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AMHERST COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Drew Wade, Supervisor
District 5

MINUTES

February 18, 2025
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 February 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

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

ABSENT:

Tom Martin, Vice-Chair

STAFF:

Stacey McBride, Deputy County Administrator/Finance Director
Mark Popovich, County Attorney
Kristen Freeman, Clerk

Chair Tucker 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 with the amendment of removing Section VII. New Business Item A. Union Hill Solar Farm (AEP) Discussion.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Martin

III. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Tucker led the Invocation and Supervisor Pugh Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Public Hearing

A. Special Exception 2024-683 Poplar Church

Request by Poplar Church for a special exception in the A-1, Agricultural Residential District. The purpose of the special exception is to allow a digital sign with lights of changing degree of intensity, brightness, and or color. The property is located at 1583 Richmond Highway and is further identified as tax map no. 112-A-26.

Planning Commission Recommended approval of Special Exception 2024-683, with a 5-0 vote.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

The Public Hearing was closed.

By motion of Supervisor Wade and with the following vote, the Board tabled this item until March 4, 2025.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Martin

B. Solid Waste Management Plan

The Board received a presentation on the 20-year update to the Amherst County Solid Waste Management Plan.

The Board of Supervisors must approve an updated version of the Amherst County Solid Waste Management Plan. The updates are required by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) every 20 years. The last Amherst County Solid Waste Management Plan was created on August 19, 2004.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

The Public Hearing was closed.

VI. Consent Agenda

By motion of Supervisor Wade and with the following vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda for February 18, 2025.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Martin

A. Minutes - February 4, 2025

It was moved that the Board adopt the minutes of February 4, 2025.

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

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

C. Appropriation of Revenue - Social Services

It was moved that the Board appropriate \$68,504 of additional state revenue into the Social Services FY 2025 operating budget.

D. Appropriate Compensation Board Revenue

It was moved that the Board appropriate \$180,000 of Compensation Board revenue into the county operating budget for the FY 2025 COLA.

VII. New Business

Section removed by agenda amendment.

A. Union Hill Solar Farm (AEP) Discussion

Item removed by agenda amendment.

VIII. County Administrator's Report

A. Boards/Commissions/Committees - Social Services Board

By motion of Supervisor Pugh and with the following vote, the Board appointed Kristin Kidd to the Social Services Board to fill the remainder of the current term and start a four-year term thereafter.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Martin

IX. County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney reported that with respect to the lawsuit against the county and the Fishers for their special exception, the Plaintiff has agreed to enter an order approving the official record as being entered into the court proceedings and those involved are now working on scheduling an actual hearing for the County's demurrer seeking to get the matter dismissed.

X. Liaison and Committee Reports

A. Agriculture Committee - Claudia Tucker

Chair Tucker stated she had nothing to report.

XI. Departmental Reports

A. Treasurer's Quarterly Report

For the Board's Information.

XII. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

XIII. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

Chair Tucker had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Pugh had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Adams wanted to thank County staff for everything they are doing. He thanked Law Enforcement and Public Safety for their hard work in the recent weather, as well as Public Works for clearing snow and keeping things clear and safe.

Supervisor Wade wished County Administrator Bryant well in his healing from a recent fall.

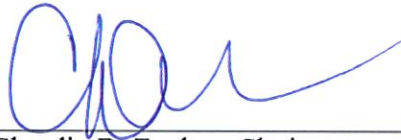
XIV. Adjournment

By motion of Supervisor Adams and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 7:34 pm.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Martin



Claudia D. Tucker, Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Jeremy Bryant, County Administrator