At a regular monthly meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Peter Francisco Auditorium of the Buckingham County Administration Complex, the following were present: Joe N. Chambers, Jr., Chairman; Dennis H. Davis, Jr., Vice-Chairman; Donald R. Matthews, Jr.; T. Jordan Miles III; Harry W. Bryant, Jr.; and Danny R. Allen. L. Cameron Gilliam was absent. Also present were Karl R. Carter, County Administrator; Kevin Hickman, Finance; E.M. Wright, Jr., County Attorney; and Jamie L. Shumaker, IT Manager.

Re: Call to Order

Chairman Chambers called the meeting to order.

Re: Establishment of a Quorum

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

Re: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Re: Approval of Agenda

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

Re: Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman Davis moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2023 meeting as presented.

Re: Approval of Claims

Supervisor Matthews moved, Supervisor Miles seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the claims as presented.
Re: Approval of First Quarter Appropriations

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School:
- Instruction: $5,512,825
- Adm/Attn/Health: $481,630
- Transportation: $582,272
- Buses: $67,500
- Operations: $113,250
- Facilities: $821,534
- **Lease Payment: $152,742
- Cafeteria: $409,870
- Technology: $275,260

Total School: $8,416,882

**Actual Budget Numbers

Supervisor Bryant moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the First Quarter Appropriations as presented.

Re: Announcements
There were no announcements.

Re: Presentations
There were no presentations.

Re: Public Comments

Chambers: So we move on to public comments. You got three minutes to speak on a public comment. If you are speaking for a group, I’ll give you five minutes.

Lann: We have nine signed up. The first one is Cheryl Davis, District 2.

Cheryl Davis, District 2: My neighbor is going to join me as well. I'm here tonight, again, my name is Cheryl Davis and my neighbor, the field that adjoins my property, Samuel Stoltzfus, has proposed to change the zoning or get a special permit to change from agriculture to M-1, M-2. He would like to put in a slaughterhouse and a meat processing plant approximately 1000 feet from my home. I've spoken to him. He came by to see me and said that he was going to do this. This was his land and he can do what
he wants on his land. He also let me know that the way he planned to dispose of the waste was to make a compost pile and put all the guts and everything he couldn't use in a pile and put manure and saw dust with it, and I wouldn't smell it at all. He went on to say that, because they would have to keep everything cool that there would be a generator running 24/7. And he talked about putting a muffler on it to help a little bit. But in the end, as he stated it is his property, and he will do what he wants. He also went on to say that, from what he's been doing so far on his property, it hasn't been a problem for people. Though he let me know that he's already participating and processing meat there on his property. And that is a concern of mine as well. So I bring this to the Board tonight, just as an information so that you will know that this is going on in our county. This is my home where I've lived for 30 years. It's not just the health concern, the noise concern, the smell concern, but the traffic concern as well. And just the total blatant disregard for the law and for his neighbors.

Chambers: Thank you, Ms. Davis.

Donna McRae Jones: If I may?

Matthews: Yes, ma'am.

Chambers: You may.

Jones: Okay, I'm Donna McRae-Jones. This is my neighbor and we live across from one another. We live on CAIRA Road. My GPS calls it California Road. She's got 30. I got 21 years come June the 26th. Already, there's already an excess of traffic that flows on CAIRA Road from Cumberland from the saw mill. And the curve in which that property that they're planning to build on is really a blind spot for people coming out, as it is I have to make sure I double check before I come out. But given what my neighbors just said, we have a real concern that that is not an industrial park. Okay, that area there is prominently basically, is rural. I mean for cattle. Yes. But a slaughter house. No, that's indifferent. So that's coming to you, the Board also will be coming to the Zoning Commission, the Planning Commission. And I stand with my neighbor and her support with that and if need be of other neighbors in the area to voice their concerns as well.

Chambers: I just want to tell you Mr. Davis, he might own the land, but he can’t do what he wants to do on the land. We've got rules and regulations, you gotta go by.

Davis: Right. I understand that.

Jones: But at the same time it’s agriculture. And he's wanting to have a rezoned to have a business there to do slaughterhouse. So is that part of agriculture?

Chambers: Could you answer that Mrs. Edmondston?

Edmondston: We do have in the office, a complete application that will be introduced to the Planning Commission on June 26. That is actually going to be for a special use permit and an A-1 zoning district to process meat, custom meat and for the slaughterhouse as well. That's what the application consists of and as I mentioned, it will be introduced June 26. That of course have to go through the Planning
Commission phase in which we'll introduce and ask for a public hearing to invite the public to comment at that time.

Chambers: Okay. Thank you.

Edmondston: It's not allowed by right, what he is proposing?

Chambers: Thank you, ma'am.

Lann: Hannah Johnston, District 7. Rick Ewing will be next.

Chambers: Good evening, ma'am.

Hannah Johnston, District 7: I'm Hannah speaking on behalf of Marci. I think the Grid Softball Academy is a great idea for Buckingham because there isn't much related for softball to do in this county. Marci is a great coach. She has mostly seen everything. She has great patients and is willing to help anybody seeking it. She has taught myself so much. She has a caring for her players even out of softball. Marci always pushes everybody to be the best they can be. Marci has taught me personally to be the best I can be. She always has a positive mindset. I would doubt myself plenty of times, and she would always make sure to tell me it's okay that everyone makes mistakes. It's how you carry yourself afterwards. She has helped me gain confidence in this sport so much. Marci has helped me through my road in softball so much whether it was how I swung the bat, or how to throw the ball correctly. She has always been a help whenever I needed her. I can probably say I've never trained with anybody that I know cares about me more than Marci. When I go into Grid Softball Academy, I know when I walk in, it's only up from there. She has always made me feel welcome. To me the Academy is more than a facility to train at. It's a place I know I will grow every time I step in.

Chambers: Thank you.

Lann: Rick Ewing with the library. And Joyce Gooden will be next.

Rick Ewing, Library: Hello everybody. Thanks for letting me speak. Mostly I'm going to talk about, only for a few seconds, I think. But I'm up here to talk about an addition that we've made to the library and invite everyone, including all of you, from the Board of Supervisors to stop by and see it, a piece of artwork that's outside of library doors. You can't miss it. It weighs about 5000 pounds. So it's tough to miss. It's a piece of soapstone from Nelson County, the Schuyler area, and a local stone worker created it and the Friends of the Library raised money over the years, and they used some of it to purchase that. No tax dollars were used for it. I'd just encourage you, we're going to have a more formal sort of unveiling, if you will, but it's open, you can go see it. And I encourage everybody to stop by and take a look at it. And also while they're there, they can sign up for the summer reading program and maybe win a couple of prizes or whatever for children through adults. So thank you very much. I appreciate your support.

Matthews: When is the official unveiling?
Ewing: It was just installed. And just when I say just, just a few days ago, and we didn't know exactly when that was so we haven't had a chance to plan something but it will be this summer.

Matthews: You will advertise it I assume?

Ewing: I'm sorry?

Matthews: You'll let everybody know.

Ewing: I will. But right now, I just don't know. So and there will be a plaque. There's no plaque yet.

Chambers: Thank you, sir.

Lann: Joyce Gooden, District 6 and Marie Flowers will be next.

Joyce Gooden, District 6: Good evening, my name is Joyce Gooden, 1779 Shelton Store Road, Buckingham. Slate River District, Chairman Joe Chambers is my representative. If I tell you that an event is going to be held at Ellis Acres, the Ag Building, Dillwyn Firehouse, The Barn, The Redwood Center or the classroom under the Registrar's Office. What about the library or the community room? What would you think about these venues? They are all for use by Buckingham County residents. In fact, I've been to events at all of them this year except the firehouse in Dillwyn. How is Straight Street different from these venues? Straight Street does not have water and sewer hookup. On your agenda tonight is an appropriation recommendation from the county finance committee to approve Straight Streets request to waive the water hookup fee. I urge you to vote yes on what the committee has already recommended. From the Board's packet, this quote is from the finance committee and I quote, “the finance committee agreed to waive the connection fees for Straight Street, $9,586.50. But wanting to place conditions on future requests that may come” end of quote. The building Straight Street was at its inception to be a place for the county and especially its youth. It has been a building of great potential, but a building that has now never quite lived up to that potential. One of the reasons is that it never became what it was, was because of the lack of water. This building is so close to making that leap to what it could be for the good of the county. Your support is greatly needed. There have been community events at this building but with no running water, it has been difficult for me. I just don't like those blue potties. At a Juneteenth event, one of the vendors was SERCAP and that is Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project. SERCAP has been bringing clean drinking water, environmentally sound wastewater facilities, affordable housing and community development and environmental justice solutions to individuals throughout the southeast United States since 1969. SERCAP has helped families in this county with their water issues. It is now assisting Straight Street with restrooms and showers. I've heard that there was a concern about not assisting Straight Street because Juneteenth has been held there. Yes, Juneteenth is rooted in the African American culture. However, our Juneteenth celebrations have brought people and vendors to Buckingham for this event. Would you rather I go to Richmond? Spend my money in other counties? I used to drive to Richmond, Amelia, Powhatan and Cumberland are having Juneteenth celebrations this year. Finally, are you planning to withhold money from the community room because the NAACP has two large events there? The Buckingham County African American Life and History Society has met at the library. Is that a reason to not fund it?
Chambers: Your time is up.

Gooden: May I finish my statement, Mr. Chairman?

Chambers: You had three minutes. Three minutes is up.

Gooden: My three minutes is up? Okay.

Chambers: Thank you.

Gooden: Yes, sir.

Lann: Marie Flowers, District 3, and Heidi Berthoud will be next.

Marie Flowers, District 3: Marie Flowers, District 3. I don't know if you are going to find this relevant or not. It has to do with the comprehensive plan. When I first moved here about 25 years ago, I, being an old troublemaker, I went to all of the meetings for the comprehensive plan. And one meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Brian Bates was away. And there were a couple of supervisors who did not like, I think, the zoning person and one of the supervisors got up and said, let’s scrap everything that the Planning Commission has done. Do you remember that Mr. Chambers? Was probably 20 years ago?

Chambers: You said I did…?

Flowers: You’ve been here 30 years right?

Chambers: I can’t remember 30 years ago. I’m getting older. I’m sorry.

Flowers: I just want to say that I hope that does not happen again. Because a lot of the county's money went into these meetings every month. And I don't know how many 1000s of dollars were wasted. But I just hope that y'all can get it together and agree with the Planning Commission and what happened was the Comprehensive Plan was done piecemeal by the Board. Thank you.

Chambers: Thank you, maam.

Lann: Heidi Berthoud, District 5 and McCarthy Gause will be next.

Heidi Berthoud, District 5: Hello, good evening. My name is Heidi Dhivya Berthoud and I live in the James River District. Ditto, I’m drawing a blank, ditto what you said about Straight Street. I support that. Howdy neighbors. What is your vision for Buckingham County? Do you want to protect the rural character, keep our water drinkable, our air breathable our land productive, our economy healthy, generate good jobs that don't compromise our health and safety? Do you want to help create a home that our kids would be proud of and interested in continuing to live in? The County is reviewing its comprehensive plan and would like to know what we want for our future here. So I'm asking everyone publicly to please show up on Thursday, June 15. That's this Thursday 6pm at the Community Center next to the library in Dillwyn. Oh, something I just thought of in case I'm running out of slow on time.
I'd like to be representing the Virginia Community Rights Network. And I'll slow down now that I know I have two more minutes. About 1000 Buckingham residents and landowners signed a petition in support of an ordinance that would assert our right to be free from the toxic trespass we know that would come from metallic mining. The Supervisors agree, they don't want, that's you, don't want this toxic industry and have asked the Planning Commission to look into protections from metallic mining. Mr. Wright, the County Attorney, has advised the Planning Commission that the comp plan be changed before changing local law to protect metallic mining. That opportunity is now before us. He also advised that in order to write zoning code, it needs to be uniform. And I just spoke with him about this before, because we were confused about what he meant. And so I'm asking him to maybe explain a little more clearly to the Planning Commission and all of us. What do you mean by that? And would you please provide us and the Planning Commission with examples of what you mean? So what would make the theoretical protection not uniform? And if those are your concerns, what are your solutions to these concerns? What would be uniform in your mind, Mr. Wright? Existing county and state code do not differentiate the various kinds of mining. The state study that was funded and completed last December clearly says the state code is written for sand and gravel mining, and does not protect us from the extensive problems of metallic mining. Uniformity leaves us unprotected in this sense. We want our zoning code to be clear and strong and prohibiting the toxic trespass we know metallic mining would bring. So we are concerned that the Commission has gotten off track…

Chambers: Your time, ma'am, thank you.

Berthoud: I don't have two more minutes?

Chambers: You don't. You get three.

Berthoud: Virginia Community Rights Network Organization.

Chambers: See, you signed up for three minutes. You didn't tell me when you came up here.

Berthoud: Oh, well, but I said a couple minutes later…

Chambers: We'll get it next time. You got three minutes tonight.

Berthoud: Okay. I'd appreciate more flexibility.

Chambers: Yes, ma'am. You're welcome. And you'll get it next time. You tell me when you get up here that it's a group. Everybody gets treated the same.

Lann: McCarthy Gause, District 4.

Chambers: He's speaking for a group. He already asked for five minutes so we'll give him five minutes.

Lann: Bob Reck will be next.
McCarthy Gause, District 4: Hello, gentlemen. Please pardon my voice. I've been working all weekend in a gym. So I think I left my voice in the gym. First, since Ms. Joyce Gooden came to speak, I'm going to tear up some of the things I wanted to say to you. So guys, we spoke before about Straight Street. The benefits of Straight Street. I just want to reiterate a few things. And say that the money that you sow into our Water is Life Program Project will be reinvested in the community 1000 times over. We would love to have and appreciate the County partner alongside Straight Street making a difference in the community. We seek to create partnerships and operate several events as a part of our Unity in the Community Efforts. We have partnered with the Jenkins Donaldson Foundation, aka JDF, which is a nonprofit foundation with his genesis of promoting foot health and healthy lifestyles. Now they have moved in the serving whole communities with exciting giveaways, which include brand new bicycles, microwaves, shoes, curtains, sheets, household items, electronic items. We do all of these things at Straight Street, which I don't think a lot of people know. We have served over 300 families at one community giveaway. That's not 300 people. That's 300 families for everyone, and everyone is welcome to come out. And apparently they did. We've had several of these events at Straight Street and we're looking forward to having more. Now, I can only imagine if we had bathrooms at Straight Street. Right now we're in the middle of a $650,000 project. SERCAP came on board and saw the benefits of having bathrooms at such events. So at our Juneteenth event presented by For 2020 which I am a part of, SERCAP came on board saw those needs and granted us some money to kick start that project. Now long term goals. Straight Street should be a venue for an emergency shelter and venue is probably not the right word. I think Toga is a community shelter or an emergency shelter now. Straight Street is centrally located. Straight Street has the ability to be a huge part of the community when lights go out, power is cut. That is a 100,000 square foot building that should be used to help the entire community. Now right now we're putting in a women's bathroom and men's bathroom, the women's bathroom has eight stalls, two showers. One being a handicap shower. We have baby changing stations. We have a lot going on, we have a men's bathroom with eight stalls. And even the men's bathroom has a baby changing station. We have a handicap shower in there and a regular shower. We are doing this for the community. And when I say for the community, I mean everyone, and we would love for the Board to recognize our efforts and come on board and be a partner as we try to service this community. There's no reason why Straight Street can't serve as that place when people need help. Last year when we lost power, people just didn't have power for days, some weeks. Straight Street is there. We'll have showers for you. We’ll have power. And our long term goals are to get a generator so we can realize this. Again, we hope that you all come on board and be a partner with us and we are requesting the $9,586.50. So please think about visiting us sometime. You are more than welcome to come down and actually see the progress that we have going on at Straight Street. Because we've been doing this since last year. So if you want to come down, just contact us, you will see the progress in person and you probably won't recognize the place inside. So in closing, also want to invite all of you to our For 2020 Juneteenth Celebration this year. It's a community event, a family fun filled event. Come on out celebrate with us. I thank you for your time. We thank you for your time.

Chambers: Thank you, sir.

Lann: Bob Reck, District 1, and David Ball will be next.

Bob Reck, District 1: Bob Reck, District 1, a 23-year resident of paying Buckingham County taxes, real estate taxes. I sit back there in the second or the third row. I watch the faces and I watch the
expressions, what goes on. The one night that I really went home upset was the night that the man was standing here and a supervisor is running from here back to there and then up to here. And I'm like what's going on. Back again, and then over and then back again and into the lawyer's office. And I said what is going on? Well, it seemed that it was the developer that was talking. That was where the property was sold, it was never ever advertised. And then as time went by, and as you notice, it probably wasn't here for a couple of months because of a back operation. But I find out that we bought the real estate property back and then we had to pay $170,000. It was stated by one of you supervisors that I worked hard on trying to get that development here. I worked hard on it. Well, the catch of it is, is that cost the Buckingham County taxpayers $170,000. Now, I believe either that Board of Supervisor member either come up with $170,000, or consider resigning. And if you go back and remember a while ago how the issue of resigning came around? Well, now is the answer. You figure it out. And Mr. Chairman, I think maybe a vote because when that last time that you asked for a person to resign, it took 30 seconds from when you read your statement to the chairman to chair down that battle and take a vote. And I'm saying boy, that was really good. Of course, it only took minutes, but of course the attorneys went all over that. But my point is, is that maybe you should consider resigning. I mean, all these Board of Supervisors out here, I never hear their names coming on the radio. I never hear their names constantly in the newspaper that you would read everything going down the line. All the rest of the Supervisors do their work quietly. The statements that go out, a lot of stuff that's been going on, I sit back 23 years, I'm here and I'm saying this beautiful, gorgeous county that I moved into. And when I come to the meetings, years ago, Joe Chambers, you would remember back when I first started here, because you even saw me one time that I didn't come to a meeting and told me why aren't you at the meeting? We listen to you when you come. Well, fine. But the catch of it is, is maybe that Thomas Jordan Miles III should consider resigning. Thank you.

Chambers: Thank you, sir.

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

David Ball, District 3: Good evening. David Ball, District 3. This I have for Mr. Matthews. A great lady and a great member of our community passed away a little over a week ago. And I would ask that the Board consider doing what they've done for many other residents here in honoring her with a plaque. Considering all that she has done for the community and how much she has meant for the community. Also another member of the community who is still with us, but I don't know for how long. And that is our famous author, Francis Wood, I would like to see him honor to while he's still here to appreciate the fact that he's recognized. He has over 40 books, and all the time that he spent on WFLO, the great communications and things that he's done for this community, and a longtime lifelong resident here of the county. I honestly seriously believe he should be honored and recognized and consider that too. And Jordan, I did hear you went to DC.

Miles: Recently.

Ball: Yeah, looking for your political opportunities. But also direct something to the forester, or now that all the trees that are alive are in full growth, and green, there are a lot of trees that sit on the right away and I mean, they're literally on the edge of the right away dead trees have been dead for years. And they really need to come down before they do come down in an inappropriate time, and perhaps cost
property or life damage, and even take in life. So like to see that that gets taken care of. I know they're very busy. They're doing a lot of work. They're doing a lot of cover up on some of the bad paving that's been done across the county. And there are a few roads that really, really do need to be addressed in District 3. So I thank you, bye.

**Chambers:** Thank you, sir.

**Lann:** That is all.

**Chambers:** Thank you ma'am.

**Re: Road Matters, Scott Frederick, Resident Engineer**

**Frederick:** Evening Chairman and Board. Thanks for having me tonight. A quick update about some of the work that we've been doing. I'm gonna go through a couple of work orders that came back in recently. And then I'll open it up to you guys for comments and concerns. We've been putting shoulder stone down on Plank Road. We did two miles today on one side of the road we started at the county line and we made it to Back Mountain Road. We're going to be back out there tomorrow doing the other side of the road and then it looks like it may be next week before we get to finish up the rest of the corridor. Then we're currently mowing our secondaries. We've got five crews mowing throughout the county and we're hoping to be pretty well wrapped up mowing by the end of this week and whatever we don't get done we'll probably finish it next week. It's always weather dependent why I say probably there. A call came in through you guys customer service I guess for dead tree at the wayside. They said it was leaning. We sent our guys out there today to look for it and they there was no dead tree leaning near the right away in that area that we could find. So there's no callback number or anything.

**Lann:** They didn't leave a number jut a voicemail.

**Frederick:** Okay, well, I figured I would at least report on that tonight. In the New Canton area on 15 where that pipe was stopped up. We've been out there working. We had to go through the utility marking and all that. But we've got it. We've got some work going on there. We should be wrapping it up soon. We're not all the way down with that yet. Mr. Ball mentioned that we've been doing a lot of pavement repair. We've been doing specifically Route 60. We've got a lot of patches out there. And then just other areas that we need to address as well. But then, so now on to the work orders, slightly more. A little wordy to get through, but I figured I would cover them as best I can from up here briefly, hopefully. So 15 at the intersection of Route 610, which is Slate Hill Road, Mr. Miles, you brought this up at a supervisor meeting, a couple of months ago, we did a safety study at that intersection. And the outcome of it is that we're going to install some advanced intersection warning signage, and in advanced or a plaque saying 50 miles an hour is the advisory speed on Route 15 on either side of that intersection. And we're also going to replace the Route 610 intersection signs, and then we're going to trim some brush that's been growing on three different legs at that intersection.

**Davis:** That was me.
Frederick: Oh, that was you?

Davis: Yeah, that's okay. 610 is my area.

Frederick: Okay, well, sorry about that. I knew it was your area but I thought that was brought to me by Jordan. Sorry about that. But Mr. Davis, we're gonna take care of that for you. And the other one that's a speed study was Route 750 Wingo Road. So lower volume road, it has 230 vehicles per day. Traffic Engineering actually has put out what they call a memorandum. It's number 365.0 Speed Limit Change Process. And in that guidance, it says if the road is unpaved, or has a traffic count less than 400 vehicles per day, an average of fewer than three crashes per year over a recent three-year period, it should be reviewed only for warning signage, or other necessary traffic control devices. If there is a crash history where an average of three or more crashes per year, over a three-year period has occurred or if there's more than 10 entrances on a single side of the road per mile of roadway, then a more detailed field review of the road section should be conducted. So Wingo Road only having 230 vehicles per day and being a half mile in length without those driveways, it was only studied for warning signage. And it's going to keep it statutory 55 miles an hour for light passenger cars and 45 miles per hour for heavy trucks. But we are going to install a stop ahead sign on the northern end of that road. Give drivers a little bit more warning of the upcoming stop condition. Got those two completed and then the other one. That's a little bit more, I guess exciting or you guys have been anxious for me to get the review opened back up and that is Scott's Bottom and CAIRA at 60. As I said at our last meeting, that I've requested it to be reviewed specifically for transverse warning signs. Well, they open the study back up, and I'm just gonna go ahead and read you the analysis and recommendations out of this one that resulted from when they restudied it. So they started out by saying in June of 2022, traffic engineering completed a safety study at the subject intersection to determine if any improvements were warranted to improve safety and reduce crashes. The previous study was initiated by Buckingham County Board of Supervisors regarding the number of crashes at the intersection. The previous study found that there was a pattern of Route 632 northbound vehicles running and or disregarding the stop sign. Further analysis of the crash data revealed that there had been three additional crashes at that subject intersection over a 10-year period. To mitigate the crash pattern at that subject intersection traffic engineering made the recommendations to trim low hanging tree limbs blocking sight distance to the stop sign. Increase the size of the stop sign, relocate the existing stop ahead warning sign to provide better advanced warning to the stop condition. Install centerline pavement markings approaching the intersection and install a stop bar along the northbound approach to indicate the appropriate stop location for motorists. A field visit revealed that the previous recommendations were installed and in good condition. Additionally, it was noted that while the low hanging tree limbs along the northbound approach had been trimmed, the sight distance to the stop sign along the northbound approach is still limited. But I want to just point out at this point that that's the stop sign that we have a stop ahead sign for that. So they go on to say based on our records the previous safety study was completed in July of 2022. And the recommendations were implemented in November of 2022. Since the previous recommendations were implemented the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors and the fire and rescue requested additional improvements at the subject intersection due to continued crashes at the subject intersection. Based on the request traffic engineering analyze the latest available crash data including the previous 10 years of available crash data from the previous study to determine the number of additional crashes at the intersection since the previous study. A review of the latest available crashed data from April 1 of 2012 to March 31 of 2023 revealed an additional four angle crashes resulting in 11 injuries and $87,000 in property damages.
then they have a figure here that shows when each year how many crashes happened. There's no real way for me to read that to you. But then it says here, the four additional angle crashes were the result of 2 northbound and to southbound Route 632 vehicles disregarding and/or running stop signs along Route 632. The previous study found that the primary approach of concern was the Route 632 northbound approach due to the crashes involving northbound vehicles. While there were four additional crashes that occurred and were not considered during the previous study, only one crash occurred while the intersection was under review. And the crash data would not have been available at that time due to the lapse between when the crash occurred and when the crash data was available. Additionally, it should be noted and taken into consideration that only one crash has occurred since the previous recommendations were implemented. The other three additional crashes had occurred prior to the implementation of our recommendations. Almost done. The one angle crash that occurred at the subject intersection since the previous recommendations were implemented, involved a southbound vehicle running the stop sign because the driver was distracted with a passenger who was experiencing a medical emergency. Traffic Engineering prefers to allow approximately 12 months to elapse after implementing, after improvements have been made to determine if the improvements had a positive impact on the number of crashes occurring at an intersection. Based on the latest available crash data, approximately five months have elapsed since the previous recommendations were implemented, and there has been one crash involving a distracted driver. Generally, traffic engineering does not recommend transverse rumble strips until all low cost solutions have been implemented at this time based on engineering judgment. The latest available crash data does not warrant the installation of transverse rumble strips on Route 632 northbound and southbound approaches. The field review for the current review found that despite the previous trimming, the sight distance to the stop sign along 632 Northbound is still limited by the tree line along the inside of the horizontal curve approaching the intersection from the south. While this approach is equipped with a stop ahead warning sign and does not warrant additional signage, it is the judgment of the reviewing engineer that a 36 inch stop sign for the northbound approach of Route 632 be installed on the left shoulder to increase the sight distance to the stop condition at Route 60.

Currently, the sight distance to the stop sign along the right shoulder is approximately 155 feet. The sight distance to the proposed stop ahead sign on the left shoulder would increase the sight distance to approximately 425 feet. Currently, it is recommended to install a 36 inch stop sign along the left shoulder of Route 632. Northbound to increase the sight distance to the stop condition at Route 60.

Traffic Engineering will reevaluate the available crash data six months after the installation of the stop sign along the left shoulder of Route 632 Northbound. Should the crash data at that time not reflect the intended decreasing crashes traffic engineering will pursue the installation of transverse rumble strips at that time. So I think they've done a very comprehensive review of the intersection and the one crash that's occurred since we put in the what was recommended that the first time the study came back. It was a person with a passenger with a medical emergency. I think it's great that they say they're gonna look at it again in six months. Normally, they won't rereview something on their own without me requesting it. So that's really good follow up on their part. I just felt like I would just share that with you in its entirety. But that's all I came prepared to speak on tonight. I've already concurred with their recommendations for the additional stop saying that, like I pointed out while I was reading that's the sign that already has a stop ahead sign for at the stop sign. But it's going to make it to where you see the actual stop sign at 425 feet instead of 155 feet. So that's a pretty good upgrade right there. But at this time, I'll open up to you guys for questions or comments or concerns.
District 1: One thing that was brought to my attention by a landowner. I rode over there and looked at it yesterday. Oh, Pump Road, the brush is hanging out in the road. And the landowner that owns it, he said he don't care. Just cut it back. It's all where the timber is is his property. So cut it back.

Frederick: Yeah, well, I got it written down here. We'll take a look at it. See if we can get it cut back.

Davis: And thank you for the thing on 610. We loaded a young lady in the helicopters last Saturday morning from an accident right there at 610, maybe cut that brush back and stuff and make them just slow down a little bit. I know of three wrecks we’ve had down there in the last eight or nine months. So thank you.

Frederick: Thank you.

District 2: Miles: Mr. Chairman, Supervisor Gilliam, who is not here and who is in Louisiana with his son playing ball. He did want me to bring four things, but two of which you've addressed. But the he wanted me to ask about Back Mountain Road and Bell Road with regards to the potholes and the shoulder work he had requested at the previous meeting.

Frederick: Well Back Mountain, we recently did a lot of paving work on Back Mountain so I was able to report on that at the last meeting. Bell Road. I'll have to take a closer look at I don't know the status of that one.

Miles: Okay, yeah. Those are the two roads that he wanted attention to. And you addressed the Wingo matter and CAIRA/60/Scott Bottom matter.

Frederick: Okay. Thank you. Yes, sir.

Matthews: I’ve got a question for you is about District 2. Can we get a copy of that traffic study sent to the county administration building?

Frederick: I can send it.

Matthews: He may want to look at that. And there has been some big improvements on Back Mountain Road. I will testify to that because I drive that road quite often. And it's a big difference from last year to this year. So

Frederick: Yes, sir. That leveling that we put down towards the end of last summer, it was, I think we got caught by the cold weather and it was rattling off bad. We've come in there and use the contractor to mail out and put good patches on it now and you guys were reminding me all winter, how bad it was and I agree. It needed to be done. We got taken care of. Thank you, sir.

District Three: Yes, sir. This kind of slipped my mind a little bit, Mr. Frederick, but I know you guys have been doing some grading and some gravel installation or some gravel roads in my district, and for the most part, they look pretty good. But some of the transition strips where the gravel where the gravel and the pavement meet, even with the work that you've done, it's there's still some potholes, right at the pavement area and one that comes to mind is 769, which is High View Road. And there's a couple others
too. And I don't have them right here with me right now, but I'll try to send you an email with those other roads that I have been on.

Frederick: Yes, sir. Please do. We'll touch them up. We'll do some machining.

Matthews: And I have noticed some trees. I've forgotten where they are right now. But there is some overgrowth or several other rural roads in my district, too. So I'll try to get back through and get some addresses on that stuff, too.

Frederick: Okay. Thank you. Yeah, we're happy to take a look at it. See if we can get it cut back.

District 4: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman. So I had a I had a call from a lady who lives on Shumaker Road, Mr. Frederick, she says that and I know they are doing secondaries now with regards to mowing right away then I assume primaries. Right? And so she did say that with regards to primaries on Route 60 the median strip, she said she has to call every year about the bush hogging those or cutting those and those are on 60 that divide east and west of course, but leaving right in front of the village.

Frederick: Yeah, okay. Yes, sir. We're mowing our secondaries right now. As soon as we get those done we will switch over to primary.

Miles: And then some roads that need attention from what I'm hearing include Rosser Road, a lot of people want that and the other road slips my mind now, but they want it paved. Of course, that's our six-year secondary road improvement plan. So anyway, if you could also take a look at Rosser Road and Glover Road needs graded. That's a dirt road and it needs the ditches cleaned out. Constituents on Route 60 from Sprouse’s to Scotts Bottom, there a lot of dead trees and hanging trees as Supervisor Matthews was saying down the Route 60 corridor. And I know I asked about Dixie Hill and Twin Creek Road at our last meeting. I didn't know if any patches are especially the shoulder work because our shoulders are crumbling really bad.

Frederick: Yes, sir. We haven't had a chance to do anything to those two roads yet. But I mean obviously potholes do form we take care of those but we haven't done a surface treatment.

Miles: Thank you Mr. Chairman.

District 5: Well, thank you all for the nice job y'all did on the gravel part of Firehouse Road. Did a nice grade job and put a lot more stone down. It’s really nice.

Frederick: Yes, sir. Thank you.

Bryant: And now I’ve got one, Old 13 Road off of 60, the first little bottom that's the gravel, the pipe evidently is clogged to a portion of it. If it is a normal rain the water goes through the pipe but with a thunderstorm it runs over the top and runs over the road. I checked it. I looked at both ends of the pipe. But maybe something happened to the middle of it that you can see through it of course.

Frederick: Okay, and that's right off 60 the first little bottom?
Bryant: Old 13, first bottom right in sight of Rt. 60 really.

Frederick: Okay. Yeah, we'll check it out.

Bryant: Check it and see if the pipe has collapsed or whatever.

Bryant: Yes, sir. Thank you for letting me know about that. That's a tough one to catch if it's not raining when we're there.

District 6:

Chambers: On District 6, I think the road number is 691, Paynes Pond Road, off of 20.

Frederick: 679.

Chambers: 679, they say they took the guardrails away from the bridge and didn’t put them back. They are concerned about that.

Frederick: Yeah, those guardrails that were out there before we did the work were very substandard. Some of them were lower than knee high. But they reviewed that road when we completed the paving and they've just recommended us to install object markers along those areas. They said there was no real crash history of the guardrail ever getting hit before so they felt like signage was an appropriate installation there. I could have it relooked at if you think otherwise.

Chambers: Some was concerned about it. Coming off a hill nothing there to stop them going in the creek.

Frederick: Okay. Gotcha out. So we'll take a second look at that. Thank you for bringing that to my attention.

District 7: Um Like you said earlier 650 Bell Road is in terrible shape. I'm on it a lot of times from Old Tower Hill Road down to the church and I can't run 80 mph because it's so bumpy. I'm just kidding just kidding. But yeah that needs to be repaved. I don't know if y'all have a certain amount of time that you come back and repave a road? Is so many years or…?

Frederick: We do it on ratings now. It's in the shape you say it's in, it's probably getting close. I don't know where it's at as far as our schedule goes, surface treatment or any plant mix work. I'll find out where that one's at and I'll let you guys know what the next meeting.

Allen: The sign over there, well it is the advanced stop sign over at Scotts Bottom Road where you just pull into from 60…

Frederick: The brush is in front of it?
Allen: No, not brush, just trees done grewed up now, limbs and on it and they cover up that sign so you can’t see the STOP sign but I mean the thing he says is a stop sign up ahead. I thought to myself maybe you could come back and just write, you know you see it on the road sometime, a sign that says stop ahead. You know right down the middle of the road so people can see it. But it's a whole lot of signs, I know that's just one that I saw, but I didn't write down where it was. Signs are getting covered up by limbs and trees right now.

Frederick: Yes, sir. The limbs are coming out quick. We have to have to have crews out cutting sight distance to signs all the time.

Allen: And then then on Thomas Road down below my house it’s a sign before you get to the bridge that somebody has run into it and it's laying in the ditch.

Frederick: Okay, the black and yellow stripe sign, the object marker. Okay.

Allen: Then one all the way to the end of the road where Old Tower Hill Road and Thomas Road meet, look like somebody came around the curve mighty hard and hit that one and bent it over. It’s a metal sign.

Frederick: Okay, we'll take a look at that. That one's on Thomas Road?

Allen: On Thomas Road at the end of Old Tower Hill Road. Yeah. But that's all I better tell you about right now. I'll let the rest of it wait.

Miles: Mr. Chairman. If we could just briefly return to my District, so that the gentleman that I hooked you up with Mr. Frederick, that guy who lives on 15 South right at the intersection, were you all able to come to some resolution as to the clogged culvert, whether it's dirt or leaves or whatever it is that floods that man's yard every time it rains hard,

Frederick: Best I can tell it's leaves but I haven't personally stopped and looked at it. But I do need to do that so I may take a peek at it on my way back.

Miles: Thank you sir. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Davis: Can I say something? Mr. Frederick, on 610 where y'all been doing this patch paving, is something else gonna go over that because it's a little rough. Just saying, it just hit my mind. I meant to write it down earlier today when I thought about it but then I just remembered.

Frederick: I'll have to figure that out. A lot of times when we do put leveling down we'll will skin patch with surface treatment over top to kind of seal it. But I don't know if that's the plan for that or not.

Davis: I mean, my trucks a 2022 and it will try to jerk you out the road in a couple places. It's just where this but. It's better than the potholes. Don't take it the wrong way.

Frederick: All right. I'll let you know what the next meeting. Thanks for letting me know about that.
Chambers: Thank you Mr. Frederick.

Frederick: Thank you guys.

Re: Zoning Matters: Introduction to Case 23-ZTASUP326 Marci Lowrance

Edmondston: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman, the case before you all this evening is case 23-ZTASUP326. The landowner is David Christian at 287 Boxwood Drive in Arvonia and the applicant this evening is Marci Lowrance at 246 Boxwood Drive in Arvonia. Property information would be Tax Map 68 Parcel 37. It does contain just over 25 acres and it is located at 59 Gold Hill Elementary School Road, New Canton in the Marshall Magisterial District. It's currently zoned M-1. The applicant wishes to add a zoning text amendment for a private recreational facility to a list of special uses in a light industrial M-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. And of course this use is not provided for in the zoning district within the zoning ordinance. However, the applicant has made application to add this by way of a zoning text amendment. This case does have 10 conditions attached. This case was introduced to the Planning Commission on April 24, 2023. And a public hearing was held May 22, 2023. There was one speaker signed up to comment during the public hearing and two emails which were read all comments in support of the case. The Planning Commission unanimously recommends approval of this case to the Board of Supervisors. Would it be the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors to hold a public hearing for this request? And of course this use is not provided for in the zoning district within the zoning ordinance. However, the applicant has made application to add this by way of a zoning text amendment. This case does have 10 conditions attached. This case was introduced to the Planning Commission on April 24, 2023. And a public hearing was held May 22, 2023. There was one speaker signed up to comment during the public hearing and two emails which were read all comments in support of the case. The Planning Commission unanimously recommends approval of this case to the Board of Supervisors. Would it be the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors to hold a public hearing? If so, would it be appropriate for July 10, 2023 at 6pm? Before you make a decision, I would like to add that our applicant Marci Lowrance is in the audience this evening to address any questions or concerns. She did give me five comments that are emailed. The recommendation may be to hold these for the public hearing next month. So they can be added during that commentary period, if that would be okay with you, Mr. Chairman?

Conditions:

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

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

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

Chambers: Yes, ma'am. I think we should have a public hearing. I need a motion to do that.

Davis: I make the motion.

Matthews: Second.

Chambers: Time?

Edmondston: July 10th at 6pm.

Chambers: The motion by Supervisor Davis, second by Supervisor Matthews that we will set a public hearing for July the 10th at 6pm for this case. Any questions? All in favor? Thank you. Six Yes. All right.

Vice Chairman Davis moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to schedule a public hearing for July 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for Case 23-ZTASUP326 Marci Lowrance.

Re: Zoning Matters: Confirm Receipt and approval of Planning Commission’s December 27, 2022 determination that Case 22-SUP319 is substantially in accord with the adopted Comprehensive Plan

Edmondston: And, Mr. Chairman, Board, I do have one other item of business and it's in regard to 22-SUP319 Rosney Creek Solar. On December 27 2022, the Planning Commission reviewed Case 22…

Re: Resolution in Memoriam for Dwight Christian

Chambers: Can you hold on a minute? He wants to do a resolution.

Davis: I would like the Board to do a Resolution to honor Mr. Dwight Christian. We lost a good man in our community and a fireman and a builder and a great man in our community for years and we lost him the other week and I just want us to do a resolution. I wanted to do it before David and them left.

Chambers: Okay. That's for next month too right?

Davis: I'll make a motion.

Miles: I'll second it, Mr. Chairman.
Motion by Supervisor Davis, seconded by Supervisor Miles that we have a resolution passed for Mr. Dwight Christian for the outstanding job be did in Buckingham County. Any question on the motion? All in favor? 6 yes.

Vice Chairman Davis moved, Supervisor Miles seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to have a Resolution of Memoriam for Dwight Christian to be presented to the Christian family at the July 10th Board meeting.

Re: Zoning Matters: Confirm Receipt and approval of Planning Commission’s December 27, 2022 determination that Case 22-SUP319 is substantially in accord with the adopted Comprehensive Plan

I’m sorry Mrs. Edmondston.

Edmondston: No problem. I apologize. As I mentioned this memo was just in regards to the 22-SUP-319 Rosney Creek Solar case. On December 27 2022, the Planning Commission reviewed Case 22-SUP-319 Rosney Creek Solar LLC for substantial conformity with the Buckingham County Comprehensive Plan according to Code of Virginia statute 15.2-2232. With the unanimous vote, the Planning Commission approved the project as substantially in accord with the adopted comprehensive plan. The Board's confirmation and receipt of this approval is an administrative formality and will not cause a change to the Board's January 9, 2023 approval of the Rosney Creek Solar SUP. Does the Board wish to acknowledge and affirm for the reasons stated by the Board on the SUP, the Planning Commission's December 27, 2022 determination of substantial conformity?

So moved, Mr. Chairman.

Can we get a second?

Second.

Motion by Supervisor Miles, second by Supervisor Bryant. Are there any questions on the motion? All in favor. Six yes.

Supervisor Miles moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to acknowledge and affirm the Planning Commission's December 27, 2022 determination that Case 22-SUP319 Rosney Creek Solar LLC is substantially in accord with the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

Re: EMS: Consider appropriation of a donation from the Estate of Henry Morris Wright in the amount of $10,000

We move on into Item N Department/Agency Reports and Items of Consideration. Number 1, EMS Consider Appropriation of a Donation from the Estate of Henry Morris Wright in the amount of $10,000. That's given to the county.
Carter: I'll speak on that. Mr. Davis couldn't be here tonight. Yes, the Estate for Mr. Henry Morris Wright, graciously donated a check of $10,000 for Buckingham County EMS. If you would appropriate that money tonight for EMS department. We will also send a letter of appreciation to the estate to thank them for this such donation.

Chambers: Okay, what is the pleasure of the Board. Anyone want to make a motion.

Matthews: I'd like to make a motion to accept.

Allen: Second.

Chambers: We have a motion by Supervisor Matthews, second by Supervisor Allen that we accept those funds with a letter of appreciation. All in favor? Six Yes.

Supervisor Matthews moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to accept the donation from the Estate of Henry Morris Wright of $10,000 to the EMS Department and appropriate those funds to that department.

Re: EMS: Consider appropriation of the Four for Life grant in the amount of $17,008.16.

Chambers: Number 2 EMS. Consider the appropriation of a Four for Life grant in the amount of $17,008.16.

Carter: I’ll speak on that one as well. This Four for Life money is something we usually get about each year. The Four for Life program stipulates that four additional dollars be charged and collected at the time of registration for each passenger vehicle, pickup or panel truck. The funds collected pursuant to Section 46.2-694 of the Code of Virginia shall be used only for emergency medical services. The law further states that the Department of Health shall return 26% of those registration fees collected to the locality with in such each vehicle is registered and provided funding for. So once again, this is a grant we thanks to Cody and EMS staff that we get out each year. So this year for 2023 the amount of $17,008.16. We ask that these funds be appropriated for the EMS department.

Chambers: What’s the pleasure of the Board?

Allen: So moved.

Miles: Second, Mr. Chairman.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Allen, second by Supervisor Miles that we appropriate these funds to EMS. Are there any questions? All in favor? 6 Yes.

Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Miles seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appropriate the $17,008.16 received from the Department of Health, Four for Life grant to the EMS Department.
Re: EMS: Consider request for disbursement of funds in the amount of $10,796.56 for Fire/EMS training equipment

Chambers: Number 3 EMS: Consider request for disbursement of funds, the amount of $10,796.56 for the fire EMS training equipment.

Carter: Our new E911 Coordinator Mr. Kirby, Charles Kirby is going to speak on that one, Mr. Chairman.

Kirby: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board, it's nice to meet you. My name is Charles Kirby, for those who hadn't seen, I'm the new Emergency Management Coordinator for the county. I come here tonight with a request for disbursement from the fire and EMS funds. Currently, the balance that fund is $19,766. And I'm asking for $10,796.56 for two programs that we're looking to work on. The first is CPR mannequins, and for that would be $1991.42. We currently are limited in the number of folks that we can teach to 8 because of the amount of equipment that we have. CPR is something that we get a lot of requests from, whether it be from county staff, community members, things like that. So by doubling the mannequins and training equipment that we have, we can double the number of people to 16 that makes our life a lot easier for hours worked and things like that. So we think that that's a good investment to the community for these funds. The second amount that I'm requesting for that total will be $8,804.96. And that's for the purchase of firefighter personal protective equipment for myself and Chief Cody Davis. One of our requirements, the Department of Emergency Services has is that we want to support our volunteer fire staff. And training is a big part of that for us. Chief Davis and I are both instructors. We have the ability to teach Fire Programs Training. Currently, without protective equipment, we don't have the ability to teach those classes here in house. We have to either search out outside instructors or look to the state for assistance. Additionally, as part of my responsibility to manage the burn building, I can't even go inside when they're using it to ensure that we're burning in the right place and we're taking care of that building, which is a very expensive piece of equipment we have here, Buckingham. So having that turnout gear for myself and Chief Davis to be able to both assist with training and maintain our equipment we think is very important. Additionally, you know, we do respond to major instances in the county. So just as an aside to have that for large fires or hazmat, we're on seeing assisting that would be important. So again, that's what we're coming to you tonight for the total of 10,796.56.

Chambers: What is the pleasure of the Board? You heard the request from him?

Miles: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

Allen: Second.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Miles, second by Supervisor Allen, that we approve this. Are there any questions?

Matthews: I do have a question?

Chambers: Yes, sir.
Matthews:  Mr. Carter, does purchasing of those mannequins, can that be purchased under the training line item that we have or does that got to be…? Is that where it's coming from?

Carter:    Yes. It’s a request from the training line item, yes sir.

Matthews: I just want to make sure. Okay. All right. Good deal. Thank you.

Chambers:  All right. All in favor the motion? Six Yes.

Kirby:     Thank you very much.

Chambers:  Thank you, sir.

**Supervisor Miles moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve to disburse funds from the Fire/EMS Training Line item to purchase new mannequins and turn our gear in the amount of $10,796.56.**

Re: Consider request from Straight Street to waive the hookup fees for Water/Sewer at their building on S. Constitution Route

Chambers:  Item 4. Consider requests for Straight Street to waive the hookup fees for the water/sewer at the building on S. Constitution Route. What is the pleasure of the Board?

Miles:     I move we approve the request. Mr. Chairman.

Bryant:    Second.

Chambers:  Motion by Supervisor Miles, second by Supervisor Bryant that we approve the request. Any questions?

Matthews: I have some questions.

Chambers:  Go ahead, Mr. Matthews.

Matthews:  There are some conditions that need to be met with this from the county's perspective. Have those conditions been met yet?

Carter:     Yes.

Matthews:  Every one of those questions has been answered?

Carter:     Yes.

Matthews: Including an audit has been signed off by their Board and Board of Directors?
Carter: Well, we haven't asked for that yet, because we haven't approved these conditions yet. But yes, going forward, yes they will have to do that.

Matthews: Okay, so the money is not going to be released to receive these conditions that are to be met. Is that correct or not?

Carter: Well, the way I interpreted it was we're gonna pass these conditions and everything going forward. Now, if you guys wanted to go back and say they need to provide this before they get these funds, then that’s up to you guys.

Chambers: Why should we need to go back? Don't make sense to me to go back, we'd already decided and we’ve a motion to approve it. So I think we need to move forward with it.

Carter: I think for Mr. Matthews’ question, it'd be you know, these will be conditioned like zoning case going forward each year, they will have provided these items.

Matthews: Is there a timeframe that we can set or that I guess the question would be to Straight Street. When are you, when did you plan on meeting these conditions? If we, if we pass this tonight, when I mean, when are they gonna provide this information to you?

Carter: You can set it up as a Board, you can set it up as by December 31 calendar year and do it by fiscal year by June 30th of each fiscal year.

Matthews: When is the work going to be performed? I mean, you know, if we decide to do that.

Carter: You mean when the audit be performed?

Matthews: I guess we're paying up to $10,000.

Chambers: Yall got me confused.

Matthews: If we are paying up to $10,000 to get this water line and sewer line put in, right?

Carter: Yes.

Matthews: Or up to $10,000? Well, I mean, that's in-house, I guess, right?

Carter: Yes.

Matthews: Is what you're saying? So there's no bill gonna be paid, right?

Chambers: Why does a bill have to be paid if you are waiving the fees? I’m confused here now.
Miles: I think, Mr. Chairman, I think what Supervisor Matthews is asking is first of all, when is the timeline that if we do vote to approve this tonight, when would the sewer and water hookup be completed? Do you know that Mr. Carter?

Matthews: There are certain conditions they have to meet to get the money.

Carter: Mr. Miles, I can find out. I can talk to Daniel Queen, our Utilities Director about how long?

Miles: It might be a few, maybe three months?

Carter: I don't think it'll take that long.

Chambers: I’m confused, because if you waive the fees, what bills are there to be paid, if you waive the fees?

Matthews: There is no bill to be paid. But there is money involved in us doing the work. Okay. Even though it is in house, you read the conditions on there?

Chambers: Yeah.

Matthews: So there's about 8 or 10 conditions that need to be met.

Chambers: When, what time frame are you talking about?

Carter: We can say by June 30 each year, each fiscal year, or you can say December 31 each calendar year if you guys want to have these conditions added with a date on it. So it's up to the Board on when you want these items provided to you.

Allen: But you said the you've already talked to him about these conditions, and that's already been settled. So the one condition he's talking about is what? Paperwork?

Carter: He wants an audit or finances.

Matthews: Their accountant, they have an accountant that does their book work and would sign off that they're legit.

Chambers: Mr. Gause, will you come to the mic please?

Matthews: Did you see these conditions?

Gause: Yes, sir? When do y'all need these met?

Matthews: Where do you planning on providing it for us?

Gause: We can. We will provide those for you.
Matthews:  Who’s your accountant or your…?

Gause:  Well let me bring Mr. Joseph Patterson up here as well, if you don't mind.

Chambers:  Okay. Mr. Patterson, will you come up, please?

Davis:  Just for the record, I think it's a good thing that you're doing. That building has been sitting down there for too long, doing nothing too long.


Chambers:  You got a question for Mr. Patterson?

Matthews:  Are you doing the audit? Are you doing the accounting practices for this organization?

Patterson:  So we have, currently I'm the president of the Board. We came on Board about maybe four or five years ago, right before COVID. And so we currently I mean, there's not a whole lot of, you know, budget really that we have. We've been doing a lot of community events. We do we do our taxes annually. So we can we can provide whatever information you need.

Chambers:  Will there be a problem with providing this around about June 30th or do you need more time?

Patterson:  So could I just clarify what Supervisor Matthews is at? Is it before the actual work is done? I don't know what you all want to ask Daniel?

Matthews:  Well, that typically it would be prior to the work being done so that I mean, if there was an issue, then we could discuss it at that time. I mean, if it's done before the work is done, there's no practical reason to do that. You know what I'm saying? And so, I mean, most times when, there is no bill, because we're waiving the fees. But if it was, if there were fees involved, then we wouldn't release that money until these conditions were met. You know what I’m saying.

Gause:  Understood. So the work has already been done. Yeah. And so we were anticipating just moving forward. But whatever the Board needs and a timeframe, we will provide it for you.

Matthews:  Well, it's just good accounting practices for us to do this and it will be good for you, because you would have documentation of it to moving forward.


Matthews:  Okay, and the other stuff that is, as far as conditions are concerned, you know, as far as you paying your bill as far as your expenses for your water, but you're only gonna have one event a year?

Gause:  No, several events, several, several. And matter of fact, Mr. Patterson has some of those events, like Toys for Tots and, you know, and things for Alzheimer’s. We have a lot going on through the year.
Matthews: Because that's one of the conditions is to keep us informed of what's going on at that building. So we understand and can, you know, be good stewards of what's going on.

Patterson: Have you ever visited Mr. Matthews?

Matthews: I know exactly where it's at Mr. Patterson. Yes.

Patterson: I said have you ever visited?

Matthews: I've never been inside, no.

Gause: We welcome you to come inside to see that progress. Please come inside. But here we have a list of events that we've had during the year. So we can definitely submit that to you all. A lot of good things happening.

Chambers: I don’t think that’s the Board’s business, how many events you have a year. We got nothing to do with it. You know, how many you have. That's up to you guys.

Patterson: Daniel, the work is done. The line…

Davis: Can I ask a question? Just one thing, guys. If we approve this tonight, are y'all ready for the sewer and water to be hooked up as far as to bathrooms and stuff? If a county writes a work order for it to be done are y'all ready?

Gause: A couple things we want to do? Dig this waterline and put into drains field. Once we get that done, we'll be ready to go because the bathroom stalls are, well most of them are in. Some stalls haven't come in yet. Some toilets haven't come in yet. But we are primarily ready to go as long as we, you know, get this thing going.

Miles: Mr. Chairman?

Chambers: Yes, sir, Mr. Miles.

Miles: So just hearing the discussion, I think, you know, because I'm on the Finance Committee, and I do think this will be a good investment of public funds. And we're going to retrieve it back in terms of the investment in the people, what Supervisor Matthews is saying. I would offer is that if the approval of the water connection fees or the waving there, too and this list of information may be could be done at the same time. Could that be done at the same time?

Patterson: Yeah. Yeah, I do want, hearing the same thing. The work is done. It's already like it's done. It's complete. Already. The line has already been running under the road at Straight Street. It's already there. All we have to do on our part is hook the water line, run the water line to the building, but the work is already complete.
Miles: And what we're talking about Mrs. Chairman, and Mr. Carter is actually the connection itself. That's what we're talking about the actual connection.

Carter: Yes.

Patterson: We connect from where the hookup is to the building.

Carter: Right. We don't run from the meter to the building. They do that.

Miles: Just so we're all on the same page. It's just connection.

Matthews: Do you already got that scheduled to do?

Patterson: Oh, yeah. I mean, the under the same umbrella that McCarthy talked about, we have our contractor and he's been working over the last year. So we just got to run the, our plumbers already, you know, ready to run the water line.

Gause: We wanted to make sure we had this straight before we move forward.

Allen: I'm glad you're working on it. I tell you what, that building has been empty for a long time.

Patterson: It was erected in the year 2000. I just graduated high school and I mean, so many people have stopped and a lot of the work that we've done just to see the inside. They've never even seen the inside.

Allen: I helped put the roof on.

Patterson: Oh, wow.

Allen: That was when I was walking good too.

Patterson: The bathrooms are state of the art. You know if you ever come if you come for Juneteenth, we'll have a showing but the bathrooms are state of the art.

Gause: And let me say this. I'm hard to be impressed and when we got those bathrooms done. I was really impressed. And I'm positive that you will also. A lot of good stuff going on.

Allen: That’s good.

Gause: Whatever information you need, we will get it to you.

Chambers: Thank you gentlemen. Keep up the good work. We got a motion on the floor and a second. All in favor? 6 yes. Okay, thank you, gentlemen.

Gause: Thank you. I appreciate the hard work you are doing.
Supervisor Miles moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve to waive the fee for water/sewer hookup up to $10,000 and the conditions listed above for Straight Street at the building located on Rt. 20.

Re: Consider request from God’s Grace to use the Community Center for their program and waive fees

Chambers: Go down to Number 5 Consider requests from God's Grace to use community center for their program and waive the fees.

Miles: Mr. Chairman?

Chambers: Yes, sir.

Miles: I know that we’ve had this discussion with local nonprofits in the county, using the community center. And what I’d like to see do, and I’ve talked to some of y’all about this. And with these two requests, Mr. Chairman, they could in fact, wait until that July 10 meeting, if we wanted to take these up. But what I’d like to see is the Committee on the library and the community center get together and come up with an alternate schedule, fee schedule, that is, for nonprofits, like churches, and any and all nonprofits and other entities in the committee can decide that that are within Buckingham County, that they would pay somewhat of a lesser fee, that would still be a fee, but there’ll be a lesser fee. That's not as I would argue, burdensome as say a group that wants to come from Richmond to use a community center, they should pay and any other group that comes out of Buckingham County should pay the fee that originally came up. But I do think that if we have a separate fee schedule that the committee can come up with, for nonprofits and entities who request to use the community center for any, any and all qualified events, that that would really save a lot of the requests that we have to hear. But also, you know, instead of jumping over what the staff say, going along with what the fee schedule is, if that makes sense. So just adding a little bit more, I guess, maybe fairness or equity to the people who live in the county who have nonprofits and other entities, they wouldn’t have to pay as much,

Chambers: I see what you’re saying. I agree with you. So but Number 6 is a little different. About the veterans, you know. They get grant money for different laws that were passed recently. And that money, they want to educate the people on that.

Miles: So Mr. Chairman, I asked Mr. Carter that if we could wait, of course, it's the prerogative of the Board. But their event is when?

Chamber: July 31st.

Miles: So that would still give them time. But of course, it that's just my opinion.

Chambers: I'm in favor going on and doing the veterans because that’s important and will help the widows out. There's a lot of information that widows are not aware of, and they trying to get this together to help those.
Miles: All right, so Mr. Chairman, on that note, can we can we table the first request and then continue with the next request?

Chambers: That's right. I think that’s the best thing. They got a certain time, to use that grant money?

Miles: Especially if they're events, yeah, because if their events, Mr. Chairman, is on July 31. It's gonna be tight. Whereas the other, the first event is in August.

Chambers: These grant for the foreign wall with Vietnam. This the first time they’ve done something for Vietnam veterans. A lot of those guys got killed. But their widows are entitled to this.

Miles: Sure. So is that okay that we table the first request?

Matthews: Yes. But I'd like to add something to the first request, okay. Now, you know, that you said something about local churches and nonprofit, we're gonna treat them different than outside the county?

Miles: But something would still be…

Matthews: This is not local and nonprofit. So, I mean, that's what you're asking us to do when we get that committee together?

Miles: Yes, sir.

Matthews: Okay, just want to be clear on that.

Miles: But I feel like the Board needs to vote on that. I don't think that this needs to.

Davis: I think the library needs to be generally useful for Buckingham residents and, and nonprofits in the county ought to not have to pay as much as somebody from outside of the county.

Chambers: Absolutely right. I agree with you.

Matthews: We can address it.

Chambers: Because the citizen of the county own a part of it.

Davis: That's right.

Miles: Exactly. So Mr. Chairman, can we table Number 5, please?

Chambers: Can we get a motion, Mr. Miles?

Miles: So moved.

Chambers: Is there a second?
Davis: I’ll second it.

Chambers: A motion by Supervisor Miles, second by Supervisor Davis that we will table N-5. Are there any questions? All in favor? 6 yes.

*Supervisor Miles moved, Vice Chairman Davis seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to table the request from God’s Grace to use the community center and waive fee.*

Re: Consider Request from Piedmont Area Veterans Council to use the community center for a Veterans Resource Fair on July 31, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Chambers: Number 6?

Miles: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

Davis: I’ll second that also.

Chambers: A motion by Supervisor Miles, second by Supervisor Davis that we would approve requests N-6. Okay. If there are no questions, all in favor? Six Yes.

*Supervisor Miles moved, Vice Chairman Davis seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the request from Piedmont Veterans Council to use the Community Center on July 31, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a Veterans Resource Fair and waive the fee.*

Miles: And then Mr. Chairman, by consensus of the Board, could we consider tasking the Committee on the Community Center and the library to take up being a little bit more fair with the fees to the local nonprofits in the county?

Chambers: Who’s on the committee? You?

Miles: I'm not on that committee.

Matthews: Me and you.

Chambers: Oh ok. Me and you are on it. Okay. Mr. Miles, we’ll try to do that.

Miles: Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Re: Utilities: Consider scheduling a public hearing for July 10, 2023 Board meeting to consider amending the Water and Sewer Ordinances

Chambers: N-7, Utilities: Consider scheduling a public hearing for July the 10th 2023 Board meeting to consider amending the water and sewer ordinances.
Carter: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman, Utilities Committee met and we looked at an increase in the connection fees for water and sewer. Those ordinances haven't been adjusted since 2002. We don't want to you know, we're not trying to make money on connection fees. But at the same time, we don't want to lose money when we have to pay those fees to get people hooked up. So in the current ordinance is set it for $2000 for each water and sewer connections. The committee thought about raising those fees to $3,000 per connection. Because that is in our ordinance the amount we need to have a public hearing to change that those amounts. To try to cut down on the number of public hearings in future, we want to put it in our ordinance to see current fee schedule so that way we can change the fees when we feel like we need to change them without having a public hearing each time we need to change the fee. So we want to change the ordinance to say see referenced attached fee schedule so that the ordinance doesn’t have to be changed each time we change the fees.

Chambers: Do you have to have a motion for that?

Carter: Yes, sir. Because we have to have a public hearing for both.

Miles: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

Allen: Second.

Chambers: A motion by Supervisor Miles, second by Supervisor Allen, we will accept this request. Any questions, all in favor? Six yes. All right.

Supervisor Miles moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve to schedule a public hearing for July 10, 2023 for the amendments to the Water and Sewer Ordinances to reflect changing the connection fees and removing the fees from the ordinance but to be a separate fee schedule.

Re: General Properties: Consider bids for possible restrooms at the Community Park

Chambers: N-8, General Properties: Consider bids for possible restrooms at the Community Park.

Carter: Yes, this is another item that lucky for us for this one, I guess it was the Finance Committee met or the ARPA committee met. And we looked at we had that option when we got from the state and federal government. We looked at ways on how to spend those funds that will benefit the citizens of the county. You know, we got a lot of requests from outside agencies wanting the county to use ARPA money for regional projects. So the committee got together and looked at ways that we could help the Buckingham residents that that money kind of rightfully belongs to. One of the things we wanted to look at helping the community with is restrooms at the park behind the Dollar General and behind the community center. As you know that park is used a lot. It does not have bathrooms there. There are porta johns there. So we thought using this ARPA money would be a good way to give that money back to the citizens and put something there that their citizens can use and benefit from. So we issued RFB, Request for Bids and we received only one, that one response was from Tripp Maxey Construction at a price of $149,500. As you all know, construction estimates been all over the place the last couple of years through the COVID and supply issues. So when estimated, I think $120 to 170. But this kind of
came in the middle at $149,500. If the Board chooses to accept this bid, please allow the county attorney and my staff to start discussions and contract items with Tripp Maxey Construction. And once again, this project is done with ARPA funds. So no tax money will be used at all for this project.

Chambers: Okay, you are hearing that from the County Administrator. What’s you pleasure?

Miles: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

Matthews: Second.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Miles, second by Mr. Matthews. Any question on the motion? All in favor?

Matthews: I’d like to make a statement. This is not tax money. So this is money from the federal government. That's the good thing. Okay. Because we did have a deficit in our budget moving forward.

Chambers: Okay. Thank you. Six, yes.

 Supervisor Miles moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the bid from Tripp Maxey Construction for new restroom at the Community Park at a cost of $149,900.

Re: Consider Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Year 23-24


Carter: Yes, Mr. Chairman, back during budget time we put off some items because we didn't know what the state budget was going to do. One of those things was the salary for the Board of Supervisors. As you've seen in the news lately, the state still hasn't adopted a budget yet they're still saying it might be middle of June, possibly July sometime for they adopt their budget. One of the things that was put in the budget back in the spring was your salaries. We took those increases out. But as you all know, this is the only month we can do that before July 1 of this year. So if you guys want to change those, this is the only month you can do it. So I put that on the agenda tonight in case you guys want to discuss it.

Chambers: Board members, what is your pleasure?

Allen: I make a motion that we do approve it.

Bryant: I second it.

Davis: Oh, hold on. I would agree we all should get a raise. But the dollar amount that was in the budget originally, I came up with this as my numbers. And I would like to make the motion that we raise the Board of Supervisors salaries to $8,000 a year. And the chairman will be $9,000 a year. That puts us on par with some of the other counties. The only county that well, we’re paid less than Cumberland and I know we're doing a hell of a lot better job than they do.
Miles: Mr. Chairman, if I could get clarification. This would start July 1 of 2024? So that's it would be the result of the elections.

Carter: I’m sorry I didn’t point that out. What you're voting on tonight is for the new Board coming in on January 2024. So that's why you have to do it during election year. You're voting on the salaries for the new Board members now for yourself. Unless you win reelection.

Miles: Unless we win reelection.

Chambers: It’s been motioned by Supervisor Allen, second by Supervisor Bryant, what motion are we voting on here?

Allen: The one that we already had. If you want to split the difference? You said $8000, the other one says 12. You wanna go down to 10. That would be alright with me.

Miles: Just for clarification, Mr. Chairman, so Mr. Allen’s motion was to vote on what was originally in the budget?

Allen: Because that's what at the wording was 23-24 budget. Go back to what was in our budget.

Miles: Okay, so we're not voting on what Supervisor Davis has put forward, just, right, Mr. Chairman, is that…I'm a little confused.

Chambers: I'm confused.

Miles: Is that right, Supervisor Allen, we're voting on what was originally in the budget.

Carter: What amount did you want, Danny?

Allen: The original amount was $12,000. I know y'all said you didn't want to do all of it. You saying 8000. So if you want to do a difference of offer of 12 down to 10. I don't care. I would say 10,000. Is that alright with everybody?

Davis: I can go with that.

Allen: That’s a $2000 reduction.

Davis: That’s 10,000 for a Board member and what would be the chairman be?

Chambers: They get $500 more.

Allen: $10,500 normally.

Chambers: Are we all in favor of the motion?
Miles:  Mr. Chairman, could we get clarification on what we're voting on? Exactly. I'm sorry.

Chambers:  You are voting on $10,000 for Board members and $10,500 for Chairman. Which will be Davis.

Davis:  Oh Lord.

Miles:  That's why I'm asking Mr. Chairman.

Chambers:  Motion already made. Let’s vote on the motion. All in favor of the motion? Five, yes. And one No.

*Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded to increase the 2024 Board of Supervisors Salary to $10,500 for Chairman and $10,000 for Board members. This motion passed with a 5-1-1 vote. Supervisor Matthews opposing and Supervisor Gilliam absent.*

Re:  Consider allowing the Finance Committee to review the current Tax Stabilization for the Elderly and Disabled Ordinance

Chambers:  N-10. Consider allowing the Finance Committee to review the current Tax Stabilization for the Elderly and Disabled Ordinance.

Chambers:  You’re on this right? This Finance Committee?

Matthews:  Yes, sir. I am.

Chambers:  We are going to pass this on to the Finance Committee, right?

Miles:  Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman, so this, this was a request to, for myself to send this to the…this ordinance was adopted many years before I was on the Board, many, many years before I was on the Board. And from talking to Mr. Carter, Mr. Chairman, the income level and the assets you have based on that haven't changed. And so of course, the world has changed a lot since the night since early 2000s. And so, what I’d like to see, Mr. Chairman, is I'll make a motion to send that ordinance to the Finance Committee for the income levels for those who are older adults, and those who are disabled, to make it I guess more equitable for them just in terms of how we can help more people if that makes sense.

Chambers:  Okay, do we have a second?

Davis:  We are passing this on to the Finance Committee, right?

Miles:  Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman, I make a motion.

Allen:  Second.
Motion by Supervisor Miles, second by Supervisor Allen. All in favor of the motion and no question? Six yes.

**Supervisor Miles moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to send the Tax Stabilization for the Elderly and Disabled Ordinance to the Finance Committee for revision.**

Re: Social Services Board: Consider appointment of Joyce Booker to the Social Services Board. The current representative is Diane Holman-James and she has served two terms and is no longer eligible to be reappointed.

**Chambers:** O. Appointments to Committees, Boards and Agencies. The Social Service Board has a note her to consider the appointment of Joyce Booker to the Social Service Board. The current representative Diane Holman-James has served two terms and is no longer eligible to be reappointed. Ms. Booker has agreed to serve. So what is your pleasure?

**Allen:** If you want her on there, I have no problem. So moved.

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

**Chambers:** Motion by Supervisor Allen, second by Supervisor Miles that we place Joyce Booker on the Social Service Board. All in favor? Six. Yes.

**Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Miles seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Joyce Booker to the Social Services Board.**

Re: Consider recommendation from the Economic Development Committee

**Miles:** Mr. Chairman, can we return to K 11 Consideration of the recommendation from the Economic Development Committee?

**Chambers:** Yes, sir. You making the motion to accept that recommendation?

**Miles:** I was going to. I didn't know if the staff had anything to add.

**Chambers:** I’ve got no problem with it. Does any Board member have anything to add?

**Miles:** Are you ready to go ahead and make the motion?

**Chambers:** Go ahead and make the motion.

**Miles:** Okay, so, Mr. Chairman, I would move that the Board of Supervisors sell all the timber in the industrial park, that a forester be retained to handle the sale, that Gary Klein be hired as the forester, that the timber on the 10 acres that the Central Virginia Christian School has an option on to purchase be excluded from the sale, that a 50 foot buffer would be left on the LeSueur Street side of the property, I'm
sorry, that 100 foot buffer be left on the LeSueur Street side of the property, that the forester advise the Board as to how to cut should be accomplished to entail the optimum land clearing for development, and the forester make a recommendation as to what should be done to the property to stabilize the land after the cut. And I didn't mean 50. I did mean 100. Mr. Chairman. I said 50 but I meant 100. That will be my motion.

Chambers: Do we have a second?

Matthews: Could you read that one more time for me?

Miles: Yes, sir. And I liked maybe staff to add something to. So the Economic Development Committee met last Wednesday, and we discussed this and there was a motion and a second put forward, and it was approved on a vote of 10 to 1 to essentially cut and sell the timber in the industrial park, that a forester be retained to handle the sale, that Gary Klein be hired as the forester, that the timber on the 10 acres that the Central Virginia Christian School has an option to purchase, which of course, the Board would still have to vote on that. But that's not like that. So the Board will still have to vote on that, so be excluded from the sale, that a 50-foot buffer be left on LeSueur Street side of the property, that the forester advise the Board as to how the cut should be accomplished so to entail the optimum land clearing for development, and the forester make a recommendation as to what should be done to the property to stabilize the land after the cut.

Matthews: I don't mind Gary putting his two cents worth in. Okay. But I think just from a competitive standpoint, you should get two foresters to try to…

Miles: Mr. Chairman…

Matthews: In case there was a difference…

Miles: Mr. Chairman, could the County Attorney address this? If that's okay.

Wright: So what's the question?

Matthews: Well, of course, we are taking the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee on the selling of the timber on the industrial park land. And, you know, we're going to put a forester in charge of this sale. Okay. Other than him, marking it off or mapping it out, is that what he's going to do and, and getting the cruise? I mean, I just think it'd be good to have a competitive cruise, not just one.

Wright: It's my impression that the property will not be sold. He will not establish a price and say, here's what we're selling. He will basically facilitate the receiving of bids, and then those bids would come back to the Board and y'all would say, we like that. You'll certainly reserve the right in your advertisement to reject all bids. If you don't say anything, it sounds good. So and if you want two to do that, that's fine if you want one to do that, but the idea is Forster simply the marketing agent. He knows the people who will be interested in this timber. He gives them an opportunity to funnel the information
to the right people. The Board still retains the right if somebody bids $10 and you said, no, we should have had $12, you have the right to reject it.

**Miles:** And then once again, Mr. Chairman, that the 10-acre option for that Supervisor Matthews asked about, we would still have to vote to actually…

**Wright:** The option is always just like any sale of the property that you have the right to, you have to have a public hearing before you commit to the sale of the land itself.

**Chambers:** Okay, are you good with that Mr. Matthews?

**Allen:** We ought to get the bids first before we decide to do this.

**Miles:** Yeah, well, that’s what Mr. Wright said. And because the contract with the gentleman who’s going to bring the bids back to us is under $60,000. It's in our procurement policy that we can…

**Wright:** I doubt very seriously if his fees would be anywhere close to that amount of money. That is just the procurement level that you can procure without having to do solicitation of bids.

**Allen:** What are you counting on doing with the property? Are you going to bulldoze all the stumps up when you get through?

**Wright:** That’s why I think, there’s language in there that should be a recommendation as to whether you go grub it or what you are going to do in terms of stabilizing it.

**Matthews:** We haven’t crossed that bridge yet?

**Allen:** Well, I mean, yeah, before you go to cutting it you ought to cross that bridge. It's gonna cost you more than what you will make out of it.

**Wright:** There is, clearly this property is treated differently. If you go to sell your timberland in A-1. That's a different process from selling this timberland this district. The ordinance that you have relating to the zone is probably going to require some erosion, sediment control plans a little bit more detail than just the normal sale of the property. Mrs. Edmondston can probably speak to that if you need any more information about that.

**Miles:** And just to add, Mr. Chairman, the committee that Supervisor Matthews and myself are on was created allow the Board to explore different options with regards to marketing that part and I know it's you know, become more of a hot issue because of the developments. But the committee has been around before that development came around. Again, it was a 10-1 vote. There are a lot of experts, including a timber cruiser who voted for this. So just to add.

**Wright:** Mr. Chairman, if it makes the Board more comfortable perhaps Mr. Miles would be interested in adding the condition the Board reserves the right to reject all offers.
Chambers: Add that to your motion?

Miles: Yes sir. Certainly.

Wright: That that way is no ambiguity.

Matthews: Second.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Miles, second by Supervisor Matthews that we sell this with the condition we just added that the Board got the right to reject all bids. All in favor the motion? Six Yes.

*Supervisor Miles moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board that the Board of Supervisors sell all the timber in the industrial park, that a forester be retained to handle the sale, that Gary Klein be hired as the forester, that the timber on the 10 acres that the Central Virginia Christian School has an option on to purchase be excluded from the sale, that a 100 foot buffer would be left on the LeSueur Street side of the property, that the forester advise the Board as to how to cut should be accomplished to entail the optimum land clearing for development, and the forester make a recommendation as to what should be done to the property to stabilize the land after the cut. The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject all bids.*

Re: County Attorney Matters

Chambers: All right. County Attorney matters.

Wright: I have one informational item. Mr. Chairman, as most of you are aware, the county was named in a suit filed at the courthouse in which there was a mandamus relating to a FOIA claim against the Board, against the Electoral Board. As you're aware Mr. Miles as in his individual capacity was the individual who brought that suit. And the parties appeared on the 12th of May, the court continued the matter to June 12. And by agreement to see if the Electoral Board will comply with the order mottos. The court reconvened on June 6, and at that time, the Electoral Board had responded to the FOIA request and the mission of the moving party, Mr. Miles in that matter felt that that was sufficient for what he was seeking and it was represented to the court the idea of moving forward, he would ask the court to dismiss that FOIA suit. The County has been now dismissed as a party and the suit is no longer pending. We never had an active role. We were named to sort of replace all of the servers but that's the status of that matter has been dismissed. If you have any questions about that. I'll be happy to try to answer them for you.

Chambers: Any Board member have a question for the County Attorney?

Wright: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chambers: Thank you.
Re: County Administrator’s Report

Carter: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman, I got a few things to go through real quick. In your packet tonight, you should see a letter from the US Department of Commerce congratulating Mr. Charles Kirby on getting Buckingham StormReady. Thank him for his hard work in doing that. It says that renewal is good for four years. Once again, thanks to Mr. Kirby for taking care of that for the county.

Also in your packet tonight, you see an invitation for the Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 17, as been mentioned before.

Also was mentioned earlier, the Comprehensive Plan meeting is this Thursday at the Community Center. So please Board members come and be a part of that as you know, that's gonna be an important document we have to adopt and it's going to shape the future of the county.

The Arvonia site that you guys approved to repair, have the entrance repaired to, that project should start at the end of the month. So you might have that site closed for a few days while they get that entrance right.

Davis: That was one of my questions, Karl.

Carter: Okay. It should start at the end of the month, around the 26th or 27, the week of the 26th they want to start there. So you should see some activity down there pretty soon.

We also got a letter from waste management advising us that our fees will increase for solid waste. That letter did not say how much the fee increase will be. So as I get more information I'll let you know about that and what the increased fee will be.

The last thing I have on my agenda you might have noticed tonight, the traffic signs in the courthouse village have been put up. Mr. Miles was essential in getting those to the county. It shouldn't say anything right now. It’s not turned on. It blinks. In a couple of weeks, they will be activated so you should see speed reading in a couple of weeks but it's gonna take a couple of weeks for to get activated.

That concludes my report, Mr. Chairman.

Re: Other Board Member Matters

Chambers: Any other Board Matters?

There were none.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Chambers declared the June 12, 2023 meeting adjourned.
ATTEST:

Karl Carter  
County Administrator

Joe N. Chambers, Jr.  
Chairman