

BOOK 34

AMHERST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA

March 17, 2015

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - 153 WASHINGTON STREET - SCHOOL BOARD ROOM
7:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
- IV. **Citizen Comments:** Citizens shall speak once to an issue and confine their remarks to the question before the Board. Citizens should avoid repetition insofar as possible and limit their comments to three (3) minutes.
- V. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. Minutes - February 23, 2015
 - B. Appropriations
 - 1. Sheriff's Office
 - a. FY15 Appropriation request – fine revenue
 - b. FY15 Appropriation request - pass-through funds - DMV
 - c. FY15 Appropriation request - pass-through funds
 - d. FY15 Appropriation request - pass-through funds – Animal Shelter
 - 2. Accounting
 - a. FY2015 Appropriation request – Audit account line
 - C. Resolution 2015-0007-R: A resolution, supporting the efforts of the Upper James River Water Trail Committee to extend the Upper James River Water Trail into Amherst County by adding the Balcony Falls Takeout at Snowden as an additional access point to the James River.
- VI. **New Business**
 - A. Update by the Economic Development Authority for Central Virginia Training Center and Sweet Briar College – Lee Cobb
 - B. Workforce Investment Council – Gary Christie
 - C. Appointments to boards, commissions and committees - Economic Development Authority Board - District 5 vacancy
 - D. Resolution No. 2015-0006-R, providing for Amherst County's designation of a portion of the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail from Roses Mill to the bridge over the Tye River as "The Popie and Steve Martin Corridor of the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway

Trail" to honor the Martins' commitment and dedication to development of the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail.

E. Brown Edwards FY2014 Audit Report

VII. Old Business

A. Building refurbishments

B. FY2016 County Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Budget

VIII. Citizen Comments

IX. Departmental Reports

A. Purchasing

1. Proposed Public Safety Building

2. Goodwin Building window replacement vestibule

X. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

XI. Closed Session

A. Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1): To discuss a personnel matter involving a County employee.

B. Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(7): Consult with the County Attorney regarding business loss

XII. Adjourn

MINUTES

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County and held at the Administration building thereof on Tuesday, the 17th day of March, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at which the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

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

STAFF PRESENT: Dean Rodgers, County Administrator, David Proffitt, Deputy County Administrator/Purchasing Agent, Ellen Bowyer, County Attorney, and Regina Rice, Executive Administrative Assistant.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Pugh called meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Chairman Pugh asked Ms. Bowyer to address the issue of remote participation of a Board member. Ms. Bowyer explained that Supervisor Tucker is unable to attend the meeting and the Board has in its meeting procedures provisions for remote participation by Board members. The County Administrator has made arrangements to have Mrs. Tucker's voice heard if the

Board wants to consider this matter. The motion would state that the Board moves to approve Supervisor Tucker's remote participation from Little Rock, Arkansas, in the Board meeting of March 17, 2015, due to her being unavoidably out of state on business requiring her personal involvement and presence.

The motion read by Ms. Bowyer and the Board moved to approve Supervisor Tucker's remote participation from Little Rock, Arkansas, in the Board meeting of March 17, 2015, due to her being unavoidably out of state on business requiring her personal involvement and presence.

AYE: Mr. Pugh, Mr. Curd, Mr. Marks and Mr. Kidd

NAY: None

Supervisor Tucker was present via remote telephone and did not cast a vote.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Marks gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Pugh confirmed with Mrs. Tucker she was connected via telephone and able to hear the meeting.

III. Approval of Agenda

By motion of Chairman Pugh and with the following vote, the Board approved the March 17, 2015 agenda.

AYE: Mr. Pugh, Mr. Curd, Mr. Marks and Mr. Kidd

NAY: None

Supervisor Tucker was present via remote telephone and was unaware she could vote; hence, she did not cast a vote.

IV. Citizen Comments: Citizens shall speak once to an issue and confine their remarks to the question before the Board. Citizens should avoid repetition insofar as possible and limit their comments to three (3) minutes.

Mr. Alan Wood, Madison Heights, Virginia, and School Board Chairman, came forward and spoke to the Board, thanking the Board and County staff for arranging a joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors, the School Board and the General Assembly delegation. Mr. Wood advised the School Board voted to accept this invitation and appreciate the Board's help to accomplish this.

Mr. Wood also provided a list of projects to the County Administrator and would like to see some work done. Mr. Wood said currently the only funding the Schools have is \$150,000 from roof repair and requested the Board's guidance as to the flexibility the Schools might have to apply these funds other than for roof repairs.

Chairman Pugh questioned the \$150,000 left over from roof repairs and Mr. Rodgers explained he has not received a request from the School Board yet.

Ms. Cheryl Nelson of Vesuvius, Virginia, addressed the Board regarding the lack of raises for teachers at the public schools. Ms. Nelson stated she is a full time teacher at Amherst County High School and said she and many other people have to work two jobs to make ends meet. Ms. Nelson provided the Board with copies of two of her paystubs; one from January 2015 and the other from 2008. Ms. Nelson noted she is making less money now than in November 2008, mentioning having to pay into her retirement fund and that the 5% raise to cover this has placed her into another tax bracket as well as the rising cost of health insurance.

Ms. Nelson asked the Board to please consider this issue when they look at the budget.

Ms. Janet Hunter of Schuyler, Virginia, addressed the Board regarding the resolution naming a portion of the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail in honor of Popie and Steve Martin. Ms. Hunter said she has been on the Board with the Martins and explained they have worked tirelessly promoting this trail. Ms. Hunter strongly supports naming a portion of this trail in the Martins honor.

Chairman Pugh thanked all citizens who spoke and closed the citizen comment section.

V. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes - February 23, 2015

B. Appropriations

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Chairman Pugh asked the Board if there were any questions regarding the Consent Agenda and Resolution 2015-0007-R.

Ms. Bowyer addressed the Board advising there was a minor technical typographical error that has been corrected on Resolution 2015-0007-R.

By motion of Supervisor Marks and with the following vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda.

AYE: Mr. Pugh, Mr. Curd, Mr. Marks and Mr. Kidd

NAY: None

Supervisor Tucker was present via remote telephone and was unaware she could vote; hence, she did not cast a vote.

VI. New Business

A. Update by the Economic Development Authority for Central Virginia Training Center and Sweet Briar College – Lee Cobb

Mr. Lee Cobb, Economic Development Authority Board Consultant, provided the Board with an update concerning the developing closure or scaling back of CVTC. Mr. Cobb said the Board previously adopted a resolution designating the EDA as an entity in Amherst County to coordinate with Region 2000 developing a closure or scaling back of the Central Virginia Training Center. Mr. Cobb informed the Board there are over 1,000 jobs with a payroll of approximately \$35,000,000 a year. The EDA has formed a steering committee to seek guidance and participation from state legislators for guidance to develop a course of action

addressing this issue. The EDA is planning to meet with state legislators and will provide the Board feedback in the next couple months.

With regard to the announcement of Sweet Briar College's closure and a loss of 325/330 jobs and payroll of \$15,000,000 a year, Mr. Cobb advised the Board that he, Mr. Rodgers and Victoria Hanson of the EDA office met last week with President Jones of SBC and discussed the closure of the college this summer.

Mr. Cobb explained there are a number of issues involved with the land, facilities, covenants with the property and the endowment of which \$60 million is restricted and that SBC's administration does not know the consequences of this and it may take three to four years to shut the facility down.

Mr. Cobb said it is his opinion these two issues bring a crisis situation to Amherst County. The EDA is fulfilling its mandate of what course of action should be developed to help guide the economy with the County and information will be provided to the Board later.

Chairman Pugh thanked Mr. Cobb for providing this update to the Board.

B. Workforce Investment Council – Gary Christie

Mr. Gary Christie and Mr. Ben Bowman of the Workforce Investment Council were present and addressed the Board regarding the workforce program.

Mr. Christie advised since the late 60's there has been some sort of workforce program that served this area. In 2000, Amherst County joined other jurisdictions in Region 2000 to form the Workforce Investment Area Council and the Region 2000 Workforce Investment Board.

At the federal level this has changed and the Workforce Investment Council is asking for the Board to reaffirm staying in this council or working with another council in the Charlottesville area.

Mr. Ben Bowman presented an overview of a new law that takes effect July 1st and changes regarding the regulations working with folks who are disadvantaged with job loss and offering re-training resources with existing employers and developing apprenticeship programs.

Chairman Pugh made a motion to continue the County's participation on the Region 2000 Local Workforce Area

AYE: Mr. Pugh, Mr. Curd, Mr. Marks and Mr. Kidd

NAY: None

Supervisor Tucker was present via remote telephone and was unaware she could vote; hence, she did not cast a vote.

Mr. Bowman further stated the Workforce Investment Council would like to partner with the Amherst Library by putting a future career services program there and asked the Board to keep this in mind.

C. Appointments to boards, commissions and committees - Economic Development Authority Board - District 5 vacancy

Chairman Pugh advised each Board member has five interview questions to ask the two interviewees. (It is noted in the minutes that each person was interviewed separately by the Board.)

Chairman Pugh called Nancy Schmitt to come forward for her interview.

Supervisor Kidd asked Ms. Schmitt to state her name, address and community involvement in Amherst County. Ms. Schmitt stated her name, lives in Madison Heights, Virginia, and currently serves on the EDA Board. She stated she is a real estate broker and has operated Schmitt Real Estate in Monroe, Virginia since 1993; has been in real estate for over 30 years; is a notary public; served as a married celebrant since 1992 serving at the leisure of the Circuit Court of Amherst County; has been a deputy court clerk and justice of peace and magistrate. Ms. Schmitt stated she has served on EDA for one year and has learned a lot about the County and would like to continue serving. She said the County needs help on the EDA and she has a lot of service in the community.

Supervisor Marks asked Ms. Schmitt why she wanted to serve on EDA Board and Ms. Schmitt said she enjoyed serving on the EDA and has learned a lot about the County.

Supervisor Curd asked Ms. Schmitt about her business and education background, and qualifications to serve on the EDA. Ms. Schmitt stated she enjoyed being in Amherst County and it is a wonderful place to be; however, she said there are "troubles on the home front" but knows the County will get through this.

Chairman Pugh asked Ms. Schmitt to share her understanding of the role of the EDA and its current activities. Ms. Schmitt recommended improving the business situation in Amherst County and increasing the revenue and tax base in order to get more business and improvements.

Supervisor Kidd asked Ms. Schmitt what is lacking in the County's economic development and how will she work with the EDA to resolve the shortcomings she sees. Ms. Schmitt stated she will do everything to help the members on the EDA Board and will do her best to work together as a team and to make improvements that are necessary.

Supervisor Tucker thanked Ms. Schmitt for her service on the EDA Board. Supervisor Tucker asked Ms. Schmitt a question regarding blight and rental properties that are a problem in Amherst County and what position that she would like to share as related to rental property in Amherst County. Ms. Schmitt said rental properties have always been a problem; however, the problem is not the rental property but the people who do not take care of the property and do not pay rent. Ms. Schmitt stated she has a lot of the same issues herself and she is aware it is a problem.

Chairman Pugh thanked Ms. Schmitt for her time interviewing.

Chairman Pugh then called Ms. Jennifer Moore back into the Board room to begin her interview.

Supervisor Kidd asked Ms. Moore to state her name, address and community involvement in Amherst County. Ms. Moore stated she lives in Madison Heights, Virginia and currently serves on the Amherst Chamber of Commerce since 2014. She is active in church as a mentor with middle, high school and college students.

Supervisor Marks asked Ms. Moore why she wanted to serve on EDA and Ms. Moore said she has no prior involvement with the EDA Board but believes her affiliation with the Chamber of Commerce and with the EDA would be a good mesh. Ms. Moore feels this is good time for her generation to get involved especially with the current statistics in Amherst County and job loss.

Supervisor Curd asked Ms. Moore about her business and education background, and qualifications to serve on the EDA. Ms. Moore stated she graduated from Liberty University and is currently employed with Centra since 2004.

Chairman Pugh asked Ms. Moore to share her understanding of the role of the EDA and its current activities. Ms. Moore stated the EDA exists for the economic well-being of Amherst County. She is aware the EDA exists to create jobs in Amherst County and to advocate for current businesses and to bring new business into the County.

Supervisor Kidd asked Ms. Moore what is lacking in the County's economic development and how would she work within the EDA to resolve the shortcomings she sees. Ms. Moore stated one issue would be to bring a decent hotel to the County. Ms. Moore said she would rely on her colleagues through the EDA Board. She said she has reviewed the EDA website and sees that it lacks diversity and suggested posting job openings and letting businesses in the County do the same.

Supervisor Tucker asked Ms. Moore a question regarding blight and rental properties that are a problem in Amherst County and what position she would like to share as related to rental property in Amherst County. Ms. Moore stated it is a group effort and part of this would be relying on the Board as well.

Chairman Pugh then asked the Board if they would like to make a decision tonight.

Supervisor Marks made a motion that Nancy Schmitt be re-appointed to the District 5 seat on the Economic Development Authority Board for a term of 4 years.

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

Chairman Pugh thanked Ms. Moore for her time interviewing and hoped she would stay active and involved in the community.

D. Resolution No. 2015-0006-R, providing for Amherst County's designation of a portion of the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail from Roses Mill to the bridge over the Tye River as "The Popie and Steve Martin Corridor of the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail" to honor the Martins' commitment and dedication to development of the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail.

Sara Lu Christian, Director, Recreation and Parks addressed the Board regarding Resolution 2015-0006-R. Ms. Christian stated this resolution idea stemmed from the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail Foundation to give long overdue recognition to the Martins who had the foresight see this abandoned railroad bed turn into a public trail. Ms. Christian recommended the resolution be passed.

Supervisor Kidd made a motion that the Board adopt Resolution 2015-0006-R providing for Amherst County's designation of a portion of the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail from Roses Mill to the bridge over the Tye River as "The Popie and Steve Martin Corridor of the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail" to honor the Martins' commitment and dedication to development of the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail. (See Attachment 2)

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

E. Brown Edwards FY2014 Audit Report

Mr. Norman Yoder and Ms. Susan Chapman of Brown Edwards presented to the Board an overview of Amherst County's Financial Report for Year Ended June 30, 2014 and were available to answer questions.

Ms. Chapman presented the Board an overview of the financial report. Ms. Chapman noted a couple key changes regarding the EDA's financials that should be presented just like the schools since the EDA is now a separate financial entity. She explained the Service Authority is blended due to the Board of Supervisors serving as the Board of Directors for the Service Authority.

Supervisor Marks asked several questions regarding the EDA and restatement of fund balances and Mr. Yoder stated the restatement is a new accounting standard required or could be a discovery of an error in previous year.

Mr. Yoder mentioned the funding progress with the Virginia Retirement System that will change next year and explained to the Board the change between the difference between the real pension obligation and market value to cover pensions.

Supervisor Marks had a question regarding the assessed value in real estate between 2008 and 2014. Ms. Chapman explained the tax assessment is from the Commissioner of the Revenue with a real estate increase.

Supervisor Marks brought up the issue of underestimating the revenue flow. Ms. Chapman advised the budget is an estimate and Mr. Yoder said some localities have set milestones in the year to see where they are at.

Chairman Pugh thanked Mr. Yoder and Ms. Chapman for their presentation.

VII. Old Business

A. Building refurbishments

Mr. David Proffitt, Deputy County Administrator/Purchasing Agent, provided the Board information regarding the infrastructure needs assessment and recommended that the Board hire MRG Consulting to analyze the needs of schools included in the Ameresco Energy proposal.

Mr. Proffitt further recommended the Board accept this proposal and appropriate \$13,600 from the unobligated General Fund to cover the work.

Supervisor Marks made a motion that the Board accept the MRG Consulting, LLC proposal, dated March 13, 2015 for the Infrastructure Needs Assessment – Phase I – (PPEA Evaluation and Recommendations) and authorize staff to execute the necessary contractual arrangement, and appropriate up to \$13,600 from the unobligated general fund to cover the cost of this work.

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

B. FY2016 County Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Budget

Mr. Dean Rodgers, County Administrator provided the Board updated information for the Budget work session on March 18, 2015.

Mr. Rodgers said this handout is to replace previous pages in the budget book based on the last workshop session of March 9, 2015.

VIII. Departmental Reports

A. Purchasing

1. Proposed Public Safety Building

Mr. Proffitt presented a report from the Public Safety Committee meeting and recommended the Board accept the revised building proposal for construction of a new fire/rescue building.

Supervisor Kidd stated he believed Jamerson-Lewis was the best proposal; however, he would like to have the budget process completed before making any decision regarding this proposal.

Chairman Pugh agreed to revisit this issue at a later meeting.

It was the Board's consensus no action would be taken at this meeting.

2. Goodwin Building window replacement vestibule

Mr. Proffitt provided information to Board regarding the window replacement and vestibule construction at the Goodwin Building. Three bids have been received and were evaluated by Wiley/Wilson, Architectural, Engineering, and Planning firm. Wiley/ Wilson recommended Bradley Wholesale Vinyl Supply/Vinyl Discount Company. Mr. Proffitt recommended to the Board that funding to cover the cost be appropriated from the unobligated general funds.

Supervisor Kidd made a motion that the Board authorize staff to proceed with bid award to Bradley Wholesale Vinyl Supply/Vinyl Discount Company for Goodwin Building window replacement and vestibule construction in the total amount of \$36,850 with funds appropriated from the County's the unobligated general fund to cover that cost.

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

IX. Citizen Comments

There were no citizens to come forward and speak.

X. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Kidd did not raise any matter to discuss.

Supervisor Marks did not raise any matter to discuss.

Supervisor Curd asked about the commemorative coins that were given to the graduating high school seniors last year. Supervisor Curd said these coins were well received and he would like to do the same again this year and asked if the Board would consider this request.

Supervisor Tucker did not raise any matter to discuss.

Supervisor Pugh did not raise any matter to discuss.

XI. Closed Session

Supervisor Kidd moved that the Amherst County Board of Supervisors convene in closed session pursuant to the personnel exemption at § 2.2-3711 (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, to discuss a disciplinary matter relating to a specific County employee; and pursuant to § 2.2-3711 (A)(7) of the Code of Virginia, to consult with the County Attorney regarding business loss, which matter requires the provision of legal advice by the County Attorney.

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

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Supervisor Kidd moved that 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. Pugh	AYE
Mrs. Tucker	AYE
Mr. Curd	AYE
Mr. Marks	AYE
Mr. Kidd	AYE

Supervisor Marks moved to direct the County Administrator to issue the proposed personnel letter.

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


XII. Adjourn

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

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



David W. Pugh, Jr., Chairman
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk



Amherst County Board of Supervisors
County Resolution No. 2015-0007-R

For consideration on March 17, 2015

A RESOLUTION, NO. 2015-0007-R

A resolution, supporting the efforts of the Upper James River Water Trail Committee to extend the Upper James River Water Trail into Amherst County by adding the Balcony Falls Takeout at Snowden as an additional access point to the James River.

Approved as to form by the County Attorney

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

I. That the Amherst County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the efforts of the Upper James River Water Trail Committee to extend the Upper James River Water Trail into Amherst County by adding the Balcony Falls Takeout at Snowden as an additional access point to the James River, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Upper James River Water Trail (UJRWT) is an established 45 mile Blueway on the James River, stretching from Iron Gate to Alpine, Virginia, and consisting of seven access points that serve boaters, fisherman, and anyone seeking to enjoy a beautiful trip on the James River; and

WHEREAS, the UJRWT now runs solely through Botetourt County; and

WHEREAS, plans are to extend the UJRWT through Rockbridge County with access at the town of Glasgow, and continue into northern Amherst County on the James River to the access point at Snowden, referred to as the Balcony Falls Takeout; and

WHEREAS, the Balcony Falls Takeout at Snowden is one of the most popular River destinations in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, since its creation, the UJRWT has been extraordinarily popular and has increased tourism, and directly and positively impacted countless local businesses in the area of the UJRWT; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the UJRWT through Rockbridge County into Amherst County is an opportunity for Amherst County to participate in a great tourism opportunity; and

WHEREAS, UJRWT Committee is seeking funding from the Alleghany Highlands Foundation for the extension, which will include new signs that will be installed at each new access point, as well as for website development and brochure production; and

WHEREAS, the UJRWT Committee is not seeking County funding; and

WHEREAS, the Balcony Falls Takeout at Snowden will be identified as an access point on all new maps and publications regarding the UJRWT, including brochures and a popular website already receiving local and regional attention for the UJRWT; and

WHEREAS, by adding the Balcony Falls Takeout at Snowden to the existing UJRWT, Amherst County could potentially increase tourism at minimal County expense; and

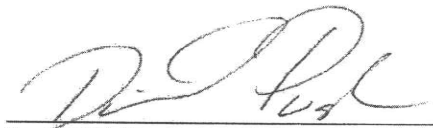
WHEREAS, extending the UJRWT has great long term potential for tourism growth and revenue in Amherst County.

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

That the Amherst County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the efforts of the UJRWT Committee in extending the UJRWT into Amherst County by adding the Balcony Falls Takeout at Snowden to the Upper James River Water Trail as an additional access point to the James River.


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

Adopted this 17th day of March, 2015.



David W. Pugh, Jr. Chairman
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Abstentions

ADOPTED

03 / 17 / 2015



Amherst County Board of Supervisors
County Resolution No. 2015-0006-R

For consideration on March 17, 2015

A RESOLUTION, NO. 2015-0006-R

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Approved as to form by the County Attorney

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

I. That the Amherst County Board of Supervisors hereby designates that portion of the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail from Roses Mill to the bridge over the Tye River "The Popie and Steve Martin Corridor of the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail", as follows:

WHEREAS, Popie and Steve Martin, in 1987, supplied foresight and funding to purchase a seven mile right-of-way from the Virginia Blue Ridge Railroad with the intention to undertake a public rails-to-trails project for the benefit of the citizens of Amherst County and Nelson County, and for the public at large; and

WHEREAS, the Martins played a major role in establishing the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail Foundation ("Foundation"), have served on the Foundation Board since its inception, and have donated property comprising the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail to Nelson and Amherst counties; and

WHEREAS, the Amherst County Board of Supervisors ("Board") recognizes that the Martins have been essential to the inception and completion of the Foundation's goals and objectives, including planning, raising funds, writing grants, and overseeing construction of the Trail, giving enormously of their creativity, energy, and time over nearly two decades to make the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail a reality; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail has been a vibrant community attraction and asset since the first section was opened to the public in 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the final projects associated with the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail are nearing completion, and therefore the present Resolution is timely.

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

That the Board of Supervisors, in grateful recognition of the extensive contributions by Popie and Steve Martin to the Foundation, to the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail, and to Amherst County, hereby designates the portion of the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail from Roses Mill to the bridge over the Tye River, "The Popie and Steve Martin Corridor of the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

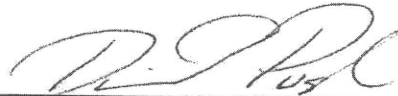
That the Board authorizes such designated portion to be marked with appropriate signage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Board expresses its sincere condolences to the Martin family on the recent passing of Popie Martin, and is grateful to have this role in memorializing for posterity the breadth and scope of her good works.

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

Adopted this 17th day of March, 2015.



David W. Pugh, Jr. Chairman
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Abstentions 0

ADOPTED

03 / 17 / 2015