

BOOK 32**VIRGINIA:**

At a continued meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County held at the Administration Building thereof on Tuesday, the 18th day of March, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at which the following members were present and absent:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

PRESENT:	Mr. V. Wood	ABSENT: None
	Mr. L. Parrish	
	Mr. D. Kidd	
	Mr. C. Adams	
	Mr. R. Vandall	

IN RE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPENING OF SATELLITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order and announced plans for opening a satellite Community College in the Town of Amherst per the following news release:

Central Virginia Community College**CVCC to Announce New Center for Amherst County**

Much-anticipated College Satellite to Open in the Fall

Amherst, VA/Media Release/ - State and local leaders will gather at the Amherst County Administration Building, 153 Washington Street, Amherst, to announce the opening of the CVCC Amherst Center for fall, 2008. The press conference will take place on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. and include comments from Virginia State Delegate Ben Cline, CVCC President Darrel W. Staat, Amherst County Board of Supervisors Chair Vernon Wood, and Jack Bailey, Mayor of Amherst.

The CVCC Amherst Center will be located in the Mountainview Plaza at 200 Richmond Highway in the City of Amherst. Refurbishment of the 8,000 square foot building (formerly occupied by Revco), will begin this spring.

"The purpose of a community college is to bring affordable, quality, higher education to the citizens it serves," Staat explains. "With the creation of the CVCC Amherst Center, in tandem with our existing Centers, we have accomplished our goal of delivering community college to the community. The Amherst Center will serve both individuals and businesses with educational and training programs.

CVCC estimates that the Center's inaugural class will include approximately 125 students of which 20 will be designated as "Early College" students. Course work in Amherst will be taught in traditional classroom settings as well as through interactive television broadcasts from the College's main campus in Lynchburg.

The impact of the coming Center has already become apparent in terms of economic development. Commercial Metals Company (CMC) has moved some of its operations from Farmville to Amherst to take advantage of workforce partnerships accessible through the College.

Stan Shoun, CVCC Vice President of Workforce Development and Continuing Education, reflects on the three-year effort to establishing a Center in Amherst. "The people of Amherst have been anticipating this for some time," Shoun says. "We've had a number of setbacks in finding the right location and in raising the funds needed. Ben Cline came through for us by sponsoring a \$300,000 appropriation from the Virginia General Assembly and, all of a sudden, everything started coming together."

CVCC will begin taking applications for enrollment this summer. Sign up dates and times will be announced in the coming month.

For further information contact Stan Shoun at (434) 832-7610 (shoouns@cvcc.vccs.edu).

Mr. Wood introduced State Delegate Ben Cline who was instrumental in funding for the project. Delegate Cline provided background of the projects' inception and expressed appreciation to others that were involved in the projects success. Delegate Cline introduced CVCC President, Dr. Staat.

Dr. Staat introduced Directors of adjacent satellite community colleges, Dr. Walter Krug and Linda Rodriguez. Dr. Staat announced goals and future specific plans for the Amherst satellite's operations.

Dr. Staat expressed special appreciation to Delegate Ben Cline, County Administrator Rodney Taylor, Amherst Town Council, Amherst County Board of Supervisors and Workforce Development Director for CVCC Stan Shaun.

Amherst Town Mayor, Jacob Bailey, provided comments of appreciation on behalf of the Town of Amherst for the efforts of the numerous people that had worked to bring the satellite college project to fruition. Mayor Bailey provided comments of support for the community college system in general.

Dr. John Walker, Amherst School Superintendent, provided comments of appreciation on behalf of the school system and anticipation of the benefits of the community college to county citizens.

Chairman Wood introduced Joe Mullen, Economic Development Director and recognized his contributions toward the success of the project.

Jack Hobbs, Amherst Town Manager, provided comments of appreciation for all efforts toward success of the project.

Rodney Taylor, County Administrator, provided comments on behalf of county government for efforts of all persons toward success of project with special recognition to Delegate Ben Cline.

Board of Supervisors members: Leon J. Parrish, Christopher R. Adams, Donald W. Kidd, and S. Ray Vandall each provided comments of their appreciation to the success of the project. Mr. Kidd also acknowledged efforts of past Board members Thomas W. Fore and Joseph T. Albert.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Kidd, seconded by Mr. Adams and with the following vote, the Board of Supervisors adjourned.

AYE: Mr. V. Wood, Mr. L. Parrish, Mr. D. Kidd, Mr. C. Adams and Mr. R. Vandal
NAY: None

Vernon L. Wood, Chairman
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Rodney E. Taylor, County Administrator