

# NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

## AGENDA

Mayors, Board Chairs, Chief Administrative Officials Reception

December 8, 2011

6:15 p.m.—City of Radford Council Chambers (Reception)

7:00 p.m. Meeting

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. WELCOME: MAYOR BRUCE BROWN
- III. MEETING PURPOSE: COMMISSION CHAIR, LESKO
- II. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. Approval of Minutes for September and October
  - B. Approval of Treasurer's Report for September and October
- IV. PUBLIC ADDRESS
- VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (enclosed)
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Roundtable Discussion of Key Issues and Legislative Priorities
- IX. OTHER BUSINESS
- XI. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS
  - A. Projects (Signed-off by the staff)  
None
  - B. Regular Project Review  
None
  - C. Environmental Project Review  
None

All meeting materials posted on PDC website [www.nrvpdc.org](http://www.nrvpdc.org)

**New River Valley Planning District Commission**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Expenditures as of September 30, 2011**

<b>Expense Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Previous Total</b>	<b>September Expenditures</b>	<b>YTD Expenditures</b>	<b>Budget Balance</b>	<b>% Budget Expended</b>
Salaries	852,751.00	125,947.75	67,295.46	193,243.21	659,507.79	22.66%
Fringe Benefits	304,338.00	49,178.31	24,529.25	73,707.56	230,630.44	24.22%
Travel	65,459.00	8,217.73	6,355.98	14,573.71	50,885.29	22.26%
Office Space	21,544.00	3,590.60	1,795.30	5,385.90	16,158.10	25.00%
Telephone	6,000.00	1,328.53	580.22	1,908.75	4,091.25	31.81%
Office Supplies	9,754.00	1,870.64	486.16	2,356.80	7,397.20	24.16%
Postage	500.00	204.24	183.79	388.03	111.97	77.61%
Printing	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00%
Copies/Copier Maintenance	1,600.00	1,047.59	55.10	1,102.69	497.31	68.92%
Media Ad	5,500.00	2,719.63	125.00	2,844.63	2,655.37	51.72%
Equipment Rent	1,500.00	246.48	123.24	369.72	1,130.28	24.65%
Vehicle Fuel	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00%
Dues	4,745.00	0.00	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,445.00	48.47%
Training	950.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	950.00	0.00%
Insurance	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00%
Meeting Expense	2,575.00	2,550.33	1,381.43	3,931.76	-1,356.76	152.69%
Capital Outlay	27,402.00	1,673.71	0.00	1,673.71	25,728.29	6.11%
Contractual Services	762,289.00	26,594.07	35,169.86	61,763.93	700,525.07	8.10%
Audit Fee	2,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,100.00	0.00%
Miscellaneous	55,300.00	2,682.78	5,987.06	8,669.84	46,630.16	15.68%
M & G Costs	83,743.00	17,978.34	6,091.58	24,069.92	59,673.08	28.74%
Common Costs	145,380.00	21,737.73	4,216.32	25,954.05	119,425.95	17.85%
<b>Total Budget Expended</b>	<b>2,355,180.00</b>	<b>267,568.46</b>	<b>156,675.75</b>	<b>424,244.21</b>	<b>1,930,935.79</b>	<b>18.01%</b>

**New River Valley Planning District Commission**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Expenditures as of October 31, 2011**

<b>Expense Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Previous Total</b>	<b>October Expenditures</b>	<b>YTD Expenditures</b>	<b>Budget Balance</b>	<b>% Budget Expended</b>
Salaries	852,751.00	193,243.21	69,629.88	262,873.09	589,877.91	30.83%
Fringe Benefits	304,338.00	73,707.56	23,537.51	97,245.07	207,092.93	31.95%
Travel	65,459.00	14,573.71	3,215.33	17,789.04	47,669.96	26.97%
Office Space	21,544.00	5,385.90	1,795.30	7,181.20	14,362.80	33.33%
Telephone	6,000.00	1,908.75	533.58	2,442.33	3,557.67	40.71%
Office Supplies	9,754.00	2,356.80	696.38	3,053.18	6,700.82	31.30%
Postage	500.00	388.03	204.52	592.55	-92.55	118.51%
Printing	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00%
Copies & Copier Maintenance	1,600.00	1,102.69	534.00	1,636.69	-36.69	102.29%
Media Ad	5,500.00	2,844.63	732.00	3,576.63	1,923.37	65.03%
Equipment Rent	1,500.00	369.72	123.24	492.96	1,007.04	32.86%
Vehicle Fuel	500.00	0.00	147.19	147.19	352.81	0.00%
Dues	4,745.00	2,300.00	500.00	2,800.00	1,945.00	59.01%
Training	950.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	950.00	0.00%
Insurance	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00%
Meeting Expense	2,575.00	3,931.76	1,025.41	4,957.17	-2,382.17	192.51%
Capital Outlay	27,402.00	1,673.71	0.00	1,673.71	25,728.29	6.11%
Contractual Services	762,289.00	61,763.93	72,389.28	134,153.21	628,135.79	17.60%
Audit Fee	2,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,100.00	0.00%
Miscellaneous	55,300.00	8,669.84	686.15	9,355.99	45,944.01	16.92%
M & G Costs	83,743.00	24,069.92	7,910.59	31,980.51	51,762.49	38.19%
Common Costs	145,380.00	25,954.05	7,410.76	33,364.81	112,015.19	22.95%
<b>Total Budget Expended</b>	<b>2,355,180.00</b>	<b>424,244.21</b>	<b>191,071.12</b>	<b>615,315.33</b>	<b>1,739,864.67</b>	<b>26.13%</b>

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Kevin R. Byrd, AICP  
Executive Director

**December 8, 2011**

## **Executive Director's Report**

### **Economic Development:**

- Met with Congressman Morgan Griffith to discuss economic development vision and efforts to date for the New River Valley.
- Provided technical assistance to Development Corporation to issue loans through NRV Revolving Loan Fund to small business in Floyd, Healing Tree Wellness Center and Blacksburg, TechPad, a co-working space in downtown Blacksburg.
- Held first CEDS Committee/Economic Development Working Group meeting as part of NRV Livability Initiative.
- United States Assistant Secretary of Commerce, John Fernandez, visited region on November 9<sup>th</sup> to observe regional success with TEMCI project and VT-CRC.

### **Transportation:**

- Held two Transportation Working Group Meetings as part of the NRV Livability Initiative.
- Completed the Regional Transit Organization Analysis. Received endorsement from Transportation Advisory Committee and MPO. Commission will receive in January.
- Governor's Transportation Conference to be held December 7-9 in Norfolk.
- Attended I-81 Corridor Coalition Conference. 1 of 8 most important truck corridors in U.S. I-81 is 23% truck traffic whereas I-95 is 8%. More incident management shifting to local responders, which requires enhanced equipment for safe traffic control.

### **Housing:**

- HOME program cut 38% for FY13
- Baskerville neighborhood rehabilitation in Pulaski County: 8 out of 13 homes underway
- Water/Sewer infrastructure rehabilitation to occur in 2<sup>nd</sup> phase (2012-2013).

### **Regional:**

- Volvo Plant Tour will be on December 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00-12:30. RSVP by December 9<sup>th</sup> to Ken Hall at [khall@nrvpdc.org](mailto:khall@nrvpdc.org).
- All locality Water Supply Plan adoptions are complete and were submitted by PDC to DEQ.
- Livability Initiative working groups are actively meeting. [www.nrvlivability.org](http://www.nrvlivability.org) for more information about the project and to engage.

### **PDC:**

- Shirl Quesenberry retiring in December after 35 years. Janet McNew promoted to Director of Finance and Personnel. Advertising for Office Manager, closes on December 22.
- Received 2011 Innovation Award from NADO for Green Infrastructure Network Project.
- NRVPC is on Facebook! "Like us" to receive updates on projects and meetings.

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**Counties:**  
Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski

**Towns:**  
Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Floyd  
Pulaski, Narrows, Pearisburg, Rich Creek

**Universities:**  
Radford University  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

**City:**  
Radford

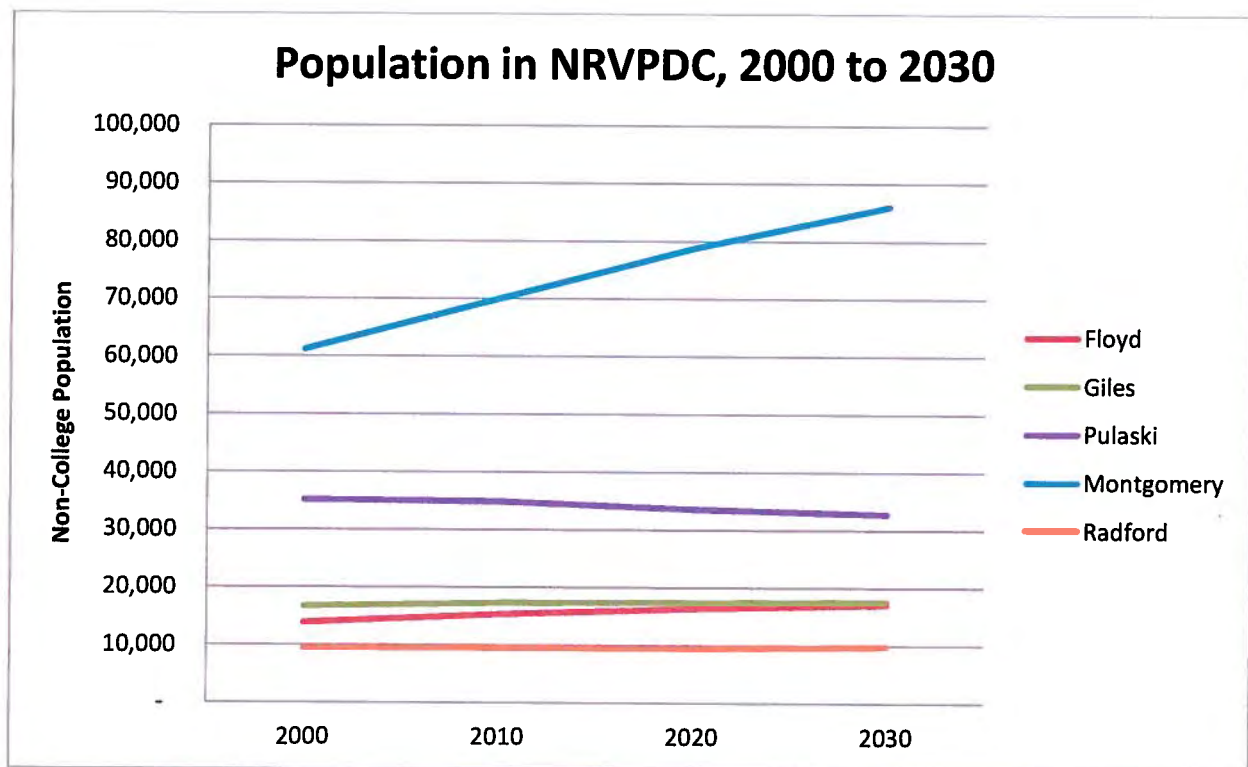
## The New River Valley Livability Initiative Update for November, 2011:

- Feedback has been received from approximately 700 citizens to date:
  - 275 at the Kick-off Summit and other community meetings
  - 100 people and counting through an on-line survey
  - 200 through focus groups
  - 125 in working group meetings
- The housing, transportation, energy, arts and culture, natural resources and economic development working groups have met to discuss strengths and challenges in the New River Valley.
- The full lists of the strengths and challenges identified are available on our website under each working group page at [www.nrvlivability.org](http://www.nrvlivability.org).

Some of what we have learned to date is highlighted below.

**The New River Valley population is aging.** By 2030, 36% of Floyd, Giles and Pulaski counties will be over the age of 60. *Next steps:* How can the New River Valley better support our aging population?

**Population growth in our region is uneven.** Montgomery County accounts for most of the region's growth (83% from 2000 to 2010), with Floyd at 13% of the total. *Next steps:* What are the current and future impacts of uneven growth on our region?



**Self-employed, business owners now outnumber total jobs in manufacturing.** *Next steps:* What do we know about the growth in business owners in the NRV? How can we better support these small business owners? Where are they generating jobs & what are the housing needs of those working for these businesses?

**Household, energy, and transportation costs are all on the rise.** Over the last 5 years, energy consumption has risen on average 11% per year and the cost of energy has risen 30% per year. *Next steps:* What are some cost effective ways for households to reduce these energy costs?

**The number of homes that will become out-of-date in the next twenty years is significant.** More than half of the development needed in the next 20 years will be to replace/restore degraded homes. *Next Steps:* How many of these homes are in places with reduced demand for housing? How much of this housing currently serves low-income residents? What opportunities exist for retrofits and upgrades to extend its use?

Public participation is essential to the New River Livability Initiative planning process – **please take a moment to fill out our survey and share your ideas about the New River Valley**, and encourage others to do so as well. <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/620128/NRV-Livability-Kickoff-Survey>