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**AMHERST COUNTY
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District 2

MINUTES

March 25, 2026

Meeting Convened - 7:00 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 25, 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
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.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

III. Public Hearing

A. Tax Rate

State law requires that counties reassess properties at a minimum of every 6 years. Amherst County's last reassessment was 6 years ago. Pearsons Appraisal Service was the selected vendor and provided a complete

book of reassessment to the Commissioner of Revenue Office as required by law. Staff determined that the new equalization rate is \$0.39/\$100. The previous rate was \$0.61/\$100. The Board needs to decide what the new rate will be so that staff can advertise it.

The Public Hearing was opened.

The following citizens spoke to the Board regarding the proposed tax rate:

1. Carol Nasef - District 5, addressed the Board about no one coming to her property and shared other concerns.
2. Jeff Wilkinson - District 2, recommended that the Board reassess sooner and not wait 6 years.
3. Stephen Martin - District 1, asked the Board to consider the citizens and was concerned about the tax rate.
4. John Ballard - District 2, explained that CPI has increased by 25% since the last reassessment 6 years ago and that he thought a 25% increase would be reasonable due to inflation and population.
5. Jean Powell - District 4, was concerned that the tax rate was too high.
6. William Fuller - District 2, explained how the tax rate would hurt him financially.
7. Sky Pacot - District 3, was concerned about the high tax rate and explained his opinion on the appraisal company and compared services to the City of Lynchburg.

The Public Hearing was closed.

The Board directed staff to advertise the real estate tax rate at \$0.58/\$100.

IV. Adjournment

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 7:26 pm.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None



Tom Martin, Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Jeremy Bryant, County Administrator