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AMHERST COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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District 5

MINUTES

June 17, 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 June 17, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

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

Chair Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: All Board of Supervisors meetings are now streamed live on Facebook and 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 V. Public Hearing Item B. Special Exception 2025-136 David Yeatts.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Pugh

III. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chair Martin led the Invocation and Supervisor Wade led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Citizen Comment

Whitney Gregory, John Ledingham, Stuart Gregory, Joseph Ledingham, Joanna Panzarino, Jim Vazquez, and Tami Vazquez addressed the Board requesting the Board revoke Special Exception 2024-154.

V. Public Hearing

A. VDOT Rural Rustic Six Year Road Plan

VDOT has asked that the County's existing prioritized listing of roads to be paved be approved as presented. The proposed document makes no changes to the listing as it was last presented to VDOT. The priority list requests the Virginia Department of Transportation to designate certain roads as Rural Rustic Roads in Amherst County and add these roads to the Six-Year Plan for paving in the secondary system of state highways.

Mr. Daniel Brown was present to answer questions.

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 approved the priority list ranking as proposed/amended.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Pugh

B. Special Exception 2025-136 David Yeatts (Postponed)

Item removed by agenda amendment.

C. Special Exception 2025-209 Sidney & Sharon Storozum

Request by Sidney and Sharon Storozum for a special exception in the A-1, Agricultural Residential District. The purpose of the special exception is to allow a private, outpatient Veterinary Clinic. The Clinic shall not have any overnight boarding, public advertising, or published office hours. The Clinic shall not exceed 576 square feet in size, which includes a 192 square foot attached deck. The property is located at 351 Peters Hollow Road and is further identified as Tax Map Number 93-A-2.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of Special Exception 2025-209: with a 5-0 vote.

The applicant, Sidney Storozum, addressed the Board and explained the purpose of his request and answered questions.

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 approved Special Exception 2025-

209 at 351 Peters Hollow Road for a veterinary clinic with the listed conditions.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Pugh

Conditions:

1. The entrance shall be approved by the Virginia Department of Transportation for the proposed change of use before issuance of a zoning permit.
2. All requirements of the Virginia Department of Health shall be met.
3. All requirements set forth by the County's Fire Marshall shall be met prior to issuance of a zoning permit.
4. A certificate of occupancy shall be issued by the Amherst County Building & Safety Inspection Division for a change of use for the existing structure.
5. The veterinary clinic shall not exceed 576 square feet in size.
6. There shall not be overnight boarding of any animals.
7. There shall be no published office hours nor commercial signage.

VI. Consent Agenda

By motion of Vice-Chair Martin and with the following vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda for June 17, 2025.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Pugh

A. Minutes - June 3, 2025

It was moved that the Board adopt the minutes of June 3, 2025.

B. Appropriation of Revenue- Commonwealth's Attorney

It was moved that the Board approve the appropriation of funds from the State Compensation Board in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the Commonwealth's Attorney budget as presented.

C. Carryover FY25 - Department of Social Services

It was moved that the Board appropriate the FY25 carryforward request as presented.

VII. New Business

A. Memorandum of Agreement - Amherst County and EDA

By motion of Supervisor Adams and with the following vote, the Board authorized the County Administrator to execute the Memorandum of Agreement between the Economic Development Authority and Amherst County for the exclusive purpose of designing and constructing a new Fire and EMS station on Lot 5A of the Amelon Commerce Center with the amendment of removing the nominal fee verbiage.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Pugh

B. Employee Bonuses

By motion of Vice-Chair Martin and with the following vote, the Board directed staff to implement option 4, as identified in the Board packet.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Pugh

VIII. County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney had no matter to discuss.

IX. Liaison and Committee Reports

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

Vice-Chair Martin reported that there will a day in the park event at Mill Creek Lake on July 26th from 11 am to 3 pm with bounce houses, face painting, fishing instruction, food trucks and lots of fun. Mr. Martin also stated that the LED lights at Coolwell Park have been installed and are working well and saving electricity. He also stated that the Parks and Recreation Board continue to meet about Kilgore Community Park and have several summer activities going on and he encourages citizens to take part in those things.

B. Agriculture Committee - Claudia Tucker

Chair Tucker stated she had nothing to report.

X. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

XI. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

Chair Tucker shared that the Board members had received emails earlier in the day about the Job Corps asking the Board to join a petition in support of keeping the facility open. She also asked the Board if they would like to cancel the July 1 meeting as they have in the past due to people being out during that time for the holiday.

By motion of Supervisor Adams and with the following vote, the Board agreed to join a petition that supports maintaining the opening of the Job Corps Facility.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Pugh

By motion of Supervisor Wade and with the following vote, the Board canceled the July 1, 2025 meeting.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Pugh

Vice-Chair Martin told the citizens who spoke earlier in the meeting that their comments had not fallen on deaf ears.

Supervisor Adams.

Supervisor Wade reported that the Service Authority Board met on June 11th and discussed the Gateway Project, the developer is planning to come soon and address the Board based on his status and recent delays.

Mr. Wade also stated that Dixie baseball and softball are into their All-Star seasons and he wanted to wish them all good luck. He also said that the Monelison Bruins are back this year and registration will be opening June 21st through the 28th and July 12th and July 26th. He thanked Mr. and Mrs. Snyder for making the effort to get that revived.

XII. Closed Session

- A. A closed session pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(5) for discussion concerning a prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business's or industry's interest in locating in the county.

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Pugh

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

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

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.

Mrs. Tucker: AYE

Mr. Martin: AYE

Mr. Adams: AYE

Mr. Wade: AYE

XIV. Adjournment

By motion of Supervisor Adams and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 8:29 pm.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Pugh



Tom Martin, Vice- Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Jeremy Bryant, County Administrator