



## **Agenda Item V. A & B.**

**Meeting Date:** May 16, 2017

### **Special Presentations:**

- A. Presentation of Commemorative Resolution 2017-0002-CR Ernest N. Cash
- B. Presentation of Commemorative Resolution 2017-0004-CR Trenton Richie, Jr.

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Amherst County Board of Supervisors  
County Commemorative Resolution No. 2017-0002-CR

For consideration on April 18, 2017

**A COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION, NO. 2017-0002-CR**

Commemorating and celebrating the service of Ernest N. ("Ernie") Cash to Amherst County.

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Approved as to form by the County Attorney

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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST, VIRGINIA:**

**I. That the Amherst County Board of Supervisors expresses its profound thanks to Ernest N. ("Ernie") Cash for his dedicated and unstinting decades of service to Amherst County, as follows:**

**WHEREAS**, Ernie Cash retired from service with the Monelison Volunteer Fire Department ("MVFD") on February 19, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Cash began his career in the public safety arena when he volunteered to serve MVFD over four decades earlier, on October 24, 1971; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Cash served in various positions in the MVFD, including as a firefighter as well as in various line officer positions during his career; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Cash was first elected as MVFD Chief in 1980, and served in that position intermittently for 20 years, with his last year as Chief beginning on January 1, 2015, and ending on December 31, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Cash graduated with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Fire Science from Central Virginia Community College in 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Cash was certified as a Fire Instructor III with the Virginia Department of Fire Programs, and as an Emergency Medical Technician by the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Cash instructed many firefighting students during his career, and was instrumental in forming the Amherst County Fire Academy in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Cash was a valuable member of the Amherst County Emergency Services Council during his tenure as Chief, especially in his work assisting the development of the emergency services system for Amherst County; and

**WHEREAS**, during the course of the forty-five years and four months that he served with MVFD, Chief Cash has run innumerable calls at all hours of night and day, and has witnessed tremendous changes in the requirements for training and equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Cash continuously sought out and enjoyed fire training and education for the insights they provided into problem-solving on site at a conflagration, and in developing strong skills in new firefighters; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Cash has always supported the volunteers he led, including lobbying for them to receive incentives and other benefits from the County, seeking to obtain additional training and education for them, and modeling good leadership and fire-fighting practices; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Cash also helped facilitate the relationships between the volunteers and County staff to help further development of more holistic and effective responses to crisis situations in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Cash is prepared to enjoy his well-earned retirement with his family; however, the County still hopes he may yet be willing to teach some fire safety classes, and thereby help impart to new volunteers his love for the County and his faithful commitment to public safety.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST:**

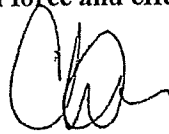
That the Amherst County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes Ernest N. "Ernie" Cash as an admired longtime volunteer firefighter, and commends him for the exceptional service and dedication he has demonstrated to Amherst County and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is directed to prepare a copy of this Resolution 2017-0002-CR for presentation to Chief Cash as an expression of the Board's appreciation for his generous dedication and commitment to the citizens of Amherst County in their most vulnerable moments of loss and desolation.

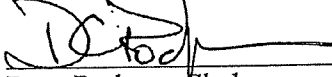
**II. That this resolution shall be in force and effect upon adoption.**

Adopted this 18th day of April, 2017.



Claudia D. Tucker, Chair  
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

**ATTEST:**

  
Dean Rodgers, Clerk  
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Abstentions 0