Virginia: **At the regular meeting of the Chilhowie Planning Commission held Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.**

Present: **David Blevins, Jim Bonham, Flave Davis, and Jim Paine.**

Absent: **Donna Blevins**

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

Approval of April 9, 2024, May 7, 2024, and June 10, 2024, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Flave Davis, second by Jim Paine Planning Commission approves the April 9, 2024, May 7, 2024, and June 10, 2024, meeting minutes. The motion was approved with following recorded vote:

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

Review of Communications:

Mr. and Mrs. Arlen and Elizabeth Sturgill were deeded the Sturgill Family Trust piece of property located at 125 Popular Avenue. Mr. Sturgill combined the lot lines of Sturgill Family Trust piece of property and his property at Tax Parcel 53-3-5. The property meets all requirements.

Mr. Tom Bishop conveyed a small lot to Myrtle Properties. Mr. Bishop plans to purchase the whole lot. The lot meets all size requirements.

Mr. James Bonham III, 1027 Old Stage Road, applied for a Zoning Permit for a storage building to be placed on the property.

The Planning Commissioners reviewed all Zoning Permits, no issues were found.

Review of Comprehensive Plan:

Mr. Jordan Powers, Mount Rogers Planning District Commission, reviewed the Comprehensive Plan Progress Update Report. Mr. Powers updated the Economy Chapter to include information regarding Opportunity Zones. The Virginia Economic Development Partnership and the Tobacco Region funding was also added to Chapter 6. Mr. Powers also reviewed the S.W.O.T. Analysis with Planning Commissioners and staff.

Mr. Jordan Powers reviewed Chapter 6 of the Comprehensive Plan, Community Facilities. An introduction section explaining what a community facility is and why it is important to have within a community is included in Chapter 6. The Education Section was broken into kindergarten through 12th grade, Vocational and Technical Education, and Higher Education. The Library

section provides resources the Library has available such as, children's programs, and provides meeting spaces for non-profit groups.

The Health Care section discusses Hospital and Clinics, Long-Term Care, Public Health Services, and Mental Health Services. The Recreation facilities in Smyth County range from Mount Rogers National Recreation Area to the local recreation programs for adults and children. The Recreation section is broken into Federal Recreation Facilities, State Recreation Facilities, and Local Facilities and Programs. The Splash Pad, Dog Park, Farmer's Market, and the Town Yard Sales were included to the Local Facilities and Programs section. A recommendation was made to remove information regarding Scenic View Golf due to it being closed. The Cultural Amenities and Emergency Services sections were also reviewed.

Mr. Powers reviewed the Water Supply and Treatment section of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Clark reviewed the current water and wastewater rates. Mr. Clark recommended Mr. Powers to contact Mr. Don Cole for water information and Mr. Luke Lowe for wastewater information. The Utilities section lists services provided for Electric Power, Natural Gas, and Telecommunications.

Mr. Powers will review the Goals and Objectives at the next meeting. He will provide any changes that were made to Chapter 6, Community Facilities, during the next meeting.

Any Other Commission Business:

Mrs. Felicia Eller presented each Planning Commissioner with a copy of the Resolution of Appreciation for his dedication to the Town of Chilhowie that was presented to Mr. Lynn Pease during the Council meeting held Thursday.

Having no further business, upon motion by Jim Paine, second by David Blevins unanimously passed, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

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Felicia Eller, CMC, Secretary