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AMHERST COUNTY
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MINUTES

March 18, 2025

Meeting Convened - 4:00 PM

County Administrator

Jeremy Bryant

County Attorney

Mark Popovich

I. Call to Order

At a budget meeting of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors held on March 18, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Claudia D. Tucker, Chair
Tom Martin, Vice-Chair
David W. Pugh, Jr., Supervisor
Chris Adams, Supervisor
Drew Wade, Supervisor (Arrived at 4:04 pm)

ABSENT: None

STAFF:

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

Chair Tucker called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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II. Approval of Agenda

By motion of Supervisor Adams and with the following vote, the Board approved the agenda with the amendment of adding a new item B. Finalizing Draft Budget under Section III. Discussion.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Wade

III. Discussion

A. School Budget Presentation

Dr. Wells, Superintendent of Schools, gave the Board a presentation regarding the School Budget for FY2025-2026. (SEE ATTACHMENT 1)

B. Finalizing Draft Budget (New item added by Agenda Amendment)

The Board directed staff to proceed with a budget that includes a 0% increase to employees for health insurance and a 3% COLA for employees.

B. Outside Agency/Non-Profit Prioritization

The Board directed staff to incorporate into its FY26 budget proposal the presented external funding requests.

C. Supplemental Prioritization

The Board followed Mr. Bryant's recommendation to review and prioritize the (One-time) Supplemental Budget in September. At this time, Mr. Bryant recommended no new reoccurring positions.

D. CIP Evaluation for Final Draft

The Board directed staff to fund two projects that are ongoing or need to be started July 1, 2025, which are the Reassessment and the Courthouse HVAC - Phase 2. The remaining projects will be evaluated in September 2025 once FY 2025 is closed and leftover funding available for projects is known.

E. FY2026 Health Insurance Contract

By motion of Chair Tucker and with the following vote, the Board directed staff to work with Pierce Group Benefits to contract with The Local Choice (TLC) to offer the Key Advantage 1000 PPO and the TLC HDHP with a \$1500 employer annual HSA contribution to provide employee health insurance during the FY2026 plan year.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

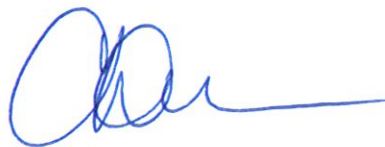
IV. Adjournment

By motion of Supervisor Adams and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 5:55 pm.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None



Claudia D. Tucker, Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Jeremy Bryant, County Administrator