

**Buckingham County  
Board of Supervisors  
May 10, 2021  
Monthly Meeting**

At a regular monthly meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Peter Francisco Auditorium of the Buckingham County Administration Complex, the following members were present: Don Matthews, Chairman; T. Jordan Miles, III, Vice-Chairman; Dennis Davis; Donald E. Bryan; Harry W. Bryant, Jr.; Joe N. Chambers, Jr.; and Danny R. Allen. Also present were Rebecca S. Carter, County Administrator; Karl Carter, Asst. County Administrator; Cheryl T. “Nicci” Edmondston, Zoning Administrator; Jamie Shumaker, IT Manager; Cody Davis, Emergency Services Manager; and E.M. Wright, Jr., County Attorney.

**Re: Call to Order**

Chairman Matthews called the meeting to order.

**Re: Establishment of a Quorum**

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

**Re: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Re: Approval of Agenda**

**Matthews:** Okay, how about the approval of the agenda, please?

**Allen:** So moved.

**Miles:** Second.

**Matthews:** We have a motion in a second. Any discussion? Call for the vote. Unanimous.

**Supervisor Allen moved, Vice Chairman Miles seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the agenda with addendum.**

**Re: Approval of Minutes**

**Matthews:** The approval of the minutes.

**Miles:** So moved, Mr. Chairman.

**Bryant:** Second.

**Matthews:** I have a motion and a second. Call for the vote. Seven of seven. Unanimous.

**Vice Chairman Miles moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the April 12 and 19, 2021 meetings as presented.**

**Re: Approval of Claims**

**Matthews:** Approval of claims.

**Bryan:** So moved Mr. Chairman.

**Allen:** Second.

**Matthews:** We have a motion and a second. Call for the vote. Unanimous.

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

**Re: Announcements**

There were none.

**Re: Public Comments**

**Matthews:** Public comments, Mrs. Lann?

**Lann:** We have Paul Forest, District 5.

**Matthews:** Paul Forest, District 5?

Mr. Forest was not present to speak.

**Re: VDOT Road Matters**

Matthews: Okay, Item 1 is going to be Scott Frederick, Division Resident Engineer for the Department of Transportation regarding Road Matters.

**Frederick:** Can you hear me?

**Matthews:** All right, we're ready for you.

**Frederick:** Oh, are you guys already on the road matters?

**Matthews:** Yes, sir. We're driving 55.

**Frederick:** If you blink you'll miss it. If it's really my turn I can go ahead and do it. Okay, well the debris removal has been our biggest focus in the residency in the last two months, and we wrapped up about two weeks ago. That's from that fallen debris way that we got that event that occurred the weekend of Valentine's Day. But like I said, we wrapped that up two weeks ago. Last week, we did our dry run for all of our mowing equipment. And all of our equipment was in really good shape so mowing on our primary route started today. We typically take two to three weeks to mow the primaries. And then we're going to switch right into secondary mowing. So typically, those take a little over three weeks to mow so we're looking at five to six weeks total mowing to do our first round. That could take towards the end of June and at that time, we will roll into rural rustic. All the debris removal we've done, has made it a challenge to keep up with routine maintenance. But we've been doing our best to do that. Well, like you'll see us out and about machining gravel roads, fixing potholes, working on drainage issues. I think I reported last month that we had fixed those ditches on Route 633 where water was kind of running down the sides of the roadway. We have been able to keep up but some of our things that we do in the late winter like cut brush, things like that have gotten a little bit behind. So we're gonna just work with you get caught up with our routine maintenance. And we're going to be mowing for the next few months. I can switch gears and take comments from the Board right after, I wanted to request that you guys do a public hearing in the June Board of Supervisors meeting. I thought it would be a good time to do the public hearing for the six year plan. I know you guys have to advertise for that. We also have some options, but I'd like to do a work session with you guys at some point throughout, you know, before, in the next two weeks is what I'm hoping. If you guys have another meeting where you would already be together. I'd be happy to just come and you know, either be on the front or back end of that. So we can schedule that at your convenience. But I would like to do a public hearing in June so that we can get the six year plan resolutions completed.

**Matthews:** What is the date of our June meeting?

**K. Carter:** June 14.

**Matthews:** Is that good for you. Mrs. Carter?

**Carter:** We can schedule it for June 14.

**Matthews:** Today is the 10th. So just want to wait till after or a little later on in the meeting to see how everything hashes out to schedule the work session? Is that how you want to do that?

**Carter:** Just go ahead and schedule the hearing for June. And then we can see if we have any more meetings this month. I'll check back with you, Scott about work session.

**Fredrick:** Yeah, that would be fine. Like, it would be similar to what we did about a little over a year ago, where I can print the maps that show which routes that are unpaved gravel road that have higher traffic volumes. But the map that I bring shows the routes that have 50 vehicles per day. And then we can just talk about what the priorities of the board are to work towards getting in the program. It looks like the funding that we have in FY27, is going to be about 5 miles of roadway. No a whole lot there and if we chose to just wait, and either way we have to do a public hearing, but we could always just bank roll that money and wait a year and program two years' worth at a time. And it can vary. If we get the same amount of funding 28. You know, we would be able to do about 10 miles for next year. And I don't know if the board would entertain that idea. We could do it that way. And it wouldn't require at work session. But it's a lot to talk about in just a few minutes. But if you don't lose the funding, it's specific to the county. So even if we just wait a year, it won't hurt you at all. So but we could talk about that at the work session. Either way is fine with me.

**Matthews:** What's the pleasure of the Board? What would you guys like to do? Do the work session? Is that what you want to do?

**Miles:** Sure.

**Matthews:** Okay, we'll probably just go ahead and do a work session between now and the 14th of June. But we'll know more about that later on in this meeting. So we'll just have to let you know what date that's gonna be on. Is that okay with you, Mr. Fredrick?

**Fredrick:** Yeah, I'd like to do the work session by June the 7<sup>th</sup>. That would give me time to get a draft plan put together to have an out for public hearing. It takes a few days for programming to program it. But as long as we do the work session, up to a week before will be fine with me.

**Matthews:** I think we can make that work.

**Fredrick:** Okay, well, thank you Board. Is there any comments, any road matters that you have for me?

**Davis:** This is Supervisor Davis from District 1. I got a question for you. I know a couple of years ago they were talking about doing a survey on the speed limit on 15 from Bremono Bridge up past to Gold Hill. We had another bad accident there last week and I've had several people in my district to come to me and want to know whether they were thinking of reducing the speed limit through that stretch or anything? Do you know anything on that?

**Fredrick:** Not off the top of my head and I don't. I could pull the wreck file and see what...I'm sure that section has been studied. Maybe like within the last few years. I don't know the results of that. It was before my time. I've only been in this role about two years. And it hasn't been studied since I've been here. So I can pull that and bring you what I do know at the next meeting, and I can also submit it to be restudied, maybe if it hasn't been done in the last, you know, five years. Has there been any kind of growth or in that area that would cause a traffic increase?

**Davis:** Well, it's all those roads in Arvonina there, they come out into 15 right there. And you know, we had a bad accident in Jax last year with the lady and a young child killed. And then we had a bad one right there at Bremono last week. And it's just all the time through that stretch it seems like it's always a bad accident. So I just...

**Fredrick:** Okay.

**Davis:** If it hasn't been one done in a while, I would appreciate if you could look into that for me.

**Fredrick:** Yeah, I'll pull up a file and see what's contained. And if it hasn't been studied in like the last three years, I'll resubmit it for a speed study near the Bremono Bridge and see what they recommend doing. Yeah, no problem at all.

**Davis:** Thank you.

**Miles:** Mr. Chairman. Just one quick issue, sir. So Mr. Fredrick, on Gieseke Road right as it enters 15 there, but it's actually on Gieseke Road is a huge pothole. We didn't know if y'all can take a look at that. And it appears there's been some light patching maybe in the past two weeks, but there's a really big hole right here. And I know there are a lot of tractor trailers and a little bit of residential traffic there. So if y'all can take a look at that, please, sir.

**Fredrick:** Yeah, could you say the cross street one more time? I got 15.

**Miles:** Sure. Gieseke Road and 15.

**Matthews:** It's just north of Kyanite Mining Corporation.

**Fredrick:** Yeah, I say that wrong. I got you now. Thank you.

**Miles:** Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Matthews:** Yes, sir. I've got one a couple things to Mr. Fredrick. First thing is you talked about Route 633, that you guys did some work, drainage work right there. I happen to come through there and that's the pretty low spot and its mighty narrow through there, what did you actually do? I didn't really see much of anything other than you put a little bit of gravel on the shoulder of the road. So what actually occurred there can you tell me?

**Fredrick:** We actually like cleaned the ditches. They were totally full. There's a little section, it was under a quarter mile long but there was a crack in the road and we actually redefine the ditches and adjusted a pipe at a driveway tie in. We removed a bunch of cedar trees. It was a sight distance improvement in that area. And cleaned the ditch to the bottom of the hill there and back through a cross line pipe. Prior to us doing that water just ran right down the edge of the roadway. So it's a really good drainage improvement anytime you get the water off the road like we did with that one.

**Matthews:** But I'm a little concerned if somebody gets off the road there and it's not very wide there. There is a lot of farm traffic on that road its going to create a really bad rut and it's going to be hard to get back on the road if you if you get off with just a regular residential vehicle like a car or pickup truck or SUV or something. Are y'all keeping an eye on that to make sure to stay in intact so that we don't ... you I know how sometimes people get a little quick on that road? So it's two or three subdivisions through there's a lot of people that that road drains a lot of traffic out from 15.

**Fredrick:** Yeah, we will. Mostly watching it right now to make sure that the grass is established. (phone started breaking up) Yeah, six inches or so you know, we're trying to make sure it stays in place. And I feel like the grass last time I saw some doing well, but we'll keep an eye on it for sure. And if it needs any type of maintenance, we will take care of it.

**Matthews:** Okay. The other thing is, I noticed I know they're making a lot of progress at the intersection of 636 at Shepards. But I've had some complaints with how rough that road is through there when people are coming through there. They couldn't kind of smooth that out a little bit?

**Fredrick:** Yeah. Okay, I know exactly what you're talking about. I did mill the surface off the roadway there. And anytime you open it up when you mill it you kind of fracture it. The mill rises again. And it

kind of wants to fall apart on you. The road wasn't in the greatest shape in the first place. But they should be topping that project in the near future is what I was told. They're slightly behind the project at Duck's Corner. And they milled that off and topped it I think last week or the week before, and I was told that Shepards Corner would not be far behind it. So hopefully they can get that topping put down and it will feel like a brand new road through there very soon. I'll check the schedule and make sure nothing has changed. But I'm looking for that to get done soon. They've got the same thing down here in Prince Edward County on 15 at another Smart Scale project is going on where the road is rough right now because they milled it off. They milled the top of the road off where they are widening to establish the grade that they'll be tying into it. I guess it's a common practice, especially in this area, to make sure it's ties in right and you don't have a future drainage problem. It may need to be patched in the interim if they're not going to top in the near future.

**Matthews:** Yeah, that'd be good. Okay. All right. Are you still there?

**Fredrick:** Yes, sir. Yes, I thought you said you had a few things so I was waiting.

**Matthews:** I'm done. But I appreciate it. Yeah, if they don't get it patched back we might need you to do it before sooner or later comes. It's pretty rough as far as everybody is concerned.

**Fredrick:** Well, thank you for addressing those concerns.

**Allen:** I'd like to make a motion that we set a public hearing for June 14 for the six year plan for VDOT.

**Bryan:** I second that.

**Matthews:** We have a motion and a second to set the public hearing for VDOT on June 14. Call for the vote. 7-0 Unanimous.

**Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to schedule a public hearing for the Six Year Plan for the June 14, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting.**

**Matthews:** All right. Thank you, Mr. Frederick. We appreciate it. We will be in touch about the work session too. Okay. All right. Thank you.

**Fredrick:** Thank you again.

**Re: Public Hearing: Case 21-SUP282 Steven & John Wicks Request to Apply for a Special Use Permit to Operate a Custom Woodworking Shop**

**Edmondston:** Good evening, Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board. Tonight we're actually having the public hearing for Case 21-SUP282, which is Steven and John wicks. Steven Wicks is our landowner. John Wicks is the applicant. His request is for a Special Use Permit to operate a custom woodworking shop and this will be located Tax Map 80 Parcel 40 which is 2451 Banton Shop Road, Dillwyn. It's zoned A-1 and this type of usage does require a special use permit. You may remember last month in the introduction Mr. Wicks indicated in his narrative that he wishes to own a small self-contained woodworking shop in studio in order to create any custom and artistic sets of furniture. Both Steven and John Wicks are available and in the audience tonight for questions or concerns.

**Matthews:** We need to open the meeting. We need a motion.

**Bryan:** We don't need one.

**Matthews:** The meeting is open. Any discussion? Any questions from the board?

**Lann:** No one signed up to speak.

**Chambers:** This is in my district. I don't have a problem with it.

**Matthews:** Awesome.

**Allen:** Only thing I'd like to say is we had some pictures in the Planning Commission and it was awful pretty work they do.

**Matthews:** If there's no further discussion or questions, we will close the public hearing.

**Chambers:** Mr. Chairman, I'll make a motion to approve.

**Miles:** I'll second, Mr. Chairman.

**Matthews:** All right, we have a motion and a second. Call for the vote to be approved. Everything's good to go. Mr. Wicks. Thank you guys. Appreciate it. Welcome to the County of Buckingham.

**Wicks:** Thank you very much for all of the cooperation and interest and we will have some good stuff out there pretty soon.



## **Re: Zoning Matters**

There were no new zoning matters at this time.

## **Re: Presentation: Davenport & Company: Potential Refunding Opportunity**

R.T. Taylor: Thank you all for having me this evening. My name is R.T. Taylor with Davenport & Company. Hard copies of the presentation are coming around right now. I believe y'all might have had some preliminary information in your packages as well. So hopefully this isn't new information. But I'll walk through it fairly steadily, but not at a snail's pace. Y'all step in and let me know if you want to keep it conversational. But I want to highlight a few things that are important to the process. Big picture tonight, we're just looking for your blessing to move forward with a dual track approach regarding a potential refinancing opportunity. So if you will just turn with me to page one, as financial advisor to the county, we do periodically and frequently review the county's debt portfolio for potential refunding candidates. And based on the currently historical lows of interest rates, we found your 2019 lease revenue bond that's with BB&T is a potential refunding candidate. If you'll step to the next page, this just gives you a little bit of perspective on what rates have been doing over the past several decades. But more importantly, in the past few years. So the chart on the left just shows you that a couple decades approach and how it's gotten to the bottom. The one on the right, it's a little bit easier to see the last few years. And you may recall in all around the August 2019 timeframe, this chart on the right, it was roughly about 3%. So that's your tax exempt municipal bond indicator graph. And when you borrowed back in 2019, your interest rate was so good rate 2.87%. But again, rates have come down even further. Additionally, as we turn to the next page, you're gonna see that that interest rate of 2.87 was locked in for the first 15 years. You've got about roughly 18 years left to go on it now with a principal balance of about \$5 million. So what we're looking at with rates with the appetite in the market, you could potentially go ahead and just fix the rate through final maturity in 2039. Okay, so, again, your rate currently is set at 2.87% and would reset around 2034. And you'd have a few years left to go. What we're saying is with rates so low right now, we can go ahead and lock that up for the remainder. Okay. Um, and we can do that one of two ways. What we would propose doing, what we do quite often is dual track. We'll go down the path of distributing an RFP or Request for Proposals to the banks on the county's behalf. Get asked for those bids back when a date and time certain. We're thinking June 2. Additionally submitting a VRA application which was due earlier this month, May 3 and by submitting the application, the county is not obligated. You could pull that application at any time up until about mid-June when they say, Are you in or you're out? It's just to get your place in line to participate in the state program pool. Okay, so again, we're tracking the banks, we're tracking VRA. What the VRA does for you, it gains you access to the public markets without going out and getting off credit rating on your own and going to the bond markets on your own which could be more costly than going through the state pool. What we are proposing in alignment with VRA's key due dates, is coming back and presenting to you the results of the bank RFP approach. So we have firm bids in hand from the banks on

June 2. We will circle up with accounting staff and do some analytical work with them and bond counsel leading up to the meeting on June 14, where we would come to you and present those actual results from the banks and compare that to what a VRA pricing would be at then current market interest rates. Now, it's important to note, while we'll have firm bids in hand on June 2 from the banks, and they typically hold those proposals firm, through closing, which can be done mid-June or July, the VRA will still have some time before they price their bonds. They price their bonds on or about July 21. That's their tentative bond sale date. So the month... it doesn't close July, but that's when they go out in the markets, price their bonds and your interest rate is known. Your savings are known at that time. So going back to your June 14 meeting, we'll show you firm bids and actual results from the banks versus what current market looks like for VRA. And at that point in time, we've just asked, you'll be able to determine which way to go. If the savings look appetizing and you want to lock it in with the bank. Great, go ahead. If current markets are still hanging in there with us through the public markets through the Virginia State program, we'll go forward that way. So we'll just look for that key decision point in mid-June from your Board meeting. So that sort of jumped through a bunch of these, but are there any questions about the timing, what we're doing with the banks versus VRA?

**Miles:** It does look like we can save money, Mr. Chairman, in terms of refinancing.

**Matthews:** To the tune of \$390,611. I just like to say that.

**Taylor:** That's right. So if you turn to page six, this just gives you a current market look. This is assuming that we stick with the VRA program, get our pricing in mid-July, and we closed early August. But again, you would have to wait till August to lock your savings in. Their savings get locked in their pricing mid-July. So right now we're estimating saving about 20,000 a year over the next 18 years. You get a little bit of a bump in the first year of 55,000. So over the life of the loan, you'd save roughly 390,000 based on current market rates. Now that can flow up and down over the next couple months, which we'll monitor along with the VRA staff and make sure we're up to speed on what the current markets doing. And when you come back in June, for your June 14 meeting, you'll have a resolution to consider at that time of whether you're moving forward with the banks or whether you're moving forward with the VRA. And at that time, you can set some parameters to say, okay, well, if we go with VRA, we want to hit X amount percent, etc. We want to hit this level of savings. And so all that will be determined over the next 30 days are so as we gear up for that.

**Matthews:** I have a question. Does your company negotiate with the VRA and the bank? Is that how you are gonna play this thing for us to find out at the end of the day, what, who we're going to go with? Is that what you do?

**Taylor:** Yes, sir. So we put out the request for proposals and the banks, we have a database of over called over 100 banks, both locally, regionally, and nationally. And so they're used to our RFP process,

they know we run a clean process and we expect bids on a date and time certainly. We follow up with the banks to clarify the proposals as we're meeting with staff and making sure we're all in sync on what exactly are the terms and conditions. We're very familiar with the VRA and they have a pretty static program. There's not a whole lot of negotiation, if you will. They have a set of bond payments, and we but we do work with them and their bond counsel and your bond counsel to make sure all the terms and conditions are the most favorable light for the county.

**Matthews:** What do you perceive the lowest interest rate? I mean, what do you anticipate?

**Taylor:** Right now the current market around 2.10. But that's, again, that subject to change until VRA prices its bonds in mid-July, but again, we're a very favorable levels. Are we at the absolute bottom? No. We've been a little bit lower, but we are still at historically very favorable rates.

**Carter:** At this point, can we schedule a hearing?

**Taylor:** I don't believe you have to have a public hearing, but I will defer to your bond counsel on that. But that that would be anticipated if you're going to hold one. Sometimes the county wouldn't be required to hold the public hearing by the programmer or the banks or anything but you may have it in your charter. That's again, if VRA is the preferred option, we've sort of only get one swing of the bat to participate in the summer pool. Now, if something slides or something gets wonky, they do another pool in the fall. But I believe the way that we've coordinated this schedule, you've got plenty of time to get things in line for the summer.

**Matthews:** But I just want to say thank you to Mr. Carter, Mrs. Carter, and the staff. They work diligently to help us get these interest rates for our taxpayers to be affordable. So number one this project was a great project that we needed, and it's really something that I'm proud of. And, of course, this makes me even more proud that we can save \$390,000. Any other discussion? Thoughts?

**Miles:** I would move, Mr. Chairman that we move forward with the dual track approach as presented with soliciting proposals from direct bank loan via a competitive RFP process and application to the Virginia Resource Authority summer pool.

**Bryan:** Second.

**Matthews:** We have a motion and a second. All right. Call for the vote to move along with this process. Unanimous that we're gonna take this step forward. And so thank you so much.

**Taylor:** Thank you.

*Vice Chairman Miles moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to move forward with the dual track approach with Davenport and Company as presented with soliciting proposals from direct bank loan via a competitive RFP process and make application to the Virginia Resource Authority summer pool.*

**Re: Request to Appropriate \$5,000 for a Virginia Department of Justice Federal Grant for the Clerk of Circuit Courts budget to support a broad range of activities to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus**

**K. Carter:** Good evening, Mr. Chairman. In your packets tonight you have a grant award letter from the Circuit Court Clerk, Justin Midkiff. They received a grant from the Department of Criminal Justice in the amount of \$5,000. This grant is requiring matching funds. So I'm asking you tonight to appropriate \$5,000 from the Clerks budget line item 4-100-21600-6001 and attached in your packet, you get a copy of the grant award letter.

**Allen:** So moved.

**Bryan:** Second.

**Matthews:** A motion and a second to award this grant to Mr. Midkiff's Office. Call for the vote. Unanimous.

*Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appropriate \$5,000 from Clerk's Budget Line Item 4-100-21600-6001 as the match to a grant from the Department of Criminal Justice.*

**Re: General Properties: Request to Advertise for A/# Services for Courthouse Renovation and Maintenance Matters**

**Carter:** Yes, as you know, we have money in the budget for capital improvements in the courthouse. And due to the pandemic last year, and being uncertain of our revenue coming in, you all put those on hold. But there are some things down there now that we do need to at least get prices on and see if we can move forward. And Daniel has provided that information there. He wants to assess the extent of the damage caused by the issues that he told you there. We have the problems on the interior and exterior of the old section of the courthouse. The original section of the courthouse has visible and possible hidden damage due to moisture and age. The moisture appears to be seeping in through the brick above and below the grade. And the damage consists of some deteriorating brick, possible rot and plaster damage. If you all will remember, I think we had part of that cave in before. And so we don't want to get to that point with that. And then the walls surrounding the courtyard are failing. The retaining walls

are not tied to the footer and at least some locations which is causing them to lean and one case fall. So we do want to permanently remedy that issue before it has to be done to make costs more money. So he's asking for us to be able to do requests for A/E services and RFP to identify the exact causes of our issues and determine appropriate solutions. And so that description is to access the extent of damage caused by the aforementioned issues, produce a solution that solves these problems and a permanent fashion, provide detailed drawings and plans for all work and specified proper materials and procedures for executing the solution. So this time we're asking authority to do a request for proposals for engineering services, architect and engineering services.

**Allen:** So moved.

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

**Matthews:** Motion by Mr. Allen, second by Mr. Miles to address those concerns with the courthouse interior and exterior issues, can we call for the vote, please? Unanimous.

**Supervisor Allen moved, Vice Chairman Miles seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve to advertise for Request for Proposals for A/E services for courthouse repairs.**

**Re: Buckingham County Firemen's Association Request for the County to provide four Solid Waste Containers for the July 24<sup>th</sup> Tractor Pull**

**Matthews:** This a onetime issue. We have a motion. A second, please?

Okay, we got a motion and a second. We call for the vote. Any discussion? This is a great event, make sure everybody gets a ticket. It is a fundraiser for our volunteer fire department. So this is something that would help the county out tremendously. The citizens, we rely on our volunteer fire departments, Toga, Arvonnia, Glenmore and Dillwyn. All right. So that's unanimous.

**Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve to provide four solid waste containers for the tractor pull on July 24, 2021.**

**Re: Department of Social Services: Consider appointment to the Social Services Board of Directors**

**Matthews:** Okay. Department of Social Services consider appointment to the Social Services Board.

**Allen:** I think I saw a name here but I haven't seen if they wanted the job or not.

**Miles:** It says she does.

**Chambers:** I make a motion to appoint that person.

**Miles:** I second, Mr. Chairman to appoint Nancy Hall Stuart.

**Matthews:** We have a motion to appoint Nancy Hall Stuart to the Social Services Board. We have a motion and a second. So we'll call for the vote if there's no discussion. Unanimous. We can contact Mrs. Stuart to let her know she is a member of the Social Services Board.

**Supervisor Chambers moved, Vice Chairman Miles seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Nancy Hall Stuart to the Social Services Board for a term of four years, ending June 2025.**

**Re: Consider Letter of Appreciation to Linda Paige for her service on the Social Services Board**

**Matthews:** Right now we have consider letter of appreciation to Linda Paige for her service on the Social Services Board of Directors.

**Bryan:** So moved, Mr. Chairman.

**Allen:** Second.

**Matthews:** We have a motion and a second to acknowledge Mrs. Paige's service on that board. Can we call for the vote? Unanimous. Okay.

**Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to send a letter of appreciation to Linda Paige for her service on the Social Services Board.**

**Re: Consider recommendation of the Solid Waste Committee regarding bid results for Dillwyn Solid Waste Site Renovation**

**Matthews:** Okay, consider the recommendation of the solid waste committee regarding bid results on the Dillwyn Solid Waste Site renovation.

**Bryan:** That will be me, Mr. Chairman.

**Matthews:** Okay, Mr. Bryan.

**Bryan:** It appears Pearson Construction has offered the lowest bid. And we are moving forward and recommending Pearson Construction. They are recommending the start date of July 12. And they

should be completed on time. They have done two other sites in the county. So they're well versed on what needs to be done. And their bid came in well under the engineer's estimate. So we're happy for that.

**Matthews:** Do we need a motion?

**Carter:** Yes. We definitely need a motion.

**Chambers:** So moved.

**Bryant:** Second.

**Matthews:** We have a motion and a second to move on with the solid waste, recommendations on the solid waste committee regarding the bid results. And I think this is the last one that has to go online. So we're really excited about it. I think this has been a tremendous asset to the county. Keeping it clean and making our place enjoyable for tourists and citizens to come through. I really truly believe that.

**Carter:** I'd like to add that in the upcoming budget of July 1 which this will be paid out of, you all do have \$200,000 budget that we have enough. I believe Mr. Carter carried over for this fiscal year to pay for it without having to have additional money appropriated.

**Miles:** Awesome.

**Chambers:** Can I ask a question?

**Matthews:** Yes, sir.

**Chambers:** During construction will the site be closed to the public?

**Bryan:** No, sir. There is possibly the possibility of one, one day that to Dillwyn site will be closed. And that's due to boring under the road right there as you come into the site. It's going to be done in phases. If you're not familiar with it, the dumpsters are going to be relocated, and out of sight.

**Matthews:** Call for the vote please. Unanimous. We will move on. I'm excited for you.

**Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to accept the bid from Pearson Construction for the Dillwyn Solid Waste Site and move forward with construction.**

**Davis:** It's good to have contractors from the County too.



**Bryan:** Yes sir. Absolutely.

**Re: Consider Emergency Services Committee Recommendation**

**Matthews:** All right. The next item is consider the rescue squad committee recommendation. I'm gonna turn that over to Mr. Davis and back him up if he needs any and I'm sure Mr. Allen will back me up.

**Davis:** Do you want to read the exact recommendation?

**Matthews:** I sure can. Okay. The Rescue Squad committee consisting of Chairman Matthews, Supervisor Allen, Cody Davis, EM Wright, Karl Carter, and Mrs. Carter have been considering the overall emergency squad services to the citizens of the county. The committee directed EM Wright, Jr., Cody Davis and Mrs. Carter to meet with the President of the Delta Response Team that we now have a contract with for partial provider services. While we are very appreciative of the good working relationship and services provided by DRT, it is the committee's recommendation that the county move forward with having a complete county managed emergency services staff. DRT has certainly been an asset to us in our times of transitioning from volunteer to county operated. DRT has advised they understand the direction we wish to go but recommends we transition all instead of continuing to hire more of our staff and still contract some shifts with them. The committee agrees with this scenario also, for the same reason as DRT, and that is to not leave DRT staff in limbo of job security. We see where several counties are now staffing their own emergency medical staff and we feel the county should move forward as soon as possible in order to be able to attract qualified personnel since we see the field of such qualified personnel is starting to become very competitive. As you know we have already planned for this budget wise, but wanted to continue to contract some of the services to DRT until we could be better postured to take on the full responsibility. We feel we can now effectively and professionally provide that service through a complete county operated agency. This operation will still be within the approved county budget. Therefore it is the recommendation that the county be proactive and move forward to becoming county fully staffed beginning September 1, 2021. Pursuant to your approval, the committee will begin recruiting applicants to fill the positions and make a report back to the Board of Supervisors. Again, I want it to be well known that this recommendation has nothing to do with any problems with the services provided by the Delta Response Team.

**Davis:** So I'm just here to answer any questions you might have. I want to reiterate that financially it ends up shaking out the same. We can dive into the specifics and I believe we ended up getting a little bit more versatile on this, you know, staff with the same amount of money in terms of, you know, we're going to hire somebody doing emergency management stuff to help with that level of things and things like that also. So, again, nothing negative towards DRT. It's just if you look at a broad spectrum, a lot of localities and agencies are starting to hire their own folks, and they're beginning to offer very competitive packages just like we do and will and you know, EMS providers, especially the medic level



folks are, you know, they can basically have their choosing. So, you know, we feel the quicker we can get into the game and push our attractive package to folks and secure those folks, the better. So I'm very optimistic. I think it's a heavy lift without a doubt. I'm not making light of that. But I think we've got a good team working on it. And so I think it's a positive thing, certainly. But again, I'm just here to answer any questions from any of you guys.

**Bryant:** Are you going to start advertising for personnel, right away?

**C. Davis:** Yes.

**D. Davis:** How many people are we looking to hire, Cody?

**C. Davis:** Full time, we need to bring on an additional 15 EMS providers. And, again, there will be... we will need a part time pool as well. To help cover any gaps that might arise. I don't think we'll have any gaps because our staff, our schedule regimen is a very modern, attractive one that will keep employees happy and working when they're supposed to. And aside from the 15, full time, EMS providers, and then whatever, you know, a couple of part times, like I said, we're gonna bring on an emergency manager as well. We are achieving all of that within that same budget, that number we... you guys approved already for the contract staff.

**Miles:** Mr. Chairman?

**Matthews:** Yes, sir.

**Miles:** So, Mr. Davis in terms of savings or, or not, it's it is going to be within the budget?

**C. Davis:** Yes.

**Miles:** With these... Okay. Thank you. And then approximately, did you have any idea how many part time folks?

**C. Davis:** I believe, a pool of 10 part timers or so would give us enough to choose from if something were to arise. And again, you know, other than uniform cost, those individuals don't cost you anything until you use them. I believe that is also been budgeted outside of our contract figure line item previously. So, again, we're not asking you guys to throw in any extra money to achieve this.

**Matthews:** I just like to say that, you know, DRT, in my opinion, didn't have to help us in a time of need, but they did a tremendous job getting us started off on the right foot. And I just want everybody to know that, you know, it's nothing that DRT has done, in my opinion. Moving forward, it's just that the time has come for Buckingham to grow, and expand this thing so. I think services are going to really,

not that it's bad now, but I think it's going to be better with this new situation. So I just want to thank Cody for the job that he's done. You know, organizing this and keeping everybody on the straight, narrow path and Mr. Wright, making sure we do what we need to do legally. So anyway, I think everything is gonna work out for the betterment of the citizens.

**C. Davis:** And, you know, it's a nationwide, even regional issue, I guess, the other hurdle that we crossed last year. And then and then this one, and you guys as a Board, supporting the efforts to cross these hurdles and sure things up the right way. You know, we're not half tailing the, our solutions to these at all. We're, we're making solutions that really solve problems, and then even give us a forward leaning posture. And the whole process behind this is that we don't want to be caught in this predicament where we have to react, sort of like we were with that initial hurdle. We want to start gaining some proactiveness into our approach here, and I think this will accomplish that.

**Matthews:** Do we have a motion? Any more discussion or any other questions?

**Bryan:** Mr. Bryant made a motion, and I seconded.

**Matthews:** Okay. Can we call for the vote?

**Supervisor Bryant moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to proceed with the Emergency Management Committee's recommendation to county move forward with having a complete county managed emergency services staff by September 1, 2021 and approve to begin recruiting such staff.**

**Allen:** Just in the meantime, I just want to say one more time, DRT was a big help to Buckingham County. I really appreciate what everything they've done and continue to do. They have been a big help to the County and I really appreciate it.

**Matthews:** Absolutely.

**Miles:** Can I ask a quick question while we are waiting on supervisor for Davis, Mr. Chairman. So is there...do you have a forecast or plan as to like, you know, the next three to 10 years as to staffing or anything like that. Just for discussion. Mr. Davis.

**C. Davis:** I think what we've accomplished in terms of level of staffing already, you know, we put additional trucks on the road, and then reopened Glenmore is a vehicle that we can ride for a good while, you know, there are certainly avenues that if we had all the money in the world and things like that, you know, there are other things I would love to do. But again, it all comes down to financial. But I think in

terms of, you know, baseline services we have, we've checked what we need to and that we're in a comfortable place to basically, like I said, be able to respond to any needs that might arise.

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

**Bryan:** Mr. Carter, have you heard of any more COVID money coming down the pipeline? I read on NACO, National Association of Counties, briefing today that the Treasury Department has opened up money for counties?

**Carter:** Yeah, you have to have that in your budget for this year, \$3.3 million. That was in the budget you just approved. In that we just did an offset, we put it as a revenue and then expenditure as a reserve, because it will have restrictions too but the difference in that and the CARES money is you can use that for revenue recovery. If you had a loss of revenue.

**Bryan:** You can certainly use it for caregiving and equipment as well, right?

**Carter:** The CARES money could not be used for revenue recovery. If we lost revenue, we could not replace it with that. With this we can.

**Bryan:** We could use it for equipment?

**Carter:** As long as it's related to COVID.

**Miles:** The new money?

**Carter:** It has to be somehow related to the pandemic. We have a lot to learn on it yet. We need to call somebody. We have a lot to learn on it that yet. But

**Bryan:** More ambulances?

**Carter:** Possibly.

**Matthews:** We got a grant for those didn't we?

**Bryan:** We got two new ones. If we're, the way I'm looking at this, if we have free money right now from the government, I would like to...I said it before, I want to spend every penny of it. I don't want to give anything back to the government. Nothing. Zero. Zilch. I want to be able to spend it on what we need. You know, could we look at possibly, you know, a incorporating another one? Possibly for Glenmore, or, you know, to replace some of the older ambulances that we have. You know, and then if

nothing else, Cody, you know, just instead of racking the models up on just one certain, at least spread the mileage out.

**C. Davis:** Right. Well, right now, you know, on a given day, we've got three crews staffing things. So one of our crews is still riding one of the older units. And you can see, you know, point blank, the other two crews that get to ride the new stuff, never have to swap units but that one crew in the older one is constantly, I've got this problem. I need to go grab a different one.

**Carter:** We'll have to look at the new guidelines.

**C. Davis:** I did not put him to that. I do appreciate it though.

**Matthews:** Okay, we've got a unanimous vote to proceed with this. Good job all the way around. Thank you.

**D. Davis:** Cody before you leave, how is the progress going on the Glenmore building?

**C. Davis:** Very well. All the walls are up, roofs are on. We're starting to move into interior work. They won't be long before hopefully, we get our certificate of occupancy on the new stuff, can transition folks into the news parts, and then remodel the old part. But things are moving right along. They assure us we're still on schedule. You know, I don't know a lot about construction. They still got they got a lot of boogieing to do. It's impressive. I encourage all of you guys out there and look at it.

**Bryant:** I rode by there today. It's looking good.

**Matthews:** Thank you, Mr. Davis.

**D. Davis:** Thank you.

**Re: Consider requiring all businesses to register their businesses with the County**

**Matthews:** This next item is considered requiring all businesses to register their businesses with the county court take this

**Carter:** Yeah, several years back, we proposed to...we asked the board to approve a business registration, and I think it was maybe a \$5 fee. But that fee would go to the Chamber of Commerce to help the businesses. The board turned that down. And actually the Chamber didn't support that either at the time. But what we ran into is, especially when we have the grants with the CARES money, we did not know where or how to locate all the people that have businesses in the county to send them an

application to help to try and help them. And also, as you see, with some of the zoning cases, we're finding people that's in business that we didn't know. Then they found out they need to get it SUP or whatever. So we're not...if you don't want to put another fee, or another tax on people, if it would just be a requirement that they would register their business so we know. With this new money we just talked about coming for the federal government, you are will be able to offer grants again to the businesses, but we just don't have a list and that it would be...and we know everyone's not going to. But at least if we have a registration, we have a good idea.

**Bryan:** I was a big supporter of that, Mrs. Carter. And my justification for it was at least a \$5 fee would help in producing, like we produce phone books that would produce a directory for businesses, where if somebody asked for a locksmith, you know, they didn't have to ask, hey, you know, do you know a locksmith in the county? No, you look in the book and everything is there. Because I agree here a ton of businesses that are not being utilized.

**Miles:** Mr. Chairman, is this is the \$5 fee going to be one time or annual?

**Carter:** That's up to you, if you even want to charge a fee. I was thinking a onetime thing. But that's up to you. It really won't cost us in the county anything to generate other than advertising to let people know.

**Matthews:** I'm a big proponent of small businesses. You know, we can do it for nothing, I just as soon do it for nothing.

**Miles:** I agree.

**Bryan:** Your problem is gonna be with producing a book.

**Matthews:** I understand. But maybe the Chamber can help with something like that.

**Bryan:** I mean, I even recommend giving the money to the Chamber. You know, just to help offset the cost of reproduction for the book.

**Matthews:** I mean, we're going to try to advertise it to get everybody on board. I'm sure they're gonna be people that miss it, and are not understand what's going on. But then I guess we need a motion on how you want to do it, if you want to with the \$5 or not \$5.

**Allen:** My thought right now. We just went through a big discussion on his core drilling about registering. And the problem came up that everybody, every business in the county would have to register. And we did not want that. And I know, our lawyer talked about it and didn't want to see that

happen. And I thought it was a big issue that we didn't want to see this no more and now it's brought up again, when we just had a big discussion about it. And we dropped it because registration was the issue. So I don't know why we're bringing it back up again. I know you're saying you want to see who's in the county, but...

**Carter:** I think it's just been very beneficial, especially to the zoning administrator, you just had an application of someone that says she's been in business for three years. And we didn't know it. That's the thing.

**Bryan:** I totally agree.

**Allen:** How is it going to change anything?

**Carter:** If they register, we will know.

**Bryan:** Let me let me ask you something. Mr. Allen, you've lived here for forever and a day in the county. Okay. What about the people that are moving into this county that don't know anybody? You know, they weren't born and raised here. I've lived here 20 years, I'm still an outsider.

**Matthews:** You will always be an outsider.

**Bryan:** I will always be an outside because I was not, I was not born here and did not graduate here. So I'm considered an outsider. It would be nice, you know, it would be something attractive for our citizens to know that if they needed the service, that service is available. You know, then they don't have to go to Farmville to find a locksmith when we have one here. You know, that's my only thing and, you know, I'll go either way with a five or without the five. But, you know, it's certainly voluntary. If you don't want to register and evidently you don't want, you know, anybody calling you to use your business.

**Matthews:** I do think it's a good form of advertisement, as you know, people that are not knowledgeable of the county. I do believe that.

**Miles:** Mr. Chairman.

**Matthews:** Yes, sir.

**Miles:** So, just, I appreciate what Supervisor Bryan is saying. I will tell you this, just observationally saying, you know, the Chamber of Commerce and I know everybody got it, because we all are living here in the county, puts out a guidebook every year, also the directory, and it's \$35 a year to join the Chamber and the county's a member. I'm afraid, Mr. Chairman, of some redundancy. I don't want to see

us charge businesses \$5. And the end result would be a list. But I think we can think about this a little bit, because we've got a directory that was just put out of all chamber members. Obviously, that's not all inclusive, and that's the issue that we're grappling with is that we don't have a book or a complete list of all businesses. But we certainly have resources now that we can use. But again, it's not everybody's a member, not everybody can afford to pay the \$35 fee. I'm afraid of redundancy with what the Chamber of Commerce is doing now and that it's a little unnecessary, to some degree.

**Matthews:** I agree. I think the chair of the Chamber of Commerce needs to do a little bit better job of reaching these businesses from their standpoint, and find out who is in the county where they can, they can help them a little bit, and not just relying on the county to do that job. But you know, I don't have a problem. I'm like, Mr. Bryan. I don't have a problem doing it either way. I do think it's a good tool for startup businesses and even businesses that have been in the county, when people move into the county, they come by the courthouse or administration building, and they want to find out where some of these businesses are in the county, in their district or not even in their district. So I do think it's a good job, you know, it's good for us to have that ability to do that.

**Miles:** I agree, Mr. Chairman, and, you know, the Chamber is always looking for new members in businesses or nonbusinesses. You know, you don't have to own a business to be a member, you can represent an association or yourself. So, we do a lot of recruitment and everybody wants to join and I think that is the issue as a civic organization.

**Allen:** I just wondered why everybody changed their mind from a couple months ago when they didn't want this at all. And now they've changed their mind and say they want it. We voted on this not to long ago.

**Miles:** I think it was a zoning issue.

**Allen:** It was a registration issue for 100% of businesses. That's what the deal is. That's all I've got to say.

**Matthews:** What's the pleasure of the Board? Okay. Going once.

**Bryan:** I make a motion that we have businesses registered in the county, that way they can qualify for CARES Act money, grants that are available. You know, it's not too often that you get some money finding out there's free money out there, and all of a sudden, they have a business in the county. And there's no way for us to verify it. So that's my recommendation that they are required, especially if they're going to want this COVID money.

**Matthews:** We have a motion. We have no seconds. So the motion dies with the lack of seconds. We'll move on to the next.

**Supervisor Bryan moved to require businesses to register with the County. There was no second to this motion so the motion dies.**

**Re: Consider a committee appointed by the Chairman to consider an ordinance pertaining to new Solar Regulations and possible local opportunities enacted by new legislation**

**Matthews:** Consider a committee appointed by the Chairman, to consider an ordinance pertaining to new solar regulations and possible local opportunities enacted by new legislation.

**Bryan:** Mr. Chairman?

**Matthews:** Yes, sir.

**Bryan:** If you don't mind. I've spoken with Mr. Davis, as it's going to be predominantly in his district and with you. And my recommendation is that we appoint two board members, you and Mr. Davis to be on that committee.

**Miles:** I'll second that, Mr. Chairman.

**Matthews:** Okay. We have motion to appoint Mr. Davis and myself to the new solar ordinance committee. Any other discussion? Call for the vote.

**Allen:** I know some more people in in county that just started working with that through Dominion, maybe can talk to the committee every now and then to give you an idea of what's going on.

**Matthews:** Ok. I see what you are saying. Okay.

**Carter:** There's some new legislation that we need to look into.

**Re: County Attorney Matters**

**Matthews:** County Attorney Matters.



### **Sentara Medical Office**

**Wright:** Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board, I have three items I'd like you to consider. Two action items, if you choose to take action on and the one it was simply advisory. There's been some discussion, as you know, in previous meetings concerning the medical office in Dillwyn that hospital that offered to donate that to the county. We have reviewed that contract. There were a few items that we needed to have a discussion with them. We have now finished those discussions and come up with an agreement that both sides find acceptable through their interest. I included a copy of that among the material that you have. I want to ask if you find it appropriate that you all take action to accept the gift and authorize the county administrator to sign the agreement for the county.

**Miles:** Mr. Chairman, I would very graciously and very humbly and very thankfully offer that the county accept the said gift, as outlined and authorize the county administrator to sign the agreement on behalf of Buckingham County with many thanks to Sentara, Dr. Bruce Clemens and to our County Administrator Governor Carter. She was a huge part of making this happen, Mr. Chairman.

**Matthews:** Are you running for governor, Mrs. Carter? Okay, well, we can use you up there.

**Miles:** I agree.

**Matthews:** Ok. So are we going to do both of them or are you just do Sentara medical right now?

**Bryan:** Just Sentara.

**Matthews:** Okay, so we have a motion by Mr. Miles. Do we have a second?

**Bryan:** Yes.

**Matthews:** Okay. We'll call for the vote. 7-0 for the Sentara medical office in Dillwyn moving forward with that. And I think it's a well needed issue that's being addressed right now for the citizens. Thank you.

**Vice Chairman Miles moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to accept the gift of the Sentara Medical Building in Dillwyn and authorize the County Administrator to sign the agreement.**

**Miles:** I have a quick question on that, Mr. Chairman. With regards to the maintenance of the landscaping, I know right now that Mr. Roger Shumaker, Mr. Chairman, maintains that or he has in the

past for Sentara I would say. Just inquiry of the staff, that we have the maintenance staff that would handle that? Okay, because that's been asked of me, and I just want to make sure.

**Carter:** It's our maintenance staff will take care of it.

**Wright:** Please understand, it's not ours after tonight. There's still gotta be some paperwork done on it and otherwise, so. We don't own it quite yet. The conditions of the gift are set forth in which you've authorized the County Administrator to sign.

**Miles:** And will tell the Board, I've got a meeting coming up maybe next week with an interested provider. And I've been talking to Mrs. Carter about that. About a month ago, we communicated about that. So that relates to the same interest and I'll be sure to keep you up to date, gentlemen.

**Wright:** Second item, I have relates to Hatton Ferry. Most of you are aware that the ferry runs between Albemarle and Buckingham County has been beached or treed rather, as results with some high water and resides in the trees beside the landing. It has not been feasible with given the situation with COVID and restricted traffic and otherwise that Hatton Ferry, the company itself, has not been able to move that and get it back in the water and resume operations. They sought somebody to inquire whether the county was willing to accept that. Some discussion, I think we talked a little bit about it before, we entered into discussions with Mr. Meeks, as the president of that company Hatton Ferry and on Friday evening I met with him when we signed a memorandum subject to your approval that the Board would accept Hatton Ferry and then look for a suitable group to except that from the county. We're not asking and no one's suggesting that the county get in the ferry business. It's just a way to receive those assets and find somebody who might have the wherewithal to go ahead and run the ferry in the future. So it's been made clear that if you can't find someone, you got the right to dispose of various things, particularly the ferry itself that takes people across the river. There are some other things that probably could be done maybe through historic groups that that comes a core. So first I am asking if you have an interest in acquiring those assets from the company, Hatton Ferry. You have a memorandum that asks if you would accept that gift and as before authorize the County Administrator to sign that memorandum.

**Chambers:** So moved.

**Allen:** Second.

**Matthews:** We have a motion and a second to acquiring Hatton Ferry assets and county administrator to sign. Let's call for the vote. Unanimous decision on that.

**Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to accept the Hatton Ferry assets and authorize the County Administrator to sign the memorandum.**

**Wright:** Ancillary to that having except that I gift I ask that you authorize staff to begin discussions, a couple of things, one of which to assess the condition and thirdly, to make sure that we can get it back in the water without additional expenses and to find somebody who can assess it and then if necessary, go ahead and put it back in the water and authorize to do that.

**Allen:** So moved.

**Miles:** I second Mr. Chairman.

**Matthews:** A motion and a second. Call for the vote. Unanimous decision on that.

**Supervisor Allen moved, Vice Chairman Miles seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to authorize staff to begin discussions to assess the condition of the Hatton's Ferry and make sure it can be put back in the water without additional expense and if necessary put it back in the water and the County Administrator to authorize that.**

**Wright:** And again, it was continuing discussion with Hatton Ferry to do this. And we much appreciate their work to try to preserve this historic asset for the County of Albermarle. I think Scottsville has had some interest in it. Albemarle County has some interest in at least in making sure that the property survives. The third matter, which is informational items. The General Assembly passed, some legislation this past year that goes into effect deals with split precincts. We have a split precinct in the White Hall District. We will not have time to really get that solved. They sent into the process a waiver that you could apply for...I've had some discussions with the registrar. I sent her a draft resolution should you wish to proceed though we will have to proceed or either be in violation. So next time you meet, I'll probably be bringing back to you a resolution dealing with the split precinct in Dillwyn. It really relates to the fact that Whitehall precinct has voters from Dillwyn and voters from a different parts of the district. It's a little strange but it is what the law says. Okay, so just wanted to give you a heads up on that. Just to double back without delaying, the registration. I don't think that expressed an opinion in favor or against registration of businesses. What I advised is you couldn't do it piecemeal. Either you have to have them all or rather than just one type of category. So if you took it at me having an opinion on that, I did not have a formal opinion. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

**Matthews:** Thank you Mr. Wright. I appreciate everything you do.

### **Re: Other Board Matters**

**Miles:** Mr. Chairman, I'd just like to remind everyone in the audience and my colleagues about the Anti-Litter Task Force celebration that Chairman Matthews is spearheading, in terms of specifically to

that celebration, and he's done a great job with that. It's going to be from 10:30 to 12:30 on Saturday, May 15 at the pavilion behind the General Dollar in Dillwyn, and the awards are going to be at 11:30. So thank you, Mr. Chairman for that and Eddie Slagle is going to be the MC and Roger Adelman with Keep Virginia Beautiful is going to be the keynote speaker. So the awards are going to be given out at 11:30. And so there are 13 registered groups have already picked up trash along the roadway. St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary has 65 of their students who are picking up on that think, Supervisor Chambers, that they hit 602 this weekend is what I'm told. And, they've been doing a fantastic job and we need more groups like that as well.

And then I would offer a motion if we're still under other board matters, Mr. Chairman, that we adopt resolutions to celebrate and memorialize the late Temple Taylor and Margie Bryant. Temple worked for the county for several years and she died in a very tragic automobile accident half way recently and Margie Bryant was a great citizen. Both of which lived in the Maysville District and I know the Board really appreciates all they did for the county. So I offer that in the form of motion, Mr. Chairman.

**Bryan:** Second.

**Matthews:** First, we have a motion and a second for the recognition of Temple Taylor and Margie Bryant. Call for the vote.

**Vice Chairman Miles moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to adopt Resolutions of Memoriam for Temple Taylor and Margie Bryant.**

### **Re: County Administrator Report**

**Carter:** Okay, the first item is regarding the finance committee meeting regarding the logging tax exemption, as directed by the board. We did meet on April the 29th to discuss the finances in relation to the request of tax exempt of logging equipment. The committee has invited Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Jenkins has agreed to meet with us on May the 18th to run additional information. So then we will come back to you all with another update when we need to have that.

The other tasks we were tasked with meeting with the Buckingham County Fireman's Association regarding their requests to acquire land and our industrial mixed use park. That was referred to the more or less the Emergency Rescue Squad Committee. We did, we will continue we did meet on May the 3rd. We will continue to discuss the matter and continue to have conversations with the representatives from the Firemen's Association. It's expected the committee may be in a position to make a recommendation to the Board later in the fall. And I'd like to add that the representative from the Firemen's Association said they don't expect, you know, the Board to consider this. And we do have that

they'll have the pull in July and see how things go. So they're not they're not expecting you all to make a decision right now. I just wanted to update that.

I've also provided you with the Personnel Committee report from the Public Utilities Committee. I've had provided that with you.

That concludes my report. Mr. Chairman.

**Re: Informational Items**

**Matthews:** Your April building permit report is in your packet. Your CRC information. We just went over other board matters.

**Re: Executive Closed Session**

**Bryan:** Mr. Chairman, I move that we go into Executive closed session Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments. §2.2-3711. A.1. Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. §2.2-3711.A.3.

**Allen:** Second.

**Matthews:** We have a motion and a second to go into closed session.

**Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to enter into Executive Closed Session under the above stated Codes.**

**Re: Return to Regular Session**

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

**Allen:** Second.

**Matthews:** We got a motion and a second. Let's call for the vote.

**Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to return to regular session and certification that to the best of each board members knowledge, only business matters related to the codes to which the executive meeting was discussed or considered in the closed executive session.**

**Re: VDOT Six Year Plan Public Hearing Discussion**

**Matthews:** All right. Do we want to discuss public hearing for VDOT work session on June 17?

**Bryan:** It was the first, a work session?

**Bryan:** Can you call him and ask him Mrs. Carter if he could make the 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00?

**Miles:** The 1st is a Tuesday. Yes sir. June the first

**Bryan:** Yeah. 7:00 for the work session?

**Matthews:** Do we need a motion for that?

**Bryan:** No, she's gonna check with Mr. Fredrick.

**Re: Recess**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Matthews recessed the meeting to reconvene on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Rebecca S. Carter  
County Administrator

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Don Matthews  
Chairman