

BOOK 33**VIRGINIA:**

At a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County held at the Administration Building thereof on Monday, the 7th day of February, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at which the following members were present and absent:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

PRESENT:	Ms. C. Tucker	ABSENT: None
	Mr. F. Campbell	
	Mr. R. Curd	
	Mr. D. Kidd	

Ms. C. Tucker, Chair, called the meeting to order.

IN RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Bowyer requested a closed session §2.1.3771.1 (Personnel) be added to the agenda.

On motion of Mr. Curd and with the following vote, the Board of Supervisors approved the agenda with the addition.

AYE: Ms. C. Tucker, Mr. F. Campbell, Mr. R. Curd and Mr. D. Kidd

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

IN RE: INTERVIEWS FOR DISTRICT 4 SUPERVISOR

Ms. Tucker informed the audience that due to a technicality, the interviews for District 4 supervisors were being redone. Only three of the applicants were able to return for this meeting. Two were taken to the conference room to wait and the Board started with Mr. David W. Pugh, Jr.

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Ms. Tucker asked how he would like to be addressed. He informed them that David was fine.

Ms. Tucker started the questions.

Ms. Tucker – what do you consider the core obligations of county government?

Mr. Pugh – Protect rights of citizens, provide safety, provide education, and protect private property rights.

Mr. Campbell – If appointed will you be able to attend the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

Mr. Pugh – No problem

Mr. Curd – what do you see as the County's most pressing issue?

Mr. Pugh – budget is the number 1 issue.

Mr. Kidd – why are you interested in serving?

Mr. Pugh – loves his county, he started looking into politics some time back.

Ms. Tucker – revenue – what do you see to do to raise revenue?

Mr. Pugh – Against raising taxes – check line by line and see what can be cut and how to cut, how to cut fuel, how to save on electricity. Social Services – make people more responsible for themselves.

Mr. Campbell – District 4 and 5 – primary bulk of Service Authority – How do you feel about rate increases?

Mr. Pugh – look at expenses very closely and try to keep from having rate increases.

Mr. Curd – Will you run in the November election?

Mr. Pugh – Yes he will run.

Mr. Kidd – What do you think the role of the County Administrator is?

Mr. Pugh – Do not have any idea but will consider.

Ms. Tucker – what are your views on development vs. farm use or open space – are you a fan of planning and zoning?

Mr. Pugh – love the rural county but does not agree with taking people's rights away – would increase agriculture lot size. Farms raise money for the County

Mr. Campbell – what do you think of land use and rental inspections?

Mr. Pugh – No taxes and not costing county anything – Does not like rental inspections. You will need to hire more people to cover all the work. Enough regulations as it is.

Mr. Curd – No more questions

Mr. Kidd – how would you respond to citizen's complaints?

Mr. Pugh – Listen to the citizens.

Ms. Tucker – are there any more questions? She asked Mr. Pugh if he had any questions for the Board members. He informed the Board that he did not have any questions and wanted to let them know that he appreciated the Board's interest in him.

Ms. Juanita Roberson

Ms. Tucker – how do you want to be address?

Ms Roberson – Juanita

Ms. Tucker – what do you consider the core obligations of county government?

Mr. Roberson – provide for the people.

Mr. Campbell – If appointed will you be able to attend the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

Ms. Roberson – No problem

Mr. Curd – what do you see as the County's most pressing issue?

Ms. Roberson – work on getting a larger tax base – cut back on budget.

Mr. Kidd – why are you interested in serving?

Ms. Roberson – she believes in giving back to the community – she has served on many boards in her lifetime – she believes if you have a talent you should give back.

Ms. Tucker – revenue – what do you see to do to raise revenue?

Ms. Roberson – Study the budget, if cut to the bone then I would have to consider raising taxes.

Mr. Campbell – District 4 and 5 – primary bulk of Service Authority – How do you feel about rate increases?

Ms. Roberson – Does not see paying higher rates unless absolutely necessary – Does not feel up to answering.

Mr. Curd – Will you run in the November election?

Ms. Roberson – She would have to see what it's like between now and November, but it is a strong possibility that she would.

Mr. Kidd – What do you think the role of the County Administrator is?

Ms. Roberson – She thinks that the County Administrator would be very knowing with laws of County.

Ms. Tucker – what are your views on development vs. farm use or open space – are you a fan of planning and zoning?

Ms. Roberson – Prioritize what is important, bring in new business.

Mr. Campbell – what do you think of land use and rental inspections?

Ms. Roberson – I think there should be rental inspections and monitor land use – agricultural programs for lower taxes.

Mr. Curd – No more questions

Mr. Kidd – how would you respond to citizen's complaints?

Ms. Roberson – Listen to citizens and try to determine what can be done.

Ms. Tucker – No more questions

Ms. Campbell – No more questions

Ms. Tucker - Asked if she had any questions for the Board

Ms. Roberson – does the county have any type of training?

Ms. Tucker – Trial by fire

Mr. Kidd – explained about program that he went through.

Mr. Campbell – communication – listen and ask questions

Mr. Richard Harper

Ms. Tucker – how do you wish to be addressed?

Mr. Harper – Richard

Ms. Tucker – what do you consider the core obligations of county government?

Mr. Harper – Provide services to citizens of the County at lowest expense possible.

Mr. Campbell – If appointed will you be able to attend the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

Mr. Harper – No problem

Mr. Curd – what do you see as the County’s most pressing issue?

Mr. Harper – he knows the county is pressed for funding – don’t expand or start new programs unless they can produce revenue – Board work to bring in more revenue – is the county certified – check into cost of becoming certified to promote business.

Mr. Kidd – why are you interested in serving?

Mr. Harper – saw the vacancy and wanted to make sure that you had more than one applicant for the Board to have a choice. He likes to do things for other people in his district and the entire county.

Ms. Tucker – budget has been cut to the bare bones – How do you feel about raising taxes?

Mr. Harper – Try to spread raising taxes and as a last resort.

Mr. Campbell – District 4 and 5 – primary bulk of Service Authority – How do you feel about rate increases?

Mr. Harper – users should bear the cost.

Mr. Curd – Will you run in the November election?

Mr. Harper – yes he will.

Mr. Kidd – What do you think the role of the County Administrator is?

Mr. Harper – He handles day to day problems of the County, oversees work of the supervisors, guide the Board – gather information, facts and present to the Board members – Board is the decision maker, the County Administrator brings information to the Board.

Ms. Tucker – what are your views on development vs. farm use or open space – are you a fan of planning and zoning?

Mr. Harper – more farms are turning into subdivision – does not like to see that happen – this will impact farm land.

Mr. Campbell – what do you think of land use and rental inspections?

Mr. Harper – he’s in favor of land use – rental inspections, would prefer the county stay out of this, this can put lower income families out of a place to live – if no complaints government should stay out.

Mr. Curd – No more questions

Mr. Kidd – how would you respond to citizen’s complaints?

Mr. Harper – listen and try to help in any way possible but keep citizen informed.

Ms. Tucker asked if Mr. Harper had any questions.

Mr. Harper – when will decision be made?

Ms. Tucker – that night if possible.

IN RE: CLOSED SESSION

Mr. R. Curd moved that the Amherst County Board of Supervisors convene in closed session pursuant to the exemption at §2.2-3711 (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, regarding discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body.

This was seconded by Mr. D. Kidd and approved with the following vote:

AYE: Ms. C. Tucker, Mr. F. Campbell, Mr. R. Curd and Mr. D. Kidd
 NAY: None
 ABSENT: None

Mr. Curd moved to come out of closed session, seconded by Mr. Campbell and approved with the following vote:

AYE: Ms. C. Tucker, Mr. F. Campbell, Mr. R. Curd and Mr. D. Kidd
 NAY: None
 ABSENT: None

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Amherst County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Amherst County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Ms. C. Tucker 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 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.

Any member who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of clauses (I) and (ii) shall state the substance of the departure that, in his judgment, has taken place. (If any member cites a departure, his statement shall be recorded in the minutes.)

Ms. C. Tucker	AYE
Mr. F. Campbell	AYE
Mr. R. Curd	AYE
Mr. D. Kidd	AYE

The Board of Supervisors returned to regular session.

Mr. Curd – wanted to make a comment – Appreciate your desire to serve and it was a hard decision. He hopes all the candidates will consider running in November.

Mr. Campbell – proud that you want to consider this position.

Ms. Tucker – did not want to leave this decision to the judge.

Mr. Kidd – thanks to all three and please do not take this personally if you do not get appointed.

Mr. Campbell said he would like to make a motion to appoint Ms. Roberson as the District 4 representative.

This was approved with the following vote:

AYE: Ms. C. Tucker, Mr. F. Campbell, Mr. R. Curd and Mr. D. Kidd
 NAY: None
 ABSENT: None

Ms. Tucker hopes that the all the applicants come out for election.

IN RE: ADJOURN

On motion of Mr. R. Curd, seconded by Ms. C. Tucker and with the following vote, the Board adjourned.

AYE: Ms. C. Tucker, Mr. F. Campbell, Mr. R. Curd and Mr. D. Kidd

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Claudia D. Tucker, Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

C. Lee Lintecum, County Administrator