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AMHERST COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board of Supervisors

Claudia D. Tucker, Chair
District 2
Jennifer R. Moore, Vice-Chair
District 5
David W. Pugh, Jr., Supervisor
District 4
Tom Martin, Supervisor
District 1
L. J. Ayers III, Supervisor
District 3

MINUTES

December 1, 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 December 1, 2020 at 3:00 p.m., the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Claudia D. Tucker, Chair
Jennifer R. Moore, Vice-Chair
David W. Pugh, Jr., Supervisor
L. J. Ayers III, Supervisor

ABSENT: Tom Martin, Supervisor

STAFF:

Dean C. Rodgers, County Administrator
David R. Proffitt, Deputy County Administrator
Michael W. S. Lockaby, County Attorney
Regina M. Rice, Clerk to Boards

Chair Tucker called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and stated the agenda would be amended to reflect that Supervisor Martin would not be present today but designed to attend by electronic means. Chair Tucker said she would make that motion for consideration once the agenda was approved.

II. Approval of Agenda

By motion of Supervisor Ayers and with the following vote, the Board approved the amended agenda for December 1, 2020.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT Mr. Martin

By motion of Chair Tucker and with the following vote, the Board amended the Agenda to allow Supervisor Tom Martin to attend the Amherst County Board of Supervisors' meeting of December 1, 2020 at 3:03 p.m. by telephone conference call as his physical presence at the meeting is prevented due to a permissible absence.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Martin

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 Vice-Chair Moore and with the following vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

A. Appropriation of Revenue - Commonwealth Attorney

It was moved that the Board approve the appropriation of funds from asset forfeiture to telecommunications as presented.

B. ACSO Revenue Appropriation

It was moved that the Board approve the appropriation of funds as described into the Sheriff's budget

VI. Old Business

A. CARES Act Update

Finance Director Stacey Wilkes presented an update to the Board regarding the CARES Act Funding. Ms. Wilkes provided Board members a handout sheet with an explanation of the balance of the remaining funds. She said that everything was going smoothly and she did not anticipate that any remaining money would be returned to the federal government. (See Attachment 1)

VII. County Administrator's Report

A. Boards/Commissions/Committees - Quarterly update

County Administrator Rodgers informed Board members of any upcoming vacancies on County Boards, Commissions and Committees.

B. Boards/Commissions/Committees - Parks & Recreation & Cultural
Development Board Vacancy

County Administrator Rodgers advised that Ms. JoJo Alcock's term as the District 4 representative on the Parks & Recreation Board will expire December 31, 2020. Staff advertised the vacancy in the News & Advance on November 15, 2020 and in the New Era Progress on November 19, 2020. The closing date was November 30, 2020.

Mr. Rodgers reported staff received a notice from Ms. Alcock requesting reappointment. Staff also received an email from Ms. Marie Petrone expressing interest in the seat vacancy, however, Ms. Petrone indicated she did not reside in District 4 as the ad stated.

Supervisor Martin said that as the liaison on the Parks & Rec Board, he supported reappointment of Ms. Alcock to the District 4 seat as she has done an excellent job.

By motion of Supervisor Martin and with the following vote, the Board voted to reappoint Ms. Alcock as the District 4 representative to the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Development Board.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

C. Projects Status Report

County Administrator Rodgers provided the Board with the following update:

1) Broadband - Central Virginia Electric Coop is working in the Boxwood Farm, Temperance and Gladstone areas and they anticipate having the fiber spines done by December 11. They will begin hooking up houses along the way and that will continue through the next months. Mr. Rodgers advised he has reassurances from Mr. Gary Wood, CEO of CVEC and Firefly that if any deadlines are missed he will cover those costs.

Mr. Rodgers said the mobile units for the schools may be delayed due to damaged solar panels received by SCS Board. Those panels will now need to be replaced. SCS has been reminded of the December 30 deadline.

County Attorney Lockaby said he recollected that CVEC and SCC will get paid for work done by December 30 even if the work is not finished at that time. He said those companies are still obligated to complete all of the work by end of January 2021.

VIII. County Attorney's Report

County Attorney Lockaby addressed the Board and explained his need to reduce the 12-15 hour days he is currently working for Amherst County. He requested Mark Popovich, a colleague from his Salem office, be assigned to do more of the workload for Amherst County. Mr. Lockaby said he would continue working primarily with the EDA, the Finance Department and ACSA.

Chair Tucker said she understood the necessity for Mr. Lockaby to reduce his hours and applauded his commitment to his family. She said she would like to see more structure of what the Board can expect with this change.

Supervisor Pugh said he would like to have a plan and if Mr. Popovich would be able to fill the roll of what the Board expects. He remarked that it may be time for the Board to look at what the County is spending on this contract and have the Board take a look at the whole picture.

Supervisor Ayers said he felt comfortable working with Mr. Popovich and wanted to make sure that all County legal obligations would be represented.

Vice-Chair Moore said she respected Mr. Lockaby's decision and trusted his judgment.

Mr. Lockaby said he would come to a third to half of the Board meetings and continue to be the primary person working with Ms. Wilkes, Mr. Hopkins and Ms. Hanson on issues in their departments. He said that Mr. Popovich would attend many of the Board meetings and presentation of items and would provide the parliamentary services. Mr. Popovich would also work with the HR Department and with Purchasing Agent David Proffitt on procurement, contracts and RFPs.

Supervisor Martin asked about current pending litigation and how that would be handled.

Mr. Lockaby said he would still be the lead Counsel on the Gallimore litigation and the case regarding the Animal Shelter and Sheriff's office.

IX. Liaison and Committee Reports

- A. Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance, Board of Directors, November 19, 2020

For information only.

- B. Central Virginia Planning District Commission, November 19, 2020

For information only.

X. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

XI. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Ayers had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Martin had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Pugh had no matter to discuss.

Vice-Chair Moore requested the County Administrator follow-up with VDOT regarding improvements at the end of Seminole Drive and the incidents of the fence and tombstones being run-over at the cemetery.

Chair Tucker requested the County Administrator follow-up with VDOT regarding any interim measures that could be made at the intersection of Rt.151 and Rt. 29.

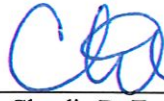
XII. Adjournment

By motion of Supervisor Ayers and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None



Claudia D. Tucker, Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk

CARES ACT FUNDING ALLOCATION

\$5,514,828

	Disbursement #1	Disbursement #2	Spent through November 30, 2020	Obligated	Balance Remaining
Town Portion	190,633	190,633	(381,266)		0
Public Safety Shelter	80,000			(78,551)	1,449
Monroe Hot Water	3,500		(3,500)		0
Small Business Grants	300,000	150,000	(418,246)		31,754
Non-Profit Grants	200,000		(200,000)		0
Duct Cleaning	200,000		(13,423)	(186,577)	(0)
Broadband	500,000	17,939	(17,939)	(500,000)	0
Telework Equipment	134,800		(83,013)	(51,787)	0
HVAC Health Department (2022 CIP)		100,000		(100,000)	0
HVAC Projects		94,500		(94,500)	0
Savings FY 2020	1,089,581		(1,054,124)		35,457
Savings FY 2021		931,181			931,181
Schools		450,000	(308,939)		141,061
Misc COVID-19 Expenses	58,900	193,161	(95,698)	(40,000)	116,363
Public Safety Supplies and equipment		330,000	(56,085)	(201,843)	72,072
Park Restroom		300,000	(70,156)	(229,844)	(0)
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