	118.83	887.99	212.01	80.73	%
53600	MISCELLANEOUS	2,000.00	0.00	826.38	1,173.62	41.32	%
53500	MAIN F & E	9,500.00	336.70	7,156.85	2,343.15	75.34	%
53400	DEPRECIATION F & E	550.00	0.00	0.00	550.00	0.00	%
3300	FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	4,000.00	0.00	2,732.34	1,267.66	68.31	%

Balance Sheet

Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission Period From : 7/1/2022 to 4/30/2023			Run Date: 5/8/23
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Assets:			
	10000	CASH IN BANK TRUIST (OLD BB&T)	95,996.70
	10050	LGIP INVESTMENT	1,219,521.84
	10300	PETTY CASH	150.00
	10700		120,924.36
	10900 11000	PREPAID EXPENSES PREPAID INSURANCE	5,168.38 12,690.89
	11600		
	11700	PREPAID PHYSICAL ASSETS PHYSICAL ASSETS, ACCUM DEP	608,262.89 (380,886.80)
	12200	PREPAID COMPUTER EQUIPT	5,185.96
	12200		
	12500	COMPUTER EQUIPT, ACC DEP PREPAID TELEPHONE EQUIPT	(1,123.59) 1,591.00
	12500	TELEPHONE EQUIPT, ACC DEP	(1,591.00)
	12800	PREPAID DUES	3,166.76
	12800	FREFAID DOES	
		Total Assets:	1,689,057.39
Liabilities:			
	20000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	16,102.57
	20100	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE1	2,700.76
	20300	ACCRUED ANNUAL LEAVE	28,718.40
	20400	FICA WITHHELD	2,700.76
	20500	FEDERAL TAX WITHHELD	2,714.86
	20600	STATE TAX WITHHELD	1,337.57
	20700	RETIREMENT	4,504.95
	20800	DEFERRED REVENUE	769.00
	21000	HEALTH INSURANCE	3,538.86
	21200	BUILDING FUND	15,000.00
		Total Liabilities:	78,087.73
Projects			
	30100	REGIONAL/LOCAL PROJECTS	(93,033.63)
	30140	EDA	(1,288.72)
	30300	INDUSTRIAL FACILITY AUTHORITY	6,270.80
	30305	VIRGINIA ENVIRONMENTAL ENDOWMENT	(7,619.43)
	30306	CHESAPEAKE BAY	(19,260.02)
	30307	VIRGINIA HOUSING	(957.25)
	30500	RURAL TRANSPORTATION	(3,724.27)
	30600	PL TRANSPORTATION	155.89
	30800	VDRPT/FTA TRANSPORTATION	(52,459.25)
	30880	HUD COMMUNITY RESOURCES-CDBG	1,044.01
	30900	RIDESOLUTIONS	(22,877.56)
	30901	REGIONAL BIKE COORDINATION	11,191.43
	30903	ROANOKE RIVER BLUEWAY	35,507.54
	30905	BROADBAND	488.51
	30906	SERDI	21.39
	31700	ROANOKE VALLEY COLLECTIVE RESPONSE	152,031.29
	31710	SAMHSA FUNDING	(15,913.16)

Balance Sheet

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35106	ARC 2023	(3,988.61)		
37605	COMMUTER OPERATING ASSISTANCE	(1,208.	51)	
39000	GENERAL OPERATING FUND	287,154.	63	
39400	UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE & INVEST CA	1,335,445.	32	
Total Projects Total Liabilities and Projects Net Difference to be Reconciled Total Adjustment		1,606,980.4		
		1,685,068.	13	
		3,989.	26	
		3,989.	26	
	Unreconciled Balance	0.	00	

Reconciling Items

(1)	Paid Salaries are Timesheets show Difference	733,402.46 733,402.46 0.00
(2)	Leave accrued this vear	3,989.19
(3)	Fringe Pool is Fringe allocated Difference	232,257.60 232,257.66 0.06
(4)	Indirect Pool is Indirect Allocated Difference	251,604.27 251,604.28 0.01

Total adjustments

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STAFF REPORT

2023 Community Development Block Grant Priorities Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission

Each year, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) asks the Regional Commission to assist with setting Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) priorities for the region. CDBG non-entitlement localities were surveyed about potential CDBG applications in 2023. DHCD will award CDBG Community Improvement Grant proposals points on their application score sheet based on the priority group in which the Regional Commission places them.

Note that regional priorities for Franklin County and the towns of Boones Mill and Rocky Mount are set by West Piedmont PDC.

Priority One (Highest value - each of the project types in this category will receive 50 points)

Economic Development – Business District Revitalization

Housing – Housing Rehabilitation

Public Infrastructure

Priority Two (Medium value - each of the project types in this category will receive 30 points)

Comprehensive Community Development

Community Service Facility

Priority Three (Lowest value - each of the project types in this category will receive 15 points)

Anticipated 2023 CDBG Community Improvement Grant applications:

• City of Covington - Business District Revitalization

Staff Recommendation: Approval of the 2023 CDBG Priorities.