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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

December 19, 2023
Administration Building - 153 Washington
Street - Public Meeting Room
Amherst, Virginia 24521
Meeting Convened - 7:00 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 December 19, 2023 at 7:00 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 7:00 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 Tucker 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

Nancy Smith addressed the Board requesting that the Board of Supervisors reject the Energix Solar Farm proposal when it comes back before them for consideration.

V. Public Hearing

A. Ordinance 2023-9 Zoning and Subdivisions

This ordinance amends and reenacts Appendix A, Zoning and Subdivisions, Article III, Definitions of Terms Used in this Ordinance, Section 302, Specific Definitions; Article VIII, Use Requirements by Zoning Districts, Section 702, Agricultural Residential District A-1; and Article XII, Subdivision Platting Requirements, Section 1207, Administrative Review of Certain Plats. The purpose of this ordinance is to allow for recreational dwellings and for the spouse of a qualified family member to be added to a family division plat.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

The Public Hearing was closed.

By motion of Supervisor Pugh and with the following vote, the Board adopted Ordinance 2023-9 as presented.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

B. Ordinance 2023-10 Spot Blight Abatement

On September 3, 2019, the County Administrator, in accordance with Sections 36-3 and 36-49.1:1 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended), made a preliminary determination that the property located at 4512 South Amherst Highway constituted spot blight as a result of the condition of the property which endangered the public health, safety and general welfare. On November 4, 2019, the property owner entered into a Rehabilitation Agreement with the County in an attempt to abate the blight conditions on the property. To date, the owner has failed to comply with the Rehabilitation Agreement and staff recommends the adoption of the attached ordinance setting forth the County's Blight Abatement Plan that will authorize the demolition of the structures on the property at the cost of the property owner.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Proponents: None

Opponents: Sajal Narayan

The Public Hearing was closed.

By motion of Chairman Martin and with the following vote, the Board adopted Ordinance 2023-10 as presented.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

VI. Consent Agenda

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda for December 19, 2023.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

A. Minutes - December 5, 2023

It was moved that the Board adopted the minutes from December 5, 2023.

B. Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) PSAP Grant Program Staff Recognition - Public Safety

It was moved that the Board approved a one-time recognition bonus to all current full-time and part-time dispatchers using the funding provided by the VDEM PSAP Staffing Recognition Funding Program.

C. Replacement Vehicle - Public Safety

It was moved that the Board approve the purchase of a new shift supervisor's vehicle.

D. Appropriation for other School Renovation Permits

It was moved that the Board appropriate \$1,100 from the Unobligated General Fund Balance for the School Renovation Project land disturbance and erosion & sediment control permits.

E. Maintenance Carryforward FY 2024

It was moved that the Board appropriate \$1,559.00 from the Unobligated General Fund Balance into the FY 24 operating budget of maintenance for janitorial supplies.

F. Landfill Closure - December 23, 2023

It was moved that the Board approve the closure of the landfill on December 23, 2023, for Christmas.

VII. Special Presentation

A. Commemorative Resolution 2023-6-CR - E.W. Viar

By motion of Chairman Martin and with the following vote, the Board adopted Commemorative Resolution 2023-6-CR as presented.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

VIII. County Administrator's Report

A. Project Status Report

For the Board's information.

B. Service Authority Board Vacancy

By motion of Chairman Martin and with the following vote, the Board reappointed Edgar J. T. Perrow Jr. to serve another four-year term.

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

NAY: None
ABSENT: None

C. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Development Board Vacancy

By motion of Vice-Chair Wade and with the following vote, the Board reappointed John Mann to serve another five-year term.

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

IX. County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney reported that there has been a change to the Virginia Statewide Building Code also making some changes to the Maintenance Code which may bring forth the need to request some legislative action in the General Assembly.

X. Liaison and Committee Reports

A. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Development Board- Tom Martin

Chairman Martin reported that the Parks & Recreation Board had a Christmas dinner that was really nice and that they received the grant for Central Bark. He also stated the numbers are up for activities hosted by Parks & Rec and that Director Nixon is doing a great job.

B. Agriculture Committee - Claudia Tucker

Supervisor Tucker reported that the Agriculture Committee met on December 11, 2023. Stakeholders, staff, and citizens were invited to give input on the Fair. She said the discussion on the Fair was good there were lessons learned, and that all in all, the community seems to love the Fair, and she hopes the county can find a way forward. Mrs. Tucker also stated that there are some vacancies on the Agriculture Board.

XI. Departmental Reports

A. General Fund Availability Report

For the Board's information.

B. Budget Status Report as of September 30, 2023

For the Board's information.

XII. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

XIII. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

Chair Martin had no matter to discuss.

Vice-Chair Wade had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Tucker had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Pugh had no matter to discuss.

XIV. Closed Session

- A. A closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) for the purpose of discussion related to consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, specifically related to the acquisition of property located in District 2.

Vice-Chair Wade motioned to go into closed session and was approved with the following vote:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Supervisor Pugh motioned to come out of closed session and was approved with the following vote:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

XV. Certification of Closed Session
CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

I move 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. Martin: AYE

Mr. Wade: AYE

Mrs. Tucker: AYE

Mr. Pugh: AYE

XVI. Adjournment

By motion of Vice-Chair Wade and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 8:28 pm.

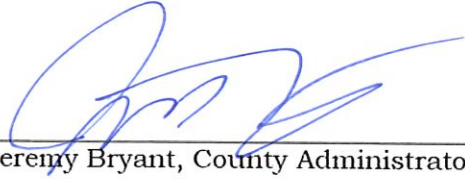
AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Wade, Mrs. Tucker, and Mr. Pugh

NAY: None

ABSENT: None



Tom Martin, Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Jeremy Bryant, County Administrator