Franklin County is accepting applications for a Principal Planner. This senior-level position is an integral part of the County’s leadership team, thereby directing and managing the long-range planning function within the department. This position will serve under the general supervision of the Planning Director. The principal planner position is responsible for a full range of project management responsibilities in the department. This position performs complex technical, professional, and administrative work in the field of planning. Responsible for the development, maintenance, and implementation of plans, including neighborhood, small area, village, corridor, transportation, and special program plans. Performs research and analysis using a variety of data sources to anticipate growth, development, population, and economic trends; develops the necessary ordinances, policies, and programs to address community needs. Writes and administers grants and manages and coordinates transportation grants and programs. The position makes presentations to the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and other bodies, under the supervision and direction of the department Director. Work requires independence of action, substantial contact with the public and collaboration with others.

Bachelor’s degree in regional and urban planning, geography, land use, public administration or a closely related field and minimum of three years’ experience working for a local, county, or regional government planning agency. Experience in coordinating and managing long range planning projects. Experience in conducting research, analyzing data, and preparing written reports. Experience in planning and managing public participation processes. Experience in zoning administration, subdivision and site plan review, and technical report writing is desirable. Excellent public relations and communications skills are required. Certified Transportation Manager (CTM) certification preferred. Master’s degree and AICP certification is desirable. Starting salary range of $58,372 - $75,884 DOQE. Application & job description available at the Franklin County Government Center, 1255 Franklin Street, Suite #109, Rocky Mount, VA or apply online at www.franklincountyva.gov. AA/EOE.