Buckingham County
Board of Supervisors
July 8, 2024
Monthly Meeting

The Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held it's regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Peter Francisco Auditorium of the County Administration Complex. The following members were present: Joe N. Chamber, Jr., Chairman; Dennis H. Davis, Jr., Vice-Chairman; L. Cameron Gilliam; Michael E. Palmore; Paul W. Garrett; Harry W. Bryant, Jr.; and Danny R. Allen. Also present were Karl R. Carter, County Administrator; Cheryl T. "Nicci' Edmondston, Zoning Administrator/Planner; E.M. Wright, Jr., County Attorney; and Jamie L. Shumaker, IT Manager.

Re: Call to Order

Chairman Chambers called the July 8, 2024 meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors to order.

Re: Establishment of a Quorum

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

Re: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Re: Approval of Agenda

Vice Chairman Davis moved, Supervisor Garrett seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the agenda as amended.

Re: Approval of Minutes

Supervisor Gilliam moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the June 10, 2024 minutes as presented.

Re: Approval of Claims

Supervisor Garrett moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the claims as presented.

Re: Announcements

There were no announcements.

Re: Presentations: Buckingham County Varsity Baseball Team, James River District Champions, Region 2B Champions, and going to the State Quarterfinals with a record of 19-1

Chairman Chambers asked for the members of the team to come forward. There were two players and one coach present.

Chairman Chambers presented certificates of congratulations for the team to Coach John Toney.

Re: Public Comments

Chambers: Moving on to public comments. You got three minutes to speak in public comments.

Lann: We have six signed up. The first one is Hunter Maxey, District 6 and Mike McCaig will be next,

Hunter Maxey, District 6: Thank you. My name is Hunter Maxey, I'm speaking on behalf of my 97 year old grandmother, Esther Maxey, and family whose property is at 721 Melita Road immediately adjacent to the proposed large event venue Special Use Permit 343 on the Melita Road. I'm also the USDA designated farm manager for her 350 acre tract of land under contract with the NRCS for conservation and natural habitat improvement projects. This proposed commercial event space represents a serious incursion into the rights of peace and quiet to the surrounding property owners and I strongly encourage this Board to vote no on its approval. This venue is not a solar farm. It does not sit idly by unaffecting those surrounding it. Conversely, something like this has legs beyond the borders of just that particular property to include significant noise, traffic, trash and parking concerns, much of which would inevitably affect ingress and egress from the right of way easement through the Civilian Conservation Corps road that at least seven other property owners have and continue to use since the 1930s when it was created as part of FDR's job stimulus plan, a very interesting Buckingham history piece. This brings me to another point that there is no realistic plan for parking of even the scaled down proposal of 150 guests at this location. The large gravel parking lot that is quoted by the applicant in their packet is less than a quarter acre, .24 acres by square footage, and will most certainly not accommodate anywhere near this amount of vehicles. I would encourage members of this Board to visit the site and see it for themselves, and continue to maintain a record of voting for proposals based in reality in this county, as well as what would be considered proper use for quite a small Parcel of property such as this. Similarly, if I were to come to this Board was a proposal, for example, a commercially operated firing range immediately adjacent to your property, to your sanctuary, I would imagine there would also be some serious reservations on your part, and your right to peace and tranquility. Bringing attention to the fact that this event venue sits immediately adjacent to a federally approved NRCS natural habitat and conservation improvement project that I'm leading on our property. I think this directly contradicts the goals of both the federal and the Buckingham NRCS offices. I appreciate you all taking the time to consider both sides of this. And I hope you continue to protect the rights of rural property owners in your district and not allow commercial profit at the expense of your taxpayers. Thank you.

Chambers: Thank you, sir.

Lann: Mike McCaig, District 1 and Chip Davis will be next.

Mike McCaig, District 1: Good evening, Mike McCaig. I live at 5396 Ridge Road in the Marshall district. And I want to thank the Board of Supervisors for the opportunity to speak and for looking after the interests of the county residents. Concerning the issue of adding a zoning text amendment for multifamily housing duplex only to a list of special uses in A-1 zoning and for the application of a Special Use Permit for the property in question which is Case 24-ZTASUP341. I'd like to comment as follows: "In a recent Commonwealth Regional Survey, respondents noted that there are reasons for moving to Buckingham County. They were for a rural way of life, peace and quiet and a sense of community in a small town feel. One of the responses to the question of what would make residents leave the county was urban sprawl. Now while I realize that duplexes are certainly not urban sprawl, and that there's a real need for affordable housing, in my opinion, multifamily housing is something that should be found in a village not scattered in a haphazard fashion around the county and in A-1 zoning. I live in a neighborhood of single family homes. If I were considering moving to a neighborhood such as mine within the county, I want to be assured that the house next to me would remain a single family home to protect the rural way of life. It is this lifestyle that the survey respondents and I find most rewarding living in Buckingham County. And for this reason, I urge the rejection of the multifamily amendment to the list of special uses in A-1 zoning. I also asked the Board to reject the approval of a Special Use Permit for the property in question because in my opinion, it will reduce the value of my property as it adjoins mine, and the increased traffic and activity associated with multifamily housing will change the rural way of life in my neighborhood. The property in question is less than the two acre requirements for a single family residence in zoning A-1 currently. Thank you.

Chambers: Thank you.

Lann: Ivan "Chip" Davis, representing the Farm Bureau and he will be followed by Donald Dorrier.

Ivan "Chip" Davis, Farm Bureau: Good evening. First, I'd like to start off by apologizing to Karl, for not being able to come up and ask these questions sooner. My phone was about to ring off the hook all afternoon from different Farm Bureau members very much concerned about drought. And when would the Board of Supervisors actually be able to take any kind of action to declare this a disaster area? This is something I'm not really sure exactly when it will be. I told him I didn't have an idea. I would bring it up. And we just didn't know whether we could go through another month, before you meet again. It's gonna be very dire for a lot of us. So this is something though, that we really would appreciate it, that as soon as you can do it. And we'll just say we're praying for rain. But if it doesn't come in, it doesn't come pretty soon, we're gonna be in trouble. And we'd like to be able to, for y'all be able to move with all due haste to declare the county disaster area, so that all the other agencies can go ahead and do what they need to do. So with that, we just really would appreciate what you can do. We don't know what it is. But anything you can do, we really would appreciate it. And it might be a way somebody more experienced Board members might have been through this before and know what's required to do. I know we have a lot of new folks on there. And this is your first time dealing with a disaster of this type. So anyway.

Chambers: Karl, does the Governor have to make the first move on that?

Carter: No, sir. He can declare a State of Emergency but we can declare a local drought.

Chip Davis: From what we understand it starts with you guys. Thank you.

Chambers: Thank you.

Davis: We've been feeding hay for a month.

Chambers: You heard what Mr. Davis said, what is your pleasure? I think we should.

Gilliam: I guess we could ask Mr. Wright what the process, Mr. Carter, do you know what the process is to do this?

Carter: We can ask Mr. Wright, but I think the process is you're gonna have to approve a resolution declaring Buckingham as a drought and we did this years ago. We can probably find that language and have something for you to approve. So if you want to make a motion tonight to declare a drought, I can have a resolution done and have the chairman come by and sign it.

Chambers: You heard what he said. What's the Board's pleasure?

Davis: I'll make a motion.

Palmore: Second.

Chambers: A motion and second, we'll declare the county as a drought. Any questions? All in favor? Seven yes. Okay. Thank you.

Vice Chairman Davis moved, Supervisor Palmore seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve a Resolution declaring Buckingham County having a drought disaster.

Lann: Next speaker is Donnie Dorrier, District 6 and Donna McRae-Jones will be next.

Donnie Dorrier, District 6: 14546 South Constitution Route, Scottsville, Virginia. I thank y'all for letting me speak tonight. I'm here again, trying to understand why the Board and the other officials of the Board, members of the county, keep ignoring a Virginia Code, which is 15-2.2209.1;2. A while back I handed out a paper that showed that the Riverstone extension had, I mean Riverstone conditions had 30 conditions to it. And the fourth one said if it wasn't a building application submitted within 24 months it was null and void. Y'all haven't voted on that. There again, you came up and said, hey, a lawyer said for APEX that they had the right to extend it due to this code, which was semicolon 1. But semicolon 1 actually has nothing in my opinion to do with it whatsoever. The article that should be done, the Virginia Code that should be looked at is semicolon 2. Even in the letter Mr. Wright from the Apex lawyer it states in here and I'll quote this, "Note that this Code Section is not specific to solar projects". If you go to semicolon 2, that is specific to solar projects. And it gives the Board of Supervisors the right to extend

it, to deny, to modify, to do whatever you want to. But still we're right here letting it linger on since March, doing nothing. So I'm telling you for some reason other, this thing is, every time I come up here and talk about 2 when somebody wants to do something about it, they go back to 1. And my reasoning is, what is the purpose of 1? When Jimmy Merrick was here, sent that letter in, he asked for an extension. That could have been the end of it right there. You could have extended it right there. You could extend it, you could, like I said, you could have you could have denied it. You could have done anything with it. That was your prerogative. But then an hour and 40 minutes before the meeting starts here comes in a ringer. And that ringer says, "Hey, use semicolon 1." But again, semicolon one has no, in my opinion, has no bearing whatsoever on what you're supposed to do. You have a duty to do something. That thing is still sitting out there being worked on by the solar company by Apex. Now if something happens, who's responsible for whatever happens, because we're actually, in my opinion again, we do not have a contract with them anymore. It's null and void until you do something with it. And you have not done anything with it. So something needs to be done.

Chambers: Thank you, Mr. Dorrier.

Lann: Donna McRae-Jones, District 2 and David Ball will be next.

Donna McRae-Jones, District 2: Good evening, gentlemen. My name is Donna McRae-Jones. I live at 1806 CAIRA Road, District 2. Actually, I'm here tonight to compliment my Board of Supervisor Cameron Gilliam, and Scott Frederick and Bill who was here in his absence. I have noticed that in the last couple of months that the roads have been, in the area of CAIRA Road and attached roads and even out here today with 60, that they have, as Bill had stated, once the weather got good, unfortunately, the weather is too good because it's like drought, but the roads have been fixed and the little patch between my driveway in the road is in the process of being fixed also. In addition to that, I live at CAIRA Road and Scott's Bottom and 60 and I also have to say praises today for them taking the trees so that we will not have any more incidents especially with the person that lost their life because of the vision area there. So I want to commend everybody that had anything to do with making that area a lot safer for us and our visitors. Thank you.

Chambers: Thank you ma'am.

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

David Ball, District 3: David Ball, District 3. Actually, Chip kind of jumped my little presentation, which has to do with the drought. And the fact that the National Weather Service has designated us right now as a dry period. They haven't actually put us into the drought designation. But looking at so many of the fields that have already been hayed, and how dry things are in the fields, I know, I'm experiencing just like everybody else is experiencing this extreme period of dryness, and it does become a fire and hazard. And from my past experience, we have had, you know, a lot of concern with these types of fires that pop up. And it doesn't take much, you know, somebody tossing a cigarette out or, you know, fire, you know, burning leaves or anything foolish. So, I believe a burn ban would be a significant restriction that we, you know, put a table on that until we actually see some weather. Now, I know it's supposed to be an active hurricane season according to the National Weather Service, but there is no guarantee that any of those storms will make any significant progress in our direction given the current weather

patterns that are exhibited. So, we are looking at, you know, a serious possibility of having an extended dry zone into the foreseeable fall, which could result in us having a higher designation of actually being in a significant drought. Thank you.

Chambers: Thank you.

Lann: That is all.

Re: VDOT Road Matters, Scott Frederick, Resident Engineer

Frederick: Evening Board. Thank you for having me. I guess everyone that's here tonight has seen our resurfacing workout on Route 60. We're happy to be getting that done. We're also working on another section of 60 on the other side of Sprouses Corner. That section has been milled out and they're gonna finish up here tonight and move over there tomorrow and start placing asphalt there.
We recently completed the first cutting on our secondary routes for mowing. And we're working on what we call the second cutting of our primary routes. We actually spray them in the springtime instead of cutting them. It buys us a lot of time for our guys to work on other things that way. So this is technically the second cutting on the primary routes and we'll be cutting everything back one more time before the fall.
We've been cutting brush back throughout the county. We got to heavy focus on intersections on our secondary routes.
As far as rural rustic work goes, we completed Wyland Road, Warren Ferry Road and Blackwell Road. We've got the prime coat down on Mill Road and we still have the top coat, the second layer of surface treatment. We call that seal coat, sometimes top coat. We will be out there probably later this week and next finishing up Mill Road. We will in the near future, next few weeks, we'll be patching in front of our surface treatment schedule. Two of the roads we'll be working on will be CAIRA Road and Back Mountain Road.
Kind of a brief update, the intersection at 632 and 60 did get mentioned. I wanted to publicly say thank you to Mr. Charlie Heinemann, and also Blue Rock Resources. They gave us 15 feet of additional easement area on the approaches on both approaches to 60. We went back and we cut all the brush out of those areas today. I think on the northern side of 60, we get 500 feet long by 15 feet. And on the southern side of 60, we got about 400 feet long. Kind of ties the southern side into a power line that's already there. But now you can actually see the stop signs from where the stop ahead signs. So that opened that area way up. But we got four trees left to get. They're tagged. That power line that's there made it where we didn't want to take them down ourselves. We're going to use a tree contractor to take those down. So they're on a work order system to get them done and you'll see that happen sometime in the near future. It could be a month or so. But they're not blocking sight distance. We have the stop ahead sign that tells you there's a stop sign ahead. We've had that there. Since I've worked here. We have those big 48 inch stop signs on that approach as well. So you can see those well in advance of the intersection.
That's all I came prepared to update on tonight. Open it up to the Board for questions, comments or concerns.

Chambers: Thank you, sir

District 1:

Davis: Yeah, on 610 and different places, there is a few trees that are steadily just climbing on over in the road. One is up there just off of 15 about 3/4 of a mile. There was a power line there. We had to get a tree out of the road last month. And I know that I talked to Bill about it and they were gonna contact…

Frederick: Roadside crew.

Davis: Yes.

Frederick: Okay. I'll check on that. We did a lot of work on 610 last year to get that opened way up. It sounds like one of them is creeping back in.

Davis: It's steadily creeping in and right there on Chapel Road about 1/2 mile off of 15, there is one that is just steadily just coming on over. But I know you don't have to deal with the bat situation this time of year, right?

Frederick: Yes, there.

Davis: If it ain't imminent danger, something over three inches y'all gotta wait?

Frederick: We do cut bigger trees. We cut them between November and April because of the endangered species, the bats that you mentioned. Anything that is a threat we can take down anytime. I'll get those two looked at.

Davis: Thanks. That's all I got Mr. Chairman.

District 2:

Gilliam: Mr. Frederick, I guess, you know, unfortunately, we lost another life this past month at that intersection. Just letting citizens know if they had any question about it, I'd like to thank Channel 6 news for doing an interview with me and a couple of citizens at that intersection. If they have any questions about that, please go back and try to Google that and look at it. That interview was Friday on a news. But Mr. Frederick, I'm gonna tell y'all, y'all did a great job today. I'd like to publicly thank Mr. Heinemann, Mr. Dixon and the Dixon family for allowing you to cut back that road. I had a couple of VDOT people tell me today that what valued effort they put into clearing that. I road down and looked at today. And it absolutely looks like a new place. I would ask continue VDOT, please do some research on it. Some of my citizens think a blinking light on both sides, solar powered lights would be sufficient. I'm not sure what the reason is, if it would help or if it wouldn't. But unfortunately, we don't need to lose any more lives. But I will say the job y'all did today was a job well done. And it looked Excellent. Thank you.

Frederick: Thank you. I'll pass that along to the guys. We did have both headquarters out there today.

Gilliam: Is it a lot of cost to the State for blinking lights, solar lights or is that a lot of trouble to put through? Because at night with that light blinking, it's got to get people's attention to wake them up to let them know. And what's the number of accidents that you will be able to watch on Channel Six, I think it would say that it was sufficient, is that a lot of work or input into doing that?

Frederick: They would do a study to see if it's warranted would be first and if it's warranted, the cost would be; it wouldn't be considered. It would be something that would be, the budget would allow for it.

Gilliam: All right. I ask you to please further that study. Thank you.

Frederick: Yes, sir. I'll talk with traffic engineering tomorrow.

Gilliam: Appreciate it.

District 3.

Palmore: I had spoken to some folks with VDOT about a traffic study at Bishop Creek Road and Buckingham Springs. I've been currently living at my address for about right at 30 years. And when I first moved there, the stop sign at that intersection was on Buckingham Springs. Well, I'm not sure when it happened that it's I don't know how many years back but anyway, that stop sign was taken down by an automobile crash and the stop sign was replaced. And it was put on Bishop Creek Road. And if you are driving a school bus which I do part time or a log truck or a dump truck or any kind of vehicle where you can't see out of the back window, you have to turn, you have to pull out and turn like you're actually going down Buckingham Springs to be able to see what's coming. I don't know why the stop, you know Bishop Creek used to be the through road and now it has to stop sign. Well it's almost impossible to see what's coming from Buckingham Springs way. So I had requested a traffic study be done. I don't know if they have done it or if they're working on it.

Frederick: I'll check. There's a long, I don't want to call it a long turnaround time. But it takes several months, three to six months sometimes to get it.

Palmore: I mean, I'm just I'm just trying to touch base and make sure that somebody is working on it because it is a safety issue, especially if you come through on a school bus. It's hard and if somebody else is coming, you can't swing over and try to turn right to ensure there's nothing coming if you're meeting somebody. And I don't know how that got switched around. But…

Frederick: Yeah, I'll check on that. It reminds me of another intersection. 633 and 635. I think at one point; the sign was on the other side.

Palmore: Yeah. Okay. So anyway, if you would just follow up on that.

Frederick: I will. Yes, sir. Thank you.

District 4

Garrett: Yes, Mr. Frederick, two things that I got. First one is just want to know, has there been any progress on looking at Route 649 there where I was talking about the curve and a ditch being so deep.

Frederick: I think the guys were aware of that. And I think they have a plan to add some Gambians style stone in that ditch, but we haven't done the work yet.

Garrett: But you have looked at it?

Frederick: Yeah, we looked at it after the last meeting. And they, I don't know all the details in the plan, but they are going to address that ditch.

Garrett: They have a plan for it?

Frederick: Yes.

Garrett: All right. The second one is, and it's very similar to what Supervisor Palmore was talking about up at Bishop Creek is but to a larger scale is the intersection up here just west of here, of 60 and 24. I've had several citizens concerned with they talking about especially the traffic coming westbound on 60, which would be coming this direction, east bound coming this direction, I'm sorry. It's a lot of big trucks and stuff there. If a big truck has to sit there and stop and then go to take off, it takes them a long time to gain momentum and vehicles coming up 24 that they're going to be pulling out in front of, you know, is not a good situation. And also even in just a regular vehicle, it is kind of like Mr. Palmore said, when you get there at 60 at that stoplight, and you got to look and see if something's coming from Toga way, you almost got to turn around in your vehicle, and some people will actually even go what's another little space there for somebody coming from 24 to go to 60 or 60 to go on 24 the other direction, some people will actually pull in there thinking they can see better, and then go against what they're supposed to be doing and turn left into Rt. 60, well it's 24 there but I mean, headed towards the courthouse here. I don't know, if some speed limit changes there might be warranted, more idea of flashing lights to slow people down or study if it's more traffic on 60 now. I don't know. It's just been brought to my attention by several citizens.

Frederick: Right. I've talked about it with previous supervisors that were in your district. There's not a suit, it's not a high crash rate there. There have been some crashes. But it's, it's like, there just hasn't been a lot. So but I do fully agree. The geometry of that intersection is not, it's not normal, it doesn't. You know, I think that 60 used to be the through road is what it feels like. And 24 now has become the through road.

Garrett: Right. That's what I thought too.

Frederick: It makes me think about what you were saying and if I was driving a truck, I would turn to the right and stop at that stop sign where you can see, the cab won't block your view at that part of the intersection.

Garrett: But that's going against what you're supposed to do, because that's what you use if you go toward the Toga way.

Frederick: So we have an intersection in Prince Edward County that's very similar and they've obliterated and taken out the asphalt in that leg of that to force people the other way and only lets people go westbound.

Garrett: Right, it almost makes them come in at a T rather than a Y. And, you know, I know that there are and they're probably high traffic zones that I know of that have been changed is 307 and 460 over in Farmville. You know, they've done a real big change in that. But once people get used to it, it seemed like a better pattern than what used to be there.

Frederick: Yes, sir. The 307 and 460 started out as a smart scale project. And the history of that was that there was rear end collisions on 307 because traffic had to stop and then pull out so the morning queue would get long and there was rear end collisions and it said the smart scale project identified that and fixed it but what happened was a new crash pattern developed because of the changes that were made so then more changes were made and since then the crashes have gone away. So we've got that fixed but so we could do the next round of smart scale the county could apply for a smart scale project at that 60 and 24 or we could always have traffic engineering study it.

Garrett: If traffic engineering study it, you know, it's just, I think, you know, especially at the time it seemed like it was probably less traffic coming from Rt. 60 coming, headed towards this way. And now it's a lot more houses out that way and there's a lot more traffic that's coming from that way so at least to do some kind of study on it to look at if the traffic pattern would need to be changed or if just putting a you know eliminating that one little spot that makes the why and make you come in at a T.

Frederick: Yes sir. That's what I'll do. I'll have traffic engineering study it and take a look at it to see if that's something that they would want to recommend and then as a residency we could maybe make that change.

Garrett: It's not a lot of crashes there but the bad thing is I'm afraid it gonna end up being like, we've had another situation that if it is a crash, it's gonna be a bad one. You know, and maybe a traffic study might head off, you know, you don't know what you are preventing when you prevent something from happening you can only know what you have already had so that's the only two things I had. I appreciate you taking a look at that.

Frederick: No problem. Thank you, sir.

<u>District 5</u>

Bryant: On Howardsville Road from 56 on Howardsville Road it's about a mile there's a pothole about a mile coming from this way going south.

Frederick: Okay.

Bryant: That needs to be checked on. And I'd just like to know the status Firehouse Road?

Frederick: Can you remind me what we were working on there?

Bryant: You were supposed to hard surface part of it.

Frederick: Okay, I think that's gonna end up being in the spring. Because we're finishing up the ones this year, the four I mentioned, and then, Firehouse and several others have gotten pushed into springtime. So we'll be working on the planning part of getting those done going forward.

Bryant: That's all I have.

District 6

Chambers: In District 6, I'm trying to think, Route 651 off a 20, about a mile off of 20, we are supposed to get it tarred, is it this year or next year?

Frederick: I'll have to double check on that one. Do you remember the common name of 651?

Chambers: The road there between, it's a little stretch there about a mile down 651 before 622.

Frederick: I'm thinking, if it's the road I'm thinking about, think it's a few years out in the six-year plan.

Chambers: I know it was on the six-year plan.

Frederick: I think so. 651 rings a bell. Okay.

Audience member: Muddy Creek.

Frederick: Muddy Creek is what I wanted to say. Yeah, I think that one was put on the list about two years ago. So it's still got a few years to go.

Chambers: I remember putting it on there, but I thought it was closer.

Frederick: Okay. Yes, sir. Thank you.

District 7

Allen: I don't have very many new things but some old stuff that I want to check with you. On Bell Road, I know I'd had some complaints about where they put the tar just a little ways and wide. And in the middle, where the two yellow lines are is no tar. So if you're going down a road with a bigger vehicle, and they get the tar right there, school buses and all have complained about pulling sideways. I wanted them to go back down and fix that road.

Frederick: I'll double check on that one. That's on 650?

Allen: Yes, sir. Just below Old Tower Road.

Frederick: Okay. It sounds like they did some skin patching.

Allen: Yeah, they did because it was water building up on side the road where people come down the road and hit it and be bad. That worked. With them leaving that part in the middle, I've had complaints. People have complained about trucks and buses that would hit that little slope and make it pull to the side.

Frederick: Okay, I'll double check it and see if it's in the wheel path or something, maybe we need to add another little bit of skin patch and even at out. We'll take a second look at that. Thank you.

Allen: Then down there at Rt. 20 at the Slate River Bridge, what's the latest you've heard on that?

Frederick: I think, I meant to get the date looked up, but Colony Construction has this on their schedule. I think it's July 19, if I'm not mistaken. Yeah, we're gonna do both approaches on the north and south end. They're going to bring in a milling machine and paver and put in good patches. The bridge crew has come in and shot grade and they're gonna readjust the curve of that road right there to match the bridge deck again. So it's in the very near future gonna get taken care of.

Allen: I just want to try to…

Frederick: I'm glad you brought it up. I meant to start out with that actually.

Garrett: I had wrote it down. I was gonna bring it up ask for permission to bring it up if you hadn't.

Allen: On the last thing I got is Rocky Mount Road up there at the railroad tracks. We talked about that before. The railroad was talking about making some changes. People have called me back wanting to know when is all this gonna be done? I thought it was like June of this year.

Frederick: Okay, I remember when Buckingham Branch Railroad, Mr. Shumaker and Walter Walker from the Dillwyn Area Headquarters, they met out there and kind of came up with a plan. I don't know if they've executed all of it, or some of it, but I think they did some work there.

Allen: They did some. But I think they were going to do some changes on the railroad part.

Frederick: I think the railroad is going to upgrade their crossing. And when they get that, then we're going to tie into what they do. I don't know when the railroad has that scheduled. To be honest.

Allen: I didn't know if you had more dates on it.

Frederick: I don't have specific dates on that one, unfortunately.

Allen: Okay. Thank you, sir. Appreciate your time.

Frederick: Thank you.

Chambers: The guys doing the pavement out here, when it came before the Board, they told us they would do the pavement at night. Wonder why they changed it. They're doing it in the day.

Frederick: I wasn't aware it was supposed to be at night to be honest.

Allen: That's what we were told.

Carter: Mr. King said it.

Frederick: Well, I'll double check with that. That's a contractual thing. That would have been in the contract. So hopefully, if they were supposed to, I'm hoping that it's not in the contract. Evidently, we didn't read it close enough. But yeah, I'll double check that. I was never under the impression that that would be night work.

Davis: One more thing, Mr. Chairman, real quick and Mr. Frederick and I discussed it, if you would remember Mr. Frederick to look on Stonewall Road, see if you've resubmitted or whatever. They're having problems with trucks going in and knocking people's mailboxes down and stuff. It happened today.

Frederick: When Bill was filling in for me, he put up no outlet signs and dead end signs. But I will resubmit it to that website we discussed in the past. It seemed like it worked.

Davis: It works for three or four weeks and then it's back boom and GPS is sending them down there again, so.

Frederick: A year or so ago we submitted it and it took care of it for months it seemed.

Davis: It's been no outlet on that road for my 50 some years on earth.

Chambers: Thank you, sir.

Frederick: Thanks for having me.

Re: Public Hearing: Amendments to Article 9 of the Buckingham County Zoning Ordinance

Chambers: K-1, Amendments to Article Nine or Buckingham County Ordinance.

Edmondston: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman. The public hearing this evening is for the amendment to Article 9, which would remove broadcasts from the exemption in 2018 when the Article 9 was amended, it exempted broadcast antenna. And what happened is when it was exempted, it was then supposed to have its own path forward for an application process. This now ends the exemption which makes a broadcast tower have the exact same process as a cell tower so it gives it a path forward through the application process.

Amendments to Article 9:

Section Three: Exempt Installations
Notwithstanding any other provisions contained in land development regulations for the County, the following items are exempt from the provisions of this article;
(1) Non-commercial, FCC licensed amateur radio antennas as provided for in the definition section.

(2) Satellite earth stations that are three meters or less.

(3) A government wireless communications facility, whether owned or leased, that is exclusively reserved for non-commercial public safety communications services, and which will not be utilized for any commercial wireless services, upon a written determination of public necessity by the county board of supervisors or designee; except that such facility must comply with all federal and state building and structural requirements. Such noncommercial public safety facility may be constructed using any available technology and may be constructed to accommodate future anticipated public safety wireless communications needs.

(4) A temporary, commercial wireless communications facility, upon the declaration of a state of emergency by federal, state, or local government, or determination of public necessity by the county board of supervisors or designee.

(5) A temporary, commercial wireless communications facility, for the purposes of providing coverage of a special event such as news coverage or sporting event, subject to approval by the county board of supervisors or designee.

(6) Antenna support structures, antennas, and/or antenna arrays for AM/FM/LPTV/DTV broadcast transmission facilities. REMOVE THIS ITEM

(7) Micro-wireless facilities that are suspended on cables or lines that are strung between existing utility poles in compliance with national safety codes.

Section Ten: Definitions

Wireless communication facility (WCF)
Any manned or unmanned location for the transmission and/or reception of radio frequency signals, or other wireless communications, and usually consisting of an antenna or group of antennas, transmission cables, and equipment cabinets, and may include an antenna support structure. The following developments shall be considered as a WCF: developments containing new, mitigated, or

existing antenna support structures, public antenna support structures, replacement antenna support structures, collocation on existing antenna support structures, attached wireless communications facilities, concealed wireless communication facilities, and non-concealed wireless communication facilities. Excluded from the definition are: non-commercial amateur radio, amateur ham radio and citizen band antennas, satellite earth stations and antenna support structures, and antennas and/or antenna arrays for AM/FM/LPTV/DTV broadcasting transmission facilities. REMOVE THIS ITEM

Specific types of WCFs includes:

Attached wireless communication facility means an antenna or antenna array that is secured to an existing building or structure with any accompanying pole or device which attaches it to the building or structure, together with transmission cables, and an equipment cabinet, which may be located either on the roof or inside/outside of the building or structure. An attached wireless communications facility is considered to be an accessory use to the existing principal use on a site.

Concealed wireless communications facility, sometimes referred to as a stealth or camouflaged facility, means a wireless communications facility, ancillary structure, or WCF equipment compound that is not readily identifiable as such, and is designed to be aesthetically compatible with existing and proposed building(s) and uses on a site. There are two types of concealed WCFs: 1) attached and 2) freestanding. 1) Examples of concealed attached facility include, but are not limited to the following: painted antenna and feed lines to match the color of a building or structure, faux windows, dormers or other architectural features that blend with an existing or proposed building or structure. 2) Freestanding concealed WCFs usually have a secondary, obvious function which may be, but is not limited to the following: church steeple, windmill, bell tower, clock tower, cupola, light standard, flagpole with or without a flag, or tree). (See "non-concealed wireless communication facility").

Freestanding wireless communication facility means any manned or unmanned location for the

transmission and/or reception of radio frequency signals, or other wireless communications, and usually consisting of an antenna or group of antennas, feed lines, and equipment cabinets, and may include an antenna support structure. A freestanding wireless communication facility includes, but is not limited to the following: guyed, lattice, or monopole towers.
Non-concealed wireless communication facility means a wireless communication facility that is readily identifiable as such and can be either freestanding or attached.

Chambers: I guess I open the public hearing, right?

Edmondston: Yes, sir.

Chambers: Did anyone sign up to speak?

Lann: No, sir.

Chambers: Then I will open and close then. What is the pleasure of the Board?

Davis: I'll make a motion that we amend it. Allen beat me to it.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Bryant that we approve the amendment. Any questions? All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Amendments to Article 9 in the Zoning Ordinance as listed above.

Re: Zoning Matters: Introduction to Case 24-ZTASUP341 Ivan Petersheim

Edmondston: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman, members of the Board. The introduction this evening, the first one is for Case 24-ZTASUP341. Our applicant is Ivan Petersheim. He resides at 234 Scott's Bottom Road in Dillwyn. The property on which the application has been taken as 53 Parcel 45. It contains just under an acre and it's located at 5516 Ridge Road, Arvonia in the Marshall magisterial district. It is currently zoned A-1. The request before you is to add a zoning text amendment for multifamily housing, duplex only to a list of special uses in an agricultural A-1 zoning district and apply for a Special Use Permit for that purpose. The applicant is asking the Board of Supervisors to schedule a public hearing for this request. This request was and this Case was introduced to the Planning Commission April 22, 2024 and a public hearing was held on May 28, 2024. This Case was rejected due to a parliamentary error on May 28, 2024. Further discussion by the Planning Commission at the June 24, 2024 meeting ended in a seven to one vote to send this case to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation to deny the request. Would it be the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors to schedule a public hearing? If

so, August 12, 2024 at 6pm is the next regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting. If there are additional questions, I'm happy to assist with that and the applicant is here this evening as well to address any questions that you may have.

Chambers: What is the pleasure of the Board? You heard Mrs. Edmondston.

Allen: What I've looked at so far, Mr. Chairman, is talking about calling it a duplex. And if you look up a duplex usually it's a big building with two front doors on it. A whole lot of people here and people over here. Well, I went down and looked at the place and he showed me the place. And it used to be an old store years ago and then had some people living in it for the last few years, 10-12 years probably. So now what he's going to do is just put a wall in between the front and the back and have one bedroom in the back and two bedrooms in the front. And just rent it out. To me it's a rental house. This duplex thing is to me, it's not something that I look at…I didn't look at it that way. But anyway.

Gilliam: Mr. Chairman, I have to say a concur with Mr. Allen. To be honest with you, that's, I guess definition of a duplex depending on the book or whatnot, but to me is divided making two apartments basically. So I concur with Mr. Allen on that as well.

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

Gilliam: I'll second.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Allen, second by Supervisor Gilliam that we will have a public hearing on August the 12th at 6:00. That's right?

Edmondston: August 12the at 6 p.m. Yes, sir.

Chambers: All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Gilliam seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to move Case 24-ZTASUP341 to public hearing on August 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Re: Zoning Matters: Introduction to Case 24-SUP342 Jonathan Zook

Edmondston: The next introduction is for Case 24-SUP342. Our applicant this evening is Jonathan Zook. He resides at 1144 Spencer Road, Dillwyn. The application on what she has submitted this evening for the request is Tax Map 113 Parcel 17. It does contain approximately 81 acres and this property is located at 860 Allen's Lake Road, Dillwyn in the Curdsville District. Currently zoned A-1. Mr. Zook's request is to obtain a Special Use Permit to operate a custom woodworking shop as a small business for making and manufacturing furniture. The applicant is asking the Board of Supervisors to schedule a public hearing for this request. This Case was introduced to the Planning Commission on May 28, 2024 and a public hearing held June 24th. There was no one signed to speak at the public hearing and this Case comes with a unanimous vote of recommendation to approve. Would it be the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors to schedule a public hearing? If so, August 12, 2024 at 6pm.

Chambers: You heard. What is the pleasure of the Board?

Allen: Yes, sir. I have talked to the guy about this and what he's doing is people bringing stuff over to his house. Him and his wife go out there and just put them together and send them back out. Very small amount of vehicles would be coming back and forth. It wouldn't be nobody coming buying stuff. He would just build it and carry it back to where it was. So I say make a motion to have a public hearing.

Bryant: I'll second that.

Chambers: Motion and second. Motion by Supervisor Allen, second by Supervisor Bryant that we will set this for public hearing August 12th at 6:00 also. All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve to move Case 24-SUP342 to public hearing on August 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Re: Zoning Matters: Introduction to Case 24-SUP343 Jessica Nicholas

Edmondston: The final Case for introduction is 24-SUP343. Our applicant is Jessica Nicholas of 2158 Tower Hill Road in Powhatan. The property on which the application has been submitted is Tax Map 51 Parcel 3 Lot 1. It's just over 23 acres and it's located at 1025 Melita Road, Arvonia in the Slate River Magisterial district. It's currently zoned A-1. The applicant wishes to obtain a Special Use Permit for the purpose of operating an Airbnb Bed and Breakfast; campsites, maximum 4; an event center, events to include but not limited to weddings, reunions, party celebrations, festivals, music events, concerts, film and photoshoots, yoga, horseback riding, watersports, auctions, fishing, dinner parties, cooking classes, wine tastings and etc. for up to 200 attendees. The applicant is asking the Board of Supervisors to hold a public hearing for this request. There are 14 conditions attached to this request. The Case was introduced to the Planning Commission on May 28. The public hearing held June 24. Four citizens spoke during the public hearing in opposition of the Case. The Planning Commission and the applicant agree to decrease the maximum number of attendees to 200 which is reflected in the introduction this evening and four maximum campsites. These will be dry campsites. The motion and second made to send to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation of approval. Vote taken and recorded unanimous to pass to the Board of Supervisors. Would it be the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors to schedule a public hearing for this request? And again, the next Board of Supervisors meeting date is August 12 at 6pm.

Gilliam: Are the people, applicants here tonight?

Edmondston: Yes, sir.

Gilliam: Can they come forward? I'd like to ask them a couple questions.

Matthew Nicholas: Good evening Board. Thank you for having us. I'm Matthew Nicholas's, my wife, Jessica Nicholas.

Gilliam: Well, first of all, welcome to Buckingham, I looked at your place, you have a pretty place very unique. I have hunted in that area pretty much all my life. So I have walked a lot of your land. And I will

have to agree with Mr. Maxey. I am concerned about how are you going to park 200 people. The road that Mr. Maxey is talking about it, your land is on the corner of that fire trail right there. I don't see how in the world unless y'all plan on making the parking lot bigger, that you're gonna be able to park in anywhere near that number. Even if two people riding together, three people ride together, I don't see how that could possibly be able to work. And I mean, again, you have a beautiful place and want to be open to new ideas or whatnot. But I would think you would have to be a lot of work done on that property before any of those things that you were talking about, could come to fruition. As far as having a good weekend getaway home a good place to live, I think that'd be wonderful. But I do have some concerns about the parking and what it can be used for at this point. But again, you bought a beautiful place, and congratulations. How do you plan on parking these people?

M. Nicholas: Well, we went ahead and made the application to get the Special Use Permit for the events just in Case we have someone who reaches out, who loves the look and wants to say have a wedding, or have some people there. So that's why we went ahead and just applied so that we have that opportunity to use the property for that. I think that we are definitely very willing to, you know, make some extra space to put in parking. I mean, I know that we've had, we had the well dug. And that was beyond where the house was. So I think that there's definitely some land there that we can use up for parking other than just the gravel parking area. It's not we're not going to use it like we won't stop people just at that spot.

Jessica Nicholas: We also had we sought a traffic determination from Mr. Charles Edwards, the permit manager, a VDOT engineer, who determined and at that point to overly cover ourself, we even asked him for determination of up to 500 people. So, he determined that the traffic generated by the proposal does not exceed normal limits. But like he said, if we needed to push in and expand the gravel more or park on the property, that would definitely be something we would…

Gilliam: And I think it may be a good place for the future or whatnot, and I won't speak for the Board. I just speak for myself. I think it may be good for the future. But I have a little concern. I think the wagon came before the horse on this end of the deal. I don't see where it's able to meet those standards right now. But I have no problem with a public hearing or whatnot. But it just concerns me with the amount of parking in the road as far as that's concerned. Thank you.

Chambers: Does any other Board member have any questions for the applicants?

Davis: I addressed it in the Planning Commission, but I rode over and looked at the site and I had concerns about parking too and we brought that up. I had reservations about the amount of people that was on it and they reduced that a lot. So I'm okay with setting a public hearing.

Chambers: Okay. Any other Board members? If not, can we get a motion to set a public hearing on August the 12th?

Davis: I'll make it.

Garrett: I'll second it Mr. Chairman.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Davis, second by Supervisor Garrett that we set a public hearing on August 12 At 6:00. All in favor? Seven yes. Thank you.

Vice Chairman Davis moved, Supervisor Garrett seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to move Case 24-SUP343 to public hearing on August 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Edmondston: I have nothing further, Mr. Chairman.

Re: Consider contract for the General Reassessment of Real Property 2026

Chambers: Let's move on down to Department Agency Reports and Items of Consideration. M.1. Consider a contract for the General Reassessment of Real Property 2026.

Carter: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'll take that one. Time has flown by. It's been six years since our last reassessment. As we mentioned during the budget season, it was scheduled to start this fiscal year, this calendar year. Commonwealth Regional Council did a regional procurement for all the seven member counties. And they chose two firms that are performed all the localities past reassessments. The company has performed our last two reassessments, Wampler and Eanes. When they put in this proposal back in 2018 you can tell how much prices have gone up, it was $235,500. The proposal before you tonight it's a cost of $377,000. And we do have more Parcels. We have about 500 more Parcels than 2018. But once again, the big factor has just been six years since it's been last done. So we know before pre pandemic, everything has gone up post pandemic. Once again, they performed our last two reassessments. So they know our county. They are familiar with our computer software and how to input all the new information. This of course gives them the advantage allowing them hit the ground on day one and don't have to get everything put in and don't have to burden the Commissioner of Revenue staff to get all this information. If you do decide to go with Wampler and Eanes, they have attached schedules showing when they can start and what they plan on doing and the timelines for those schedules. Also, when we did this in budget season, we budgeted $150,000. For us, so this will cross two fiscal years so we can split this up and pay some in this next fiscal year, some of the following fiscal year. So we won't have to pay for it all at one time.

Chambers: What is pleasure of the Board?

Garrett: My first thought is if it's the same company, you said that did it before, so they should have a good idea of what they're dealing with, other than the 500 new places that are there. So you know, it's not like somebody's starting all over and has got to figure out exactly what's going on. They probably will have a lot of records that they can use and get it done in a fairly expedient manner, I would think you know, rather than starting from scratch.

Carter: I'll say, not only is this the same company as the last two, they've had the same staff come the last couple of times.

Garrett: That will help too, coming to the same places and reviewing the same things. You know, it seems like me it's better than trying to start over, you know, with somebody that has no familiarity with it at all.

Bryant: And they're going to probably be just as cheap as anybody else.

Garrett: Yeah. Yeah. Especially like I said, they may be doing it for less being they are familiar with it.

Bryant: They are familiar with the County.

Garrett: I'll make it a motion.

Bryant: I'll second it.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Garrett, second by Supervisor Bryant that we consider this contract, for the reassessment of real property 2026. Are there any questions? If not, all in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Garrett moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the contract with Wampler and Eanes for the Real Property 2026 Reassessment.

Re: Consider Resolution approving the County's Participation in the proposed settlement of Opioid-Related Claims

Chamber: Consider the Resolution approving the County's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid related claims. How do you feel about that?

Carter: I'll say a little bit about that as well, Mr. Chairman This is an opioid settlement and this deals with Kroger. The County joined a what is called Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and Settlement Memorandum years ago. During budget time, if you remember, I told you we'd be getting that money in. We'll be getting some money from the opioid companies for the next few years. The latest one is Kroger. So attached in your packet tonight as a resolution saying that we want to join in this group as well. So when Kroger starts paying out settlements we will get some of their settlement money as well. So we just have to adopt this resolution to be part in that local group to get money from Kroger.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BUCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVING OF THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST KROGER AND ITS RELATED CORPORATE ENTITIES, AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts the Commonwealth of Virginia and its counties and cities, inc1uding the County of Buckingham, Virginia., by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by Buckingham County's various departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia and its counties and cities, including Buckingham, have been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the citizens of the Commonwealth and Buckingham; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal has been negotiated that will cause Kroger to pay over a billion dollars nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against it; and

WHEREAS, the County has approved and adopted the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation Memorandum of Understanding (the "Virginia MOU"), and affirms that this pending settlement with Kroger shall be considered a "Settlement" that is subject to the Virginia MOU, and shall be administered and allocated in the same manner as the opioid settlements entered into previously with opioid distributors McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen, opioid manufacturers Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Teva Pharmaceuticals, and Allergan, and retail pharmacy chains CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart;

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlement and has recommended that the County participate in the settlement in order to recover its share of the funds that the settlement would provide;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors, *this* 8th day of July, 2024, approves of the County's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against Kroger and its related corporate entities, and directs the County Attorney to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the County's participation in the settlement, including the required release of claims against Kroger.

Chambers: What is the pleasure of the Board?

Davis: I make a motion that we join it.

Palmore: Second.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Davis and second by Supervisor Palmore that we would join this resolution. Any questions? All in favor? Seven yes.

Vice Chairman Davis moved, Supervisor Palmore seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Resolution Approving the County's Participation in the Proposed Settlement of Opioid Related Claims.

Re: Sheriff: Consider request to allocate funds from VaCorp for wrecked patrol vehicle declared as a total loss back into the Sheriff's budget

Chambers: Next will be the Sheriff, Sheriff Kidd.

Sheriff Kidd: Good evening, gentlemen. I hate to report it but we recently had 2019 patrol vehicle wrecked, and declared a total loss. VaCorp provided a check to the County in the amount of $14,138. And I'm here to formally request that the money be put back into my budget, please.

Chambers: You heard the request coming from the Sheriff. What is the pleasure of the Board?

Allen: I make a motion to go ahead and give the money back to him.

Gilliam: I second the motion

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Allen, second by Supervisor Gilliam that we put this money back into the Sheriff's budget. Are there any questions on the motion? All in favor? Seven yes.

Sheriff Kidd: We thank you.

Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Gilliam seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the request of Sheriff Kidd to put the funds received from VaCorp for a totaled 2019 patrol vehicle back into the Sheriff's budget.

Re: EMS, Cody Davis, Update

Chambers: Mr. Davis.

C. Davis: Good evening, gentlemen. I don't have anything in particular to report. I don't want to take much of your time. Mr. Carter and I just felt it'd be a good idea for me to get in front of you guys occasionally, update you on things. Always seems to be something going on. And then just have a dialogue with you. So the first thing I kind of want to report out on with you all, you know, as of course, our revenue recovery. That's still coming in as it should, with our projections holding true. I did want to key on one small concern that that we're working through right now. And that is as the State of Virginia has recently changed their reporting criteria. Some of the automated systems that allow the billing company to take our records and then bill for them sort of faulted. So the last month to month and a half, we've had a delay in the billing company being able to bill our stuff. We know exactly what the problem is and how to fix it. And we're working through that. Some of this sort of thing has happened a couple of times within our tenure and lifespan. And basically what that means is in a month or two, we'll have some really big months, you know, as our average is 70 to 80 a month. You know, we have small and then some large ones. But just in case you guys get to counting means really close and see that, I wanted to go ahead and put it on your radar. But nothing too alarming there.

The next thing is our partnership with Arvonia Fire Department since December, it's going swimmingly. You know, whenever we can get some extra part time staff out there just even staff on the weekends, I

try to make that happen. It's been really critical to us, not only for that part of the county to have quick response times, with you know, some testimony of some lifesaving, you know because of that quick response time. But also the those weekends where we're able to staff up that third truck, you know, has really helped us be able to not drop calls. And then if you any of you guys listen to the scanner or anything like that, you know that when we don't have that third truck staffed up, the odds of us getting into extended response time or a drop call are unfortunately higher than we would like, just nature of the beast here. We're busy. But we're doing good work. Chief Davis with Arvonia has been sending me pictures today. They're out there working hard to make those living quarters look good and comfortable for us. So I do believe next month, we hope you'll get your audit back. And then I'm going to be here asking for that reserve fund to become an appropriation and I do appreciate you guys putting that reserve fund out there and remind you guys that those floaters are desired. But understand you have to do what you have to do. And we appreciate all your support so far.

The next big thing that we've been kind of going on with and you guys see different articles in the newspaper that I get interviewed about are things is this drug thing, the drug boxes. Sort of a big deal. November 27 is the day that we have to be doing our own drugs. And what that means is you know, we've had to get pharmacy licenses with the State of Virginia, DEA controlled substance stuff. And then also DEA controlled substance ordering things. Our station there on Wingo Road is literally a pharmacy by permit and security and all the stuff that we have to go through it. So it's been cumbersome, but we're in a good place. Our specific plan is to roll out our pilot program in September. So that way, if we have some hiccups or something to work through, we've got a month or two, where those hospitals provided boxes are still up in the cabinet, we can fall back on them if we need to, work through lessons learned. So when November hits, we're ready to go completely independent with confidence. But you know, if any of you guys want to see that process, once we have it rolling out, I think it will ultimately a good thing. Thus far, our fiscal projections that you guys approved with my budget request few months ago are holding true. We haven't overshot that or anything. And I'll be honest, that was an educated guess. So you know, I'm glad that's holding true. And I will keep you posted if anything changes there.

Also, a couple of months ago, I advised you guys about some of the issues with the finances of the State Office of EMS. I will give them credit. They did give the county their Four for Life funds this year. The $17,000 that we usually get. So that helps. And they are going to have the rescue squad assistance fund or our staff grant process this fall, which we'll apply to like we always do. So they're doing their best. And we as agencies are sort of learning how to cope with some of the things that we had to pick up like more training in house and things like that.

The last couple of things I'd report out on with you guys, you know some of the above and beyond type of stuff, which is now just become normal operations. So your RSI's that we are now doing, using those ventilators or that UTV. I tell you that stuff is almost weekly any more that we're deploying it. I've literally just RSI'd somebody today. So, again, these things that seem like niceties and over achieving at one point just become par for the course and just what we're doing to keep people alive and sometimes bring them back to life. Let them have better outcomes.

And so again, I want to thank you for your support. And I think pretty soon I'm going to be in front of you again for with an ask and I hope that that support will continue. Without further ado, from me, any questions from any of you guys?

Chambers: Anyone have a question for Mr. Davis?

D. Davis: No, I just want to tell him. Thank you all for doing a great job. I haven't heard a bad comment from any citizen in my district because we got to squad back down. There ain't been nothing but praise. You've had to squad on scene on accidents in five minutes, where it would have been 20 minutes. So I think it's a great thing we are doing.

Chambers: Thank you, Mr. Davis.

C. Davis: Thank you guys.

Re: Personnel Committee Report

Chambers: You got your personnel committee report. Any question on that?

Re: Finance Committee Report

Chambers: Finance committee report.

Carter: Mr. Chairman, the rest of the Board, the Finance Committee met to discuss the spending of remaining federal ARPA funds and I'll remind you those are federal funds that we got post COVID to spend on county operations. We took some requests in and committee recommended these requests.

*They're recommending $25,000 to fund STEPS, which is doing a homeless shelter. As you all know, STEPS is a place we have a lot of our domestic violence people go to the stay to be out of public eye. They want to build this shelter with the surrounding counties. So when there is room there, they can take in not just domestic violence victims, but like let's say somebody loses a home in a house fire. They can put them in that room for a while until they get somewhere to stay. They're doing this with the six of surrounding counties. So they are asking for our portion, $25,000. With Prince Edward and Nottaway being the largest contributor, they're doing $100,000 and $75,000 for their localities.

*The committee is also recommending and these are all estimates, of course said that $25,000, that is the exact number. We're also recommending a building inspection truck for $48,000 approximately.

*911 vehicle $65,000.

*EMS Paving: Another thing is for EMS is paving the Dillwyn site, Station 1. I don't think that place has been paved at least since we've taken over. It might have been paved since they put it in so that asphalt is showing some wear and tear and needs to be taken care of.

*And the last item is EMS Helicopter Pad needs to be cleaned and paved for the Dillwyn site and the Glenmore site. That is a cost of $6,000.

So these are the five estimates that the Finance Committee has recommended we fund with our ARPA money and once again this is not taxpayer money, just federal funds we had to commit them by December 31 and spend them by this December 31, of 2026. So we will be coming back with some more recommendations in the near future.

Davis: We're limited on what we can spend this money on right?

Carter: I'm sorry?

Davis: We're limited to what we can do types of projects we can spend this money on right?

Carter: Yes. It's a pretty broad area. We took the revenue lost, we can spend on county operation type things so stuff that you normally do for current operations you can do it. Buying land is not something we normally do so but funding agencies and building stuff and buy vehicles that's normal county operations.

Bryant: So moved to approve.

Garrett: I'll second the motion, Mr. Chairman.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Bryant and second by Supervisor Garrett that were approve the Finance Committee report. Are there any questions? All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Bryant moved, Supervisor Garrett seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation on spending the ARPA Funds.

Re: Consider appointing 5 members to the Board of Building Code Appeals

Chambers: Appointments to Committees, Boards and Agencies. Consider appointing members to the Board on Building Code Appeals. Appointing five members.

Carter: Yes, it can be five members. They don't have to be by district. We just need five members. We came to you last month about but we also like that Board to be somebody with some kind of building experience so that when they hear these appeals they kind of know what they're voting on. And if you don't have any members right now, we can postpone this and bring it back to you next month.

Palmore: Mr. Ball, do you mind coming up? I need you to remind me how many years of construction experience you have.

Ball: To exactly, I couldn't tell you exactly but it's probably in the neighborhood of 20-30 years, working for VDOT, working for Fairfax County Building Development. I was an inspector so we did everything from site development to signing off on occupancies, etc. I've been a licensed contractor for probably 20 years.

Palmore: So you wouldn't have a problem serving on the Board of Building Code Appeals?

Ball: No problem, sir.

Palmore: I'd like to appoint you, if that's okay with you.

Ball: That would be fine.

Chambers: I think you made a good choice. I think he'd make a good one. Thank you Mr. Ball.

Palmore: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that I appoint Mr. David Ball.

Davis: I'll second it.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Palmore, second by Supervisor Davis that we put Mr. David Ball of this Board of Appeals. Are there any questions? All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Palmore moved, Vice Chairman Davis seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appoint David Ball to the Board of Building Code Appeals.

Chambers: Are there any more?

Davis: How many more?

Carter: We can keep bringing it back until we get to 5. We need 4 now.

Bryant: I have a person in mind but I haven't talked to him yet. I'll be able to next month.

Re: Consider appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals for District 6

Chambers: I have somebody for the Board of Zoning Appeals that we put off last month. I hadn't talked to anybody last month. I'd like to appoint Stella Toney on that one.

Davis: I make a motion to put her on there.

Gilliam: Second.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Davis, second by Supervisor Gilliam to appoint Stella Toney to Board of Zoning Appeals. Any questions? All in favor? Seven yes.

Vice Chairman Davis moved, Supervisor Gilliam seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to nominate Stella Toney to the Circuit Court Judge to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Re: Consider reappointment of Monica Williams to the Library Board

Chambers: Okay, let's move on down to N.2. Consider a reappointment of Miss Monica Williams to the Library Board. Do I have a motion for that? Is she willing to serve again?

Carter: Yes, according to Mr. Ewing, the Library Director. He said her first term was up. She's eligible to serve two terms and she's willing to serve a second term.

Davis: I'll make the motion.

Allen: Second.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Davis, second by Supervisor Allen to reappoint her to the Library Board. Are there any questions? All in favor? Seven yes.

Vice Chairman Davis moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to reappoint Monica Williams to the Library Board.

Re: County Attorney Matters

Wright: Mr. Chairman, no matters tonight. Thank you.

Re: County Administrator's Report.

Carter: None tonight Mr. Chairman.

Re: Other Board Matters

There were none.

Re: Executive Closed Session

Chambers: We need to go on executive session.

Garrett: I'll make motion and I guess I need to read all this. Executive Closed Session. Code of Virginia §2.1-3711. A.3 Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for public purpose or for 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 and also Code of Virginia. §2.1-3711. A.7 Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

Allen: Second.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Garrett and second by Supervisor Allen that we go in Executive Session under the codes that were identified. Any questions? All in favor?

Supervisor Garrett moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to go into Executive Closed Session under Code of Virginia 2.1-3711. A.3 and 2.1-3711. A.7.

Re: Return to Regular Session and Certification

Garrett: I make motion we return to regular session and certification that to the best of each Board members knowledge only business matters related to the Codes of which the executive meeting was convened, was discussed or considered in the closed executive session and I make that motion.

Davis: Second.

Chambers: Motion and second. Motion by Supervisor Garrett, second by Supervisor Davis we return to regular session and certification. Any questions? All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Garrett moved, Vice Chairman Davis seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to return to regular open session and certify that to the best of each Board member's knowledge only business matters related to the Codes of which the executive meeting was convened was discussed or considered in the closed executive session.

Re: Action as a result of Executive Closed Session

There were none.

Re: Adjournment

Being no further business to discuss, Chairman Chambers declared the July 8, 2024 meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors adjourned.

ATTEST:

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