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AMHERST COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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District 3

MINUTES

November 19, 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 November 19, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Drew Wade, Chair
David W. Pugh, Jr., Supervisor
Chris Adams, Supervisor

ABSENT:

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

STAFF:

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

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 Chairman Wade and with the following vote, the Board approved the agenda with the amendment of removing Section IX. Item A. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Development Board.

AYE: Mr. Wade, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Adams

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Martin

III. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

IV. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Public Hearing

A. Special Exception 2024-557 Landon J Coffey

Request by Landon Coffey for a special exception in the B-2, General Commercial District. The purpose of the special exception is to allow an auction house. The property is located at 1404 N. Amherst Highway and is further identified as Tax Map No. 83-1-2A.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of Special Exception 2024-557, 6-0.

The applicant, Mr. Coffey spoke in favor of the request.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

The Public Hearing was closed.

By motion of Supervisor Adams and with the following vote, the Board approves Special Exception 2024-557 to allow an auction house at 1404 N. Amherst Highway with the following conditions with the exception of condition number 5.

AYE: Mr. Wade, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Adams

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Martin

Conditions:

1. No more than five pieces of equipment may be showcased in front of the building.
2. Hours of operation shall be Monday – Sunday 8 am – 5 pm.
3. Minimum standards for landscaping as described in section 1605(a) shall be met before issuance of a zoning permit .
4. Items stored outside, shall be kept behind the building, except for the five items that are allowed to be showcased. The existing fence and tree lines shall be kept in place to act as screening of the equipment stored outside and a single row of evergreen trees shall be planted between the building and the north side yard property line.
5. ~~All requirements set forth by the Virginia Department of Transportation shall be met before issuance of a zoning permit.~~
6. All requirements of the Virginia Department of Health shall be met (one privy per 100 persons) for each auction event.
7. Customers 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.
8. All requirements set forth by the County's Fire Marshall shall be met before issuance of a zoning permit. No more than 150 people shall attend any single auction.

B. Special Exception 2024-561 Thomas G Hunt & Amber S Powers

Request by Thomas Hunt and Amber Powers for a special exception in the A-1, Agricultural Residential District. The purpose of the special exception is to allow a photography venue. The property is located at 1452 Patrick Henry Highway and is further identified as Tax Map No. 53-A-26.

The Planning Commission recommenced approval of Special Exception 2024-561, 6-0.

The applicants spoke in favor of the request.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

The Public Hearing was closed.

By motion of Chairman Wade and with the following vote, the Board approved Special Exception 2024-561 at 1452 Patrick Henry Highway to allow a photography venue with the following conditions.

AYE: Mr. Wade, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Adams

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Martin

Conditions:

1. The entrance shall be approved by the Virginia Department of Transportation for the proposed change of use.
2. All requirements of the Virginia Department of Health shall be met (one privy per 100 persons) for each photography session.
3. 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.
4. No more than 20 people may be in attendance at one photography session.

VI. Consent Agenda

By motion of Supervisor Adams and with the following vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda for November 19, 2024.

AYE: Mr. Wade, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Adams

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Martin

A. Minutes - October 15, 2024

It was moved that the Board adopt the minutes of October 15, 2024.

B. Appropriation for Leave Payout

It was moved that the Board appropriate \$15,508 into the FY 2025 Grounds budget from the Unobligated General Fund Balance.

C. Tenant Improvements Consent Letter - Health Department

It was moved that the Board direct the County Administrator to sign the letter authorizing the installation of cameras inside the Amherst County Health Department.

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

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

E. FY 2024 Appropriations and Budget Transfers

It was moved that the Board approve the appropriations and transfers for FY 2024 as described in the attachments.

F. Carryforwards from FY 2024 to FY 2025

It was moved that the Board approve the carryforwards for FY 2025 as described in the attachment.

G. Appropriation - Amherst County Public Schools

It was moved that the Board appropriate the \$433,582.76 of current revenues and prior year funds to the 2023-2024 School Construction Fund Budget as described in the attachment.

VII. County Administrator's Report

A. Boards/Commissions/Committees - Agriculture Committee

By motion of Chairman Wade and with the following vote, the Board appointed

AYE: Mr. Wade, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Adams

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Martin

VIII. County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney reported that for purposes of the land use litigation that was filed against Amherst County and the Fishers, he spoke with the plaintiffs attorney and have come to an agreement that a hearing on the county's demurrer and motion to dismiss should be scheduled sometime in January or February after the holidays.

IX. Liaison and Committee Reports

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

Item removed by agenda amendment.

B. Planning Commission - David Pugh

Supervisor Pugh stated that the Planning Commission will be having a meeting on November 21 and that the Commission is in discussion about a battery storage facility, looking at how to possibly plan for that and whether or not the Commission wants to go that route or not so they are seeking more information from universities or anyone that has done studies on what these facilities look like and what they entail. Mr. Pugh stated this will likely be a topic in the coming months.

C. Emergency Services Council - Chris Adams

Supervisor Adams reported that the Emergency Services Council had a meeting on November 13, 2024 and the council is still continuing to work toward completion of the SOPs and SOGs for actual fire and ground operations in the county and that Chief Beam has set a deadline for the council to be done with those by January 31st. Supervisor Adams stated that he and Chief Beam have also impressed upon the council the need to continue meeting regularly as they enter the heavy budget season and discuss CIP projects that they may have that needs to be planned accordingly for.

X. Departmental Reports

A. Agriculture Committee-Annual Report

Tyler Price, Chairman of the Agriculture Committee, gave the Board a verbal annual report update.

B. Treasurer's Quarterly Report as of September 30, 2024
For the Board's information.

XI. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

XII. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

Chair Wade had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Pugh had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Adams asked staff for some clarification on the carry forward item on the consent agenda.

XIII. Adjournment

By motion of Chairman Wade and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 7:27 pm.

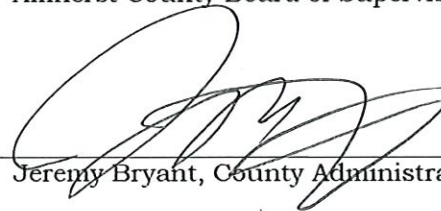
AYE: Mr. Wade, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Adams

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Martin



Drew Wade, Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Jeremy Bryant, County Administrator