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

Present: **David Blevins, Donna Blevins, Jim Bonham, and Flave Davis**

Absent: **Jim Paine**

Also Present: John E.B. Clark, Jr., Town Manager/Zoning Administrator; Mrs. Felicia Eller, CMC, Clerk-Treasurer; and David Haynes, Building Inspector.

Review of Comprehensive Plan:

Ms. Rocky Warren, Mount Rogers Planning District Commission, reviewed Transportation Chapter Progress in the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan must be reviewed by the Virginia Department of Transportation once completed.

Ms. Warren reviewed in Chapter 8, Economy tables. Mrs. Blevins requested to pull information from the Housing Chapter to discuss information regarding the retirement community in Chapter 8. Mr. Bonham recommended including a business-friendly segment in the Economy Chapter to discuss opportunity zones, main employment sectors and tie it into the Goals Chapter. Mrs. Blevins recommends contacting Mrs. Amanda Livingston, Smyth County Tourism, to gather more information about travel and tourism and add to Table 8-14: Smyth County Direct Economic Impact of Tourism by Industries. The Planning Commission also recommended adding more information for recreation activities for citizens of all ages.

A discussion ensued regarding what needs to be added to the Goals section of the Comprehensive Plan. After much discussion the Planning Commission requested Mount Rogers Planning District Commission to highlight the changes that have been made in the rewrite, so it can be compared to the current Comprehensive Plan.

Any Other Commission Business:

The next Planning Commission meeting with be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Having no further business, upon motion by Donna Blevins, second by David Blevins unanimously passed, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

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Felicia Eller, CMC, Secretary