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**AMHERST COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Board of Supervisors

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

MINUTES

January 20, 2026
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 January 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Tom Martin, Chair
Chris Adams, Vice-Chair
David W. Pugh, Jr., Supervisor
Frank Campbell, Supervisor
Claudia D. Tucker, Supervisor

ABSENT: None

STAFF:

Jeremy S. Bryant, County Administrator
Chris Dadak, County Attorney
Kristen Freeman, Clerk

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 Vice-Chair Adams and with the following vote, the Board approved the agenda with the amendment of removing Section IX. County Attorney's Report Item A.Vape Shops Discussion.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

III. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

IV. Citizen Comment

Jones Stanley addressed the Board on behalf of the Airport Commission, notifying the Board that United Airlines will now fly from Dulles to Lynchburg and Lynchburg on to Chicago, saving a lot of time and trouble and eliminating a lot of traffic going to Charlotte.

Barbara Pryor addressed the Board regarding concerns, stating she believes the United States is in turmoil and shared other concerns.

V. Public Hearing

A. Ordinance 2026-1 Planning Commission Membership

An ordinance to amend and reenact the Amherst County Code by Amending and Reenacting Chapter 11, Planning and Development, Article II, Planning Commission, Section 11-17, Membership. The purpose of this ordinance is to increase the total number of voting members on the Planning Commission from six (6) to seven (7) members by creating one additional at-large position.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

The Public Hearing was closed.

By motion of Vice-Chair Adams and with the following vote, the Board adopted Ordinance 2026-1 as presented.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

VI. Consent Agenda

By motion of Supervisor Campbell and with the following vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda for January 20, 2026.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

A. Minutes - January 6, 2026

It was moved that the Board adopt the minutes of January 6, 2026.

B. MOA for EDA Multi-tenant Building Maintenance

It was moved that the Board approve the MOA for the EDA Multi-tenant Building.

VII. New Business

A. MOU - Amherst/Nelson Solid Waste Disposal

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board authorized the County Administrator to execute the MOU with Nelson County as presented.

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

NAY: None
ABSENT: None

VIII. County Administrator's Report

A. Boards/Commissions/Committees - EDA District 1 and District 3

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board reappointed Mr. Calvin Kennon to fill the District 3 seat for another four-year term.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Adams, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Campbell, and Mrs. Tucker
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

By motion of Supervisor Pugh and with the following vote, the Board reappointed Mr. Andrew Proctor to fill the District 1 seat for another four-year term.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Adams, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Campbell, and Mrs. Tucker
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

B. Boards/Commissions/Committees — Agriculture Committee Vacancies Update
For the Board's Information.

C. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Development Board Vacancy
The Board interviewed Mr. Matthews and Mr. Torrence.

By motion of Chair Martin and with the following vote, the Board appointed Alonzo Matthews to represent District 5 on the Parks and Recreation Board for the remainder of a term expiring on December 31, 2028.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Adams, Mr. Pugh, and Mrs. Tucker
NAY: Mr. Campbell
ABSENT: None

IX. County Attorney's Report

A. Vape Shops Discussion
Item removed by Agenda Amendment.

X. Liaison and Committee Reports

A. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Development Board - Tom Martin
Chair Martin stated that the Park and Recreation Board held its first meeting of 2026 and elected Bailey Angus as chair and Heather Follett as Vice-Chair. He also reported that on Saturday March 28th at Sweet Briar College from 11 am - 4 pm will be Amherst County Day and Parks and Rec will be doing the annual Easter Egg Hunt. He also reported that the department is offering Flag Football this spring and that soccer is currently taking registrations. Chair Martin also stated that the Parks and Rec Board are working with Hill Studio on finalizing conceptual plans for Kilgore Community Park.

B. Planning Commission - Chris Adams

Vice-Chair Adams stated he was unable to attend and asked Mr. Creasy to provide an update. Mr. Creasy stated there were two special exceptions, both for wireless cell towers, one at Monelison Middle School and the second on Kentmoor Farm Rd, near the intersection of Kentmoor Farm Rd. and Brightwells Mill Rd, those special exceptions passed and were recommended for approval to the Board. The third item was that the EDA has sent a letter to the Planning Commission to look into height requirements in the industrial district, staff is currently performing research on the surrounding localities and going outside a little bit of the surrounding localities and bringing back information to them to see if they would like to move forward with an Ordinance.

Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Creasy to provide him with the information concerning the cell towers.

C. Emergency Services Council - Chris Adams

Vice-Chair Adams reported that the Emergency Services Council had some discussion about some various projects within the different stations. One being deciding to put a generator in the Amherst Fire Department. Vice-Chair Adams also stated that they just presented in front of the fire chiefs and/or their designee to be thinking about the future direction of the Emergency Services Council. He also stated that some had recently attended the Fire and EMS banquet at Sweet Briar College and he wanted to let Chief Beam know that he had done a fantastic job and thanked him and those who helped organize that.

D. Agriculture Committee - Claudia Tucker

Supervisor Tucker had nothing to report.

XI. Citizen Comment

Nelson County Administrator Candy McGarry addressed the Board thanking them and Mr. Bryant for the support of the MOU passed in the meeting earlier in the night.

XII. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Tucker had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Campbell had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Pugh had no matter to discuss.

Vice-Chair Adams had no matter to discuss.

Chairman Martin had no matter to discuss.

XIII. Adjournment

By motion of Vice-Chair Adams and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 7:37 pm.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

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Tom Martin, Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Jeremy Bryant', written above a horizontal line.

Jeremy Bryant, County Administrator