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AMHERST COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board of Supervisors

Tom Martin, Chair
District 1
Drew Wade, Vice-Chair
District 5
Claudia Tucker, Supervisor
District 2
David W. Pugh, Jr., Supervisor
District 4

MINUTES

September 5, 2023
Administration Building - 153 Washington
Street - Public Meeting Room
Amherst, Virginia 24521
Meeting Convened - 3:00 PM

County Administrator
Jeremy Bryant

County Attorney
Mark Popovich

I. Call to Order

At a regular meeting of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors held on September 5, 2023 at 3:00 p.m., the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:
Tom Martin, Chairman
Drew Wade, Vice-Chair
Claudia D. Tucker, Supervisor
David W. Pugh, Jr., Supervisor

ABSENT: None

STAFF:
Jeremy S. Bryant, County Administrator
Stacey McBride, Deputy County Administrator/Finance Director
Mark Popovich, County Attorney
Kristen Freeman, Clerk

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

NOTE: All Board of Supervisors' meetings are now being streamed live on Facebook and on YouTube.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Wade, Mrs. Tucker and Mr. Pugh
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

III. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chair Wade led the Invocation and Supervisor Tucker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Ordinance - First Read

A. Ordinance 2023-8, Meals Tax

By motion of Chairman Martin and with the following vote, the Board directed staff to advertise Ordinance 2023-8, Meals Tax for a public hearing on September 19, 2023.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Wade, Mrs. Tucker, and Mr. Pugh

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

The Board asked staff to come back at that meeting and provide information on if there is a combination of meals tax and reserves that can be looked at and considered.

VI. Consent Agenda

By motion of Vice-Chair Wade and with the following vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda for September 5, 2023.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Wade, Mrs. Tucker, and Mr. Pugh

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

A. Minutes - August 15, 2023

It was moved that the Board adopt the minutes of August 15, 2023.

B. Appropriation of Revenue - Social Services

It was moved that the Board appropriated funds received into the Social Services budget as described.

VII. Special Presentation

A. VACO Achievement Awards - Route 29 Business Beautification Committee

Mr. Joe Lerch, with the Virginia Association of Counties, presented the Board with the 2023 VACO Achievement Award in recognition of the Route 29 Business Beautification Committee.

VIII. New Business

A. Raw Water Permit-James River Pump Station Project Update

None - For information only.

B. Janitorial Services

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board approved the new janitorial contract with The Budd Group and appropriated \$2,796.53 from the Unobligated General Fund Balance.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Wade, Mrs. Tucker, and Mr. Pugh

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

IX. County Administrator's Report

A. Boards/Commissions/Committees - Planning Commission

By motion of Vice-Chair Wade and with the following vote, the Board reappointed Ms. Beverly Jones to the Planning Commission for a four-year term.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Wade, Mrs. Tucker, and Mr. Pugh

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

B. Boards/Commissions/Committees - Board of Zoning Appeals

By motion of Supervisor Pugh and with the following vote, the Board recommended to the circuit court the reappointment of Mr. George W. Wise to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five-year term.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Wade, Mrs. Tucker, and Mr. Pugh

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

C. Boards/Commissions/Committees - Quarterly update (October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)

None- For information only.

X. County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney had no matter to discuss.

XI. Liaison and Committee Reports

A. Planning Commission - David Pugh

Supervisor Pugh reported that the Planning Commission just passed several special exceptions that will be coming forward to the Board of Supervisors. He also stated that Piney River Solar was tabled until September 28th at which time it will be brought back before the Planning Commission.

XII. Departmental Reports

A. Treasurer's Report for Quarter Ending June 30, 2023

None - For information only.

B. Library Board of Trustees - Annual Report

Larry Langhans, Library Board of Trustees Chair, presented the Board with an annual report. (SEE ATTACHMENT 1)

XIII. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

XIV. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

Chair Martin stated that at 6 p.m., there will be a trail dedication for Sara Lu Christian, followed by a short trail walk at Riveredge Park.

Vice-Chair Wade stated that he and Mr. Bryant, along with some other staff, had met with a staff member from the Planning District Commission to look at planning grant opportunities that may be available for low to moderate-income citizens in the Seminole, Lakeview, and Old Wright Shop Rd area.

Supervisor Tucker stated that the Crape Myrtles on Route 29 Business in Monroe needed trimming, and she asked staff to contact VDOT.

Supervisor Pugh had no matter to discuss.

XV. Adjournment

By motion of Supervisor Pugh and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 3:54 pm.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Wade, Mrs. Tucker, and Mr. Pugh

NAY: None

ABSENT: None



Tom Martin, Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Jeremy Bryant, County Administrator



Amherst County
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Board of Trustees



Naomi Giles
District 1



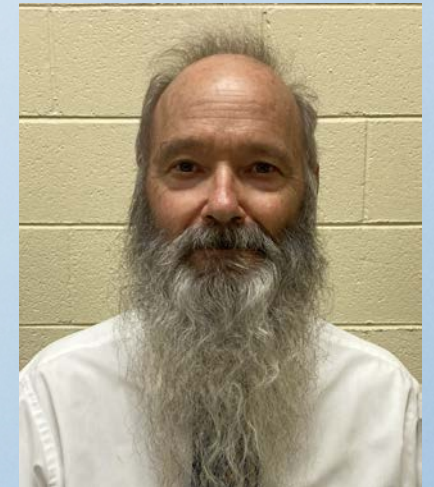
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District 2



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Richard Jordan
District 5

Former Library Board Members



Steve Witham

District 1

20 years of service



Robb Simpkins

District 5

10 years of service

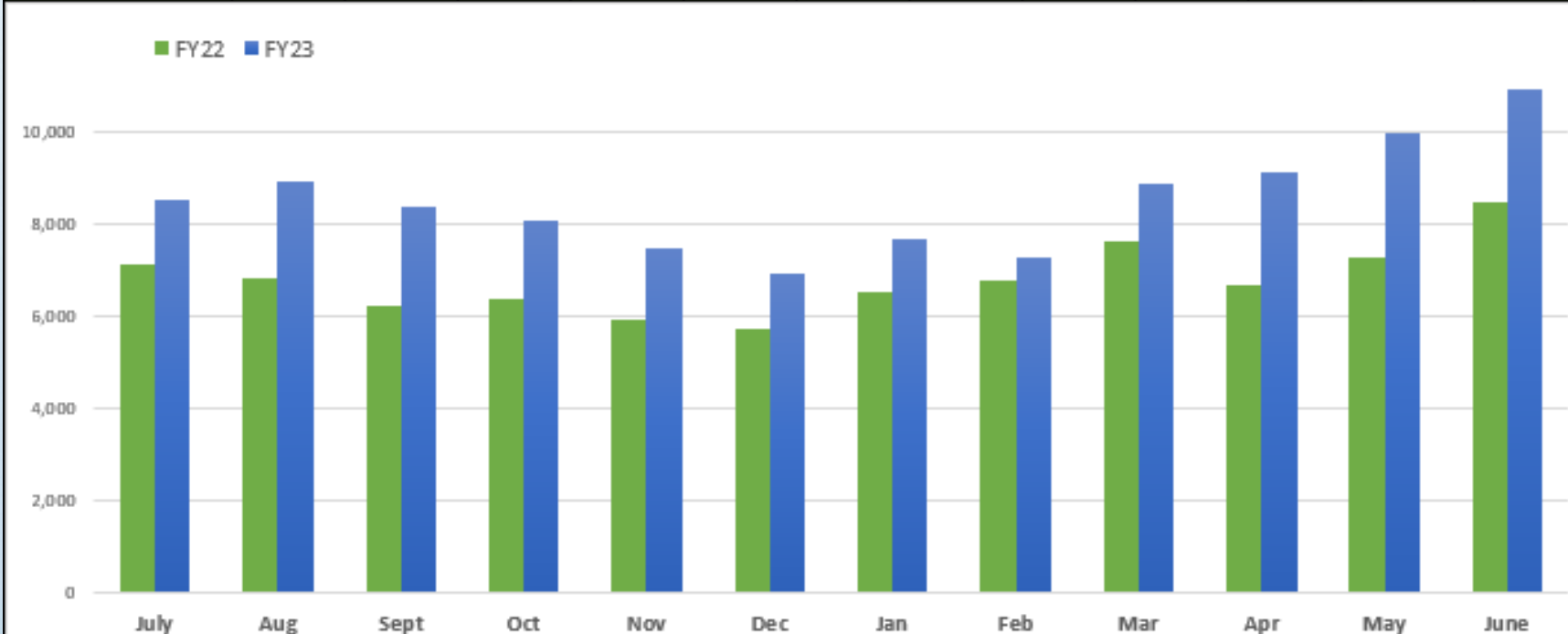
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Circulation for FY22 –FY23



Format	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	* Mar	Apr	May	June
Children	3,964	3,838	3,867	3,688	3,334	2,877	3,223	3,234	4,158	4,235	4,344	5,364
Teen	202	250	198	171	169	188	210	183	203	224	281	353
Adult	3,383	3,678	3,380	3,223	2,922	2,981	3,122	2,785	3,265	3,381	3,909	3,757
Digital	979	1,194	942	990	1,062	913	1,113	1,080	1,244	1,308	1,472	1,484
FY23 TOTAL	8,528	8,960	8,387	8,072	7,487	6,959	7,668	7,282	8,870	9,148	10,006	10,958
FY22 TOTAL	7,129	6,813	6,254	6,393	5,945	5,736	6,523	6,777	7,615	6,683	7,308	8,500



Circulation Rising



* Recent changes to library policy and services have been very effective. Some of the major changes include a new circulation policies, automatic renewals, removal of overdue fees, and free interlibrary loans. Use of digital books is also steadily rising.

The library employs 11 full-time and 6 part-time staff members. All of whom wish to again express their thanks for the recent market study and cost of living raises that you approved for all the county staff.



In FY23 library staff assisted 67,645 visitors and reshelved over 88,000 items.



Staff
Working Hard



In FY23 the library purchased and cataloged 5,703 new items for the library. 764 of which were items requested by library cardholders.



The library staff obtained \$9,540 in emergency connectivity grant funding to reduce the cost of circulating hotspots to the community.



The library staff obtained \$7,776 in eRate grant funding to pay for the library's public and staff internet.

Finances

Saved



In Fiscal Year 2023 the library's operating budget was \$233,420 but this cost was offset by \$196,590 of annual state aid.



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