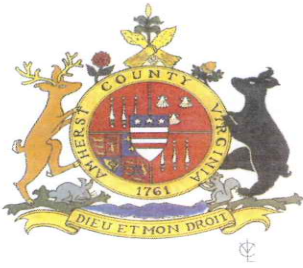


Board Agenda Item Summary



Meeting Date: April 21, 2015

Item No: **VIII. A.**

Department: County Attorney

Issue: Adoption of Resolution No. 2015-0009-R

Summary: A resolution, expressing regret and concern by the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County over the unexpected loss of an essential and beloved community institution, Sweet Briar College.

Attachment: Resolution No. 2015-0009-R

Background: The Board wishes to express its regret and concern over the unexpected loss of an essential and beloved community institution, Sweet Briar College.

Recommendation: That the Board adopt Resolution No. 2015-0009-R.



Amherst County Board of Supervisors
County Resolution No. 2015-0009-R

For consideration on April 21, 2015

A RESOLUTION, NO. 2015-0009-R

A resolution, expressing regret and concern by the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County over the unexpected loss of an essential and beloved community institution, Sweet Briar College.

Approved as to form by the County Attorney

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

I. That the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County hereby expresses its regret and concern over the unexpected loss of an essential and beloved community institution, Sweet Briar College, as follows:

WHEREAS, Sweet Briar College (“College”) has been a important institution in Amherst County for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS, there exist multiple connections between the College and the County that have been of mutual benefit; and

WHEREAS, Amherst County is proud of the College’s rich heritage and its intimate connection with the County; and

WHEREAS, the closing of the College in this abrupt and unexpected manner will work great hardship on faculty, students, and other County citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Amherst County Board of Supervisors (“Board”) is distressed by the loss of the College as an historic institution and by the economic injury that the loss will work on the County and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to express its concern regarding the closing, its desire to ensure that the College considers all relevant information and explores all possible avenues of action over the next several weeks so that the best and most appropriate end to the current situation may be accomplished; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to express its solidarity with the community as decisions are made and the situation is resolved.

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

That the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County hereby expresses its regret and concern over the unexpected loss of an essential and beloved community institution, Sweet Briar College.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Board of Supervisors supports the actions of its County Attorney as she seeks to ensure that the College adheres to correct processes and procedures as it pursues closure, including ensuring that any necessary Court involvement is secured.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Board of Supervisors will consider taking such other action that may help resolve the current crisis in a manner best suited to address the needs of the County and the Sweet Briar College community, and mitigate the damage that any future loss of the College will impose on College staff and students.

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

Adopted this 21st day of April, 2015.

David W. Pugh, Jr., Chairman
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstentions _____