



Agenda
January 16, 2025
6:00 p.m. – Pulaski County Innovation Center, Fairlawn, VA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of Minutes for November
 - B. [Approval of Treasurer’s Report for November](#) and December
- III. **COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS**
 - A. Projects Signed-off by the staff
 - None
 - B. Regular Project Review
 - 1. [New River Valley Community Services Vehicle Purchase](#)
- IV. **PUBLIC ADDRESS**
- V. **CHAIR’S REPORT**
- VI. **[EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT](#)**
- VII. **REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS**
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. [Pulaski County Broadband Project Overview](#)
 - Tom Innes, All Points Broadband (via Zoom)
 - Rich Schollmann, All Points Broadband (via Zoom)
 - Commission Discussion
 - B. [Set FY26 Ride Solutions Program Overview and Operating Grant Resolution](#)
 - Christy Straight, Director of Infrastructure & Environmental Resources
 - Commission Action
 - C. Next Meeting: February 27th

All meeting materials posted on the Commission website www.nrvrc.org

The New River Valley Regional Commission provides area wide planning for the physical, social, and economic elements of the district; encourages and assists local governments in planning for their future; provides a means of coordinating federal, state, and local efforts to resolve area problems; provides a forum for review of mutual concerns; and implements services upon request of member local governments.



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members
From: Jessica Barrett, Finance Director
Date: December 18, 2024
Re: November 2024 Financial Statements

The November 2024 Agencywide Revenue and Expenditure Report and Balance Sheet are enclosed for your review. Financial reports are reviewed by the Executive Committee prior to inclusion in the meeting packet.

The Agencywide Revenue and Expense report compares actual year to date receipts and expenses to the FY24-25 budget adopted by the Commission at the June 27, 2024 meeting. The financial operations of the agency are somewhat fluid and projects, added and modified throughout the year, along with the high volume of Workforce program activities, impact the adopted budget. To provide clarity, Commission and Workforce Development Board activities are separated on the agencywide report.

As of month-end November 2024 (42% of the fiscal year), Commission year to date revenues are 18% and expenses are 15% of adopted budget. The two largest budget expense lines, Salary and Fringe, are in line with budget at 39% and 42%, respectively.

Looking at the balance sheet, Accounts Receivable is \$976,731. Of this total, Workforce receivables are \$333,919 (34%) and current. The Executive Committee reviews all aged receivables over 60 days and no receivables are deemed uncollectible. Net Projects (\$282,123) represent in process projects that have not been invoiced and posted to receivables.

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New River Valley Regional Commission
Balance Sheet
11/30/2024

<u>Assets:</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Current Month</u>
Operating Account	126,701	135,757
First Bank & Trust - Bland/Montgomery Broadband	1,595,746	1,268,865
First Bank & Trust - Pulaski County Broadband	2,067,531	2,073,952
First Bank & Trust - Office Building Financing	0	914,287
First Bank & Trust - Regional Housing Fund	0	211,683
First Bank & Trust - Money Market	116,930	117,335
Accounts Receivable	1,005,075	976,731
Loans Receivable - Revolving Loan Fund	35,156	34,591
Restricted Cash - Revolving Loan Fund	72,779	73,461
Commission Vehicles	32,365	32,365
Total Assets:	<u>5,052,282</u>	<u>5,839,027</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>		
Accounts Payable	274,008	299,777
Accrued Annual Leave	120,159	120,159
Accrued Unemployment	34,110	34,200
Expense Reimbursement	3,344	5,010
Funds Held for Others	64,068	64,068
Funds on Hand - Montgomery County Broadband	1,509,090	1,177,235
Funds on Hand - Pulaski County Broadband	2,000,000	2,000,000
Funds on Hand - Regional Housing Fund	0	270,114
Total Liabilities:	<u>4,004,777</u>	<u>3,970,562</u>
<u>Projects:</u> (Equity Accounts)		
Net Projects	(141,435)	(282,123)
Current Year Unrestricted	160,016	204,914
Office Building Project	0	908,275
Unrestricted Net Assets	913,441	913,441
Restricted Net Assets - Revolving Loan Fund	107,467	107,467
Total Projects (Equity)	<u>1,039,489</u>	<u>1,851,974</u>
Total Liabilities and Projects	<u>5,044,266</u>	<u>5,822,536</u>
Net Difference to be Reconciled	<u>8,016</u>	<u>16,491</u>
Total Adjustments to Post*	8,016	16,491
Unreconciled Balance (after adjustment)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

*YTD adjustment to Accrued Leave. Final adjustment posted to general ledger at fiscal year end closeout.

**New River Valley Regional Commission
Revenue and Expenditures -November 2024**

FY24-25 Budget		(42% of FY)			
		November 2024	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget
NRVRC Anticipated Revenues					
	Budget				
ARC Annual Admin Grant	89,160	0	44,580	44,580	50.00%
ARC RemTel Painters School Road Broadband	0	(60)	(60)	60	0.00%
ARC POWER Water Trail Implementation	35,000	0	0	35,000	0.00%
ARC LDD READY Appalachia	35,319	0	6,382	28,937	18.07%
ARC Passenger Rail Station Development	20,000	0	0	20,000	0.00%
ARC Broadband Bland	449,764	0	0	449,764	0.00%
VATI/ARC Digital Opportunity Grant	75,000	0	0	75,000	0.00%
Local Assessment	241,429	0	241,429	0	100.00%
Office Project Member Contributions	0	906,619	906,619	(906,619)	0.00%
DHCD - Administrative Grant	114,971	57,485	57,485	57,486	50.00%
DHCD VATI 2022	31,462,712	1,944,772	4,138,706	27,324,006	13.15%
DRPT RIDE Solutions NRV	93,884	0	19,878	74,006	21.17%
EDA	70,000	0	17,500	52,500	25.00%
EDA Tech Hub	168,000	0	15,521	152,479	9.24%
Go Virginia Scale Up	6,550	0	0	6,550	0.00%
Workforce Fiscal Agent	75,000	0	18,750	56,250	25.00%
Workforce Power Fiscal Agent	15,000	0	15,000	0	100.00%
Workforce YouthBuild Fiscal Agent	12,500	0	12,500	0	100.00%
Workforce Ready SWVA Fiscal agent	5,500	0	5,500	0	100.00%
Workforce WORC Fiscal agent	25,000	0	12,500	12,500	50.00%
Workforce WIOA Soft Skills Fiscal Agent	1,500	0	1,500	0	100.00%
Workforce WIOA Supplemental Fiscal Agent	1,500	0	1,500	0	100.00%
Workforce WIOA Technical Skills Fiscal Agent	2,000	0	2,000	0	100.00%
Workforce Trades Gap Fiscal Agent	25,000	0	12,500	12,500	50.00%
Workforce YouthBuild Build Your Career Fiscal Age	20,000	0	12,500	7,500	62.50%
VDOT	58,000	0	15,872	42,128	27.36%
Floyd County	79,000	0	23,897	55,103	30.25%
Floyd Town	15,000	0	4,922	10,078	32.81%
Giles County	27,000	0	0	27,000	0.00%
Giles County Broadband	30,000	0	0	30,000	0.00%
Narrows Town	37,500	0	4,886	32,614	13.03%
Pearisburg Town	10,000	0	4,075	5,925	40.75%
Montgomery County VATI 2021	2,000	0	508	1,492	25.39%
Montgomery County VATI 2022	2,660,859	331,855	707,270	1,953,589	26.58%
Montgomery County Opiod Abatement	720,000	67,367	210,781	509,219	29.28%
Blacksburg Town	18,000	0	4,500	13,500	25.00%
Christiansburg Town	42,157	0	8,310	33,847	19.71%
Pulaski County	10,000	0	1,817	8,183	18.17%
Pulaski County VATI	966,429	0	0	966,429	0.00%
Pulaski Town	30,000	0	0	30,000	0.00%
Radford City	21,299	0	8,229	13,070	38.63%
MM Interest	4,500	405	2,208	2,293	49.06%
Interest Income - VATI	150,000	13,051	68,425	81,575	45.62%
Miscellaneous Income	0	50	528	(528)	0.00%
Virginia's First	16,080	0	7,500	8,580	46.64%
NRV MPO	108,216	0	14,852	93,364	13.72%
Pembroke	5,016	0	0	5,016	0.00%
Dept of Environmental Quality	65,750	0	5,102	60,648	7.76%
VHDA	54,375	0	10,109	44,266	18.59%
Southwest Virginia SWMA	11,500	0	7,900	3,600	68.70%
Virginia Recycling Association	15,000	0	7,500	7,500	50.00%
VDH New River Health District	125,000	17,006	99,524	25,476	79.62%
RVARC	0	306	2,806	(2,806)	0.00%
NRV Passenger Rail Authority	76,500	0	26,910	49,590	35.18%
New River Conservancy	45,000	0	0	45,000	0.00%
Regional Housing Trust Fund	50,000	0	0	50,000	0.00%
Revolving Loan - Interest	1,400	117	605	795	43.19%
Sub Total Revenues	38,500,370	3,338,975	6,791,325	31,709,045	17.64%
Expenses					
Salaries	1,757,236	144,143	678,430	1,078,806	38.61%
Fringe Benefits	495,526	41,371	208,534	286,992	42.08%
Travel	46,239	3,592	13,057	33,182	28.24%
Office Space	69,000	5,727	28,637	40,363	41.50%
Communications	21,000	1,493	10,189	10,811	48.52%
Office Supplies	126,278	23,446	33,122	93,156	26.23%
Postage	1,300	122	884	416	67.99%
Printing	8,000	470	5,970	2,030	74.62%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	1,400	139	613	787	43.82%
Outreach/Media Adv	18,001	16,872	17,501	500	97.22%
Equipment Rent/Copier	3,000	223	1,117	1,883	37.23%
Fleet Vehicles	1,600	63	648	952	40.50%
Dues/Publications	19,955	6,487	13,267	6,688	66.48%
Training/Staff Development	49,500	575	20,399	29,101	41.21%
Insurance	5,000	0	2,606	2,395	52.11%
Meeting Costs	24,150	1,156	11,503	12,647	47.63%
Capital Outlay	50,000	0	37,500	12,500	75.00%
Contractual Services	35,740,330	2,277,489	4,854,409	30,885,921	13.58%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	56,150	2,930	20,448	35,703	36.42%
Miscellaneous/Fees	6,705	285	1,353	5,352	20.18%
Reimbursed Expenses	0	(95)	73	(73)	0.00%
Sub Total Expenses	38,500,370	2,526,489	5,960,259	32,540,111	15.48%
NRVRC Balance	0	812,485	831,066		

**New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board
Revenue and Expenditures - November 2024**

NR/MR WDB Anticipated Revenues		November 2024	YTD	Under/Over	(42% of FY) % Budget
Workforce Development Area	4,294,437	209,848	1,035,241	3,259,196	24.11%
Sub Total Revenues		209,848	1,035,241	3,259,196	
Expenses					
Salaries	766,620	77,860	384,584	382,036	50.17%
Fringe Benefits	275,983	23,764	123,843	152,140	44.87%
Travel	45,000	2,940	20,551	24,449	45.67%
Office Space	26,000	5,368	19,990	6,010	76.88%
Communications	16,000	3,196	11,300	4,700	70.63%
Office Supplies	34,000	3,553	10,072	23,928	29.62%
Postage	250	0	6	244	2.45%
Printing	2,000	0	0	2,000	0.00%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	5,500	0	165	5,335	3.00%
Outreach/Media Adv	88,000	0	8,037	79,963	9.13%
Equipment Rent/Copier	1,700	93	587	1,113	34.52%
Dues/Publications	8,000	0	0	8,000	0.00%
Training/Staff Development	12,000	639	17,601	(5,601)	146.68%
Insurance	5,000	0	3,789	1,211	75.78%
Meeting Costs	61,000	2,994	6,632	54,368	10.87%
Contractual Services	2,898,794	89,441	428,024	2,470,770	14.77%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	12,200	0	59	12,141	0.48%
Miscellaneous/Fees	36,390	0	0	36,390	0.00%
Sub Total Expenses	4,294,437	209,848	1,035,241	3,259,196	24.11%
NR/MR WDB Balance	0	0	0		

Total Agency R&E		November 2024	YTD	
Anticipated Revenue	42,794,807	3,548,823	7,826,566	18.29%
Anticipated Expense	42,794,807	2,736,338	6,995,500	16.35%
Balance		812,485	831,066	



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COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Commission Board Members

FROM: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM: III. Intergovernmental Review Process, B. Regular Projects, Item #1

CIRP Review

January 9, 2025

PROJECT: New River Valley Community Services Vehicle Purchase

SUBMITTED BY: New River Valley Community Services

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: New River Valley Community Services is requesting comments on an application seeking capital assistance to purchase four body on chassis vans with lifts.

PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO: Commission Board Members

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January 8, 2025

Mr. Kevin Byrd, AICP
Executive Director, New River Valley PDC
6580 Valley Center Drive, Suite 124
Radford, VA 24141

Dear Mr. Byrd,

New River Valley Community Services is seeking capital assistance funds from the Commonwealth of Virginia through FTA Section 5310 to purchase transportation replacement vehicles and fund operations. As a part of the application process, we are required to notify our regional planning organization and request an Intergovernmental Review of our grant proposals.

NRVCS is requesting funding to purchase four body-on chassis vans with wheelchair lifts. These purchases are for replacement vehicles totaling approximately \$485,000. The federal grant is for 80 percent of the base cost with the state covering 10 percent, and our agency being held responsible for the remaining 10 percent balance and any costs above base price.

The vehicles will provide transportation for disabled and elderly served by New River Valley Community Services and within the New River Valley (NRV). This includes on demand transit with Community Transit GO, agency programs, and medical appointments.

As we look at greater access for the NRV, we are requesting operating funds to increase service from 60 hours to 205 hours per week for our app based on-demand system. These funds will allow those that are elderly and disabled to schedule through Community Transit and allow for an affordable transportation option throughout the NRV. We will focus our attention on areas that currently do not have access to public transit to help mitigate any overlap in service. Our staff will monitor and work with riders if there are options that are currently funded. The funds we are requesting are approximately \$556,000. This grant request is for 50% state, 40% federal, and 10% local match.

We request that you, as the regional planning body, take appropriate action to fulfill the Intergovernmental Review and direct all comments to:

5310 Transit Project Manager
Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
600 East Main Street, Suite 2102
Richmond, Virginia 23219



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If you have any questions about our proposals, please feel free to call me at 540-831-4020.

Sincerely,

Trevor Sakry
NRVCS Transportation Manager



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Executive Director's Report

Economic Development:

- The NRV Recovery Ecosystem is working with the Community Foundation of the NRV to establish a Support Fund. The program will allow all four counties and the city to allocate funds to the Foundation that could then be drawn down for citizens going through recovery programs with a specific urgent need. A Peer Coalition kick-off event is scheduled for January 13th 11:00am-4:00pm at NRCC's Edwards Hall. The Peer Coalition will serve to support people with a history of substance use in a wide variety of ways. The New River Health District has a new mobile unit that was recently wrapped with graphics and is out in the region to provide numerous services that are offered through on-site clinics.
- Broadband: The Montgomery County VATI 2021 project for Eastern Montgomery County is completing rail road crossings this month that have delayed the project. Once those are finished the 2021 project will closeout, likely in February. The VATI 2022 project for Montgomery/Bland is in build-out phase with consistent construction underway. Pulaski County's project will be highlighted at the Board meeting this month with representatives from All Points Broadband.
- The work of many companies in the Virginia AM2 Tech Hub was featured in the recent issue of Virginia Economic Review, which is the print publication of Virginia Economic Development Partnership. You can view the publication at this [link](#) To keep up with the program, visit the website hosted by OnwardNRV www.am2virginia.org

Transportation:

- The I-81 Corridor Committee met on December 13th to review progress of the Corridor Improvement Program and receive a presentation on the NRV Passenger Rail project. Key information from this meeting included an update of the Corridor Improvement Program will be taking place over the next year since the initial plan was developed in 2018. Projects along the I-81 corridor can followed at this site www.improve81.vdot.virginia.gov
- The Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) will hold a groundbreaking event for the New River Valley project in Cambria on March 20th at 1:00pm. Invitations will go to board members and all local, state, federal elected officials. The Station Authority meets on 1/16 and will discuss participation agreement structure and receive an update from VPRA.

Housing:

- The Regional Housing Fund recently closed on the Claremont School Redevelopment Project. Construction will be getting underway this month. Closing for the Legacy project in Blacksburg is anticipated in February.

Natural Resources:

- Friends of Southwest Virginia received an Appalachian Regional Commission grant to support Hurricane Helene impacts to outdoor recreation assets. The PDC directors in southwest Virginia met with staff from Friends of SWVA to discuss the project funding and determined the best use is to determine a debris removal plan for each community in the flood impacted

areas. A RFP will be issued this week for drone services to capture images of all the debris. Once footage is secured, the level of debris will be evaluated to determine what will require special equipment and which areas can be addressed with volunteer labor. The New River will be the focal point for this region.

Regional:

- The Regional Commission continues to support communities impacted by Hurricane Helene. Earlier this week there was a federal announcement of funding being made available through Community Development Block Grants and other programs. Once program guidance is determined the Regional Commission will be reaching out for projects and offer to prepare applications.

Commission:

- The Town of Dublin officially joined the Regional Commission effective January 1, 2025! This marks 100% of local governments in the region being members of the organization.
- The Regional Commission closed on the office building in Christiansburg on 12/13. Employees of the Commission toured the building on 12/19. The architecture/engineering team will provide 65% design drawings later in January.
- With the new year there are several organizational meetings taking place. I facilitated a visioning session with the Radford City Council and their interim City Manager on 1/8 and will be facilitating the Floyd County Board of Supervisors Retreat on 1/13. Please reach out if we can be of assistance facilitating meetings.



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Commissioners

From: Kevin Byrd, Executive Director

Date: January 9, 2025

Re: Pulaski County Broadband Project Overview

At the January Regional Commission meeting there will be a presentation by All Points Broadband, the Internet Service Provider (ISP), delivering fiber to the premise for Pulaski County's broadband deployment project. Tom Innes and Rich Schollmann with All Points Broadband will join the board meeting via Zoom to share a project background, work completed to date, and the project completion schedule. The project will deliver 7,872 serviceable units across the county in areas that are un-served or under-served by incumbent internet providers. It is funded by a Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) grant award from 2022 in the amount of \$29,122,000.00 to the New River Valley Regional Commission and matching funds of \$24,103,057.19 from All Points Broadband and \$2,000,000 from Pulaski County for a total project of \$55,225,057.19.

All Points Broadband has several VATI project awards in communities across the Commonwealth and is a good source to answer board member questions related to broadband deployment, particularly in rural areas.



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members

From: Christy Straight, Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Resources

Date: January 8, 2025

Re: FY26 RIDE Solutions Grant Application Resolution

RIDE Solutions NRV serves our region with transportation demand management services for commuters and employers and is part of a larger brand serving central and southwest Virginia. Our partners in this brand include the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission and West Piedmont PDC. We offer services to anyone traveling in our region, including information and support for cycling and walking, carpool/vanpool ridematching, transit, guaranteed ride home, and telework assistance.

The Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) provides operating funding to commuter assistance programs across Virginia. The agency provides funding at an 80% match of project costs, with local investment at 20% of costs, through the Commuter Assistance Program (CAP) Operating Assistance. The goal of the CAP Operating Assistance grant program is to mitigate traffic congestion through the elimination of single occupant vehicle (SOV) auto trips by shifting SOV trips to carpool, vanpool and transit.

The Commission is proposing an estimated \$97,000 budget for FY2026, of which \$19,400 is local funding provided by the Commission and a \$77,600 match by DRPT. Attached is a resolution for the board to consider which is required by DRPT. The budget primarily funds staff time and outreach efforts, advertising, and community partnering. The program works best when drivers AND riders participate. Matching commuters through their work site improves carpool match rates.

We currently have over 1,400 members registered in the NRV representing 162 employers – more than 67% live and work in the NRV. Our annual growth rate is nearly 5% since 2022. We see the most growth during events encouraging commuters to try a commute alternative.

This fiscal year we have been working on outreach to commuters through social media, a newsletter, and community and workplace tabling such as the Active Commute at Virginia Tech, job fairs, and farmers' markets. DRPT also conducts marketing campaigns such as the upcoming DRPT Connects Commuters, and we support those efforts relevant to our region's transportation options.

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January 16, 2025

***Resolution of support for FY 2026 RIDE Solutions NRV CAP Grant Application to
DRPT***

WHEREAS, the New River Valley Regional Commission is eligible to receive Commuter Assistance Program (CAP) funds through the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed FY 2026 RIDE Solutions NRV program represents the interests of commuters and employers in the New River Valley region; and

WHEREAS, the New River Valley Regional Commission has reviewed the RIDE Solutions Scope of Work and agrees with the projected work elements for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New River Valley Regional Commission that this Commission adopts and supports the FY 2026 RIDE Solutions NRV CAP grant application.

Adopted this 16th day of January 2025

Hil Johnson, Chair