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**AMHERST COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Board of Supervisors

Drew Wade, Chair
District 5
Claudia Tucker, Vice-Chair
District 2
David W. Pugh, Jr., Supervisor
District 4
Tom Martin, Supervisor
District 1
Chris Adams, Supervisor
District 3

MINUTES

April 2, 2024

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

County Administrator
Jeremy Bryant

County Attorney
Mark Popovich

I. Call to Order

At a regular meeting of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors held on April 2, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Drew Wade, Chair
Claudia D. Tucker, Vice-Chair
Tom Martin, Supervisor

ABSENT:

David W. Pugh, Jr., Supervisor
Chris Adams, Supervisor

STAFF:

Jeremy S. Bryant, County Administrator
Stacey McBride, Deputy County Administrator/Finance Director
Mark Popovich, County Attorney
Kristen Freeman, Clerk

Chairman Wade 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 Chairman Wade and with the following vote, the Board approved the agenda with the amendment of tabling Section VIII. New Business Item B. Tax Abatement and Section XIII. Closed Session until April 16, 2024.

AYE: Mr. Wade, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Martin

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Pugh, Mr. Adams

III. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Martin led the Invocation and Chairman Wade led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Consent Agenda

By motion of Supervisor Martin and with the following vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda for April 2, 2024.

AYE: Mr. Wade, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Martin

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Pugh, Mr. Adams

A. Minutes - March 19, 2024

It was moved that the Board adopt the minutes of March 19, 2024.

B. Appropriation of Revenue - Sheriff's Office

It was moved that the Board appropriate funds as described.

C. Appropriations for additional equipment for the Registrar's Office

It was moved that the Board appropriate \$6,200 of Miscellaneous Revenue and \$6,800 from the Unobligated General Fund Balance for the registrar to purchase supplies for the secure storage of election equipment used on election day.

D. Appropriation of Revenue - Amherst County Public Schools

It was moved that the Board appropriated \$ 2,882,305.80 of additional funds to the 2023-2024 School Operational Budget.

E. Reallocation of Funds - Building Maintenance

It was moved that the Board approve reallocating CIP funding for purchases shown in the attachments for the uses described.

VI. Special Presentation

A. Second Stage-Annual Report

The Board received an annual report from Jessy Shipe, Director of Second Stage Amherst. (See Attachment 1)

VII. Old Business

A. Update from Emergency Services Council

The Board received an update from Brad Beam, Director of Public Safety. Director Beam stated the Emergency Services Council met recently and they are making progress on recruitment ideas and developing standard operating guidelines.

By motion of Supervisor Martin and with the following vote, the Board directed staff to advertise Ordinance 2024-2 for public hearing.

AYE: Mr. Wade, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Martin

NAY: None
ABSENT: Mr. Pugh, Mr. Adams

VIII. New Business

A. VDOT Rural Rustic Six Year Road Plan

Vice-Chair Tucker directed Director Beam to drive the full length of Indian Creek Rd and get back with her for discussion.

Supervisor Martin stated that there are many private roads in the county that were supposed to be maintained by a Homeowners Association and are not being maintained. He explained that some of these roads have culverts that are collapsing, and once they collapse, people will be blocked as it is one way in and one way out. Mr. Martin asked the County Administrator and Director of Community Development to bring some recommendations to the Board on ways the county may be able to help with these roads.

By motion of Chairman Wade and with the following vote, the Board directed staff to schedule the public hearing on May 21, 2024.

AYE: Mr. Wade, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Martin
NAY: None
ABSENT: Mr. Pugh, Mr. Adams

B. Tax Abatement

Item tabled to April 16, 2024.

IX. County Administrator's Report

A. Project Status Report

For the Boards information.

X. County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney had no matter to discuss.

XI. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

XII. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Martin stated he received a call from a citizen whose son was previously a patient at Central Virginia Training Center and had to be moved to a skilled nursing facility in Petersburg due to the closure of CVTC and because there are no skilled nursing facilities around. Mr. Martin stated he is of the understanding that there has been a rural healthcare committee setup and he asked the County Administrator to get some information on that and if the Board would be willing to put some sort of formal request together to present to state representative encouraging them to provide more funding for skilled nursing.

Vice-Chair Tucker stated that her understanding of the rural healthcare committee would be comprised of 12 legislative members and there had been some back and forth about possible citizen members and she asked the County Administrator to look into that as well.

Chairman Wade stated that there is a need for a stop sign in the area of pulling into the parking lot at the Seminole Food Lion as he has witnessed several near accidents.

XIII. Closed Session

- A. A closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(7) for the limited purpose of consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members pertaining to probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the County regarding property located in District 3.

Item tabled until April 16, 2024.

XIV. Certification of Closed Session

XV. Adjournment

By motion of Chairman Wade and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 3:31 pm.

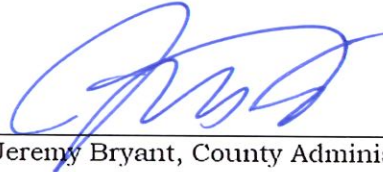
AYE: Mr. Wade, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Martin

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Pugh, Mr. Adams



Drew Wade, Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Jeremy Bryant, County Administrator