

Patrick County Planning Commission

Sub-Committee Work Session

July 19, 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:

Jane Fulk stated she had spoken with Cameron Adkins with the Sheriff's department –E-911 and Scottie Cassell with EMS we only have VHF radios under Section: 5-4 Rescue.

Pg. 5-4 - Rescue

- Rescue services is provided by six volunteer rescue squads with 24-hour-a-day operation. These squads are as follows: Vesta (Meadows of Dan), Ararat, Smith River (Woolwine), CCDF (Collinstown Claudville Dry Pond Five Forks), Blue Ridge (Willis Gap), and Jeb Stuart (Patrick Springs). All squads have VHF radios. All squad units are dispatched through the Sheriff's Department.

Pgs. 5-5 & 5-6 - Medical and Community –Based Services

This section briefly summarizes the various health and wellness and other community-based services available to Patrick County residents.

- Patrick County Health Department – Kurt will speak with someone to update their information
- Patrick County Branch of Piedmont Community Services– Kurt will speak with someone to update their information
- Patrick County Family Practice– Kurt will speak with someone to update their information
- Patrick Multi-Discipline Child Abuse and Neglect Team
- Blue Ridge Therapy Connection – Kurt will speak with someone to update their information
- Southern Area Agency on Aging – Larry & Cynthia will speak with someone to update their information.
- Landmark Centers, Incorporated– Kurt will speak with someone to update their information
- Caring Hearts Free Clinic– Kurt will speak with someone to update their information
- Tri-Area Community Health – Larry & Cynthia will speak with someone to update their information.
- Piedmont Access to Health Services – Larry & Cynthia will speak with someone to update their information.
- West Piedmont AIDS Task Force – Larry & Cynthia will speak with someone to update their information.

- Patrick County Department of Social Services – Larry & Cynthia will speak with someone to update their information.
- Patrick County Community Food Bank – Larry & Cynthia will speak with someone to update their information.
- Solutions That Empower People or STEP
- Piedmont Community Services – PARC Workshop – CONTACT – Infant & Toddler Connection of the Piedmont – Patrick Henry Drug & Alcohol Council, Inc. – Larry & Cynthia will speak with someone to update their information.
- Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute – Larry & Cynthia will speak with someone to update their information.
- Virginia Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services – Larry & Cynthia will speak with someone to update their information.
- Patrick County Developmental Center – Larry & Cynthia will speak with someone to update their information.
- West Piedmont Better Housing Coalition – Larry & Cynthia will speak with someone to update their information.
- Safetyrope, Inc. – Larry & Cynthia will speak with someone to update their information.
- The Disability Rights and Resources Center – Larry & Cynthia will speak with someone to update their information.
- Legacy Wellness – Doug will speak with someone to get information to add in the plan

Pg. 5-7 – Education

- Education is a vital key in job preparation and attainment and a top priority to Patrick County residents. An educated population not only benefits individuals but also can be an influential tool in the recruitment of well-paying high technology industries to the County.
- Patrick County Public School System operates six elementary schools, one high school. The primary schools are as follows: Blue Ridge Elementary, Hardin Reynolds Memorial Elementary, Meadows of Dan Elementary School, Patrick Spring Primary School, Stuart Elementary and Woolwine Elementary School. Patrick County High school is located in Stuart. The Patrick County School System employs approximately 375 personnel. For additional information go to <https://www.patrick.k12.va.us>. In addition to traditional college education, more certification-based workforce preparedness efforts have become prevalent in the Region in recent years, and Patrick County is no exception. In a collaborative effort to participate in dual-enrollment study during their junior and senior high school years.

Career & Technical - Kurt will get in touch with Jason Wood, for more information.

Colleges/Workforce Training – Kurt will speak with someone to update pages 5-8 and 5-9

Pg. 5-9 – Governmental Organization

- Patrick County is governed by an elected Board of Supervisors who are chosen from five voting districts. The qualified voters of each district elect one representative for a supervisor for a four-year term with elections being held on a staggered basis in order to

provide continuum in the governing of the County. The Board meets publicly once a month.

- Voters also elect the Commonwealth’s Attorney, Commission of the Revenue, Sheriff, School Board, Treasurer and the Circuit Court Clerk. The General Registrar is appointed by the Electoral Board, which is itself appointed by the Circuit Court Judge for three-year terms. The Board of Supervisors employs a county administrator, who is responsible for the day-to-day affairs of the County. Patrick County School Board became an elected board. Prior to that time, the School Board was appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

Local and Regional Planning

- The Patrick County Planning Commission has 7 members, all County citizens appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Patrick County is a member of the West Piedmont Planning District Commission, one of 21 planning districts in Virginia.

Figure 1 shows an overall map of community facilities within Patrick County, while Figure 2 shows community facilities with the Town of Stuart.

Insert – Figure 1 & Figure 2 – pages 5-11 & 5-12

Pg. 6 – 1 – Cultural & Historic Resources

Pg. 6-3 - Kurt will speak with Sarah Wray with the Reynolds Homestead for updates on activities.

Pg. 6-5 –

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| • Downtown development | Artisans and Makers |
| • Community Development | Agri-tourism and Food |
| • Tourism and Economic Development | History and Heritage |
| • Music | Outdoor Recreation |

The Southwest Virginia Creative Economy Plan, 2020=2-22 may be found at:

<https://friendsofswva.org/creative-economy-plan/>

Move to Goals & Objectives –

Goals put forth by the Southwest Virginia Creative Economy Plan for the West Piedmont Planning District, which includes Patrick and Franklin counties, include the following:

- **Goal 1: Increase economic growth and global competitiveness**
- **Goal 2: Improve infrastructure to grow the regional economy**
- **Goal 3: Grow, retain and attract talent**
- **Goal 4: Enhance quality of life**

Pg. 6-6 & 6-7

- Update Star Theatre information
- Kurt will find out how many years Wood Brothers have been racing.
- Update Patrick County Music Association
- Remove Floyd Fest out of Table 1
- Remove Virginia Museum of Natural History & Piedmont Arts Association sections

Pg. 6-11

- Remove last paragraph

Pg. 7-1 – Start next meeting

Housing

Larry Cowley handed out a rough draft of the Solar Ordinance for the Planning Commission to review.

The next Planning Commission Sub-Committee work session scheduled August 16, 2022 at 4 p.m.

Larry Cowley, Chairman