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AMHERST COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board of Supervisors

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

MINUTES

April 18, 2023
Administration Building - 153 Washington
Street - Public Meeting Room
Amherst, Virginia 24521
Meeting Convened - 7:00 PM

County Administrator
Jeremy Bryant, Interim

County Attorney
Mark Popovich

I. Call to Order

At a regular meeting of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors held on April 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Tom Martin, Chairman
L. J. Ayers III, Vice-Chair
David W. Pugh, Jr., Supervisor

ABSENT: Claudia D. Tucker, Supervisor
Drew Wade, Supervisor

STAFF:

Jeremy S. Bryant, Interim County Administrator
David R. Proffitt, Deputy County Administrator
Mark Popovich, County Attorney
Kristen Freeman, Clerk

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: All Board of Supervisors meetings are now being streamed live on Facebook and on YouTube.

II. Approval of Agenda

By motion of Vice-Chair Ayers and with the following vote, the Board approved the agenda with the following amendments. A closed session, pursuant to Sec. 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the purpose of discussing and considering prospective candidates for employment as County Administrator and Section V. Item B. Budget Presentation was removed from the agenda and is rescheduled for a public hearing on May 1, 2023 at 7 pm, and is scheduled for adoption on May 8, 2023 at 3 pm.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers, and Mr. Pugh
NAY: None
ABSENT: Mrs. Tucker and Mr. Wade

III. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Pugh led the Invocation and Vice-Chair Ayers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Public Hearing

A. Special Exception 2023-033 Cowan Systems LLC

Tyler Creasy, Assistant Planning and Zoning Director presented the Board with a Special Exception. The request by Benjamin Thompson (Cowan Systems, LLC) for a special exception in the B-2 General Commercial District. The purpose of the special exception is to allow a tank that is 12,000 gallons in size. The tank will hold diesel fuel. The property is located at 178 Elon Road and is identified as tax map number 147-A-159.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

The Public Hearing was closed.

By motion of Supervisor Pugh and with the following vote, the Board approved Special Exception 2023-033 with the Planning Commissions recommendations.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers, and Mr. Pugh

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Tucker and Mr. Wade

B. Budget Presentation

Item stricken from Agenda and rescheduled for May 1, 2023.

VI. Consent Agenda

By motion of Vice-Chair Ayers and with the following vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda for April 18, 2023.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers, and Mr. Pugh

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Tucker and Mr. Wade

A. Minutes - April 4, 2023

It was moved that the Board adopt the minutes from April 4, 2023.

B. Change in Military Leave Requirement

It was moved that the Board accept the revision to HR Regulation Chapter 6, Section 6.8 MILITARY LEAVE, increasing military leave from 15 work days to 21 work days per federal fiscal year effective 7/1/2022 as required by state law.

VII. Special Presentation

A. Gateway Sanitary Sewer Project - Davenport

By motion of Vice-Chair Ayers and with the following vote, the Board adopted and executed Resolution 2023-5-R and the Support Agreement with Amherst County Service Authority for the financing of ACSA's Gateway Sanitary Sewer Project.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers, and Mr. Pugh

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Tucker and Mr. Wade

VIII. County Administrator's Report

A. Boards/Commissions/Committees - Agriculture Committee

By motion of Vice-Chair Ayers and with the following vote, the Board appointed Mr. Jeffrey Floyd to serve a three-year term.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers, Mr. Wade, and Mr. Pugh

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Tucker and Mr. Wade

IX. County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney had no matter to discuss.

X. Liaison and Committee Reports

A. School Board - Claudia Tucker

Mrs. Tucker was absent and unable to report on this matter.

B. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Development Board- Tom Martin

Chairman Martin reported that the Parks and Cultural Development Board continues to meet and are providing many recreation opportunities in the county and he encourages citizens to go to the Parks & Recreation Facebook page and the county website and get involved with those opportunities.

C. Emergency Services Council - Jimmy Ayers

Vice-Chair Ayers stated the Emergency Services Council met last week. He stated he is proud of our Emergency Services here in the county. Mr. Ayers stated he would like to compliment Mr. Beam, Director of Public Safety, on all he does and the camaraderie he seems to create with the staff. Mr. Ayers stated Mr. Beam and his employees are working hard on the new fire training facility.

XI. Departmental Reports

A. Amherst County Museum & Historical Society - Annual Report

Octavia Starbuck, Director of the Amherst County Museum & Historical Society presented the Board with an annual report.

XII. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

XIII. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

Chair Martin had no matter to discuss.

Vice-Chair Ayers had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Pugh had no matter to discuss.

XIV. Closed Session

A. A closed session, pursuant to Sec. 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the purpose of discussing and considering prospective candidates for employment as County Administrator.

XV. Certification of Closed Session

Chairman Martin moved that the Amherst County Board of Supervisors certify by a recorded vote that, to the best of each Board member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion authorizing the closed session were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed session.

Mr. Martin: AYE

Mr. Ayers: AYE

Mr. Pugh: AYE

XIV. Adjournment

By motion of Vice-Chair Ayers and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 7:45 pm.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers, and Mr. Pugh

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Tucker and Mr. Wade



Tom Martin, Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Jeremy Bryant Interim County Administrator