



## COUNTY OF AMHERST



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## Board of Supervisors Planning Workshop

The Amherst County Board of Supervisors held their annual Planning Workshop on October 5, 2020. This yearly meeting is a time for the Board to evaluate the previous year and plan for the future in a more relaxed setting.

Topics discussed at this year's workshop included:

- The current opportunities and challenges for the County.
- Determining what issues the County may deal with over the next ten years.
- Outlining the Board's objectives for the next two years.
- Re-evaluating the Board's over-all goals.
- Discussing what is important to the Board and what it values about the County.
- Redefining the Board's mission, and their vision for Amherst County.

The end product of the workshop was a Leadership Guide, attached, that will be provided to all County department heads and will be used by the Board as an aid to making decisions.

The planning workshop is also discussed in the Amherst County Administrator's podcast:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-565055244/board-of-supervisors-planning-workshop-october-5-2020>

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## Mission

The mission of Amherst County's government is to nurture a vibrant and healthy community through transparent and fiscally responsible leadership and quality public services.

## Vision

Amherst County will be the community of choice for people to live, work, play and learn. It will be known for its safety, neighborly atmosphere, connectedness; its business, education, recreational opportunities and passion for its natural beauty.

## Values

- The beauty of our natural environment
- Safe and secure community, respectful of the
- Constitution
- Neighborly atmosphere
- Business, educational & recreational opportunities
- Connectedness
- Transparent, responsive and participatory
- government
- Fiscal responsibility
- Efficient & effective public services

## 2-Yr Objectives

- CVTC plan
- Mad Hts master plan
- Broadband expansion
- County Fair resumed

## Goals

1. Broadband expansion
2. Residential growth in designated areas
3. Promote business growth & redevelopment
4. Promote tourism
5. Promote & protect County assets
6. Achieve education excellence
7. Recruit and retain high quality staff
8. Increase citizen engagement

## Opportunities

- 1) CVTC and Mad Hts master plan;
- 2) Broadband expansion;
- 3) Focus on recreational areas,
- 4) business growth and availability of land

## Challenges

- Broadband expansion
- Declining & aging population
- No Tobacco Commission funding
- Facilitating needs for Seniors
- Youth retention
- Regional transportation options
- Inflation and rising cost of operations
- Lack of entertainment facilities

## 10-yr Issues

- Keeping real estate tax reasonable; control cost of operations
- Increased broadband access
- CVTC development progress
- Ongoing funding for capital expenditures
- Attracting businesses