

AMHERST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA

December 16, 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. Performance contracting discussion
- VI. New Business**
 - A. Appropriations – Amherst County Public Schools
 - B. Appropriations – Funds for Annual Leave Pay-Out Commissioner of the Revenue
 - C. Resolution 2014-0037-R: Support of the CVCC Amherst satellite office
 - D. Resolution 2014-0033-R: Acceptance of Todd Lane into the Secondary System of State Highways
- VII. County Attorney Report**
 - A. Resolution 2014-0036-R Acceptance of corrected deeds of gift relating to property associated with the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail
- VIII. Departmental Reports**
 - A. Department of Social Services – VDSS Annual Financial Report
 - B. Accounting – Revenue and Expenditure Summary July – November 2014 Report
- IX. Citizen Comments**
- X. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors**
- XI. Closed Session:** Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A)(3): Discuss the disposition of publicly-held real property, specifically, the lease of the former Amherst Baptist Church
- 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 16th day of December, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at which the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

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

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

Members of the Amherst County School Board were present.

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

III. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Kidd moved to amend the agenda to include Davenport & Company at this meeting as Item A. under V. Old Business, and to move the performance contracting discussion as Item B. Chairman Kidd further amended the Closed Session at the 5:30 p.m. Work Session meeting be moved to Item XI. under this agenda's Closed Session and to combine all those closed sessions as one.

On motion by Chairman Kidd, and with the following vote, the Board moved to amend the agenda.

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

IV. Citizen Comments

Chairman Kidd asked if anyone wished to speak, and if so, to please come forward.

Frank Campbell of Madison Heights, Virginia expressed support for the Board to appropriate money to the Public Schools for roof repairs and additional projects.

Mr. Campbell expressed his concern that the County continues to mail multiple tax invoices from Commissioner of the Revenue's office, increasing the expense of printing and postage. Mr. Campbell questioned why the County does not consider proration of personal property taxes as practiced by other localities.

Ms. Cynthia Foulke of Amherst, Virginia came forward and spoke to the Board of her concern regarding water rates and trash collection that the Town of Amherst sets. Ms. Foulke stated that she does not have a voice as a Town resident to discontinue her trash collection and believed she and County residents are being charged excessive rates. Ms. Foulke wanted to make the Board aware of her concerns and provided the Board with several documents to substantiate her concern. Her documents are enclosed herewith at Attachment A.

Chairman Kidd closed the Citizen Comments section.

V. Old Business

A. Davenport & Company

Mr. Ted Cole and Mr. Roland Kooch of Davenport & Company addressed the Board and provided a report of discussion materials for the Board that addressed issues regarding debt profile, possible scenarios with AMERESCO and staff alternatives and existing tax supported debt.

Mr. Cole advised the discussion materials provided address how to finance County projects, the County's debt capacity, and what the County's ability is to take on these debts and to pay for the debt.

Mr. Cole provided the Board with information regarding the County's existing debt and discussed debt policies and what additional resources the County may need to do on an annual basis to address where the money will come from the County's budget.

Mr. Kooch provided the Board with information and discussed several items in the discussion material packet provided.

There were further questions and discussion by Board members.

Chairman Kidd thanked Mr. Cole and Mr. Kooch for their time.

B. Performance contracting discussion - AMERESCO Utility Performance Contract

Mr. Rodgers advised he is soliciting the Board for a decision on whether to go forward with awarding AMERESCO a contract.

Mr. Rodgers provided the Board with background information and explained that many roofs and HVAC systems are beyond their serviceable life. One way to deal with funding this is that energy service contracting allows the cost of improvements to be paid from utility cost savings.

Mr. Rodgers stated that Davenport & Company has concluded that the County has the debt capacity to finance all of the AMERESCO proposed repairs and improvements and that the County has additional debt capacity for future capital needs beyond these projects.

Mr. Rodgers further stated that those current projects are being covered from the General Fund; however, this cannot be continued indefinitely with the probability of more state and federal funding cuts expected. If current debt service levels are to be maintained, a reduction of at least \$700K must be made in other functions or services, or in increased revenue.

Mr. Rodgers advised the Board of three recommendations for the Board to consider:

- 1) That the Board direct staff to go forward with AMERESCO Option 3 and pursue financing options to be presented later to the Board for approval; or
- 2) That the Board direct staff to proceed with AMERESCO Option 2 and that staff contract for the roofing projects of Option 3, separately from AMERESCO with any financing options to proceed must be presented to the Board for approval; or
- 3) That the Board direct staff to terminate discussions with AMERESCO and plan for necessary repairs and improvements and financing outside the energy service company method of contracting.

On motion by Supervisor Marks, and with the following vote, the Board moved to postpone taking action on the AMERESCO utility performance contract until the January 6, 2015, Board of Supervisors meeting and to have Mr. Owens present at the January 6, 2015, Board of Supervisors meeting to report on his analysis of the necessary repairs to the Goodwin Street building.

AYE: Mr. Kidd, Mr. Pugh, and Mr. Marks
 NAY: Mr. Curd

ABSENT: Mrs. Tucker

VI. New Business

A. Appropriations – Amherst County Public Schools

Mr. Rodgers explained to the Board this is an appropriation moving funds around and that the Amherst County School Board must incorporate receipts and grant funds received to date into its FY15 operations budget. The School Board also seeks approval to appropriate funds identified as Carry-Over Funds from last year. These appropriations must be approved by the Board of Supervisors to adjust its budget.

On motion by Supervisor Marks and with the following vote, the Board approved these requests to adjust the FY15 School Operational Budget.

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

B. Appropriations – Funds for Annual Leave Pay-Out Commissioner of the Revenue

Mr. Rodgers advised the Board an appropriation of \$5,443.20 is requested for payment of unused annual leave to an employee upon separation from County employment.

Mr. Rodgers stated that Jane L. Irby officially terminated her employment with the County when she was appointed as Commissioner of the Revenue on July 1, 2014 and she was an eight (8) hour employee who had accumulated (the maximum allowed) 42 days or 336 hours of vacation.

As referenced in Section 6.1 of the County's personnel policy, Mr. Rodgers stated that an employee is entitled to be paid for unused vacation time upon separation from employment and the payment is limited to the maximum carry over as it pertains to the work hours of the employee. Ms. Irby has requested payment of unused vacation time accumulated during her tenure as a County employee and since funds for vacation reimbursement are not anticipated during the budgeting process, funds for such compensation are requested as needed.

On motion by Supervisor Marks and with the following vote, the Board moved approved the appropriation of \$5,443.20 from the General Fund to be disbursed to Jane L. Irby.

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

C. Resolution 2014-0037-R: Support of the CVCC Amherst satellite office

Mr. Rodgers explained to the Board that State Representative Cline is attempting to obtain additional state funding to keep the Central Virginia Community College (CVCC) satellite facility open. Supervisor Tucker has expressed her belief that this resolution of the Board's support would be of assistant to Delegate Cline.

On motion by Chairman Kidd, and with the following vote, the Board adopted Resolution 2014-0037-R in support of the CVCC Amherst satellite office.

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

D. Resolution 2014-0033-R: Acceptance of Todd Lane into the Secondary System of State Highways

Mr. Rodgers addressed the Board in the absence of Jeremy Bryant, Director of Planning/Zoning. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requests to add a portion of Todd Lane to the State's secondary street system and assume maintenance of a portion of Todd Lane. The maintenance will not be the responsibility of the County or the homeowners.

On motion by Supervisor Pugh, and with the following vote, the Board adopted Resolution 2014-0033-R for acceptance of Todd Lane into the Secondary System of State Highways.

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

VII. County Attorney Report

A. Resolution 2014-0036-R Acceptance of corrected deeds of gift relating to property associated with the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail

Ellen Bowyer, Amherst County Attorney, stated that at the December 2, 2014 Board meeting, the Board accepted a deed of gift for conveying .04 acres of property associated with the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail. Ms. Bowyer further explained that the two corrected deeds before the Board make largely typographical corrections and clarify property boundaries.

Ms. Bowyer requested the Board accept these corrected deeds and authorize the Board's Chairman to sign the corrected deeds.

On motion by Chairman Kidd and with the following vote, the Board voted to adopt Resolution 2014-0036-R accepting the corrected deeds of gift relating to property associated with the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail

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

VIII. Departmental Reports

A. Department of Social Services – VDSS Annual Financial Report

Ms. Susan Mays, Director of the Department of Social Services (DSS) came forward and spoke to the Board regarding the VDSS Annual Financial Report. Ms. Mays stated that all but two items in this report are directly the result of benefits and services administered by DSS. Ms. Mays explained the two items not directly under the domain of the DSS are Central Services Cost Allocation and the Comprehensive Services Act Funds. By removing those two funds from the report totals provides the county a valuable picture of the impact of the County's local appropriation to DSS and continues to be a good steward.

Ms. Mays advised she will be coming back to the Board at a later time to provide the Board some demographics to let the Board know how many citizens DSS is serving.

B. Accounting – Revenue and Expenditure Summary July – November 2014 Report

Chairman Kidd addressed the Board and asked if the Board had any questions on concerns regarding the Revenue and Expenditure Summary July – November 2014 Report and the Board had no concerns.

IX. Citizen Comments

Chairman Kidd asked if anyone wished to speak to come forward. No citizens came forward and Chairman Kidd closed the Citizen Comments section.

X. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

Chairman Kidd asked the Board if there were any matters from the Board that members wished to address.

Supervisor Marks wanted to share a statement he had prepared regarding an article in the December 11, 2014 edition of the Amherst New Era Progress. This article was titled "Grant money could go toward updating decades-old EMS equipment, vehicles."

Supervisor Marks stated he believed some statements in this article gave citizens the wrong impression regarding the Board's support for county volunteer fire and rescue organizations and concern for public safety.

Supervisor Marks further stated he believes the Board takes public safety seriously for the County's citizens and believes the public should be made aware of the support the County provides to the volunteer fire and rescue as well as funding career EMS staff. His document is enclosed herewith at Attachment B.

Chairman Kidd asked Supervisor Curd and Supervisor Pugh if they had any matters to discuss. Both Board members stated they did not.

XI. Closed Session

§ 2.2-3711 (A)(7) of the Code of Virginia, to consult with the County Attorney regarding specific legal matters pertaining to a contract with AMERESCO for certain energy efficiency improvements to County facilities, which matters require the provision of legal advice by the County Attorney; and

§ 2.2-3711(A) (29) of the Code of Virginia to discuss the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, specifically to discuss a proposed contract with AMERESCO for certain energy efficiency improvements to County facilities, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the County's bargaining position or negotiating strategy; and

§ 2.2-3711 (A)(3) of the Code of Virginia to discuss the disposition of publicly-held real property, specifically the lease of the former Amherst Baptist Church, where discussion in open session would adversely affect the County's bargaining position or negotiating strategy.

Supervisor Marks moved that the Amherst County Board of Supervisors convene in closed session pursuant to § 2.2-3711 (A)(7) of the Code of Virginia, to consult with the County Attorney regarding specific legal matters pertaining to a contract with AMERESCO for certain energy efficiency improvements to County facilities, which matters require the provision of legal advice by the County Attorney; and to § 2.2-3711(A) (29) of the Code of Virginia to discuss the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, specifically to discuss a proposed contract with AMERESCO for certain energy efficiency improvements to County facilities, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the County's bargaining position or negotiating strategy; and to § 2.2-3711 (A)(3) of the Code of Virginia to discuss the disposition of publicly-held real property, specifically the lease of the former Amherst Baptist Church, where discussion in open session would adversely affect the County's bargaining position or negotiating strategy.

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

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

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

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 the 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 was heard, discussed, or considered in the closed session.

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 ABSENT
Mr. Marks AYE
Mr. Curd AYE

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

XV. Adjourn

On motion by Chairman Kidd and with the following vote, the Board moved to adjourn.

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



Donald W. Kidd, Chairman
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk

Town of Amherst Utility Rate and Fee Policy

Effective July 1, 2014 (Approved by TC 6/11/14)

Initiation or Termination of Service:

Requests to initiate or terminate Town water, sewer and/or refuse collection (utility) service are accepted at the Town Hall (434/946-7885) 9-5, M-F for processing by the Utilities Department. All new customers and changes to the party to be billed are charged a \$45.00 account set-up fee/ reconnection fee/trip charge at the time the account is opened and are required to show proper identification. All requests are to be in writing on a form available at the Town Hall.

Service Charges:

All active customers shall be charged a Residential Base Charge each month. Customers are charged for water and sewer usage based upon metered water usage.

Water:

<u>Rate Component</u>	<u>Residential Base Charge</u>	<u>Use Charge per 1,000 gallons</u>
Water:		
July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015	\$13.00	\$6.50
July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016	\$14.25	\$7.10
July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017	\$15.60	\$7.75
Sewer:		
July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015	\$22.50	\$5.60
July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016	\$24.00	\$6.00
July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017	\$25.60	\$6.40
Curbside Refuse Collection:		
July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015	\$5.75	

Nonresidential and Out of Town Water and Sewer Charges:

Base charges for non-residential water and sewer users will be computed by dividing metered use by 3,250 gallons and then multiplying by the residential base charge. This applies to all non residential users except for churches that shall be assessed on the same basis as residences. One residential charge shall be assessed for each residential unit. The total of the base charge and the use charge will be increased by a factor of 2 for all out of town users.

Fire Sprinkler Fees

Fire sprinkler fees are as follows:

4" Line	\$17.00/Month
6" Line	\$28.00/Month
8" Line	\$39.00/Month
10" Line	\$50.00/Month

Charges for Water Not Discharged to Sewer:

The Town charges for sewer based on 100% return of the water to the sewer system for those Town water customers that are connected to the Town of Amherst wastewater collection and system. However, any customer may request that the Town install a separate "irrigation" meter for water that does not return to the sewer system – i.e. for lawn sprinkling or irrigation. For the purposes of billing, the irrigation meter shall be considered a separate account. Separate application and connection fees are required to be paid, and once activated the water-only (no sewer or refuse collection fees apply) will be billed separately. All irrigation systems must meet the provisions of the Cross Connection Control Ordinance (§17-14 of the Town Code).

CYNTHIA L. FOULKE

370 CHRISTIAN SPRING ROAD
AMHERST, VA 24521

October 17, 2014

Mr. Jack Hobbs
Town Manager
Town of Amherst
P.O. Box 280
Amherst, VA 24521

RE: Termination of curbside refuse collection, effective November 1, 2014

Dear Mr. Hobbs:

I no longer want to participate in the town's refuse collection program.

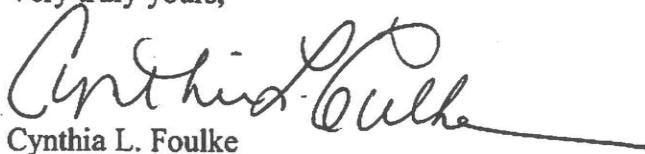
Notwithstanding Amherst Town Code Section 7-6, ¶1, believed to be overbroad in its failure to limit "persons" to those residing within the town limits, the town cannot constitutionally mandate refuse collection for its out-of-town water customers. Moreover, since the town's "Utility Rate and Fee Policy" sets forth refuse collection fees only for residents, and is silent with respect to out-of-town refuse collection or charges therefor, it must be assumed that refuse collection for out-of-town water users is and always has been optional. That said, I can find no where, on the town's website or elsewhere, setting forth refuse collection fees to be charged to out-of-town water customers wanting to participate in the town's refuse collection services or the terms and condition for such participation.

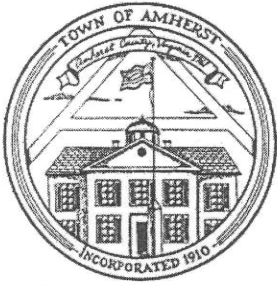
I hereby opt out of the town's refuse collection program effective November 1, 2014. I will thereafter avail myself of the refuse disposal methods available to residents of Amherst County.

If you disagree or need to discuss this matter, please telephone me at 434-946-7487 or 434-515-3693.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


Cynthia L. Foulke



TOWN OF AMHERST

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October 24, 2014

Cynthia Foulke
370 Christian Springs Road
Amherst, VA 24521

RE: Curbside Refuse Collection

Dear Ms. Foulke:

It has been longstanding Town of Amherst policy that the service area for Town refuse collection services is the same as the service area defined by active Town water and sewer utility accounts. In response to your October 17, 2014 letter, your request to segregate these services (i.e. "opt out" of the Town's refuse collection program) is inconsistent with that policy and so cannot be approved at this time.

The Town's refuse collection program is currently evolving in terms of the recent termination of the franchised dumpster service and procurement of a new curbside collection contract for a term scheduled to begin on January 1, 2015. As it could be less expensive, the new contract may involve automated equipment and contractor-provided containers. The cost of the new contract to the Town, which is driven by service standards as well as the number and mix of in-town/out of Town units served, will drive changes to the curbside rates charged to those receiving the service.

A change in the consistent service area policy affects not only your specific situation but many others and so would need to be replaced by a new rule if your request is granted.

I will forward your request to the Town Council for its consideration and ask that you allow the Town Council until January 15, 2015 to consider your request as it develops policy changes.

Sincerely,

Jack Hobbs
Town Manager

Rate Data

Water	Replies	Avg.	Median
Residential Connections	160	11,414	2,091
Non-residential Connections	158	819	185
Monthly Residential Rate (In) per 5,000 gallons	171	\$30.63	\$29.14
Monthly Residential Rate (Out) per 5,000 gallons	74	\$44.39	\$40.87
Monthly B/C/I Rate per 1 million gallons	149	\$5,350	\$4,563

Wastewater	Replies	Avg.	Median
Residential Connections	144	11,475	1,697
Non-residential Connections	141	884	200
Monthly Residential Rate (In) per 5,000 gallons	157	\$41.31	\$40.25
Monthly Residential Rate (Out) per 5,000 gallons	52	\$58.57	\$55.28
Monthly B/C/I Rate per 1 million gallons	141	\$6,862	\$6,200

B/C/I indicates Business/Commerical/Industrial. The tables above were compiled from all responses and are not limited to the control group.

Key to rate tables: "Cost" means customer pays the cost of making the connection, "Cost +" means the customer pays the cost to make the connection, plus an additional fee, "dfu" means customer is charged that fee per the number of drainage fixture units in the household, "Fixture" means customer is charged that fee per the number of fixture units in the household. The billing frequency column indicates how often the user is billed for water usage: "B" = bi-monthly, "M" = monthly and "Q" indicates a quarterly billing schedule. When localities indicated separate rate structures for commercial and industrial customers, commercial rates have been printed.

Water Data

2014

Locality	# Residential Water Units	# Non-Residential Water Units	Residential Water Rate Inside (5,000 gallons /month)	Residential Water Rate Outside (5,000 gallons /month)	Billing Frequency	Last Water Rate Change	Water Rate-Business Inside (1 million gal. /month)	Residential Connection Fee	Residential Capital Recovery Charge
Albemarle County Service Authority	16,768	1,363	\$33.01		M	2014	\$7,233.30	\$3,026	\$4,760
Alleghany County	2,640	186	\$40.50		M	2014	\$8,040.50	\$1,000	
Altavista, Town of	1,640	56	\$10.40	\$20.80	Q	2014	\$2,080.00	\$1,500	
Amelia County Sanitary District	294	147	\$22.44		M	2000	\$4,716.00	Cost + 100%	\$3,000
Amherst County Service Authority	6,930	521	\$34.29		B	2014	\$4,967.50	\$1,210	\$2,625
Amherst, Town of	1,175	177	\$45.50	\$91.00	M	2014	\$10,500.00		
Appomattox, Town of	934	244	\$27.40		M	2012	\$5,798.40	\$1,500	\$2,500
Arlington County	35,269	2,074	\$20.50		Q	2014	\$4,100.00	\$3,200	\$85/dfu
Augusta County Service Authority	16,054	1,073	\$30.37		B	2014	\$4,778.60	\$1,060	\$2,645
Bath County Service Authority	1,280	102	\$23.40		M	2007	\$3,008.40	\$900	\$1,175
Bedford Regional Water Authority (Adjacent to Town)	563	32	\$39.15		B	2014	\$4,724.09	\$1,000	\$2,500
Bedford Regional Water Authority (County)	8,484	421	\$40.85		B	2014	\$5,485.34	\$1,000	\$2,500
Bedford Regional Water Authority (Town of Bedford)	2,334	439	\$29.84		B	2014	\$3,263.46	\$1,000	\$2,500
Big Stone Gap, Town of	3,576	299	\$36.51	\$56.69	M	2014	\$5,648.31		
Blacksburg, Town of	9,055	386	\$27.45	\$47.93	M	2014	\$4,883.05	\$1,735	\$606
Bluefield, Town of	2,200	100	\$38.69	\$58.04	M	2013	\$5,243.74	\$350	
Boones Mill, Town of	245	38	\$41.34	\$57.24	M	2014	\$5,316.96	\$2,500	
Botetourt County	1,056	182	\$39.00		M	2014	\$5,630.10	\$1,000	\$3,000
Bridgewater, Town of	1,895	195	\$20.97	\$27.69	M	2014	\$3,996.57	\$2,500	
Bristol Virginia Utilities	6,782	1,054	\$28.98	\$43.47	M	2012	\$3,123.64	\$990	
Broadway, Town of	1,600	100	\$22.45		B	2014	\$4,462.91	\$4,700	
Buckingham County	318	95	\$34.25		M	2014	\$11,366.30	\$2,000	
Buena Vista, City of	2,520	199	\$37.40		M	2014	\$7,480.00	\$500	
Campbell County Utilities and Service Authority	9,678	530	\$39.06		B	2012	\$6,293.59	\$1,500	\$1,900

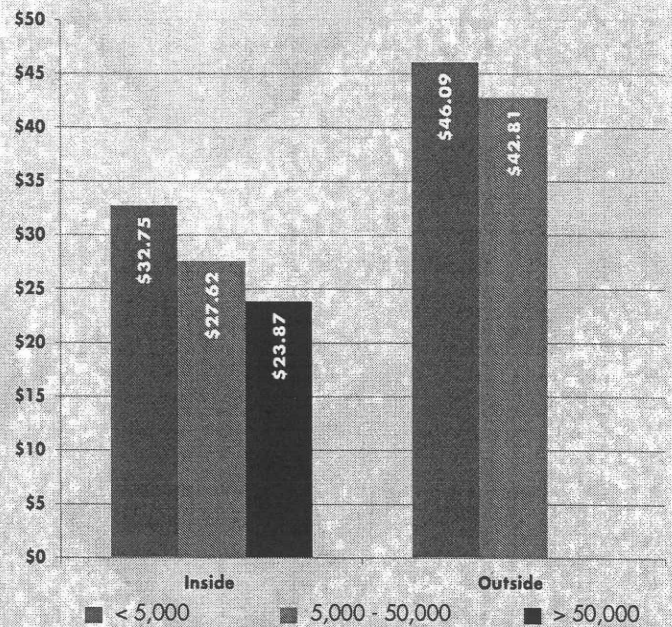
Water Rates:

The tables below were compiled from all data and are not limited to the control group.

	Replies	Avg.	Median
Residential Connections	144	10,227	2,053
Non-residential Connections	142	775	198
Monthly Residential Rate (In) per 5,000 gallons	150	\$30.98	\$29.70
Monthly Residential Rate (Out) per 5,000 gallons	65	\$45.07	\$40.03
Monthly B/C/I Rate per 1 million gallons	126	\$5,394	\$4,907

Abbreviations: B/C/I = Business/Commercial/Industrial; In = Inside Municipal Boundaries; Out = Outside Municipal Boundaries

Average Residential Rates By System Size



No utility with > 50,000 connections provided rates for customers outside of municipal boundaries.

Water Data

2013

Key to table: "Cost " means customer pays the cost of making the connection, "Cost +" means the customer pays the cost to make the connection, plus an additional fee, "DFU" means customer is charged that fee per the number of drainage fixture units in the household, "Fixture" means customer is charged that fee per the number of fixture units in the household.

When localities indicated separate rate structures for commercial and industrial customers, commercial rates were used.

Locality	# Residential Water Units	# Non-Residential Water Units	Residential Water Rate Inside (5,000 gallons /month)	Residential Water Rate Outside (5,000 gallons /month)	Last Water Rate Change	Water Rate-Business Inside (1 million gal. /month)	Residential Connection Fee	Residential Capital Recovery Charge
Albemarle County Service Authority	25,497	3,535	\$29.46		2012	\$6,506	\$1,026	\$6,560
Alleghany County	2,636	186	\$40.00		2013	\$7,751	\$1,000	
Altavista, Town of	1,651	56	\$9.90	\$19.80	2013	\$1,940	\$350	
Amelia County Sanitary District	294	147	\$22.44		2000	\$4,176	Cost X 2	\$6,000
Amherst County	6,910	521	\$30.37		2010	\$4,293	\$1,040	\$2,260
Amherst, Town of	1,175	177	\$38.50	\$73.00	2013	\$9,167	\$500	\$1,700
Appomattox, Town of	916	201	\$27.40		2012	\$5,798	\$1,500	\$2,500
Arlington County	35,098	2,091	\$19.90		2012	\$3,980	\$3,200	\$85/DFU
Augusta County Service Authority	15,905	1,070	\$29.27		2013	\$4,559	\$1,060	\$2,645
Bath County Service Authority			\$23.40		2007	\$3,008	\$1,000	\$1,175
Bedford Regional Water Authority	11,734	1,123	\$32.30	\$58.76	2013	\$5,401	\$2,500	
Berryville, Town of	1,402	220	\$35.25		2013	\$7,050	Cost + 10%	\$5,250
Big Stone Gap, Town of	1,806	1,812	\$35.24	\$54.23	2013	\$5,448	\$20	\$100
Blacksburg, Town of	8,816	345	\$25.78	\$45.25	2013	\$4,553	\$1,722	\$600

Board Member Item at December 16, 2014

Board of Supervisors Meeting

In the December 11th, 2014 edition of the Amherst New Era Progress there was an article titled "Grant money could go toward updating decades-old EMS equipment, vehicles." Some statements in this article are of concern to me because I believe it could give the citizens of Amherst County the wrong impression regarding the Board of Supervisors support for the county volunteer fire and rescue organizations and the boards concern for public safety. For example the Captain of the Amherst Life Saving and First Aid Crew said, and I quote, "We do not get a lot of money from the county, and currently we are not getting a lot of donations because people don't have the money." Let me state for the record, so the public can be properly informed, as to what this board provides for the volunteer fire and rescue organizations in the county. The county pays the insurance for all the vehicles, buildings, equipment, worker's compensation for the volunteers, a \$25,000 accidental death and disability policy for volunteers, pays the cost of fuel for the vehicles, provides a \$3000 radio for each of the volunteers, buys all the general medical supplies for the rescue squads, provides money for operating expenses, and sets aside a certain amount for capital expenses. This capital amount was \$118,000 in the 2015 budget. Also, any operating money not used by the volunteer organization is retained by that organization and they are not required to return that to the county. In addition, the BOS pays for the VOLSAP program for interested volunteers, which is a retirement program for volunteers, along with the ACCESS program, a \$25.00 reduction in personal property for the vehicle registration, as well as the incentive plan for the qualifying volunteers.

In addition to these benefits provided by the county to support the volunteer fire and rescue organizations the county has 18 paid career staff EMS personnel that respond to the majority of the EMS calls. Teams of these career staff are on duty 24/7/365. From January 1 of this year to the end of November the career staff has responded to 91.4% of all county EMS calls. In comparison the Amherst Life Saving and First Aid Crew responded to 5 calls in Oct, 3 calls in November and for the year have responded to only 4.1% of the EMS calls.

I personally believe that Public Safety is a primary responsibility of the Board of Supervisors. I can only speak for myself but I would say I believe the items I have just mentioned indicates this board as a whole takes Public Safety for our citizens seriously. I believe it is important that the general public knows that, and that the general public is aware of the support the county provides to the volunteer fire and rescue organizations, as well as funding the career EMS staff.