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**AMHERST COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Board of Supervisors

Claudia Tucker, Chair
District 2
Tom Martin, Vice-Chair
District 1
David W. Pugh, Jr., Supervisor
District 4
Chris Adams, Supervisor
District 3
Drew Wade, Supervisor
District 5

MINUTES

October 7, 2025
Administration Building - 153 Washington
Street - Public Meeting Room
Amherst, Virginia 24521
Meeting Convened - 3:00 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 October 7, 2025, at 3:00 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

ABSENT:

Drew Wade, Supervisor

STAFF:

Jeremy S. Bryant, County Administrator
Mark Popovich, County Attorney
Kristen Freeman, Clerk

Chair Tucker called the meeting to order at 3:00 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 moving Item C. Holiday Leave Time Change under Section V. Consent Agenda to Section VII. New Business as Item C.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Wade

III. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

IV. Citizen Comment

Jim Vasquez addressed the Board asking that they revoke Special Exception 2024-154.

V. Consent Agenda

By motion of Vice-Chair Martin and with the following vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda for October 7, 2025.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Wade

A. Minutes - September 16, 2025

It was moved that the Board adopt the minutes of September 16, 2025.

B. November 4, 2025 Meeting Cancellation

It was moved that the Board cancel the meeting scheduled for November 4, 2025.

C. Holiday Leave Time Change

Item moved to Section VII. New Business by Agenda Amendment.

VI. Special Presentation

A. VACo Achievement Award - Seminole Park

The Board was presented with the 2025 VACo Achievement award in recognition of the Seminole Park Project. Katie Boyle with the Virginia Association of Counties, presented the award. This represents the third year in a row that Amherst County has received this award.

VII. New Business

A. Vacation of Right of Way - Lynchburg Ave

By motion of Supervisor Adams and with the following vote, the Board directed the County Administrator and County Attorney to work with Providence Bible Ministries and Providence Bible Day Center, LLC, in signing the attached site plan and written instrument (Quit Claim Deed) to vacate the approximate 0.328 acres known as Lynchburg Avenue.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Wade

B. Finance Director Hiring Process

By motion of Chair Tucker and with the following vote, the Board appointed Chris Adams as primary and Tom Martin as an alternate to serve on a panel to interview candidates for the Finance Director position.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Wade

C. Holiday Leave Time Change (moved from Section V. Consent Agenda by Agenda Amendment)

By motion of Vice-Chair Martin and with the following vote, the Board voted to make Christmas Eve a full 8 hours off each year going forward.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Wade

VIII. County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney notified the public that the nonsuit on the Fisher property issue, on which the Board was brought in as a defendant, has been entered by the court; therefore, that case is no longer on the docket.

IX. Liaison and Committee Reports

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

Vice-Chair Martin reported that the Parks and Recreation Board is doing great things in collaboration with many other departments, and this collaboration is appreciated. Mr. Martin stated they have got a lot of great events coming up for October, including Friday, October 24th, from 6:00-8:00 pm at Coolwell Recreation, which will be the Halloween Spooktacular for the children. He also stated on Friday, October 31st, from 1:00-3:00 pm, there will be a trunk or treat for seniors with vendors and treats.

X. Citizen Comment

Tobey Thurston addressed the Board and the public, promoting the Amherst County Apple Harvest Festival taking place on October 18th and 19th.

XI. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

Chair Tucker expressed thanks from herself and the citizens regarding the Warrick Barn Convenience Center and all convenience centers now being open 7 days a week.

Vice-Chair Martin had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Pugh stated that a few weeks ago, there was a rain incident on Route 29 at the location where the storage facility is being constructed, and asked what the county's role is in that. Mr. Creasy came forward and state there was a break in the silt fence and the Community Development Department has been working with the contractors to make sure they are following the sequence of construction. He said typically his department's role is that if dirt is getting outside of the Limits of Disturbance, then the county would get involved for E&S measures. He stated that Storm Water and DEQ's enforcement would not happen until after the project is completed. Mr. Creasy said they have been working directly with VDOT and putting up high water signs in that area and working with the contractor to make sure that does not happen again.

Supervisor Adams had no matter to discuss.

XII. Closed Session

- A. A closed meeting for the limited purpose of discussing information subject to the exclusion in Section 2.2-3705.2(14) where discussion in an open meeting would jeopardize the safety of any person or the security of any facility, building, structure, information technology system or software program related to the IT

Strategic Plan pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(19) of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended).

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Wade

Vice-Chair Martin motioned to come out of closed session and was approved with the following vote:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Wade

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. Pugh: AYE

Mr. Adams: AYE

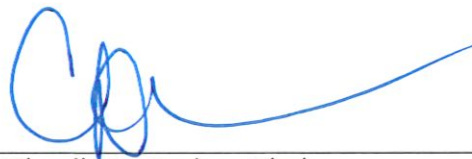
XIV. Adjournment

By motion of Vice-Chair Martin and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 5:20 pm.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Wade



Claudia D. Tucker, Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Jeremy Bryant, County Administrator