Buckingham County
Board of Supervisors
June 10, 2024
Monthly Meeting

The Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held it's regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Peter Francisco Auditorium of the County Administration Complex. The following members were present: Joe N. Chambers, 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; E.M. Wright, Jr., County Attorney; Cheryl T. "Nicci" Edmondston, Zoning Administrator/Planner; and Jamie L. Shumaker, IT Manager.

Re: Call to Order

Chairman Chambers called the June 10, 2024 meeting of the 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

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

Re: Approval of Agenda

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

Re: Approval of Minutes

Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Gilliam seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the May 13, 2024 minutes as presented.

Re: Approval of Claims

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

Re: Approval of First Quarter Appropriations

Buckingham County
FY 2024/2025
First Quarter Appropriations

General Fund	**$3,007,027**
Water Fund	**$ 381,011**
Sewer Fund	**$ 129,422**
VPA Fund	**$ 609,472**
CSA Fund	**$ 510,500**
****Courthouse Debt Service**	**$ 504,925**
****Debt Service-Middle School**	**$ 387,600**
****Debt Service-Elementary School**	**$2,239,161**
School:	
Instruction	**$5,508,124**
Adm/Attn/Health	**$ 484,073**
Transportation	**$ 771,275**
Operations	**$ 828,672**
****Lease Payment**	**$ 152,742**
Cafeteria	**$ 450,382**
Technology	**$ 255,072**
Total Schools	**$8,450,340**

****Actual Budget Numbers**

Supervisor Bryant moved, Vice Chairman Davis seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the 24/25 First Quarter Appropriations as presented.

Re: Announcements

Chairman Chambers called for announcements. There were none.

Re: Presentations

There were none.

Re: Public Comments

Chambers: We move down to Public Comments. How many do we have signed up?

Lann: We have 3.

Chambers: We have 3 signed up to speak during public comments.

Lann: The first one is Maggie Snoddy, District 5. Ivan Petersheim will be next.

Maggie Snoddy, District 5: Good evening. I'm Maggie Snoddy and I live at 194 Mountain View Road and I'm in the Glenmore District. Well, I'm back and I have some great news to report on one of my favorite topics, litter. Our spring road cleanup was the most successful ever as far as participation. We almost doubled our participation over last year. We had 20 teams, 143 adults and 44 children. Total of 187 people compared to 96 last year. The 20 teams were made up of the following groups. 3 churches, 5 hunt clubs, 5 teams of individual and 7 community groups. We collected 280 of trash this year and that compares to 282 last year. The reason the number of bags of trash was lower compared to the number of people was because the great effort by VDOT in March with major road cleanup. Since we started our road cleanup back in the spring of 2021, we have removed a total of 1522 bags of trash from roads all across Buckingham County. And can you imagine what our roads would be like if it wasn't for the BATF. I want to share with you just a few of our goals for this year. We're hoping to make progress this year with the Virginia Legislature and implementing a bottle law. This is a heavy lift, but we're going to do it, we're going for it. It's proven that in the communities that implement a bottle law, glass bottles virtually disappear from the roadside. And I can tell you as an experienced litter picker upper, the top three items of trash on the roads is glass bottles, aluminum cans, and styrofoam. Another one of our big goals is to grow the Buckingham participation in the Adopt a Highway program. And that is something that each one of you could help with. I would again encourage you when you're just out and about in the community to talk up the importance of the Adopt a Highway program. I do not expect any of you to go to any great effort on this other than talk it up. And if anybody's interested, send them to me. My email

and cell phone is on the sheet that Karl's got was some charts and graphs and colored glosses for you. And if each of us does just a little, we can have a big impact on reducing this little problem in Buckingham and thank you so much.

Chambers: Thank you, maam.

Lann: Ivan Petersheim, District 2, and David Ball will be next.

Ivan Petersheim, District 2: Evening to the Board. Ivan Petersheim, District 2, 234 Scotts Bottom Road, Dillwyn. I'm here tonight to talk about SUP Case 24-ZTASUP341 regarding a duplex idea that I have. It's an old Whetworth Store, country store. A lot of you have probably heard about this case. There was a write up in the Farmville Herald about it. What I really wanted to bring to your attention is the Planning Commission rejected the case 6 to 2. And apparently this leaves me without an appeal process. I realized there have been other cases that the Planning Commission didn't recommend to the Board, but still had the right to appeal. So just want to bring that in front of you guys. I would appreciate if the Board would consider, would let me bring this case in front of you guys. And as far as the text amendment for the county and a comprehensive plan. I think we need more housing options. It appears we're in a housing crisis and rent is out of control and inflation is steep. We need more housing options. That's my request. And I would like a fair chance at bringing this case in front of you next month. Also to support my duplex idea, the property in question is on ground level. It's a concrete pad, no steps which would be preferred for seniors and elderly. And that's my idea to make more of it. Thanks for your consideration.

Chambers: All right.

Lann: David Ball, District 3.

David Ball, District 3: Good evening, David Ball, District 3. I like Maggie Snoddy's idea. I think actually, if she wants to start a program to start recruiting and setting up cleaning across the county, we could have slogans like "Make Buckingham Beautiful Again" which would be a great idea. Because I think, the problem is too many people do throw out trash. I mean, they throw it in the back of their truck, it blows out going down the road. They know it's going to but they don't care. They just toss it out. I'm always picking up trash in front of the house. And it doesn't make any sense. So something positive is always good. Also for the VDOT, there is an issue with a lot of trees. And I know even just coming here, I saw a tree on Route 60 just about halfway to the intersection with 15 and right on the right hand side almost across from the schools. There's a dead tree right on the edge of the road. And there's a lot of dead trees all across the county that are right in or on the edge of the right away. I know they have a requirement to

try and get certain jobs taken care of. But it is important because you never know, a tree dies, it could be sitting there for 10, 15, 20 years. Or it could be there for a week. And then it's down. And worst thing that could happen with a storm blowing through since we're in hurricane season is what happens if it hits a car or hit somebody walking down the road. And if there's a fatality, that's an undesirable situation. But beyond that, I think we ought to be happy and celebrate the upcoming 4th of July. There are a lot of events here in the county. And I believe a lot of people are quite active. I've joined the group, Buckingham Active Seniors. And problem is most of you guys, looking all guys who are over 50, and they're mostly no guys that come to this activity. It's a once a month activity. And I find it incredible. It's almost all women. So I mean, Mr. Chambers would be probably the most popular guy there.

Chambers: You calling me a woman, what did you say?

Ball: I said guy didn't I. You'd be the most popular guy there.

Chambers: All right. Thank you.

Ball: Thank you, gentlemen.

Chambers: Thank you, Mr. Ball. We'll try to take you up on that invitation.

Lann: That's all.

Re: VDOT: Road Matters

Scott Frederick, Resident Engineer: Mr. Chairman, thank you for having me. It's good to be back full time again at the Farmville residency. I have to say, Buckingham County has a lot going on with litter and I'm happy to hear it. Thanks to everybody involved with that effort. That's great. And I appreciate her campaigning for the Adopt a Highway program. I adopted the road that I live on and you know, my neighbors see me out there picking up litter, I think they are less inclined to throw it out the window. Maybe it doesn't work, but I don't pick up a lot because the road stays pretty clean. So maybe it's working. So I'd encourage anybody to do the same. I did want to say thanks for that.

As far as work we've been doing at VDOT. We have completed two rural rustic projects this this year so far. Blackwell Road and Warren Ferry Road. We have two more that we're working on and we're hoping to complete them soon. We're moving our equipment over to them. Wyland Road and Midland Road. We have surface treatment schedule that we do every year. We've been putting some asphalt patching down ahead of that. So you'll see us out on our secondaries doing

that work. We did a litter pickup this year ourselves. It was ahead of our mowing. We've completed mowing on our secondaries. And probably next week, late next week we'll be mowing the primary system. We're working to cut tree limbs back and anytime we do see a dead tree we work to get it taken down. Some of them are off right away there's a lot that we've looked at and they lean away from the road and we've had a lot that we've taken out. But I get it's been a focus of the Board, Supervisor Davis has brought it to our attention in the past. I passed a tree that you could tell had blown down on 15 on my way here and the loader pushed it out of the road but it was a perfectly live pine tree when it fell so just because a tree, I mean live ones come down too. That's something we work on a lot and the Board's brought certain roads to my attention in the past. One of them I took 17 trees down on so anytime there's a specific site, I'm happy to look at it and get back to you guys with what we do on it. Like I said primary mowing will start up next week but this is our busy time of year where we're got stuff going on mowing and building roads. That's really all I had to update on since I've been back but I can take comments, questions or concerns from the Board now.

Chambers: We'll start with District 1?

District 1.

Davis: Yeah, I got just one thing, Mr. Chairman, was brought to my attention and I rode over there, Mr. Frederick, this evening. Just north of Penland Road on Ridge Road right there in the curve. It ain't a quarter of a mile. The whole road has come apart right and you have trouble maintaining control of your vehicle right there. I don't know if log trucks done it coming out in the highway right there or what's happened, but the whole road has just dipped out. It will try to jerk you out the road when you go in the curve. It's just washed out.

Frederick: Okay, gotcha. We'll take a look at that. Thank you.

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

District 2.

Gilliam: Mr. Frederick, I want to tell you this is an update you helped us out on. I want to thank you from District 2. We got the rumble strips in and I think we got 48" signs in, am I correct on crossing 60 and CAIRA?

Frederick: Yes, sir. We put there the largest size signs we have up and we did get the rumble strips installed last week.

Gilliam: I want to let you know, if an astronaut had landed in District 2 last week, I don't think I would have gotten any more calls. And I want to tell you and VDOT thank you for what you did. I know it's been a rough road to get here. But I will tell you, we really appreciate what you did. I hope this cuts down on the problem. So thank you.

Frederick: Yes, sir. You're welcome.

Gilliam: I do have one other thing. Mrs. Jones, who lives 1806 CAIRA Road, which is in between where you all did to work at and where the Amish story is, the Amish nursery. There's a lady, Mrs. Jones, that talked to the gentleman that was here before you.

Frederick: Okay, Mr. King.

Gilliam: I think they looked at it. It's on the left hand side if you are crossing 60 coming from Dillwyn, it'd be on the left hand side of the road, I think that's in Mr. Stones area.

Frederick: On the south side of 60?

Gilliam: When you shoot across 60 at CAIRA, toward or past Salem Church. On the same side of the road as Salem Church. 1806. She said that she talked to Mr. King. And they put some gravel in the, I guess upside her driveway, a pothole. She says it's basically kind of faded out or I guess people coming in are hitting it. And she was seeing if you could do anything with asphalt in there but it's 1806, same side of the road as Salem church.

Frederick: Okay, I'll follow up with Bill. See what he's done out there and see if we can get it taken care of. It sounds like edge rut, maybe people are favoring the inside of the curve.

Gilliam: It's possible. I haven't seen her. She called me today. But again, I want to tell you, thank you for what VDOT did and we really appreciate.

Frederick: Yes, sir. Thank you.

District 3.

Palmore: I just want to thank you for the work that was done on Andersonville and Rock Mill section in the S curve. VDOT came in and cut all of those hanging, low hanging limbs. They did an excellent job. I stopped when the guys, of course they were flagging. But I stopped and told them and complimented on what a great job they did.

Frederick: Yes, sir. Thank you.

Palmore: That was a safety issue. And they got it cleaned up. You can see excellent now so I just want to pass it along and say thank you very much.

Frederick: Okay, great. Thank you. I'll pass it along.

District 4.

Garrett: Mr. Frederick. I just wondering what I bought up to your attention last week, especially since y'all kind of changed over from you and Mr. King. We're even one of y'all able to go down 649 and look at that spot. I was talking about that spot where there is really no shoulder to the road at all.

Frederick: Myself, I haven't been down that road yet. And I'm not sure to be honest if Bill has but I'm writing it down now and I'll get back to after.

Garrett: Because I gave you all, I didn't bring the exact addresses of them you know with me, but if you come in off 20, it's before you get to the curve, but it'd be on the left hand side. The problem is people coming towards Route 20. It's like 56-5700 block of that area. But you can see right there people have run out the road. The day, I think it was a day after I brought it to yall's attention, it happened again. Somebody ran through that because if your tires go off the edge of the asphalt, it's in the ditch. No shoulder at all. I mean, not even an inch of shoulder. Asphalt, ditch. And it's a deep ditch. So if you know any vehicle falls in that you can come out over to most time they hit that culvert and the culvert pipe there is crumbled up to. It may be a drainage issue too, you know?

Frederick: Okay, well, I will take a look at that. And I'll get back to you shortly.

Garrett: Okay. You know, if you need the address or anything exactly, I've got it but I left my phone at the house.

Frederick: Okay. From what you've told me here, I think we'll be able to find it. And maybe Bill's already got something going but I'll follow up on that.

Garrett: You know, I just, you know, several concerns citizens, they've asked me about it and it happened again right after the day I brought it to your attention last time.

Frederick: Yes, sir. Thank you for reminding me. I'll get back to you.

Garrett: That's only one I had. Nothing new.

District 5.

Bryant: The man that brings all of my bills to the house, says there's two or three mailboxes that needs some stone on the shoulder you know on Firehouse Road.

Frederick: Firehouse Road? Alright, shoulder stone.
Bryant: I don't think all of the need it but a few look pretty bad.

Frederick: Well, where those mailboxes, we have to do that about twice a year. Catch the edge ruts right there. Thank you, sir. We'll get that on the list.

Bryant: If you drive down. You will see which one of these needs it.

District 6:

Chambers: Everything is in pretty good shape in District 6. Thank you for what you did.

District 7:

Allen: Things are in pretty go shape. Thank you.

Frederick: Thank you, sir.

Chambers: Thank you, Mr. Frederick.

Re: Public Hearing: Case 24-ZMA340 Three Thousand West Clay LLC, John K. George

Edmondston: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman and members of the Board. This evening there's a public hearing for a case that was introduced last month. That is Case 24-ZMA340. The applicant is Three Thousand West Clay LLC, John K. George is with the LLC. He is here and in the audience this evening to address questions and concerns. The property is located on the north end of 15, Tax Map 31 Parcel 8 containing approximately 2 ¼ acres. It's located near 31786 North James Madison Highway, New Canton. It is in the Marshall magisterial district. Currently zoned A-1. The request is to rezone this property from A-1 to B-1 Business for commercial use. And we don't have anyone signed up for the public hearing this evening.

Chambers: Nobody signed up? Okay. I guess I have to open and close the public hearing. The public hearing is open. Nobody's signed up so we close it. What is the pleasure of the Board? Mr. Davis, this is in your district.

Davis: Is the applicant here tonight?

Edmondston: Yes, sir. He is.

Davis: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman. Do you want to come up here real quick? You and Steve, y'all get the land, this stuff, is that straight?

George: From my perspective it is. And the last time I talked to him, I sent him a bunch of additional information. Basically, culling through all the deeds and the property records to show how the transfer occurred. And he agreed that he saw how had had occurred. And he was in the middle of getting the property in his name. Evidently, properties around there, I'm not sure which ones were in the name of, I guess, his dad who had passed. And I think that's the legal owner of record. So the properties are in an estate. And I believe that he is the beneficiary of the estate. So at this moment, he's not the owner of those properties, but he's working on becoming the owner of those properties.

Davis: That's all I have, Mr. Chairman, and it's in my district. I'll make a motion that we approve it.

Gilliam: I'll second.

Chambers: A motion and second that we approve the special use permit request. Any question on the motion?

Allen: Yes, sir. I'd just like to know what were you counting on building down there. What do you count on doing? I didn't get all that information.

George: Okay, so are you familiar with the building in question?

Allen: I used it years ago. Worked down there.

George: I would say most residents of Buckingham are familiar with the building. It's been in vacant and disrepair for 30 years. But I want to restore the actual building itself. I don't want to build a new building on the property. I want to restore that building and build a second floor and put apartments above it and then put a row of shops downstairs. And there's plenty of flat land on

the south side of the building where we can put a parking lot and we've had conversations with VDOT about the commercial entrance that will be required there. And it looks like there won't be any problems getting the parking we need and the driveway entrance. It looks like it could work.

Allen: I heard you but what did you put on the bottom floor?
George: A row of specialty shops, small specialty shops. Like I love a coffee shop, bakery, florist, pet store, Pet Food could be anything. Maybe, it could probably be anything, offices.

Allen: They'd probably like that.

George: I mean; I'd love a sandwich shop myself. But the thing is we put it, we can't do anything with the property with it zoned A-1. But if we get it commercial than anything that's allowed in B-1 commercial could be in there by right so we can start attracting tenants, then we can do a build out to suit whatever good tenants come along.

Allen: Thank you.

Palmore: I got a question for Supervisor Davis. I watched the Planning Commission meeting when they were discussing the property issue. Is the issue, the issue is with the land behind it, am I right? Right. So it's really doesn't have any bearing on…

Davis: On his acreage. It was a difference, the dispute was over a couple of acres behind it, I think, right? Where the shop is itself. That was my understanding from watching.

George: That's my understanding, but it's never been shown to me what acreage is, I think that Mr. LeSueur has said that he always thought since many decades ago when the property changed hands and went to the Charlottesville firm, that they only sold the acreage at the top of the hill, which is everything I'm talking about the parking area, the commercial entrance, the building itself, and the area directly behind it for the septic field. And what is puzzling Mr. LeSueur is he thought his grandmother or father owned the steep downhill to the creek way behind it. And that is land that wouldn't figure into the commercial project that I have in mind, except that it is part of the same parcel and when you rezone the parcel, you rezone all of it, whatever parcel 31-8 is, is what we're asking for the rezoning. So even if by some unknown circumstance, it turned out that there was a lot less acreage on parcel 31-8, the project that I'm proposing is still perfectly viable.

Palmore: So was he in opposition of having his property rezoned? Was that…?

George: Well, he claims that he thought that his family owned the steep downhill part in the back.

Palmore: Which has no nothing to do with what you, the project you're planning to do?

George: Right.

Palmore: But what you just said was, if it gets rezone, then the whole parcel, or all of it will be rezoned, including the part...

George: That's how a rezoning works. You just rezone whatever the parcel is.

Palmore: I'm understanding. I'm just trying to make sure I'm understanding what, what we're talking about. So what I'm asking, I guess what I'm asking somebody who can explain it to him and I'm not trying to be argumentative at all. I'm all in favor of…but I want to understand what happens down the road if…

George: Well this is what I've done. It's a requirement for the application for rezoning to show a survey of the property. And so I had one done. It's a compiled survey. And then I went ahead and got my title insurance lined up also, and showed them the survey. And they agreed that the boundaries that I have presented with my documents here for this is the acreage that I'm buying from the company in Charlottesville.

Palmore: That's all I…I'm just asking for clarification, because I did, like I said, I watched the discussion on it at the Planning Commission meeting. But I'm just trying to make sure that I understood…

George: Yeah, the dispute that was that arose at that meeting was for the land behind the commercial part of the property. What has always been the commercial part, except where they threw the tires down the hill, you know, for decades. The upper part, the level part that has always been used as a commercial establishment is what I'm going to reuse as a commercial establishment.

Palmore: I'm just trying to make sure I understand before…

George: And then the area down the hill towards the creek, I don't have any plan to use or disturb. But if it's part of the parcel, and my surveyor and my title agency believed that it is, that portion would be rezoned also, because you can't rezone part of a parcel. I've done everything in my power to nail down precisely the dimensions and the size and the location of the property.

And that's what I'm asking to have rezoned. I'm only seeking to buy and rezone what they are offering for sale.

Palmore: I understand.

Chambers: We got a motion the second. Did he answer all the questions? Got any more? Are you ready to vote? Seven yes. Okay. Thank you, Mr. George.

George: Thank you, sir. Thank you all.

Vice Chairman Davis moved, Supervisor Gilliam seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the rezoning of Tax Map 31 Parcel 8 for Case 24-ZMA340 Three Thousand West Clay, LLC/John K. George.

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

Edmondston: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman, the next request I have for me would be for a public hearing in regard to mandatory amendments to Article 9 of the Buckingham County Zoning Ordinance. I did bring this a couple of months ago to your attention due to the recommended amendments by our consultant's CityScape. This was introduced to the Planning Commission. A public hearing was held last month with a recommendation to bring to you an approval of this amendment to the ordinance. The changes are as follows:
Section 3. Item number 6 would be removed.
Then under Section 10. Definitions The very last sentence of the first paragraph would be removed in regards to this proposed amendment.

So I am asking if it would be the pleasure of the Board to schedule a public hearing on July 8, 2024.

Chambers: You heard from the Zoning Administrator. She wants a public hearing set for July.

Bryant: So moved.

Allen: Second.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Bryant, second by Supervisor Allen to set this public hearing for July 8 at 6:00 p.m. All in favor of the motion?

Supervisor Bryant moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to schedule a public hearing for July 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for mandated amendments to Article 9 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Edmondston: Thank you. I don't have anything further.

Re: Schools: Consider approval of the final 2023-24 budget updates to reflect the March ADM of 1800 as well as grant award adjustments and consider request of the balance in revenues remaining for the state construction and textbook fund

Chambers: Departments/Agency Reports and Items of Consideration. N-1 Schools. Consider approval of the final 2023-24 budget updates to reflect the March ADM of 1800 as well as grant award adjustments and consider request of the balance in revenues remaining for the state construction and textbook fund. Dr. Keeler?

Dr. Keeler: Thank you. Just like you said, I want you to consider the final 2023/24 budget update. And this is the final budget revisions with a 23/24 budget. We are adjusting the state revenues due to a decrease in the final report of ADM by 17 students. Due to this decrease of our total state funding amounts to $257,305. We are also adjusting the additional funds received the VPSA, the alternative education and school security equipment grant for a total of an additional $117,101. In federal funds, we are reducing a total of the local a total of $214,711 due to the updates to ESSER III, Title II, Title III and Title IV grants. In local appropriations, we're requesting the revenues that were carried over from 2023 in the school construction grant and our textbook a total of $544,218. This is a total adjustment to the regular operating budget of $189,303. And the cafeteria funds we are decreasing state funds by $3,002 due to enrollment and the federal funding we are awarded $41,113 in Supply Chain Assistant Funds and are lowering our ESSER III funding by $4,108. These adjustments to both of these funds is a total increase to the final 23/24 budget of $223,326. We would like to consider the balance and the revenue for the state construction and textbook funds. We are as you all know, going through an overhaul with the curriculum. We had to buy brand new textbooks for kindergarten through grade five this year. And then we're going to go, we want to go grade six through eight this coming year. So that textbook money's always carries over if you don't use it all. And basically, that's what I'm here for, to try to get what funds I can get to come over there that we can use going into the next budget.

Chambers: Any Board member have any questions for Dr. Keeler?

Allen: I do see on his list, my question, it says 23/24 local requirements $6,960,035 in the green columns, but I mean, I'm just trying to keep up with what that is supposed to be for?

Keeler: I'm not sure what you asking.

Allen: It's just, the numbers that comes down. It's a green number. It says 23/24 local requirements.

Davis: Local requirements: $6,960,035.

Oliver: (speaking from audience so didn't pick up so paraphrased) That is the required local match. The minimum that the locality can give the schools.

Allen: I mean it's just different from everything else I looked at and I just wondered why it was on there. So it's pretty much more or less, just at least minimum requirements for the County?

Oliver: Yes.

Dr. Keeler: I think you all have always gone above the minimum requirements.

Allen: Yes, sir. Right now it's still saying it's $8,503,000. That's what you want us to stay at right now?

Dr. Keeler: I just, whatever it's gonna be adding these two other things with it. Yeah, I expect it's going to be 8 million.

Davis: So bottom line, you're asking us for another $223,000 over…

Carter: So what his adjustments are, they are state and federal funds and grants. So the local section, you'll see, the $8.5 that Danny was talking about, that stays the same. There's no additional local money at all.

Garrett: No additional local money

Davis: That's where I was getting confused.

Garrett: It's just releasing state and federal.

Carter: Yes, sir.

Garrett: And, you know, a lot of times, as you can see, we have a hard time getting that sometimes up here. And sometimes, you know, you talk to some of your constituents, and they are like, well, you know, that's costing and I mean, and even if it's state or federal money, it did cost taxpayers money, but it's not coming out of extra money that we as a county are putting out. It's money that's already been set somewhere from state and federal and we're basically just releasing it. If that's the term that's no problem with that. I will make a motion. I should have waited for the Chairman to ask for any further discussion. Excuse me, Mr. Chairman.

Chambers: No problem. I think that…everybody clear? Motion good. It's been motioned and seconded. Motion by Supervisor Garrett, second by Supervisor Bryant. Are there any questions? All in favor? Seven Yes. Thank you.

Dr. Keeler: Thank you, gentlemen. Appreciate it.

Supervisor Garrett moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the budget adjustments as requested to the School for the 23/24 budget.

Re: Commissioner of the Revenue: Consider refund to a taxpayer that verified qualification for DV exemption since 2/18/19 from Department of Veteran Affairs to the amount of $3,888.99

Chambers: N-2 Commissioner of the Revenue, Consider refund to a taxpayer that verified qualification for DV exemption since 2/18/19 from Department of Veteran Affairs to the amount of $3,888.99. So what's the Board's pleasure: I guess we have to do it. We approved the certification of it.

Allen: So moved then.

Palmore: Second.

Chambers: A motion and second that we approve this. Are there any questions? All in favor?

Supervisor Allen moved. Supervisor Palmore seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve to refund taxes to a taxpayer that was certified and verified by the Department of Veterans Affairs to receive a refund in the amount of $3,888.99.

Re: Consider adopting a Political Sign on County Property policy

Carter: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman, I'll take that one. I'm sorry a lot of you when you came in tonight didn't get to see it but if you've come into the complex in the last few weeks, you've seen all the signs along our driveway, all the signs along Route 60 for political candidates. In Buckingham, we're kind of unique in the fact that we have early voting on a government facility like here. So some localities they have their early voting off site, so they don't have this issue. But for here, we have a government complex, we have all these political signs everyone has to see when they come in to pay their taxes, when they want to come to visit social services, or anything here in the county building. It also is a headache when you know, it's summertime for early voting, and it's mowing season. So when the guys have got to mow the grass, they gotta pick up those signs and put them somewhere and cut the grass. We've instructed them not to put the signs back up right now. And so when they do take the signs down, they don't put them back up. So I'm asking you guys tonight, do you want to look at having a policy of no political sighs on government property for early voting? This will not affect Election Day when they go to the precincts that have this is just for early voting when it's here on the government campus.

Chambers: The fair way to do it is just take them up and don't allow no signs.

Gilliam: I can't personal see how if somebody is coming to early vote and taking the incentive to come early vote, how they wouldn't know who they were voting for to start with especially and I just don't think, Mr. Carter, that you ought to be bothered with being sign police. You got a lot going on in your day and the administration building does as well. I'm with Mr. Chambers, I just soon as far as on public property or some just do away with it, because I really truthfully believe anybody coming to early vote has got the idea who they're gonna vote for to start with. It would be fair for both parties.

Bryant: We have to adopt an ordinance not to have them on county property.

Chambers: Let's ask Mr. Wright.

Carter: We can just have a policy. You don't need an ordinance.

Chambers: We can have a policy. How do you feel about it Danny?

Allen: I know they have to move them to cut grass. And if you have to come up here and park, you can't park because there's signs in the way.

Chambers: Mr. Garrett, how do you feel about it?

Garrett: I'm fine with it, to do away with having signs during early voting. People come in early voting, if you come early voting they should have, I mean, I worked in an office one day, you'd be surprised, but they should have an idea of who they're voting for if they are coming to vote early.

Carter: And this is only for early voting. When they have the elections on election day, they can still have their signs that day.

Davis: And my thing is pulling out into 60 out here. The other day, I had to pull up to almost the edge of the road just to be able to see down 60 to pull out. It's county property, don't need to have signs on it.

Garrett: If you try to limit it to one, the next thing you got to look at is the size of it because somebody will say well, if I can't have but one sign instead of having 24 x 24 or whatever, they're gonna get the biggest one they can get to put there.

Carter: Also Mr. Davis said blocking your vision but it's also blocking the signs that show where to vote at. So the real signs that need to be up are blocked and those they can't see.

Garrett: Will that start immediately or what?

Carter: I will say we start after these primaries. Get the primary's done.

Chambers: From what I'm hearing, all seven supervisors are saying the same things. We need a motion.

Bryant: I make a motion.

Allen: Second.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Bryant, second by Supervisor Allen that we have a policy about these signs not being on county property. All right. All in favor. Seven Yes.

Supervisor Bryant moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to adopt a policy where no political signs are allowed on County property during early voting.

Re: Sheriff: Consider request to use donations to purchase K-9 and equipment

Chambers: N-4 Sheriff Department, consider request to use donation to purchase a K-9 and equipment from the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff?

Kidd: Good evening. Honorable Board Members and Mr. Carter. It's been a substantial time since the sheriff's offices had a police dog. And due to changes in the law and in failing health of the last one we had, he had to be retired. And what I mean by changes in the law, what I mean is the legislature saw fit to somewhat legalized marijuana. So when a K-9 was trained to alert on marijuana, you couldn't carry the probable cause to search any further. That caused the retirement of many police dogs across the Commonwealth. And it's sad to say but a majority of the crimes in Buckingham County stemmed from the use of illegal drugs. Vast majority of thefts that we have occur because certain people are looking for items to steal so they can sell and buy drugs with it. People are caught selling drugs or stealing, they're locked up for a while, serve time, get out and take up right where they left off. The types of drugs available are constantly changing, opioids, including fentanyl, are so prevalent that deputies routinely carry Narcan to attempt to reverse the effect of a possible overdose. You might ask how many overdoses could we possibly have in Buckingham County? You will be surprised at the answer. In Buckingham County since January 1, 2022 up until the present date, we have had a total of 90 overdoses.

Davis: How many?

Kidd: 90 reported overdoses. Narcan was used in these cases 114 times because it's not unusual to have to do several doses to bring them back around. 13 of these overdoses resulted in a death. Drugs like fentanyl so dangerous that one touch can end in the death for any unfortunate victim. We have to wonder what new illegal drug trend is just around the corner. It is obvious to us that we need any advantage we can get in efforts to slow down this trend. We recently have been given a chance to purchase 2 trained canines at the cost of $10,000. This is less than it has usually cost for one trained dog. These dogs are certified in narcotics, minus the marijuana and certified to be in good health. We would be looking at somewhere around seven years or so of service out of both of these animals. And we also certified in tracking people and as a general patrol dog. We'd be getting more bang for our buck. As the situation stands right now, if we need a canine for drug sniffing or tracking, we have to make prior arrangements or check the availability and wait for them to arrive. The purchase of two dogs would allow us to have them available on both 12 hour shift in most cases and be more effective in our efforts. In order to be able to equip two of our patrol vehicles to accommodate these dogs we would need specialized equipment such as a transport module, a heat sensing device, a fan etc. Total cost for both vehicles is quoted as $14,413. Since my take in office many citizens have contributed significantly to the sheriff's office in order to support our efforts. That fund has accumulated a

significant amount over time and I think that this is a good time to make good use of it. Tonight I'm asking the Board to allow me to spend $25,000 out of that fund for the dogs and equipment needed to take advantage of the opportunity. I thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Chambers: I recommend that the Board support this. I think it's a good effort. We need a motion to do it.

Palmore: I'll make it.

Davis: I'll second.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Palmore, second by Supervisor Davis that we will support this for Sheriff Kidd and I hope you good luck. Sheriff Kidd, I'll mention this to you, I'm not trying to tell you what to do or nothing, you're doing a good job. They've got a new business up in the County down there. A guy used to work at Sheehy down in Richmond. He opened a place in Dillwyn down there, the old Gilliam place. You stop down there and talk to them you might save a trip to Richmond.

Kidd: Already done.

Chambers: You're on the ball. Seven Yes. Thank you, Sheriff.

Supervisor Palmore moved, Vice Chairman Davis seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve for the Sheriff to use accumulated donations in the amount of approximately $25,000 to purchase 2 K-9's and the equipment needed for two vehicles for these K-9's.

Re: Consider Recommendation for appointment to the Circuit Court Judge for the Board of Zoning Appeals District 2

Chambers: Appointments to Committees and Boards and agencies. Consider recommendation for the appointment of the Circuit Court Judge for the Board of Zoning Appeals. I think Supervisor Gilliam has this one.

Gilliam: Mr. Braxton said that he had been on that for a while and he was going to take a break. I'd like to recommend to the Board tonight that Joyce Wilson be appointed for my district.

Chambers: Booker. She was a Wilson.

Gilliam: Joyce Booker, be appointed for my district and I appreciate the Board's efforts. I make the motion.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Gilliam, second by Supervisor Palmore that we'll put Joyce Wilson Booker. All in favor? Seven Yes.

Supervisor Gilliam moved, Supervisor Palmore seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to recommend Joyce Wilson Booker to the Circuit Court Judge for appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Re: Re: Consider Recommendation for appointment to the Circuit Court Judge for the Board of Zoning Appeals District 6

Chambers: District 6, I need to wait to next month because the lady that we were trying to get him and get back with me yet haven't been verified so we'll make it next month.

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

Chambers: Consider appointing members to the Board of Building Code Appeals. Who is on that Board now?

Carter: I didn't bring that list of who's on that because the one's on there, their terms have expired. So I was giving it to you more information tonight so next month, you'd come back with some names. There's there has to be at least five on that Board. And Jordan was on that Board as a matter of fact, but his term had expired. So everybody on that Board has expired.

Lann: They should have construction background.

Chambers: All right, thank you.

Lann: I put the list in your packets.

Carter: I'm sorry. It's on the next page. The list is in the packet.

Garrett: It's on the next page.

Carter: Listed is Larry B. Haskins, Gordon Rush, Jordan Miles, Steve Metro, Billy Morris and Raymond Peaks.

Chambers: We can't put Gordon Rush on there because he's dead.

Carter: Two of them are.

Chambers: Two of them are deceased.

Re: Consider appointment of Board member to the Social Services Board

Chambers: N-4 Consider appointment of Board member to the Social Service Board.

Gilliam: Mr. Chairman, I guess other Board members can look at the back page that we have, evidently Mrs. Coleman had sent a reference today. Mr. Chambers, I don't think you could have got a better reference. If you willing to serve again. It says that you've basically done everything possible that you can do. And they have asked you for your reappointment. As far as I'm concerned with this recommendation, if you'd be willing to do this again, it seems like they would be honored to have you on there.

Chambers: I'm willing to serve again.

Gilliam: I'd like to make a motion for you to be on there then.

Garrett: I'll second.

Chambers: Motion and a second that I serve again for another four years. All in favor?

Gilliam: You must have done something right with his recommendation.

Palmore: Good job, Mr. Chairman, that right there speaks volumes. If you're doing a good job, it shows that people pay attention and you should be commended for that.

Chambers: Thank you.

Supervisor Gilliam moved, Supervisor Garrett seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to reappoint Joe Chambers, Jr. to the Social Services Board as a Board of Supervisors representative.

Re: County Attorney Matters

Wright: Mr. Chairman, no items tonight, sir.

Re: County Administrator's Report

Carter: I have no items as well, Mr. Chairman.

Re: Other Board Matters

Chambers: Are there any other Board matters?

Gilliam: On the other Board matters, if I could speak of one thing. I'd like to see if the Board would consider doing a resolution for Buckingham's High School, Mr. Keeler and Wendy are gone, but I think everybody if we keep up with sports and I come from a sports family. I don't know if we realize it or not but Buckingham baseball won 18 and 1 this year. And they got a wonderful coach John Toney, that has put us right on the edge of winning the state championship for the last two or three or four years. Unfortunately, they lost by one run this past week. I think, Joe I don't if you know from the school board or not, but they lost by one run. I think it was King and William or somebody like that they lost like 7-6. Is that right?

Garrett: That was the first round of the state tournament.

Gilliam: First round of the state tournament. And if we could do a resolution on behalf of the Buckingham baseball team. This is consistent behavior from these boys in this age group and I think it's well deserved. Also, Mrs. Moss at Moss Motor Company has been trying to raise a little bit of money to have them a pizza party, and that kind of thing. And if anybody's watching on YouTube tonight, anybody in the audience would like to go by and contribute just a small amount can drop it off at Moss Motor Company to see these boys have a pizza party with their family, I think it will be encouraging them. That is saying Buckingham Proud again. So congratulations to the baseball team.

Chambers: Karl, let me ask you a question. Do we usually contribute to things like this in the County? I know we give money for them to go on trips and stuff.

Carter: We only give to like the Youth League, our programs. So this is a school team. High School team so this would be under the school board.

Gilliam: But I think the party is gonna be in the next 10 days or so. So if anybody would like to drop a small contribution off being dropped off at Moss Motor Company in Dillwyn.

Lann: We'd normally do certificates for that. Would you rather do that or the resolution?

Gilliam: Yeah, that'd be fine. Just some recognition to let them know that we're proud of them. 18 and 1 is pretty good percentage. And I think that is well deserved. And hats off to John. Toney and his staff.

Chambers: You are right. We do usually give certificates. That's right, I forgot. Thank you. All right. Any other Board matters? Ivan, we heard your comments and we will be taking it and see what we can do.

Re: Executive Closed Session

Garrett: We need to go in closed session. I'd like to make a motion that would go in executive closed session Code of Virginia 2.2-3711.A.3, Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for public purpose or of the disposition of publicly held real property where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

Allen: Second.

Chambers: It's been a motion and a second that we go in executive session in the Code that was read. All in favor? Seven Yes.

Supervisor Garrett moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to enter into executive closed session under §2.2-3711.A.3 as read above.

Re: Return to regular session and Certification

Garrett: I'll make a motion, Mr. Chairman that we return to regular session. And we certify that to the best of each Board member's knowledge, only business matters related to the Code which the executive meeting was convened, was discussed or considered in the closed session, and I'll make that motion.

Allen: Second.

Chambers: Motion and a second that we return to regular session and certification at the best of each Board member's knowledge only business matters related to the Code which the executive meeting was convened, was discussed or considered in the closed Executive Session. In favor of the motion?

Supervisor Garrett moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to enter into Regular Open Session and certification that to the best of each Board member's knowledge, only business matters related to the Code which the executive meeting was convened, was discussed or considered in the closed session.

Re: Action as a result of Executive Closed Session

There was none.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Chambers declared the June 10, 2024 meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors adjourned.

ATTEST:

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