Virginia: **At the regular meeting of the Chilhowie Planning Commission held Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.**

Present: **David Blevins, Donna Blevins, and Jim Bonham.**

Absent: **Flave Davis**

Also Present: Brian Martin, Town Manager/Zoning Administrator; Mrs. Heather Carter, Accounting Clerk; and David Haynes, Building Inspector.

Final Review of Comprehensive Plan:

Mr. Powers presented the Planning Commission with a Preamble that serves as the executive summary that was recommended for the new Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Clark met with Mr. Jordan Powers, Mount Rogers Planning District Commission, to discuss changes that Mr. Clark recommended to the Comprehensive Plan, and the Planning Commission approved in November 2024. After reviewing the Comprehensive Plan, Mr. Clark had three recommendations for Mr. Powers. The first recommendation was on page 79, Table 8-12: Top 5 Major Employers in the Town of Chilhowie, to add Valley Health Care and Longwall to the table as both employees more than 200 employees. Mr. Clark recommended eliminating the Smyth County School Board from the chart. Mr. Clark recommended adding an asterisk beside of 2016-2017in Table 8-15 Town of Chilhowie Meals Tax Collection. The asterisk indicates there was an increase in the meals tax that particular year. The final recommendation is to add, "Pathway Park Industrial Facility Authority, which is comprised of Smyth, Bland, and Washington County" needs to be added to the Industrial Sites section under Economic Development Opportunities. Mr. Clark suggested to strike the last sentence under the Industrial Sites Section to, "In addition to the park being served by Chilhowie Water and Sewer, it holds a well capable of producing approximately 400,000 gallons a day of non-public water."

Motion by Donna Blevins, second by Donna Blevins Planning Commission approves the changes requested by Mr. Clark and approves the Comprehensive Plan and recommends holding a Joint Public Hearing with Town Council to adopt the Comprehensive Plan. The motion was approved with the following recorded vote:

David Blevins	Aye	Donna Blevins	Aye
Jim Bonham	Aye	Flave Davis	Absent

Any Other Commission Business:

Mr. Brian Martin, Town Manager, reported that the Virginia Department of Transportation completed a traffic study at the intersection of Interstate 81 and Whitetop Road. The traffic study determined that the traffic count and low number of accidents deemed that this area does not warrant a traffic light. The request for the Virginia Department of Transportation to study options for safer pedestrian transit under the bridge at Interstate 81 was sent to the Virginia Department of Transportation's Bridge Division and results are still pending.

Having no further business, upon motion by David Blevins, second by Donna Blevins unanimously passed, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

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Heather Carter, Secretary