

AMHERST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**AGENDA****November 18, 2014**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - 153 WASHINGTON STREET - SCHOOL BOARD ROOM
7:00 P.M.

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Approval of Agenda**
- IV. Citizen Comments:** Citizens shall speak once to an issue and confine their remarks to the question before the Board. Citizens should avoid repetition insofar as possible and limit their comments to three (3) minutes.
- V. Old Business**
 - A. Planning/Zoning - Request by Teresa Dudley to dispose of County property
- VI. New Business**
 - A. Planning/Zoning - Request by Ashley C. Johnson to dispose of County property
 - B. Board endorsement of EDA Action Plan FY2015
- VII. County Administrator Report**
 - A. Space Needs Study
- VIII. Departmental Reports**
 - A. Building Safety & Inspections – Monthly Report October 2014
- IX. Citizen Comments**
- X. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors**
- XI. Closed Session**
 - Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A)(3): To discuss the disposition of publicly-held real property, and the acquisition of real property for public purposes.
- XII. Adjourn**

MINUTES

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County and held at the Administration building thereof on Tuesday, the 18th day of November, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at which the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

PRESENT: Mr. Donald Kidd, Chairman
 Mr. David Pugh, Vice-Chairman
 Mr. Robert Curd, Supervisor
 Mr. John Marks, Jr., Supervisor

ABSENT: Mrs. Claudia Tucker, Supervisor
 (arriving later, as indicated below)

STAFF PRESENT: Dean Rodgers, County Administrator, David Proffitt, Deputy County Administrator/Purchasing Agent, Ellen Bowyer, County Attorney, and Regina Rice, Executive Administrative Assistant

Chairman Kidd called the meeting to order. Supervisor Marks gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Kidd advised the Board there are two items on the agenda that need to be removed:

- 1) Old Business, Item V. A. Planning/Zoning - Request by Teresa Dudley to dispose of County property; and
- 2) New Business, Item VI. A. Planning/Zoning by Ashley C. Johnson to dispose of County property.

Supervisor Marks questioned why these two items were being removed from the agenda and Mr. Rodgers advised the Board the staff packages were not ready and the County Attorney had spotted an issue that needed to be addressed.

Mr. Rodgers stated both items will be coming to back to the Board at a later time.

The second item Chairman Kidd addressed to the Board concerned the language for Item XI. Closed Session.

Chairman Kidd advised the Board the language regarding the disposition of publicly-held real property needed to be stricken. The Closed Session was changed to read Virginia Code 2.2-3711 (A)(3): To discuss the acquisition of real property for public purposes.

On a motion by Chairman Kidd, and with the following vote, the Board voted to approved the amend Agenda for November 18, 2014.

AYE: Mr. Kidd, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Curd and Mr. Marks
 NAY: None
 ABSENT: Mrs. Tucker

IV. Citizen Comments

Chairman Kidd opened the Citizen Comments section of the meeting. No citizen came forward and Chairman Kidd closed the Citizen Comments section.

V. ~~Old Business~~

~~A. Planning/Zoning - Request by Teresa Dudley to dispose of County property~~

VI. New Business

~~A. Planning/Zoning - Request by Ashley C. Johnson to dispose of County property~~

B. Board endorsement of EDA Action Plan FY2015

Mr. Rodgers advised the Board this plan was presented by the EDA in August 2014 and the EDA now is seeking to have the plan approved by the Board of Supervisors in order for the EDA to move forward.

Supervisor Tucker arrived at the meeting.

Supervisor Marks clarified that the Board will vote only to endorse the EDA Action Plan FY2015 and not budgeting of any money as outlined in the plan.

Ms. Ellen Bowyer, Amherst County Attorney advised the Board that they are not being asked to approve any aspect of the plan or approve money, but only to accept the plan allowing the EDA to move forward. Ms. Bowyer explained this endorsement could have been done by a resolution and stated she will be sensitive in the future and provide a resolution to the Board.

Supervisor Pugh invited Mr. Lee Cobb of the Amherst Economic Development Authority and EDA Board member Ken Kinnier to come forward answer any questions that the Board may have. Mr. Cobb stated the EDA Action Plan FY2015 is not a request for money, only to move forward on the components of the plan.

On motion by Supervisor Marks, and with the following vote, the Board endorsed the EDA Action Plan for FY2015.

AYE:	Mr. Kidd, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Curd and Mr. Marks
NAY:	None
ABSENT:	None

VII. County Administrator Report

A. Space Needs Study

Mr. Rodgers stated to the Board that Mr. Bill Gillespie of MRG Consulting has produced a collection of reports on the space needs questions and these reports have been supplied to the Board.

Mr. Rodgers advised no decisions will be made tonight and proposed a workshop at the December 2nd Board meeting. Mr. Rodgers stated staff will provide a proposal for the Board based upon these studies. Mr. Rodgers invited Mr. Bill Gillespie of MRG Consulting to come forward and answer any questions the Board may have.

Supervisor Marks stated to the Board and Mr. Gillespie several questions he had regarding the space needs study, including DSS and moving Recreation and Parks to the former Monroe Education Center. Mr. Gillespie addressed these questions and provided information on possible renovations to the Monroe Education Center building.

The Board completed their discussion and Chairman Kidd thanked Mr. Gillespie for attending the meeting.

In continuance of the County Administrator's Report, Mr. Rodgers reminded the Board of the need to replace Juanita Roberson on the Department of Social Services Board.

Supervisor Marks stated to the Board he spoke to Mr. Leon Parrish and was informed by Mr. Parrish he would be interested in filling the unexpired term of Ms. Roberson. Mr. Marks stated that he would nominate Mr. Parrish to fill this unexpired term.

Chairman Kidd asked the Board if this nomination could be done by the Board now in lieu of advertising this vacancy.

Ms. Bowyer advised that the Board should set a standard procedure; however, due to the nature of this unexpected vacancy on the DSS Board, the Board could proceed with an appointment now.

On motion by Supervisor Marks, and with the following vote, the Board approved appointment of Mr. Leon Parrish to fill the unexpired term of Juanita Roberson on the Department of Social Services Board.

AYE: Mr. Kidd, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Curd and Mr. Marks
 NAY: None
 ABSENT: None

VIII. Departmental Reports

A. Building Safety & Inspections – Monthly Report October 2014

For information only.

IX. Citizen Comments

Chairman Kidd opened the Citizen Comment section of the meeting. No citizen came forward to speak and Chairman Kidd closed the Citizen Comment section.

X. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

Chairman Kidd polled the Board member and no member had any matters to report.

XI. Closed Session

Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A)(3): To discuss the acquisition of real property for public purposes.

Supervisor Marks moved that the Amherst County Board of Supervisors convene in closed session pursuant to § 2.2-3711 (A)(3) of the Code of Virginia to discuss acquisition of real property for a public purpose, specifically property adjacent to the Blue Ridge Railway Trail, where discussion in open session would adversely affect the County's bargaining position or negotiating strategy.

AYE: Mr. Kidd, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Curd and Mr. Marks
 NAY: None
 ABSENT: None

Supervisor Marks moved to come out of closed session and was approved with the following vote:

AYE: Mr. Kidd, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Curd and Mr. Marks
 NAY: None
 ABSENT: None

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

Supervisor Marks moved 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. Kidd	AYE
Mr. Pugh	AYE
Mrs. Tucker	AYE
Mr. Marks	AYE
Mr. Curd	AYE

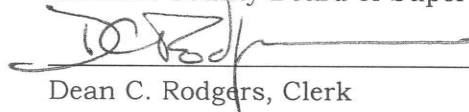
XII. Adjourn

On motion by Supervisor Marks and with the following vote, the Board moved to adjourn.

AYE:	Mr. Kidd, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Marks, and Mr. Curd
NAY:	None
ABSENT:	None



Donald W. Kidd, Chairman
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk