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AMHERST COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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District 3
Claudia D. Tucker, Supervisor
District 2

MINUTES

February 16, 2021
Administration Building - 153 Washington Street -
Public Meeting Room
Amherst, Virginia 24521
Meeting Convened - 7:00 PM

County Administrator
Dean C. Rodgers

County Attorney
Mark Popovich

I. Call to Order

At a regular meeting of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors held on February 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF:

Dean C. Rodgers, County Administrator
David R. Proffitt, Deputy County Administrator
Mark Popovich, County Attorney
Regina M. Rice, Clerk to Boards

Chair Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

By motion of Supervisor Ayers and with the following vote, the Board approved the agenda for February 16, 2021.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

III. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Tucker led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Public Hearing

A. Ordinance 2021-0002, relocating a voting polling place in Election District 3
Registrar Francine Brown presented Ordinance 2021-0002 for public hearing to relocate a voting polling place in Election District 3. She advised the Pleasant View Precinct (0303) polling place at 229 Dancing Creek Road will be relocated to New Prospect Baptist Church at 2209 Buffalo Springs Turnpike, Monroe, VA 24574.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

The Public Hearing was closed.

By motion of Supervisor Ayers and with the following vote the Board adopted the ordinance as presented.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

VI. Consent Agenda

By motion of Vice-Chair Pugh and with the following vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda for February 16, 2021.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

A. Minutes - January 19, 2021 5PM and 7PM Meetings

It was moved that the Board adopt the Minutes for January 19, 2021, 5PM & 7PM meetings.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

A. County-EDA MOU for Madison Heights CDBG Grant

County Administrator Rodgers presented the MOU between the County and the EDA for a Madison Heights CDBG Grant. This grant will be used for Old Town Madison Heights street scape enhancements and to assist property owners with improvements in this area.

By motion of Supervisor Ayers and with the following vote, the Board authorized the County Administrator to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

B. Resolution 2021-0003-R, authorizing the adoption of the Central Virginia Planning District Commission Hazard Mitigation Plan - 2020 Update

Ms. Kelly Hitchcock, Planning and Development Director of Central Virginia Planning District Commission, presented the Board with an overview of the area localities who are developing a plan to address natural disasters and make necessary preparations. Ms. Hitchcock said that having a Hazard Mitigation Plan would allow localities to receive FEMA funding as needed. She requested that the Board adopt Resolution 2021-0003-R.

By motion of Supervisor Ayers and with the following vote, the Board adopted Resolution 2021-0003-R, as presented.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

C. Broadband Grant Appropriation

Community Development Director Jeremy Bryant presented information to the Board requested an appropriation of funds to the Broadband Authority Board to pay for contracted work awarded for the expansion of broadband in the County.

By motion of Supervisor Martin and with the following vote, the Board approved an appropriation in the amount of \$1,370,000 to the Broadband Authority for the purpose of paying for the work proposed under the contract awarded during the Broadband Authority meeting and authorized the County Administrator to execute the agreement.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

IX. County Administrator's Report

A. Projects Status Report

County Administrator Rodgers provided the Board an update on the landfill and transfer station. He said we are working with DEQ to reopen the backside of landfill to extend the life of landfill in the event of a slowdown on construction of the transfer station. He said that wet weather could be a factor that would contribute to the slowdown.

Vice-Chair Pugh asked what was the timeline for completion of the transfer station. Mr. Rodgers replied November 2021.

Mr. Rodgers reported the Boxwood Farm Convenience Center is waiting on asphalt as soon as the asphalt plant opens in March.

Mr. Rodgers advised he would remove the Riverview and Sardis Convenience Centers from the project Status Report and not pursue those until he receives further guidance.

He also reported that Riveredge Park Trail is out for bid and will close on March 18; the Madison Heights Master Plan is moving forward; and the solicitation for a financial software consultant has gone out to bid.

B. New Director of Recreation and Cultural Development

County Administrator Rodgers introduced Mr. Patrick Nalley as the new Director of Recreation and Cultural Development.

X. County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney had no matter to discuss.

XI. Liaison and Committee Reports

A. Planning Commission - Annual Report

Mr. Michael Bryant, Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission provided the Board with the Planning Commission's Annual Report.

B. Agriculture Committee - Ms. Claudia Tucker

Supervisor Tucker advised the Agriculture Committee met last week with two members of the Nelson County Board of Supervisors to discuss a joint agricultural complex.

Supervisor Ayers advised the next meeting has been scheduled for March 10.

C. Amherst County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Development Board - Mr. Tom Martin

Supervisor Martin advised that Recreation Board members participated in the interview process for the Director of Recreation and look forward to working with Mr. Nalley.

XII. Departmental Reports

A. Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 31, 2020

For information only.

B. Broadband Update

Community Development Director Jeremy Bryant presented a project update on broadband and reported on the progress. (See Attachment 1)

Mr. Bryant explained the color-coding on the map:

Yellow area is VATI pending to make a decision for fiber extension (Izaak Walton and Winton area)

Orange area is in service now with FireFly

Magenta area is the Gladstone project and will be built over the next several months

Red area is CVEC and is planned for construction over the next 15 months

Blue area represents 5,000 homes including 1,100 CVEC homes which CVEC is committed to the next 4-6 years to build out the plan

Red outline area is generally the COMCAST area

Uncolored areas represent low density and which will need to be focused on future grants

Mr. Bryant said that CVEC has been an excellent partner working with the County on providing internet service.

C. CARES Act Update

For information only.

D. General Fund Availability Report

For information only.

E. Budget Status Report as of December 31, 2020

For information only.

XIII. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

XIV. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

Chair Moore had no matter to discuss.

Vice-Chair Pugh had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Martin had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Ayers asked the County Administrator to contact VDOT regarding potholes and the condition of the road surface on Camden Drive.

Supervisor Tucker had no matter to discuss.

XV. Adjournment

By motion of Supervisor Ayers and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None



Jennifer R. Moore, Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk

