

**CRAIG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 5th, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.
CRAIG COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

**AT A REGULAR MEETING of the Craig County Board of Supervisors conducted on
the 5th day of FEBRUARY 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Craig County Court House
Courtroom.**

PRESENT: Jesse Spence, Chair
Jordan Labiosa-Vice Chair
Carl Bailey-Supervisor
Brian Lipes-Supervisor
Keith Dunbar-Supervisor

Dan Collins – Clerk
Amy Bryson-Deputy Clerk

OPEN MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Spence. The invocation was given by Mr. Lipes, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

REQUESTS TO POSTPONE, ADD TO OR CHANGE THE ORDER

A. XIII. ACTION AS A RESULT

CONSENT ITEMS

R26-07

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CRAIG COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE CRAIG COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 2026

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND CONCURRING IN CERTAIN ITEMS SET FORTH ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA FOR THIS DATE DESIGNATED AS THE CONSENT ITEMS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Craig County, Virginia, as follows:

1. That the certain section of the agenda of the Board of Supervisors for December 4th, 2025, designated as the Consent Items be, and hereby is, approved and concurred in as to each item separately set forth in said section designated Items 1 through 2, inclusive, as follows:
 1. Approval of minutes – January 8th, 2026
 2. Claims and Warrants
2. That the Clerk to the Board is hereby authorized and directed where required by law to set forth upon any of said items the separate vote tabulation for any such item pursuant to this resolution.

The Board of Supervisors of Craig County, in a regular meeting on the 5th day of February, 2026 adopted this Resolution.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion on R26-07. Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dunbar to approve Resolution R26-07. Voting was as follows: Mr. Labiosa, yes, Mr. Lipes, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, Mr. Spence, yes.

BRIEFINGS

- A. Brian Blevins, Assistant Resident Engineer, for Brian Blevins, VDOT, - No Land Development projects, and no permit issued 12/23/2025 to 01/20/202. A TE work order was requested for curve warning signs along Route 42 (Cumberland Gap Road). Review found a number of locations for signage improvements. A portion of the improvements were included in a high safety improvement program (HSIP) contract that is being advertised this spring. The Remainder will be completed by VDOT crews this spring.
- Route 311 Crosswalk in New Castle – This section of Route 311 is on the 2026 resurfacing schedule which will include an updated, high visibility crosswalk. Also moving forward with installation of enhanced ADA ramps at crosswalk. Design sketch under development. Route 311 School Bus Stop – Meeting is scheduled to discuss in February. Current school bus stop sign has been moved prior to the curve. **Ditching, Pipe Cleaning, and Shoulders**, County-wide grading and stabilizing. Shoulder work and culvert cleaning on Route 311 (Paint Bank Road) in the Potts Mountain area. Hand patching on Route 630 (Northside Road), Route 632 (Johns Creek Road), and Route 658 (Johns Creek Road). Pipe replacements on Route 617 (CC Mountain Road). **Completed Projects** Pipe cleaning in the Sinking Creek area. Countywide dead animal removal. Countywide snow removal. Hand patching on Route 42 (Cumberland Gap Road), Route 311 (Craig Valley Drive), and Route 611 (Peaceful Valley Drive). Mow trimming on Route 615 (Craigs Creek Road), and Route 658 (Johns Creek Road). Grading on Route 617 (CC Mountain Road), Route 618 (Broad Run), Route 620 (Millers Cove), and Route 651 (Hall Road).
- B. Trace Bellasai, Broadband Information Technology - No report
- C. Dr. Jason Wheeler, Superintendent Craig County Schools – Dr. Wheeler updated the board on the new testing requirements. Mr. Spence asked about how many days were built in for snow or other closures. Dr. Wheeler explained the hours vs virtual days, total hours and looking forward to some warmer days.
- D. Woody Lipps, Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail-Mr. Lipps updated the board, the Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission requested a briefing on the trail project for their meeting last month. In the briefing, the commission was shown before and after pictures of the work that has been done, for example areas that had mud holes or grade issues now have cyclist and horseback riders on the trail. To date the state’s total investment in the project is \$19.5 million. Tonight, Mr. Lipps wanted to highlight the volunteer efforts on the trail. He included hours by volunteer work in the form of grants, donations, and pure people power and total investment of those hours is a total of \$303,228.00 in the Pathways for Greenways contribution. In those cleanups, 77 tires were collected and tons of trash and household debris. There are several members of the Pathfinder Mid-week Crew also volunteer with other Craig County

organization, most of our committee members also volunteer with the organizations in the county, those own fix and deliver meals, run the Food Pantry and the Cloths Closets, our

Historical Society, Recreation Association at the Field of Dreams, and our five volunteer fire departments and volunteer rescue squad. Mr. Lipps also mentioned Friends of the library, Preserve Creig and the people who serve on all our boards, commission, and authorities. He mentioned how these volunteers provide Criag County with the quality of life without the taxpayer cost and hopes that is recognized. Given all the volunteer per capita in Craig, we must have the largest volunteer group in Virginia. He closed by thanking the board for recognizing the huge contribution by volunteer work in the form of work hours, grants, donations, and pure people power.

- E. Marge Lewter, Preserve Craig- Ms. Lewter briefed the Board of Supervisors on the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) that needs more compression stations to move the gas up and down the mountains and is looking at several locations, one being Craig. MVP first choice is Elliston, Montgomery. Montgomery County Board of Supervisors has voted against MVP boost stations in a resolution. The impacts of these compressor stations are as follows from MVP application to DEQ state the compressor station will on average emit tons of pollutants - volatile compounds, nitric oxide, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, in the air, water, land, these particles follow the weather, and effects the valleys in our area. There are noise issues, and logistic issues regarding the site in Craig. She is asking for action against the MVP Boost Station site in Craig and the Board of Supervisors to act. She mentioned that Dark Skies will be reported next month, which is going very well. Ms. Lewter was recently alerted over the MVP station as they were to have notified the Counties involved, Craig was not notified per Mr. Collins. Mr. Spence asked about the timeline. Ms. Lewter expressed that MVP is on a fast track, yet public comment must be in by August deadline. Mr. Collins asked if she has a copy of Montgomery's resolution and Mr. Labiosa asked about zoning specifically for compressor stations and Mr. Dunbar asked if the EPA has any regulations on gases. Ms. Lewter does have a copy of the resolution from Montgomery and will learn what efforts or options the EPA may have. Thank you.

APPOINTMENTS

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

R26-08

**A RESOLUTION OF RATIFICATION
AMENDING
THE FISCAL YEAR
2025-2026 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Craig County Board of Supervisors (CCBoS) adopted the 2025-2026 Budget on May 1, 2025 for planning purposes, and

WHEREAS, the County of Craig at the January 8th County Board of Supervisors meeting discussed that the Craig County Public School Football Team had made a great accomplishment in their season this year and

WHEREAS, Along with having them to serve as the Grand Marshall in our 2025 County Christmas Parade there was pride and a great sense of community support for the Craig County Rockets, and

WHEREAS, it was also made known that the school’s weight room was in need of new equipment and

WHEREAS, it was discussed that the County should make a contribution out of the County Fund Balance to assist in the purchase of new equipment for the School Weight Room, now

WHEREAS, the Craig County Board of Supervisors voted at the January 8, 2026 meeting to provide the Craig County High School with the amount of \$15,000 to assist in the purchase of weight equipment, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the Board of Supervisors of Craig County that the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget is hereby amended as follows:

REVENUE

Local

3-100-041999-0000	Fund Balance	15,000
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EXPENSES

Board of Supervisors

4-100-11010-6021	Donation to school	15,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of **\$15,000** is appropriate as described above. The Board of Supervisors of Craig County, in a regular meeting on the 5th day of February 2026 ratified and adopted this resolution.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion on R26-08. Mr. Labiosa was motioned, seconded by Mr. Bailey. Voting was as follows: Mr. Labiosa, yes, Mr. Lipes, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, Mr. Spence, yes.

Motion to Proceed with CCPS Boiler Project

Mr. Collins briefed the board on the VACO Atlantic Union loan and fund balance and whether to use those funds for the new Administration Building or the Boiler Project for the Craig County Schools. After discussion, Mr. Spence asked for a motion to proceed with the loan with Atlantic Union Bank as the loan can always be paid off in fund balance if needed, Mr. Dunbar made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lipes. Voting was as follows: Mr. Labiosa, yes, Mr. Lipes, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, Mr. Spence, yes.

NEW BUSINESS

R26-09

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING
THE FISCAL YEAR
2025-2026 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Craig County Board of Supervisors (CCBoS) adopted the 2025-2026 Budget on May 1, 2025 for planning purposes, and

WHEREAS, the County of Craig has received additional funding from the US Forest Service for the use of the Field of Dreams Complex with the permission of the Field of Dreams Committee and the EDA for the helicopter landing pad for the Forest Fire in the amount of \$2,100, and

WHEREAS, it was the decision of the Economic Development Authority (which are the property owners) to give these funds to the Field of Dreams for their expenses which were received thru the County of Craig, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to make a Budget Supplement from the County Fund Balance to the Care of Prisoners Department in the amount of \$103,000 to pay the boarding fees to the Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Center for juveniles which are incarcerated currently and thru this fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to also make a Budget Supplement from the County Fund Balance in the amount of \$20,000 to the Maintenance of Properties budget, the repairs and replacement line item has been depleted with unexpected HVAC repairs and now does not have the funds to make the budgeted repairs, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Craig County that the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget is hereby amended as follows:

REVENUE

Local

3-100-018990-0018	USFS rent	2,100
3-100-041999-0000	Fund Balance	<u>123,000</u>
	Total	\$125,100

EXPENSES

Non Departmental

4-100-091000-5801	Field of Dreams	2,100
<u>Care of Prisoners</u>		
4-100-033200-3800	cost and care	103,000
<u>Maintenance of Properties</u>		
4-100-043100-3315	repairs and replacement	<u>20,000</u>
	Total	\$125,100

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of **\$125,100** be appropriated as described above. The Board of Supervisors of Craig County, in a regular meeting on the 5th day of February 2026 adopted this resolution.

Mr. Spence asked for a motion on R26-09. Mr. Bailey motioned, seconded by Mr. Dunbar. Voting was as follows: Mr. Labiosa, yes, Mr. Lipes, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, Mr. Spence, yes.

R26-10

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TAX REFUND
PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 58.1-3981**

WHEREAS, the Craig County Commissioner of the Revenue has presented a “Certification and Consent for Tax Refund Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 58.1-3981,” dated February 5th, 2026, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution (the “Certificate”), for consideration by the Craig County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the Certificate, the Board of Supervisors has determined it appropriate to approve the requested refund, pursuant to Virginia Code § 58.1-3981.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Craig County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. That the refund described in the Certificate is approved; and
2. The Craig County Treasurer is directed to issue the refund in accordance with the Certificate.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Date of Adoption: February 5th, 2026

<u>Recorded Roll Call Votes:</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Jesse Spence:	Yes	_____
Keith Dunbar:	Yes	_____
Carl Bailey:	Yes	_____
Jordan Labiosa:	Yes	_____
Brian Lipes:	Yes	_____

ATTEST:

Dan Collins, County Administrator
and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

INFORMATION

- A. Treasurer's Report
- B. Communication Upgrades Coming with Funding

REPORTS AND INQUIRIES

Mr. Collins reported he has been working on the budget and the state police tower sites agreements to build the road on the Price Tower road is complete.

Mr. Collins updated the board on the opioid monies and the surrounding counties are discussing building a recovery center and giving the monies to the center and when details are worked out.

Mr. Dunbar asked regarding the wood being cut for the Tower site he asked if there needed to be a permit for that wood. Mr. Lipes did comment yes.

Mr. Lipes asked if there was a time line, Mr. Collins responded, March 15th, for the tower road to be complete.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

Mr. Spence opened Hear the Public.

Nan Grey, Sinking Creek Valley, Thanked the board for their service. She also wanted to mention that the New Castle Garden Club and the Simonsville Garden Club, and thanked Mr. Lipps for his shout out to volunteers. She mentioned that the maps from MVP are very unclear, that is the

point. She mentioned the valley reaches Giles County and is 30 miles long. When MVP first came to lay the pipeline, neighbors gathered maps of all the caves, underground springs, above ground springs, and streams that run along the Sinking Creek Valley. Pollution that would come for this MVP booster station is right at the Criag and Giles County Line. The maps of sinkholes, caves, and springs in the area, have all been identified and she reminds us that we need to appreciate the gifts of Criag. She reminded the board that we are a water protection zone, which means we need to protect our water. She is asking the Board to be good stewards of our fresh water and to protect it against unwanted pollutants. Thank you.

As there were no other comments, Mr. Spence closed hear the public.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Spence asked for a motion to go into closed session for real estate matters. Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dunbar, to approve the motion. Voting was as follows: Mr. Labiosa, yes, Mr. Lipes, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, Mr. Spence, yes.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING HELD IN CONFORMITY

R26-11

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CRAIG COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE CRAIG COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 2026

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE CLOSED MEETING WAS HELD IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CODE OF VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Craig County, Virginia has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board of Supervisors of Craig County, Virginia, that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Craig County, hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge;

1. Only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting which this certification resolution applies; and
2. Only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board of Supervisors of Craig County, Virginia

Mr. Spence asked for a motion on R26-11. Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dunbar to approve Resolution R26-11. Voting was as follows: Mr. Labiosa, yes, Mr. Lipes, yes, Mr. Dunbar, yes, Mr. Bailey, yes, Mr. Spence, yes.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Spence, there is no action at this time.

ADJOURN

Mr. Spence adjourned the meeting at 6:47 pm.

_____, CHAIRMAN
CRAIG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

_____, CLERK
CRAIG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR
