

Patrick County Planning Commission

Sub-Committee Work Session

June 21, 2022

Present: Larry Cowley, Chairman; Kurt Bozenmayer, Vice-Chairman other members of the Sub-Committee; David Lusk, Jane Fulk, Cynthia Cowley and Richard Hazelwood; Doug Perry, Board of Supervisor Liaison.

Also Present: Teresa McCormick, Clerk

Comprehensive Plan Revisions:

- 1) David Lusk suggested in adding a Quick Fact Demographic spreadsheet from the US Census information.  
Kurt Bozenmayer stated we would have to come up with a number, explanation and why for the projection.  
Jane Fulk made a recommendation to add: These figures are only a projection from (information provided) and are not conclusive. (To be added in the Demographics & Population Chapter)  
David Lusk will prepare spreadsheets for Population, Projection and Methodology for the Sub-Committee to review before adding to the plan.
- 2) Chapter 5 – Community, Facilities & Services:  
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  - Although this is a best-case scenario, this is not necessarily current state in Patrick County.

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Water and Sewer – removed existing wording except:

- The “Utilities” section of this plan includes recommendations from the plan.

Add:

- A municipal water treatment plant is operated by the Town of Stuart and provides services to the Town of Stuart and east on Route 58 to Patrick Springs.
- Sewage hook-ups are available in the same areas. At this time, no municipal water and sewage services available in the rest of the County.

Solid Waste Management and Disposal Services - removed existing wording except:

- Patrick County operates a solid waste transfer station at 171 Transfer Station Lane in Stuart that transports area refuse to Waste Management Services out of the state.

Add:

- Private contractors are available for household garbage pickup.

Electrical Service - removed existing wording except:

- Electric Power is supplied to the Patrick County area through a network of 69 KV transmission lines. Appalachian Power Company (APCO), a part of American Electric Power, has a 765 KV circuit system adjacent to Franklin and Henry Counties.
- In the Pinnacles of Dan area of Patrick County, the City of Danville developed a project known as the Pinnacles Hydro-Electric Station, informally known as the “Danville Dam,” is now owned by Northbrook Virginia Hydro LLC.

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Broadband and Communications:

- Broad Band, Internet and Phone services is dynamic and provided by a number of vendors in an ever changing environment.
- Patrick County has two local sources of information, WHEO-AM, WHEO-FM and the The Enterprise, a weekly newspaper. Other radio reception includes a variety of AM and FM stations broadcasting from Virginia and North Carolina.
- There are eight U.S. Post Offices in the County located at: Stuart, Patrick Springs, Critz, Ararat, Claudville, Vesta, Meadows of Dan and Woolwine. The Stuart facility is a First Class Post Office. Parcel delivery services available in Patrick County are the United Parcel Services and Federal Express.

Public Safety:

- The safety of the residents of Patrick County is a primary concern in the planning process. For this reason, the police, fire and rescue services of the County should not only provide adequate coverage, but also rapid response times and satisfactory performance on responses. This appears to be the case in Patrick County, as the County has relatively low crime rates, ten volunteer fire departments and six volunteer rescue squads also the County has one paid rescue squad.

Law Enforcement:

- The Patrick County Sheriff's Office, located in the Town of Stuart, staffs and E911 Communication Center 24 hours a day to provide fast and coordinated delivery of emergency services to all residents. An Enhanced 911 System has been implemented with state-of-the-art equipment.
- As noted above, police protection is provided to the area by the Patrick County Sheriff's Department and the Virginia State Police. Currently, the Patrick County Sheriff's Department has 38 sworn officers; the Virginia State Police Divisions Office also has sworn personnel which serve the Patrick County area.

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Fire:

- Fire Protection is provided in the area by nine volunteer fire departments and one substation. The fire departments are also as follows: Ararat, Woolwine, Meadows of Dan, CCDF (Collinstown, Claudville, Dry Pond and Five Forks) Stuart, Moorefield's Store,

Patrick Henry (near the Henry County Line), Patrick Springs and Fairystone. The substation, which is associated with Ararat Fire Department, is located in Willis Gap.

- Primary management of hazardous materials incident are handled by Patrick County Emergency Management and the local fire departments with assistance from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management which maintains several regional hazardous materials teams across the Commonwealth. The team located in Danville serves Patrick County.
- The County has approved mutual aid agreements with surrounding counties for fire and rescue personnel to cross jurisdictional boundaries to answer calls.

Rescue:

- Rescue Services is provided by six volunteer rescue squads with 24-hour-a – day operation. These squads are as follows: Vesta, Ararat, Smith River (in Woolwine) CCDF, (Collinstown, Claudville, Dry Pond and Five Forks), Blue Ridge (in Willis Gap), and Jeb Stuart (in Patrick Springs). All squads have VHF radios and UHF telemetry radios. All squads units are dispatched through the Sheriff's Department. Approximately 150 volunteers participate in Patrick County's rescue services program. Air transport services are available throughout the County.

Patrick County Fire and EMS:

- The County employs an Emergency Services Coordinator for both Fire and Rescue.

Public Services:

Re-Visit

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Education:

The next Planning Commission Sub-Committee work session scheduled July 19, 2022 at 4 p.m.

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Larry Cowley, Chairman