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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

October 1, 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 October 1, 2024, at 3:00 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 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 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

Supervisor Martin led the Invocation and Supervisor Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Citizen Comment

Mike Bryant addressed the Board regarding Personal Property Taxes.

V. Consent Agenda

By motion of Supervisor Martin and with the following vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda for October 1, 2024.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

A. Minutes - September 17, 2024

It was moved that the Board adopt the minutes of September 17, 2024.

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

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

VI. Special Presentation

A. VACO Achievement Awards - Amherst County Fire Training Facility

The Board was presented with the 2024 VACo Achievement award in recognition of the Amherst County Fire Training Facility. Jeremy Bennett, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for the Virginia Association of Counties presented the award.

VII. County Administrator's Report

A. Project Status Report

For the Board's information.

VIII. County Attorney's Report

A. 2024 Rules of Procedure Amendment

By motion of Chairman Wade and with the following vote, the Board readopted its Rules of Procedures with the suggested revisions regarding electronic meeting procedures as presented.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

IX. Liaison and Committee Reports

A. Planning Commission - David Pugh

Supervisor Pugh reported that a Planning Commission Meeting was held on September 16, 2024. They had a rezoning case, a child daycare special exception, as well as a special exception permit revocation hearing which was tabled for now due to ongoing construction on Route 151.

B. Agriculture Committee - Claudia Tucker

Vice-Chair Tucker reported that the Agriculture Committee is still hard at work on the fair and that volunteers are still needed. She also reported that Mr. Scott Wagner on Naked Creek Rd. held an open house on September 26, 2024, for his new state-of-the-art chicken facility, which will house 42,000 laying hens.

X. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

XI. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

Chair Wade addressed the Personal Property taxes matter explaining that taxes did not go up but the amount of discount given from the two previous years was not included this year due to expiration of some COVID monies and asked that that be explained to the citizens in a press release.

Vice-Chair Tucker addressed the Personal Property taxes matter and stated that the Board has been very fiscally responsible with tax payer money.

Supervisor Pugh had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Martin asked Mr. Bryant to reach out to VDOT for an update on the opening date of the recent construction area on Route 151.

Supervisor Adams requested that staff work with Jane Irby, Commissioner of Revenue, on a press release addressing the matter of Personal Property taxes for 2024.

XII. Closed Session

- A. A closed session for the limited purpose of (1) discussion or consideration of the disposition of publicly held real property where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position of the public body regarding property in District 3 pursuant to Sec. 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia; and (2) consultation with legal counsel retained by the Board regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice related to the disposition or acquisition of real property regarding the Winton property pursuant to Sec. 2.2-3711(A)(3) and (8).

Supervisor Adams recused himself from Closed Session Item 1.

Chairman Wade motioned to go into closed session and was approved with the following vote:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Chairman Wade motioned to come out of closed session and was approved with the following vote:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

XIII. Certification of Closed Session

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

I move 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

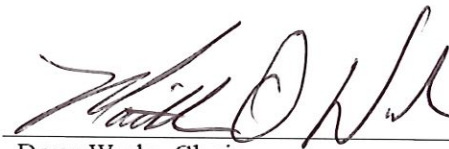
session were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed session.

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

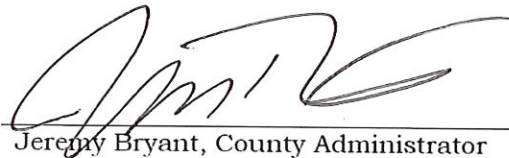
XIV. Adjournment

By motion of Supervisor Adams and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 4:00pm.

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



Drew Wade, Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Jeremy Bryant, County Administrator