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AMHERST COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board of Supervisors

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

MINUTES

May 5, 2026

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 May 5, 2026, at 3:00 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
Mark Popovich, County Attorney
Kristen Freeman, Clerk

Chair Martin 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 Vice-Chair Adams and with the following vote, the Board approved the agenda with the requested change to discuss Items C and D on the Consent Agenda separately.

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

Mark Labadie, District 2, addressed the Board with his thoughts, concerns, and opposition to the county being involved in real estate procurement, development, ownership, and land leasing.

V. Consent Agenda

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda for May 5, 2026, with the amendment of removing Items C and D to discuss separately.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

A. Minutes - April 21, 2026

It was moved that the Board adopt the minutes of April 21, 2026.

B. FY 26 Appropriation of Revenue - Sheriff's Office

It was moved that the Board approve the appropriation of funds as described.

C. Appropriation of Fine Revenue - Sheriff's Office

This item was pulled from discussion with Items A, B, E, and F and voted on separately.

By motion of Vice-Chair Adams and with the following vote, the Board approved the appropriation of funds as described.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

D. Appropriation of Federal Funds - Sheriff's Office

This item was pulled from discussion with Items A, B, E, and F and voted on separately.

By motion of Vice-Chair Adams and with the following vote, the Board approved the appropriation of funds as described.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

E. Appropriation of Revenue - Commonwealth Attorney

It was moved that the Board approve the appropriation of the refunds from the general fund back to the office supplies line item.

F. Appropriation of Revenue - Commonwealth Attorney

It was moved that the Board approve the appropriation of the Services Council reimbursement.

VI. Special Presentation

A. Mill Creek Lake Sculling Camp

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board is allowing Mr. Howell to use County lakes for his sculling camp provided all local, state and federal regulations and laws are met.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

VII. Old Business

A. FY27 Operating Budget, Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), and Solid Waste Fund Budget Adoption and Tax Rate Adoption

The Board was provided with a summary of the budget presentation given on April 21, 2026, and was asked to decide on adopting the FY27 budget and Resolutions 2026-10-R through 2026-14-R.

Supervisor Campbell led an extensive discussion about reducing the EDA budget by \$49,000.

Supervisor Campbell moved to reduce the EDA budget by \$49,000. Motion failed 2-3.

AYE: Mr. Pugh, Mr. Campbell

NAY: Mr. Martin, Mr. Adams, Mrs. Tucker

ABSENT: None

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board adopted Resolution 2026-14-R, Opioid Abatement Budget, with the amendment correcting a grammatical error in the resolution referencing the Solid Waste Budget rather than the Opioid Abatement Budget.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

By motion of Vice-Chair Adams and with the following vote, the Board adopted Resolution 2026-12-R, Solid Waste Budget, as presented.

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 adopted Resolution 2026-13-R, Tax Rate, with a \$.56 per \$100 value tax rate.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board adopted Resolution 2026-11R, School Budget, to fund the schools at \$17,502.089.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

By motion of Vice-Chair Adams and with the following vote, the Board adopted Resolution 2026-10-R,

General Fund Budget, with the reduction of \$800,000 from the adjustment to the School Budget, therefore, the schools would receive an additional \$1.1 Million dollars to total \$17,052,089 from the Amherst County Board of Supervisors.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

VIII. New Business

A. Smart Scale Project Town of Amherst - Resolution 2026-7-R

By motion of Chair Martin and with the following vote, the Board adopted Resolution 2026-7-R as presented.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

B. Smart Scale Project CVTC Connector Road - Resolution 2026-8-R

By motion of Supervisor Campbell and with the following vote, the Board adopted Resolution 2026-8-R as presented.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

IX. County Administrator's Report

A. Auditing Services RFP Evaluation Committee - Board Appointee

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board appointed Supervisor Campbell to participate in the evaluation committee for the Auditing Services RFP.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

X. County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney had no matter to discuss.

XI. Liaison and Committee Reports

A. Boards/Commissions/Committees - Planning Commission District 1 Vacancy

The Board directed staff to ask Mr. Baxter to attend a future meeting and bring this item back to the Board for consideration at that time.

XII. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

XIII. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Tucker had no matters to discuss.

Supervisor Campbell brought up looking into offering a discount for those who pay taxes early, the consensus of the Board was to give the County Attorney direction to look into this matter.

Supervisor Pugh had no matters to discuss.

Vice-Chair Adams had no matters to discuss.

Chairman Martin had no matters to discuss.

XIV. Closed Session

- A. A closed session for the limited purpose of the discussion or consideration of the disposition of publicly held real property where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body related to property located in Election District 4 pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended).

Chair Martin motioned to go into closed session and was approved with the following vote:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

- B. A closed session, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, to evaluate the performance of the County Administrator.

Chair Martin motioned to go into closed session and was approved with the following vote:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

XV. 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.

Mr. Martin: AYE
Mr. Adams: AYE
Mr. Pugh: AYE
Mr. Campbell: AYE
Mr. Tucker: AYE

XVI. Adjournment

By motion of Supervisor Campbell and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 5:49 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