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AMHERST COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board of Supervisors

Drew Wade, Chair
District 5
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David W. Pugh, Jr., Supervisor
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Tom Martin, Supervisor
District 1
Chris Adams, Supervisor
District 3

MINUTES

September 17, 2024
Administration Building - 153 Washington
Street - Public Meeting Room
Amherst, Virginia 24521
Meeting Convened - 7:00 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 September 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Drew Wade, Chair
Claudia D. Tucker, Vice-Chair
David W. Pugh, Jr., Supervisor
Tom Martin, Supervisor
Chris Adams, Supervisor

ABSENT: None

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 7:00 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 Adams and with the following vote, the Board approved the agenda.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

III. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Wade led the Invocation and Vice-Chair Tucker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Citizen Comment

Jim Vazquez addressed the Board regarding their performance.

V. Public Hearing

A. 2024-374 Solar Siting Agreement

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2316.8 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, the Amherst County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing for the consideration of the Utility Scale Solar Siting Agreement presented by Partridge Creek Solar, LLC. This siting agreement is in association with a previously approved solar energy system, utility-scale (Special Exception No. 2022-511) on tax map number 139-A-54.

The voluntarily submitted siting agreement from Partridge Creek Solar, LLC provides the County a single-one-time lump sum equal to \$20,000 per MW AC of the rated capacity of the Project (\$80,000 for a 4MW project), which sum shall be considered a substantial cash payment under Va. Code § 15.2-2288.8. The agreement also provides the projected solar revenue share payments that will be made to the county - the project shall be taxed through revenue share for the duration of the project's existence. However, should the amount due under machinery and tools tax exceed the amount due under revenue share, that difference shall be paid to the County and shall be considered a substantial cash payment under Va. Code § 15.2-2288.8.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

The Public Hearing was closed.

By motion of Supervisor Martin and with the following vote, the Board approved siting agreement 2024-374 as presented and the Board directed staff to place the one-time funds of \$80,000 from the solar site agreement into the County Fine Revenue Reserve along with the annual revenue to be received in subsequent years for implementation of the 2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

B. 2024-393 Jennifer Lloyd Fisher - Special Exception

Request by Jennifer Lloyd Fisher for a special exception in the A-1, Agricultural Residential District. The purpose of the special exception is to allow multiple uses such as short-term tourist rental of a dwelling, multi-purpose event venue, public entertainment, and other similar uses. The property is located at 229 Dancing Creek Road and is further identified as tax map number 76-A-53.

Planning Commission Recommendation: The Planning Commission recommended approval of Special Exception 2024-393, with a 6-0 vote.

Conditions:

1. A parking attendant shall direct traffic with events greater than seventy-five (75) attendees.
2. The Virginia Department of Health shall approve the sewage disposal system for the proposed change of use.
3. The entrance(s) shall be approved by the Virginia Department of Transportation for the proposed change of use.

4. Guests shall be required to park on the property and not park on neighboring lots or on any right-of-way outside of their property unless they have written permission.
5. No more than 14 bedrooms may be used as part of the short-term rental.
6. All rules and regulations of Section 7-1. Public Entertainment shall be met for public events over 250 people.

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The Public Hearing was opened.

Proponents: Jennifer Lloyd Fisher, Ron Fisher, Tammy Eubank, Andrea Lloyd, Randy Driskill, Stuart Gregory, Jim Vazquez
Opponents: None

The Public Hearing was closed.

By motion of Supervisor Adams and with the following vote, the Board approved Special Exception 2024-393 at 229 Dancing Creek Road to allow a multi-purpose venue, short-term tourist rental of a dwelling, public entertainment, and other similar uses with the listed conditions.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

C. 2024-402 Arcola Towers I, LP - Special Exception

Request by Arcola Towers I, LP for a special exception in the M-1, Industrial District. The purpose of the special exception is to allow a 199' monopole communications tower with auxiliary wireless service facilities. The property is identified as tax map number 130-A-14.

Planning Commission Recommendation: The Planning Commission recommended approval of Special Exception 2024-402, 6-0.

Condition:

1. The property shall be developed in substantial compliance with the "Wreck Island" site plan dated June 27, 2024.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Proponents: Lori Schweller Attorney for Arcola Towers
Opponents: None

The Public Hearing was closed.

By motion of Supervisor Martin and with the following vote, the Board approved Special Exception 2024-402 on Tax Map No. 130-A-14 to allow a 199' monopole communications tower with auxiliary wireless service facilities subject to the listed conditions.

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

NAY: None
ABSENT: None

D. 2024-406 Jonathan Scruggs - Rezoning
Chairman Wade recused himself from this public hearing.

Request by Jonathan Scruggs for a rezoning of approximately 2.52 acres from the M-1, Industrial District to the B-2, General Commercial District. The purpose of the rezoning is to allow a recreational facility. The property is located at 3106 S. Amherst Highway and is further identified as tax map number 137C2-5-B. The request includes an amendment to the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) of the Amherst County Comprehensive Plan from manufacturing to commercial in the area identified on the proposed rezoning map.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Proponents: Jonathan Scruggs
Opponents: None

The Public Hearing was closed.

By motion of Supervisor Adams and with the following vote, the Board approved Rezoning 2024-406, which includes an amendment to the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) of the Amherst County Comprehensive Plan from manufacturing to commercial.

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

VI. Consent Agenda

By motion of Supervisor Martin and with the following vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda for September 17, 2024.

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

A. Minutes - September 3, 2024

It was moved that the Board adopt the minutes of September 3, 3034.

B. Carryforward Appropriation for FY Chamber of Commerce Tourism

It was moved that the Board approve the carry forward appropriation of \$29,500 into the Tourism budget for FY25.

C. Public Works Transfer Request

It was moved that the Board approve the transfer of grounds contract services budget of \$7,000 as described.

D. Dispatch Grant Funds Appropriation

It was moved that the Board appropriate the \$3,537.36 of grant funds into the Communications Division FY2025 operating budget.

E. Appropriation for School Fieldhouse Permit Fee

It was moved that the Board appropriate \$1,444.30 from the Unobligated General Fund Balance for the School fieldhouse permit fee.

F. FY 25 Appropriation of Revenue - Sheriff's Office

It was moved that the Board approve the appropriation of funds as described.

G. FY 2026 Budget Calendar

It was moved that the Board approve the proposed calendar as presented.

VII. Special Presentation

A. Commemorative Resolution 2024-3-CR, Amherst Life Saving Crew

By motion of Chairman Wade and with the following vote, the Board adopted Commemorative Resolution 2024-3-CR as presented.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

VIII. County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney had no matter to discuss.

IX. Liaison and Committee Reports

A. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Development Board- Tom Martin

Supervisor Martin stated it would be an exciting fall. He said that on October 15, 2024, at 5 pm there will be a ribbon cutting for the new dog park in Madison Heights and that the Halloween Trunk or Treat will be held at Coolwell Recreation at 5:30 pm on October 25, 2024. Mr. Martin also stated that the Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan should be coming before the board in October.

B. Emergency Services Council - Chris Adams

Supervisor Adams stated at the last Emergency Services Council meeting on September 11, 2024 they continued to work on the Standard Operating Procedures and Guideline and that that is still coming along well. Mr. Adams also stated they are working on creating a CIP budget with the volunteer staff. Mr. Adams also gave his thoughts on a recent post in the Amherst County Community Chat Facebook group.

X. Departmental Reports

A. Library Board of Trustees - Annual Report

The Board received an annual report from the Library Board of Trustees chair, Sandy Jennings-Neblett. (See Attachment 1)

XI. Citizen Comment

Satori Fox addressed the Board and explained her concerns about National Security and promised to follow up with an email reiterating her concerns.

XII. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

Chair Wade had no matter to discuss.

Vice-Chair Tucker had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Pugh had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Martin had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Adams had no matter to discuss.

XIII. Adjournment

By motion of Chairman Wade and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 8:45 pm.

AYE: Mr. Wade, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Adams

NAY: None

ABSENT: None



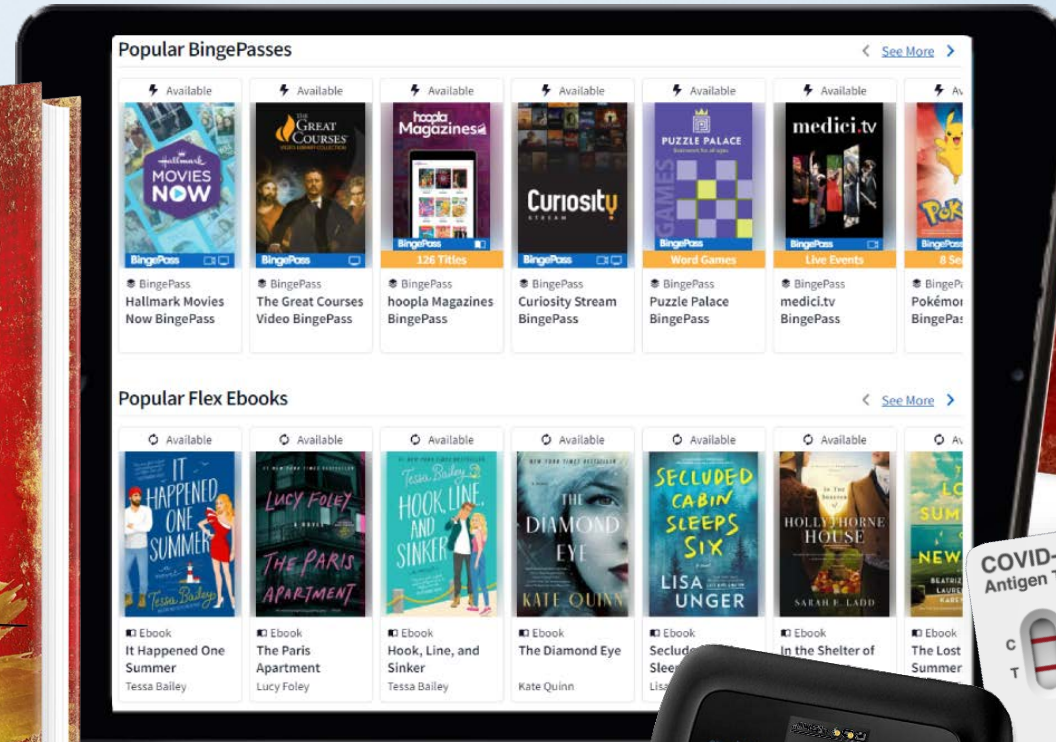
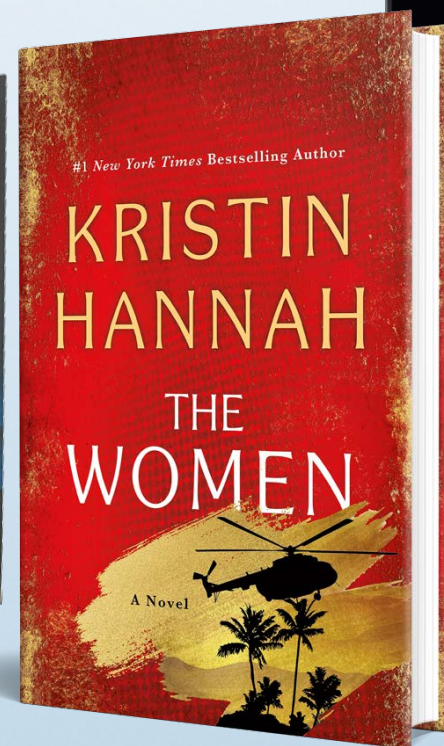
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Amherst County PUBLIC LIBRARY



Library Board of Trustees



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District 1



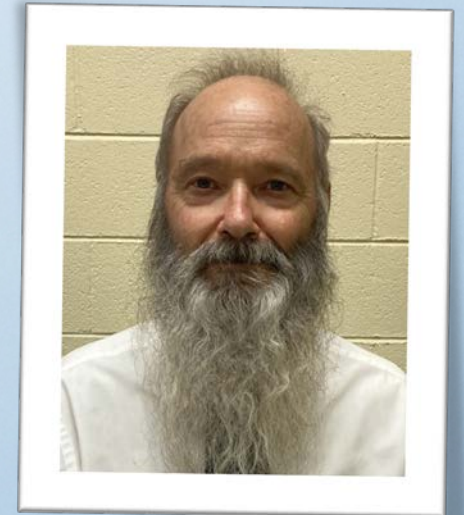
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Former Library Board Member



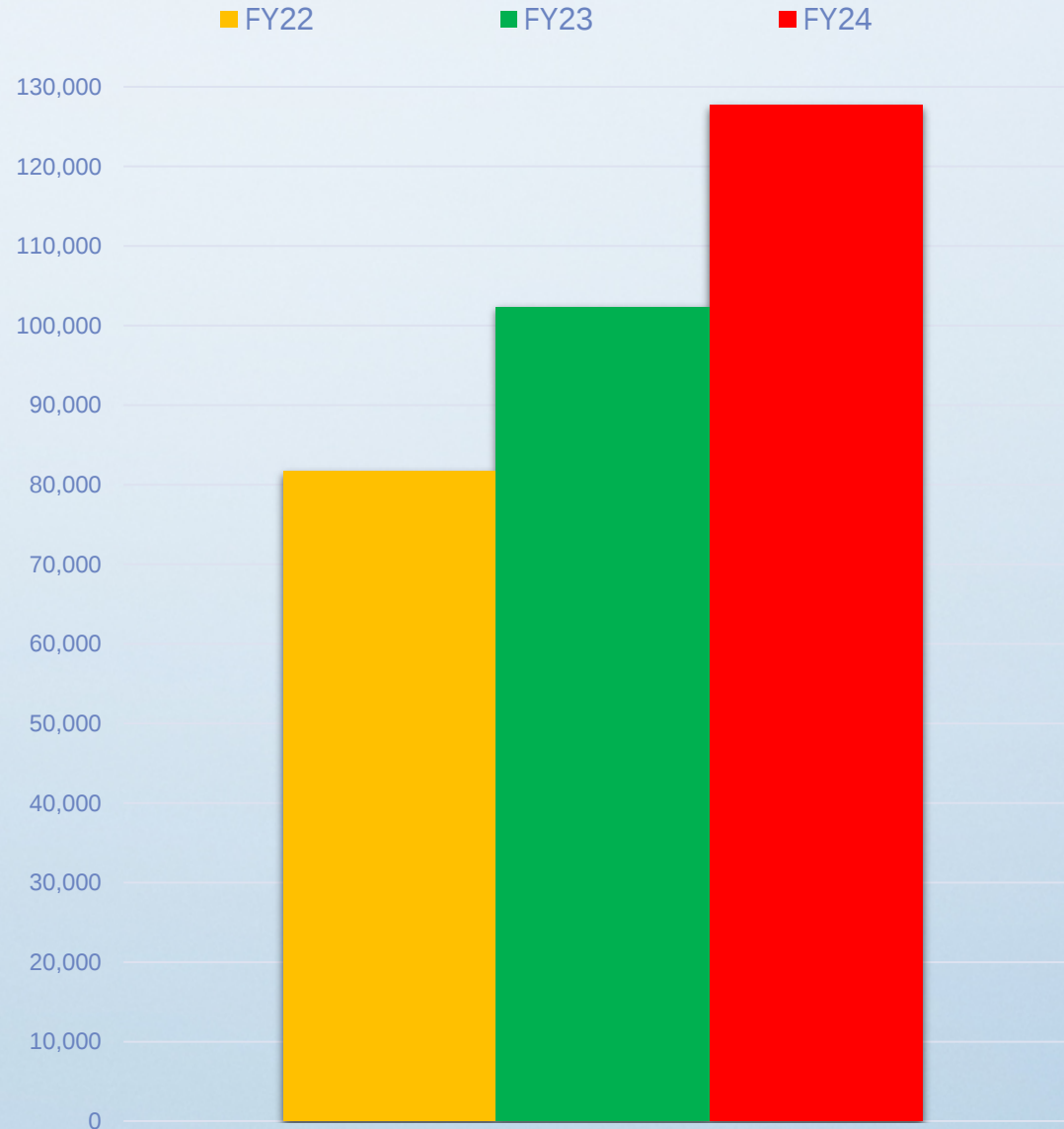
Edward Kryspin
District 3

8 Years of service on the Library Board

Service
Appreciated



Circulation for FY22 –FY24



25%
increase
two years
in a row!

Circulation
Rising



There is more than books



Collection Diversifying



It has been a busy year



167 events
3,686 attendees



Staff
Working Hard



6,314 new items added



70,000+ library visits

Traffic Mirror



Buildings Enhanced





Buildings

Enhanced



Automatic Door Openers

Security Cameras



Buildings Enhanced



New Library Signs



Buildings
Enhanced



Visit the Library Soon!

