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AMHERST COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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District 3

MINUTES

October 15, 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 October 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

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

ABSENT:

David W. Pugh, Jr., 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 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 Martin and with the following vote, the Board approved the agenda.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Pugh

III. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

IV. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Public Hearing

A. 2024-504 Jessica Maria Jimenez (Special Exception)

Request by Jessica Maria Jimenez for a special exception in the R-1, Limited Residential District. The purpose of the special exception is to allow a family day home that will serve up to twelve (12) children. The property is located at 213 Clearview Road and is further identified as Tax Map No. 147D-4-56.

Planning Commission recommended approval of Special Exception 2024-504, with a 5-0 vote and the following conditions.

1. Maximum Number of Children: The applicant shall provide care for a maximum of twelve (12) children under the age of thirteen (13), exclusive of the provider's own children and any children who reside in the home.
2. Emergency Services: The applicant shall have their property reinspected by the County's Fire Marshal upon completion of the basement's renovations.
3. Licensing: Applicant shall comply with all other licensing requirements as required by any other local, State or Federal law.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Mrs. Jimenez addressed the Board providing some information on the services she would be providing to the children through her home Preschool.

Proponents: Donna Massie, Brooks Eam, Krista Nash

Opponents: None

The Public Hearing was closed.

By motion of Chairman Wade and with the following vote, the Board approved Special Exception 2024-504 to allow a family day home that serves up to (12) children, including the listed conditions and the amended condition of the applicant shall have their property reinspected and approved by the county fire marshal upon completion of the basement renovations.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Pugh

B. 2024-351 EDA of Amherst County (Rezoning/Conditional Zoning)

Request by the Economic Development Authority of Amherst County for a rezoning of approximately 52 acres from the R-2, General Residential District to the M-1, Industrial District. The purpose of the rezoning is to develop a pad-ready site for industrial use. The property is identified as Tax Map No. 147-A-181.

The request includes an amendment to the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) of the Amherst County Comprehensive Plan from medium-density residential to Industrial in the area identified on the proposed rezoning map.

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 Rezoning 2024-351, which includes an amendment to the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) of the Amherst County Comprehensive Plan from medium density to manufacturing.

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

VI. Consent Agenda

By motion of Supervisor Martin and with the following vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda for October 15, 2024.

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

A. Minutes - October 1, 2024

It was moved that the Board adopt the minutes of October 1, 2024.

B. Appropriation of Amherst Life Saving Crew Funds

It was moved that the Board appropriate the ALSC cash funds of \$500,000 into the Public Safety FY 2025 budget for building renovations.

VII. New Business

A. Lynchburg Regional Airport Authority Board Report

Cedric Simon with the Lynchburg Regional Airport Authority Board presented the Board with a report. (See Attachment 1)

VIII. County Administrator's Report

A. Boards/Commissions/Committees - Building Appeals Board - Vacancy

By motion of Vice-Chair Tucker and with the following vote, the Board reappointed Kevin Peterson to another four-year term on the Building Appeals Board.

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

B. Designation of VACo Proxy

By motion of Chairman Wade and with the following vote, the Board appointed Jeremy Bryant to serve as the Amherst County voting representative to the annual VACo meeting.

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

NAY: None
ABSENT: Mr. Pugh

C. Boards/Commissions/Committees - Community Policy & Management Team (CPMT)

By motion of Vice-Chair Tucker and with the following vote, the Board appointed Ms. Leslie Sprouse as the County representative to the Amherst County Community Policy and Management Team.

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

IX. County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney reported to the Board that he continues to have conversations with opposing council and co-defendants in the Fisher matter. He stated he is still trying to find an appropriate hearing date for hearing on the county's motion, once Mr. Popovich finalizes that he will provide the Board with more information.

X. Citizen Comment

Satori Fox addressed the Board with some concerns she had and directed the Board to an email she sent to them.

Charles Greief addressed the Board regarding Personal Property taxes.

XI. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

Chairman Wade asked all to come out and attend the Amherst County Fair.

Vice-Chair Tucker stated the Fair starts on Thursday, October 17th, and runs through October 20th. She thanked all staff and volunteers that have come together to make this fair possible.

Supervisor Martin stated that the Board attended a ribbon cutting at 5:00 p.m. today for Seminole Park. He also encouraged everyone to attend the Amherst County Fair this week starting on October 17th.

Supervisor Adams asked Mr. Bryant for an estimate of the carry-forward amounts and about the status of the new RDA software. Mr. Adams also stated that the Apple Harvest Festival is October 19-20 and asked all citizens to come out this weekend and support their county by attending the Apple Festival and the Fair.

XII. Closed Session

- A. A closed session for consultation with legal counsel retained by the Board regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel regarding public safety operations pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(8).

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

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

NAY: None
ABSENT: Mr. Pugh

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

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

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. Martin: AYE
Mr. Adams: AYE

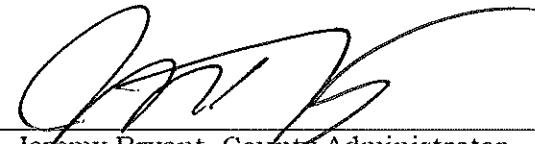
XIV. Adjournment

By motion of Supervisor Adams and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 8:58 pm.

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



Drew Wade, Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Jeremy Bryant, County Administrator

