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**AMHERST COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Board of Supervisors**

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

**MINUTES**

**May 18, 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 May 18, 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

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

Chair Moore stated that Board meetings are now being streamed live on Facebook and on YouTube.

## **II. Approval of Agenda**

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board amended the Agenda for May 18, 2021 and postponed Item A. Adopt School Board Budget under VII. Old Business to a future meeting after the Joint Board Committee Meeting on June 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

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

NAY: Mr. Martin

ABSENT: None

## **III. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Supervisor Martin led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

## **IV. Citizen Comment**

Mr. Ronald Kzarek of Madison Heights, Virginia addressed the Board regarding excessive speeding on Possum Hollow Road.

Ms. Lillian Johnson of Amherst, Virginia addressed the Board regarding the Social Justice Lessons topic. Ms. Johnson said she would address the Board later when this matter comes up on tonight's agenda.

Mr. Sidney Storozum of Monroe, Virginia addressed the Board regarding the Critical Race Theory (CRT). He urged the Board to postpone approval of the School budget until Supervisors can properly educate themselves to have a full and transparent disclosure of what is going on with this issue.

## **V. Public Hearing**

A. VDOT Rural Rustic Priority List FY22-FY27

Mr. Robert Brown, VDOT Residency Administrator addressed the Board and presented the proposed Amherst County Six-Year Plan and the Rural Rustic Priority List FT22-FY27.

Mr. Brown explained the plan, outlined the construction for county roads over the next six years and the funding of how monies are allocated for unpaved roads.

He advised Lavender Lane and Campbell's Mill Road are under construction and nearing completion; East Perch Road will be built this year; Fox Hall Drive is scheduled for 2022; and Shady Mountain and Chestnut Lane are slated for surface treatment in May 2023. (See Attachment 1)

Mr. Brown advised that included in this plan are drainage issues, which will help with replacement of pipes and culverts on secondary roads in Amherst County.

To answer Supervisor Tucker's question about the grass-cutting budget, Mr. Brown stated that VDOT would perform all in-house mowing and anticipates that it will begin now and continue through June and July.

County Administrator Rodgers provided the Board with a proposed Rural Rustic Priority List FY22-FY27 Draft 5/17/21 and said the list was crafted by staff recommendation using the lowest cost and highest vehicle count.

The Board agreed to accept this list as presented. (See Attachment 2).

The Public Hearing was opened.

Proponents: Mr. Donald Painter of Amherst, Virginia, addressed the Board and appreciated that funding has been approved for resurfacing Chestnut Lane in 2023.

Opponents: None

The Public Hearing was closed.

By motion of Vice-Chair Pugh and with the following vote, the Board approved the priority list ranking of unfunded rural road projects as proposed by staff recommendation.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

By motion of Vice-Chair Pugh and with the following vote, the Board adopted VDOT's Six-Year Plan as presented.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**B. Food Truck Ordinance 2021-0004**

Community Development Director Jeremy Bryant presented the proposed ordinance that would regulate food trucks, trailers and carts. He said the County has no regulations that govern these operations.

Mr. Bryant advised that the Planning Commission at its April 15, 2021 meeting recommended approval of the proposed ordinance.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

The Public Hearing was closed.

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board adopted Ordinance 2021-0004.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**VI. Consent Agenda**

**A. Minutes - April 20, 2021 and April 28, 2021**

It was moved that the Board approve the minutes of April 20, 2021 and April 28, 2021.

**B. Amend FY 2022 Budget - Additional Compensation Board Revenue**

It was moved that the Board appropriate the additional Compensation Board revenue into the FY22 O&M Budget, as described.

**VII. Old Business**

A. Adopt School Board Budget

This item was postponed to a future meeting after the Joint Board Committee Meeting on June 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

**VIII. New Business**



#### A. Social Justice Lessons

County Administrator Rodgers addressed the Board about the Social Justice Lessons being taught in the schools. He understood that Board members had received questions from the community about this curriculum and Supervisors were not aware that the School Board had gone through a process to inform parents to teach these lessons.

Mr. Rodgers advised he compiled a list of those questions and sent them to the School Superintendent and School Board Chair. He said the School Board voted not to attend tonight's meeting to address those questions but asked that a special meeting be held. Mr. Rodgers said the Joint Board Committee, comprised of two Supervisors and two School Board members, would hold a meeting on June 1 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss those questions and answers. The other members of the Board of Supervisors and School Board would also be invited to attend and a public comment session would be included as part of this meeting. Chair Moore opened the public comment session.

Ms. Lillian Johnson of Amherst, Virginia addressed the Board and expressed her displeasure with the curriculum and recommended reading material that was provided. She said the Critical Race Theory's (CRT) agenda is to teach this theory beginning at age one and will be monitored.

Ms. Johnson said as a citizen she was opposed to this and sees nothing but blacks against whites, discrimination and the promotion of racism. She said CRT is not based on truth but combating racism with racism.

Mr. Sid Storozum of Monroe, Virginia addressed the Board and asked if the public could direct questions to the School Superintendent at the June 1 meeting.

Mr. Rodgers stated the Joint Board Committee does not have any Rules of Procedure in place and the Committee would have to address that at the June 1 meeting.

Mr. Storozum said that the only leverage the Board of Supervisors has is to approve the School's budget. He said our community is not ready for the "brainwashing and fear factor" and a strategy of putting children against their parents. He further commented these are young impressionable children and the schools have attempted to minimize the roles that families and religious institutions play.

Mr. Rodgers informed the Board he was asked to read two letters that were submitted by Mr. Jason Baker and Mr. Michael Despres and to be included as part of the public comment session. (See Attachments 3 and 4)

Supervisor Tucker then remarked that the Board of Supervisors have been supportive of the School Board. She said when taxpayers came to the Board with questions and concerns, the Board took those questions and wanted an open and transparent dialogue with the School Board. She said there was no "power play" by the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Martin wanted to clarify that a referendum was voted on by the citizens of the County to elect School Board members, and that the Board of Supervisors did not have any say in how that was done. Mr. Martin encouraged all citizens to contact each School Board member and express their views.

**B. County Forest Management**

Purchasing Agent David Proffitt presented information to the Board for a plan to harvest timber on County-owned property. He advised a RFP has been prepared to hire a professional forester to develop a comprehensive stewardship plan of County tracts of land. Mr. Proffitt said he would return to the Board with details before the harvesting process begins.

Vice-Chair Pugh said he would like to see old growth forests preserved. He said the price of timber is down, however, the cost of finished lumber is up and he agrees going through the right avenue with the forestry plan.

Supervisor Martin requested that the County proceed with caution and suggested the harvesting and replanting of those areas be done environmentally and in a systematic way.

**IX. County Administrator's Report**

**A. Non-Interference Agreement**

County Administrator Rodgers addressed the Board regarding a Non-Interference Agreement between the County and the Service Authority.

Mr. Rodgers said that beneath the RiverEdge Trail is the main sewer line for the Service Authority. He said ACSA requires that the County take responsibility if that line is damaged due to the expansion of the RiverEdge Trail construction project.

Mr. Rodgers asked that the Board authorize him to sign the agreement.

By motion of Supervisor Ayers and with the following vote, the Board approved the Non-Interference Agreement and granted the County Administrator authority to execute the agreement upon final review and approval of the County Attorney.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**X. County Attorney's Report**

The County Attorney had no matter to discuss.



## **XI. Liaison and Committee Reports**

### **A. Blue Ridge Regional Jail Report**

For information only.

## **XII. Departmental Reports**

### **A. Financial Software Consultant Update**

IT Director Jackie Viar addressed the Board and presented an update on the replacement vendor for the County's new financial and tax collection software.

Ms. Viar reported that five proposals were received and the top three were chosen by a group of five individuals consisting of one Constitutional officer, the Finance Director, David Proffitt, the IT Director and one citizen with extensive software knowledge.

She said the consultant will meet with each department and then develop an RFP.

Ms. Viar advised that the first phase will be to draft the RFP for the software and the second phase will oversee the project as an implementation specialist and work directly with her as the Project Manager on behalf of the County.

Supervisor Martin asked Ms. Viar about the funding for the software and the cost of the consultant. Ms. Viar referred to the Board's September 2020 minutes that reiterated staying within the limits of the money that the Board approved for the total software package.

## **XIII. Citizen Comment**

Mr. Ronnie Wright of Amherst County addressed the Board and provided information on his progress with trash pickup in the County.



**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 Ayers had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Martin had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Tucker had no matter to discuss.

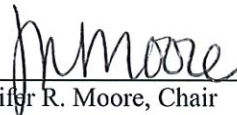
**XV. Adjournment**

By motion of Supervisor Martin and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None



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Jennifer R. Moore, Chair  
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



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Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk

Secondary System  
Amherst County  
Construction Program  
Estimated Allocations

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**Attachment 1**

V.A.

Fund	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	Total
TeleFee	\$89,462	\$89,462	\$89,462	\$89,462	\$89,462	\$89,462	\$536,772
District Grant - Unpaved	\$276,836	\$370,622	\$366,441	\$366,441	\$389,332	\$389,332	\$2,159,004
Total	\$366,298	\$460,084	\$455,903	\$455,903	\$478,794	\$478,794	\$2,695,776

Board Approval Date:

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Residency Administrator

Date

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County Administrator

Date

District: Lynchburg  
County: Amherst County  
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Route PPMS ID Accomplishment Type of Funds Type of Project Priority #	Road Name Project # Description FROM TO Length	Estimated Cost     Ad Date	Traffic Count Scope of Work FHWA # Comments
0743 116286 STATE FORCES/HIRED EQUIPMENT S State forces/Hired equip CN Only 0002.01	LAVENDER LANE 0743005501 RTE 743 - RURAL RUSTIC (SURFACE TREAT NON-HARDSURFACE) RTE 615 DEAD END 0.5	PE \$0 RW \$0 CN \$90,000 Total \$90,000  9/1/2020	50 Resurfacing 17005
0608 116287 STATE FORCES/HIRED EQUIPMENT S State forces/Hired equip CN Only 0002.02	CAMPBELLS MILL ROAD 0608005501 RTE 608 - RURAL RUSTIC (SURFACE TREAT NON-HARDSURFACE) 0.60 MI. SOUTH RTE 736 2.35 MI SOUTH RTE 736 1.7	PE \$0 RW \$0 CN \$324,000 Total \$324,000  9/18/2020	60 Resurfacing 17005
0650 116288 STATE FORCES/HIRED EQUIPMENT S State forces/Hired equip CN Only 0002.03	EAST PERCH ROAD 0650005501 RTE 650 - RURAL RUSTIC (SURFACE TREAT NON-HARDSURFACE) 2.04 MI EAST RTE 695 0.06 MI WEST RTE 691 2.0	PE \$0 RW \$0 CN \$500,000 Total \$500,000  7/16/2021	80 Resurfacing 17005
0606 116289 STATE FORCES/HIRED EQUIPMENT S State forces/Hired equip CN Only 0002.04	FOX HALL DRIVE 0606005501 RTE 606 - RURAL RUSTIC(SURFACE TREAT NON - HARDSURFACE) RTE 60 DEAD END 1.4	PE \$0 RW \$0 CN \$252,000 Total \$252,000  5/17/2022	80 Resurfacing 17005
0696 116290 STATE FORCES/HIRED EQUIPMENT S State forces/Hired equip CN Only 0002.05	SHADY MOUNTAIN ROAD 0696005501 RTE 696 - RURAL RUSTIC (SURFACE TREAT NON - HARDSURFACE) RTE 715 DEAD END 1.0	PE \$0 RW \$0 CN \$180,000 Total \$180,000  8/3/2023	60 Resurfacing 17005
0729 116059 STATE FORCES/HIRED EQUIPMENT S State forces/Hired equip CN Only 0002.06	CHESTNUT LANE 0729005P01 RTE 729 - RURAL RUSTIC (SURFACETREAT NON-HARDSURFACE) RTE 742 DEAD END 0.6	PE \$0 RW \$0 CN \$108,000 Total \$108,000  7/12/2023	100 Resurfacing 17005

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County: Amherst County

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Route	Road Name	Estimated Cost		Traffic Count
PPMS ID	Project #			Scope of Work
Accomplishment	Description			FHWA #
Type of Funds	FROM			Comments
Type of Project	TO			
Priority #	Length	Ad Date		
9999	VARIOUS	PE	\$0	
-25253	9999005P25	RW	\$0	Resurfacing
STATE FORCES/HIRED EQUIPMENT	FY25 AMHERST COUNTY UNPAVED ROAD PROJECTS	CN	\$111,494	17005
State forces/Hired equip CN Only	VARIOUS	Total	\$111,494	#1 - RTE 607(BEVERLYTOWN RD) - FROM: 1.90MI WEST OF RTE 640 TO RTE 607 - LENGTH 1.4MI - EST \$111,494
0002.07	VARIOUS			
9999	VARIOUS	PE	\$0	
-25255	9999005P26	RW	\$0	Resurfacing
STATE FORCES/HIRED EQUIPMENT	FY26 AMHERST COUNTY UNPAVED ROAD PROJECTS	CN	\$389,332	17005
State forces/Hired equip CN Only	VARIOUS	Total	\$389,332	#1 - RTE 607(BEVERLYTOWN RD) - FROM: 1.90MI WEST OF RTE 640 TO: RTE 607 - LENGTH 1.4MI - EST \$168,506 - Additional fund'ng needed in FY26 to complete route - Total Cost - \$280,000 #2 - RTE 733(WINDYRIDGE RD) - FROM: RTE 658 TO: DEAD END - LENGTH 1.3MI - EST \$220,826
0002.08	VARIOUS			
9999	VARIOUS	PE	\$0	
-25256	9999005P27	RW	\$0	Resurfacing
STATE FORCES/HIRED EQUIPMENT	FY27 AMHERST COUNTY UNPAVED ROAD PROJECTS	CN	\$389,332	17005
State forces/Hired equip CN Only	VARIOUS	Total	\$389,332	#1 - RTE 733(WINDYRIDGE RD) - FROM: RTE 658 TO: DEAD END - LENGTH 1.3MI - EST \$39,174 - Additional fund'ng needed in FY27 to complete route - Total Cost - \$260,000 #2 - RTE 636(WARES GAP RD) - FROM: 1.2MI EAST OF RTE 610 TO: 1.37MI EAST OF RTE 610 - LENGTH - 0.25MI - EST \$50,000
0002.09	VARIOUS			
4005		PE	\$0	0
99999	1204005	RW	\$0	Preliminary Engineering
NOT APPLICABLE	COUNTYWIDE ENGINEERING & SURVEY	CN	\$250,000	16015
S	VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN COUNTY	Total	\$250,000	MINOR SURVEY & PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FOR BUDGET ITEMS AND INCIDENTAL TYPE WORK.
0006.01	VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN COUNTY	3/1/2011		
4008		PE	\$0	0
100309	1204008	RW	\$0	Right of Way
NOT APPLICABLE	COUNTYWIDE RIGHT OF WAY ENGR.	CN	\$250,000	16016
S	VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN COUNTY	Total	\$250,000	USE WHEN IMPRACTICAL TO OPEN A PROJECT: ATTORNEY FEES and ACQUISITION COST.
0006.02	VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN COUNTY	1/30/2011		
4007		PE	\$0	0
99781	1204007	RW	\$0	Safety
NOT APPLICABLE	COUNTYWIDE TRAFFIC SERVICES	CN	\$250,000	16021
S	VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN COUNTY	Total	\$250,000	TRAFFIC SERVICES INCLUDE SECONDARY SPEED ZONES, SPEED STUDIES, OTHER NEW SECONDARY SIGNS
0006.03	VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN COUNTY	3/1/2011		
9999		PE	\$0	
-18799	9999005810	RW	\$0	
NOT APPLICABLE	AMHERST COUNTY UNPAVED ROAD FUNDING	CN	\$0	
0006.04		Total	\$0	



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Route	Road Name	Estimated Cost	Traffic Count
PPMS ID	Project #		Scope of Work
Accomplishment	Description		FHWA #
Type of Funds	FROM		Comments
Type of Project	TO		
Priority #	Length	Ad Date	
9999		PE \$0	
116954	9999005736	RW \$0	
NOT APPLICABLE	AMHERST COUNTYWIDE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	CN \$300,000	
		Total \$300,000	
0006.05		7/31/2020	

### AMHERST COUNTY

#### RURAL RUSTIC PRIORITY LIST - FY22/FY27

PRIORITY	ROUTE	NAME	FROM	TO	LENGTH	TC - VPD	PROJECTED FUNDING *	COST/Veh/Staff Rec
1	613	Kent Moor Farm Rd	Route 648	Route 654	1.20 Mi	80	\$240,000	\$3,000
2	776	Walnut Springs Road	Route 622	DEAD END	0.50 Mi	70	\$100,000	\$1,429
3	616	West Monitor Road	Route 617	Route 60	0.94 Mi	80	\$200,000	\$2,500
*	662	Geddes Mt. Road	Route 700	Route 29	1.80 Mi.	80	\$360,000	\$4,500
*	621	Indian Creek	Route 687	Dead End	1.58 Mi	60	\$300,000	\$5,000
*	607	Beverly Town Road	Route 610	Route 640	1.30 Mi	28	\$240,000	\$8,571
*	655	Ned Brown Road	0.27 Mi. S Route 671	Dead End	0.18 Mi	40	\$36,000	\$900
*	647	Waugh's Ferry Road	0.80 Mi. S Route 130	Dead End	0.40 Mi	40	\$80,000	\$2,000
*	624	Early Farm Road	4.85 Mi. E. Route 604	Route 622	2.85 Mi	80	\$570,000	\$7,125
*	769	Bucks Hollow	Route 60	Dead End	0.22 Mi	74	\$40,000	\$541
*	716	Moss Rock Rd	Route 60	Dead End	0.20 Mi.	69	\$30,000	\$435
*	612	Summer Hill Road	Route 768	Dead End	0.76 Mi.	53	\$160,000	\$3,019
*	664	Josuha Falls Road	Route 622	Dead End	1.55 Mi	60	\$310,000	\$5,167
	752	Long Branch Road	Route 617	Dead End	1.00 Mi	40	\$200,000	\$5,000
	692	Long Branch Rd	Route 617	Route 752	0.47 Mi.	40	\$88,000	\$2,200
	617	PoorHouse Farm Rd	Route 692	Route 778	1.92 Mi	49	\$384,000	\$7,837
	808	Loblolly Lane	Route 610	Dead End	0.25 Mi.	50	\$40,000	\$800
	776	Pierce Mountain Road	Route 617	Dead End	0.80 Mi	50	\$160,000	\$3,200

\$3,538,000

Estimated cost per mile \$200,000

\*Based FY22/FY27 SSYP projected allocations

\$1,145,105

**Dean Rodgers**

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**From:** Tom Martin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 18, 2021 4:05 PM  
**To:** michael despres  
**Cc:** Dean Rodgers  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]

Thank you for your comments.

Mr. Rodgers, please have this read into the record this evening.

Tom

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**From:** michael despres <mr.m.despres@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 18, 2021 3:41 PM  
**To:** Tom Martin <tmartin@CountyOfAmherst.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

Hello Mr.Martin

I am Michael Despres, I reside at 248 Pierces Mill rd Amherst, Va. I have been a resident of Amherst county for nearly my entire life. I based my decisions of living/raising my family on past encounters and experiences in this county. This is a small, proud, honest, beautiful country county. Whose backbone is based on respect, honesty and, integrity that has kept the community whole. While most of the country is becoming divided on different topics. I strongly believe following other parts of the country and changing our younger generations curriculum in the school systems classes will change the beliefs, backbone and, the future in the county. People respect and value each other as a whole community. I strongly urge as leaders do not be the start of change in which this county looks at everyday situations and, are perceived differently! I am against the introduction of CRT CLASSES.

Please read my comment in the meeting of 5/18/21

Thank you



**Dean Rodgers**

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**From:** jbak911@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2021 10:31 AM  
**To:** Dean Rodgers  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]BOS meeting on 5/18/2021 in regards to the agenda for "Social Justice Lessons"

My name is Jason Baker I live 851 Larkin Mountain Road Amherst Virginia.

**Please read my comments below during the meeting on 5/18/2021** in regards to the agenda for "Social Justice Lessons".

Hello my name is Jason Baker and I live in the 1<sup>st</sup> district of Amherst county and I have four children and four grandchildren that attend school here in the county. I recently was made aware that the Amherst County School Board has made a decision to push CRT (Critical Race Theory) into our children's class room here in Amherst County. I would like to say that my family and friends will never support this now or in the future. I'm sure most people don't even know what CRT is about but in short it's a racist and marxist brainwashing. I'm deeply hurt that the school board pushed this without the consent or making parents aware this was happening. We have already seen what groups like ANTIFA, liberal media and what cancel culture has done to America. I can't believe the law abiding citizens of Amherst County want to turn their children into the Antifa thugs like they have in Seattle and Minneapolis. The superintendent of the school board should stand down and resign or be fired for allowing this to happen. Bring back the 1776 Commission ("patriotic education").

Thank you for your time,  
Jason Baker