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AMHERST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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District 1

L. J. Ayers III, Supervisor
District 3

MINUTES

June 2, 2020

Meeting Convened - 7:00 PM

County Administrator Dean C. Rodgers

County Attorney Michael W. S. Lockaby

I. Call to Order

At a Regular Meeting of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors held on June 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Chair Claudia D. Tucker, Vice-Chair Jennifer R. Moore, Supervisor David W. Pugh, Jr., Supervisor Tom Martin and Supervisor L. J. Ayers III.

ABSENT: None

STAFF: County Administrator Dean C. Rodgers, Deputy County Administrator David R. Proffitt, County Attorney Michael W. S. Lockaby, and Legal & Executive Assistant Regina M. Rice

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

II. Approval of Agenda

By motion of Vice-Chair Moore and with the following vote, the Board approved the agenda.

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

NAY: None ABSENT: None

III. Citizen Comments

There was no public comment.

IV. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Martin led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

V. Public Hearing

A. FY 2021 Proposed Budget

Chair Tucker opened the Public Hearing section of the meeting with the goal of a discussion of the FY21 proposed budget. She said the budget consisted of much thought from Board members, staff and other stakeholders and was based on the impact that current events and COVID-19 has had on the community. As a Board member she was very pleased with the work that has been done.

County Administrator Rodgers presented the budget with no additional information and said the budget was produced using the priorities of the Board. He said this budget was based on a conservative estimate with revenue reductions in reaction to COVID-19. Revenues would be watched throughout the fiscal year so that adjustments could be made, as possible. This would give the Board more flexibility with projects that were not approved and he would bring back to the Board the financial data as it develops.

Mr. Rodgers said that the Board made sure the budget did not overtax real estate to the exclusion of businesses, did not raise real estate taxes but also did not equalize. He said at the first meeting in July a discussion will take place about changing business taxes to make it fair for all businesses in the County and to deal with two problems that were set aside due to COVID-19; the inflationary cost of government and saving for the future.

Mr. Rodgers said that the Board dealt with the pay disparities and that employees are being brought up to market salary averages.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Proponents: None Opponents: None

The Public Hearing was closed.

VI. Citizen Comments

There was no public comment.

VII. Adjournment

By motion of Supervisor Martin and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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

NAY: None ABSENT: None

Claudia D. Tucker, Chair

Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk

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