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**AMHERST COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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District 1  
L. J. Ayers III, Supervisor  
District 3

**MINUTES**

**May 5, 2020**

Administration Building - 153 Washington Street -  
Public Meeting Room  
Amherst, Virginia 24521  
Meeting Convened - 3:00 PM

**County Administrator**  
Dean C. Rodgers

**County Attorney**  
Michael W. S. Lockaby

**I. Call to Order**

At a Regular Meeting of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors held on May 5, 2020 at 3:00 p.m., the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Chair Claudia D. Tucker, Vice-Chair Jennifer R. Moore, Supervisor David W. Pugh, Jr., Supervisor Tom Martin and Supervisor L. J. Ayers III.

ABSENT: None

STAFF: County Administrator Dean C. Rodgers, Deputy County Administrator David R. Proffitt, County Attorney Michael W. S. Lockaby, and Legal/Executive Assistant Regina M. Rice

Chair Tucker called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Chair Tucker advised that Mr. Rodgers will address the Scottish Inn during the County Administrator's Report.

By motion of Supervisor Ayers and with the following vote, the Board approved the agenda for May 5, 2020.

AYE: Mrs. Tucker, Ms. Moore, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin and Mr. Ayers

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**III. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Tucker led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. Citizen Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **V. Consent Agenda**

By motion of Supervisor Pugh and with the following vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda for May 5, 2020.

AYE: Mrs. Tucker, Ms. Moore, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin and Mr. Ayers

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

### **A. Minutes - April 07, 2020 and April 17, 2020**

It was moved that the Board adopt the Minutes of April 7, 2020 and April 17, 2020.

### **B. ACSO Revenue Appropriation**

It was moved that the Board approve the appropriation of funds as described.

## **VI. Old Business**

### **A. Approval of Revised Bond Documents for Waste System**

Finance Director Stacey Wilkes addressed the Board regarding an amendment to the 2017 Landfill bond documents requiring a resolution and modification to the agreement. Ms. Wilkes said the amendment is to specify the transfer station, convenience centers and other needs for solid waste.

By motion of Supervisor Martin and with the following vote, the Board adopted Resolution 2020-0005-R and direct the County Administrator to execute the modification agreement.

AYE: Mrs. Tucker, Ms. Moore, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin and Mr. Ayers

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

## **VII. New Business**

A. Suspension of Plastics & Paper Recycling

Public Works Director Brian Thacker addressed the Board regarding the cost to recycle plastic and paper which has not been profitable since the recession. He explained that cardboard and metal generate positive or neutral revenue and that plastic and paper generate revenue negative and is not profitable as was several years ago.

Mr. Thacker provided the Board with the hauling costs to maintain the plastic and paper recycling program. He recommended suspension of recycling plastic and paper until it becomes revenue positive or neutral.

Chair Tucker remarked she had received numerous calls from concerned citizens who were opposed to suspending the program.

Supervisor Martin said the County should continue recycling even with the cost and did not support suspending plastic and paper recycling. He asked if the County was willing to continue subsidizing recycling at a cost of \$11,000 per year.

Supervisor Pugh agreed with Supervisor Martin to keep the recycling program which would keep 83 tons of recycled material out of the landfill. Supervisor Pugh said that once the transfer station is built, we will have to haul that additional 83 tons of recycled material to another landfill for an added cost.

Chair Tucker asked Mr. Thacker to look into the possibility of putting a recycling container at Dodds Store Convenience Center.

By motion of Supervisor Martin and with the following vote, the Board agreed to continue recycling as is and to explore placement of recycling containers at Dodds Store Convenience Center.

AYE: Mrs. Tucker, Ms. Moore, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin and Mr. Ayers

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

B. Appropriation of CARES ACT Healthcare Provider Funding

County Administrator Rodgers advised the Board Amherst County has received money from the CARES ACT for healthcare providers. He said that these funds could be used for hazardous pay for Public Safety employees on the front line from April 2020 through June 2020. Any remaining money would be used for supplies needed for Public Safety.

By motion of Supervisor Ayers and with the following vote, the Board appropriated \$33,000 for hazardous duty pay and \$20,226.01 for other healthcare-related operating costs from the CARES ACT funding received.

AYE:Mrs. Tucker, Ms. Moore, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin and Mr. Ayers

NAY:None

ABSENT:None

C. Appropriation for Telephone System

Finance Director Stacey Wilkes addressed the Board concerning an upgrade the County's telephone system. The IT Department has determined the phone system requires upgrades and that money has been set aside in the Telecommunication Fund to pay for the cost.

By motion of Supervisor Ayers and with the following vote, the Board appropriated \$136,582.25 from the Telecommunications Fund balance for the telephone system upgrade.

AYE:Mrs. Tucker, Ms. Moore, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin and Mr. Ayers

NAY:None

ABSENT:None

#### D. Award of Contract for Waste Hauling

Public Works Director Brian Thacker addressed the Board regarding cost saving measures hauling waste from convenience centers to the landfill. He explained a RFP was put out and six responses were received from local haulers. He advised that County Waste presented the most competitive price.

Mr. Thacker proposed that Public Works could haul the waste at a cost savings to the County that would total over \$130,000 per year. He explained there would not be additional staff added, only the purchase of one truck to service Amherst County.

The Board proposed several questions and concerns and if this change would be successful for the County. Mr. Thacker said the savings to the County would be to utilize the assets that taxpayers are paying for.

Supervisor Ayers said he felt confident in Mr. Thacker's figures and was in favor of creating this savings.

Supervisor Pugh requested that the savings be tracked and not rolled back into the budget.

Supervisor Ayers agreed with Supervisor Pugh asking the Board for a recommendation of where the money would go and how it would be used. Supervisor Ayers asked that Mr. Thacker return after six months to report on the success of this program.

Supervisor Martin agreed with revisiting this in six months.

By motion of Supervisor Ayers and with the following vote, the Board approved Public Works as the exclusive hauler for all Amherst County convenience center containers as of July 1, 2020. Public Works is to report back to the Board in six (6) months to advise if it is on track of any savings created. Those savings will be tracked and reported to the Finance Director and those savings will remain in landfill reserves.

AYE: Mrs. Tucker, Ms. Moore, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin and Mr. Ayers

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

#### **VIII. County Administrator's Report**

#### **A. Projects Status Report**

County Administrator Rodgers provided the Projects Status Report.

Chair Tucker said that the AG Committee may be looking at an event in the fall, perhaps a rodeo and asked the County Administrator to follow up with the Fair subcommittee.

Mr. Rodgers provided an update on the Scottish Inn. He advised the 210 day deadline will expire on June 2. The owner is now seeking from the SBA a loan that includes the demolition and new construction. Mr. Rodgers advised the owner's attorney has requested a delay of six months and asked that the Board provide guidance.

The Board discussed several issues including the cost to the County if the building was condemned and the structure torn down.

County Attorney Lockaby said it would not be unreasonable for the Board to wait until June 10, considering this to be a force majeure and revisit the issue at the second meeting in June.

Chair Tucker suggested that Amherst County place a lien on another piece of property belonging to the owner.

Supervisor Martin agreed with Chair Tucker on extending the deadline to August 2 and require the owner to obtain a demolition permit and an environmental assessment be completed regarding asbestos removal.

Mr. Rodgers said he would hold firm to the June 2 date, and if any extension is granted the County will need to see those documents and be prepared to place a lien on another piece of the owner's property

#### **IX. County Attorney's Report**

The County Attorney had no matter to discuss.

#### **X. Departmental Reports**

##### **A. Department Spotlight - Sheriff's Office**

Major Elliott of the Sheriff's Office provided the Board with an overview of the department.

#### **XI. Citizen Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **XII. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors**

Supervisor Ayers had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Martin asked that the County Administrator look into ways to provide for law enforcement as was done for Public Safety previously in this meeting, and to return to the Board with a recommendation.

Supervisor Pugh had no matter to discuss.

Vice-Chair Moore had no matter to discuss.

Chair Tucker advised that the New Era Progress has asked for a \$300 sponsorship to publish each graduating Amherst County High School senior's portrait in the newspaper.

By motion of Supervisor Martin and with the following vote, the Board approved the a sponsorship of \$300 to the New Era Progress.

AYE: Mrs. Tucker, Ms. Moore, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin and Mr. Ayers

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

## **XIII. Adjournment**

By motion of Supervisor Pugh and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

AYE: Mrs. Tucker, Ms. Moore, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin and Mr. Ayers

NAY: None

ABSENT: None



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Claudia D. Tucker, Chair  
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



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Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk