Buckingham County
Board of Supervisors
Monthly Meeting
January 13, 2025

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Peter Francisco Auditorium of the Buckingham County Administration Complex the following members were present: Dennis H. Davis, Jr.; L. Cameron Gilliam; Michael E. Palmore; Paul W. Garrett; Harry W. Bryant, Jr.; Joe N. Chambers, Jr.; and Danny R. Allen. Also present were Karl R. Carter, County Administrator; E.M. Wright, Jr., County Attorney; Cheryl T. "Nicci" Edmondston, Zoning Administrator; and Jamie L. Shumaker, IT Manager.

Re: Call to order

County Administrator Carter called the January 13, 2025 meeting to order.

Re: Establishment of a Quorum

County Administrator Carter certified there was a quorum. Seven of seven members were present and the meeting could continue.

Re: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation was given by Supervisor Chambers and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all who were in attendance.

Re: Confirmation of 2025 Chairman and Vice Chairman

Carter: Thanks for everyone coming out tonight. This is our organizational meeting of the new year. So the first item of business for 2025 is the establishment of a Chairman, a Board Chairman. The rotations call for Supervisor Davis to be Chairman. So I'm taking what action you guys want to take from the floor of that as well.

Davis: Oh, Karl, I have something to say on that if that's okay. I would like to thank my fellow Board members for having the confidence in me to be the next Chairman. But unfortunately, I feel that I will not be able to be effective as I would like to be in my current work schedule. My job has me on call all over the state and emergency at any time, day or night. The Board deserves a Chairman that can focus on Buckingham County's issues. I just don't see how I can effectively be at the level that I need to as Chairman. For this reason, I would like to make a motion. I move that we temporarily suspend part of the By-Laws to deal with this rotation of members. The only member that would be affecting is me. I'm going to the back of the line. And I'm also in my motion that I motion that Danny Allen will move to

Vice Chair, just as the By-Laws state. And I'm asking Supervisor Chambers to serve in my stint for the 2025 calendar year. That's my motion.

Carter: All right, we've heard the motion. Is there any discussion on the motion?

Allen: Second.

Carter: Having a second. Now we can have discussion.

Garrett: I passed out a thing here that is where we suspended the By-Laws last year. And it basically says it's bottom Page 1, top Page 2, just summarizing, it says on the rotation basis, should the Chair or Vice Chair, or the individual who is scheduled to be the Chair or Vice Chair die, resign or not want to sit in the appropriate Chair, then that district represented by that member will move down the list to the end of the rotation, and the elected member from the next district in the rotation shall serve, commencing with the organizational meeting held on January 2016 the following rotation was established based on the members in office as of January 2016, updated 2023, and then updated January 2024 when we updated last year. So last year for 2024 Chairman was District 6. Vice Chairman was district number 1. This year, District number 1 is offered the Chairman's spot, and then Vice Chairman would be 7. But it says if the Chairman does not want to sit in that Chair, then the district represented by that number will move down and the elected member from the next district in the rotation shall serve, which would mean that will go to District 7. That's what we voted on last year.

Davis: But we also suspended last year because we had new Board members come on, and we didn't want to throw y'all in positions that you didn't know anything about. So we've done it before. We've done it last year. I'm not asking anybody to be punished. I'm just stepping back to the back of the line.

Palmore: My question is, I thought last year, when we did this and we amended the By Laws, it was to make it fair for everybody, so everybody would get a chance to serve either as Vice Chair or as Chairman. Of course, the Vice Chair serves on the Planning Commission. So in all fairness to the rest of the Board members, I think we need to stick to the rotation. And like I said, I don't have any animosity against anybody else on the Board, but otherwise, if we go back to electing members, it'll be back to a popularity contest, as it was before. No disrespect to anybody that served. I think Mr. Davis did a fine job on the Planning Commission. I know Danny was on the Planning Commission for about eight or nine years. You did a good job. It's nothing to do with the job. But if we're going to be fair, some of the Board members will never get to serve on the Planning Commission unless they run for re-election. So in fairness to all the districts, so that each district would have a representative on the Planning Commission, I feel like we need to stick with the rotation that we voted on last year, otherwise every year we just going to vote to change it every time? I mean…

Gilliam: District 2 understands that I'm one that actually made the recommendation last year to have the motion. As far as I'm concerned from District 2, I don't remind removing myself out of the rotation of anything to see that the positiveness of the Board moves forward. I think Mr. Chambers, you have done a great job on the Board, and probably I got a lot more time to serve in District 2. And I think you do a great job. And I have no problem with you going back again this year as the Chair, matter of fact, you do a better job than probably District 2 would at any time. I understand what they're talking about

the to order. Far as I'm concerned with Mr. Chambers, I have no problem with Mr. Chambers being back on the Chairman, and as far as me moving about from any position from District 2 to the Vice Chair to Chairman, all I want to do is serve my district, and I do that to the best of my ability, of every way I can every day. I don't know if any other Board members have any input on it or not.

Palmore: Well, to clarify my statement, I have absolutely nothing against Mr. Chambers or the way Mr. Chambers conducted himself as Chairman. I think he does an excellent job. But what I'm saying is we all had a discussion, and we voted on it last year to be fair to everybody on the Board to do it that way. So I'm just voicing my opinion. If y'all want to put it to a vote and change it again, that's fine with me. But what I'm saying is, is some people might would like to serve on the Planning Commission and see what if, you know, get a little taste of it. It's a learning experience for everybody. But I feel like if each district is going to get some representation from the Planning Commission, then it needs to stay on the rotation. One person, and nothing against you, Danny, but one person staying on it all the time, is that fair and equal representation or am I looking at it wrong?

Garrett: I also want to clarify that I wasn't bringing up anything about anybody serving in any position or should serve, or who should stay, or who should be moved. I was just stating the facts that I just read exactly what was on this paper, what we voted on last year. If a majority wants to change it, then we can change it again this year, like we did last year, but sometimes you make some rules and I was a school teacher for years, and I know we made rules. Kids had to follow the rules. And, you know, we made the rules to govern this county, and are we going to follow them or we going to change them? It doesn't matter. You can change the rule. But I just stated what was in here.

Palmore: That's, I mean, that's my part of the discussion. If y'all want to, if y'all want to make a motion, put it to a vote, fine with me.

Bryant: I think the rotation system has worked really good. Because when I first went on the Board, everybody on the Board coming to me wanted me to vote for him for Chairman, and that didn't do anything but startup a conflict to start with. And the rotation system has worked fairly good, and really good way I look at it. It gives everybody a chance to do something. I suggest we go back to the rotation.

Palmore: There is a sentence in the By Laws that states to keep dissension from happening amongst the Board members, that it's better to rotate it so that everybody gets a fair shot. That's just my opinion. Like I said, if y'all want to put it to a vote, I'm willing to vote.

Gilliam: Mr. Chambers, Mr. Allen, how do y'all feel about it? Everybody else has spoken. How do y'all feel about it?

Chambers: I go along with the majority. You know, I didn't ask for it. If y'all want me to serve I'll serve it. If you don't, I won't. That's the way it goes. I'll be a fool not to vote for myself.

Gilliam: Is there anything that, Mr. Carter, is anything we can do, I mean, as far as if, basically, if Mr. Chambers goes back on there you saying it's breaking the rotation. Is that correct?

Carter: Yes, well, for one member, because, if I remember correctly, the only person that's be affected is Dennis's district.

Davis: Danny was supposed to be Vice Chairman anyway.

Gilliam: Is there any way that I could help the Board if I moved off the rotation, could I help if any one of the other Supervisors, if they took my spot to move up and gave Mr. Chambers the Chairman and I declined whatever I was going to do.

Palmore: You're not in the rotation.

Carter: You are in 2026 so yeah, you're behind the rotation. Is everybody ready to vote?

Garrett: The motion was made.

Carter: Any more discussion?

Gilliam: I'll be honest with you, I don't want to have any conflict on the Board. I don't want to do.

Davis: I'm not trying to cause any but I just can't right now. I cannot serve as Chairman. I'm not retired like the rest of yall.

Garrett: And like I said, I wasn't bringing it up to…sometimes with retired people, they might think they were retired, and they think they've got plenty of time but you don't have no time you helping them. But anyway, I was just trying to go along with what it said. I'm not in favor or against anybody being in any position.

Chambers: Let's vote and get it over with.

Garrett: Just go by the rotation. That's what I want to say.

Carter: Alright, we got a motion on the floor that we're going to suspend the By Laws for the rotation part of the By Laws. The motion also stated Supervisor Chambers will be the Chairman and Supervisor Allen be the Vice Chairman. Is that a good reflection, Dennis, of your motion?

Davis: Yes.

Carter: All right, let's everybody vote. Four to three.

Supervisor Davis moved, Supervisor Allen seconded to suspend the Chairman/Vice Chairman rotation in the By-Laws for the 2025 year which called for Davis as Chairman and Allen as Vice Chairman. Davis declined the Chairmanship and recommended Chambers continue on as Chairman for 2025 and Allen as Vice Chairman. This motion passed with a 4-3 vote. Supervisors Palmore, Garrett and Bryant opposed.

Carter: I will turn the meeting over to our new Chairman Mr. Chambers.

Re: Confirmation of 2025 Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Chambers: The motion for the Chairman doubles in the same motion for the Vice Chair.

Re: Approval of Agenda

Chambers: All right, the next thing on the agenda would be to approve by our agenda for the night.

Addendums to the agenda:

H. Claims:
Consider addendum to the claims Armin Winkler for K9 training for line item 31200-5860 in the amount of $15,000*

Q. Appointments to Committees, Boards and Agencies:

21.A. Consider resignation of Jimmy O'Bryant to the Industrial Development Authority
21.B Consider appointment for District 2 for the Industrial Development Authority

Davis: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

Gilliam: Second.

Chambers: A motion and second that agenda be approved. Any questions, all in favor. Seven yes.

Supervisor Davis moved, Supervisor Gilliam seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the agenda with addendums for the January 13, 2025 meeting.

Re: Approval of Minutes

Chambers: The next is approval of minutes.

Gilliam: I'll make a motion.

Garrett: I'll second it.

Chambers: It's been motioned and seconded our minutes be approved. Are there any questions? All in favor? Seven, yes.

Supervisor Gilliam moved, Supervisor Garrett seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the December 9, 2024 minutes as presented.

Re: Approval of Claims

Chambers: The next is our claims approval our claims.

Allen: So moved.

Davis: Second.

Chambers: A motion and second that our claims be approved. Are there any questions? All in favor? Seven yes.

Vice Chairman Allen moved, Supervisor Davis seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the claims with the addendum of Armin Winkler for K-9 training in the amount of $15,000.

Re: Approval of By-Laws and Rules of Procedure

Chambers: Next, we approve our By Laws and Rules of Procedures.

Davis: So moved.

Gilliam: Second.

Chambers: Motion and second that By Laws be approved. Seven yes.

Supervisor Davis moved, Supervisor Gilliam seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the By-Laws with the suspension of the Chairman and Vice Chairman rotation.

Re: Announcements

Chambers: Any announcements?

There were none.

Re: Presentations: Kenneth J. Rodgers, Rural Housing Specialist, SERCAP regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Buckingham County

Chambers: We go into presentations. Mr. Rogers?

Kenneth Rodgers: Good evening, gentlemen. My name is Kenneth Rodgers. Thank you for allowing us to speak here this evening. I work for a company named Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project. We've done quite a few projects in Buckingham County before, and today I'm here with a couple of my coworkers. Roger Flinchum, back here with me, and on the back row is Heather Tabler. And we're rural housing specialists. We help low to moderate income homeowners with repairs and

renovations to their home. The company I work for Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, I've given you a brochure, some of the programs that we have. We work with water, wastewater, housing, and anything like that that you may have going on in the county, please contact us. We have problems or issues like that we'd like to be able to help you with that. I work with the housing department, and we work strictly with housing related issues, and we have a program that we work with called Indoor Plumbing and Rehabilitation, and is funded by DHCD, the Department of Housing Community Development out of Richmond, and it's designed for low to moderate income homeowners who have no indoor bathroom, failed septic system and no potable water. And we are here today because we have a large list of clients in Buckingham County who currently are on that waiting list to either get an indoor bathroom, a failed septic system repaired or well drilled for them, and because that large number of clients is difficult for us to provide services for them with the money that DHCD provides to us currently. We could provide the services, but it would be only like two houses a year or even longer. So what we're endeavoring to do today is to introduce you to the Community Development Block Grant. I don't know if many of you are familiar with that, but with the program also administered by DHCD, Department of Housing and Community Development, it is also designed for low to moderate income homeowners. But what we would do then, we would put a group of houses together, and we could do as many as 10 to 12 houses with each one of the CDBG programs that we will put together. It would be a great program that we could get more houses taken care of and satisfied in a two-year time period, as opposed to only doing two or four houses in a two-year time period. And so we are here today to try to explain that what we can do to the county and ask for your support in doing that. The plan would to do the Community Development Block Grant would have to start off with getting a planning grant. And from the planning grant, we will move over to a submission for Construction Improvement Grant. These grants would be in the amount of, like, $1.2 million to do a certain number of houses and perhaps other infrastructure areas that the house may need. We are endeavoring to ask you guys to help us with this, because I read in your comprehensive plan where you guys are looking to provide more housing in the area. And on page, this is the old comprehensive plan that I pulled up online, but I noticed that you were looking to do an inventory of the housing stock within the county, determining housing needs, consider using state and federal housing programs to meet Buckingham County's low and moderate income residents housing needs, and consider participation in the Department of Housing Community Development and Virginia Housing Development Authority's Public private partnership programs to develop affordable housing opportunities for low and moderate income individuals. Because we're currently doing this for the IPR program for individual homes, we're here to ask your support, if you'd like to work with us to do this program for a larger group, for a Community Development Block Grant. One of the brochures that I gave you is for a Community Development Block Grant we're currently doing in Floyd County. It's called a scattered site program, where, typically the Community Development Block Grants would restrict you to one street or certain target area. With this new scattered site program, it would cover the whole county. And once we were able to do the first 10 or 12 houses, we could put another submission in to do another 10 or 12 houses all around the county. And so what we're here today for is for us to proceed, we have to find out if the Board of Supervisors are in support of doing something like this. So are there any questions for me or anything I need to explain further?

Chambers: Any Board member have a question for Mr. Rogers?

Carter: So you don't need monetary support? You just need County as a commitment to do it?

Rodgers: Correct. The program is self-supported with finances. It will take care of everything that needs to be done. We will have to put together a package to show exactly where those funds will be coming from, from DHCD or from other funding sources. Oftentimes, when we do these projects, we'll bring funding from different places. DHCD has a lead hazard reduction program. We have other programs that our office called essential and critical needs. And what we do, we find out what the project would cost, and then we find out how to get the money together to take care of that project, and all we would need from the Board of Supervisors to say, yes, we like to be involved with the program, because when the Program is put together, it's actually something that the county will be responsible for with DHCD, Department of Housing and Community Development. What we would do, we would be the administrators for the grant side of it, and the rehab specialist to do the design and to do the work for the houses, to determine what the cost would be, hire the contractor and to get those things in. What the Board and the county would be obligated to was just to make sure they sign off on the documents, to make sure that we are doing what's properly done there, and that you're okay with that. DHCD likes to make sure that these programs are also done according to what the residents would like, even if the Board decides they want to do it, if we can't find enough support from the residents in the area, they still would not provide the funding, because they want to make sure something that the locality or the people, the residents in that area really want, as opposed to just what the Board of Supervisors want. But we would help you put all those things together to make sure that you had people in the area that really want the program, and that you guys would just say that yes, we'd like to be involved with this program, and we will work with the county administrator and the community development directors to make sure the program goes through smoothly.

Carter: How does somebody apply for this?

Rodgers: So there's several steps in the program. First of all, we would have to put together a letter of intent for DHCD to say yes, we'd like to put together a Community Development Block Grant for this program, and they would give us what we call a planning grant. It could be up to $50,000. We would take that $50,000, we would go out and we would find the houses in the area that needed the work. We would do testing, initial testing, find out if there's lead in the homes, if there's problems with the wells, problems with the septics, what it would cost to repair those and then we would put that together as a submission for Community Improvement Grant. And so once we got the funding planning grant, we put all the information together to get a Community Development Block Grant by submitting the CIG and then once it goes through, there would be a competitive process. Other people around the state are actually submitting things also, and if we were successful in getting the Community Improvement Grant, then we would get the funding to take care of the houses using all DHCD's money. Now it doesn't mean you guys cannot supply money. If you choose to do that, you could. We wouldn't restrict you from that, but we like to make these things so that they're self-supporting, and all the money will be coming from DHCD or other funding sources we might have or we could find. And we currently have a presence in Buckingham County right now. I think some of you may have heard of us. I know we've worked a lot with the building official, Tommy Ranson, on some of our other IPR projects, so he's familiar with us. So it's not like we're new to the area. We're just trying to find a way to help more homeowners in the Buckingham County area. Now, I'll also like to say too, oftentimes when we talk about Community Development Block Grants, people are a little concerned and think, oh, you gonna put up a multifamily project here, it's gonna be all types of houses. What we're looking to do is owner occupied and perhaps small rental properties. We're not looking to come into building housing complex. We're taking the

existing housing structures, existing housing, and to repair and renovate those so that people can stay in their homes.

Palmore: Do you utilize local contractors for that?

Rodgers: We try to use local contractors as much as possible.

Davis: Mr. Chairman, anything to help people be able to have better and be able to stay in their homes. I think it's a great idea.

Allen: I'd like to see advertisement, so that people, more people, would know about what you got.

Rodgers: We can advertise for that. And we didn't want to advertise before we first got your approval, because you guys are the ones, officially would be the ones responsible for the CDBG. So we didn't want to advertise for something without getting your approval first, but we can do more advertising about it. And like I said, we have 10 clients already on our waiting list that we really don't even have to advertise. We can put the package together already. But what we found out, I typically once we start doing a Community Development Block Grant, people want to find out, well, how do they get their house fixed? How can I get in line to do that too? The houses, the homes would have a deed of trust placed on the property for five years. There is no payback on the work that's being done to their home. Deed of Trust is placed there for five years, and each year or each month, a portion of that is forgiven. And it's designed that way so people don't get their houses fixed and repaired, then they sell them and get the money out of it. So they'll have to remain in those houses for five years, and then after five years, the deed of trust is removed, and they never have to make any payments. Do make sure that they have the taxes paid and have insurance on the house, and the ownership of the house is understood, and everybody living in the house are the ones that actually own it.

Chambers: I guess he's just looking for a blessing from the Board, right?

Rodgers: Blessing from the Board and eventually there were some documents that you guys or the County Administrator will have to sign to say yes, we are in favor of this and that we'd like to proceed with it.

Chambers: Okay. Any other questions for Mr. Rogers? What we got to do, Karl, we just have to send a letter?

Carter: A motion. Yeah, I think he wants Board action to support the project.

Allen: I make a motion to support your project.

Garrett: I'll second it.

Chambers: It's been motioned and seconded that we will support the project. Are there any questions? All in favor.

Vice Chairman Allen moved, Supervisor Garrett seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to support the SERCAP Community Block Grant project.

Rodgers: Thank you very much. And the other document I gave you is the award that we won for doing the work with Floyd County, the Virginia Association of Counties was happy with the work that we did there. And we're looking to do more of that all around the state.

Re: Public Comments

Chambers: Next, we move down to public comments.

Lann: We have five signed up.

Chambers: Each one gets three minutes to speak. What's the first one?

Lann: Cherrelle Saulisbury, District 6 and Marie Flowers will be next.

Cherrelle Saulisbury, District 6: Good evening, gentlemen. My name is Cherrelle Saulisbury. This is District 6 and my Board of Supervisor representative is Pastor Joe Chambers, and I'm here today just to say a thank you. You know when something happened in Buckingham you see all over social media, Buckingham Strong. Well, last week, Buckingham Strong came out. I just want to thank Ginger at the Registrar office and her staff, Sheriff Billy Kidd, I want to thank the volunteer fire department, the Virginia Department of Transportation, Paul, the state police and everybody involved with the weather last week, it was kind of hard to get out and vote. While we were sitting at home enjoying ourselves, these individuals were meeting on Sunday of last week to put a proactive situation so that people could get out and vote on Tuesday. And they did a heck of a job. And I just want to thank everybody, you know, people look and say, well, that's their job, whatever you know, sometimes we can just even if it's their job, we can just give them a pat on the back and say thank you for doing your job. So that's all I have to say.

Chambers: Thank you, maam.

Davis: Thank you.

Lann: Marie Flowers, District 3 and Paul Barlow will be next.

Marie Flowers, District 3: Hi everyone. Marie Flowers. I wanted to say something about this issue with the solar in Richmond. I don't know what you, all what your influence is for it. I don't want to see the state take over the decisions for the counties. But also, I've been here for a number of the other meetings, and I wonder, do you get information from people that know what they're doing? And I've been traumatized by the meetings for the pipeline, and I feel like the citizens, their issues and their concerns, were not taken seriously enough. But I see here the problem is that too many of the counties are turning down the solar. Do you all know why? I don't know what you can do about it, but I think this is a very important issue, and I just wanted to come and say a couple of comments about it, and I just hope that when the next thing comes up, that you have information from the people that know what

they're doing, not just the companies. The companies are out to make money. But you know, if they do it wrong, it's harder to correct than if they, if we take our time and they do it correctly. Thank you.

Chambers: Thank you. Ma'am.

Lann: Paul Barlow, District 5 and Donnie Dorrier will be next.

Paul Barlow, District 5: Good evening. I just talked to Mr. Frederick about this, but I want to get this on the record. As we know, the snow came in last Monday and left us with quite a bit of accumulation. The road plows were out in a timely fashion, as always, clearing the main arteries of the county. However, as the snow plows passed Pond Road numerous times, not one chose to turn down our road and plow it. Later that evening, a smaller farm tractor did come down the road and only cut some young pines bending towards the roadway, but once again, VDOT did not dispatch a proper road clearing plow to State Route 738. The residents were left to fend for themselves, using only high clearance vehicles to navigate the slippery conditions and deep ruts. Upon calling the 800 number for VDOT. Tuesday afternoon, I was informed that every state maintained road would indeed be plowed within 48 hours, and no weather related road work requests would be taken at that time. By Wednesday, it was obvious that no snow plow would be coming down our road within that 48 hour time span. I once again called and convinced a nice dispatcher to create a work order requesting a snow plow and ice treatment, because by now, the packed down snow had turned into a sheet of ice after three days. That evening, the same farm tractor came and merely smoothed out some rough spots, but still, no proper snow plow had been sent. By Thursday morning, sand had been spread on the entire 1.8 mile road over the ice. On Saturday, we finally saw a proper snow plow come down our road, but the best they could do was merely scrape the ice that have been packed down. They finally came back today and applied dirt to the road. Because of these delays in plowing the road, mail service was interrupted. UPS hasn't been down our road for a week, citing delivery driver safety concerns. We have been awaiting two packages ourselves that should have been delivered one week ago. What if vital medicine deliveries were disrupted by this situation? What is it going to take to break this cycle and just have the snow plows turn down our road when they are in the immediate vicinity? Pond Road is the only state road that intersects the entire length of Patty Road. So we don't understand why we keep getting bypassed. Thank you.

Lann: Donnie Dorrier, District 6 and David Ball will be next.

Donnie Dorrier, District 6: Don Dorrier, Scottsville, Virginia, Good evening. I want to talk a little bit about last month. Last month, Apex representative came before y'all and submitted a letter to Mr. Carter, which came in a package to y'all that stated they wanted to extend their Rosner Creek Solar Project. And they in that letter, it was put on the agenda. And when the agenda came out, and it came up last month, that was voted on. It was a motion made, the motion second, and was unanimous. But that letter, if you remember, it was in your package. Now, I hope you all read that letter three times, not one time, not two times, but three times they used a Virginia Code. That Virginia Code was 15.2-2209.1:2 That should ring a bell to y'all. If we back up and y'all passed that under those conditions. And what that code did was that code gave y'all the authority to pass that resolution, which y'all did. That was fine. Let's back up to March. In March, you had an Apex representative again, who came before y'all, submitted a letter and wanted an extension for Riverstone. But now when Riverstone came up, an hour and 40 minutes before the meeting, an Apex lawyer sent a letter to Mr. Wright stating that there was a code that took away

y'alls right, and you didn't have to make a vote on it. I came back in April. I came back again in April, and I gave each one of y'all a letter, and that letter had condition number four, which said, in 24 months, if a resolution had been made, it was null and void. And it also stated that 15.2-2209.1:2 was the right one to go by. So right now, you know, if that's the right code, y'all voted on it last month, and you gave everybody, you gave them permission to do it. But now you're saying, Hey, we got the wrong code. It's not the wrong code. The wrong code was the one that the Apex lawyer gave you. So by saying that right now, you have not, you have not extended their SUP so that SUP is null and void. That SUP is null and void. So the question is, what are you going to do? What are you going to do with that SUP? They're working with no SUP. Thank you.

Chambers: Thank you, sir.

Lann: David Ball, District 3 and that will be all.

David Ball, District 3: David Ball, District 3. Happy New year to all of you and I hope that you have a very productive year. First off, this is kind of for the Forestry. I mean, excuse me for the VDOT, but there have been a lot of trees, and still are a lot of trees that are on or in the right of way and consistently falling. And I know many of our good citizens are the ones that come along and take care of those. So, you know, we'd like to see more done to sort of remove these dead trees that are or leaning trees that are severely leaning into the right of way, so that they don't pose a risk or hazard to the citizens of this county. As far as roads, I was out, to say the least, in the snow. I was out late and the night of the snow, I only saw in the Town of Dillwyn one truck, a rubber tire loader, and about a couple 100 feet behind them was a motor grader, and that was all that I saw out during the snow event that was doing any preparation or clearing. Now I have a very difficult driveway. Most people, I don't even get deliveries, because nobody wants to go down there. They always get stuck. I, however, have become so used to driving it. I have no trouble in a very difficult driveway, getting in and out in any kind of weather, any kind of situation, and I had very little difficulty on a very snowy road, except for a few slick spots, but I know for most people, it is a concern, and having a clear, safe road is important. So that I think, you know, is something that we need to look at. There are also a number of issues that I think are going to come up throughout the year, that you know, we're going to have to look at as far as the county and fire safety after what happened in California and the absolute neglect that the governor there took. I know that I think last year we had a little bit of a dry area, and that we have had some periods in the past where we've had possible fire issues with forestry. So I think making sure that we have our areas ready and prepared, and that our local forestry are backed and supported by our local firefighters, so that we don't have these issues and we have a safe community for our citizens. Thank you.

Chambers: Thank you, sir,

Lann: That's all that signed up.

Re: VDOT Road Matters, Scott Frederick, Resident Engineer

Chambers: We go down to VDOT matters. Mr. Frederick?

Frederick: Evening Chair and Board, County Administrator. Thank you for having me tonight. Happy New Year. It's good to be here. It's on the agenda as Number 2, but I'm going to talk about 617 so I don't forget at the end. Mr. Allen, you made a motion, and it was passed to restrict truck traffic. And I was telling you that night that, you know, after you do that, we study it, so I've got it submitted, and they're working on studying it, and then, based on how that goes, we may need to do a public hearing for it, and we may not. So they were telling me the different options that once you study a road for restricted trucks it could have. So just keeping you updated on that, if we need to do a public hearing, we'll use the study that they're doing now in that and then find out what the public wants.

Allen: How soon do you think you will find that out?

Frederick: I'm hoping to have it by next month, and I'll work with County Administrator on that, if we get it done that quickly. So then some other updates from last month's meeting, the speed study on Route 649, that's not back yet, and then also the study requests on Buffalo Springs and Bishop Creek. I haven't seen those yet either. When they're back, I'll update the Board on those.

I don't know if you're still getting questioned, Mr. Allen on the Rocky Mountain Church Road crossing. When the railroad puts the crossing in, I haven't been there to see what they've done yet or not, but then we'll follow up and tie into what they do, like I said before.

Allen: They put stuff outside to work on but they haven’t started working on it.

Frederick: Okay, so the materials are there. Gotcha. Okay. And then Mr. Davis, you reminded me again, or told me of a new time that a tractor trailer went down Settlers Way last month. And after that meeting, I submitted to traffic engineering, but this time, I recommended that they do the big sign like on 60 at Rosney Road, with it says GPS routing, not advised. And there may be some more. They might add to it if, if they choose to do that, to tell them to go up and use the other road to get to the site. So I'll keep you posted on that when that comes back.

I also submitted the removal of the passing zone on 60 at the Amish store, so that's another one that's in the traffic engineering for review.

Gilliam: What did you say about that?

Frederick: It was asked to remove the passing zone. Okay, there. So I got that submitted to them. I guess at the time that passing zone was put in, there wasn't a store there, so there wasn't near as many, you know, vehicles coming in and out of a driveway. So they'll take a look at that, and they may opt to remove it.

And then just, I was going to try to not update on it last month, and you asked me, said we got a lot of asphalt work planned on Route 602. As soon as this spring gets here and the weather breaks, we're going to patch up Route 602, get that smooth.

And then at the same time, when we get that warm weather on Bell Road and those curves, we have to do some surface work there too.

And then I think the only other thing that came up last month was Route 659, a question about whether or not it could have a center line put on it. And I actually measured it. And for a road to get a center line, it has to be 18 feet wide, and it's just barely too narrow. Most of it's about 17ish. So and then another thing is it doesn't quite have amount of traffic that we like it to have for a center line either. I think the busiest section of it in the data I was looking at shows about 390 vehicles a day. So that's still in the extremely low volume category, so we normally don't put the center line on those either.

That's some of the follow up from last month. We did get the hole at 617, at the trash transfer site.

We got that patched up, from what I'm told, and then just some of our regular work. Before Christmas, we finished up our mowing for the year. We got the full cut back done, and then basically, since January the fifth, we've been battling snow. And it's really two separate events, but the first event in Buckingham County brought down a lot of small pine trees. The tops broke out of them. So about the time we were getting ready to start going through the effort cleaning those up, we started battling the second event. So we'll be we'll be falling back to clean up the shoulders of the roads and get all the trees removed in the coming weeks.

That's all I had the update on tonight. Does the Board have any questions, comments or concerns?

District 1:

Davis: Yes sir, Mr. Frederick, you and I already talked about the tree on Chapel Road that split that's coming towards the road. It's going to be in the road pretty quick. It's one mile and six tenths off of 15 down Chapel Road.

Frederick: Okay. Yes, sir. I'll get them take a look at that, see if they…

Davis: It's right beside little Harry's house, just down below it just a little bit, but it's got wide and my dad pointed it out to me the other day, and it's going to be over in the road, and I just don't want nobody's family to be coming through there and it falls in the road in front of them.

Frederick: Yes, sir, I appreciate you telling me.

Davis: You already answered when y'all think y'all was going to get back to clean up some of the debris on the side of the roads, and you've already answered.

Frederick: We're going to start working on that.

District 2:

Gilliam: We're good, Mr. Chairman in District 2. District 2 is still celebrating the blinking light, Mr. Frederick. We'll move on. And I think everything is good in Dillwyn.

Frederick: Thank you.

District 3:

Palmore: I don't have anything. I haven't had any complaints.

District 4:

Garrett: Yeah, Mr. Frederick, did you say you were doing the speed study on 649?

Frederick: Yeah, I got it submitted to them from where it's a there's a 45 mile an hour zone on that road right now…

Garrett: Once you cross the bridge…

Frederick: Yeah, that's the section that I submitted. They're looking at it now.

Garrett: For the bridge back towards 20 where it isn't there. Okay. We were thinking that that might help some of that word running out of the road up there where y'all had to fix it.

Frederick: Oh, the shoulder there. Yeah, yeah.

Garrett: So, you know, if it's 55 through there, they come around that curve and causes them to go in through there. I think that was all because, again, there was something about the brush, you know, that was already there where y'all had been cutting some on Oak Hill Road up there, and said it was going to get to it in the next couple of weeks, and I think it pretty much kind of coincided, about the time we got this first weather.

Frederick: Still need to go with the chipper and chips.

Garrett: Yeah, the chipper up there, right down, you know, Oak Hill Road. Couple of residents, if you're coming from Buckingham Courthouse, you get on up there before you get to Twin Creeks Road, couple of residents are on the right, but their mailbox is on the left hand side, and that's where a lot of the stuff that needs to be chipped up, at the mailbox across the road. Not at the residences, but their mailbox is on the other side of the road.

Frederick: Okay. Thank you for sharing that.

District 5:

Bryant: Not to sound like a broken record, but 602, Howardsville Road still hasn't healed.

Frederick: Yeah. We got that work planned there. We need the warm weather now. We struggled with that on Back Mountain Road about two years ago, and we went in there and patched all that. We've got to do the same thing up there in Howardsville.

District 6:

Chambers: Thank you, Mr. Frederick, for checking on that, 659. You said it's not wide enough. It's over 18 foot and only 17 foot, yeah, using up a 390 vehicles a day on it?

Frederick: Yeah, that's the traffic count that I looked at. It's broke in sections, and that's the highest volume. It drops from there down into the hundreds.

Chambers: Other complaints I received on Payne's Pond Road. Mr. Dorrier, you might can help me. What's the road number, is it 669 on 20 North?

Frederick: That's where we did the rural rustic a few years ago.

Chambers: When you turn on Payne's Pond Road, it's a deep gully right there, and it's real narrow. People are running in there. If you meet a vehicle coming facing you, you don't have enough room there. So, yeah, I think you can do the same thing you've done it Mr. Garrett's district, is just build it up a little bit. I think that's all you need.

Davis: Sollite side? That's 652 on Sollite side.

Chambers: No, I'm sorry, coming off 20. After you pass Spanglers to the right there. As soon as you make the right on Payne's Pond Road, it's on the right right there. It's a curve right there and its real narrow. It's a right deep hole there.

Frederick: Okay, we'll take a look at it. As long as we have…some of those roads only have 30 feet of…

Chambers: Appreciate it. I think some rock can take care of it. I think if the rock filled the hole up. I think they'd be satisfied.

Frederick: Yeah, I have to do something similar to what we did on 649.

Chambers: Yeah, what you done for Mr. Garrett, I think would work there.

Frederick: Okay, a good deal. Thank you.

District 7:

Allen: Yes, sir. I just wanted to thank you for 617 where y'all fixed that. Appreciate it. But over at the end of Thomas Road, that metal rail they put up?

Frederick: Yes, sir.

Allen: I know I said something to you. People pull up in their cars and they can't see a good little ways up the road, because that things in the way.

Frederick: Right. Yeah.

Allen: Talking about moving it, to me, I think you ought to cut it I think back 10 feet.

Frederick: Yeah. So they've looked at it, and what they're going to do is move the stop bar up at the, where the stop sign tells you to stop now. They're going to move the stop bar up closer to 15 so where you stop, you'll be able to see. Right now you got to stop, and then you got to creep up to where you can see and then you got to look again, then you can go. So they claim, like, what they're telling me is that thermoplastic stripe that they burn in. They need the pavement to be a certain temperature to do that work too. I'm not a traffic guy. I don't work with those materials very often, so they have it planned to do. They're waiting for warm weather as well on that.

Allen: Thank you.

Chambers: Thank you, Mr. Frederick.

Frederick: Thank you, sir.

Re: Public Hearing: Case 24-SUP350 Stefanie and Shane Marshall

Chambers: Mrs. Edmondston, Public Hearing.

Edmondston: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman, members of the Board. The first case before you this evening is a public hearing for 24-SUP350. The applicants are Stefanie and Shane Marshall, and the property is located at 3323 Axtel Road, Scottsville and the James River Magisterial District. It's currently zoned A-1, and the applicant wishes to obtain the special use permit for the purpose of constructing and operating a country store, retail store and Event Center for 10 events per year with a maximum 300 attendees, and any event under 100 attendees, unlimited events throughout the year. The applicants are available. They are in the audience this evening to address any questions or concerns.

Below are conditions that you may consider attaching to the request if approved:

1. That all federal, state and local regulations, ordinances and laws be strictly adhered to.
2. The facility shall meet all safety requirements of all applicable building codes.
3. Right of ways and roadway shoulders shall not be used for parking. Ample parking for occupants shall be supplied on premises.

4. The property shall be kept neat and orderly.
5. That the applicant pursues a commercial solid waste container and follow the County Solid Waste Ordinance.
6. That all documentation submitted by the applicant in support of this special use permit request becomes a part of the conditions except that any such documentation that may be inconsistent with these enumerated conditions shall be superseded by these conditions.
7. Nothing in this approval shall be deemed to obligate the County to acquire any interest in property, to construct, maintain or operate any facility or to grant any permits or approvals except as may be directly related hereto.
8. The County Zoning Administrator and one other County staff member, as appointed by the County Administrator, shall be allowed to enter the property, with proper notice, if a complaint is registered against the property for noncompliance with this permit. Any complaints not solely related to this permit will be given to the appropriate department or agency.
9. In the event that any one or more of the conditions is declared void for any reason whatever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of the permit, which shall remain in full force and effect, and for this purpose, the provisions of this are hereby declared to be severable
10. That any infraction of the above mentioned conditions could lead to a stop order and discontinuation of the special use permit, if it be the wishes of the Board of Supervisors.
11. That the applicant(s) and landowner(s) understands the conditions and agrees to the conditions.

Chambers: At this time, we will open the public hearing. Did anybody sign up for speaking?

Lann: No sir.

Chambers: What is the pleasure of the Board? I close the public hearing.

Davis: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that we approve it.

Palmore: Second.

Chambers: A motion and second that we approve it. Are there any questions? All in favor? Seven yes. All right, thank you.

Supervisor Davis moved, Supervisor Palmore seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve Case 24-SUP350 for Stefanie and Shane Marshall on Axtell Road.

Re: Zoning: Introduction to Proposed Zoning Map Amendment NC1 to VC1 Industrial Park

Edmondston: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman, the next case is a request that was put to the Planning Commission by the Board of Supervisors, and this was a proposal for a zoning map amendment from NC-1 to VC-1 in Buckingham and the property known as the industrial park. The public hearing was held for consideration of a zoning map amendment for portions of the park to include the 7.413 acre proposed site for consideration of sale to Central Virginia Christian School, which will allow, by right, the construction and operation of a private school, and then the northern 2/3 portion of the industrial

park from the current zoning of NC-1 to Village Center. So this request was presented to the Planning Commission on November 18, 2024 and a public hearing was held December 16. The Planning Commission gave full consideration to this request. The Planning Commission does recommend a zoning map amendment for the 7.413 acre proposed site for consideration of sale to the Christian School to be Village Center. However, after a motion, second and final vote, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to disapprove the proposal for a zoning map amendment from NC-1 to VC-1 for the northern 2/3 portion of the industrial park as requested by the Board of Supervisors. The Planning Commission further recommends to the Board of Supervisors to make appointments to the Economic Development Committee, allow for a study through December 2025 concentrating on potential marketing strategies for the industrial park, utilizing the existing zoning of neighborhood commercial. As with all other cases. when we introduce these, I do bring this forward and ask for a potential public hearing. So would it be the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors to hold a public hearing for this proposal and recommendation? If so, February 10, 2025, would be the next scheduled meeting.

Gilliam: So this proposal is actually following the Planning Commission's recommendation, correct?

Edmondston: Yes, sir. After the introduction and the public hearing was held in December.

Gilliam: Right.

Bryant: I make a motion that we have a public hearing.

Gilliam: I'll second.

Chambers: Motion and a second that we have a public hearing on this. What did you say, February **what?**

Edmondston: February 10.

Chambers: February 10 6:00 p.m. Are there any questions? All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Bryant moved, Supervisor Gilliam seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to schedule a public hearing for Buckingham County Zoning Map Amendment from NC-1 to VC-1 at the February 10, 2025 meeting.

Re: Introduction Case 24-SUP351 Deborah Blake

Edmondston: Next case before you is an introduction for 24-SUP351. Our applicant this evening is Deborah Blake at 1467 Hundley Branch Road, Scottsville. This property is located at the 1467 Hundley Branch Road address. The Tax Map, 25 Parcel, 11and it does contain 68.99 acres. It is zoned A-1. The request before you is for a special use permit to construct and operate a private grass air strip and hangar. The applicant is asking the Board of Supervisors to hold a public hearing for this request. There are 11 conditions attached to this request. This case was introduced to the Planning Commission on November 18, 2024, and a public hearing held on December 16. The Planning Commission

unanimously recommends approval of this case. Would it be the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors to hold a public hearing for this request? If so, February 10, 2025, 6pm.

Below are conditions that you may consider attaching to the request if approved:

1. That all federal, state and local regulations, ordinances and laws be strictly adhered to.

2. Right of ways and roadway shoulders shall not be used for parking.

3. The property shall be kept neat and orderly.

4. That the applicant pursues a commercial solid waste container and follow the County Solid Waste Ordinance.

5. All commercial aircraft prohibited use and storage.

6. That all documentation submitted by the applicant in support of this special use permit request becomes a part of the conditions except that any such documentation that may be inconsistent with these enumerated conditions shall be superseded by these conditions.

7. Nothing in this approval shall be deemed to obligate the County to acquire any interest in property, to construct, maintain or operate any facility or to grant any permits or approvals except as may be directly related hereto.

8. The County Zoning Administrator and one other County staff member, as appointed by the County Administrator, shall be allowed to enter the property, with proper notice, if a complaint is registered against the property for noncompliance with this permit. Any complaints not solely related to this permit will be given to the appropriate department or agency.

9. In the event that any one or more of the conditions is declared void for any reason whatever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of the permit, which shall remain in full force and effect, and for this purpose, the provisions of this are hereby declared to be severable

10. That any infraction of the above mentioned conditions could lead to a stop order and discontinuation of the special use permit, if it be the wishes of the Board of Supervisors.

11. That the applicant(s) and landowner(s) understands the conditions and agrees to the conditions.

Palmore: I make a motion.

Davis: I'll second.

Chambers: Motion and second that we hold of public in for this. Are there any questions? All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Palmore moved, Supervisor Davis seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to schedule a public hearing for Case 24-SUP351 Deborah Blake for private grass airstrip and hangar on Hundley Branch Road.

Re: Introduction to Case 24-USP352 Gooden Family Trust

Edmondston: All right, Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, the final case that I have before you this evening is an introduction of 24-SUP352. The applicant is Gooden Family Trust at 1779 Shelton Store Road here in Buckingham. There are three parcels considered in this request. The first being Tax Map 92 Parcel 1 just at 319.87 acres. The next piece of property is Tax Map 92 Parcel 26 at 35.06 acres. And the additional parcel is Tax Map 92 Parcel 31 at 6.41 acres. This is all located at or near 1779 Shelton Store Road here in Buckingham. It is in the Slate River Magisterial District. It is zoned A-1, and the applicant wishes to obtain a special use permit for the purpose of constructing and operating a store, a retail store for items including, but not limited to general merchandise, EV stations, etc., an event center, six events per year to include, but not limited to glamping, dry campsites, nature trails, micro events such as community meetings, special programs, tours for up to 250 attendees. There's an unlimited number of events for attendees less than 250. The applicant is asking the Board of Supervisors to hold a public hearing for this request. Again, the 11 standard conditions are attached to this request. The case was introduced to the Planning Commission on November 18, 2024 and a public hearing was held on December 16. The Planning Commission unanimously recommends approval of this case. Would it be the pleasure of the Board Supervisors told a public hearing? If so? February 10, 2025.

Below are conditions that you may consider attaching to the request if approved:

1. That all federal, state and local regulations, ordinances and laws be strictly adhered to.
2. The facility shall meet all safety requirements of all applicable building codes.
3. Right of ways and roadway shoulders shall not be used for parking. Ample parking for occupants shall be supplied on premises.
4. The property shall be kept neat and orderly.
5. That the applicant pursues a commercial solid waste container and follow the County Solid Waste Ordinance.
6. That all documentation submitted by the applicant in support of this special use permit request becomes a part of the conditions except that any such documentation that may be inconsistent with these enumerated conditions shall be superseded by these conditions.
7. Nothing in this approval shall be deemed to obligate the County to acquire any interest in property, to construct, maintain or operate any facility or to grant any permits or approvals except as may be directly related hereto.
8. The County Zoning Administrator and one other County staff member, as appointed by the County Administrator, shall be allowed to enter the property, with proper notice, if a complaint is registered against the property for noncompliance with this permit. Any complaints not solely related to this permit will be given to the appropriate department or agency.
9. In the event that any one or more of the conditions is declared void for any reason whatever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of the permit, which shall remain in full force and effect, and for this purpose, the provisions of this are hereby declared to be severable
10. That any infraction of the above mentioned conditions could lead to a stop order and discontinuation of the special use permit, if it be the wishes of the Board of Supervisors.

11. That the applicant(s) and landowner(s) understands the conditions and agrees to the conditions.

Chambers: I was at that Planning Commission meeting, and they had some questions for her and she answered all those questions. And I think that she answered them satisfactory. It's in my district. I really support it. I don't see no problem with this. I'd like to see a public hearing set with her.

Palmore: I make the motion.

Davis: I second it.

Chambers: A motion and second that we set a public hearing on February the 10th, at 6:00 p.m. Any questions? All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Palmore moved, Supervisor Davis seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to schedule a public hearing for Case 24-SUP353 for the Gooden Family Trust for February 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Re: Consider approval of templates for Decommissioning Agreements for Summit Ridge Energy on the NCN and Larry Davis property and authorize he County Administrator or Chairman to sign final drafts

Chambers: Moving down to Department, Agency Reports, an Item for Considerations. Consider approval of templates for the decommissioning agreement of the Summit Ridge Energy on the NCN and the Larry Davis property, and authorize the County Administrator or the Chairman, to sign final draft. What is the pleasure of the Board?

Carter: Mr. Chairman, in your packet tonight you have an example or sample of a decommission agreement. As you know, we're starting to get some of these smaller projects, sort of starting to finish up. So one of the things we want to have in place is a decommissioned bond. In order to have that decommissioning bond, we need to have a decommission agreement in place so that bond can reference that agreement. In your packet tonight, you have a letter, a memo from County Attorney Wright to me stating those things are in that project, in that decommissioning agreement. To give you a little history on that project. We picked a third party to review that decommissioning agreement. They came back with some questions for the owner. The owner answered all those questions and met everything that the third party wanted to review. That third party was selected by the county, but the company is going to pay for that cost. That's one of those things we put in the agreement that they will have to pay for those costs for that third party review. The highlights of those agreements were, the property at decommission needs to be reasonably restored by soil stabilization and ground cover. There are several factors that can trigger the decommissioning, such as the project becoming inactive, the project becoming unsafe, or the security for the decommissioning is canceled last without substitution. The security for the decommission will be by surety bond. The amount is reviewed every five years and adjusted as needed. So that's one of the things, once we have a decommissioning bond, it's not just gonna be stuck there for the next 15 years. It's gonna be looked at every five years to see if needs be increased at a certain time. The amount would also include the cost of decommissioning, plus 15% for administrative costs. I thank

Mr. Wright again for several emails going back and forth trying to get this agreement for both sides to agree on. So we feel that we have an agreement that we feel comfortable with and the company feels comfortable with. So we asking you for your approval tonight for this project and allowing me to sign the final draft of that decommissioning agreement.

Gilliam: Mr. Carter, as far as you know, the landowner was satisfied? I mean, he agreed, and landowner was satisfied with this agreement?

Carter: As far as I know, yes, sir.

Davis: I make a motion we approve it.

Garrett: I'll second it, Mr. Chairman.

Chambers: There's been a motion and second we approve this. Are there any questions? All in favor?

Supervisor Davis moved, Supervisor Garrett seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the sample Decommissioning Agreement and authorize the County Administrator to sign the final documents.

Re: Consider Recovery Court Memorandum of Understanding

Chambers: Moving down to 2. Consider Recovery Court Memorandum of Understanding.

Carter: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman, I'll speak a little bit about that one as well. As your recall, Judge Blessing came and talked about Recovery Court with you guys a few months ago. Last month, we adopted a budget for the Recovery Court, and then with the last procedural step, which is having an MOU with the three localities, which will be Buckingham, Cumberland and Prince Edward. The MOU, some highlights of the MOU, as Prince Edward and Cumberland County have already signed their MOU so we're the last county to sign it. Prince Edward would act as a fiscal agent. Recovery Court is an appropriate use of those opioid funds we're receiving for the federal government. So as I said, before those funds were received, they have to be used on the treatment of opioids. We can't just take those monies and spend them and put them around general fund and a Recovery Court is an appropriate use of those funds. The Recovery Court will prepare an annual budget that will be formalized during the county's budget process. So by you agreeing to this MOU you're not committing yourself to any funding. They will have to submit a budget request like every other agency, and you guys can act on it at that time when you do your budget. So at some point, those opioid funds run dry and if we don't have any money, you can at budget time say we're not, we choose not to fund this. So it's not binding you in any way. The funding for this Opioid Recovery Court will be based on the number of participants from each locality, and they're saying that the initial cost set up, they're going to have two participants from each locality, which will give a total of six. So that means each locality will pay a third toward the court. Actually, if you consider this MOU and we can get this signed. And then we already adopted a budget for it but you will start to see that project come to fruition once they hire a coordinator to set up the project.

Davis: With the motion we are giving you the authority to sign it?

Carter: Yes, sir, just sign it.

Davis: I'll make that motion.

Gilliam: Second.

Chambers: A motion and second that we will approve, give authority to the County Administrator to sign this. All in favor? Seven, yes.

Supervisor Davis moved, Supervisor Gilliam seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Recovery Court and authorize the County Administrator to sign the documents.

Re: Consider adoption of the FY25/26 Budget Calendar

Chambers: Number 3, Finance: Consider the adoption of the 2025/26 budget calendar.

Carter: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. That is in your packet as well. That is our standard budget calendar. Nothing's really changed on that, just updating the dates, and it still includes our joint work session with the school Board. And the only change I'll point out is that our April meeting, April 21 will be the third Monday. That's usually a problem with us every year, because we have to advertise for so many weeks for the budget, before we have our meeting, so it pushes our meeting back to that third Monday in April. So that is the only significant change in the budget calendar.

Chambers: What is the pleasure of the Board?

Davis: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

Garrett: Second.

Chambers: Moved and seconded. Are there questions on the motion? Then all in favor?

Supervisor Davis moved, Supervisor Garrett seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the 2025-2026 Budget Calendar as presented.

Re: Sheriff: Consider Asset Forfeiture Fund Usage of $7,032.56 to be moved from Asset Forfeiture Fund to Sheriff's Budget in Police Supplies for the purchase of firearms training system

Chambers: Number 4, you see this first request coming from the Sheriff about the funds to be moved to his Sheriff budget in police supplies and purchase of firearms training. What is the pleasure of the Board?

Palmore: So moved.

Gilliam: I'll second.

Chambers: A motion and a second that we approve this. Are there any questions on the motion? All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Palmore moved, Supervisor Gilliam seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the request from Sheriff Kidd to move $7,032.56 from asset forfeiture fund to Sheriff's budget in police supplies for the purchase of firearms training system.

Re: Sheriff: Consider appropriation of HEAT Equipment Reimbursement Program through Virginia State Police to move $12,500 from 3100-23020-3 Sheriff Grants to 4-31200-6008 Vehicle Equipment/Supplies to purchase car cameras with built in license plate readers

Chambers: The second one, Number 5 Consider the appropriation of the HEAT equipment reimbursement program through the Virginia State Police to move $12,500 from 3-100-23020-3 Sheriff grants to 4-31200-6008, Vehicle Equipment/Supplies to purchase car cameras with built in license plate readers. What is the pleasure of the Board?

Bryant: So moved.

Palmore: Second.

Chambers: Motion and second, all in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Bryant moved, Supervisor Palmore seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve moving $12,500 from 3-100-23020-3 Sheriff Grants to 4-100-31200-6008 Vehicle Equipment/Supplies to purchase car cameras with license plate readers.

Re: Sheriff: Consider moving ECO/TDO Reimbursement funds from 3-100-23020-3 Grants to 4-100-31200-1200 Overtime Salaries and Wages in the amount of $987.78 to be paid to full time deputies for hours worked and $3,252.39 be moved to 4-100-31200-1300 Part time Salaries and Wages to pay hours worked by part time deputies

Chambers: Number 6 Consider moving ECO/TDO Reimbursement funds from 3-100-23020-3 Grants to 4-100-31200-1200 Overtime Salaries and Wages in the amount of $987.78 to be paid to full time deputies for hours worked and $3,252.39 be moved to 4-100-31200-1300 Part time Salaries and Wages to pay hours worked by part time deputies. What's the pleasure of the Board?

Gilliam: After reading all that, Mr. Chairman, I believe you need a raise. I'll move.

Palmore: I'll second it. Mr. Chairman.

Chambers: Yeah, I appreciate it. Motion and second. All in favor? Seven yes. Thank you Sheriff.

Supervisor Gilliam moved, Supervisor Palmore seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve moving ECO/TDO Reimbursement funds from 3-100-23020-3 Grants to 4-100-31200-1200 Overtime Salaries and Wages in the amount of $987.78 to be paid to full time deputies for hours worked and $3,252.39 be moved to 4-100-31200-1300 Part time Salaries and Wages to pay hours worked by part time deputies

Kidd: Thank you all.

Garrett: Mr. Chairman, could I ask a question of Mr. Kidd while he's up here? All right, just because it, it's on the borderline of my district there, where we put those cameras in front of the school zone down on 20, is there any report available anywhere about how much, I don't know how to say it, how many, maybe how many tickets have been written or sent out since that went in operation?

Kidd: We get a statement from the company, and we just got our first one. I don't have any information with me, but I can give it to you.

Garrett: Okay. Because several people have asked me, you know, because couple of people I know of have gotten the ticket in the mail and not me.

Gilliam: Well, Sheriff Kidd, the Gilliam's have contributed to that also, so I just wanted to let you know.

Garrett: But you know, I just had a couple people ask me, you know, how much, if I had any idea of how many tickets had been sent through, or something like that. But I also told them that the purpose of it was not to write tickets and in get money from it. The purpose of it was get people to slow down, and the regular signs we had didn't work. So maybe you have to have a little bit higher deterrent for something.

Gilliam: Sheriff, when you're chasing deer dogs and you're trying to get to the spot that should be off limits.

Kidd: I can tell you, we've had one individual has gotten three of those tickets, and he just pays them.

Gilliam: We were running the big buck.

Garrett: Thank you, Mr. Chairman for that. I think I'd get everybody lightened up a little bit.

Re: EMS: Consider sealed bids received for retired three EMS Vehicles

Cody Davis: So to provide some loop closure on the solicitation process that you guys approved, we solicited bids for the two ambulances and the one Excursion vehicle. I just want to put on the record a typo that I made in my hasty typing during the snow storm, it's a 2001 not a 2011 that I put on this memo to you guys. But anyways, we did receive three sealed bids. They were all for that excursion. We didn't get any bids for the ambulances, so I suppose we will retain them until you guys do your next liquidation county auction thing. But the highest bidder was from a Commercial Bus and Vehicle LLC in the amount of $4,123. I was pretty happy with that. And then following that was a private individual $2,000 and then another Emergency Remarketing LLC in the amount of $787.18. I am asking your approval to release that Excursion to that highest bidder.

Chambers: What's was the pleasure of the Board?

Palmore: I say cut it loose.

Garrett: I second it.

Chambers: Motion and second that we will let it go. Are there any questions? All in favor? Alright, thank you, Mr. Davis.

C. Davis: Thank you.

Supervisor Palmore moved, Supervisor Garrett seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to accept the bid from Commercial Bus and Vehicle LLC in the amount of $4,123 for the 2001 Excursion.

Davis: Mr. Davis, while you are up here, if I can Mr. Chairman. Cody, I just want to give you all the props. We've had several accidents and calls down our way. And my uncle lost his wife the other night, but the squad was only scene in three minutes.

C. Davis: Well, I'm sorry for your loss, but thank you.

Davis: Had a massive heart attack and there was nothing anybody could have done. But my uncle was very appreciative that the squad was there so quick.

C. Davis: I'll piggyback off of that. On February 2nd, we'll go live with the 24/7-365 staffing out there in Arvonia. We've made almost all of the hires that you guys approved for that. I've got two vacancies. Still just being picky with people. I think we see stuff going on in the news, and we need to be picky about who we bring into our team here. So it's going well, but as of that date, we're going to move forward with it. And you know what vacant gaps we'll have to fill in the schedule due to those two vacancies, will aim to do with part time, since we know that out and foresee that need. But we're excited for that. We've been in close communication with Arvonia and Chief Davis out there with the sheriff's office and dispatch, so that we all can make that transition pretty seamless. We do our best but thank you guys for all your support.

Davis: Tell everybody they are doing a good job.

C. Davis: Thank you.

Chambers: Thank you, sir.

Re: Consider request from Health Department for additional funding in the amount of $1,649 due to final budget

Chambers: Item 8, Health Department: Consider request from Health Department for additional funding in the amount of $1,649 due to final budget. What is the pleasure of the Board?

Carter: Mr. Chairman, I'll speak a little bit about that. This is one of those casualties of the state not adopting their budget till later on the year last year. As you know, when we adopted our budget back in May, the state had not adopted their budget yet. So once we got a budget request from the health department, they were just basing theirs on estimates. So when you look at the amount of money we give them, they got pretty close on what they were getting from the state. So when they gave us their estimate, they were short by $1,649 so what they're asking for is the county to appropriate that additional money to meet with the state budget requires the county to give. If you do approve this request, I suggest you make it out of Ending Year Balance to fund that request for them.

Chambers: What is the pledge of the Board?

Davis: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

Palmore: Second

Chambers: Motion and second that we approve this. Are there any questions? All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Davis moved, Supervisor Palmore seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the request of the Health Department and appropriate $1,649 to their budget from General Fund Ending Year Balance.

Re: Appointments to Committees, Boards and Agencies

Chambers: Moving down to Q, Appointments to Committees, Boards and Agencies. We got 20 appointments here. And if all the Board members are satisfied and want to serve in 2025, and want to stay in the position, we can get one motion and just take you all of it.

Allen: Exactly. Did anybody want to change?

Chambers: Anybody want to change?

Davis: I'll be honest with y'all. I have really enjoyed being on the Board of Directors at Crossroads. They do a lot, and I would like to stay.

Chambers: Okay. Can we get a motion for everybody to remain the same?

Allen: Does everybody want to stay the same?

Gilliam: I don't mind if it all stays the same but it's one that I missed a lot because I was working on Thursdays, what was that one, Karl, that I was supposed to come to on Thursday's?

Carter: CSA.

Gilliam: If nobody else wants to do it, I'll be glad to. It's just I can't commit on coming every single time.

Chambers: Can we get a motion? We got one. Are there any questions? All in favor? Seven yes. Everybody remains the same.

Allen: That's one through 20, right?

Chambers: One through 20, that's right.

Vice Chairman Allen moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to have the Board member appointments to committees remain the same as 2024.

Re: Consider Resignation of James O'Bryant from the Industrial Development Authority

Gilliam: 21 is Consider the resignation of Jimmy O'Bryant. Jimmy came to me this past week and said, due to some issues that he was going to have to resign off in Industrial Authority. So do I need to make a motion that that happens?

Carter: First, make a motion to accept his resignation.

Gilliam: All right, I'd like to make a motion to let him accept his resignation.

Garrett: I'll second it.

Chambers: Motion and second that we accept Mr. O'Bryant' s resignation. Are there any questions? All in favor?

Supervisor Gilliam moved, Supervisor Garrett seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to accept James O'Bryant' s resignation from the Industrial Development Authority.

Re: Consider an appointment for District 2 to the IDA

Gilliam: On B as far as considering the appointment, I talked to Sandra Moss, and she said that she would be willing to serve if it's the Board's pleasure. And I'd like to make a motion that Sandra Moss be put on the Industrial Authority.

Davis: I'll second it.

Chambers: Motion and second Mrs. Moss be put on the Industrial Authority. Are there any questions? All in favor? Thank you, Mr. Gilliam.

Supervisor Gilliam moved, Supervisor Davis seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Sandra Moss to the Industrial Development Authority for a four year term.

Re: County Attorney Matters

Chambers: Then we move on down to County Attorney matters.

Wright: No matters

Re: County Administrator's Report

Carter: No matters for me as well. Mr. Chairman.

Re: Other Board Matters

Chambers: Are there any other Board matters?

There were none.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Chambers declared the January 13, 2025 meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Karl R. Carter **County Administrator**	**Joe N. Chambers, Jr.** **Chairman**