At a regular monthly meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Peter Francisco Auditorium of the Buckingham County Administration Complex, the following members were present: Don Matthews, Chairman; T. Jordan Miles, III, Vice-Chairman; Dennis Davis; Donald E. Bryan; Harry W. Bryant, Jr.; Joe N. Chambers, Jr.; and Danny R. Allen. Also present were Rebecca S. Carter, County Administrator; Karl R. Carter, Asst. County Administrator; Cheryl T. “Nicci” Edmondston, Zoning Administrator; E.M. Wright, Jr., County Attorney; Cody R. Davis, Emergency Services Manager and Jamie Shumaker, IT Manager.

**Re: Call to Order**

Chairman Matthews called the meeting to order.

**Re: Establishment of a Quorum**

Chairman Matthews certified there was a quorum. Seven of seven members were present and the meeting could continue.

**Re: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice Chairman Miles gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all who were in attendance.

**Re: Approval of Agenda**

Matthews: Can we have a motion for the approval of the agenda? We have a motion and a second. Call for the vote. Seven, yes.

*Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the agenda as presented.*

**Re: Approval of Minutes**

Matthews: And so the next item is going to be approval of the minutes. We have a motion by Mr. Bryant.

Miles: I'll second Mr. Chairman.

Matthews: A second by Mr. Miles. Call for the vote. Yes, seven.
Supervisor Bryant moved, Vice-Chairman Miles seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 meeting as presented.

Re: Approval of Claims

Miles: I move the claims to be approved as presented.

Bryan: Second.

Matthews: I have a motion and a second for approval of the claims. Call for the vote. Seven yes.

Vice-Chairman Miles moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the claims as presented.

Re: Announcements

Matthews: Any announcements? We do have one announcement. I'm gonna let Mr. Miles take care of this. This is some information that we got from the new public library on some things that they're trying to do and just a little bit of public advertising for them in their new building.

Miles: Yeah, just very briefly, Mr. Chairman, I passed this on to the chairman earlier, but the library is doing curbside pickup for their books and movies right now. They have a hybrid model of operating due to COVID-19. And they are also checking out laptops and hotspots, both Verizon and US Cellular so they wanted to pass that on, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, sir.

Matthews: Yes, sir. Thank you. They're working hard up there. Anybody that can utilize that building with the library and everything, we urge them to go up there and visit. So anyway, they got a lot of good stuff going on. All right.

Re: Public Comments

Matthews: Any public comments, Mrs. Lann?

Lann: Yes. We have one for Marie flowers that was emailed. She says:

Marie Flowers, District 3: My name is Marie flowers. I live in a third district. My comment refers to your approval of drilling. There is no provision for the protection of water on neighbor's property. I know the experts stated that there is little chance of contaminating the water. But it can happen. Why shouldn't there be some protection for our citizens. This board did not protect the citizens of Union Hill to the fullest even though many experts gave suggestions on what could be done during the hearings for the compressor station. These actions tell me and the world that the elected officials care nothing for the citizens of Buckingham County. Wouldn't it be awful if you were the injured citizen, then it would be important. Respectfully, Marie Flowers
Lann: We have some here tonight.

Mike Woods, District 6: How are y'all doing this evening? Mike Woods, just coming to show some support for the emergency services, the great job that they're doing for the county, that y'all have undertaken to start employing county citizens to run the calls and show support for the volunteer staff that y'all were talking about bringing back. I know that y'all had some issues in the past. But I'd like to see the county move forward past that, to get the volunteers back on to help support the paid staff and to run calls that are being dropped, that they can hopefully take care of some of those calls. Thank you.

Matthews: Thank you. We appreciate that.

Quinn Robinson, District 4: Good evening all. My name is Quinn Robinson, I live on 640 in Andersonville, next to the church. A couple of things really quick. I'm glad people are finding the library worthwhile. However, you've got to get it open. If the convenience store is open and doing business, I don't know why it can't be open. And it's particularly critical now with the delay and information with the getting onto the internet. I don't have high speed. I have to wait hours for it to come up. And then it blinks off. I haven't seen the whole minutes yet. But I want to have a chance to read them. There's got to be another way to work this out. My main concern tonight was the meeting of last month. And I think the idea of joint meetings is just if not impossible, it's undesirable. It's been a feature or a habit of this county to do that. And it's not productive. Who knows who's doing what and why. And it was a little bit chaotic towards the end, when as the Chair was being passed back and forth, that it came to a point where the commission was supposed to make a recommendation to the board. And there's a change of positions and then some discussion and recommendation came forward. But the recommendation came from one of the supervisors, not the commission, it doesn't make any sense. If you don't know what's going on and what's happening, then it's gonna get really complicated. The Robert's Rules of Order are important. And they're important because they're a civilized standard way to do things, in fairness for everybody. And it's clear that the first thing you do every January is to pass those rules. And then during the meeting you walk away from them, if not shredding them. It just doesn't make any sense. Please look into it. Get a full time...there are professional parliamentarians or get some of the crib sheets that'll tell you how to do that. The chairman has ultimate control of what is proper and appropriate. And I spoke late in the day on this matter. And I did so because I thought I had precedent with the militia mania that happened in I guess it was December of 2019 when the entire audience was whooping and hollering. So I wanted to make a point that procedure was not being followed. It benefits everybody. Protects everybody. If this is going on You Tuber and people are seeing these meetings, it's not helping the County. Thank you. Good luck.

Tawanna Patterson, District 2: Good evening. My name is Tawanna Patterson and this is more of a request as opposed to a comment or a request for the Board to consider granting an easement or a deed of right of way to property adjacent to the public library. I sent some information in and I would hope that that information got disseminated to the Board in terms of the layout, the drawings and what exactly is being requested.

Matthews: Mrs. Carter, have you seen this or Nicci, have we received anything about that?
Edmondston: (did not speak into a mic so did not pick up so not verbatim) Mrs. Edmondston stated that she had received something about this and spoke with Mrs. Carter about it. It was determined that we had not done this in the past so I had not given you a copy.

Matthews: What is the right of way for Mrs. Patterson? I'm just curious.

Patterson: It is for a new home being built near or right adjacent to the library. The home has to face the library due to the drain field, so we're asking or would like to be able to access that new home by using the entrance of the library.

Miles: The existing library? I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman? Is it the existing or the old lot?

Patterson: The new library.

Miles: Okay, just to clarify,

Bryan: Where they live is where the water tower is, if you're looking, if you're standing on 15, and looking at the water tower, they currently live to the left. Okay, so they're going to be building, like, behind the water tower behind if I'm right, Mrs. Patterson, behind the water tower. behind where they currently live. And to get into there, because of the way the water tower and stuff is they would need an entrance right there by…

Matthews: Their residence there between the water tower?

Bryan: That's it. That’s their old house.

Matthews: What's wrong with the entrance there now? That’s there now?

Patterson: I will give way to my husband, he can better explain.

Matthews: Isn’t there an entrance to the older home there?

Patterson: There is an entrance there for this house. It comes in…there are two residents there, including us currently. And it's not, it's not a through traffic driveway, per se, it's directly in the middle of a driveway. So in order to do that it would disrupt the two residents that are currently there.

Matthews: There's no way to reconfigure that. I mean, I'm just asking to try to save you some grief here. We're kind of treading on stuff that's never been done before in the county, as far as a right of way. I mean, that would be something legally, I don't know about all that. But for us just to deed right of way to someone, you know, that's really not what we're here about to do. But I would think if you contacted a surveyor or civil engineer to be able to do something, looking at the plat, maybe you could come together with other landowners there to try to get you a right of way into that. But anyway, we'll take what you've asked or are talking about, we'll look into it and talk about a little bit. I don't think that's gonna probably work at the end of the day. Anyway, do you have any interest in the other parcel of land is there or is that owned by someone else? Is that what the deal is?
Joseph Patterson, District 2: My name is Joseph Patterson. So of course, I'm her husband. So the way that the property is situated and the way that it cut up it is adjacent to Harold Davis's property, so it's kind of nestled in. There is no through traffic in the way and we've had it surveyed. We were subdividing the land with the potential or maybe even selling the current home that we have. So there is no through traffic that could come into the other property. The way that the drain field is going to be, you would literally be driving into the back of the new home. So that's why we were asking and everybody that we've talked to has always you know, they said that it's never been done in the county. If they were the county, they wouldn't approve it. I don't know the legal ramifications on it, but we have, you know, young children and, you know, even with the bus, they would have to the home would be facing the library. But they will be all you know, they have to catch the bus, you know, two properties over. So there's no through traffic there, there's no cul de sac. There's, and we'd have to reconfigure, you know, the whole the whole thing, but I don't even know. Even if we face it toward the road, we only look into like 20 feet before we like right in the woods.

Matthews: Right. You are talking about 20 feet. Is that what your right of way is?

J. Patterson: It would be like 20, the house will be like from here to where you all are facing the woods. So that's why with the drain field, if we faced a library, we have access to almost like an acre of open space as opposed to just 20 feet of looking toward the road. And the back of the house would be… the back of the house would be where the other property is. Okay. We would like for somebody to come look, it's kind of hard to look at on the drawing.

Matthews: Right. Well, Mr. Bryan gave me a little drawing of how he saw it. So we will take it under advisement right now. We'll get the information from Mrs. Edmondston and take a look at it and talk with Mr. Wright, our county attorney.

Carter: I think this is a Town of Dillwyn subdivision? It’s under their subdivision regulations, not the counties.

Matthews: Do you happen to know what those regulations are. I mean, as far as setbacks and stuff like that.

Carter: I don't know what they are. They know I'm sure.

Matthews: What are the setbacks? Like where your house is sitting I think most of the time I think the county it's like 10 feet off the…

J. Patterson: Oh yeah, it's substantial. The way it'll be set up would be the drain field would be where the property line that will come into the driveway is.

Matthews: Okay. All right. Have you already built the house? Or have you already built the house?

J. Patterson: No, everything we pretty much have everything done except this. The survey is done. We have the contract is waiting on.
Matthews: Okay.

Bryan: Mr. Patterson? Are you guys in the Town of Dillwyn?

J. Patterson: We are in the Town of Dillwyn.

Miles: It's on the edge.

Bryan: You guys are just barely on the edge because I thought the Town of Dillwyn went just a little past the post office and you guys are way past the post office.

J. Patterson: We are in the Town of Dillwyn. We talked to Dennis Carney about it. We are clearly in the Town.

Bryan: Okay.

Matthews: All right. We’ll get the information together. Mr. Patterson and Mrs. Patterson and we'll do some research on it and talk to Mr. Wright and see what we can come up with for you.

Lann: That is all.

Chairman Matthews closed the public comments.

Re: Road Matters and Consider resolutions for Public Hearings to abandon the two bus loops at Old Dillwyn Primary and Old Gold Hill School

Matthews: We got item number one, which is Road Matters with Scott Frederick. Is Scott Frederick on the call in tonight? First, we need to consider resolutions for public hearings to abandon the two bus loops, one at the old Dillwyn Primary and the other at the Gold Hill School. Any discussion on this?

Miles: I move, Mr. Chairman, that we set public hearings for our March meeting on the resolutions as presented regarding the bus loops at the old Dillwyn Primary and the old Gold Hill Elementary School.

Matthews: We had a motion on the floor.

Bryan: And a second.

Matthews: We have a motion and a second to consider setting a public hearing for March for these resolutions.

Miles: Yes, sir. Okay. At our regularly scheduled March meeting, Mr. Chairman,

Matthews: Okay. Call for the vote please. Seven. Yes.
Vice Chairman Miles moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to set a public hearing regarding the abandonment of the two bus loops at the Old Dillwyn Primary and the Old Gold Hill Elementary for the March 8, 2021 meeting.

Matthews: All right. Did we want to talk to Mr. Frederick if he's on the line now?

Frederick: Good evening. Can you guys hear me? Ok. Thank you. I had to switch microphones. Sorry about that. I put together a quick update. If you guys can hear me and want to listen to it, and I'd be happy to take any comments from you guys. We have had two snow events as everyone knows, and I think we got through those as good as you could want to get through them. And apparently, we're cleaning up our equipment and restocking materials in case we have any more of those snowstorms come through. I'd like to thank you guys for making the motion and approving the public hearings to abandon at the Gold Hill Elementary School and the Dillwyn Primary School. The streetscape project, there's going to be a walkthrough for that tomorrow to work on closing it out. So I'll be in the Town of Dillwyn tomorrow for that. I think that project is turned out really well. That's a very nice construction. So far from what I've seen of it. Well, I'd like to thank Supervisor, Bryan for taking time to meet with us last month. We've looked at some stuff, and we're gonna do a little bit of work there on Bell Road. Unfortunately, it hasn't dried out enough to do any of the ditching that we looked at there. There's a woman named Cheryl White that the board brought to my attention. There's some drainage issues that she's been bringing to our attention or the board's attention, and they brought them to my attention. I'm scheduled to meet with her at her residence tomorrow. So I want to let the board know that I appreciate them doing that coordination for me. We did a lot of pothole patching last week, throughout the county, a lot on the secondaries and some on the primaries. I'm sure with this last snow event, there's going to be more especially with these extremely cold temperatures we've been getting at night that seems like it makes those things show up that much faster. We've also been working on cutting some brush on our secondary route. And then the other big thing that we accomplished this month, we replaced the 24 inch pipe on Route 632. That was a one day project. And we didn't really have any issues brought to our attention during that project. So I think it went smoothly, you know it made a good improvement for the community in that area. So do you guys have anything you need to bring to my attention tonight?

Matthews: I was just curious. We've taken a pretty hard hit this year with moisture and different things. And I know that some of the roads that are traveling in my district, which is District 3, down around Shephards. What's the plan moving forward into spring once it starts to dry up on stone or some of these secondary roads that are gravel? Are you going to go by complaints? Or how are you going to address those issues? Because there's a bunch of them in my district. I don't know about everybody else's districts.

Fredrick: Yes, sir. We will be adding stone with as needed I guess is the best way to say it. We actually have put a lot out throughout the whole county but especially District 3 area. I'd say about two months ago, we touched up a lot of the roads in that area, but we keep a constant watch on them. It's just something that like this wet weather that you mentioned it's been more this year than I was…the first year I worked as the resident engineer I feel like we didn't have to add near as much stone but what we're going to keep a close watch on them. We'll address them as needed.
**Matthews:** What material are you going to be using this year? Is that gonna change? I mean, we've been using some slate the last couple years and some granite too in places but are you gonna...you're not gonna change that material are you or do you know?

**Fredrick:** I think we're gonna stick with what we used this year. We've had some issues with the slate and as far as I'm aware, the materials office in Lynchburg hasn't approved the slate again. We actually took that off the list about 12 months ago because we were having so many issues with flat tires. So I'm pretty sure we're gonna stick with the granite material. People, companies are all always trying to get on our list of approved products. And if that happens, we may switch but as far as I know, we're gonna stick with the suppliers we're currently using to do that work.

**Matthews:** I also notice on the secondary roads that are surface treated, some of that patchwork that you guys did is not holding up too good. So I don't know if you need to put it in reverse and start reevaluating, instead of shooting the whole road or whatever you're gonna do. I just noticed on is number one, the first one that comes to mind is Rt. 608, which is I think Deer Run coming off of 636 and goes all the way over to 460. I've just noticed this a lot of breakup on that particular road in different spots.

**Matthews:** We will have to take a look at that. Whenever we do a new road like a rural rustic, we add it...we try to make sure that there's six inches of stone there. So we'll add stone to the point where there is six inches. We'll roll it and get good compaction and then we'll surface treat it. If the roads already been built, and we're just patching it, it's tough to get it without redoing the whole road. It's tough to know where those bad spots are, if they're already covered up. But yeah, this weather and if they get any kind of heavy traffic on it, it helps us find them. But we'll look at Deer Run specifically to see what we need to do with that one.

**Matthews:** Also Crumptown Road also.

**Fredrick:** Okay.

**Matthews:** I don't know if anyone else...anybody else have any problems in their districts?

**Miles:** Yeah, Mr. Chairman, if I could, Scott. And obviously, I'll preface this by saying, you know, I understand that it's been really wet and we've had a snow event or two in the in the chill in the air. But there, I'm gonna send you an email with more specifics. But on the gravel part of Jericho Road is in pretty rough shape. I was down there today. And there was a pretty large pothole on Dixie Hill Road at Hilltop Road on the Route 60 end and Glover Hill Road has got numerous potholes and I'm sure it's because of the weather, and the blade and the temperature. And there's a really large pothole, there are signs but I'd like to know what maybe the recourse is and the course of action. But on the Bridge Road about a mile and a half, roughly off of the Dixie Hill Road, Scott, Mr. Frederick, there's a really big hole in the road and there are signs but and I'm sure you all are working on it. But I wanted to bring those to your attention and see what the course of action was for that road. That road goes between Route 24 and Dixie Hill Road.
Fredrick: Okay, I'll have to check and let you know, if there's signs there, then we obviously know about it. So I don't know what they're waiting on to get it fixed. So when you send me that email, I'll follow back up with you on the schedule to get it taken care of.

Miles: Thank you, sir.

Fredrick: No problem. Thank you, sir.

Matthews: Anyone else? All right, Scott, thank you so much. We appreciate your time.

Fredrick: Okay, thank you Chairman and board you guys have a good night.

Re: Zoning Matters: Introduction of Case 20-ZMA281 Des Raj, Rezone from A-1 to B-1 purpose of Business Expansion

Matthews: Okay, next item is a zoning matter. Mrs. Edmondston, did you want to do this?

Edmondston: Yes, sir. So good evening, Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board. Before you tonight you have the introduction of Case 20-ZMA281. The request is to rezone from Agricultural A-1 to Business B-1 for the purpose of business expansion. The landowner is JD Corporation of Virginia Incorporated and the applicant is Des Raj and the property is located at Tax Map 95 parcel 32 contains approximately one acre located at 3407 South Constitution Route, Dillwyn at the intersection of State Route 649 which is Slate River Mill Road and State Route 20. The property is currently known as Route 20 Market. His request of course is asking the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors to recommend a public hearing to hear this request for the rezone. This property currently operates as Route 20 Market as a grandfathered use. Mr. Raj wants to expand his business and construct a 4000 square foot facility that will house a convenience store and food specialty grill shop when an existing grandfathered use will be expanding or enlarging per the Buckingham County Zoning Ordinance, the usage must be brought into compliance. Mr. Raj will not be able to apply for a special use permit in A-1 because this new facility will be larger than the specifications on page 11 of the ordinance which states that convenience/ general stores have a maximum 2000 square feet and no more than four petroleum pumps. This location is approximately nine miles south of Centenary/Scottsville Growth Corridor, as outlined in the comprehensive plan. Mr. Raj has included his VDOT determination and understands that further review may be needed along with the site plan for construction all subject to final decision. This case was introduced to the Planning Commission December 28. And a public hearing was held January 25 of this year. There was a request from landowner Edward Haynes requesting a chain link fence along the property line of which Mr. Raj indicated he would comply and install the fence. Other discussion was in regard to the safety of ingress and egress at the existing intersection of Route 20 and Slate River Mill Road. Other discussion included hours, lighting, signage, location, fuel pumps and parking. Mr. Raj explained that should his request be approved in building on proper business as usual during the construction phase in the new building, returned to his normal hours of operation, which had been decreased during COVID-19, utilize lighting to enhance security, replace existing signage with an update, reflecting BP branding, explained the location of a new pay at the pump fuel and explain the layout for parking. He is working with an engineer for site development. After discussion, the Planning Commission voted unanimously for recommendation of approval to the Board. All Planning
Commission members were present. Would it be agreeable to the Board of Supervisors to hold a public hearing March 8, 2021 at 6pm? Also, Mr. Raj is not able to attend tonight because he actually had to go into work because of an employee situation. But I'm sure that he would be agreeable to any questions or comments that you have outside of tonight.

**Matthews:** Does anyone have questions for Mrs. Edmondston?

**Allen:** We need to put it in for the fence to say that that's one of the things he had to do.

**Edmondston:** That was an agreement between the property owner since it's a rezone and not as actual use permit rezones do not come with any conditions that can be placed, but we can state that it was made public at the Planning Commission meeting that he agreed to that request from the adjacent property owner.

**Allen:** Thank you.

**Edmondston:** Yes, sir.

**Matthews:** Any other questions or discussion? Did we get a motion to set the public hearing?

**Bryant:** Make a motion that we have a public hearing on March 8.

**Davis:** I'll second.

**Matthews:** We have a motion and a second. Can we call for the vote please? Seven. Yes. We have a public hearing on March 8 for zoning matters for Mr. Raj. Thank you so much. Mrs. Edmondston.

*Supervisor Bryant moved, Supervisors Davis and Miles seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to schedule a public hearing for the March 8, 2021 meeting to hear public comments regarding Case 20-ZMA281 rezone from A-1 to B-1 for Des Raj, Rt. 20 Market expansion.*


**Matthews:** All right. We're going into presentations. The first one is going to be Kristin Choates with Robinson, Farmer and Cox Associates going over our financial report and audit for 2020.

**Choates:** (Virtual) Good evening. Can you hear me?

**Matthews:** Yes, ma'am. How are you doing?

**Choates:** Great. How are y'all tonight? So as you mentioned, I'm here to present the results of the FY20 audit of the County, School Board, and Department of Social Services is all included in the audit. So we were engaged to perform a financial statement audit and compliance audit for the county. That audit is subject to auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. The
specifications for audits of county, cities, and towns issued by the Auditor of Accounts. The standards for financial audits containing government auditing standards, also known as the yellow book, single audit Act Amendments of 1996 and the provisions of uniform guidance that is over the federal awards. So all of those standards and requirements were unchanged from the prior year. So no differences in our procedures or requirements as far as the audit standards themselves. So our audit was performed in accordance with each of those standards. And there were no new accounting standard implemented during the year. We'll talk about a little bit later, but COVID had an impact on the audit standard. So nothing was actually implemented this year that was new. For accounting estimates, those are similar to prior years. They consist of the depreciable life of capital assets, the allowance for your own collectable property taxes, compensated absences, and then net pension asset liabilities and those related deferred inflows and outflows. We tested each of those and found them to be reasonable. There were no difficulties or disagreements and dealing with management during the course of our audit. There were a few audit adjustments that we proposed during our audit various things transfer for the VPA and school for inputs are typical transactions at the end of every year, some inner fund activity in the debt service fund. I'm just reclassifying, accrued payroll and school fund, making sure that retainage payable was recorded on the construction contracts with the sewer project and also the library project. And then some typical adjustments from prior years on accrued interest and both Gatsby 6875 entries in the water and sewer funds. We obtained all required representations from management. There were no consultations with other accountants or about accounting or auditing matters. As far as the required supplementary information, that's your management's discussion and analysis that kind of shows the changes between last year and this year. Management provided some explanations as to why something's changed this year like taking over contracting some of the rescue squad services. And so we reviewed that as well as those schedules related to the pension and those funding. We applied limited procedures to those schedules. As far as the budgetary comparison information, we did review that in relation to the basic financial statements. So that's your schedule 1, your schedule 2 that shows how well you performed during the year in comparison to the adopted budget. And then also new appropriations that were adopted during the year. We were also engaged to report on other supplementary information. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards and supplementary schedules in any combining statements. So you'll see some statements toward the back, some exhibits on the school board, your various funds or capital projects that service all of that. So we do review those and make sure that they are fairly stated in relation to the financial statements. We were not engaged to and do not express an opinion on the statistical information. So those 10 year stat tables in the back that just shows you some of the trends of how everything is changing from year to year. The results of our audit, we issued unmodified opinion on the financial statements. Those are fairly stated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and then also compliance for the major federal programs and then internal control over that compliance. So all of that was unmodified. Basically, what you want to hear at the end of the year audit, what we used to refer to as a clean opinion. The VRS attestation report was also filed. There was one retirement deduction on the school board side that did not match the record. But upon finding that error, school board management corrected that. So everything else was fairly standard in relation to the VRS testing, which is a requirement from the Auditor Public Accounts that we review every year. Just to highlight some of the fund balance changes, the general fund had a fund balance of $11.1 million, or $11.2, rounded up last year. So there was a $400,000 change, increase in the fund balance. So at the end of the year, it was 11 million point 6. Pretty good year with COVID and everything when you think about that. Now the Cares Act Fund is a new fund this year, of course, that was where all the additional funds to help with
COVID from the federal government was reported. So you'll see that there's a zero fund balance carried in that fund. But there are also unspent funds of $1.3 million at the end of June. So of course, there was a big push to get all of this spent by December 30. And then in December, legislation was passed that extended that to December 31 of 2021. So you get more time to spend that now. But that information, you'll see is carrying the zero fund balance because it was all classified as unearned revenue. And as it's spent, then you'll recognize the revenue in relation to that. So that's why there are zeros. The county capital improvement fund, you'll see this year that the you had the issuance of the $5.1 million debt for the library and community center project. And of that $4.9 million was spent. So that fund balance went from 42,000 last year that pretty much represents the Gene Dixon fund balance that has been accumulating for that project. And then there was an increase of $169,000. So ending fund balances 201,000. You can just see the reflection of that issuance of debt and then how much profit risk was made on that project, a lot of progress this year. The water and sewer funds had some decreases, $49,000 decrease in the water fund and a $209,000 decrease in the sewer fund. And I think that was because of the fact that you're self-funding, the work that has been done so far on the water or sewer lines at Sprouse’s Corner. For the school board, the school operating fund does not carry a fund balance, zero's there. And then the school cafeteria fund had a $28,000 increase. There were a few recommendations that we made this year as a result of our audit. So some of those related to just some of the adjustments that were made, some reconciling items, just the way that the schedules are maintained, the use of Excel spreadsheet, just making sure those are subject to clerical errors, so just making sure that they're reviewed upon completion, for any mathematical issues. Some items as far as the in the IDA reporting, because that's new, newly used over the past couple of years, and there's a lot more activity running through the IDA, and the relationship with the counties. And we're recommending that there, that being pulled out of the county General Ledger or some sort of more robust accounting for that since there's more and more transactions going through there. A few other items on just as far as our recommendations on the way certain things are reviewed in relation to internal control. And sharing of information between the school board and the county have to make sure everything is in agreement, since the school board has their own set of books, but then they're also pulled into the county's general ledger. And there's a lot more detail on that in the management letter. If you have a chance to review that. Earlier I referenced the accounting changes. GASBY84 was effective this year. We talked about that a little bit last year that relates to fiduciary activities. So there are certain activities like collectivity funds that will actually become part of the financial statements going forward. But again, you're still maintaining those in a fiduciary capacity. So you'll see a few more schedules in your financial statements next year dealing with that. It won’t impact the general fund or anything like that. You won't have an impact on the county's bonds, but just more information that you do have to present in the financial statements going forward. So just start working with the school board on that to make sure that they are aware of that and have everything in place on selectivity’s funds that for that reporting. And then the following year, fiscal year 22. Gasby 87 will be effective. And that is the standard on leases. And it requires a lot more information and a different accounting for those leases. So just making sure right now, it's really important to go through and start gathering all of the leases that everyone may have. And reviewing them and trying to pull out all the terms and conditions and make sure that you have all of that information, you know ahead in front of you so you can get it in the financial statements properly when the time is right in a couple of years. That's all that I have. Unless you have any questions, I will be glad to entertain them. I miss seeing you guys. I'm looking at myself.
Matthews: Any questions or discussion, gentlemen? Everything looks good. Mrs. Choates. We appreciate it. Mrs. Carter, do you have any input on this audit or anything?

Carter: I don’t.

Matthews: All right, well, it seems like everything for the pandemic, it looks like everything went pretty smooth for us.

Carter: I would just like to clarify where it looks like we have our expenditure, which our expenditures did not exceed our revenue. But I think the school also didn't spend 700,000 and some. That would, Kristen, that would be in that general fund number, wouldn't it if the school did not spend all their money. So that's something to keep in mind too.

Matthews: Just a hats off to our staff. Again, they've done a really good job and we appreciate them. And we appreciate you Mrs. Choates, going through our books and making sure we're doing what we need to do to. So thank you so much.

Choates: You have a good evening.

Carter: Thank you, Kristen.

Re: Keith Plass, St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary Proposal for a new unincorporated community within Buckingham County

Matthews: Okay, the next item on the agenda is Mr. Keith Plass with St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary. He brings a presentation for us. Mr. Plass, welcome.

Plass: Thank you. I'm gonna ask her to put on a few pictures while I'm introducing myself. Thank you for having me out here. It's quite an honor to be able to speak in front of the county officials. My first time. I'm a student at a seminary that's located out off of Ranson Road, District 6. And we built this place out in the middle of a pine forest back in 2016. It's an institution that trains young men to become Catholic priests, and a seven year program. We have about 100 men there at any given time. And all of the surrounding staff support even a convent of nuns on site. Could you rotate through the pictures? Next one, a symbol of what we're about our religious significance there. We really were touched by the welcome we received coming out here. That was extraordinary. And the signs we received on our part to know it was a good idea to come were also extraordinary. The next picture please. For instance, you might not be able to see it too well in the picture. We have a gorgeous view of the Blue Ridge Mountains. And for a sign these mountains directly in front of us are called the religious range. And no one told us that. We never expected to see that. But we take it as a little sign from God that he meant for us to be there. So I'll use that to tie in what we're doing right now. On behalf of the Rector of the Seminary, I'm organizing a movement to make a new unincorporated community in the area. Now an unincorporated community, it's not a town. It's a name on the map really. That's all it is. And it on our part, it gives us a better connection with the land. So our institution already has a name St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary. And we want to have something in addition to that, larger than that, that really works with our mentality there at the seminary. We want to build everything high quality. We want to do
things well. We want to teach people how to live their lives well and be in touch with reality. Be in touch with things as God makes them. And one of the things that's most remarkable on the property there, the geography, the history. So there's a lot of local customs. Going back to the time of Thomas Jefferson. He loved to bring in a lot of very beautiful names from Italy and France. I can think of the more famous ones. Monticello, Mount Fleur. All these places. They really have, you'd say a cultured ring to them, but a certain beauty to them and they express the local atmosphere well. We even saw vineyards in smaller towns or unincorporated communities with a sort of theme of how they're named. For instance, Montvale in Bedford County. And it started giving us this idea. It was already actually was an idea that had been in place before. Our record wanted a name for our weather station we had there. So a name that really solidified I guess that particular place. So the name is Mont Valon. Could you go to the next one, please? I'm hoping she'll pull it up. So that's a beautiful nighttime picture of the seminary. The next one. I'll have to come back to that. The next one. I hope its clear enough for people. At the very bottom of this map, it's spelled M-O-N-T V-A-L-O-N. It is a French word. That just means mountain valley. So really everything you see when you walk to our property. So it's I take it as a chance to honor my Rector, who brought us here, and has done all of this incredible work to build this place. So many different obstacles have come up he's pushed through. So a tribute to his French ancestry and his particular mindset of putting us in touch with reality. So with that in mind, I approached the US Board of Geographical names and started a process. And this process, it goes on a government level. And they place this proposal in front of a board who votes on whether or not it'll be accepted. But they're interested to see if the local community has any sort of concerns or would like to show support for this. So I bring that in front of you today to see that. One of the main concerns I've heard it's all very nice and well to put a name on a map, but how does it affect people? Are the neighbors going to be upset too much by this? Is it going to change their addresses? After speaking to several the representatives from representative from the US Board on Geographical names, and the Virginia Board on Geographical names, it seems that it's ultimately going to be up to the post office itself, whether or not this name proposed and placed on a map actually translates into an address change. What they are going to try to do, if there is anything at all that's changed on the addresses, the people within the boundaries of this unincorporated community, those people would have a secondary optional address change. So they could either say Dillwyn as their town or Mount Valon. So similar to I can think of a whole slew of them throughout the area here, maybe someplace like Gold Hill, if it were to have an actual address, made at the post office, you could call the place Gold Hill instead of Dillwyn. So that's kind of the big picture there. I think, right now, we don't foresee anything changing at all, for any of our neighbors. We've spoken to most of them. There's a few we haven't been able to get ahold of yet. All those we've reached out to have told us they're supportive of it. There's one of them who would like to be a part of it, and several who are still considering. So it starts off as I guess more of us looking for an identity and trying to create a cultural landmark for ourselves, create more local interests, which would benefit the county to it gives it a better image, we'd hope with more beautiful name. It helps direct the locals and the different people who support us who come several times a year for the different ceremonies. It makes it easier to find out where it is. I'd say that that nearly states it all. I think the land, or the address was the main problem for most people. And I think I've answered the who, what, why, when, and where. The how even. And I guess if anyone here has questions, I'll certainly try my best to answer them if I haven't already. And just to sum it up, yes, it's a project of our seminary, to put ourselves in touch with reality and the righteous search for happiness in this life. And we'd like everyone else to support us if they can in that and create greater unity, especially among our neighbors. So if you do want to support us, don't
hesitate to tell the board or even the board, you could tell the US Board on Geographical names how you feel about it. Thank you.

Matthews: We might have a few questions for you, Mr. Plass. Okay. I know I do. But I will give the floor to any of the others supervisors first. Who wants to get it started? Anybody got any questions?

Miles: Mr. Chairman, I would just an observational comment, what most concerns me is the address and what could change and transpire especially with I guess, with the you know, not only with the first responders, but you know, E-911, all first responders, that kind of thing. So I do have concerns with that, sir.

Plass: Okay. Again, we don't even… we can't even be sure the post office would want to change anything here. But if they would, it would be adding a secondary, acceptable address. So they're still all they will be changing is the name of the town. And there would be two names in place there. So if either one were addressed, they could find it either way.

Matthews: Any other questions?

Chambers: I've got a question for you. Mr. Plass. (did not pick up on the recording)

Matthews: I have a question for you Mr. Plass.

Plass: Yes, sir.

Matthews: How many acres are on this particular site that is involving?

Plass: That is one thing I didn't explain well enough. You have the basic what's shown there's the outline of our property, which is over 1000 acres, a little over 1000 acres. It's right off of Ranson Road. The lower right corner is Ebenezer church, the neighbor right there in Glenmore up on the top. So that's about 1000 acres. The neighbor who wants to be a part of it, he probably has 60 acres. And the US Board says it's an unincorporated community is kind of a confusing thing to put boundaries on. It's confusing if you want to put boundaries on it. But for the purposes of documentation, and starting the process, they wanted us to actually draw out a boundary. Really all it is is a name on the map, like Glenmore or Howardsville, or Ranson’s, if you've got a name on the map, probably because there was a town there, or a church. And it's kind of a cultural historical footprint of that group there.

Matthews: So there is about 1000 acres. How many permanent residents? I know you said there’s about 100 at any given time there. How many actual permanent residents are on this piece of property?

Plass: Okay. I guess you wouldn't consider the students permanent residents. They're there. A lot of them are able to vote in the State of Virginia, a lot of the students mainly because it's easier for them than going home or easier just not to change their driver's licenses. But they're there almost the entire year. With the exception of summer break. Really summer break is three months. But permanent residents, you have staff and the professorship. Those put together, that's about 20-25 maximum. We'd
like to see more and more development happening in there. Already, we started putting in a retreat house. And the idea is we'd like to bring in more support groups who could help us.

Matthews: What do you mean by that support groups? What do you mean by that?

Plass: Families even who would want to settle, who buy property from us or settle nearby who are very closely tied to us, either they come in and work at our place, or they attend services at our place. So kind of a permanent group of people there.

Miles: Mr. Chairman, could ask question? So to fine tune Supervisor Matthews question, Mr. Plass, how many non-associated people of the seminary live in this footprint?

Plass: Okay, ask for clarification, sir.

Miles: How many people who are not affiliated with the seminary live in the footprint of the proposal? Is my question, sir?

Plass: There's only there's only one neighbor? Who would like to be a part of it?

Matthews: Who is that? Do you mind me asking?

Plass: Yes. I'm aware that he couldn't be here tonight. But he is giving me permission to include him. Chris Rumsey. I could give you his address or…

Chambers: Right there when you come out of 705 to 20 at Muddy Creek. The next intersection is Scottsville.

Miles: What road, Mr. Chambers?

Chambers: After you pass muddy Creek at the top of the hill. That’s Scottsville?

Plass: It's a confusing place to be.

Carter: I'd like to add that Jennifer from Geographic Names and Cassandra Farrell, with the Virginia Board on Geographical Names is on standby if you have any questions.

Matthews: I got a few more from Mr. Plass before we bring those ladies on. I guess my other question is, let's just get right down to the nuts and bolts of this whole thing. I mean, what is just you just want to change the name just to make it a prettier name? Is that kind of what you are thinking? I mean, that's the only reasoning behind this thing?

Plass: Okay, I see your question, sir. So the name that there was nothing there before. So it's a creation of a brand new name, nothing's being displaced by it. But I think it's, it's, you could look at it that way. But I think it's more tied to our identity as a seminary. And you'd have to understand, I guess how we,
we would like to fit in with the local community, how we want to make ourselves permanent. And it's an extension of how we look at reality.

Matthews: Mrs. Edmondson, how many acres are in the Slate River District total? Do you know that? Not a trick question.

Edmondston: (didn’t pick up with no mic) She stated that she did not have that information.

Matthews: The reason I'm getting to that. I mean, we really are glad that you're here in Buckingham County, and I know I am and we want to work with you the best we can. But you know, there, there's a lot of history in Buckingham County, and this stuff dates back a long way. Even before you guys got here, believe it or not, and I think a lot of people are partial to that they are. I don't have a problem with you naming your property whatever you want to name it. But I do have some reservations about renaming that whole district and that whole area. And that's just my take on it. And I'm just giving you my opinion. I'm not speaking for the other six gentlemen on this board. But you know, I've got some other questions at some other time, probably moving forward, if it gets to that point. But it seems to me with getting the Postal Service involved in this thing that, you know, we have five or six different zip codes that are already present in Buckingham County. And we're not a large, I mean, we're a large county acreage wise, but population wise, we're not that big. We're more of a rural situation, I don't really want to cost the taxpayers a whole lot of money by having to change something like that, or give something another name. I'm just thinking, you know, if I live on the other end of the county, and if somebody stopped in my place of business and said, I want to know where the seminary is. I wouldn't say it's at Mount Valon. You know, what I'm saying? I mean, I would say it is in Glenmore, or up there close to…I would give directions to get to Glenmore. I wouldn't give directions to get to Mount Valon. I'm just thinking, you know, simple ways of trying to achieve this thing. I'm not against you doing naming your property, whatever you like to name it, but I do have some reservations of naming that whole… renaming that district. I don't know if anybody else has any opinions on that or whatever moving forward, but

Bryant: I agree with you Mr. Chairman. I feel the same way, you can name it, whatever you want to, but I don't think I need to be changed in a post office or nothing like that.

Bryan: Right. I tend to agree with you, Mr. Chairman. I mean, you know, what's to say that I'll say Kyanite, you know, let's say that they want to change, you know, their entire district and make it something else, you know, then then if we allow this, then we have to allow anybody to do it. And then we would have people just for the sake of redoing it. You know…

Matthews: I agree with you.

Miles: Could we table this, Mr. Chairman?

Matthews: Do you have something to say Mr. Plass?

Plass: I would like to clarify, by district I don't mean at all District six. It's an area that was owned by Westrock mainly, it’s an area where hardly anyone's lived. So we obviously don't intend to erase all the
history around, it's not displacing anything. The zip code isn't going to change no matter what. All the post office will change is making an option to be called for it to be called Mount Valon, which is an essential to being approved by the government.

Carter: Did I understand you to say that you all may have plans to divide some of that off and people move in there that is part of your organization.

Plass: We would like to see that in the future. Yes, then it becomes more and more of a community.

Miles: If you look at a map, Mr. Chairman of Buckingham County on Google you'll see an area called Ranson’s, Supervisor Chambers that’s right in that area. Right?

Chambers: (turned away from mic so did not pick him up)

Miles: Way before my time Supervisor Chambers, way before my time but I would…

Matthews: Sammy Ranson was the postmaster, right?

Miles: So there's a place name there is what I guess maybe I'm trying to emphasize right now.

Chambers: There used to be a post office, a doctor’s office and a little store… (couldn’t hear the rest) A little town there. That’s where they got the Ranson Road.

Miles: So what I'm trying to say is that I would I would hate for Ranson’s to be not on this map is what I'm saying.

Matthews: I do have another question. Mrs. Carter brought up a good point, Mr. Plass, which is when you start developing land in Buckingham County, different things that fall into place involving that, and that goes through Ms. Edmondston, which, you know, would, it would be some things and hoops that you'd have to jump through and that stuff starts to occur. So, you know, it's just different ground that we're covering right now and those things, we need to, we need to think about that, that involved in this whole scenario also, before we make a decision. So I think Mr. Miles has asked us to table this thing, and that's probably what we're gonna do tonight. And we're not giving you an answer. I'm not trying to be short with you. But is anybody else got any questions for Mr. Plass moving forward? Appreciate your time. And thank you for bringing this up to our attention.

Plass: Thank you.

Bryan: Mr. Chairman. One point I'd like to bring up, Mr. Plass. I see in your first letter, if we don't hear from you by March 15, we will assume that you have no response on this name proposal. You understand that right now our response is a no until we take further action on it. Okay, I just wanted to make that clear that, that we're not ignoring you. But right now it is a no from the county standpoint. Okay.
Re: Linda Paige, Mayor Town of Dillwyn Request for Financial Assistance

Matthews: All right. Mrs. Paige, Mayor of Dillwyn. Good evening, Mayor.

Paige: I've come to withdraw the request for the county's assistance in the situation with the Town of Dillwyn in terms of the Streetscape Project. In an unprecedented move, VDOT has decided to go ahead and pay the contractor and the engineer the funds. So we will not have to put money up first upfront. Also, we reallocated some items in our budget. So we will not need the $26,000 also. And before I take my seat, special emphasis to our county administrator, to Sharon White from VDOT, and also to Todd Fortune from CRC. Without the three of their assistance, we would not have come up with this solution. And I'm eternally grateful to them. And in terms prior to my coming to the meeting this evening, an individual, an anonymous individual in the Town of Dillwyn called and offered the $26,000. So I told the individual we had a straight. But all of this has meant so much to me. And I thank you all for what you were considering to do for us. Any questions?

Carter: I'd like to mention Chris Winstead with VDOT also. Very instrumental and getting the ball rolling to, like you said unprecedented for VDOT to do this. So thank goodness.

Matthews: I do appreciate you thanking our staff and the other people that were involved in this too. Because that was weighing very heavy on all of our hearts about Buckingham, and we wanted to do the right thing. But you know, we need to make sure in the future moving forward we're professional and we need to do these things the right way. So if you need some assistance and stuff like that, you know, we're here to help you not hurt you. So before you bite off too much to chew next time, maybe come see us a little bit. Okay, thank you.

Re: Electoral Board: Consider request from the Electoral Board to amend the current redistricting ordinance to relocate the polling location for District 6

Matthews: All right, moving forward, departmental Agency reports and items of consideration. Number one, the electoral board, consider requests from the electoral board to amend the current redistricting ordinance to relocate the polling location for district six. If you choose to consider this. You will need to have a public hearing.

Chambers: (not verbatim) I think we should consider changing because of safety reasons.

Matthews: I'm glad you brought that up, Mr. Chambers because I've been by their own the first Tuesday of the month of November during election It is very hectic coming through there. And that curve is very dangerous if you're not paying attention. So I want to thank Sharon Baptist Church for extending to us to be able to do that. But we still have to go through the procedures to establish that. So I'm waiting for motion.

Chambers: I move.

Allen: Second.
Matthews: Have a motion on the floor to have a public hearing for the relocation of the precinct for March 8th. Call for the vote. Seven, yes. Thank you.

Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to schedule a public hearing for March 8, 2021 to amend the redistricting ordinance to relocate the polling location for District 6.

Re: School Board: Consider Direction for the School Board regarding bids for School Building Flat Roof

Matthews: All right. The next item is the School Board Consider the direction for the School Board regarding bids for the school building flat roof. I think there's gonna be some discussion on this. So is Dr. Hicks on the phone? They don't have any representatives or they don't want to talk to us or no.

Carter: Dr. Hicks is not on the line now.

Bryan: Okay. Moving right along.

Matthews: Alright. So I guess we'll put this off to March 8th and maybe they can get some information to us that's a little bit more clear and the direction. I've heard a few things that they've hired a consultant as far as an architect. And I'd like to have some discussion about that, in particular, in what direction they're going with an architect. So I would think they'd have someone on staff that could write a RFP without going through an architect, but I do have some questions for the architect as far as maybe eliminating the rubber membrane roof and moving to a metal roof. Just weigh all our options moving forward. So I don't know what if anybody else has anything else to say.

Carter: I just got a message from Dr. Hicks that she can call in.

Matthews: Okay. All right. Well, hold on for just a second or two. Let's go to the next item until Dr. Hicks gets on the phone.

Re: Commissioner of the Revenue: Consider reimbursement of an erroneous tax payment in the amount of $1,403.89

Matthews: Number 3, which is the Commissioner of Revenue, Stephanie Love, Consider reimbursement for an erroneous tax payment in the amount of $1,403.89 for Mr. Alan Cox. I believe.
Miles: So move, Mr. Chairman, that the reimbursement be agreed to.

Chambers: Second.

Matthews: Got a motion and a second. Call for the vote please.

Bryan: Jennifer so just put him down as abstain because he stepped out.

Matthews: Six for, one abstain.

Vice Chairman Miles moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the request for reimbursement of $1,403.89 to Robert Allen Cox for taxes paid in error.

Re: Finance, Karl Carter: Meals Tax Information

Matthews: All right, the next item. Mr. Karl Carter, meals tax information.

K. Carter: Good evening, Mr. Chairman and Board Members, Mrs. Carter. The Board asked me and Mrs. Carter with getting information regarding the meals tax or possibility of a meals tax. I got with Miss Stephanie Love, the Commissioner and she was able to provide a report for 2019 total food taxable sales, and this 2019 because she hadn't gone 2020 yet so this data is a little bit behind. Based on what she came up with 30 possible businesses that's sell prepared foods. And those 30 business based on her information for 2019 has a total taxable food sales amounts of about $3 million. So based on that $3 million number we said we would get 4% of that. So you're looking at $120,000 that’s if everybody paid
all their taxes. And these numbers were exactly right on. So that's number we got. We thought we'd give you that number, because I know that talk has come up about meals tax, well, possibility of it. So that's the information we have. We'll still keep working with commissioner and try to get whatever we can get. To find out more, it's gonna be new for us as well. You have any questions for me? I try to answer them. But this is more Commissioner of Revenue.

**Carter:** And we're bringing this because last year during the budget session, you are asked us to look into it. And we are beginning to start back into the budget process. A separate public hearing would have to be held for this other than your budget hearing. So that's why we're bringing that to you. So we will know which direction. And by the way, if these numbers based on those numbers, that's not even a penny real estate. So…

**Bryan:** That was my next question. That's probably what about a half a penny?

**K. Carter:** We've got $140,000 is for real estate.

**Carter:** Yeah. But with Real Estate you get the State Corporation, so what's $270,000, I think with State Corporation included, of course. But that's something for you all to consider.

**Matthews:** Thank you, Mr. Carter. Anybody else got any question?

**Re: Finance: Karl Carter: December Revenue State and Comparison Report**

**K. Carter:** Dr. Hicks is not on yet, Mr. Chairman, I can keep going to next item if you want to go here. Also, I prepared for you tonight in that information that the auditors prepared, it should be a page or table in your packet shows a six month revenue comparison. I tried to put this on a chart, but it but it was so much information I couldn’t without it being too small to read. So what I have listed for you guys tonight is all of our local taxes. And you can see real estate, everything beneath it, but you will see as of December 2020, which is six months into our current budget year. The next column is the actual budget, the percent collected, and then on to the far right, you can see a comparison where it was on December 2019, last fiscal year. You can see real estate we're at 44% collected, which is not half but there's a lot better during this pandemic we're facing. As you can see with last fiscal year, we were 3.7 as well. So it's almost the same as we were last year at this time. Public Service, we got that amount, which is billed twice a year. So, so far as of December and six months we’re 55% collected. So a little bit more than half. Personal Property, you'll see that one is 81% collected, but that is mainly due in December. We usually get the remainder in April when people buy the county stickers. So we'll catch up with that I'm pretty sure. Ahead of schedule, you will see Machinery and Tools and Merchants Capital. I talked to the commissioner and we picked up some new businesses with that. And that's why that one is 123% collected. So we've collected more on that already for this fiscal year. Penalties and Interest, you'll see there's an indicator of the times we're in right now you'll see we only have $95,000 collected for that. That's only 27%. So we hope when people get around to April and pay their county decals and tax it that number will build back up. But you can see that number is only a 27% collected as of December 31. Once again, with the economy, you can see local sales and use tax that numbers down a lot. We only had 39% collected for the first six months of the year. Skip down some more, motor vehicle licenses. You can see that number is only at $17,000 which is 5%. But those are the county decal. So when April
comes around, that number should jump up to where it belongs. Bank stock taxes, that's a zero but don't be alarmed. That's only billed once a year. And we used to get that in April so that'll be collected later on. Animal licenses, that number is 34% and we usually do a clinic in the spring and that's when that number usually picks up and we remind everybody to pay their taxes. Revenue from use of money. You can see that number with the economy and the interest earnings is down a lot. We've only collected 9% of that number. And revenue from use of property, that's numbers right on track with 50%. And to try to show you on the second page, you can see a transcript for the use of revenue, interest earnings. And I think this sums it up in a nutshell, we look at the economy right now, you can see back in July of 2019, we were collecting $9,000 a month in interest on funds. As of November of 2020, that number is down to $569. So we've took a drastic decline in that. I think if you look at July 20, this fiscal year, July 2020, through November, we only have $4,300 and like I said, in July 2019, with $9,000, just for one month. So for five months, we're not even close to what we got a one month when times were good. And putting it in a chart form, you can see that there's a straight line going down to we hope to get this thing turned around. Any questions for me?

Allen: Penalties and interest, if they pay it early, then this will just go down anyway. Right?

K. Carter: Right. If they paid early, penalties and interest will not be there.

Miles: And we forgave some of that. Right, Mr. Chairman, early on.

Matthews: That was last spring, right?

Miles: Gonna make forecasting really interesting for the upcoming budget cycle?

K. Carter: Yeah, because you're right there. None of these numbers are terrible. But they're right there. They can go either way. They are hovering around 50%. You could come out good. And then you can come around in April and May not turn in as well as expected.

Matthews: The big keys April, right?

K. Carter: Yes, sir.

Matthews: Thank you, Karl. Good job. Good presentation. That's a good chart. I like that chart.

Carter: For us to be in this pandemic, not that bad off. We're hoping a lot of people just pay their taxes in April. With families they have to wait. And so we're hoping that that will catch up. But I think that the bottom line down there that we are ahead of December of 19 in a total collection. Thank you, Karl.

Miles: And I know in our training that we did, Mr. Chairman, that Mr., what's his name Mrs. Carter, the financial used to work for Senate Finance, but he's an expert?

Carter: Reginbar.
Miles: Reginbar. Yes. Yes, ma'am. So he, he mentioned that the average across the Commonwealth cuts is 4%. And I think we're doing really well, compared to, you know, we did 1% in terms of the budget reduction. So it's, that's really good.

Re: School Roof Bids continued

Matthews: Is Dr. Hicks on the phone now?

Carter: Yes, she is.

Matthews: Hello, Dr. Hicks.

Hicks: Good afternoon. How are you all?

Matthews: Fine. Let's see if we can get our information together here. I think we’ve got a couple questions gonna be coming your way here in just a second. Did you have something?

Miles: Yes, Mr. Chairman. The question I had that, I guess I would ask as still learning and as a novice to the budget process in terms of allocation of funds. But I guess the fees paid for the contracted architect. Would that come out of capital, the capital improvements fund that we've been discussing for several months, Dr. Hicks? And how much would that be for the architect who is assisting in issuing or putting together the requests for proposals for the repair of the flat roof at the high school?

Hicks: We have not moved in that direction yet. My board has not approved for us to seek an architect yet. The bids that you have before you is for the flat roof only. We were looking at possibly having an architect come in and look at the metal roof part. But my board has not approved for us to do that yet. And that funding would come from our maintenance budget, not from the funds that we sent back to you all.

Miles: Okay, that answers my question.

Hicks: The board decides to move in that direction. So what you have before you tonight is the bid for the flat roof that we were asking for repairs on and that we brought to you all a couple of months ago about seeking funding to do those repairs. You all had asked us to get the bids first. So that's what we did. We got three bids, based on what you all have requested for that. We have not done anything moving forward with the metal roof. This is just for the flat roof.

Miles: And they're all consistent in that they're all in terms of the warranty guarantee they're all right at 10 it looks like and there'd be charged for 15 or 20. But none are 30 because the manufacturer couldn't guarantee that, Dr. Hicks?

Hicks: Yes, that's correct. The bids that you have in front of you, the original bids that you have…he has a quote for 10 year and a 15 year. They do not do a 20 or 30 year warranty on a flat roof with any of the companies that we've got do not do those on flat roofs. The most you can get would be a 15 year warranty. And those were the prices either way, if you want to move forward with a 10 year, which we
currently have used in the past, or if you wanted a 15, that was the price that they would have to charge to get it to get a 15 year warranty.

Miles: Could the structure, Dr. Hicks, handle a pitched metal roof potentially?  

Hicks: I'm sorry, say that again?  

Miles: Yes, ma'am. Dr. Hicks, could that structure that we're considering or that the school board is considering replacing, that flat roof handle a pitched metal roof potentially, in terms of over the life of the structure? I guess is what I'm pointing to.

Chambers: You talking about like the library down there?  

Miles: Yes, sir.  

Matthews: I can't remember.  

Hicks: You are looking at replacing the flat roof with an A roof? Is that what you’re asking?  

Miles: I'm asking, could the structure of the building handle that sort of a change from a flat roof to a pitched we'll call it A-roof.  

Hicks: I really can’t answer that question. That’s not my expertise. Because that’s not my expertise as to whether it could or not. That would have to be an architect to answer that.

Allen: It says here that you have already secured architect to assist you with a metal roof. So that's to me, that's just where I would like to wait and just see what y'all come up with your architect to say, or whoever you got have to say what a metal roof would cost.  

Hicks: No, that's not what we're asking for at this point. We have two different roofs that needs to be repaired. One is the flat roof, which is the bid that you have in front of you. The other one is including the metal roof, which is what we haven't bought to you all because we want to seek out that direction from our architects first. So there's two different sections of the roof that needs to be dealt with. The one that you have in front of you is only for the flat roof, not the metal roof.  

Allen: I think what they were talking about was to instead of redoing the flat roof, to put a metal roof on top of it. I don't even know if it can be done. I haven’t looked at it. But I'm just, I think that is what the talk is about here tonight. And that was the idea, you know, maybe put up for A roof over top of it would be less costly in the future, a better roof.  

Matthews: If you have an architect that's going to look at your metal roof that is in need of repair, he's gonna be right there. Why couldn't you just ask him if a metal roof could be put on this flat roof area? And I mean, it doesn't hurt to ask. It might be more beneficial, I know it'll be more beneficial as far as longevity, because if you're gonna have to replace this flat roof every 15 years and you know, that's costing the county more money in the long run.
Chambers: We did it on the library.

Matthews: Yeah, but we changed the joist and all the rafters.

Davis: They’ll have to add joists on there or will need to in order to be able to do that.

Matthews: Oh, yeah, I know. If you have to come back in 15 years, that's $160,000 versus I don't know how much it would cost one time to put the rafters and structure back on this flat roof. I think that would be a good question to your architect whenever he gets out there.

Hicks: And I'm sure he would give us a quote but we did not ask for that when he gave us the projected cost. So again, we have planned to present that to my school board on Wednesday of this week. I guess my main concern is the issue that we're having with the many leaks that we have in the roof. So as soon as we can, we can move forward with repairing them, the better we're going to be because we continue to have those many leaks that we are having now, that's going to cause some other problems. But we were trying to go ahead and get at least one section fixed. Because that could take some time to get that architect out here, and then the idea from him of what we can do, and then we could be well into another summer before we could even get this project done. But we will move in whatever direction you all tell us to. But it is getting to be an emergency, a priority.

Miles: Dr. Hicks, was there a lot of leaking with the recent snow event that we had?

Hicks: Yes. Every time it rains and anytime any moisture gets into the building it’s an issue. We've been trying to deal with this and replace this and fix this. And we ask you all for the money some time ago. But like I said, we will do whatever you all suggest at this point. We just need some clear direction as to what we want so we won't have to be, you know, keep coming back and revisiting.

Bryan: This is not brand new, though. Dr. Hicks. This is an ongoing issue that has been there several years.

Hicks: Right, exactly.

Allen: Does everybody agree, you think we ought to see what the architect would say about A-roof?

Matthews: I think so. I think we'd like to get a cost on a on replacing that, or, or putting A-roof on that flat roof just to see where we stand, Dr. Hicks. So maybe your facilities director can get a hold of this architect and get him out here in a reasonable amount of time. Maybe before next month's meeting and let us know something on that.

Bryan: Which roof is leaking the worst?

Matthews: Which one is leaking the worst?
Hicks: All of them but the flat roof, of course, is the one that we have a lot of issues with but all of them are in dire need.

Matthews: What is…I’m just curious, did the architect say is the material failing on the metal roof? Or what's the cause of the leakiness on the metal roof? I'm just curious.

Hicks: We haven't we haven't had the architect come out yet. This is something that I'm taking to my board on Wednesday. So he hasn't even been aware of what we're doing or dealing with right now. Because we haven't gotten approval to even spend that money for my board yet. But this is something that we have taken to the board to make sure that whatever, before we do an RFP we wanted to do an assessment to see the best way to move in that direction. That is what we were bringing the architect on. You all wanted a 30 year warranty on all of the roof replacement. We could not get one on the flat roof. But we were hoping to get some direction on the on the metal roof. In order to do that, Mr. Heslip and I thought it was best to present it to our school board and let them know what our recommendation would be. So we have not gotten anything from architects.

Miles: Mr. Chairman, could I request…Dr. Hicks, do you think that with regards to what we've discussed with a pitched A metal roof to maybe add time to the over the life of the building be turned around by our next board meeting, Dr. Hicks?

Hicks: We'll do our best again. We can't make any promises. We are at the mercy of the architect. So I don't know what his time frame would be with doing that.

Miles: Thank you, man.

Hicks: And that’s if our board decides to go in that direction because again, that's about $10,000 of our revenue that we would use for an architect to come out and do that so we have to get approval to spend that kind of money first.

Bryan: Dr. Hicks, since both roofs are leaking, I'm familiar with the flat roof leaking, and the metal roof over the library is leaking. I guess the long term solution what we want to find out is to get away from the flat roof design at the high school, we want to know what it would cost to put an A-roof over it. But in the interim, we understand your concern that both roofs are leaking to the point where they're it's both a nuisance and it's probably causing damage underneath so why don't we get them both fixed in the interim and then go long term to replace the flat roof.

Allen: She can find out Wednesday and get back to us.

Bryan: Do you understand?

Hicks: So I understand you all want us to look at it again. You want me to take this to my board, to my school board as for an architect and if they say yes, then we will ask the architect about replacing the flat roof with A roof?
Matthews: Well, I don’t think that's what Mr. Bryan said. I think he wants to look at replacing, or he wants to look at fixing, you're looking for a fast fix, aren't you? I mean, that's what you want. You're acting like its pretty severe every time it rains it is messing up more stuff. So we would like to know how much it would cost to repair the flat roof right now. And then…

Hicks: You have those bids in front of you.

Miles: That's replace not repair. Right, Mr. Chairman? That's just repair.

Bryan: Just repair

Hicks: That is to fix the flat roof.

Bryan: What about the other roof?

Matthews: Well, you're gonna have to….aren’t you gonna have to get another roofing guy out there to look at the metal roof? I mean, that's what… I guess is the question. You say they're both leaking pretty bad.

Hicks: The architect is the person we wanted to come back on the metal roof. Because we need to write in specific of what we know is going to withstand for 30 years based on your recommendation because you asked for a 30 year warranty. We need an architect to vet that before we can write an RFP because when you write down RFP we have to be consistent of what we want in that RFP. So we wanted an expert or somebody tell us that. As far as the flat roof goes, we knew what was required and that based on our previous years of repairing flat roofs. We put those in RFPs. And this is a deal that you have in front of you for a repairing those. The cost it would be for either a 10 year warranty, or a 15 year warranty. But now I'm understanding you're not interested in repairing or doing anything with the flat roof, you want to look at putting A-roof on.

Allen: Some of them want to just try to fix your roof. Fix your water leaks right now. And then continue to go on to A-roof so you wouldn't have a leaking problem. But it's kind of hard to do both at the same time. But my opinion, if you can take it to the architect and y'all go on Wednesday meeting and just see if you can contact the architect as you talk to your board and see what they say about A-roof and then get back with us.

Matthews: My whole thing is, whatever roofing company you decide to go with, I know there are people that just do flat roofs but they're most of these roofing companies, commercial roofing companies have two or three different materials they can put on a roof, whether it's metal, or a rubber membrane, or shingle roof. They… all these people… I mean, I would think you could contact one of those people to ask about the metal roof. Why are you going to get a…why you want to pay an architect $10,000 to tell you what you need. They're not gonna do the work, you got to have a roofing person to do the work.

Hicks: We understand that. But again, to make sure that we could get a 30 year warranty on the what you already was asking for, we needed to vet what to actually ask for specific in that RFP.
Matthews: You can ask for that in the RFP, which you…

Hicks: If you want the RFP you have to put in there whatever you want. So we needed to get vetted, to make sure that whatever we asked for was what we were gonna get with any company.

Allen: Most metal roofs, or the metal itself, I’ve heard it's up to 65 years.

Matthews: Yeah, the metal itself. So I don't think you need an architect to tell you that. And then I don't think you need an architect to tell you how to write the RFP. That's pretty simple. You can go to the manufacturer or the…

Hicks: We appreciate any help we can get from your staff, because again, that's not my expertise. And Mr. Heslip was thinking that if we got an architect, we could make sure that we were getting the best material and utilizing that with people that do this all the time. Where if you bring a company, and it's doing this, then that kind of jeopardize when you do your RFP, because it might be information that they're providing to us to make sure that they get that bid. So to keep it from being a conflict of interest, we didn't want to bring a company in. We was looking at an architect that may not be the one that would be bidding on the actual work to be done. But as you all have some support for us, we're gladly accept it. Again, we just need to need to move forward with whatever we can do to repair our high school to fix the leaks.

Miles: My contention, Mr. Chairman, is that we need to fix the roof but we need to do it right. And we need to get the biggest bang for our buck. That's my contention. We certainly need not have leaking school, but we need to an excruciating way even though we just went through our tax revenues, we don't know what's ahead of us, and we need to make sure that we do it right and we do it for the biggest bang for our buck with people's money. That's and I think that's what a lot of my brethren here are saying.

Matthews: Yes.

Miles: Because again, a pitched metal roof goes a lot longer than a flat roof.

Bryan: Right. But in the interim, we're gonna have to fix the two leaks that are there.

Miles: Right. Okay.

Bryan: So I mean, I'm for fixing both leaks. But I thought our guidance was to get both prices. We want the price …

Miles: Pitched and flat.

Bryan: Yeah, to…

Matthews: To repair and to put a new one on.

Miles: Repair and Replace.
Matthews: And to repair one and to replace on the other. You know…

Bryan: Right. That's what we wanted. We want a repair and we wanted a replace. That is what we asked for.

Matthews: Do you understand, Mrs. Hicks?

Hicks: I would appreciate it if y'all put all of this in writing to me. That would be very helpful to make sure that we are accurate in what we were looking for.

Matthews: We can do that, no problem, before Wednesday’s meeting. Any other questions, gentlemen?

Hicks: Because you see the bids will expire in 30 days. They are only good for 30 days, so we'll not be able to use these and would have to do it again.

Matthews: Okay. We understand. Thank you so much. Have a good evening.

Hicks: You too.

Carter: To verify to get that in writing, you want them to bring to you bids to repair and also bids to replace.

Matthews: Separate bids though. You want two.

Carter: Separate bids for both roofs?

Matthews: Yes.

Bryan: I mean, right now they've got a bid to repair the flat roof. I mean, we totally understand that. But we want to find out what it would cost to replace that…

Miles: Long term.

Bryan: Long term. Right.

Matthews: Put an A-roof on top of the flat roof.

Bryan: You won’t have to every 10 years, be resealing a flat roof.

Matthews: That's right. Not sealing it, you have to replace the whole membrane if you do that. So I mean…

Miles: That building's got a lot of life left in it.
Matthews: Mrs. Carter, okay, so we're gonna get a price on repairing both roofs right now to get them through this wet season. Is that right? Not right?

Allen: Replace the metal roof, that's gonna go along with building the other roof anyway.

Matthews: Okay, well, you still need a price on putting a structure or rafters and everything else on the flat roof moving ahead to see if it's feasible to put metal on that roof. A roofing person can tell you that. You don't need an architect to tell you that.

Davis: And my suggestion is…

Carter: On flat roof…

Davis: May I say something?

Matthews: Yes, Mr. Davis.

Davis: We're looking at putting an A-roof on this flat roof, then we need to go with the lowest option to repair it. Because there's no sense in getting 15 years on something we are going to cover up.

Matthews: That's right, exactly.

Bryan: Absolutely.

Miles: That's right.

Davis: So that's $30,000 we can add towards putting A-roof on and the metal structure.

Matthews: Are we clear Mrs. Carter?

Carter: I think so.

Matthews: Okay, let's move on.

Re: Building Department: Consider reimbursement of $224.59 of a building permit fee due to change in type of and size of home

Matthews: Number 6, consider reimbursement of $224.59 of a building permit fee due to change in type and size of home.

Allen: So moved.

Miles: Second, Mr. Chairman.
Matthews: Call for the vote. Any discussion?

*Supervisor Allen moved, Vice Chairman Miles seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to reimburse $224.59 of a building permit fee due to Delores Brogan due to home being messed up in delivery and changed to a different size and type of home.*

**Re: Utilities Department:** Consider support of a resolution for a grant for an Emergency Action Plan completed by a professional engineer at Slate River Dam #2 in the amount of $6,800

Matthews: Number 7. Consider support of a resolution for a grant for an emergency action plan completed by a professional engineer at Slate River Dam #2 in the amount of $6,800. Any discussion?
Allen: So moved.

Chambers: Second.

Matthews: We have a motion and second. Call for the vote. Seven yes.

*Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the support of a resolution for a grant for an Emergency Action Plan for a professional engineer at Slate River Dam #2 in the amount of $6,800.*

Re: Arvonia Fire Department: Consider letter regarding the intention of Arvonia Fire Department acquiring new capital assets through a lease purchase transaction

Matthews: Number 8, Arvonia Volunteer Fire Department, consider a letter regarding the intention of the volunteer fire department for acquiring new capital assets through a lease purchase transaction. Mr. Davis, are you speaking on that?

Chris Davis: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, Mrs. Carter. This is an item that we were requesting and get approval and a signature from you all on this form for our financial institute that we secured a loan to for its partial payment for our new engine that we're supposed to take delivery of. You might recall back in 2019, we started this process, bought a new engine. Got three different bids. We went with the Rosenbauer America. That apparatus has been built. We look to take delivery of that to enter this month, if not first part of March. We did have to secure a portion of the cost of that truck
through financial institute, due to lack of fundraising that we were unable to do because of COVID and uncertain future of not being able to do those fundraisers in coming year as well. We didn't want to dip too low into our operating capital, in our reserve in order to pay for it entirely. This part of what we're asking for from the county is just to satisfy one of the requirements through the financial institute that allows us to get a 1.5% interest rate on the loan.

Matthews: Any discussion or questions for Mr. Davis?

Allen: I'm just trying to understand. Exactly what do we need to do for you? To say that we are in agreement with you.

Carter: That you don't have a problem with them entering into this agreement and it pretty much also kind of verifies for you all that you have money coming from the county. Kind of a security. You're not cosigning anything. You're not putting up any additional money.

Chambers: So moved.

Allen: Right. I'm just trying to make sure I know. I second the motion.

Matthews: All right, we have a motion and a second. Any more discussion, fellas? Call for the vote.

Bryan: This is gonna tie in when you guys, when you merge, right Chris? How will this tie in when you guys do the three fire departments together?

C. Davis: No, this doesn't have any…this doesn't have anything to do with... Are you referring to the association that was newly formed? Each individual Fire Department is still separate. The association is an entity of its own. That will allow the four fire departments to actually create the association to have their own EIN number in order to obtain insurance and bank accounts and so forth under the Association for joint fundraisers.

Bryan: Okay. Thank you.

Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the letter needed by Arvonia Fire Department regarding getting a loan for a fire truck.

Re: Board of Zoning Appeals: Consider Letter of Appreciation to Rev. Lawing for his many years of service on the Board of Zoning Appeals

Matthews: Board of Zoning Appeals, Consider letter of appreciation to Reverend Lawing for his many years of service on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Allen: So moved.

Bryant: Second.
Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to send a letter of appreciation to Rev. Lawing for his many years of service to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Re: Board of Zoning Appeals: Per Chairman Matthews request, Consider appointment of Robert Johansen to the Buckingham County Board of Zoning Appeals

Matthews: The next item is appointment of Robert Johansen to the Buckingham County Board of Zoning Appeals.

Miles: I'd move, Mr. Chairman that Mr. Johansen be appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals

Allen: Second.

Matthews: We’ve got a motion and a second. Let's call for a vote. Seven Yes.

Vice Chairman Miles moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Robert Johansen to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term ending February 2026.

Re: Emergency Management: VACORP Resolution that recognized Rescue Squad Volunteers for Workers Compensation

Matthews: Moving on to the next item. Emergency Management VACORP resolution that recognizes rescue squad volunteers for workers compensation.
**Carter:** This is a resolution they need to cover volunteers. We have some volunteer rescue squad people that will run calls for us too and this is required to cover them under workman's compensation.

**Allen:** So moved.

**Miles:** Second, Mr. Chairman.

**Matthews:** Any other discussion? All right, let's take the vote. Seven yes.

*Supervisor Allen moved, Vice Chairman Miles seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the VACORP Resolution that recognized rescue squad volunteers for workers compensation.*

**Matthews:** Next item is Emergency Management, consider approval of a grant match that can be paid with COVIC CARES money in the amount of $24,804 for a total amount to the county of $49,608 for mobile logistics support units.

**Cody Davis:** So just the broad view of this, a few of the counties in this area were awarded this supplemental grant, as the data indicates that we have a lot of underserved and, you know, in need individuals during this COVID time. You guys were in support of the Health Equity Pilot Program that we, you know, facilitated early on with COVID where we got some PPE resources and educational resources in the hands of that population across the county. And this is kind of fueled by the same data. But basically, we have, we don't really have an isolated group of poor and underserved and individuals that are at risk ultimately, due to those circumstances in this time of COVID. It's more of a countywide thing. So, you know, they ordered as these funds in general to help combat that and address that. And so, you know, myself and my counterparts and the other few counties that were awarded this similar grant, put our heads together about a resource that would be beneficial, you know, now and in the long term to this county, and we came up with this logistics trailer support unit, which would more or less be mobilized clinic for test site or distribution point for you know, more PPE or other resources for you know, definitely obviously, this pandemic, or any other issues that may arise in the future. So, like I said, and I guess the best thing about this is our match can be paid with the CARES money.

**Allen:** So moved.

**Bryan:** Second.

**Matthews:** All right. Thank you, Mr. Davis for that information. Great job. Call for the vote.
Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the grant match of $24,804 to come from the CARES Funds for mobile logistics support units.

Re: Supervisor Miles: Consider appointment of a Buckingham Resident to Crossroads Services

Matthews: Moving on to the next item. Matters of the Board for consideration, Supervisor Miles, consider appointment of a Buckingham resident to the Crossroads Services.

Miles: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman, during the December Crossroads Community Services Board meeting, former supervisor and citizen representative on Buckingham’s behalf EA “Bill” Talbert announced his resignation as a citizen member to the Crossroads Community Services Board. And I bring to your consideration the name of Martha Davis Holman who has interest in being the citizen representative on the Crossroads Community Services Board.

Allen: So moved.

Bryant: Second.

Matthews: Any discussion? Call for the vote.

Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Martha Davis Holman as the citizen representative for Buckingham County to the Crossroads Community Services Board.

Re: County Attorney Matters

Matthews: Right on to the next item. County Attorney matters, Mr. Wright.

Wright: (inaudible, no mic so not verbatim) Matter of information, Weyerhaeuser has withdrawn their appeal. Just awaiting further action from the Board.

Matthews: And just awaiting any further action from the board or from Mr. Wright. Okay. I don't think that's going to be forthcoming.

Re: County Administrator’s Report

Matthews: So, anyway, moving on to the next item which is County Administrator report.

Carter: Announcement from Dominion Energy Regarding Funding for the Buckingham County Emergency Management: Yes, sir. The first item that I have is an announcement from Dominion Energy regarding funding for the Buckingham County Emergency Management particularly. I'd like to read the release that was sent to me. “Dominion Energy has been a proud corporate citizen of Buckingham County for over 70 years. As we worked with the County and more specifically with the
Union Hill community on the now cancelled compressor station project, we learned of several opportunities where we felt we could make a difference in people's lives. During our engagement process, important education, cultural and public safety needs were highlighted by residents. Notwithstanding the cancellation of the compressor station, we still believe that we can make a difference in Buckingham and as much Dominion Energy and furtherance of our value of strengthening the communities we serve has chosen today to make a multiyear commitment to the Union Hill and greater Buckingham County community. This commitment will include $1.5 million contribution to the Buckingham County Public Safety and EMS program, and $2 million to South James Community Foundation, and other organizations. The grants being announced today represent many of the elements which had been included in the memorandum of understanding between the company and the greater Union Hill Community Development Corporation, which has since been renamed the South James River Community Foundation, and resulted from our engagement with the residents as we worked to permit the proposed compressor station. We are honored to make a difference in improving the lives of those our community touches.” And I did send out a request to know pretty much what they meant by multiyear and it is…it's not gonna give that money to us every year. And I talked with Felix today and he hopes to by the end of this week, have an answer for me of how they will distribute that money to the County. Now, the $2 million will not come to the County but the $1.5 that they initially in all of our negotiations and conversations was for Glenmore Rescue Squad station, and to pay staff the staff at the station. So that's some good news.

**Update of Status of Senate Bill 1477 Regarding Solid Waste Permit Authority:** The next matter is update on Senate Bill 1477 regarding our solid waste permit authority. It did pass the Senate unanimously, and now is in the House and they have sent it out to committee. It's now continuing to special session one in county, cities and towns by voice vote. So Senator Peake introduced us for this and was able to get an anonymous vote out of Senate so that that sounds good.

**Update Central Virginia Electric Broadband Fiber Network:** Update on Central Virginia Electric Broadband Fiber Network and I provided that in a report to you where they have given us a schedule as much as possible.

**Cumberland County’s Notice of Membership Withdrawal from the Virginia Growth Alliance:** And also to notify, you have received a letter of notification, which is a requirement to VGA, Virginia Growth Alliance that Cumberland County is now withdrawing from the Virginia Growth Alliance also.

**HB1642 Well Test Letter, Dominion Energy Regarding the Bremo North Ash Pond** House Bill 1642, a well test letter. That's Dominion Energy regarding the Bremo North ash pond. I give you this information in case you all do get calls from your folks down there. Why did I get this letter? What is going on, so that's for your information.

And that concludes my county administrator's report.

**Matthews:** Thank you Mrs. Carter for the update. That sounds very promising from Dominion Power. It's really gonna come in handy if that comes through. And I feel like it is.
Re: Information Items

Matthews: All right, informational items. We have the January building permit report, the CRC information, the school average daily membership report, appointment of the County Administrator to the 2021 VACO Finance Steering Committee. That's a big appointment for you by VACO. I mean, that's an opportunity that is number one. I'm excited for Mrs. Carter.

Carter: Well, the finance committee is not the big appointment. It's I've been appointed to the VACO Board of Directors, which of course I let them know that my retirement will be the end of June. But they will still want me to serve. So I'll still be able to represent you all for a year and a half after that. So I have agreed to that. I'll still be there plugging for you.

Matthews: Thank you so much. If you do half as good a job for them as you’ve done for us, I'll be really pleased.

Bryan: Amen.

Matthews: I know you will. So I'm not even worried about that. But I know you Buckingham’s best interest at heart. So we thank you so much for all the good hard work that you’ve done all these years.

Re: Other Board Matters

Miles: Very briefly. Mr. Chairman. You all have before you a real property donation agreement that was distributed right before our meeting. This has to do with, I’m very excited about this and I want to thank Mrs. Carter for her hard work with regards to the work that…actually negotiation that we've been able to do with Sentara. The medical facility, also known as Buckingham Family Medicine, they've agreed to, to gift and of course, there's still negotiations going on. And our County Attorney is going to look at the agreement. So hopefully we can act at the next meeting. But Sentara has very graciously given us the 2700 square foot building, located there in Dillwyn. We've been working with them since the summer on this. And they're also going to gift us the lot for community purposes. So that's a really big win for the Board of Supervisors and for the county. So I want to make you all aware of that, Mr. Chairman.

Matthews: All right. Thank you for the update, Mr. Miles

Bryan: Just to clarify something. You and I had spoken earlier tonight. And I've gotten this question from several different people. We are still aggressively trying to find someone to occupy that building.

Miles: Yes, sir. We are Supervisor Bryan. It's gonna take time. But I do think that and I'll yield to Mrs. Carter as well. And that, you know that in the negotiations on page four, you see community benefit purpose. We had a conversation with Dr. Bruce Clemens, who is one of the directors for the lack of a better term with Sentara. And he's been excellent to work with. And so namely that they obviously want to give this back to the community as they have done in other communities and Mrs. Carter can speak to that. But the purpose will be namely, depending on what we want to do, or, you know, we as a Board want to do will be to hopefully expand healthcare options in the county. Is that right, Mrs. Carter?
Carter: Yes. And this having this facility will help us I think to find someone to come there. We all pretty much know Sentara left for financial reasons. And it's very difficult there to be financially successful. So I think having this will help attract a doctor there. Someone in a medical facility.

Miles: Yeah, we've been having ongoing discussions since that summer, Supervisor Bryan, and we'll continue to have those as well, in terms of the use of the building. So, yes, sir, Mr. Chairman, so just elaborating on that we, we want to you know, this is not a done deal, but we're nearing the finish line. And I'd like to thank Mrs. Carter, we had a meeting back in the summer with some representatives with Mrs. Moss and some other folks too. So this is this is a huge win for Buckingham County that they are going to give us that building, which I don't know the value of it, but I'm sure it's valued at right much and you'd probably be paying more for it if we got there, but Sentara has been good to Buckingham. You know, we no one likes the closing. But I think we are compromising in terms of continuing to look at other options in terms of continuing to support and expand healthcare in the county. So it's been a lot of work. So thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Matthews: Yes, sir. Absolutely. Thank you for the information.

Carter: And I think part of the reason with this in our discussions with Sentara, they felt bad about leaving us in the predicament we are in. So to say, you know, would help us and I don't know what made me do it and Jordan did it. I just threw it out there. Would you consider giving us that building? And we didn't really think it would happen and it's taken a while but we do need Mr. Wright to look over this agreement. We do need to probably inspect the facility and bring back to you all in March.

Matthews: Right. That's really heartwarming information. My theory is that we need a private practice doctor in Buckingham County, or facility. I think that'll help a lot of people and hopefully we can get this thing done. So anyway.

Chambers: I’ve got one more board matter. Couple of weeks ago I got a call from a lady over next to Payne's Pond, said she dialed 911 about two o'clock in the morning. Her husband had a stroke and fell in the floor. She said about 15 minutes, the rescue squad was there. In less than an hour, they had him in emergency room in Martha Jefferson. And she wanted to let the Board and staff know what good service they got.

Matthews: Yes, sir. Well, that's a great testimony to a lot of hard work from the Rescue Squad Committee, which encompasses Mr. Allen and myself, Cody Davis, Mr. Wright and Mrs. Carter. And, you know, this has been a kind of long drawn out process. But, you know, we, it's pretty evident we have the citizens wellbeing at heart on the decisions that we made, and there were a lot of hard decisions that had to be made. Transitioning from the volunteer rescue squad to us taking it over. So I just want to tell you, that's a really good team effort by a lot of people. And I appreciate that comment from that…who is the citizen, Mr. Chambers?

Chambers: (inaudible, turned away from mic)
Matthews: Yes, sir. Okay. That's amazing for to get there in 15 minutes, that's pretty doggone good time for our staff to…

Chambers: She made the phone call and they had him in the operating room in an hour.

Matthews: I just, I get we're blessed to have that. Awesome. Thank you for that information.

Re: Executive Closed Session

Matthews: The next item is item R, which is executive session.

Bryan: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I move that we go into Executive Session under sections was…

Carter: As far as the closed session, if you are okay with the job description, we don't need to go in.

Bryan: We do under a separate section. Under Section 2.2-3711.3 Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for public purpose, or 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. That's my motion. Mr. Chairman.

Miles: I'll second Chairman Matthews,

Matthews: We've got a motion and a second by Mr. Miles. Let's take the vote please. All right seven yes to go into closed session.

Supervisor Bryan moved, Vice Chairman Miles seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to enter into Executive Closed Session under Section 2.2-3711.3.

Re: Return to Regular Session and Certification

Bryan: I move that we return to open session and certification that to the best of each board members knowledge, only business matters related to the code of which the executive meeting was convened was discussed or considered in the executive closed session.

Miles: Second, Mr. Chairman.

Matthews: Six to one.

Bryan: Did you hit no by accident, Mr. Chambers?

Chambers: Yes.

Bryan: To clarify Mr. Chambers, you did vote yes.

Chambers: Right. Vote yes. I'm sorry.
Supervisor Bryan moved, Vice Chairman Miles seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to return to regular session and certify that to the best of each board members knowledge, only business matters related to the code of which the executive meeting was convened was discussed or considered in the executive closed session.

Matthews: Okay. Discussion from Mrs. Edmondston. Next Monday night on a training session with the Planning Commission.

Edmondston: Sure, Mr. Chairman, in the last week, it has come to my attention from the chairman of the Planning Commission, that it is their desire to move forward with a discussion session with a representative from the University of Richmond School of Law to discuss property rights as they relate to zoning ordinances. I have at the request, I know that Mr. Carter, our county administrator had stated that there had been individuals who would come through Virginia Tech to discuss different…

Carter: It's something that would take a while to get scheduled.

Edmondston: And it would take a while to get scheduled. So Mr. Bowe asked that I reach out to University of Richmond, I did last week, and found out that the request had been sent to a faculty member who's supposed to reach out to me, but they have not. And so Friday, and today, I reached back out to just get an update. I don't have anything definitive for you, other than we do have a work session. Next Tuesday, because Monday is a holiday. Tuesday. And I talked to the chairman about this, if it's agreeable, and you want to recess to reconvene to be a part of this discussion it would be at 6pm, Tuesday, the 16th.

Carter: But we don't know if people are gonna be there.

Edmondston: And there could also be a fee associated with this and I do not know what that rate would be either. And I know that they were going to attend possibly via zoom, I could continue to look through different avenues. It's a late date, because we will be just a week out from this to try to seek other legal counsel. But again, I won't have any approval for fees. I'll try to find some that maybe do not have a fee structure.

Bryan: Can we put it off until maybe March, then we would no more.

Chambers: We could meet an hour early to meet.

Carter: In March you will meet early to meet with the school board anyway on budget. That'll be at our budget meeting maybe not a regular meeting.
Edmondston: I know that when we said something about March, budget season is upon Becky and Karl that's gonna…and I know this comes at last minute, but the request, it came to me last week, Wednesday.

Matthews: I will probably if you…

Carter: Haven't had a lot of time to set something up.

Bryan: I do have one other issue. As you're aware, the sheriff's office is two deputies down, right now. I did ask Sheriff Kidd to look into the possibility. Um, you know what it would cost if someone wanted to move from an adjoining jurisdiction, if there was a fee to buy out their contract, how much it would cost. So something to think about, they would be fully certified officers that, you know, have the possibility of coming here, then, then the training would be, you know, little to none other than just familiarity with the county, which would be a win win for our sheriff's office.

Miles: Especially with budget season coming up.

Bryan: Yes, sir.

Miles: Mr. Chairman, going back to the previous topic, I'm also interested in that training and I’d attend.

Matthews: Well, what about if we just decide to just show up and keep our spacing if we want to come to training, if you have a person here. If you don't have it, we wouldn't have to come. But if somebody shows up for…

Carter: If we recess to reconvene, we have to come.

Edmondston: If you don't recess to reconvene, and you show up, are they able to participate in a discussion? If it's not…

Miles: You have to have a quorum.

Carter: The Board can't conduct any business.

Bryan: Right.

Edmondston: But they can participate in discussion. Right?

Carter: The Commission can invite them.

Bryan: Mr. Wright. This is a question for you, sir. We have the possibility of having a speaker at the Planning Commission Tuesday night, from the University of Richmond. If we recess to reconvene, then we can meet here. Participate in discussion, everything. If we adjourn, and the speaker does come, could board members come here just to listen and maybe ask questions?
Wright: You could come and ask questions of the speaker but you couldn’t take any action.

Bryan: And it would be better to not sit next to each other?

Wright: That’s a personal choice.

Bryan: Yes, sir. Thank you. We could adjourn and if the speaker is available, still come. Okay

Matthews: All right. So next, Tuesday at six o’clock if you want to come. All right, let’s adjourn. The meeting is closed.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Matthews declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Rebecca S. Carter                Don Matthews
County Administrator            Chairman