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AMHERST COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board of Supervisors

Jennifer R. Moore, Chair
District 5
David W. Pugh, Jr., Vice-Chair
District 4
Tom Martin, Supervisor
District 1
L. J. Ayers III, Supervisor
District 3
Claudia D. Tucker, Supervisor
District 2

MINUTES

September 7, 2021
Administration Building - 153 Washington
Street - Public Meeting Room
Amherst, Virginia 24521
Meeting Convened - 3:00 PM

County Administrator

Dean C. Rodgers

County Attorney

Mark Popovich

I. Call to Order

At a regular meeting of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors held on September 7, 2021 at 3:00 p.m., the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

David W. Pugh, Jr., Vice-Chair
Tom Martin, Supervisor
L. J. Ayers III, Supervisor
Claudia D. Tucker, Supervisor

ABSENT: Jennifer R. Moore, Chair

STAFF:

Dean C. Rodgers, County Administrator
David R. Proffitt, Deputy County Administrator
Michael Lockaby, County Attorney
Regina M. Rice, Clerk

Vice-Chair Pugh called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

NOTE: All Board of Supervisors' meetings are now being streamed live on Facebook and on YouTube.

II. Approval of Agenda

By motion of Supervisor Vice-Chair Pugh and with the following vote, the Board approved the agenda.

AYE: Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers and Mrs. Tucker
NAY: None
ABSENT: Ms. Moore

III. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Martin led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Citizen Comment

Vice-Chair Pugh opened the Citizen Comment session.

Mr. Drew Wade of Madison Heights, Virginia, addressed the Board and introduced himself as the District 5 candidate for the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Wade said he was not in support of Rosie's and requested that the Board remain neutral and let the citizens of Amherst County decide in November without the weight of the Board of Supervisors as reflected in the proposed resolution.

Mr. Lloyd Fulcher of Amherst County, Virginia, addressed the Board and voiced his opposition to allow Rosie's in Amherst County. Mr. Fulcher respectfully asked the Board to vote against this resolution.

Mr. Gene Drake of Amherst County, Virginia, addressed the Board and stated his opposition to the resolution. He asked the Board to postpone the resolution until the Board has an opportunity to be educated and listen to the other side. Mr. Drake invited the Board to attend a presentation by Mr. Les Bernal, national director of the public interest group Stop Predatory Gambling on September 30 at Temple Baptist Church.

Mr. Chad Eby, Chairman of the EDA, addressed the Board and stated the EDA's support of the Amherst County Gateway Sewer project. Mr. Eby asked the Board of Supervisors to support this project, which will open up economic development in the county. (See Attachment 1)

Mr. Chad Eby addressed the Board on the proposed Rosie's Gaming Emporium. Mr. Eby advised that the EDA supports this business, as it will bring in tax dollars, new jobs and visitors to Amherst County. Mr. Eby asked the Board of Supervisors to support the same. (See Attachment 2)

Ms. Barbara Pryor of Amherst County, Virginia, addressed the Board, voiced her opposition to Rosie's, and asked the Board not to make a decision today but let the citizens have their vote on November 2nd. Ms. Pryor said she could not understand why Amherst County cannot get an industry here to produce a product so that a worker from Amherst County can get a good job. She said we need jobs that will give people pride back in themselves.

Mr. Rob Campbell of Amherst County, Virginia, addressed the Board and said the biggest thing that leaves Amherst County is our young people. He supports Rosie's and believes this is an anchor point that will bring in other resources and new businesses. He said that if Amherst County does not take this opportunity and run with it, we will not reap any of the benefits. Mr.

Campbell said he would like to see other resources coming in to ease the burden of a growing county that needs to reinvest in the infrastructure.

Mr. Ernie Bellaverson of Roanoke, Virginia and the Regional General Manager of Rosie's Gaming Emporium addressed the Board. He said he would like to see more of a boutique-style facility in Amherst County with entertainment, dining options, a gift shop, a retail business and perhaps a hotel. Mr. Bellaverson said he oversees the Vinton operation and said the Town of Vinton is reaping economic development in that area.

Ms. Toby Thurston of Amherst County, Virginia, addressed the Board and said just because this business is profitable does not mean it is the right thing to do. She asked the Board to withdraw their support and allow the county citizens to decide without the Board's influence.

Ms. Stephanie Tomlin of Madison Heights, Virginia, addressed the Board and said she has owned skill machines for over two years and never had any problems. Ms. Tomlin said this is adult entertainment and there are good things that come out of this, especially giving back to the community.

Ms. Sherri Temple of Amherst, Virginia, addressed the Board and spoke in favor of Rosie's. She said that Amherst County should be a destination spot for people to come to visit, which will bring in businesses and entertainment in order to sustain growth. Ms. Temple said that citizens should have a choice of how to spend their money.

Mr. Kurt Famer of Madison Heights, Virginia, addressed the Board and spoke in favor of Rosie's. He said he has lived in Amherst County for 72 years and nothing has changed with no progressive movement in the county. He believed Rosie's would open up more businesses and hotels and would move Amherst County forward.

Mr. Robert Adcock of Madison Heights, Virginia, addressed the Board and said, "Rosie's is coming for the money".

Vice-Chair Pugh closed the public comment session.

V. Ordinance - First Read

- A. Ordinance 2021-0008, amending Sec. 14-26 of Article II, Real Property Tax, Chapter 14, relating to the first installment of semi-annual taxes on real property.

Vice-Chair Pugh provided a brief summary regarding the Amherst County Treasurer's request that the first semi-annual real estate tax installment be changed from June 5 to July 1 each year. This change would allow additional time to print and mail out real estate tax tickets to County taxpayers.

The proposed ordinance would change the first installment real property tax date from June 5 to July 1 of each year.

By motion by Supervisor Ayers and with the following vote, the Board directed staff to advertise Ordinance 2021-0008 for a public hearing on September 21, 2021.

AYE: Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers and Mrs. Tucker

NAY: None

ABSENT: Ms. Moore

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Carryforward - IT

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board appropriated \$3218.15 from the unobligated general fund balance to the Information Technology FY 2022 budget.

AYE: Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers and Mrs. Tucker

NAY: None

ABSENT: Ms. Moore

B. Minutes - August 3, 2021

By motion of Vice-Chair Pugh and with the following vote, the Board approved the Minutes of August 3, 2021.

AYE: Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Ayers

NAY: None

ABSENT: Ms. Moore

ABSTAINED: Mrs. Tucker (on vacation)

VII. Special Presentation

A. Commemorative Resolution 2021-0005-CR Lancer Softball Team
Vice-Chair Pugh expressed his congratulations to the Amherst County Lancers Varsity Girls Softball Team for winning the 2021 Virginia State Championship. He said the commemorative resolution would be delivered to Coach Samantha Thacker and team members.

By motion of Supervisor Ayers and with the following vote, the Board adopted Commemorative Resolution 2021-0005-CR.

AYE: Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers and Mrs. Tucker

NAY: None

ABSENT: Ms. Moore

VIII. New Business

A. Amherst-Nelson Agricultural Complex

County Administrator Dean Rodgers presented information regarding the proposed Amherst-Nelson Agricultural Complex. He advised the facility would be used for career and technical education, large events such as competitions and outside activities including recreational trails and cabins.

Mr. Rodgers reported that the Nelson County Board of Supervisors had secured a contract with a firm to study the site and develop a site plan with estimated costs. He said that both counties would share the cost of the study and Amherst County's share would be approximately \$30,000.

Supervisor Martin asked if the money would come out of the unobligated general fund. Mr. Rodgers replied yes, however, he would bring this back to the Board if other funding sources could be used.

Supervisor Ayers suggested looking at other sources of revenue and not taking all of the funding out of the unobligated general fund.

By motion of Supervisor Martin and with the following vote, the Board appropriated \$15,000 from the Board's Professional Services line and \$15,000 from the Unobligated General Fund to pay for the county's portion of the Amherst-Nelson Agricultural Complex feasibility study, as proposed.

AYE: Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers and Mrs. Tucker

NAY: None

ABSENT: Ms. Moore

B. Amherst Sheriff's Office - Animal Shelter Salaries

Major E. W. Elliott of the Sheriff's Office addressed the Board regarding a request for an increase in salary and staff at the Amherst County Shelter. Major Elliott explained that due to an increase in duties and workload of part-time attendants, the Shelter has had difficulty employing and retaining staff.

Vice-Chair Pugh understood the issue and the need to find workers to fill positions and keep the shelter running.

Supervisor Martin commented he understood the need but questioned why this matter was not foreseen during the budget preparation.

Major Elliott advised that due to an increase in the number of animals coming into the shelter, staff workload has doubled, as well as the increased task of keeping the building clean.

Supervisor Tucker asked if those employees were included when the salary study was done for the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Rodgers said the part-time salaries were not included in that study.

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board approved the addition of two new part-time positions at the Animal Shelter and appropriated \$55,000 from the Unobligated General Fund for the increase in salaries requested.

AYE: Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers and Mrs. Tucker

NAY: None

ABSENT: Ms. Moore

C. ARPA Recommendations

County Administrator Dean Rodgers addressed the Board to request guidance on how the Board wished to spend the \$6.1M ARPA funds.

He advised information was collected from staff and the Constitutionals on various uses to spend the money and categories were found that would apply, as well as adding projects from the CIP. Those projects were prioritized and he now is requesting a list from the Board to identify which of those projects to issue contracts and spend the money on.

Finance Director Stacey McBride provided a slide presentation on the projects that ARPA funding covers, explaining the specific expenditure categories and those identified projects. (See Attachment 3)

Mrs. McBride provided an outline of the projects and remaining funds, the revenue loss, and ARPA specific projects. She included the Current CIP and the Revenue Loss Staff Recommendations lists, which the County had a 4.4% revenue loss. She said any money added back into the general fund must be used for a service that directly affects the citizens.

Supervisor Ayers said he received a call from Mr. Ronnie Adams who handles

the youth sports program in Madison Heights. He said this program lost all of its revenue last year because of COVID, which suspended all of those programs. Supervisor Ayers said the county would need to ensure that some of those funds can be used to assist the youth sports organizations.

Vice-Chair Pugh agreed and said he was in favor of supporting those outdoor programs.

There was a discussion on grant programs for non-profits and if the youth sports program should be built into the Parks & Recreation budget.

In conclusion, Mrs. McBride provided a timeline where the money has to be committed and spent by December 2024 or under contract by December 2026.

By motion of Supervisor Martin and with the following vote, the Board recommended that ARPA funding in the amount of \$1M be directed to the Service Authority in lieu of the County's annual contribution for the next five years; and \$40,000 for bonus pay to the Sheriff's Department; and \$80,000 to Public Safety, for a total of \$1.12M.

AYE: Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers and Mrs. Tucker

NAY: None

ABSENT: Ms. Moore

D. Resolution of Support for Rosie's

County Administrator Dean Rodgers addressed the Board and said at the Board's Planning Retreat on August 23, it was the consensus of the Board members to come out in support of Rosie's and have staff produce a draft resolution and press release.

Vice-Chair Pugh said that there were financial benefits and that would be a plus for the county, but also negative effects of gambling in the community. He said he was okay with the referendum going forward but believed the citizens should make that decision. Therefore, he would abstain from voting on the resolution and to let the citizens of Amherst County decide.

Supervisor Tucker asked Mr. Ernie Bellaverson to address several questions she had regarding jobs and to provide a comparison of a casino to Rosie's.

Mr. Bellaverson provided a comparison of the number of jobs in Vinton's operation; security staff (13); food & beverage (22); HHR pari-mutuel wagering (9); facility (9); players' services (18); administration staff (3); marketing (1);

and information technology (2). Mr. Bellaverson said most of those jobs start at \$15 per hour. In addition to those jobs, there are supervisory positions, management and executive management positions.

Mr. Bellaverson provided an explanation to Supervisor Tucker's question of the difference between a casino and Rosie's. He said that Rosie's is Class 2 pari-mutuel wagering, which is equal betting between players. A Class 3-style gaming would be similar to Las Vegas, which would be betting against the house.

Supervisor Martin said on November 2nd the citizens of Amherst County would be making a decision. His reason for supporting this business was to increase the tax base and add jobs.

Supervisor Ayers said he was not a proponent of gambling, but said a legitimate company has selected Amherst County to come and do business here and they deserve a chance. He said he has spoken with law enforcement and other officials and all have said this business has been the best community partner. He thanked Mr. Bellaverson and his company for looking at Amherst County as a place to do business.

Supervisor Tucker said the EDA gave the Board the best advice and she said it is up to this Board to show leadership and support this business.

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board adopted Resolution 2021-0022-R.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers and Mrs. Tucker

NAY: None

ABSENT: Ms. Moore

ABSTAINED: Mr. Pugh

IX. County Administrator's Report

A. Boards/Commissions/Committees - Quarterly update (October 1 - December 31, 2021)

County Administrator Dean Rodgers addressed the two upcoming vacancies on the Service Authority Board. He asked that the Board may want to consider keeping the current composition of the ACSA Board with three sitting Board of Supervisors and two citizen appointees.

Vice-Chair Pugh suggested it would make sense to wait until after the November 2nd election as there will be a new District 5 supervisor, and then

talk to the newly-elected supervisor regarding the Service Authority Board seats.

B. Strategic Planning Workshop

County Administrator Rodgers reported on the Board's Planning Workshop held August 23rd and the re-statement of the Mission/Vision/Values/2-Year Objectives/Goals/Opportunities/Challenges identified by the Board. (See Attachment 4)

Mr. Rodgers asked the Board to adopt the two significant areas of change; the "10-year Issues" expanded and the "Fiscal Year 2023 Priorities".

By motion of Supervisor Martin and with the following vote, the Board adopted those two items as stated above.

AYE: Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers and Mrs. Tucker

NAY: None

ABSENT: Ms. Moore

In addition to the County Administrator's Report, a matter addressing the sludge disposal fee during the Service Authority Board meeting at 1:30 p.m. meeting was revisited for further discussion.

Mr. Rodgers advised the Service Authority cleans out its sludge pond occasionally. Since 2016, ACSA has sent smaller loads to the landfill for disposal, but the last shipment was considerably larger. He said the Service Authority currently receives the standard 17% discount on disposal fees and that ACSA Director Bob Hopkins questioned why the invoice he received was substantially higher. Director Hopkins advised that in the past, the Service Authority was only charged for the first truckload of sludge and the fee for subsequent loads was waived.

Mr. Rodgers said that County ordinance allows a discount for businesses, but the County did not adopt the practice of waiving subsequent fees.

Supervisor Tucker said she understood that the County could not waive the fees and asked the County Attorney for advice.

County Attorney Mike Lockaby said that because the Service Authority is a separate entity of the county government, a different rate could be set for them. However, Mr. Lockaby said he would rather see a directive issued by the Board.

Mr. Rodgers said the County is not allowed to waive fees for building and inspection permits but can waive fees for businesses, which would include the Service Authority.

Vice-Chair Pugh asked Director Hopkins if he had the ability to dry the sludge on site. Director Hopkins replied yes, but was unaware that policy had changed, which resulted in a much higher invoice for the sludge disposal.

By motion of Vice-Chair Pugh and with the following vote, the Board approved the creation of a policy that the ACSA and Amherst County will split the fee 50/50 (in perpetuity) for the cost of sludge disposal at the landfill.

AYE: Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers and Mrs. Tucker

NAY: None

ABSENT: Ms. Moore

X. County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney had no matter to discuss.

XI. Liaison and Committee Reports

A. Planning Commission - David Pugh

Vice-Chair Pugh had no matter to report on.

B. Agriculture Committee - Claudia Tucker

Supervisor Tucker had no matter to report on.

XII. Departmental Reports

A. Library Board of Trustees - Annual Report

Larry Langhans, President of the Library Board, provided a slide presentation to the Board that outlined the functions of the Amherst County Library.

B. Financial Software Update

IT Director Jackie Viar provided the Board with an update on the progress of the financial and tax collection software. She explained that each department was interviewed and involved in assessing their individual needs.

Ms. Viar advised the draft RFP for vendors would be completed by Sept 17. Vendors would then have 45 days to respond, and once those responses were received, she anticipated the project would begin January 1.

XIII. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

XIV. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

Vice-Chair Pugh had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Ayers had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Martin had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Tucker had no matter to discuss.

XV. Closed Session

- A. A closed session for the purpose of discussion of the acquisition or disposition of real property in District 5, pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A)(3).

Supervisor Tucker motioned that the Amherst County Board of Supervisors convene in closed session pursuant to VA Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for the purpose of discussion related to the acquisition or disposition of real property in District 5, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

AYE: Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers and Mrs. Tucker

NAY: None

ABSENT: Ms. Moore

Supervisor Tucker motioned to come out of closed session and was approved with the following vote:

AYE: Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers and Mrs. Tucker

NAY: None

ABSENT: Ms. Moore

XVI. Certification of Closed Session

Supervisor Tucker motioned that the Amherst County Board of Supervisors certify by a recorded vote that, to the best of each Board member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion authorizing the closed session were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed session.

Ms. Moore	ABSENT
Mr. Pugh	AYE
Mr. Martin	AYE
Mr. Ayers	AYE
Mrs. Tucker	AYE

XVII Adjournment

By motion of Supervisor Ayers and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

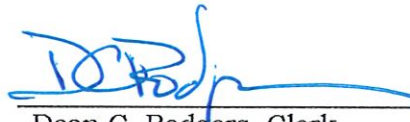
AYE: Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers and Mrs. Tucker

NAY: None

ABSENT: Ms. Moore



David W. Pugh, Jr., Vice-Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk



Sept. 7, 2021

Amherst County Board of Supervisors
153 Washington St.
Amherst VA 24521

Dear Board of Supervisors:

The Economic Development Authority of Amherst County supports the Amherst County Gateway Sewer project identified in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) staff recommendations as Water and Sewer Infrastructure. Public sewer and water is an essential and necessary component of development. The AEDA believes the Gateway Sewer project will accelerate economic growth in the Madison Heights area through commercial and residential development. S. Amherst Highway is the entry to Amherst County across the James River from Lynchburg. This "gateway" to the County, and future development along the riverfront on both sides, should be planned by Amherst County as an extension of riverfront vitalization by the City and to attract visitors and new residents to Amherst County.

This Gateway Sewer project will open the door for economic growth in an area that is in the County Designated Growth Plan and adjacent to the Lynchburg urban core with a thriving downtown. Both commercial and residential development along the project route will bring in tax revenue for the County through additional real estate taxes, construction, and spending by consumers and residents. As Amherst County's population has leveled off after the closure of the Central Virginia Training Center, providing homes in this prime location will increase the workforce for Amherst businesses and will likely attract younger professionals and families.

Retail and businesses in the commercial development in the project area will bring sales tax revenue to Amherst County by attracting customers from downtown Lynchburg to Madison Heights. This increase of development will help bring in new restaurants and services which will keep the residents' tax dollars in Amherst rather than leaking to other localities.

The AEDA respectfully asks for your support of the Gateway Sewer project.

Regards,

Chad Eby, Chairman
Economic Development Authority of Amherst County



Sept. 7, 2021

Amherst County Board of Supervisors
153 Washington St.
Amherst VA 24521

Dear Board of Supervisors:

The Economic Development Authority of Amherst County (AEDA) supports Rosie's Gaming Emporium locating in Madison Heights because we believe Rosie's will bring new tax dollars, add well paying jobs, and attract visitors to Amherst County. We expect to see an economic boost when Rosie's visitors patronize other Amherst businesses and the tax revenues generated by Rosie's will help our County continue to grow.

Before making a decision about Rosie's the AEDA spoke to other localities about their experience with Rosie's in their communities and repeatedly heard extremely positive feedback. Members and staff of the AEDA visited the Rosie's in Vinton (the closest comparison to Amherst County) and were impressed with how clean and well run it was. Additionally, over 75% of the Rosie's visitor's were from outside their locality and crime was not an issue. Vinton was so pleased with Rosie's boost to their economy they supported a multi-million dollar expansion of Rosie's.

Rosie's is projecting to bring to Amherst County:

- About \$1.9 million annually in new tax revenue
- Recurring annual operations at the proposed Rosie's Gaming Emporium is expected to generate \$30.6 million in annual economic activity in Amherst County
- Development costs of the new Rosie's of almost \$28 million in the Seminole Plaza shopping center, an area in need of redevelopment
- The creation of about 100 jobs with an average compensation package totaling \$47,000 annually
- An economic boost to other Amherst businesses as visitors bring their dollars from outside the County
- With the announcement of Rosie's interest in the area, other developers are looking at Madison Heights and the EDA firmly believes that Rosie's will be a catalyst for redevelopment along the business Rt. 29 corridor
- \$100,000 annually in donations and in-kind service hours to Amherst area non-profits as part of the Rosie's Gives Back program
- Another entertainment option for Amherst residents

Lottery machines are located throughout the County in retail stores and since the state legalized sport betting in January 2021, the Virginia Lottery sports betting wagers now total more than \$1.48 billion. Anyone with a smartphone or device can place a bet on multiple virtual gambling sites from any location.

If Rosie's doesn't locate in Amherst County it will locate nearby and Amherst will have lost out on a tremendous opportunity. The AEDA sees this as a win for the County - not only because of the tax revenue but because of the revitalization it will bring to the Madison Heights business corridor.

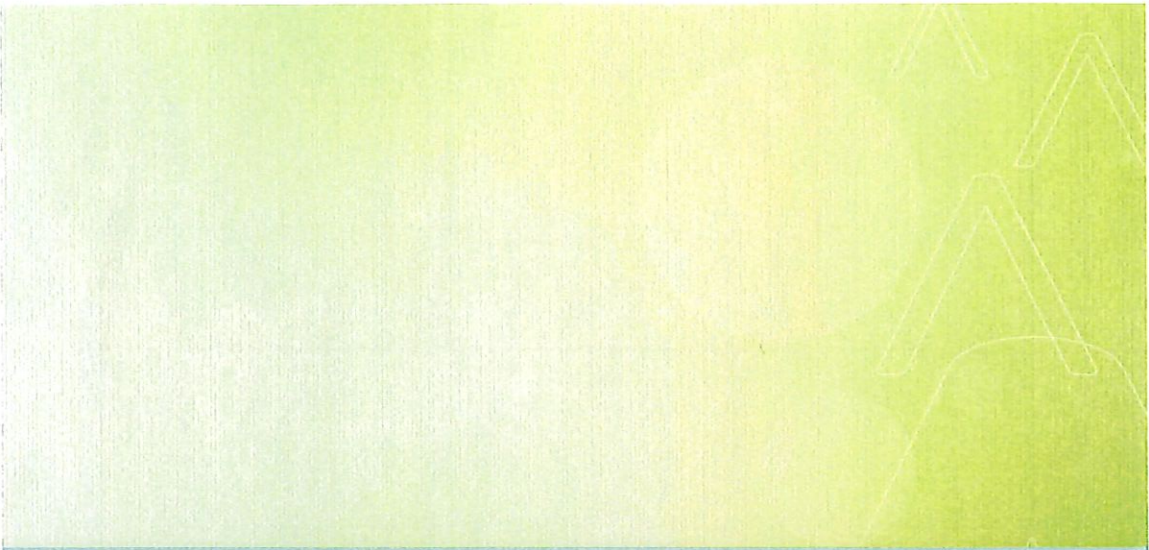
Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'ME' followed by a stylized '8' or 'S'.

Chad Eby, Chairman
Economic Development Authority of Amherst County



American Rescue Plan Act Funding



WHAT DOES IT COVER?

- PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE TO COVID-19
- ADDRESS NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS
- REPLACE PUBLIC SECTOR REVENUE LOSS
- SERVICE TO DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES
- PREMIUM PAY FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS
- WATER, SEWER, AND BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE
- ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES RELATED TO THE ACT



SPECIFIC CATEGORIES FOR SPENDING





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Appendix 1: Expenditure Categories

The Expenditure Categories (EC) listed below must be used to categorize each project as noted in Part 2 above. The term "Expenditure Category" refers to the detailed level (e.g., 1.1 COVID-19 Vaccination). When referred to as a category (e.g., EC 1) it includes all Expenditure Categories within that level.

1: Public Health	
1.1	COVID-19 Vaccination [^]
1.2	COVID-19 Testing [^]
1.3	COVID-19 Contact Tracing
1.4	Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, etc.) [*]
1.5	Personal Protective Equipment
1.6	Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities)
1.7	Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency
1.8	Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)
1.9	Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19
1.10	Mental Health Services [*]
1.11	Substance Use Services [*]
1.12	Other Public Health Services
2: Negative Economic Impacts	
2.1	Household Assistance: Food Programs [*] [^]
2.2	Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid [*] [^]
2.3	Household Assistance: Cash Transfers [*] [^]
2.4	Household Assistance: Internet Access Programs [*] [^]
2.5	Household Assistance: Eviction Prevention [*] [^]
2.6	Unemployment Benefits or Cash Assistance to Unemployed Workers [*]
2.7	Job Training Assistance (e.g., Sectoral job-training, Subsidized Employment, Employment Supports or Incentives) [*] [^]
2.8	Contributions to UI Trust Funds
2.9	Small Business Economic Assistance (General) [*] [^]
2.10	Aid to Nonprofit Organizations [*]
2.11	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality
2.12	Aid to Other Impacted Industries
2.13	Other Economic Support [*] [^]
2.14	Rehiring Public Sector Staff
3: Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities	
3.1	Education Assistance: Early Learning [*] [^]
3.2	Education Assistance: Aid to High-Poverty Districts [^]
3.3	Education Assistance: Academic Services [*] [^]
3.4	Education Assistance: Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Services [*] [^]
3.5	Education Assistance: Other [*] [^]
3.6	Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care [*] [^]
3.7	Healthy Childhood Environments: Home Visiting [*] [^]
3.8	Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System [*] [^]



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3.9	Healthy Childhood Environments: Other* ^
3.10	Housing Support: Affordable Housing* ^
3.11	Housing Support: Services for Unhoused Persons* ^
3.12	Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance* ^
3.13	Social Determinants of Health: Other* ^
3.14	Social Determinants of Health: Community Health Workers or Benefits Navigators* ^
3.15	Social Determinants of Health: Lead Remediation ^
3.16	Social Determinants of Health: Community Violence Interventions* ^
4: Premium Pay	
4.1	Public Sector Employees
4.2	Private Sector: Grants to Other Employers
5: Infrastructure²⁷	
5.1	Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Treatment
5.2	Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance
5.3	Clean Water: Decentralized Wastewater
5.4	Clean Water: Combined Sewer Overflows
5.5	Clean Water: Other Sewer Infrastructure
5.6	Clean Water: Stormwater
5.7	Clean Water: Energy Conservation
5.8	Clean Water: Water Conservation
5.9	Clean Water: Nonpoint Source
5.10	Drinking water: Treatment
5.11	Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution
5.12	Drinking water: Transmission & Distribution: Lead Remediation
5.13	Drinking water: Source
5.14	Drinking water: Storage
5.15	Drinking water: Other water infrastructure
5.16	Broadband: "Last Mile" projects
5.17	Broadband: Other projects
6: Revenue Replacement	
6.1	Provision of Government Services
7: Administrative	
7.1	Administrative Expenses
7.2	Evaluation and Data Analysis
7.3	Transfers to Other Units of Government
7.4	Transfers to Non-entitlement Units (States and territories only)

*Denotes areas where recipients must identify the amount of the total funds that are allocated to evidence-based interventions (see Use of Evidence section above for details)

^Denotes areas where recipients must report on whether projects are primarily serving disadvantaged communities (see Project Demographic Distribution section above for details)

²⁷ Definitions for water and sewer Expenditure Categories can be found in the EPA's handbooks. For "clean water" expenditure category definitions, please see:

<https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2018-03/documents/cwdefinitions.pdf>. For "drinking water" expenditure category definitions, please see: <https://www.epa.gov/dwsrfd/drinking-water-state-revolving-fund-national-information-management-system-reports>.

WHAT ARE WE WORKING WITH?

TOTAL FUNDING	\$ 6,138,901
ACSA for sewer projects (normally funded annually)	1,000,000
Broadband	
(\$450,000 to come from schools)	2,575,400
PPE	20,000
UNEMPLOYMENT	30,000
OTHER COVID EXPENSES	<u>25,000</u>
Remaining Funds	2,488,501
Revenue loss as of Dec. 31, 2020	718,358
ARPA Specific Projects	1,770,143

CURRENT CIP

FY 2022-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Project Number		FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	Beyond 2026	Total
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12	Medic 1	\$ 274,530						\$ 274,530
27	Courthouse Fire Alarm	\$ 82,500						\$ 82,500
26	Courthouse Security	\$ 200,000	\$ 253,115					\$ 453,115
4	Coolwell Parking Lot resurfacing	\$ 115,000	\$ -					\$ 115,000
3	Sheriff Parking Lot resurfacing	\$ 144,000						\$ 144,000
28	Convenience Centers (2 centers)	\$ 86,000	\$ 750,000		\$ 750,000			\$ 1,500,000
2	DSS Parking Lot resurfacing	\$ 200,000						\$ 200,000
5	Madison Heights Master Plan	\$ 69,320						\$ 69,320
29	Station 3 remodel		\$ 99,742					\$ 99,742
8	Mini - bus replacement		\$ 200,000					\$ 200,000
10	Scenral Bark		\$ 78,750					\$ 78,750
17	802 Truck - Public Safety		\$ 1,159,080					\$ 1,159,080
7	Riveredge Phase 3B		\$ 77,000					\$ 77,000
6	Monroe Parking Lot Expansion		\$ 287,604					\$ 287,604
13	Medic 2		\$ 525,000					\$ 525,000
21	Pedar Squad 34 1999		\$ 871,615					\$ 871,615
16	Amherst Fire Engine 13		\$ 50,000					\$ 50,000
30	Clerk Dehumidifiers		\$ 100,000					\$ 100,000
11	Mill Creek Campground		\$ 300,674					\$ 300,674
15	Medic 3		\$ 767,485					\$ 767,485
14	Monellison Engine 22			\$ 313,750				\$ 313,750
20	Medic 50			\$ 93,750				\$ 93,750
18	800 Truck - Public Safety				\$ 326,820			\$ 326,820
22	Medic 49				\$ 218,750			\$ 218,750
23	Brush ASD 16				\$ 97,500			\$ 97,500
19	806 Truck - Public Safety					\$ 218,750		\$ 218,750
25	Pedar Brush 32 2005						\$ 339,897	\$ 339,897
24	Medic 50						\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000
26	Fire Station(placemaker)						\$ 4,339,897	\$ 4,339,897
	Total Capital Cost Est.	\$ 1,573,350	\$ 4,851,906	\$ 1,068,159	\$ 1,157,500	\$ 861,820	\$ -	\$ 13,852,632
	Total Operating Impact Est.	\$ -	\$ 117,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 217,000
	Total Expenditure	\$ 1,573,350	\$ 4,968,906	\$ 1,068,159	\$ 1,257,500	\$ 861,820	\$ 4,339,897	\$ 14,069,632

Funding Sources	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 23-24	FY 23-24	Beyond 2024	Total
Grant	\$ 125,000	\$ 1,052,264	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 2,552,264
Financing/Other Sources	\$ -	\$ 760,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,760,000
Recurring funds needed	\$ -	\$ 117,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 217,000
Reserves - Parks	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General Fund Unassigned Fund	\$ 1,448,350	\$ 3,019,642	\$ 943,159	\$ 1,032,500	\$ 736,820	\$ 2,339,897	\$ -	\$ 9,520,368
Total Financing	\$ 1,573,350	\$ 4,968,906	\$ 1,068,159	\$ 1,257,500	\$ 861,820	\$ 4,339,897	\$ -	\$ 14,069,632

REVENUE LOSS (cat 6.1) STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

TOTAL REVENUE LOSS	\$ 718,358
Building Inspector Position(3 yrs includes vehicle and computer)	226,000
Scentral Bark *	<u>200,000</u>
Fire Marshall(3 yrs includes vehicle and equipment)	348,000
Mill Creek Campground*	100,000
Courthouse Security*	453,115
Cybersecurity	50,000
Animal Shelter Water & Sewer	1,500,000
Other CIP projects for FY 2022 and FY 2023	
Public Safety Vehicles*	1,475,750
Courthouse Fire Alarm*	82,500
Parking Lot resurfacing*	347,000

\$272,358 unused

ARPA QUALIFIED PROJECTS STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

TOTAL REMAINING FUNDS- STAFF PRIORITIZED PROJECTS		\$ 1,770,143
5.5	Water & Sewer Infrastructure	1,000,000
1.7	Sheriff Command Center	103,000
7.1	Grant Coordinator (3yrs, includes furniture and computer)	240,000
4.1	Sheriff Dept Bonuses(premium pay)	40,000
4.1	Public Safety Bonuses(premium pay)	80,000
1.7	Public Safety Command Center	110,000
1.12	Trail Extensions(any leftover will go here up to \$100K)	47,143
1.12	Library Playground	<u>150,000</u>
1.12	Monacan Park Playground	50,000
1.12	Coolwell Splashpad	200,000
1.7	Public Safety Training Console	40,000
1.12	Mill Creek Improvements	275,000
1.7	Breakrooms Renovations	80,000
1.12	Stonehouse Trail	100,000
4.1	Other Essential Employees Bonuses	105,000
1.7	Medic 1 - County Portion	150,000

REVISED CIP

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DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS, AND DIRECTION FOR STAFF

LEADERSHIP GUIDE (REVISITED)

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Mission (2021)

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Vision (2020)

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Values (2020)

- The beauty of our natural environment
- Safe and secure community, respectful of the constitution
- Neighborly atmosphere
- Business, educational & recreational opportunities
- Connectedness
- Transparent, responsive and participatory government
- Fiscal responsibility
- Efficient & effective public services

Values (2021)

- *The beauty of our natural environment*
- *A safe, secure, and healthy community • Neighborly atmosphere*
- *Business, educational & recreational opportunities*
- *Connectedness*
- *Transparent, responsive, and participatory government, respectful of the constitution*
- *Fiscal responsibility*
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LEADERSHIP GUIDE (REVISITED)

2-Year Objectives (2020)

- CVTC plan
- Madison Heights master plan
- Broadband expansion
- County Fair resumed

2-Year Objectives (2021)

- *CVTC plan complete and published*
- *Madison Heights master plan complete and published*
- *Broadband availability across the entire county*
- *County Fair resumed as annual event*

LEADERSHIP GUIDE (REVISITED)

Goals (2020)

1. Broadband expansion
2. Residential growth in designated areas
3. Promote business growth & redevelopment
4. Promote tourism
5. Promote & protect County assets
6. Achieve education excellence
7. Recruit and retain high quality staff
8. Increase citizen engagement

Goals (2021)

- *Broadband expansion*
- *Residential growth in designated areas*
- *Promote business growth & redevelopment*
- *Promote & protect County assets*
- *Achieve education excellence*
- *Recruit and retain high-quality staff [?](#)*
- *Increase citizen engagement*
- *Support the agricultural and rural communities*

LEADERSHIP GUIDE (REVISITED)

Opportunities (2020)

1. CVTC and Mad Heights master plan
2. Broadband expansion
3. Focus on recreational areas, business growth and availability of land

Opportunities (2021)

- *CVTC and Mad Heights master plans*
- *Broadband expansion*
- *Focus on recreational areas, business growth, and availability of land*
- *Rosies & redevelopment of Seminole Plaza*
- *Agriculture Complex*

LEADERSHIP GUIDE (REVISITED)

Challenges (2020)

- Broadband expansion
- Declining & aging population
- No Tobacco Commission funding
- Facilitating needs for Seniors
- Youth retention
- Regional transportation options
- Inflation and rising cost of operations
- Lack of entertainment facilities

Challenges (2021)

- *Level & aging population*
- *Facilitating needs for Seniors*
- *Youth retention*
- *Regional transportation operations*
- *Inflation and rising cost of operations*
- *Lack of entertainment facilities*

LEADERSHIP GUIDE (REVISITED)

10-yr Issues

- Keeping real estate tax reasonable; control cost of operations
- Increased broadband access
- CVTC development progress
- Ongoing funding for capital expenditures
- Attracting businesses

10-yr Issues

- *Revenue generation other than real estate taxes; attracting businesses*
- *Control cost of operations; efficiency of trash collection/disposal system*
- *Water/Sewer infrastructure maintenance & expansion*
- *Ongoing funding for capital expenditures*
- *Pandemic Response*
- *Volunteer & firefighter retention*
- *Providing an adequate workforce and technical training*
- *Maintaining staff salaries/incentives/recognition*
- *Maintaining state agency & regional relationships*
- *Park events & activities for all ages*
- *Improving the appearance of the County of Amherst*

FISCAL YEAR 2023 PRIORITIES

- *Upgrade and expand water/sewer infrastructure in developable areas*
- *Produce a ten-year plan for Parks & Recreation*
- *Produce a two-year budget and plan for Tourism that incorporates the Libraries & Museum*
- *Pursue community-based paramedics*
- *Increase departmental training budgets for frontline employees*
- *Establish underground utilities as a county planning policy by ordinance*
- *Develop a design plan for camping at Mill Creek Lake*