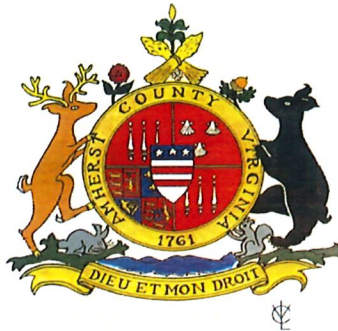


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AMHERST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES

AGENDA

April 16, 2019

Administration Building - 153 Washington Street - Public Meeting Room
Amherst, Virginia 24521
Meeting Convened – 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Citizen Comment

V. Public Hearing

- A. Rural Rustic Six-Year Road Plan
- B. Special Exception Request 2019-081: tourist rental
- C. Special Exception Request 2019-033: residential density for Phelps Road School Apartments
- D. FY2020 Budget

VI. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes - March 19, 2019 Budget Workshop
- B. May 2019 as Building Safety Month
- C. Amherst DSS - Appropriation Request

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- A. Amherst County Parks, Recreation & Cultural Development Board Charter

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A. Robert E. Lee Soil & Water Conservation District

XII. Citizen Comment

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XIV. Closed Session

A. A closed session pursuant to § 2.2-3711 (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for the purpose of the discussion or consideration of candidates for employment and the appointment, promotion, performance, or salary of a public employee where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals, specifically relating to the position of the Amherst County Fair Director.

XV. Certification of Closed Session

XVI. Adjournment



MINUTES

At a Regular Meeting of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors and held at the Amherst County Administration building, Amherst, Virginia, thereof on Tuesday, the 16th day of April, 2019, at 7:01 p.m., the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

PRESENT: L. J. Ayers III, Chairman
Kenneth M. Campbell, Vice-Chair
David W. Pugh, Jr., Supervisor
Jennifer R. Moore, Supervisor
Claudia D. Tucker, Supervisor

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: County Administrator Dean C. Rodgers
Deputy County Administrator David R. Proffitt
County Attorney Michael W. S. Lockaby
EA Clerk to Board Regina M. Rice
Community Development Director Jeremy Bryant

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Robert Brown, Virginia Department of Transportation

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Agenda

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board amended agenda for April 16, 2019 by adding a closed session regarding the County Administrator.

AYE: Mr. Ayers, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Pugh, Ms. Moore and Ms. Tucker
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

III. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ayers led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Public Hearing

A. Rural Rustic Six-Year Road Plan

Community Development Director Jeremy Bryant presented information regarding prioritizing the County's Rural Rustic Six-Year Road Plan by VDOT.

Mr. Bryant explained that page 1 of the list shows the current prioritized unpaved roads which the County has requested paving. Mr. Bryant said the roads listed on page 2 will need to be prioritized by the Board. **(See Attachment A)**

Mr. Robert Brown of VDOT addressed the Board and spoke on the projects that have been completed and those that have been funded.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Proponents:

Mr. Donald Painter of Amherst, Virginia, addressed the Board and spoke as a representative of Chestnut Lane. He asked about VDOT's funding and how the projects are moved up and down on the list.

Mr. Brown explained the Rural Rustic Six-year Road Plan and VDOT's process of funding unpaved roads.

Mr. Ray Gordinier of Amherst, Virginia addressed the Board regarding Windy Ridge Way and asked about the priority list.

Chairman Ayers said that as VDOT adds roads to the list, the existing roads which have been on list are not moved back. He said that Windy Ridge Way will remain in the place as shown on the priority list.

Opponents: None

The Public Hearing was closed.

Supervisor Pugh expressed his thanks to VDOT for making much progress working on the unpaved roads in Amherst County.

By motion of Supervisor Pugh and with the following vote, the Board approved the Rural Rustic Six-Year Road Plan as presented.

AYE: Mr. Ayers, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Pugh, Ms. Moore and Ms. Tucker
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

B. Special Exception Request 2019-081: tourist rental

Community Development Director Jeremy Bryant presented information regarding a special exception request by Benjamin and Susanna Trefsgar for a short-term tourist rental of a dwelling located at Maple Spring Farm B&B, 683 Maple Run Road, Amherst, Virginia,

Mr. Bryant advised that the boundary lines will be clearly marked as part of the special exception request, and said the Planning Commission recommended approval with the following conditions:

1. Lighting: All outdoor lighting will be glare-shielded and directed so as to prevent illumination across the property line.
2. Sewerage Facilities: The applicant shall follow all regulations prescribed by the Virginia Department of Health.
3. Short Term Tourist Rental: The applicant shall meet all requirements of Section 916 which regulates short-term tourist rental of dwellings.

Ms. Susanna Trefsgar addressed the Board and reported on the renovations of a cabin located on the property that will be used as the rental dwelling. She advised she is keeping the property historical and will be adding a bathroom and patio on back of the building.

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 approved the request with the conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

AYE: Mr. Ayers, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Pugh, Ms. Moore and Ms. Tucker
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

C. Special Exception Request 2019-033: residential density for Phelps Road School Apartments

Community Development Director Jeremy Bryant presented information regarding a special exception request by J. David McCormack for an increase of the residential density to forty (40) multi-family residential units at 123 Phelps Road. Mr. Bryant said the maximum density currently allows twenty-nine (29) units for a by-right use.

Mr. Bryant stated the Planning Commission recommended approval with the following conditions:

1. Exterior Lighting. All exterior lighting should be installed to prevent glare on adjacent properties and streets. Exterior lighting should be sufficient to illuminate the internal parking areas, sidewalks, doorways, stair wells and steps. (Comprehensive Plan, page 155)

2. Bus Shelter. The Greater Lynchburg Transit Company shall be notified of the development prior to the certificate of occupancy. (Comprehensive Plan, page 86, 110)
3. Public Utilities. All buildings should remain on public water and public sewer and shall be in compliance with the regulations specified by the Amherst County Service Authority. (Comprehensive Plan, page 51, pg 111)
4. Transportation. The applicant should meet all applicable regulations in accordance with the Virginia Department of Transportation. (Comprehensive Plan, page 86)
5. Trash Disposal. If a dumpster is located on the parcel it shall be screened from view from all residential districts. The dumpster should be screened with solid wood fence or solid material that is opaque. (Zoning Ordinance, Sec. 1601)
6. Sign. If a sign is erected, it should meet the requirements of the Amherst County Zoning Ordinance. Additionally, the sign shall not be internally lit. (Comprehensive Plan, page 122)
7. Landscaping. In addition to plantings that will be required as part of the site plan, all plantings should be designed in ways not to develop any hidden areas and shrubbery against the building should be of low to medium growth as approved by the Amherst County Sheriff's Department. (Comprehensive Plan, page 122)
8. Easement or Access. An easement or similar form of access from High Street to the parking lot is needed across property owned by Amherst County (TM# 155D-A-44).
9. Site Plan Approval. The owner shall seek site plan approval from the Planning Commission prior to issuance of a zoning permit.

Mr. Bryant advised those conditions will be put into a site plan which will then go before the Development Review Committee.

Another item Mr. Bryant discussed was a concern of visitors taking residents' parking spaces on Phelps Road and asked if permit parking could be available for residents that already live there.

County Attorney Lockaby advised there is a process with VDOT and would require a permit to post signs which the County has the authority to do.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Ms. Juanita Harlow, Phelps Road, Madison Heights, Virginia addressed the Board about her concern of parking on the street. She said Phelps Road is a one-way street and does create a difficult situation for parking. She was concerned about the number of proposed units and said that 20 or less would be "perfect" but more than 40 should not be allowed. She asked the Board to "freeze" this request at 40 units.

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

The Public Hearing was closed.

Chairman Ayers confirmed the special exception request was for 40 multi-family residential units.

Supervisor Pugh asked for more information about the type of units.

Ms. Zoey York of Waukeshaw Development advised the Board that most of the units would be one bedroom, approximately 600-700 square foot units, focusing on young professionals and retirees.

Supervisor Pugh commented that he was originally opposed to the apartments and skeptical if the project would come to fruition. However, he recently learned that Mr. McCormack has secured an environmental grant which will help the area and he supports the project.

By motion of Supervisor Moore and with the following voted, the Board approved the request with the conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

AYE: Mr. Ayers, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Pugh, Ms. Moore and Ms. Tucker
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

D. FY2020 Budget

County Administrator Rodgers presented an overview of the FY2020 Budget. He stated there have been no proposed tax changes and the budget is ready for approval at the Board's next regular meeting on May 7, 2019.

Supervisor Tucker said the process has greatly improved and thanked Mr. Rodgers and staff on a job well done.

Mr. Bill Peters of Amherst, Virginia, addressed the Board and remarked on the budget. Mr. Peters provided the Board his comments. **(See Attachment B)**

Mr. Peters added that "Amherst County will never be a tourism destination and be satisfied that Amherst County is a wonderful community to live in".

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 directed staff to schedule the adoption of the finalized FY 2020 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan for the regular board meeting May 7, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

AYE: Mr. Ayers, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Pugh, Ms. Moore and Ms. Tucker
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

VI. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes - March 19, 2019 Budget Workshop
- B. May 2019 as Building Safety Month
- C. Amherst DSS - Appropriation Request

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda for April 16, 2019.

AYE: Mr. Ayers, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Pugh, Ms. Moore and Ms. Tucker
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

VII. New Business

A. Amherst County Parks, Recreation & Cultural Development Board Charter

County Administrator Rodgers advised the Parks and Recreation Board has updated its charter and asked for the Board's approval.

By motion of Chairman Ayers and with the following voted, the Board approved the Charter as presented.

AYE: Mr. Ayers, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Pugh, Ms. Moore and Ms. Tucker
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

VIII. County Administrator's Report

A. Boards/Commissions/Committees - Building Appeals Board

County Administrator Rodgers advised the term of Mr. Donald Tyree will expire on April 30, 2019. Mr. Tyree indicated his desire to be re-appointed for another four-year term.

The vacancy was advertised in the News & Advance on March 31, 2019 and New Era Progress on April 2, 2019. Staff did not receive any additional letters of interest.

By motion of Supervisor Campbell and with the following vote, the Board re-appointed Donald Tyree to serve another four-year term on the Building Appeals Board.

AYE: Mr. Ayers, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Pugh, Ms. Moore and Ms. Tucker
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

B. Monacan Nation Sponsorship

County Administrator Rodgers provided to the Board a request by the Monacan Nation for a sponsorship for the Monacan Powwow. He advised there is funding available in the public affairs budget to support the sponsorship.

Chairman Ayers said the Monacans are an integral part of Amherst County with burial grounds in the county, a place of education off of Kenmore Road, a church and they now have gained federal recognition. He was in favor of supporting the sponsorship for the Monacan powwow.

Supervisor Tucker agreed on the sponsorship. She requested that the Board look at the process for supporting all non-profits.

Supervisor Moore said that a set of standards should be in place for non-profits' requests.

Supervisor Pugh agreed but would like to see the County remain neutral. He said he did not support the Monacan Nation sponsorship.

Chairman Ayers advised he received a letter from Mr. Gary Friend of Neighbors Helping Neighbors asking for support. He asked that the Board consider this non-profit that assists citizens in the community by providing basic food needs.

Mr. Rodgers advised that the funding for Neighbors Helping Neighbors could be taken out of the unobligated general fund.

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board approved a \$500 contribution to the Monacan Nation Sponsorship and the money is to be taken from the PR budget; and directed the County Administrator to develop a process in which the County contributes to non-profits.

AYE: Mr. Ayers, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Pugh, Ms. Moore and Ms. Tucker
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

In addition, the Board voted on the following item:

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board approved a \$1500 contribution to Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

AYE: Mr. Ayers, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Pugh, Ms. Moore and Ms. Tucker
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

Mr. Rodgers advised the Board of a development that occurred today with the Dodds Store Convenience Center. He advised the contractor has been directed to stop construction on the project until a boundary dispute on the eastern side of the property is settled with Buffalo River Ranch.

IX. County Attorney's Report

County Attorney Lockaby congratulated Building Official Nate Young on his victory in court today on derelict properties.

X. Liaison and Committee Reports

A. Discussion - Central Virginia Planning District Commission Exec. Committee Meeting, March 29, 2019

County Administrator Rodgers advised the Board of grant match funds discussed at the Central Virginia Planning District Commission meeting regarding CVTC. He said the Alliance is seeking \$250K matching funds for a CVTC Redevelopment Plan, and other local match contributors have asked what amount Amherst County would contribute.

Mr. Rodgers informed that the Alliance is prepared to raise the \$250,000 and asked the Board if the County was willing to put up some funding, which could be taken out of the unobligated general fund or a revenue sharing arrangement with the Planning District Commission.

Supervisor Tucker said that the County has to be proactive and to consider the revenue sharing option.

Supervisor Pugh said the County only has control over the zoning of the property.

Mr. Rodgers said the redevelopment plan would be made to assist the County with respect to the best use of property and how to put it into place.

County Attorney Lockaby remarked that legislation passed this year states that when DGS offers the property for sale they will need to offer the locality and economic entity to come up with a plan before 180 days has lapsed.

Chairman Ayers said the potential is there to negotiate with potential businesses offering incentives to businesses.

Supervisor Pugh stated that the County should start with \$50,000 and have the EDA work with the County Administrator on a plan for redeveloping the property.

It was the consensus of the Board to invest \$50,000 with County resources for a CVTC redevelopment plan.

XI. Departmental Reports

A. Robert E. Lee Soil & Water Conservation District

For information only.

XII. Citizen Comment

There was not public comment.

XIII. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Tucker had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Moore had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Pugh commented on the condition of store fronts along the Madison Heights corridor. He inquired if there were grants or tax rebates for storefront owners to deal with blight in that area.

Chairman Ayers said the business corridor from the James River through Madison Heights needed a “facelift” and if possible to obtain federal funding to help with the revitalization of that area.

Vice-Chair Campbell expressed his thanks and appreciation to all who worked on the clean-up event.

Chairman Ayers had no matter to discuss.

XIV. Closed Session

A. A closed session pursuant to § 2.2-3711 (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for the purpose of the discussion or consideration of candidates for employment and the appointment, promotion, performance, or salary of a public employee where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals, specifically relating to the position of the Amherst County Fair Director; and

B. A closed session pursuant to the personnel exemption at § 2.2-3711 (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, to discuss the performance of a Board appointee.

Supervisor Tucker moved that the Amherst County Board of Supervisors convene in closed a closed session pursuant to § 2.2-3711 (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for the

purpose of the discussion or consideration of candidates for employment and the appointment, promotion, performance, or salary of a public employee where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals, specifically relating to the position of the Amherst County Fair Director and to discuss the performance of a Board appointee.

AYE: Mr. Ayers, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Pugh, Ms. Moore and Ms. Tucker
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

Vice-Chair Campbell motioned to come out of closed session and was approved with the following vote:

AYE: Mr. Ayers, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Pugh, Ms. Moore and Ms. Tucker
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING


Supervisor 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 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. Ayers	AYE
Mr. Campbell	AYE
Mr. Pugh	AYE
Ms. Moore	AYE
Ms. Tucker	AYE

XVI. Adjournment

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

AYE: Mr. Ayers, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Pugh, Ms. Moore and Ms. Tucker
NAY: None
ABSENT: None



L. J. Ayers III, Chairman
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk

AMHERST COUNTY
RURAL RUSTIC PRIORITY LIST - FY20/FY25

 4/18/19

PRIORITY	ROUTE	NAME	FROM	TO	LENGTH	TC - VPD	PROJECTED FUNDING *
1	691	TINSLEY LANE	ROUTE 650	DEAD END	1.10 Mi.	88	UNDEDED \$220,000
2	648	BECK CREEK ROAD	ROUTE 622	ROUTE 613	1.66 Mi.	61	UNDEDED \$322,000
3	692	MUDDY BRANCH ROAD	ROUTE 752	DEAD END	1.40 Mi.	53	Y20 \$280,000
4	636	WARES GAP ROAD	ROUTE 610	1.79 Mi. W RTE 643	1.66 Mi.	82	Y20/21 \$244,000
5	743	LAVENDER LANE	ROUTE 615	DEAD END	.50 Mi.	70	Y20/21 \$100,000
6	608	CAMPBELL'S MT. RD.	0.60 Mi. S Rte 736	2.35 Mi. S Rte 736	1.70 Mi.	60	Y21 \$350,000
7	650	EAST/WEST PERCH RD	1.85 Mi. E Rte 695	ROUTE 691	2.75 Mi.	60/80	Y22/23 \$500,000
8	606	FOX HALL DRIVE	ROUTE 60	DEAD END	1.40 Mi.	80	Y23/24 \$280,000
9	696	SHADY MOUNTAIN ROAD	ROUTE 715	DEAD END	1.00 Mi.	60	Y24 \$200,000
10	729	CHESTNUT LANE	ROUTE 742	DEAD END	0.60 Mi.	50-100	Y24 \$120,000
11	607	BEVERLY TOWN ROAD	1.9 Mi. W Rte 640	Rte 607 Robinson Gap Rd	1.40 Mi.	90	Y25 \$280,000
12	733	WINDY RIDGE WAY	ROUTE 658	DEAD END	1.30 Mi.	90	Y25 \$260,000
13	636	WARES GAP ROAD	1.79 Mi. W Rte 643	3.59 Mi. W Rte 643	1.80 Mi.	54	Not Funded \$360,000

Estimated cost per mile \$200,000

*Based FY20/FY25 SSYP projected allocations
\$2,198,646

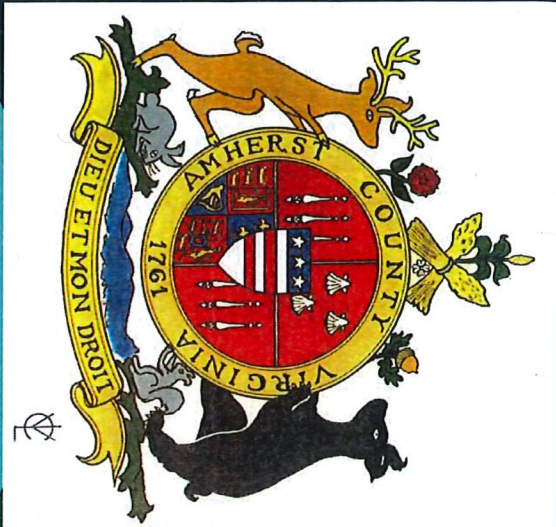
**AMHERST COUNTY
RURAL RUSTIC PRIORITY LIST - FY20/FY25**

4/18/19

PRIORITY	ROUTE	NAME	FROM	TO	LENGTH	TC - VPD	PROJECTED FUNDING *
	716	MOSS ROCK ROAD	ROUTE 60	DEAD END	0.20 Mi.	60	ot Funded \$40,000
	769	BUCK HOLLOW ROAD	ROUTE 60	DEAD END	0.17 Mi.	60	ot Funded \$34,000
	624	EARLY FARM ROAD	4.85 Mi. E. ROUTE 604	Rte 622	2.85 Mi.	80	ot Funded \$570,000
	776	PIERCE MOUNTAIN RD.	ROUTE 617	DEAD END	0.80 Mi.	50	ot Funded \$160,000
	664	JOSUHA FALLS ROAD	ROUTE 622	DEAD END	1.55 Mi.	60	ot Funded \$310,000
	752	LONG BRANCH ROAD	ROUTE 617	DEAD END	1.00 Mi.	40	ot Funded \$200,000
	655	NED BROWN ROAD	0.27 Mi. N. ROUTE 671	DEAD END	0.18 Mi.	40	ot Funded \$36,000
	647	WAUGHS FERRY ROAD	0.80 Mi. S ROUTE 130	DEAD END	0.40 Mi.	40	ot Funded \$80,000
	617	POOR HOUSE FARM RD.	1.00 Mi. E Rte 778	ROUTE 778	1.00 Mi.	40	ot Funded \$80,000
	607	BEVERLY TOWN ROAD	ROUTE 610	ROUTE 640	1.39 Mi.	TBC	ot Funded \$280,000
	613	KENT MOOR FARM ROAD	ROUTE 648	ROUTE 654	1.20 Mi.	80	ot Funded \$240,000
	776	WALNUT SPRINGS ROAD	ROUTE 622	DEAD END	0.50 Mi.	70	ot Funded \$100,000
	616	WEST MONITOR ROAD	ROUTE 617	ROUTE 60	0.94 Mi.	80	ot Funded \$200,000

Estimated cost per mile \$200,000

*Based FY20/FY25 SSYP projected allocations
\$2,198,646



County of Amherst

FY 2020 PROPOSED BUDGET

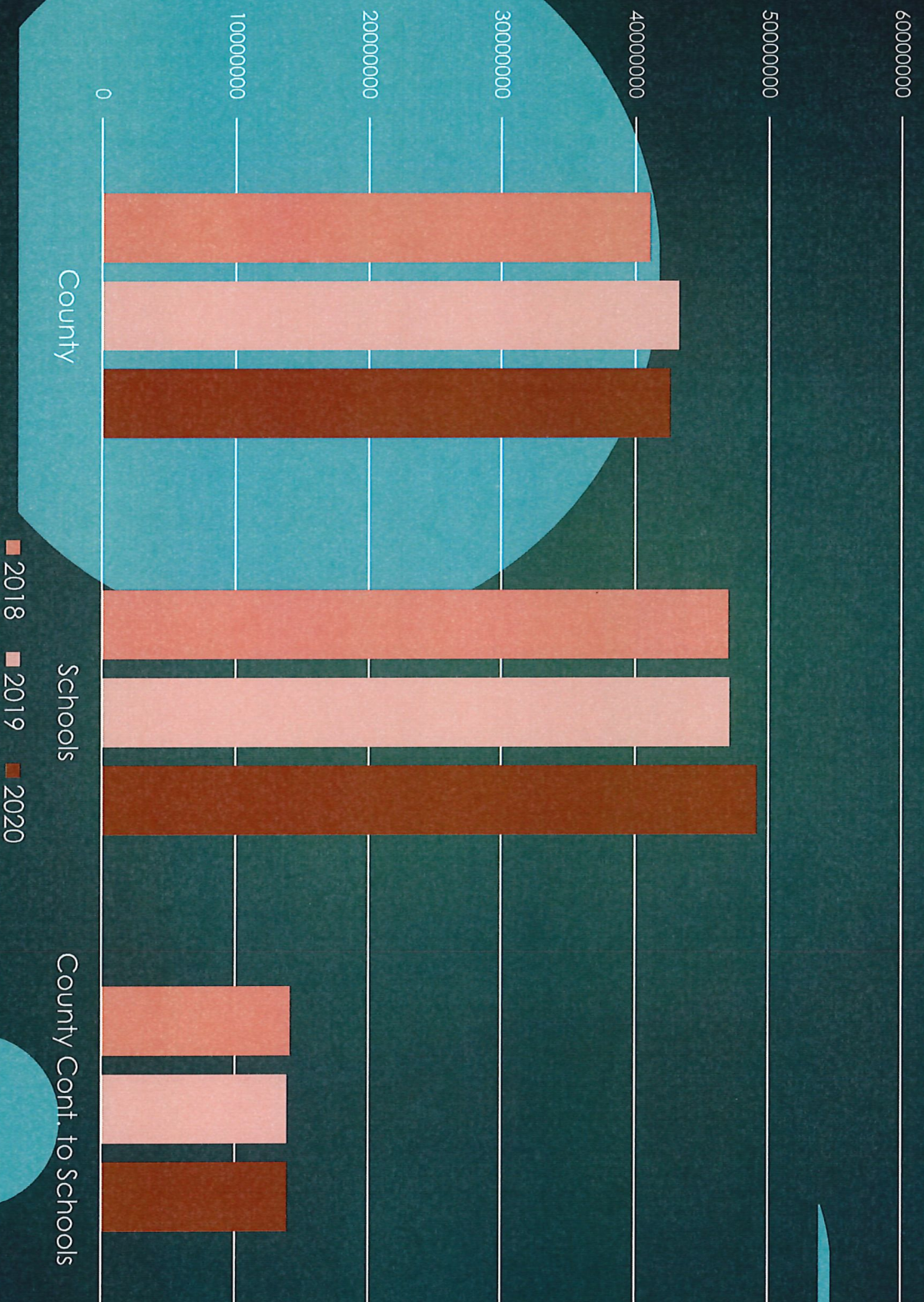
BUDGET OBJECTIVES

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- ▶ No tax increase
- ▶ Balance without assistance from General Fund
- ▶ Level funding for schools
- ▶ 3% COL for employees
- ▶ Maintain quality operations

Budget Comparisons

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GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

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FY 2019

FY 2020

Adopted

Proposed

Operating Revenues	\$	41,287,584	\$	41,583,901
Use of GF to balance	\$	<u>0</u>	\$	<u>0</u>
Total Revenues	\$	41,287,584	\$	41,583,901
Operating Expenses	\$	41,287,584	\$	41,583,901
CIP	\$	1,395,000	\$	765,000
Supplemental	\$	<u>571,756</u>	\$	<u>233,831</u>
Additional GF Draw	\$	1,966,756	\$	998,831
Total Budget	\$	<u><u>43,254,340</u></u>	\$	<u><u>42,582,732</u></u>

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

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- ▶ Mandatory reserves in place
- ▶ \$.2M FY20 contingency funding for Bos
- ▶ Three new positions
 - ▶ One Network Specialist for Information Technology
 - ▶ One deputy for Clerk of the Circuit Court
 - ▶ Convert part-time HR Specialist to full-time
- ▶ Parks & Rec: design for Phase 3 and 4 of Riveredge Trail, repair trail bridge, Monocan Park playground
- ▶ Community Development: plat table, laptops, and Route 29 Banners

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS cont.

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- ▶ PS:Medic unit and Fire engine replacements
- ▶ Clerk of Court: Historical document restoration
- ▶ Registrar voting machines
- ▶ 134,413 of recurring costs added to budget
- ▶ \$998,831 of one-time costs paid from GF balance
- ▶ 16 of 31 requests for the Supplemental Budget were funded
- ▶ 4 of 19 requests were funded for the Capital Improvement Plan

CONCLUSIONS

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- ▶ The operating budget is balanced with recurring revenues
- ▶ Future projects are anticipated w/ funds assigned
- ▶ Bos has approx \$.2M contingency fund for FY20
- ▶ Schools received 100% of their request

FINAL THOUGHTS

- ▶ Improved budget format
- ▶ Budget Process
- ▶ Metrics made public
- ▶ Outlook for FY 21

QUESTIONS?

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4-16-19

Public Hearing For FY2020
Budget of Amherst County

The Format AND ORGANIZATION OF THE budget IS SUPERB. My COMPLIMENTS TO DEAN ROGERS AND HIS CAPABLE ASSOCIATES.

My CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS ARE LIMITED TO THE ESSENCE OF THE BUDGET: STRATEGIC GOALS 1 THROUGH 6. The PRIORITY OF THE GOALS NEED TO BE CHANGED AS FOLLOWS:

GOAL 1: Achieve Education Excellence

DEMAND INCREASED FUNDING OF PUBLIC EDUCATION BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT. Reduce LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S SHARE OF THE COST. This will ENABLE THE FULL FUNDING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD'S FINANCIAL NEEDS. A highly educated public IS ESSENTIAL TO THE FUNCTIONING OF DEMOCRACY. A highly educated WORKFORCE WILL ATTRACT PROSPEROUS CORPORATIONS.

GOAL 2: INCREASE CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT
FULLY FUND THE VOTING SYSTEM, AND
ACTIVELY PROMOTE VOTER REGISTRATION
AND VOTER TURNOUT. INCREASE THE
NUMBER OF VOTING DAYS TO INCLUDE WEEKENDS.

ENCOURAGE CITIZENS TO ATTEND BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS' MEETINGS BY OPERATING
GENEROUS CITIZEN COMMENT SESSIONS.

GOAL 3: RECRUIT/RETAIN HIGH QUALITY
STAFF

GOAL 4: PROMOTE BUSINESS GROWTH

GOAL 5: PROMOTE/PROTECT COUNTY ASSETS

GOAL 6: PROMOTE TOURISM

AMHERST COUNTY WILL NEVER BE A TOURIST
DESTINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE. TO BELIEVE
OTHERWISE IS TO ENGAGE IN WISHFUL THINKING.
BE SATISFIED THAT AMHERST COUNTY IS A
WONDERFUL COMMUNITY TO LIVE IN.

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