



## **Agenda Item VI. G.**

**Meeting Date:** June 20, 2017

**Department:** County Administrator

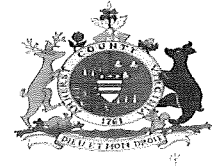
**Topic:** **Commemorative Resolution for Ellen Bowyer**

**Board Action:** The Board is asked to approve a commemorative resolution.

**Attachment:** Resolution 2017-0006-CR

**Summary:** Ms. Ellen Bowyer tendered her resignation from county service on June 7, 2017, effective June 9, 2017. The attached resolution thanks her for her service and recounts several of her significant contributions to the county.

**Recommendation:** That the Board approve Resolution 2017-0006-CR.



Amherst County Board of Supervisors  
County Commemorative Resolution No. 2017-0006-CR

**For consideration on June 20, 2017**

**A COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION, NO. 2017-0006-CR**

A commemorative resolution, honoring Ellen Bowyer, Amherst County Attorney, for her exceptional and dedicated service to Amherst County.

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Approved as to form by the County Administrator

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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST, VIRGINIA:**

**I. That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amherst, Virginia, hereby expresses its profound thanks to Ellen Bowyer for her exceptional and dedicated service to Amherst County, as follows:**

**WHEREAS**, Ellen Bowyer has served as the Amherst County Attorney since July 26, 2010, and supplied legal guidance to County staff and elected officials on a daily basis; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Bowyer over the course of her tenure has made many contributions to the operation of the County's processes that have brought about stability and continuity to many departments; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Bowyer worked with the Sheriff's Office, Building Official, and Planning and Zoning department to develop the process to enforce ordinances against derelict buildings and neglected properties; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Bowyer developed a process to ensure that certain Board actions were done by resolution to ensure that there was a clear legal and historical record; and

**WHEREAS**, during her service to the Board of Supervisors, Ms. Bowyer drafted more than ninety ordinances, including arranging for public notice and codification, and over two hundred and thirty resolutions, including arranging for their publication to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Bowyer was instrumental in reviewing Standard Operating Guidelines prepared by the County's Department of Public Safety against federal and state laws and regulations, and supplied guidance as to needed revisions and additions; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Bowyer advised the County Department of Public Safety as to the correct compensation of public safety employees under state and federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Bowyer was pivotal in drafting a County policy on the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), supplying necessary guidance regarding the County's responses to FOIA requests; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Bowyer was instrumental in protecting the county's interests in the Region 2000 Emergency Communications Regional Cooperative Agreement between Amherst County and the regional radio partners of Bedford County and the City of Lynchburg; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Bowyer guided the legal agreement between Amherst County and Pedlar Rescue Squad to incorporate the Rescue Squad into the county's Public Safety Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Bowyer spearheaded the litigation team that succeeded in reaching a settlement to avert the closure of Sweet Briar College.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST, VIRGINIA:**

That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amherst, Virginia, hereby recognizes Ellen Bowyer for her dedicated service, and gratefully commends her for the exceptional legal guidance she has provided to Amherst County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the Board wishes Ms. Bowyer much success in her future endeavors, and thanks her for all the time and attention she devoted to preserving this Board's best interests and the interests of Amherst County as a whole.

**II. That this resolution shall be in force and effect upon adoption.**

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

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Claudia D. Tucker, Chair  
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

**ATTEST:**

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Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk  
Amherst County Board of Supervisors