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AMHERST COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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District 5

MINUTES

April 15, 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 April 15, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Tom Martin, Vice-Chair
David W. Pugh, Jr., Supervisor
Drew Wade, Supervisor

ABSENT:

Claudia D. Tucker, Chair
Chris Adams, Supervisor

STAFF:

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

Vice-Chair Martin 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 Wade and with the following vote, the Board approved the agenda with the amendment of removing Section VIII. New Business Item A. BRIC Grant.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Pugh, and Mr. Wade

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Adams

III. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

IV. Citizen Comment

Kara Jones addressed the Board regarding concerns on the large amount of litter in the county.

V. Public Hearing

A. 2025-064 Monacan Indian Nation

Request by Monacan Indian Nation for a special exception in the A-1, Agricultural Residential District. The purpose of the special exception is to allow fairs and festivals such as the Monacan Indian Nation Powwow and other similar such uses that are devoted to the promotion and education of Monacan history. Additionally, the Monacan Nation intends to build a bathroom facility that will be ancillary to the advertised uses. The property is located at 225 Laurel Cliff Road and is further identified as Tax Map Numbers 122-A-34 and 122-A-32A.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of Special Exception 2025-064, with a 6-0 vote.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Proponents: Dennis Branham

Opponents: Brenda Burton, Helen Fernryhough, Benita Unrue

The Public Hearing was closed.

By motion of Supervisor Wade and with the following vote, the Board approved the request with the following conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

1. A parking attendant shall direct traffic with events greater than seventy-five (75) attendees.
2. All proposed entrances and any future entrances shall be approved and permitted by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). All entrances will have to meet VDOT's standard for a low-volume commercial entrance. The entrance on High Peak Road shall only be used by emergency services.
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. All rules and regulations of Section 7-1. Public Entertainment shall be met for public events over 150 people.

Supervisor Wade added the following condition:

1. The use of the Monacan Indian PowWow is the only large event that shall be permitted, once annually, and to also allow for school-aged children events on the property when it promotes the history of the Monacan Indian culture.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Pugh, and Mr. Wade

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Adams

VI. Consent Agenda

By motion of Supervisor Pugh and with the following vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda for April 15, 2025.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Pugh, and Mr. Wade

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Adams

A. Minutes - April 1, 2025

It was moved that the Board adopt the minutes of April 1, 2025.

B. Appropriation of Revenue - Social Services

It was moved that the Board appropriate funds received into the Social Services Public Assistance budget as described.

C. Public Safety Transfer

It was moved that the Board approve the transfer between Public Safety Operations and EMS as described.

VII. Old Business

A. Resolution 2024-11 - Timothy Waldren

A public hearing to consider a resolution for the revocation of Special Exception 2020-380 pursuant to Section 1003.03(11) of the Amherst County Zoning Ordinance. Special Exception 2020-380, with conditions, was previously approved by the Board of Supervisors for a trucking business and is located at Tax Map No. 82-A-15A. The Commission, at their October meeting, tabled the resolution to provide the property owner more time to correct the entrance issues with the Virginia Department of Transportation.

The Board of Supervisors tabled the resolution at their January 21, 2025, meeting to allow the landowner to bring the site into compliance with the approved site plan.

The Planning Commission recommended denial of resolution 2024-11, with a 4-1 vote.

The consensus of the Board was to give Mr. Waldren 60 days to bring the site into compliance and asked that he check in with staff every two weeks on progress.

VIII. New Business

A. BRIC Grant

Removed by Agenda Amendment

IX. County Administrator's Report

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

By motion of Supervisor Pugh and with the following vote, the Board reappointed Franklin D. Campbell as a representative to the Building Appeals Board for a term ending April 30, 2029, and appointed Mr. Virgil Coleman as a representative to the Building Appeals Board for the remainder of a term ending April 30, 2028, and directed staff to re-advertise the vacancies to identify additional interested persons for the last remaining long standing vacancy.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Pugh, and Mr. Wade

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Adams

X. County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney reported to the Board that there was a lawsuit filed by a pro se inmate against one of the Sheriff's deputies and in that lawsuit he went on to name the County, the County Administrator, the Clerk, the former Procurement Officer, and several other individuals. the Guynn Waddell firm took on as part of the

county's insurance defense and were able to have all of those individuals aside from the Sheriff's deputy removed as defendants.

XI. Liaison and Committee Reports

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

Vice-Chair Martin reported that the Parks and Recreation Board participated at the Sweet Briar College Amherst County Day on April 5th and hosted the Easter Egg Hunt, which had about 250 participants. He thanked the Board for doing the Egg Hunt. He also reported that the Parks and Recreation Board are currently working with Amherst Baptist Church for utilizing their gym for some space for programs such as basketball and volleyball. Mr. Martin stated that they are also planning a day in the park at Mill Creek Lake on Saturday, July 26th from 11 am to 3 pm to include a bouncy house, a DJ, lake painting, water safety instruction, food vendors and other activities as well as currently planning summer sports camps for football, basketball, softball, baseball, and soccer.

XII. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

XIII. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

Vice-Chair Martin addressed the trash/litter issue in the county. He stated to Mr. Bryant that he recalled there being some changes before requiring trash cans to be at businesses and a fine increase for littering as well as hiring someone to do clean-up on the 29 corridor and asked what else the Board could do to address the trash/litter concerns and asked Mr. Bryant to look into that matter and report back to the Board. Mr. Martin also asked that the Public Information Officer put out some information on litter and how it affects the waterways, and what it does to the wildlife.

Supervisor Pugh had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Wade had no matter to discuss.

XIV. Adjournment

By motion of Supervisor Wade and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 7:53 pm.

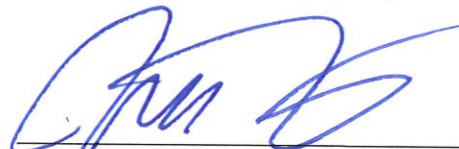
AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Pugh, and Mr. Wade

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Adams



Tom Martin, Vice- Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Jeremy Bryant, County Administrator