



BOOK 37
Pages 150-155



AMHERST COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board of Supervisors

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

MINUTES

June 23, 2020

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

County Administrator
Dean C. Rodgers

County Attorney
Michael W. S. Lockaby

I. Call to Order

At a Special Meeting of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors held on June 23, 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

Chair Tucker amended the Agenda for June 23, 2020 and by adding item IV.A. as AG Committee Winton Farm event.

By motion of Supervisor Pugh and with the following vote, the Board approved the amended agenda.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

III. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Ayers led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

IV-A. AG Committee Winton Farm event

Chair Tucker advised that on June 22, the AG Committee discussed a proposal from Mr. Dave McCormack of Winton Farm to have a County-wide celebration on the 4th of July with fireworks. She advised that Mr. McCormack asked the AG Committee for money to pay towards the cost of the fireworks. She said the AG Committee was supportive and made a motion not to exceed \$2,000. This money would be appropriated out of the County Fair fund. Chair Tucker informed the Board that Mr. McCormack has contacted Public Safety Director Sam Bryant with regard to social distancing and the layout of the event.

Supervisors Pugh and Martin both supported of this event.

By motion of Supervisor Ayers and with the following vote, the Board approved an appropriation not to exceed \$2,000 from the County Fair fund requested by the AG Committee for fireworks at Winton Farm.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

IV. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Public Hearing

A. FY 2021 Proposed Tax Rate

Finance Director Stacey Wilkes advised the Board that since this is a reassessment year, the assessed value for real property was greater than last year. She said the County had a 2.7% increase in the assessed value of \$.60/\$100, and that the Board decided to keep the assessed value rate at \$.61/\$100 to balance the FY2021 budget.

Chair Tucker thanked staff for doing a good job and working as a team bringing all of their efforts to the Board to get to this point.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

The Public Hearing was closed.

Supervision Martin commended staff for looking at ways to reduce spending which allowed the Board to approve a 2% COLA and bringing some staff up to market salary.

By motion of Supervisor Martin and with the following vote, the Board approved to continue the real property tax rate for 2021 at \$.61/\$100.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

VI. Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Adoption

A. FY21 Budget Adoption Resolutions

County Administrator Rodgers reported that the Board produced and presented a budget to the public with no opposition. He asked the Board to adopt the five resolutions that would place the budget into effect.

By motion of Supervisor Pugh and with the following vote, the Board adopted Resolutions 2020-0006-R, 2020-0007-R, 2020-0008-R, 2020-0009-R, and 2020-0010-R implementing the FY 2021 budgets, Capital Improvement Plan, and tax rates.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

B. Renewal of Health Insurance

HR Director Linda Warner addressed the Board asking for authorization for the County Administrator to sign documents renewing health insurance with Piedmont Community Health Plan (PCHP).

Ms. Warner explained there was no increase with PCHP, a 2.1% increase by Delta Dental, and no increase in rates with Vision Services Plan (VSP).

By motion of Supervisor Ayers and with the following vote, the Board authorized the County Administrator to sign the documents required to renew the County's health insurance contracts with Piedmont Community Health Plan, Delta Dental and Vision Services Plan for the FY2021 Plan Year and at the rates described in the FY2021 budget.

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

NAY:None

ABSENT:None

VII. Old Business

A. Burley Hollow Site Remediation

County Administrator Rodgers presented information to the Board regarding the additional work needed at Burley Hollow that included removal of a trees and private roadway that led to the dumpster. The cost for removal of the roadway is \$3825 and \$1100 for removal of the tree. Mr. Rodgers said these expenses total \$4,925 and will come from the County's unobligated general fund.

Supervisor Martin said he supported taking the roadway out and the tree, however, did not support taking this expense out of the unobligated general fund. He said he would support these expenses if the money came out of the Solid Waste fund since it is associated with remediation of the dumpster site.

Mr. Rodgers suggested taking money from this year's budget to deal with this issue now and to see whether other money could be use from the Solid Waste Budget. He did not believe this expense was related to the Solid Waste budget.

Ms. Wilkes stated that she would be reluctant to take this expense out of the Solid Waste fund now as that money would be needed to cover overages for gravel and other expenses. She suggested if the Board waited until the FY20-21, funds would be available to take out the landfill budget.

There was a Board discussion to wait until after July 1.

By motion of Board appropriated \$4,925.00 from the FY21 County landfill budget for the remediation efforts described which is removing the roadway and tree and returning it to grass.

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

NAY:None

ABSENT:None

Chair Tucker said that the County will mitigate the soil problem and remove the roadway which will come out of the landfill waste operating budget.

VIII. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

VIII-A. Matters from the Board

Supervisor Ayers had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Martin commented on the two days the convenience centers were being closed and had received concerns from citizens.

Supervisor Pugh said the Board voted on the procedure and would like to keep this on the schedule as outlined. He suggested to "stay the course" to see how it goes.

Supervisor Martin suggested revisiting this topic in six months.

Vice-Chair Moore had no matter to discuss.

Chair Tucker had no matter to discuss.

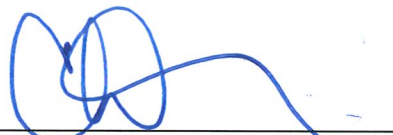
IX. Adjournment

By motion of Supervisor Ayers and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 7:25 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