

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROANOKE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE ROANOKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018

**RESOLUTION 100918-1 ADOPTING A LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE 2019 SESSION OF THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND PETITIONING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO FAVORABLY CONSIDER THE TOPICS AND ISSUES ADDRESSED HEREIN**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Roanoke County, Virginia, has identified major legislative issues of Statewide concern to be considered by the 2019 session of the Virginia General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Board adopts this resolution as its Legislative Program for the 2019 session of the Virginia General Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Roanoke County, Virginia, that the following legislative initiatives are submitted for its legislative program for the 2019 session of the Virginia General Assembly for its favorable consideration and adoption.

**(1) Transportation**

- a. The County continues to be concerned about funding for our public highways and roadways, and respectfully requests:
  - Support and consideration of projects identified in the Regional Study on Transportation Project Prioritization for Economic Development and Growth (RVTPOTED Study, 2018);
  - Completion of the Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Plan which is determining potential revenue sources and is targeting

improvements for Interstate 81, with projects located in the Roanoke Valley of utmost importance to Roanoke County;

- Funding for construction of I-73;
- Support for a robust Revenue Sharing program with sufficient funding to encourage localities to target and improve roadways;
- Opposing a pilot program for trucks over 90,000 pounds on I-81 so as to avoid additional truck traffic on an over-crowded interstate.

b. SMART SCALE

- While the General Assembly through HB 2313 (2013) addressed transportation needs throughout the Commonwealth with the SMART SCALE program, the County urges continued close and ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the SMART SCALE model to ensure that local needs are met.
- The County urges restored funding for the Secondary Six-Year Plan to fill in the funding gap for general roadways to assist local governments in providing needed secondary roads.

(2) **Telecommunications**

a. Broadband

- The County strongly supports efforts to expand broadband capabilities in underserved and rural areas including protecting and enhancing local authority to deploy broadband or partner with others, public or private, to adequately serve unserved and underserved areas.

- Efforts to enhance the deployments of 5G technology must include expansion of high-speed service to rural areas.

(3) **Economic Development and Workforce Development**

- The Virginia Jobs Investment Program (VJIP) received a budget reduction of \$3M for FY20 during the last General Assembly session. The restoration of these funds is paramount to the Virginia Economic Developers Association and to the Roanoke Valley. VJIP has supported the growth of 14 companies in Roanoke County over the last five years, leveraging the creation or retraining of 881 jobs and over \$130MM in capital investment. Restoring and preserving job training funds is critical to support the training needs of growing companies.

(4) **Opioids**

- The County supports all efforts, both State and federal, to support solutions to the opioid crisis facing our citizens.

(5) **Children's Services Act**

- Propose legislation to allow the option of a public school special educational program established and funded jointly by a local governing body and school board for the purpose of providing special education, related services or both within a public day school. In the alternative, request that the Department of Education develop a pilot program in certain local school divisions allowing a process for redirecting federal, State and local funds, including CSA

funds for the purpose of providing services currently offered in a private day setting in the public school setting as an alternative.

- Identify a patron from the local legislative delegation to pursue this mission.

**(6) Recreational Activities and Child Day Programs Exemption**

- Request clarification and amendment to Section 63.2-1715 of the State Code to except recreational and after school programs run by local governments from licensure and the Virginia Department of Social Services oversight.
- Identify a patron from the local legislative delegation to sponsor the bill.

**(7) Advertising-Public Notices**

- The advent of social media and other electronic forms of communication has fundamentally reshaped the means for disseminating information to the public.
- The County supports legislation that would grant localities greater flexibility to meet certain legal notice requirements including the authority to advertise legal notices on local radio, television or on the locality's website, in lieu of the newspaper advertisement requirement.

**(8) Law Enforcement and Mental Health**

- The County strongly supports a sustained focus by the State on Virginia's mental health services system to ensure, through

evaluation and investment, that appropriate and effective outpatient and in-patient services are available across the Commonwealth.

- The County encourages reforms that provide for alternative placement for local jail inmates with serious mental health issues which should not be left to be addressed by jail personnel.

**(9) Local Retention of Revenue for Internet based services**

- Support the Commonwealth's position on any Internet Sales Tax revenues that allow for the greatest impact at the local level. This Board intends to follow the debate over the use of future funds to best fit maximum and optimal outcomes to the Roanoke Valley after the U.S. Supreme Court case, South Dakota v. Wayfair.

**(10) State and Local Fiscal Relationship**

- Specific local revenue authority should not be upended or restricted without granting alternative revenue sources, including Business, Professional, and Occupational Licenses tax and Machinery and Tool tax discussion.
- The County requests that local governments be included in study commissions or other bodies formed to review local revenue authority or governance.

**(11) House Select Committee recommendations on School Safety**

- Roanoke County supports consideration of the House Select Committee on School Safety recommendations.

On motion of Supervisor Hooker to adopt the resolution, seconded by Supervisor

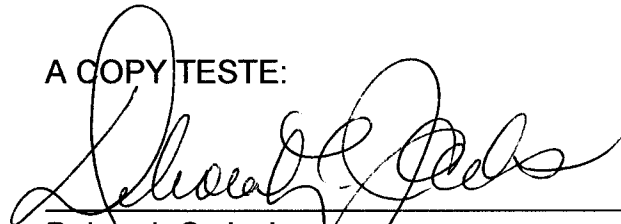
Peters and carried by the following roll call and recorded vote:

AYES: Supervisors Assaid, North, Peters, Hooker

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Supervisor McNamara

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Deborah C. Jacks  
Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

cc: Ruth Ellen Kuhnel, County Attorney