TOWN OF BOWLING GREEN

STAFF MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: India Adams-Jacobs, MPA, ICMA-CM

COPY: John Anzivino, Interim Town Manager; Jeff Gore, Town Attorney

DATE: November 17, 2026

RE: Resolution [26-___] Adopting the 2027 Legislative Agenda

PURPOSE

This item asks Council to adopt the Town's 2027 Legislative Agenda by resolution. Adoption lets staff send the agenda to the Town's federal and state delegation before the 2027 General Assembly session.

BACKGROUND

Over the last two years, Council has adopted a legislative agenda that sets the Town's funding requests and policy positions. The adopted agenda directs staff and legislative advocates, and it asks our representatives to carry the Town's requests.

The 2027 session is a short session, in which members file amendments to the biennial state budget. Budget amendment requests need a patron, so the agenda must be adopted during this meeting. The Town's delegation is unchanged after the November 3, 2026, election.

DISCUSSION

The 2027 agenda carry forward the water and sewer requests and adds new items tied to current Town priorities:

- **Water and sewer (Items 1–2):** Support for the ion exchange treatment facility required under the VDH Consent Order, and for ongoing sewer main rehabilitation.
- **Bank Franchise Tax Legislation (Item 3):** Support legislation closing loopholes for data centers
- **360th anniversary (Item 4):** A commending resolution and tourism support for the Town's 2027 anniversary year.
- **Policy positions (Item 5):** Standard positions protecting local authority and revenue, consistent with the Virginia Municipal League.

The full list follows. All items are requested by the Town Council and Town Manager.

#	Item	Level	Goal Area	Position
1	Sewer system rehabilitation	State & Federal	Utilities	Request budget amendment patron; request Community Project Funding

2	Water system improvements	State	Utilities	Request budget amendment patron; request Community Project Funding
3	Support Bank Franchise Tax legislation closing data center loopholes	State	Financial Management, Government Performance	Support
4	Town's 360th anniversary (2027)	State	Vibrant Downtown; Economic Development	Request commending resolution and tourism support
5	Virginia Municipal League 2027 Legislative Program	State	All	Support

FISCAL IMPACT

Adopting the agenda has no direct fiscal impact. Any state or federal award would come back to Council for acceptance and appropriation, including any required local match.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council adopt Resolution [26-___] approving the 2027 Legislative Agenda.

SUGGESTED MOTION

I move that the Town Council adopt Resolution [26-___], approving and adopting the Town of Bowling Green 2027 Legislative Agenda as presented.

ATTACHMENTS

- Town of Bowling Green 2027 Legislative Agenda
- Resolution [26-___]
- Virginia Municipal League 2027 Legislative Program