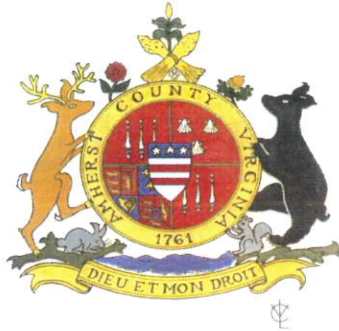


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**AMHERST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

**January 5, 2016
1:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

January 5, 2016

Administration Building - 153 Washington Street - School Board Room
1:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

III. Board of Supervisors – Reorganizational Actions for 2016

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- B. Appointment of Clerk and Assistant Clerk to the Board of Supervisors
- C. Scheduling of Regular Monthly Meetings and Locations
- D. Adoption of Board of Supervisors Rules and Procedures
- E. Supervisor Appointments to Boards and Commissions
 - 1. Horizon Behavioral Health Board
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 - 3. Planning Commission
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X. New Business

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XIII. Departmental Reports

A. Building Safety and Inspections – November 2015 Report

B. Treasurer - November 2015 Monthly Report

C. Accounting – Quarterly Unobligated General Fund Balance

XIV. Citizen Comment

XV. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

XVI. Adjournment

MINUTES

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County and held at the Administration building thereof on Tuesday, the 5th day of January, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. at which the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

PRESENT: John A. Marks, Chairman
David W. Pugh, Jr., Vice-Chair
Claudia D. Tucker, Supervisor
L. J. Ayers, III, Supervisor
Kenneth M. Campbell, Supervisor

ABSENT: None

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

I. Call to Order

Mr. Rodgers called the meeting to order.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Marks gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Board of Supervisors – Reorganizational Actions for 2016

A. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Rodgers opened the floor for nominations for election of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Ayres nominated John A. Marks, Jr., seconded by Supervisor Pugh. Supervisor Campbell nominated Claudia D. Tucker, seconded by Supervisor Tucker. Supervisor Tucker then rescinded her second. Mr. Rodgers stated that nomination failed for lack of a second. There were no other nominations.

By motion of Supervisor Ayers, seconded by Supervisor Marks, and with the following vote, the Board closed nominations for election of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Rodgers stated with one nomination in favor of Mr. Marks as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and with the following vote, the Board declared John A. Marks, Jr. as Chairman to the Board of Supervisors for 2016.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Rodgers turned the meeting over to Chairman Marks.

Chairman Marks opened nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Ayers nominated David W. Pugh, Jr., for Vice-Chair. There were no other nominations.

By motion of Chairman Marks and with the following vote, the Board declared David W. Pugh, Jr., as Vice-Chair to the Board of Supervisors for 2016.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

At this time Supervisor Tucker asked Chairman Marks to allow her to make a statement:

“Fellow Board members, Citizens of Amherst and Staff,

In spite of a longstanding tradition, it is my understanding that a majority of the Board does not believe that I should have the honor of being the next Chair. While the position of Chair is merely a figurehead, the action taken to break this tradition is significant. As I have told the members of this Board, constituents and citizens in all Districts, I believe that with the new Board we turned a page and I was excited about the good work to come. The past was in the past and everything prior to this day was in my rearview mirror. There are some hard feelings about Mr. Kidd’s loss. That’s understandable. It was no secret that I didn’t agree with some of his tactics and decisions. It’s also no secret that I said I would help the person who ran against him.

BUT, if anyone thinks that I as one person, could change the outcome of that election they are dead wrong. That's giving me way too much credit for my ability to sway people. The truth is that like many people in office, Mr. Kidd overestimated his approval rating and underestimated his competition. The people in the District wanted a change and they voted their conscience.

I understand this is political retribution and I accept that. Given the choice to do it again, I would do the same thing. That's when you know you have made a good decision. But there's more to this that I want you to consider. You have now continued the actions that the citizens want to see changed. My commitment to this County cannot be questioned. My commitment to responding to citizen's questions and helping them cannot be questioned. My commitment to the volunteers, teachers, students, farmers, public safety personnel, businesses and county staff cannot be questioned. I'm the ONLY woman to ever serve a full term on the Board. In the history of Amherst – I'm the only woman. I'm the only person on this Board who is employed in the private sector – the only other person here who currently has a job is Mr. Pugh who is a farmer and full time Dad – both of which I admire. Mr. Pugh and I both believe that the Constitution should be the roadmap for every decision that we as elected officials make. That Constitution includes the freedom of speech.

I've been around politics a long time. I've developed a thick skin. But I have to say that this one stings. For some of you that may bring you comfort. But I want you to know, that this will not change one thing about how I conduct myself as a public official nor will it change how I communicate. I campaigned on transparency and I will continue to be a champion for it. If you don't want me as Chair, that is your decision. But as a good political strategist once said, this is a mighty steep climb for such a short slide.

As of today, the past is in the past. I look forward to working with every member of this Board to make Amherst a better place. Serving this County is a privilege”.

Chairman Marks thanked Supervisor Tucker for her comments.

B. Appointment of Clerk and Assistant Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

Chairman Marks opened nominations for appointment of Clerk to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Pugh nominated Dean C. Rodgers as Clerk to the Board of Supervisors. There were no other nominations.

On motion by Chairman Marks and with the following vote, the Board appointed Dean C. Rodgers as Clerk to the Board of Supervisors for 2016.

AYE:	Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell
NAY:	None
ABSENT:	None

Chairman Marks opened nominations for Assistant Clerk to the Board of Supervisors. Chairman Marks nominated David R. Proffitt as Assistant Clerk to the Board of the Supervisors.

On motion by Chairman Marks and with the following vote, the Board appointed David R. Proffitt as Assistant Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

C. Scheduling of Regular Monthly Meetings and Locations

There was a Board discussion regarding scheduling the regular monthly meeting and locations. Supervisor Tucker stated that since this is the County seat, her desire is to continue to have the meetings here allowing for easier access by the citizens of the County.

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board voted to keep the Board meetings at the Amherst County Administration Building, 153 Washington Street, Amherst Virginia 24521.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

On motion by Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board approved the regular monthly meeting for the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:00 P.M. and the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

D. Adoption of Rules of Procedure

Ellen Bowyer, Amherst County Attorney provided information to the Board regarding several changes to the Board's Rules of Procedure:

Page 1 - **Section 1-1. Organizational Meeting**

B. ~~The Board shall decide annually whether the term of the office for the Chair and Vice Chair typically extends for one year. The Board shall extend for one year or for some longer period, and then~~ shall elect one of its members as Chair; and

Ms. Bowyer stated this change reflects the term of the office typically extends for one year.

Page 9 - **Section 4-5. Resolutions**

A. The County Attorney shall approve as to form all resolutions, excepting commemorative resolutions that the County Attorney has not drafted, that are placed before the Board for adoption. The County Administrator shall approve as to form commemorative resolutions that are not drafted by the County Attorney.

Ms. Bowyer stated there will be times she will draft commemorative resolutions that are typically drafted by the County Administrator.

Page 10 - **Section 4-6. Ordinances**

A. The County Attorney shall approve as to form and legality all ordinances prior to their being placed before the Board for adoption.

Ms. Bowyer stated she will approve all ordinances prior to placement before the Board.

On motion by Chairman Marks and with the following vote, the Board adopted the Rules of Procedure for 2016 as amended. **(See Attachment 1)**

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

E. Supervisor Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Vice-Chair Pugh asked that the Amherst County Social Service Board be added to this list as item 5.

1. Horizon Behavioral Health Board

Chairman Marks opened nominations for the Horizon Behavioral Health Board. Supervisor Tucker currently sits on the Horizon Behavioral Health Board. There were no other nominations.

On motion by Chairman Marks and with the following vote, the Board voted to appoint Claudia D. Tucker to serve on the Horizon Behavioral Health Board.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

2. Emergency Services Council

Chairman Marks opened nominations for the Emergency Services Council. Chairman Marks nominated L. J. Ayers, III, to serve on the Emergency Services Council. There were no other nominations.

On motion by Chairman Marks and with the following vote, the Board voted to appoint L. J. Ayers, III, to serve on the Emergency Services Council.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

3. Planning Commission

Chairman Marks opened nominations for the Planning Commission. Vice-Chair Pugh currently serves as liaison for the Board of Supervisors to the Planning Commission. Supervisor Ayers nominated David W. Pugh, Jr., to serve as the liaison for the Board of Supervisors to the Planning Commission. There were no other nominations.

On motion by Chairman Marks and with the following vote, the Board voted to appoint David W. Pugh, Jr., to serve as liaison for the Board of Supervisors to the Planning Commission.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell
NAY: None

ABSENT: None

4. Building Committee

Chairman Marks opened nominations for the Building Committee. Supervisor Tucker nominated Kenneth M. Campbell to serve on the Building Committee. There were no other nominations.

On motion by Chairman Marks and with the following vote, the Board voted to appoint Kenneth M. Campbell to serve on the Building Committee.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Chairman Marks opened nominations for the Building Committee. Vice-Chair Pugh nominated John A. Marks, Jr., to serve on the Building Committee. There were no other nominations.

On motion by Chairman Marks and with the following vote, the Board voted to appoint John A. Marks, Jr., to serve on the Building Committee.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Rodgers commented that Mr. Eldon Cox is currently the citizen representative on the Building Committee. Mr. Rodgers explained that Mr. Cox is out of town and staff was unable to determine if Mr. Cox would like to continue to serve.

Supervisor Tucker stated she would support Mr. Cox if he is willing to serve. Chairman Marks asked Mr. Rodgers to contact Mr. Cox and Mr. Rodgers said he would advise the Board at the next meeting.

5. Amherst County Social Services Board

Chairman Marks opened nominations for the Amherst County Social Services Board. Vice-Chair Pugh nominated John A. Marks, Jr., to serve on the Amherst County Social Services Board. There were no other nominations.

On motion by Chairman Marks and with the following vote, the Board voted to appoint John A. Marks, Jr., to serve on the Amherst County Social Services Board.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

IV. Approval of Agenda

Supervisor Tucker informed the Board of one change on the agenda. Supervisor Tucker advised that Mr. Sam DeLaura spoke to her before the meeting. Mr. DeLaura said that since another person is also being considered, he officially would like to withdraw his name for consideration for the Library Board of Trustees.

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the follow vote, the Board approved the agenda with the noted change.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell

NAY: None
ABSENT: None

V. Citizen Comment

Chairman Marks opened the Citizen Comment period.

Mr. Don Manley of Lowesville, Virginia, addressed the Board regarding one member of the Economic Development Authority Board, Warren Teates, who had moved out of the County last year. Mr. Manley advised that Mr. Teates has been a valuable member of the EDA Board and the EDA Board relies on him for guidance. Mr. Manley asked the Board to consider allowing Mr. Teates to remain on the EDA Board.

Mr. Mark Labadie of Amherst, Virginia, addressed the Board regarding the EDA Board seat and Mr. Manley's statement that Bedford County is adjacent to Amherst County and believed if someone vacates the County that they should vacate their position within the County.

Mr. William Robertson of Monroe, Virginia, addressed the Board and spoke in support of Warren Teates. Mr. Robertson stated Mr. Teates has a world of experience and is good contributor to the EDA especially with all that the EDA is doing and would like to make sure he stays on the EDA Board.

Mr. Mike Russell of Amherst, Virginia, addressed the Board and expressed his support for Warren Teates. Mr. Russell stated the County is in a critical condition with the closing of Central Virginia Training Center and hopes that Mr. Teates will continue to be part of the EDA team. Mr. Russell asked the Board to please consider the gravity of this decision.

Mr. Edward Kinnier of Amherst, Virginia, addressed the Board and speaking as the Treasurer of the EDA, advised the Board he has worked very closely with Warren Teates and appreciates his knowledge of finance and business. Mr. Kinnier mentioned that through the efforts of Mr. Teates, the EDA agreed with hiring of a consultant that brought Lee Cobb on board and that was a great benefit to the County.

Chairman Marks closed the Citizen Comment period.

VI. Ordinance – First Read

A. Ordinance 2016-0002, adding § 2-11 to Article I of Chapter 2 of the Amherst County Code to provide for removal or suspension of a Board appointee from a position on certain County entities, for specified reasons, by majority vote of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Rodgers addressed the Board and stated this ordinance would give the Board authority to remove or suspend Board appointees from specific boards for three reasons: failure to meet the criteria for appointment, malfeasance, and neglect of duty.

Mr. Rodgers stated that the Board had asked that a process be developed to give an individual notice and opportunity to be heard in closed session. The Board would come out of closed session to decide if it desired to adopt the resolution.

By motion of Chairman Marks and with the following vote, the Board directed staff to schedule Ordinance 2016-0002 for a public hearing on January 19, 2016.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

VII. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes – December 1, 2015
- B. FY16 Appropriations – Sheriff's Office; Animal Shelter
- C. Treasurer – Appropriation for Legal Expenses
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- E. Commissioner of the Revenue - Back Pay

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

VIII. Special Presentations

- A. Resolution No. 2015-0004-CR, a commemorative resolution, honoring the service of Donald W. Kidd, member of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors for the First Electoral District, to Amherst County for the period January 1, 2008, to December 31, 2015.

Chairman Marks read Resolution No. 2015-0004-CR and presented a framed copy to Mr. Kidd. The Board congratulated Mr. Kidd for his service to Amherst County. **(See Attachment 2)**

- B. Resolution No. 2015-0005-CR, a commemorative resolution, honoring the service of Hazel Anne Hudson, the Amherst County Building Inspection Permit Technician, to Amherst County for the period from 1975 to December 31, 2015.

Mr. Rodgers read Resolution No. 2015-0004-CR and presented a framed copy to Mrs. Hudson. The Board congratulated Mrs. Hudson for her service to Amherst County. **(See Attachment 3)**

- C. Resolution No. 2015-0006-CR, a commemorative resolution, honoring the service of Sheriff Lemuel J. Ayers, III, to Amherst County for the period from 1982 to December 31, 2015.

Mr. Rodgers read Resolution No. 2015-0006-CR and presented a framed copy to Mr. Ayers. The Board congratulated Mr. Ayers for his service to Amherst County. **(See Attachment 4)**

- D. Resolution No. 2015-0007-CR, a commemorative resolution, honoring the service of Roy C. Mayo, III, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Amherst County for the period January 1, 1970 to December 31, 2015.

Mr. Mayo was not present and Mr. Rodgers advised he would contact him for future presentation. **(See Attachment 5)**

- E. Resolution No. 2015-0008-CR, a commemorative resolution, honoring the service of Robert M. Curd, member of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors for the Third Electoral District, to Amherst County for the period June 3, 2010 to December 31, 2015.

Chairman Marks read Resolution No. 2015-0008-CR and presented a framed copy to Mr. Curd. The Board congratulated Mr. Curd for his service to Amherst County. **(See Attachment 6)**

IX. Old Business

- A. Boards/Commissions/Committees – Interview Edward Kryspin and Samuel DeLaura seeking appointment to the Library Board of Trustees

Chairman Marks invited Mr. Kryspin to come forward for his interview.

Vice-Chair Pugh asked Mr. Kryspin to state his name, address and community involvements in Amherst County. Mr. Kryspin replied he is a resident of Amherst, Virginia, involved in the Amherst Rotary and Ruritan Clubs, a member of the Amherst Friends of the Library and the Amherst Cemetery and has lived here since 1987.

Supervisor Tucker asked Mr. Kyrspin to share his understanding of the role of the Library Board in county government and its current activities. Mr. Kryspin stated he was not well versed what the Library Board does but works with the Friends of the Library and was urged to join the Library Board by Steve Preston and Library Board member Larry Langhans.

Chairman Marks asked Mr. Kryspin why he wanted to serve on the Library Board. Mr. Kryspin stated he believed the library is a vital part of Amherst. Libraries are not only books, they are computers, internet accessible and believe we need to make sure our libraries are up to par and provide the people of Amherst County every benefit.

Supervisor Ayers asked Mr. Kryspin whether he currently maintains any personal, professional or commercial relationships with the Amherst County Library staff, program providers or Board members? Are you acquainted with any of the current board members? How so?

Mr. Kryspin stated he is acquainted with Larry Langhans who is a member of the Library Board and through the Friends of the Library knows Steve Preston.

Supervisor Campbell asked Mr. Kryspin to share his thoughts of what is lacking in the County's libraries and how you would make improvements. Mr. Kirstin stated he would like to see a greater liaison between the libraries and the Friends of the Library in Amherst and Madison Heights to get together. Mr. Kryspin also stated he would like to see more expansion of internet books and know that Mr. Preston is working on this.

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote the Board appointed Edward Kryspin to District 3 on the Library Board.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

X. New Business

There was no new business.

XI. County Administrator's Report

A. Capital Improvement Plan Information Package

Mr. Rodgers addressed the Board and explained the County's budget is done in several pieces and the capital improvement plan covers all projects proposed that exceed \$50K. There are 25 projects proposed for the next fiscal year.

The projects have been reviewed by a working group consisting of County staff, school division member participant and two constitutional officers. The projects were reviewed and broken down into four categories and then prioritized. The prioritization developed by the Board is the order of priority the County should be applying its capital funds.

Mr. Rodgers stated he is asking the Board to rank these items and return the rankings to him for a discussion at the next meeting. He will compile the list and provide it to the Board at the next meeting.

Chairman Marks commented there are approximately a dozen new items and that he may not be in a position to rate them and would the Board have time to talk about these?

Mr. Rodgers replied there are new items on the list but these items were two years out a year ago and now it is time to consider them. Mr. Rodgers advised it is time to consider them. The Board can certainly have a discussion before scoring them.

Supervisor Tucker commented on the dumpster site on Route 60 Lexington Turnpike but did not see this addressed.

Mr. Rodgers said there has not been a solution to finding another location to take the dumpster to and he is exploring closing them all together; including the possible closure of different convenience centers and looking at the cost of terminating Santek and exploring private trash pickup. We currently do not have a solution for the open top dumpsters.

Supervisor Tucker said this issue should not fall off our radar, it is very important and is a dangerous place and eyesore.

Chairman Marks stated it would be better to have folks here to discuss the requests before we do the rating. Mr. Rodgers said those parties requesting funding will be at the workshop.

Vice-Chairman Pugh stated he personally liked this process and we have time built in throughout the budget process and is one of the first steps completing this budget.

XII. Liaison and Committee Reports

There were no reports.

XIII. Departmental Reports

A. Building Safety and Inspections – November 2015 Report

For information only.

B. Treasurer - November 2015 Monthly Report

For information only.

B. Accounting – Quarterly Unobligated General Fund Balance

For information only.

XIV. Citizen Comment

Chairman Marks opened the citizen comment period.

Mr. Calvin Kennon of Madison Heights, Virginia addressed the Board and stated he had the privilege of serving on the Economic Development Authority Board for two years with Mr. Teates and stated Mr. Teates is a valuable member of the EDA Board. Mr. Kennon recommended that the Board of Supervisors consider keeping Mr. Teates on the EDA Board.

Mr. Alan Wood of Madison Heights, Virginia, addressed the Board and stated he is looking forward to working with the Board of Supervisors this year and on the Building Committee.

Mr. Wood stated it is his opinion there should be a County citizen who is representing Amherst and Amherst business and thanked Mr. Teates for his service he has given to the County.

Chairman Marks closed the citizen comment period.

XV. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

Vice-Chairman Pugh had no issues to discuss.

Supervisor Tucker had no issues to discuss.

Supervisor Ayers commented when talking with folks around the County there is lack of trust and professionalism not necessarily during meetings but outside of meetings.

Supervisor Ayers said that as a former sheriff, he gave the public respect and as a governing body conducting County business, he would like see this Board have a code of ethics.

Supervisor Ayers recommended that staff draft a code of conduct for the Board of Supervisors for Amherst County.

Supervisor Ayers commented on the way budgets and money is managed that he will not vote on a budget if money is taken from the unobligated general fund. We are accountable to the people and how money is accountable for and we need true and accurate numbers to work again.

Supervisor Ayers said we need more accountability and we should have a financial report produced to us at least every quarter so we as Supervisors are accountable to the citizens.

Supervisor Campbell said it is an honor to work with fellow board members and all will be done for the good of the County.

Chairman Marks commented on Riveredge Park and asked Mr. Rodgers to provide how much money remained and a decision what to do with that money. Chairman Marks suggested considering a provision for the handicap to use the walkway and trail.

Chairman Marks commented on Ms. Bowyer's email regarding the appointment of Mr. Teates and basically says that the Board may appoint for remainder of his seat or leave the seat vacant.

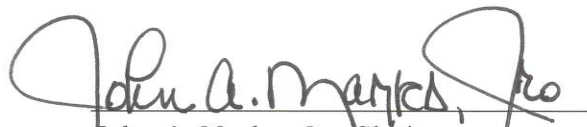
The Board continued this discussion. Ms. Bowyer stated it is interaction of state law and County Code that mandates Mr. Teates removal and that when Mr. Teates left the County, his seat was vacated.


Chairman Marks stated the vacancy should be advertised for District 1 and Mr. Rodgers advised he would advertise for a candidate with a response for thirty days.

XVI. Adjournment

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board adjourned.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell
NAY: None
ABSENT: None


John A. Marks, Jr., Chairman
Amherst County Board of Supervisors


Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk

Amherst County Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure

January 2016

Preamble

These rules of procedure ("Rules") are established for the convenience of the members of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors ("Board"). A violation of the Rules shall not affect the legality or enforceability of any action the Board takes.

The Rules may be amended at any regular meeting, or at any properly called special meeting that includes amendment of the rules as one of the stated purposes of the meeting. Adoption of an amendment shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board.

The Board may adopt special rules of procedure to cover any situations that are not adequately addressed in the Rules. Adoption of a special rule of procedure shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board.

SECTION ONE – MEETINGS

Section 1-1. Organizational Meeting

A. The first meeting in January of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors (hereafter, "Board") shall be known as the organizational meeting. The Clerk of the Board shall preside during the organizational meeting pending the election of the Chair.

B. The term of the office for the Chair and Vice Chair typically extends for one year. The Board shall elect one of its members as Chair.

C. Following the election of the Chair, he or she shall preside during the election of the Vice Chair.

D. Following the election of the Vice Chair, the Board shall:

1. Establish the dates, times and places for regular meetings; and
2. Adopt its Rules of Procedure.

Section 1-2. Regular Meetings

A. Although the time and place of regular meetings of the Board shall be established at the organizational meeting, it is the Board's usual practice to hold meetings in the School Board meeting room on the first floor of the Amherst County Administration Building, as follows:

First Tuesday of the month, 1:00 p.m. – Regular meeting
Third Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. – Regular meeting

B. The Board may hold work sessions prior to or following a regular meeting, or on a separate date from a regular meeting. Work sessions are conducted informally: they typically

are not opened with an invocation or pledge of allegiance, do not require communication through leave of the Board Chair, and may be conducted in a roundtable format, with all involved parties seated at the table and participating in the discussion.

C. The Board may hold additional meetings or work sessions at other locations and times, or may change the locations and times of regularly scheduled meetings or work sessions as it deems necessary. Notice of such additional meetings or changes to the location or time of regularly scheduled meetings or work sessions shall be provided to the public and the press as required by State Code.

Section 1-3. Special Meetings

A. The Board may hold such special meetings as it determines are necessary. Special meetings shall be called pursuant to Section 15.2-1417 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

B. Special meetings shall be held when called by the Chair or requested by two or more Board members. The call shall be made to the Clerk, and shall specify the matters to be considered at the meeting. Upon receipt of such call, the Clerk, after consultation with the Chair, shall immediately notify each Board member and the County Attorney in writing delivered in person or to a place of residence or business or, if so requested by a Board member, by electronic mail or facsimile. The notification shall request that the Board member and County Attorney attend such meeting at the time and place stated in the notice, and shall specify the matters to be considered at the meeting. No matter not specified in the notice shall be considered at such meeting, unless all members are present and all members agree to discuss or act on such additional item at the special meeting. Written notice of the special meeting may be waived if all members of the governing body attend the special meeting or sign a waiver.

C. Notice to the public and the media of any special meeting shall be given contemporaneously with the notice provided the Board members and the County Attorney.

Section 1-4. Cancelling, Rescheduling, Recessing, or Continuing Meetings

A. A regularly scheduled meeting may be cancelled or rescheduled in special circumstances, including in response to a state or locally declared state of emergency, or— if the change would not affect an advertised public hearing or a scheduled public presentation – for the convenience of the Board. If the Chair and Vice Chair both agree to any such change, the other Board members shall immediately be apprised of the desired change and the reason for the change. If a majority of the Board agrees to the change, the meeting shall be cancelled or rescheduled, and the public and the media shall be notified promptly of the change.

B. If the number of attendees at a meeting of the Board is such that proceedings cannot be accommodated in the meeting space which was originally noticed, the Board may adjourn the meeting and move the meeting to a more appropriate space. In such circumstances, notice of the changed meeting space shall be posted prominently at the entry of the original meeting space and the adjourned meeting shall not be reconvened until at least 30 minutes after the time of adjournment.

C. The Board may recess a regular meeting for the purpose of taking a temporary break in proceedings. When a recessed meeting is resumed, there are no opening proceedings and the Board shall resume business as if there had been no break.

D. If the Chair – or Vice Chair if the Chair is unable to act – finds and declares that weather or other conditions are such that it is hazardous for members to attend the regular meeting, such meeting shall be continued to the immediately following Monday at the same time and place as the regular meeting, or to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Such declaration shall be communicated to all Board members, the public, and the media as promptly as possible. All hearings and other matters previously advertised shall be conducted at the continued meeting and no further advertisement is required.

Section 1-5. Participation in Meetings Through Electronic Communications

A. Any Board member who is unable to attend a regular or special meeting in person due to (i) an emergency or a personal matter, or (ii) a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition, may participate in the meeting through electronic communication from a remote location that may not be open to the public, subject to the following:

1. A quorum of the Board is physically assembled at the central meeting location.
2. The member has not participated from a remote location more than one other time during the same calendar year.
3. The member notifies the chairperson on or before the day of the meeting that he or she is unable to attend (i) due to an emergency or personal matter identified with specificity, or (ii) due to a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents the member's physical appearance.
4. The Board records in its minutes the (i) specific nature of the emergency or personal matter or the fact of the disability or medical condition, and (ii) the remote location from which the member is participating.
5. The Board arranges for the voice of the absent supervisor to be heard by all persons in attendance at the central meeting location.

B. The Board by motion shall vote to approve or disapprove the member's electronic participation. If the absent member's remote participation is disapproved because such participation would violate this Section 1-5, such disapproval shall be recorded in the Board's minutes.

SECTION TWO – ROLE OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTED STAFF

Section 2-1. Chair and Vice Chair

A. The Chair presides at all Board meetings at which he is present, serves in all capacities to which he is named by the Board, and otherwise discharges the customary responsibilities of the office such as advising the Clerk on the preparation of the docket and the scheduling of public hearings.

The Chair shall preserve order and decorum at all meetings and public hearings, and shall decide questions of order – including whether a given motion is in order or germane to the subject under discussion – without debate, except that he may permit a member to explain his point or allow other members to be heard by way of explanation. If the Chair is in doubt as to how to rule on an important point, he can put it to a vote of the Board. Rulings of the Chair may be appealed by any two members.

When a member wishes to speak, he shall ask recognition by saying, "Mr. Chair" or "Madam Chair". When two or more members seek recognition at the same time, the Chair shall decide who addressed him first, and the order of recognition for the other member or members shall be duly observed.

B. The Vice-Chair shall preside at all meetings at which the Chair is absent and may discharge any other duties of the Chair during the Chair's absence.

C. Whenever both the Chair and Vice-Chair are absent from a board meeting, the members present shall elect one of their number to serve as a temporary Chair.

Section 2-2. Clerk

The County Administrator shall serve as the Board Clerk. The Clerk shall prepare Board meeting agendas, and shall ensure that all necessary papers are associated with the agenda. The Clerk shall attest resolutions and ordinances signed by the Chair and shall prepare and circulate minutes of Board meetings.

Section 2-3. County Attorney

The County Attorney shall serve as the parliamentarian for the purpose of interpreting these Rules of Procedure, as may be directed by the presiding officer, or as required as a result of a point of order raised by one or more Board members. The County Attorney also shall provide any necessary interpretations of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, or of any federal or local laws or regulations.

SECTION THREE – AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 3-1. Preparation and Delivery of Agenda

The County Administrator shall prepare the agenda of each regular and special meeting of the Board of Supervisors and shall ensure that all relevant documents are associated with the agenda. The complete agenda package shall be delivered to Board members four days preceding the Board meeting date. The County Administrator shall make the agenda package available to the public and the press contemporaneously with its delivery to the Board. This may be accomplished by posting the agenda package on the County website and by making copies of the agenda package available in the office of the County Administrator.

Section 3-2. Amending the Agenda

As a general matter, the agenda shall not be amended after it has been released to the public. The Board may by majority vote agree to amend the agenda by adding, removing, or reorganizing items.

Section 3-3. Regular Order of Business

The regular order of business before the Board usually is as follows:

1. Call to Order, Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Citizen Comment
4. Public Hearings

5. Consent Agenda
6. Special Presentations
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. County Administrator's Reports
10. County Attorney's Reports
11. Departmental Reports
12. Citizen Comment
13. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors
14. Closed Session (as necessary)
15. Adjournment

Section 3-4. Citizen Comment

A. Citizens wishing to speak during Citizen Comment shall place their name on a sheet provided by the Board prior to the start of the Board's meeting.

B. Comments shall be addressed directly to the Chair, and shall be limited in time to three minutes. Comments may address the performance, conduct, and qualifications of public figures; however, comments shall not employ language which insults or demeans any person or which, when directed at a public official or employee, is not related to his or her official duties. There shall be no comment during Citizen Comment on a matter for which a public hearing is scheduled during the same meeting, or on a matter that has already been the subject of a previous public hearing where no final vote has been taken.

C. Any issue raised during Citizen Comment which the Board wishes to consider may be put on the agenda for a future Board meeting or work session by a majority vote. Board members may with the consent of the Chair pose questions to any citizen commenting before the Board; however, Board members shall not discuss issues raised in the course of Citizen Comment except by agreement expressed in a majority vote.

D. Questions posed to the Board during Citizen Comment may be addressed by staff by consensus of the Board. Any questions that are not conclusively addressed by staff during Citizen Comment shall be treated as requests under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Section 3-5. Public Hearings

A. Any person wishing to speak at a public hearing shall adhere to the following guidelines:

- Speakers shall state their name and address publicly for the record unless they are uncomfortable doing so; in that case, they may supply the information to the Clerk in writing before they speak.
- Speakers shall limit their comments in the interests of time as directed by the Board Chair.
- Speakers shall refrain from making any personal references or accusations.
- Speakers shall hand any written materials they wish the Board to consider to the Clerk for distribution to the Board.

B. Board members will not respond to public comments; however, any issue raised by the public which the Board wishes to consider may be put on the agenda for a future Board meeting or work session by a majority vote. When the Chair closes the public hearing, no further public comment shall be permitted; however, Board members may direct questions to staff or to speakers.

C. All persons appearing at the public hearing shall refrain from behavior that disrupts the meeting.

D. Any public hearing attendee who violates these guidelines will be ruled out of order by the Board Chair and will be asked to leave the podium or the hearing room. A person who refuses to comply with the direction of the Chair may be expelled from the hearing room. Any person so expelled shall not be readmitted for the remainder of the hearing.

Section 3-6. Consent Agenda

A. The consent agenda shall consist of noncontroversial items that do not require extensive Board discussion, and may include but are not limited to, the following:

1. Approval of minutes.
2. Routine resolutions.
3. Correspondence.
4. Announcements.
5. Appointments to boards or committees.

B. The consent agenda shall be introduced by a motion "to approve", and may be considered by the Board as a single item.

C. There may be a short discussion of consent agenda items to answer questions or clarify a matter.

D. Upon the request of any Board member, an item shall be removed from the Consent Agenda and shall be considered separately immediately after adoption of the Consent Agenda.

Section 3-7. Special Presentations

Special presentations should be limited in time to 10 minutes although the Board may by majority vote grant additional time for good cause shown. Any materials to be discussed in the course of the special presentation shall be supplied to the County Administrator in time to ensure their inclusion in the agenda package.

Section 3-8. Closed Session

The Board is fully committed to maintaining an open and transparent government. The Board also recognizes that the public interest may be served by confidentiality, including when necessary to protect the County's financial bargaining position while discussing the acquisition or disposition of public property, to protect the County's strategic position in litigation or other legal matters, or to promote frank communications connected to the selection or evaluation of Board appointees. To balance the greatest openness in government with the corollary need to protect the public interest, the Board will adhere to the following procedures.

A. The Board shall go into closed session only when permissible pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act ("VFOIA"), Virginia Code §§ 2.2-3700 et seq. Any closed

session shall be identified on the final published Board agenda. The Board may amend the agenda to add a closed session subject to approval by a vote of a majority of the Board members. Any motion adding a closed session to the Board agenda shall be approved as to form by the County Attorney.

B. The Board shall not go into closed session until it has by majority vote in open session agreed to do so. The motion shall state specifically the purpose or purposes which are the subject of the closed session and shall reasonably identify the substance of the matters to be discussed. The motion shall make specific reference to the applicable exemption under the VFOIA, which authorizes the closed session.

C. No resolution, ordinance, rule, contract, regulation, or motion considered in a closed session shall become effective until the Board reconvenes in open session and votes on the resolution, ordinance, rule, contract, regulation, or motion.

D. At the conclusion of a closed session, the Board shall reconvene in open session immediately thereafter and shall cast a vote certifying that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the VFOIA and identified in the motion authorizing the closed session were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed session. Any member who believes that there was a departure from the above requirements shall so state prior to the presiding officer's call for the vote, indicating the substance of the departure that, in his or her judgment, has taken place. In the event a Board member comes to believe after certification that non-exempt issues were discussed during the closed session, or that some other violation of the FOIA occurred, he or she shall communicate such belief to other members of the Board, the County Attorney, and the County Administrator.

In either circumstance, the County Attorney shall supply an opinion as to whether a violation occurred. If the County Attorney opines that a violation has not occurred, the Board Chairman shall announce that publicly. If the County Attorney opines that a violation has occurred, the Board Chairman shall announce that publicly, shall state the specifics of the violation, and shall describe the steps that will be taken in the future to avoid similar or related violations.

E. The failure of the certification to receive the affirmative vote of the majority of the members present during the closed session shall not affect the validity or confidentiality of those matters properly discussed in that closed session in accordance with the VFOIA.

F. The Board may permit non-members to attend a closed session if their presence would reasonably aid the Board in its consideration of an issue. All individuals attending a closed session should respect the Board's decision that the subject matter is too sensitive for public discussion and should treat the closed session discussion as confidential.

G. As public disclosure of information generated in closed session may hamper effective communication, all closed session participants shall maintain as confidential all information generated in closed session until such time as the Board by majority vote declares that confidentiality is no longer necessary or appropriate. The intentional disclosure by a Board member of the content of closed session discussions prior to such majority vote may subject him or her to fines or punishment pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-1400, in such amount or in such form as the Board may deem appropriate.

SECTION FOUR – BOARD ACTIONS

Section 4-1. Quorum

A. Virginia Code § 15.2-1415 requires that a quorum of the Board be present to conduct business. A quorum is a majority of the entire membership of the Board, which membership shall include any vacant seats. If a quorum is not present, the Board can only (i) adjourn, (ii) recess, or (iii) take steps to obtain a quorum.

B. If the Board lacks a quorum and chooses to adjourn, it may adjourn to such other time prior to the next regular meeting as it may determine. The Clerk shall note such adjournment in the Board minutes, and shall notify absent members of the new meeting date and time in the same manner as required for special meetings.

C. If the Virginia Conflict of Interests Act prevents some of the members of the Board from participating in an item of business, a majority of the remaining Board members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4-2. Regular Practices

A. The Board shall not act on any matter affecting a district in the absence of the Board member for that district, except that the Board may act where the absence results from the resignation, death, or disability of the Board member.

B. The Board may choose by majority vote to delay consideration of any matter where materials associated with the matter are delivered to the Board on the day the Board meets.

C. No Board member shall issue a communication purporting to represent to another person or to the public the Board's position on an issue, or making a request on the Board's behalf, until the Board has voted to approve the issue or request.

D. Where the Board is considering approval or endorsement of a study or report, the resolution providing for endorsement or approval shall be presented for consideration at a meeting subsequent to presentation of the study or report.

Section 4-3. Taking Formal Action

A. The Board may act by consensus, motion, resolution, or ordinance, as follows:

1. The Board may act by consensus, without voting, where the desired action is clear and no Board member expresses opposition to the action.

2. The Board may act by motion where the desired action may require some direction to staff and one or more Board members oppose the action.

3. The Board may act by resolution where the basis for the Board's decision requires explanation, the directions to staff are more complex, and one or more Board members oppose the action.

4. The Board shall act by ordinance to amend County Code or as otherwise required by law.

B. A tie vote means that a motion, ordinance, or resolution has been rejected, and the "nay" votes prevail.

C. The Board may take a voice vote on any matter. If the results of that vote are unclear, any member may request a roll call vote.

Section 4-4. Motions

A. General.

1. Motions are either substantive or procedural.
2. Any member of the Board, including the presiding officer, may make a motion. It is not necessary that a motion be seconded in order to be considered.
3. The Board may discuss a matter prior to a member's making a motion. Once a motion is made, the Board shall discuss the merits of the motion before voting on it. To do this, the Chair shall restate the motion and request the Board's debate of it. In the course of debate, the maker of the motion is entitled to speak first and a member who has not spoken on the issue shall be recognized before someone who has already spoken. The Chair may participate in the debate prior to declaring the matter ready for a vote.

B. Substantive Motions.

Substantive motions go to the merits of Board action on a business matter before it, such as a motion to approve a resolution or adopt an ordinance, to appoint a person to a board or committee, or to approve an appropriation.

C. Procedural Motions.

Procedural motions act on a substantive motion by amending it or delaying its consideration. Procedural motions are in order while a substantive motion is pending and at other times, except as otherwise noted. The Board shall use only the following procedural motions. Each motion is debatable, may be amended, and requires a majority of the votes cast, a quorum being present, for adoption.

1. Motion To Adjourn. At a meeting of the Board, a motion to adjourn shall always be in order. The motion may be made only at the conclusion of action on a pending substantive matter; it may not interrupt deliberation of a pending matter. The motion is not debatable and cannot be amended.
2. To Take a Recess. This motion allows the Board to pause briefly in its proceedings. A motion to take a recess is in order at any time except when a motion to appeal a procedural ruling of the presiding officer or a motion to adjourn is pending
3. To Defer Consideration. The Board may defer action on a substantive motion to a more convenient time. The Board may use the following motions to defer consideration of a substantive motion:
 - (a) The motion to "lay on the table" is used to temporarily set aside an item of business to deal with a more urgent item. Once an item of business has been laid on the table, a motion to "take from the table" is needed to bring the item back before the Board for discussion.
 - (b) The motion to "postpone" delays debate on an item of business so that it may be considered at a later date. An item of business may be "postponed definitely," when it is continued to a definite time or date or "postponed indefinitely" if no future time or date is specified in the motion. A matter that has been postponed to a certain time or day shall be brought up again automatically when that time

arrives. When a matter has been postponed indefinitely, an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board is necessary to bring it back for further discussion.

4. To Amend. Any Board member may offer a motion to amend a substantive motion, and such amendment shall be effective upon a majority vote of the Board. The member making the original motion need not approve the proposed amendment. An amendment to a motion shall be pertinent to the subject matter of the motion and shall not be used to nullify the intent of the original motion. A motion may be amended no more than twice.

5. Withdrawal of Motion. A motion may be withdrawn by the Board member who offers it at any time before it is amended or before the Chair puts the motion to a vote, whichever occurs first.

6. Motion to Reconsider. The Board may vote to reconsider its action on a matter. The motion to reconsider must be made no later than the next succeeding regular meeting of the Board and can only be made by a member who voted with the prevailing side. In the event of a tie vote on the original motion any Board member may introduce a motion to reconsider. The motion cannot interrupt deliberation on a pending matter but is in order when action on a pending matter concludes.

Section 4-5. Resolutions

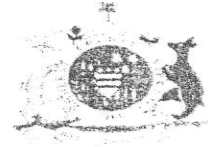
A. The County Attorney shall approve as to form all resolutions, excepting commemorative resolutions that the County Attorney has not drafted, that are placed before the Board for adoption. The County Administrator shall approve as to form commemorative resolutions that are not drafted by the County Attorney.

B. Board members may request that the County Attorney prepare a written resolution prior to discussion by the Board of the issues addressed in the resolution; however, any such resolution shall not be numbered and shall not, absent pressing circumstances acknowledged by a majority of the Board members, be adopted on the day first presented.

Section 4-6. Ordinances

A. The County Attorney shall approve as to form and legality all ordinances prior to their being placed before the Board for consideration.

B. After review by the Board, approved ordinances shall undergo a first read before the Amherst County Board of Supervisors at that body's first meeting of the month of introduction, and, if the Board of Supervisors so directs, shall be heard at a public hearing at the second meeting of the month of introduction. The Board of Supervisors may by majority vote consider an ordinance for adoption subsequent to a public hearing without its having first undergone a first reading.



Amherst County Board of Supervisors
County Resolution No. 2015-0004-CR

For consideration on December 15, 2015

A RESOLUTION, NO. 2015-0004-CR

A commemorative resolution, honoring the service of Donald W. Kidd, member of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors for the First Electoral District, to Amherst County for the period January 1, 2008, to December 31, 2015.

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 Amherst County Board of Supervisors honors the long and devoted service of Donald W. Kidd, Supervisor for the First Electoral District, to Amherst County, as follows:

WHEREAS, Donald W. Kidd first was elected to the Amherst County Board of Supervisors (hereafter "Board"), representing the First Electoral District, on November 6, 2007, and began his service on the Board effective January 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, once elected to the Board, Mr. Kidd participated in the Virginia Certified County Supervisor Program, offered by the Virginia Association of Counties in cooperation with the Cooperative Extension Service at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, successfully completing that training and receiving his certificate on November 7, 2010; and

WHEREAS, during his term as Vice Chairman in 2010, Mr. Kidd was elevated to the position of Chairman upon the resignation of the then-Chairman, and he thereafter also served as Chairman during the 2014 Board term; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Board, Mr. Kidd served as the Board's liaison to the Planning Commission, and to the Board for the Department of Social Services, and served as a member of the County's Business Task Force, participating in the preparation of significant revisions to County Code provisions governing signage and landscaping; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kidd was instrumental in the formation of the County's Building Committee and served as the Chairman of that Committee from its formation until his departure from the Board effective 2016; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kidd's advocacy was critical to the Board's allocation of funding to support renovation of the Sheriff's Office, and Mr. Kidd oversaw the award and implementation of the renovation contract during his tenure on the Building Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kidd also oversaw in his role on the Building Committee the selection of contractors for projects involving additions to the County Administration Building, and projects involving critically-needed renovations to the County's public schools; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kidd used his expertise in servicing mechanical and electrical systems to identify and obtain for Amherst County cost savings of over \$200,000 in the construction and installation of a chiller for Amherst Middle School in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kidd strongly advocated for creation of a Citizens' Academy for Amherst County to help facilitate communication between Amherst County government and the citizens it serves, and the Academy operated from 2012 through 2013; and

WHEREAS, prior to being elected to the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Kidd served for two years (2002-2003) on the Citizens' Advisory Council, during which time the Council developed substantial revisions to the Amherst County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kidd also served for two and a half years (2004-2007) on the Planning Commission, during which time he completed the 2006 Virginia Certified Planning Commissioners Program, and the Commission reviewed and recommended the Comprehensive Plan for approval; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kidd throughout his tenure in service to the County has sought to advance both the interests of his district and those of the County as a whole.

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


That the Amherst County Board of Supervisors expresses its utmost appreciation and warmest thanks for the twelve and a half years of dedicated service by Donald W. Kidd to both the First Electoral District and the County as a whole.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is directed to prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mr. Kidd as an expression of the County's appreciation for his services.

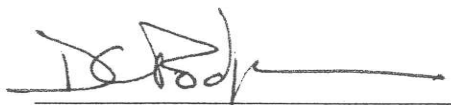
II. That this resolution shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

Adopted this 15th day of December, 2015.



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

ATTEST:



Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Abstentions 0



Amherst County Board of Supervisors
County Resolution No. 2015-0005-CR

For consideration on December 15, 2013

A RESOLUTION, NO. 2015-0005-CR

A commemorative resolution, honoring the service of Hazel Anne Hudson, the Amherst County Building Inspection Permit Technician, to Amherst County for the period from 1975 to December 31, 2015.

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 Amherst County Board of Supervisors recognizes the retirement of Hazel Anne Hudson, the Amherst County Building Inspection Permit Technician, and honors her long and dedicated service to Amherst County, as follows:

WHEREAS, Hazel Anne Hudson started with the County as a part-time employee in 1975, and was very soon promoted to full-time employment in October 1976 based on her excellent performance; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hudson's original title was Secretary to the Building Inspector; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hudson worked under then County Administrator, Stewart Shaner, from the County offices which then were based in the County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hudson went on to work with several Building Code Officials, including Fielding Jones from 1970 to 1975, John N. Gordon from 1975 to 1985, Harold Campbell from 1985 to August 2000, and Kenneth Campbell from 2000 to April 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hudson is an essential part of the Building and Safety Inspection Department, handling as she does a large and diverse array of daily duties, including answering telephones, greeting visitors, responding to inquiries and complaints, forwarding calls or visitors to appropriate parties, operating office equipment, performing clerical tasks, maintaining departmental staff calendars, dispatching messages to inspectors in the field, verifying the accuracy of permit applications, processing building permit and zoning applications, issuing building permits, handling routine correspondence, composing monthly reports, assisting the public with completing and submitting applications, organizing and maintaining department files and record documentation, copying and filing permits and other documentation with appropriate government or regulatory agencies, receiving plans and reviewing small plans, computing square footage on small jobs, checking plans for Building Official to review, receiving bonds for land disturbing activity, computing appropriate fees, receiving and processing permit payments, making deposits, processing daily money reports, and processing incoming and outgoing mail; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hudson has over the years been a knowledgeable and efficient presence in the Building and Safety Inspection Department, providing stability throughout the tenures of the different directors and thereby affording the Department and citizens of Amherst County all the benefits of her rich institutional knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hudson is completing her tenure with the County working with Nathan Young, Amherst County Building Code Official; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Young's work has greatly benefitted from the knowledge and stability afforded by Mrs. Hudson's long tenure, which allows the County's small office to accomplish much more work, at a much higher level of consistency and quality, than otherwise might be the case in a similarly-sized office; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hudson has faithfully served Amherst County in this exemplary manner for more than 40 years, and will be dearly missed by her colleagues and Amherst County's citizenry.

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

That the Board recognizes the impending retirement of Hazel Anne Hudson from her key position in Amherst County government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

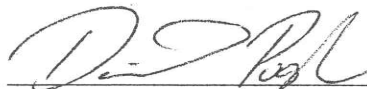
That the Amherst County Board of Supervisors expresses its utmost appreciation and most grateful and heartfelt thanks for the more than forty years of service Hazel Anne Hudson has dedicated to Amherst County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is directed to prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Hazel Anne Hudson as an expression of the County's appreciation for her services.

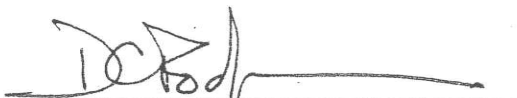
II. That this resolution shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

Adopted this 15th day of December, 2015.



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

ATTEST:

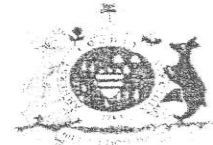


Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Abstentions 0



Amherst County Board of Supervisors
County Resolution No. 2015-0006-CR

For consideration on December 15, 2015

A RESOLUTION, NO. 2015-0006-CR

A commemorative resolution, honoring the service of Sheriff Lemuel J. Ayers, III, to Amherst County for the period from 1982 to December 31, 2015.

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 Amherst County Board of Supervisors ("Board") hereby expresses the County's admiration, respect, and appreciation for the services rendered by Sheriff Lemuel J. Ayers, III, to Amherst County over the last three decades, as follows:

WHEREAS, Sheriff Ayers was born in Lynchburg, Virginia and graduated from Amherst County High School in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Ayers began his formal public service to Amherst County when he joined the Monelison Rescue Squad in 1982, and joined the Sheriff's Office Auxiliary in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Ayers thereafter was hired on October 22, 1985, as a corrections officer and dispatcher, was promoted to field operations in 1987, and was promoted to field operations Sergeant in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Ayers initially stood for election as County Sheriff in 1995, which contest he won against nine opponents on November 7, 1995, and took office as Sheriff on January 1, 1996; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Ayers has held the office of County Sheriff for 20 years, during which time he directed and managed many changes to the Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Ayers pioneered a unique initiative that trained Sheriff's deputies to provide comprehensive emergency medical services as first responders, and in 2002, the Sheriff's Office received the Governor's Award for outstanding Emergency Medical Services Agency; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Ayers established the inmate work force, which allowed jail inmates to work on various County projects on a volunteer basis, thereby giving the inmates the opportunity to earn time off their sentences and affording the County the benefit of their work, ranging from routine trash collection and grass and weed eradication, to beautification of the County Administration Building grounds, which were transformed by the inmates' efforts; and

WHEREAS, in 2011-2012, Sheriff Ayers successfully led a seamless transition from his Office's direct provision of jail services to participation in the Blue Ridge Regional Jail; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Sheriff Ayers took over management of County Animal Control, effecting a complete reorganization of staffing and agency structure, and improving the physical appearance of the shelter; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Ayers instituted traffic safety and control initiatives such that the Sheriff's Office received the International Chiefs of Police award for outstanding traffic safety in both 2012 and 2014; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Ayers has served on many professional and community boards, including the Virginia Sheriffs' Association Board, the Central Virginia Criminal Justice Academy Board of Directors, the Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority Board, the Amherst County Domestic Violence Board, the John Lynch Fraternal Order of Police Lodge, and the Clinton Masonic Lodge 73; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Ayers married Nancy Ferguson on December 4, 1993, and they have two children Lemuel J. Ayers, IV (Jamie) and Jordan Kate Ayers; the family resides in the Grants Hollow Community of Monroe in Amherst County and are members of Madison Heights Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Ayers announced his retirement from the Sheriff's Office on June 4, 2015, effective December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the County on November 3, 2015, elected E.W. Viar Jr., whom the Sheriff had endorsed as his successor, to the Office of Amherst County Sheriff.

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

That the Amherst County Board of Supervisors expresses on behalf of Amherst County its utmost appreciation and most grateful and heartfelt thanks for the thirty three years of courageous and committed service Sheriff Lemuel J. Ayers, III, has dedicated to Amherst County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is directed to prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Sheriff Lemuel J. Ayers, III, as an expression of the County's appreciation for his service.

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

Adopted this 15th day of December, 2015.



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

ATTEST:

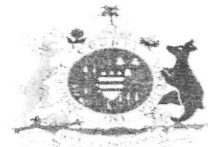


Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Abstentions 0



Amherst County Board of Supervisors
County Resolution No. 2015-0007-CR

For consideration on December 15, 2015

A RESOLUTION, NO. 2015-0007-CR

A commemorative resolution, honoring the service of Roy C. Mayo, III, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Amherst County for the period January 1, 1970 to December 31, 2015.

Approved as to form by the County Administrator

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

I. That the Amherst County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes and honors the long and devoted service of Roy C. Mayo, III, Clerk of Court, as follows:

WHEREAS, Roy C. Mayo, III, was a graduate of Amherst County High School in 1965 and then earned a bachelor's degree in 1969 from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; and

WHEREAS, Roy C. Mayo, III, taught 6th grade for Amherst County Public Schools in 1969 at Pleasant View Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Roy C. Mayo, III, was employed by the County of Amherst July 1, 1970, as its first County Administrator and served until December 31, 1983, having administrated the building of county dams, the introduction of county-wide property zoning and the establishment of a central accounting system; and

WHEREAS, Roy C. Mayo, III, was elected to the office of Clerk of Circuit Court of Amherst County in 1983; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as clerk, he oversaw the organized movement of county records into the new courthouse and then introduced computer automation and remote access to county records via the internet for the citizens of Amherst County; and

WHEREAS, Roy C. Mayo, III, will retire at the end of his fourth consecutive term as the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Amherst on December 31, 2015, after thirty-two years of service in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mayo throughout his tenure in service to the County has sought to advance the interests of the County as a whole.

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


That the Amherst County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes Roy C. Mayo, III, for forty-six years of continuous service to Amherst County and through it, the Commonwealth of Virginia as a whole, and extends to him the County's grateful thanks on behalf of all the residents of Amherst County.

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

Adopted this 15th day of December, 2015.



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

ATTEST:


Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Amherst County Board of Supervisors
County Resolution No. 2015-0008-CR

For consideration on December 15, 2015

A RESOLUTION, NO. 2015-0008-CR

A commemorative resolution, honoring the service of Robert M. Curd, member of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors for the Third Electoral District, to Amherst County for the period June 3, 2010 to December 31, 2015.

Approved as to form by the County Administrator

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

I. That the Amherst County Board of Supervisors honors the dedicated service of Robert M. Curd, Supervisor for the Third Electoral District, to Amherst County, as follows:

WHEREAS, Robert M. Curd was first appointed to the Amherst County Board of Supervisors (hereafter "Board"), representing the Third Electoral District, on June 1, 2010, to fill the unexpired term of his predecessor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curd ran for election for the Third Electoral District in a special election to fill the remainder of the unexpired term until December 31, 2011, and won that election; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curd then ran for election for a regular four year term on November 8, 2011, and having won that election also began service on the Board of Supervisors January 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, once elected to the Board, Mr. Curd served as the Board's liaison to the Emergency Services Council, proposed the creation of the Amherst County Agriculture Committee, and increased the involvement of volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians by promoting county-funded training for the volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curd was elevated to the position of Chairman by the election of his fellow Board members for the 2013 Board term; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curd's insightful questions, wise counsel and measured thoughtful approach to the many difficult decisions facing the Board during his term served as a mediating and solution-focused influence during the resolution of many challenging issues; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curd, throughout his dedicated tenure of service to the County, has sought to advance both the interests of his district and those of the County as a whole.

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

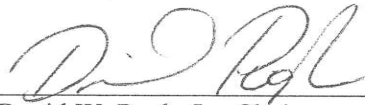
That the Amherst County Board of Supervisors expresses its utmost appreciation and warmest thanks for the five and a half years of intelligent and results-oriented service provided by Robert M. Curd to both the Third Electoral District and the County as a whole.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is directed to prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mr. Curd as an expression of the County's appreciation for his service.

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

Adopted this 15th day of December, 2015.



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

ATTEST:



Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Abstentions 0