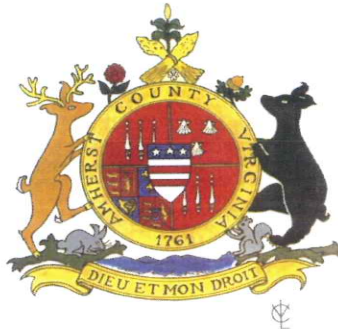


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AMHERST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES
March 15, 2016
7:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - 153 WASHINGTON STREET – SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ROOM
9:00 A.M.

Agenda

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
- IV. **Citizen Comment**
- V. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. Minutes – February 2, 2016
 - B. FY16 Appropriation – Commonwealth Attorney, Leave pay-out
 - C. FY16 Appropriation of Revenue, Sheriff's Office and Dept. of Social Services
 - D. FY16 Supplemental Appropriation – Schools FY16 Operational Budget
 - E. FY16 Appropriation of Assigned Funds - IT
- VI. **Old Business**
 - A. Amherst County Museum and Historical Society – Update on 1938 Time Capsule
- VII. **New Business**
 - A. Second Stage | Amherst – “Cultivate Amherst” Creative Community Summit
 - B. Discussion - Volunteer Status of Rescue Squads
- VIII. **County Administrator's Reports**
 - A. Boards/Committees/Commissions – Board of Zoning Appeals Board vacancy
 - B. Projects Report
- IX. **Liaison and Committee Reports**
- X. **Departmental Reports**
 - A. Building Safety and Inspections – Monthly Report February 2016
- XI. **Citizen Comment**
- XII. **Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors**
- XIII. **Adjournment**

MINUTES

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County and held at the Amherst County Administration Building on Tuesday, the 15th day of March, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at which the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

PRESENT: John A. Marks, Jr. Chairman
David W. Pugh, Jr., Vice-Chair
Claudia D. Tucker, Supervisor
L. J. Ayers, III, Supervisor
Kenneth M. Campbell, Supervisor

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: County Administrator Dean C. Rodgers; Deputy County Administrator David R. Proffitt; County Attorney Ellen Bowyer; and Executive Administrative Assistant Regina Rice.

I. Call to Order

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

Chairman Marks thanked all the citizens who attended the meeting.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Marks led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda

By motion of Vice-Chair Pugh and with the following vote, the Board approved the Agenda for March 15, 2016.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

IV. Citizen Comment

Chairman Marks opened the citizen comment session.

There were no speakers.

Chairman Marks closed the citizen comment session.

V. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes – February 2, 2016

Mr. Rodgers explained that the EDA submitted today late corrections to the Minutes: specifically on page 31 Item VIII. Old Business A. EDA – CVTC Update and Course of Action, second paragraph to read: *"The State said that because of the Department of Justice ruling, there can be no delivery of services to people with intellectual disabilities on institution grounds after CVTC closes;"* and page 31, paragraph 6, *"the environmental assessment is to be completed by the end of 2016 instead of having a time line by then;"* and page 31, paragraph 6, second sentence should read -- *"Secondly, the EDA recommends that the Board ask Region 2000 to alert State legislators that the region will need financial assistance to do redevelopment planning on this site and surrounding properties (approximately \$300,000) that will support the entire area being put back into a productive use;"* and page 31, paragraph 8, *"Mr. Cobb remarked that the EDA thinks the financial responsibility should be the State's since the closing of CVTC is a State action for which Amherst County is not responsible."*

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Mr. Rodgers stated the EDA will be included in the future to add their comments when they present an issue to the Board. Mr. Rodgers advised the rest of the Minutes have been seen by the Board.

By motion of Vice-Chair Pugh and with the following vote, the Board approved the February 2, 2016 Minutes as amended.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

B. FY16 Appropriation – Commonwealth Attorney, Leave pay-out

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board approved an appropriation from the Unobligated General Fund for the amount of \$1,781.85 to pay the Commonwealth Attorney for unused leave.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

C. FY16 Appropriation of Revenue, Sheriff's Office and Dept. of Social Services

Mr. Rodgers advised there was a correction made to several account lines regarding the Social Services appropriation, DSS Clients.

By motion of Supervisor Campbell and with the following vote, the Board approved the amended FY16 Appropriation of Revenue adjusting the FY16 Budget to accept funds into the County budget as revenue, and as modified on lines 12 through 14.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

D. FY16 Supplemental Appropriation – Schools FY16 Operational Budget

By motion of Supervisor Ayers and with the following vote, the Board approved an appropriation of \$273,906 of receipts into the FY16 School Operational Budget.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

E. FY16 Appropriation of Assigned Funds – IT

By motion of Supervisors Ayers and with the following vote, the Board approved an appropriation of \$12,000 from the Unobligated General Fund to replace various pieces of failing computer equipment.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

VI. Old Business

A. Amherst County Museum and Historical Society – Update on 1938 Time Capsule

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Octavia Starbuck, Amherst County Museum and Historical Society Director, addressed the Board and provided an update on the search for the 1938 time capsule located on the Court House grounds.

Ms. Starbuck advised they did not find the capsule but found a few artifacts. Ms. Starbuck asked the Board for permission to remove a large tree stump from the Court house grounds to see if the time capsule may be located beneath the stump.

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board authorized the removal of the tree stump by the Amherst County Museum & Historical Society in order to excavate underneath for the 1938 time capsule.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

VII. New Business

A. Second Stage|Amherst – “Cultivate Amherst” Creative Community Summit

Ms. Suny Monk of Second Stage|Amherst addressed the Board and thanked Mr. Rodgers and Supervisor Tucker for participating in Cultivate Amherst to draw people to Amherst County.

Ms. Monk stated that an opportunity came to our local government in the name of a local government challenge grant from the Virginia Commission of the Arts (VCA). This grant requires budgeting dollars up to \$5,000 that will be administered by the VCA to support local art activities in the County. Ms. Monk stated this money will not go to Second Stage|Amherst.

Ms. Monk advised the Amherst Town Council has appropriated \$1,250 toward this challenge grant and she asked the Board to appropriate \$1,250 for next year. As one condition of the grant, the VCA must see this amount in the County's budget.

By motion of Supervisor Ayers and with the following vote, the Board approved an appropriation of \$1,250 from the Unobligated General Fund for the purpose of obtaining a matching grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts which will fund a Creative Community Summit conference for Amherst County.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

B. Discussion - Volunteer Status of Rescue Squads

Gary Roakes, Director of Public Safety, Jeff Tanner, Captain of the Amherst Life Savings Crew and Vickie Padgett, Captain of the Monelison Rescue Squad addressed the Board regarding volunteer status of rescue squads in the County.

Chairman Marks thanked all and asked them to help the Board understand what is happening and why.

Captain Padgett explained the changes that have occurred over the past years and said a majority of younger individuals are now giving up volunteer work and making this a full-time, professional career. It has become harder to have people available to run extra calls. Also, the state now has added more requirements and people do not have the commitment as in the past to fulfill all the requirements.

Mr. Roakes explained there is always a place for volunteers but there is a need to have more career staff.

Captain Tanner explained volunteer numbers are dwindling and this is not isolated to Amherst County but is an issue other states are facing.

Captain Padgett said if volunteers are on duty, they must be at the station. If they are not on duty, they are not required to have on their radios on to answer calls.

Supervisor Ayers asked both Captains Tanner and Padgett if they saw the situation improving in the future. Both Captains responded they did not see the situation improving based on past history.

Mr. Roakes advised that part time wage rates have not increased in 13 years and now Amherst County, which is one of the lowest paid in the area, has to compete with other localities to get the manpower it needs to fill its gaps in manning.

Supervisor Tucker expressed her appreciation for their time and patience in working with the Board.

Chairman Marks thanked Mr. Roakes, Mr. Tanner and Ms. Padgett for explaining what the County is facing.

VIII. County Administrator's Reports

A. Boards/Committees/Commissions – Board of Zoning Appeals Board vacancy

Mr. Rodgers explained that the seat of George Banton has expired on February 3, 2016. This position was advertised in the News & Advance and in the New Era Progress with only Mr. Banton expressing his desire to fill this vacancy.

By motion of Supervisor Campbell and with the following vote, the Board voted to recommend to the Amherst County Circuit Court that George R. Banton be considered to fill the at-large vacancy on the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five (5) year term.

AYE: Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

B. Projects Report

Mr. Rodgers explained this is for the Board's information regarding the current status of ongoing projects.

IX. Liaison and Committee Reports

For information only.

X. Departmental Reports

A. Building Safety and Inspections – Monthly Report February 2016

For information only.

XI. Citizen Comment

Chairman Marks opened the citizen comment session.

There were no speakers.

Chairman Marks closed the citizen comment session

XII. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Campbell advised the Board that Nate Young, Building Official has received a DEQ Certification as an ENS Administrator.

Supervisors Ayers had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Tucker has no matter to discuss.

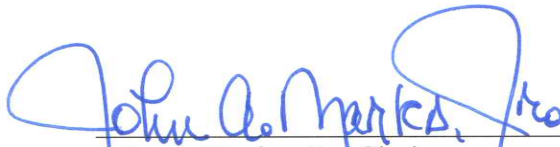
Vice-Chair Pugh advised the Board he received a call from a local businessman interested in starting a new business expanding his warehouse/wholesale repair business and who is looking to move his business to Amherst County. Vice-Chair Pugh said this is good news and welcomed a new business. He advised he has asked Victoria Hanson of the EDA to contact this gentleman.

Chairman Marks reminded all Board members there is scheduled a Budget Workshop for March 22, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. and another Budget Workshop for March 29, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

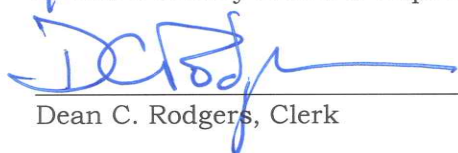
XIII. Adjournment

By motion of Supervisor Ayers and with the following vote, the Board moved to adjourn.

AYE:	Mr. Marks, Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Campbell
NAY:	None
ABSENT:	None



John A. Marks, Jr., Chairman
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk