

BOOK 34

**AMHERST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION**

AGENDA

December 16, 2014

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - 153 WASHINGTON STREET
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING ROOM
5:30 P.M.

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Agenda**
- III. Work Session – Performance Contracting Workshop**
 - A. Ted Cole, Davenport Financial Advisor
 - B. Charlie Barksdale, Virginia Department of Mines Minerals and Energy
 - C. Richard Ritter, AMERESCO
 - D. John Owens, Engineered Systems, LLC
 - E. Amherst County School Board proposals
- IV. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors**
- V. Closed Session:** Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A)(7): Consult with the County Attorney regarding specific legal matters pertaining to a proposed contract with AMERESCO
- VI. Adjourn**

MINUTES

At a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County and held at the Administration building thereof on Tuesday, the 16th day of December, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at which the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

PRESENT: Mr. Donald Kidd, Chairman ABSENT: Mrs. Claudia Tucker, Supervisor
 Mr. David Pugh, Vice-Chairman
 Mr. Robert Curd, Supervisor
 Mr. John Marks, Jr., Supervisor

STAFF PRESENT: Dean Rodgers, County Administrator, David Proffitt, Deputy County Administrator/Purchasing Agent, Ellen Bowyer, County Attorney

Chairman Kidd called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Agenda

Supervisor Marks moved to amend the agenda to add to the closed session a discussion of proposed contract between the County and AMERESCO pursuant to the exemption at § 2.2-3711 (A)(29) of the Code of Virginia. Supervisor Marks stated this would allow the Board some leeway to discuss more than just legal issues.

Chairman Kidd was advised by Mr. Rodgers that John Owens of Engineered Systems, LLC would not be present at this meeting. Chairman Kidd stated that under III. Work Session, Item E. would be moved to Item D.

On motion by Chairman Kidd, and with the following vote, the Board approved the agenda as amended.

AYE: Mr. Kidd, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Marks, and Mr. Curd
 NAY: None
 ABSENT: Mrs. Tucker

III. Work Session – Performance Contracting Workshop

County Administrator Rodgers addressed the Board and provided the Board with background information re the proposed performance contracting project with AMERESCO. Mr. Rodgers stated that the purpose of the workshop is to determine whether or not the County should contract with AMERESCO for any or all of the proposed energy projects.

Mr. Rodgers discussed with the Board the three options:

Option 1 - all projects are self-funded;
 Option 2 - all of the self-funded projects and the schools' HVAC systems; and
 Option 3 - all of the self-funded projects, the schools' HVAC systems and the schools' roof repairs.

Mr. Rodgers stated that the Administration's recommendation is that the Board selects AMERESCO Option 3 with Option 2 the second choice and Option 1 as the last choice.

Mr. Rodgers advised the Board that Davenport & Company has been engaged to look at two scenarios: the most expensive, Option 3; and an alternative whereby the County would contract for roof repairs on its own. In both cases, the information presented is designed to answer whether the County can afford the debt service payment and whether the debt would damage the County's ability to borrow more money in the future.

Mr. Charlie Barksdale, Utilities & Performance Contracting Manager with the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy was present and answered questions regarding contractual and procedural requirements of the energy performance contracting process as set forth by the State.

Mr. Richard Ritter and five representatives of AMERESCO were present and answered additional questions from the Board.

Mr. John Owen of Engineered Systems, LLC was not present.

Mr. Wayne Cocke, Maintenance Director for Amherst County Schools provided additional information and answered questions from the Board.

IV. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

The Board had no matters from the members to be discussed.

V. Closed Session

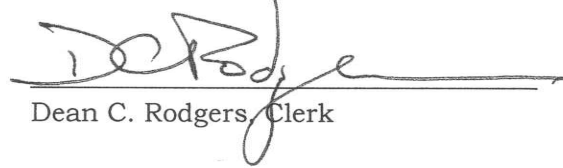
The closed session was postponed until the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on December 16, 2014.

On motion by Chairman Kidd, and with the following vote, the Board moved to adjourn.

AYE: Mr. Kidd, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Marks, and Mr. Curd
NAY: None
ABSENT: Mrs. Tucker



Donald W. Kidd, Chairman
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk