Buckingham County
Board of Supervisors
Monthly Meeting
October 15, 2024

The Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held it's regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Peter Francisco Auditorium of the County Administration Complex. The following members were present: Joe N. Chamber, Jr., Chairman; Dennis H. Davis, Jr., Vice-Chairman; L. Cameron Gilliam; Michael E. Palmore; Paul W. Garrett; Harry W. Bryant, Jr.; and Danny R. Allen. y. Also present were Karl R. Carter, County Administrator; Cheryl T. "Nicci' Edmondston, Zoning Administrator/Planner; E.M. Wright, Jr., County Attorney; and Jamie L. Shumaker, IT Manager.

Re: Call to Order

Chairman Chambers called the October 15, 2024 meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors to order.

Re: Establishment of a Quorum

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

Re: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Re: Approval of Agenda

Chambers: First thing on the agenda is approval of agenda.

Garrett: I move that we approve the agenda.

Allen: Second.

Chambers: Motion and a second that the agenda be approved. Any questions? All in favor? Seven yes.

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

Re: Approval of Minutes

Chambers: Next is approval of the minutes.

Allen: So moved.

Bryant: Second.

Chambers: Motion and second that the minutes be approved. Are there any questions? All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the September 9, 2024 minutes as presented.

Re: Approval of Claims

Chambers: Approval of claims.

Davis: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

Garrett: I'll second.

Chambers: It's been motioned and seconded that the claims be approved. Any questions? All in favor? Seven yes.

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

Re: Announcements

Chambers: Are there any announcements here? None.

Re: Resolution of Memoriam for the Family of Ivan Monroe Snoddy

Chambers: The first thing on agenda is H presentations, Resolution for Mr. Snoddy, Monroe Snoddy, one that had served this county well, served the community well, and we're here to honor him tonight and thank his family for coming. And ask that you will stand and come forward please at this time.

Supervisor Davis presented the Resolution of Memoriam to the Snoddy Family.

Davis: Thank you for coming. We had this on the agenda for last month and it didn't happen. The family had some conflict so, we put it back on.

Resolution of Memoriam
Ivan Monroe Snoddy

Whereas, Ivan Monroe Snoddy departed this life on July 18, 2024 at the age of 90;

Whereas, Ivan Monroe Snoddy was born December 25, 1933;

Whereas, Ivan Monroe Snoddy was the son of the late Ivan and Alice Snoddy;

Whereas, Ivan Monroe Snoddy was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Janie Snoddy; eight siblings, and a granddaughter, Alyssa Snoddy;

Whereas, Ivan Monroe Snoddy is survived by his son Ricky Snoddy and Rebecca of Mechanicsville; Vickie Shepherd and Lee of New Canton; and Freddie Snoddy and Wendy of Scottsville; grandchildren Victoria Marks and Stephen; Chris Toney and Kelly; Clint Toney; Maya Snoddy and Robin; Jake Snoddy; and Demi Snoddy as well as great grandchildren Haley Toney and Michael Toney; and his brother Wayne Snoddy and Sharon.

Whereas, Ivan Monroe Snoddy was a member of Mt. Tabor Baptist Church where he served as Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent.

Whereas, Ivan Monroe Snoddy was on the Buckingham County School Board for 12 years and Buckingham County Board of Supervisors for 22 years where he served the citizens of Buckingham County well.

Whereas, Ivan Monroe Snoddy was mostly known for being a local barber for 65 years where he loved catching up with his customers and he cherished his friendships.

Whereas, Ivan Monroe Snoddy was loved and respected by all who knew him and will greatly missed.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors does, in memoriam on this 9th day of September, 2024, pay tribute to and express it's highest esteem for Ivan Monroe Snoddy and extends its deepest sympathy to his family and loved ones.

Thank yall for coming.

Chambers: I'd like to thank the family members for coming.

Re: Resolution of Memoriam for the family of Mary Elizabeth Washington

Chambers: Mrs. Washington's family is not here tonight. They'll be here next month.

Re: Resolution of Memoriam for the family of Mary S. Jones

Edmondston: Good evening, we'd like to thank you all for attending as we remember the life of Mary Shelton Jones here in Buckingham County.

RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM
EXPRESSING THE CONSENSUS
OF THE
BUCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGARDING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF
MARY SHELTON JONES
(JUNE 25, 1929-AUGUST 30,2024)

WHEREAS, Mary Shelton Jones was the youngest of eleven children born to Edward Lee and Willie Leatha Shelton.

WHEREAS, her early education began at Buckingham County's Carter's Field School, a one-room school, and concluded with her graduation from Buckingham Training School. After graduation, Mary S. Jones saved diligently for college and graduated from Virginia State College (now Virginia State University) in 1953. She later returned to VSU to earn a master's degree in 1976.

WHEREAS, Mary Shelton Jones was married to the late Rolf Leon Jones in 1953. They shared forty years of marriage and together they reared their four children, Leona, Belinda, Cassandra, and Rolf.

WHEREAS, Mary S. Jones began her journey of faith and service at Jerusalem Baptist Church, where she remained a devoted member throughout her life. She served Jerusalem in various roles including church clerk, Deaconess, Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher, and choir member. Within the Buckingham religious community, she served as President of the United Baptist Association and the Women's Missionary and Educational Convention of Central Virginia for many years.

WHEREAS, Mary S. Jones was a passionate community leader and actively involved in numerous civic, religious and educational organizations including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the Virginia State University Alumni Association, the National and Virginia Retired Teachers Association, the Buckingham Voter's League, the NAACP, and the Friends of the Library. She was a charter member of Club XXV, an organization that supported scholarships, family life programs, and Black History Month programs.

WHEREAS, Mary S. Jones dedicated 40 years of her life to being a teacher in Buckingham County, beginning her career at the Red Bottom School, a segregated, one-room schoolhouse in the Warminster Baptist Church community. She was transferred to Washington Carver Elementary School (later renamed Gold Hill Elementary after desegregation of the Buckingham County's school system). Her last teaching position was at Dillwyn Elementary School. Teaching was not just a profession but a profound calling, reflecting her commitment to her students and her community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors do by hereby recognize and express our deepest appreciation to Mary Shelton Jones for her forty years of dedication to education and for her unwavering service to the communities of Buckingham County. We express our deepest condolences to her family and to her friends.

Re: Kemper Beasley, Commonwealth Attorney and Ms. Phipps, Asst. Commonwealth Attorney: Presentation of the Recovery Court

Chambers: Is Mr. Beasley here? Yes, sir. I'm sorry. I didn't see you.

Beasley: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board, I appreciate the opportunity to be here this evening and share what I think is a very exciting opportunity for the county and our court system. First of all, I want to take advantage of this opportunity to thank you the Board and Karl and others with the county for your support of the Commonwealth Attorney's office with the budget and other matters, we certainly appreciate it and feel well supported and encouraged here in the county.

The second thing before we begin, I want to share my predecessor, E.M. Wright, several years ago, worked hard to get a position for our office, a full time Assistant Attorney position that is funded by the Compensation Board. That position has not been filled up until recently. We were waiting to find the right person. And we certainly believe that we have done that. And so I want to introduce you all today to Alyssa Phipps. She is seated behind me. She will actually do the presentation. Alyssa Phipps just found out she passed the Virginia bar exam on Friday this morning. She was sworn in by Judge Blessing as a Virginia Attorney and also as an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney here in Buckingham County. I assure you, she is going to be a great asset for the county. She is very talented, very bright and what we want to share with you today is about the Central Virginia Recovery Court and Ms. Phipps, she's interned in my office for the past two years before she was hired as an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney, and she has been integral in getting us to the point where we've been approved for this Central Virginia Recovery Court. And so she is going to share some information about that court with you right now.

Chambers: Thank you.

Phipps: Good evening. My name is Alyssa Phipps, as Mr. Beasley just said, as of today, actually sworn in this morning, I am the Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney here in Buckingham County. During my time as an intern in Mr. Beasley's office, I worked, one of my projects that I worked on was getting the Recovery Court started here in Buckingham County. So I'm just going to present to you guys today a little bit about what a Recovery Court is. So a Recovery Court is a specialized court docket program. So basically what that means is it's a docket that hears certain kinds of cases about certain kinds of offenses. So in this case, in the Recovery Court we hear offenses related to substance abuse or those stemming from substance abuse. As I stated, I played a role in creating the Recovery Court program, and one of the ways that we get started with a Recovery Court program is an application process. The application process is pretty rigorous. I think we ended up submitting nearly 50 pages of procedure and policy manual. Everything that kind of details out what our Recovery Court program is. So we submitted that and we were approved as a Recovery Court by the Supreme Court of Virginia on June 28. So this approval is a testament to the alignment of our plan with our rigorous standards, and it carries considerable weight that we were approved by a specific committee on the Supreme Court of Virginia. So oftentimes when you hear about Recovery Courts or recovery programs, there's a lot of misconceptions that come along with the word Recovery Program or Recovery Court. And so I just want to kind of clarify some things that this this program is not. And one of those things that this program is not is a Get Out of Jail Free card. One of the interesting things about our program is it's done through phases, and these phases have rigorous requirements. Oftentimes, requirements that can even be more stringent than what you find in jail or prison. For example, we drug test participants weekly, up to three to four times a week, including holidays and weekends. Also we make surprise home visits. They have a curfew. They're required to be in educational and vocational programs. And really we're just aiming towards creating individuals who are going to be active participants in the Buckingham community.

Another misconception is that we're kind of just letting these violent criminals back out in the community roaming around, but actually there are statutory requirements in order for you to create a Recovery Court program, and one of those statutory requirements is that they cannot be a participant if they are a violent criminal, if they have a violent charge, such as like malicious wounding or anything of that sort. So these participants, they're constantly monitored, tested and held accountable in the court system, and even so much that if they do mess up, and depending on how they mess up, they actually can end up right in jail. So it's not a Get Out of Jail Free card, and it's not even a program for first time offenders. And the reason I bring that up is because one of the things that's so different about a Recovery Court is that we add a treatment component along with the criminal justice side of things, and so when we work alongside these treatment providers, these individuals are actually deemed medically addicted to drugs, and they have a disorder that we're trying to treat. So how does Recovery Court work? So our Recovery Court is actually a tad bit different in the fact that it's a multi-jurisdictional Recovery Court, and with that being said, so we've partnered basically with Prince Edward County, Cumberland County and then Buckingham County. So it's going to be the Central Virginia Recovery Court. With that being said, with all these actors, it's not the typical people you see in court, like a Commonwealth's Attorney, a defense attorney and a judge. There are so many more actors. So the Recovery Court team consists of the Circuit Court Judge, a Commonwealth's Attorney, Defense Counsel, a Probation Officer, a treatment provider, law enforcement and a coordinator. And what's very unique about a Recovery Court program is that the judge's role actually shifts. And so typically, a judge will see an offender for the first time, and kind of make the decision of what that individual's future holds right then and there, and possibly never see them again. In the Recovery Court program, the judge actually has a different role in getting to know the individual, getting to know who they are, about their family, their goals, their dreams, their hopes, things that you know a lot of times when they walk into court, or have walked into court before, isn't something they feel is heard, and also, when the judge is looking at them in a different way, it almost gives them incentive to go down the right path and kind of follow the guidelines that we set before them. So some of the key components of this Recovery Court is the regular drug testing that I touched on, the intensive treatment and the rehabilitation services, and then there's incentives and sanctions to kind of keep them on the right track. So what are the benefits of this Recovery Court program. So Central Virginia Recovery Court program, we follow the evidence based models and based on the evidence based practices and the models there are four consistent goals that these Recovery Courts have, and one of them is reduction in recidivism, which is making sure they're not reoffending. Which is obviously a goal, because we don't want to see them back in the court system, and we want to see them succeed. Now, the Supreme Court of Virginia gets statistics from every Recovery Court in the State of Virginia, and these statistics, they compile into a final kind of model of what happened that year in Recovery Court. And as you can see, there are lowered rates of recidivism through these plans. It's a reduced burden on our criminal justice system because we're not seeing these individuals back in court. It's improved public health. And I'll expand on that just to touch. Oftentimes, when you see individuals who are charged with drug related offenses, it's not where it ends. It's property charges as well, property damage charges, domestic violence charges, theft, larceny, all of those things are attached to the

outcomes. And so when you're targeting this drug abuse and this drug addiction problem, you're seeing a lowered rate in these other crimes that also affect Buckingham County. And additionally, it's a lower cost compared to traditional incarceration. So it's costing the taxpayer less money when they're sent through this program than they are through the traditional case route. One of the last things I'll touch on is kind of the program duration and how it's set up. So the program can range from 18 to 24 months. It's based on phases. So once they do all the requirements for one phase, they go to the next phase, so forth, so forth, until graduation. And one of the fun things is there's actually a graduation ceremony for them held in court, which, once again, some of these individuals have never even considered the term graduation in any aspect of their life. And so that's another incentive. When they watch other people graduate from this program, it's incentive for them to want to do the same thing. Want to be better. Want to graduate. I want to see myself achieve something that has the same weight of a graduation. And so, once they graduate, they each phase has increased responsibilities, and then they graduate. So where are we now? So as I stated in the beginning, we were approved by the Supreme Court of Virginia on June 28. So right now, we're kind of identifying who our actual team members are going to be. We're starting some team meetings, we're developing a budget, forms, all those things that we would need in court and in a practice. All these things. We've recently created a Memorandum of Understanding between the three counties that are kind of creating this core Central Virginia Recovery Court. And then we're also applying for training opportunities, and we're looking for a current coordinator who will be in charge of running the program. So if anyone does have any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer any of them at this time.

Chambers: Does any Board member have a question for her?

Palmore: What is the what is the outcome if they fail out of the program? Say you drug test them on a holiday or a weekend, and they test dirty? I mean, does that kick them out of the program, or did they get a second chance?

Phipps: So it depends on the severity of what they tested for, what their conditions were for that phase, all these things, but if they test positive, most likely there are consequences. They're going to go to jail. So it's not, they're not just getting…

Palmore: So basically out of the program and go ahead and finish your sentence.

Phipps: Yes.

Palmore: Okay, that was one of the questions I had.

Chambers: Any other Board Member have any questions? If not, we thank you for coming and making a presentation.

Beasley: If I may just add to follow up Mr. Palmore's question. When a person enters this program, usually there's an agreement where it's a carrot and stick. The individual has agreed to plead guilty and understands if they will get this much jail time. However, if they successfully complete the program, they'll get either less jail time or no jail time. So if unsuccessful, then they've already agreed to whatever the punishment will be at that. Thank you for your time.

Palmore: Thank you.

Re: Kristen Choate, Robinson, Farmer & Cox Associates: Audit Update

Choate: Good evening everyone. I am back again tonight to talk about numbers this time for the FY 23 audit. Go over some of our required communications with the Board. Our audit, as in the past, has been performed in accordance with government auditing standards, the APA specifications for audits of county, cities and towns and the Single Audit Act which covers the federal awards provisions of the uniform guidance. So we did perform our audit in accordance with those standards. This year, there was a new standard, a GASB, that was required to be implemented, and that was for GASB Statement number 96 which is on subscription based information technology arrangements. They basically treat those agreements like the leases are treated. So last year, the lease standard in FY 22 the lease standard was implemented, and that brings those leases onto your books, where you see those as a liability. In the past, you only saw those if they were capital leases. Now, all leases are shown on your books, so you've got from last year, lease receivables, lease payables. This year in addition to that, there are now subscription assets and liabilities. So there was one of those that required recording in accordance with this new standard. As far as accounting estimates, those are similar to prior years. They consist of the useful lives of capital assets, the incremental borrowing rate on your leases that those are discounted at present value so that information is included. The allowance for uncollectible property taxes, accrued leave, net pension liabilities, net OPEB liabilities, and then the related deferred inflows and outflows related to those. Of course, those final things are actually related, based on calculations provided by the actuary that VRS contracts with but all the localities in the state receive information and that has to be added to the financial statements as well. As part of our audit, we did propose several audit adjustments to management. Have discussed those with management, and you know those are kind of similar to last year. One of the things we did this year, the EMS fund was showing a deficit balance in cash, basically reflecting the fact that the Dominion Grant had been fully spent. So the general fund is now helping to support that fund, since those other funds have run out. So one of those reclassifying federal and state revenues, some other adjustments, the Waterworld deal, just tidying up how those transactions were recorded. And like I said, those are pretty similar to prior years. Just going through, you know, making sure that financial statements are fairly stated in accordance with GAP, which is what you have to base your financial statements on. We did obtain the required management representations. There were no consultations with other accountants about auditing or accounting matters. As far as the financial

statements themselves, we performed certain procedures, limited procedures, on required supplementary information, your MDNA, your schedules for your pension and OPEB funding. Then we do review the budgetary comparison information in a little more detail. So we do an in relation to opinion on that, basically saying they're fairly stated based on your financial statements. And then also review the other supplementary information, some of your combining statements, your budgetary schedules, and then the SEFA. So we did express unmodified opinions on those. So the financial statements, the yellow book opinion, and also the federal compliance. We did review the VRS attestation. Filed that with the APA last year, actually, and there was only one item brought to the attention in that and that was something that the School Board corrected promptly upon bringing it to their attention. But as far as other recommendations, we've had several conversations with management about the accruals and reconciliations and the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with GAP. Just for a summary of the fund balance condition at the end of Fiscal Year 23, the General Fund had a beginning fund balance of $12.6 million and had a decrease of 500,000. So a $12.1 million ending fund balance. Now I will mention that we talked about a transfer of $1.1 million to the EMS fund to cover the cash deficit there. So also there was a transfer of cash, accumulated cash from the VPA fund or social services, just from accumulated earnings over the years that actually transferred back to the general fund. So those two things were somewhat offset, so that helps your fund balance at the end of the day. So you didn't have that huge $1 million decrease from the funding for the EMS fund. Another thing that I wanted to point out as far as the balances themselves, there are several restricted funds as part of the general fund. In 23 there were some new construction funds for schools, and those are actually required to be spent on school construction. So since the school fund is zeroed out every year and they don't carry a fund balance, there's $830,000 that was transferred back into the general fund, and that is earmarked as restricted for those purposes. And that's a state requirement. It was just a new source of funding for them this year that has to be returned to them and spent on the state school construction. Some other things that are committed, of course, you're all aware of the Gene Dixon Park expansion, $1.7 million; the Animal Control Facility, 1.3 million. Commitments generally, you can make a decision to change those. The restricted funds, like the 800,000 we talked about with the schools, you cannot make changes to that. That's a state mandate. But committed funds, you could decide to change your mind on those, so you might have a little more wiggle room on your fund balance. But the unassigned portion was $5.8 million, which represented about 27% of expenditures, so about three months' worth, which is, you know, we would want to see that as a minimum. Some of the other funds, like I said, the EMS fund, dropped to $170,000; the water and sewer small decrease, $11 million in the water fund, $6.7 million in the sewer fund, unspent ARPA funds, you still had $2.8 million to be spent at the end of 23 of course, that's now changed a lot, I'm sure, based on 24 and then you have until December to spend those funds. So I'm sure those are being spent down as well.

The school funds, like I said, the operating fund does not carry a fund balance. The Cafeteria Fund had a small decrease, $70,000 so there's $400,000 in that fund. And then the school activity funds a few years

ago had to be pulled onto the financial statements, and those had a very minor change, $3,000 so $272,000 in that fund.

I already mentioned that GASB 96 was implemented this year. Then there are two new standards coming up, one that's effective for fiscal year 24 and it really only impacts changes made within the reporting entity, so probably will not have a huge impact on you if there's an error correction in the financial statements, you know there are certain requirements, but no big change there. In Fiscal Year 25, the compensated absences standard will be effective, and that is actually going to change the way that accrued leave is reported. In the past, sick leave was only reported as a liability if it was paid out. Most localities do not pay out sick leave upon termination, but now it's actually based on whether that leave will be used. So that will be a change that you know, management will be starting to gear up for now to gather that information, to be able to record that and make sure the financial statements include that information. So there's a lot of a lot of changes coming down from GASB that have a pretty big impact on the financial statements, on the government wide statements. Most of those changes don't impact the fund statements, which Boards are usually more interested in. So that's just a general highlight of what we had. I wanted to also mention the cash in the water and sewer funds, the cash flow statement there showed that there was a $100,000 increase in cash in those funds. So there are $5.2 million in those funds. And that's an interesting statement to look at as well.

Any questions?

Palmore: I don't know if this question is for you or if it's for Karl. Help me understand when you said the money out of the General Fund to fund EMS because of the Dominion grant being spent, is that a recurring expense? We still taking it out of the general fund every year, or did we build that into the budget?

Carter: You did. So remember, this is for FY23.

Palmore: Right. Yeah. So I'm just, I'm just questioning, I'm pretty sure we built it into the budget.

Carter: So you remember, we did a tax increase for two years in a row to replenish that money. So we knew it was going to draw on the general fund for that one year, and then we increased that tax rate to get it back.

Palmore: I just wanted to make sure I'm hearing it correctly.

Chambers: Have any more questions? If not, we thank you.

Choate: Thank you. Don't forget to file your taxes today if you haven't already. extended deadline. Fun Day.

Re: Judge Blessing; Presentation of the Recovery Court

Beasley: Mr. Chairman, I apologize to come before you again, but I want to introduce a distinguished guest, the Honorable Donald Blessing.

Blessing: Cameron, do you see anybody distinguished around here?

Gilliam: I do Mr. Blessing.

Beasley: So like to defer some time for him to speak with you.

Blessing: I appreciate you putting up with me. I'm really entitled, because I'm used to it not starting until I get there. So if one of y'all want to fine me, go ahead. I couldn't be in better hands with our fine Commonwealth Attorney and our newest member of the bar, who's an assistant Miss Phipps. I talked to you about Central Virginia drug court. I've got to tell you what a good job you've done and you've done in the past. You go down to that courthouse of yours, anybody asks me, and I'm a Chief Judge of the whole circuit, as far as I'm concerned, this is the best courthouse in the circuit. We have the Court of Appeals coming here in the spring, pull that off, which I think is kind of neat. But here's what I think is so great about it. It's up to date. It's modern. You walk into it, it looks like it was just built the other day and occupied, but it was the gold standard that I could use everywhere else to say, hey, I want these TVs. I want this audio visual. I want all these doodads so we could stay in business during COVID, because these TVs, whatever you want to call a communication system, then it kept us in business. Enough of that, but it is true, heartfelt. Thank you. Look, I know you've said a lot about Central Virginia Recovery Court. Couple things. We are the first Recovery Court in the State of Virginia. What you call a drug court. In fact, they changed that in June of this year. The Governor signed a bill, so we changed the name. So all of us are trying to wrap our tongues around Recovery Court, other than drug court. Working on forming our team now. The team is designated by certain, we have to have representative from each county, I have to say, we had a formative meeting. Guess who attended? You know, it's kind of hard to say no when I lean on you a little bit, but you attended. You were happy, and you soaked it all in. Not saying he's the only County Administrator, but we did have good attendance. Service, we're gonna be centered in Farmville, because that's where all the services are from. Traditionally, when we provide services to these people, I guess you covered this. Is there anybody here that doesn't think that we have a drug problem in Southside Virginia or Buckingham County? We do. There's drug problem everywhere, whether you see it or not. These folks are our neighbors. They need to be helped in some form or fashion, but you got to change the way you think. Traditional court, you go to court, you've done something wrong. You take responsibility you have imposed on you. There's nothing wrong with that

concept, but it doesn't work. When I say these people, it sounds like I'm talking about them differently than, maybe I am. But they're our neighbors. They're our friends. What has been going on has not been working. A lot of these people, as you might imagine, come from backgrounds that some of us can't imagine, certainly not as blessed. I had good parents. I bet every one of y'all had at least one, if not two, good parents. They don't have that background. They don't know how to make good decisions, and we have to retrain their thinking and our thinking. There's still punishment, but the last thing you do is jail them. They have to earn that. We start them out. We want to test them all the time, and I want them to show up to the tests. They test negative for drugs, great. We'll find out what's in them. We can attack it. We've got to build trust first, and sooner or later, these people will start getting accountability and testing negatively, all right. But these are people who've been used to coming to court. I'm just as guilty as anybody else. I was a defense attorney for 30 years, but they walk into court, they get fussed at. They get the vines chewed and they get some adverse consequence, not saying that they haven't earned it, but it's a big leap for them to come in and say, "Oh, I'm be treated differently now. I'm gonna be supported. I'm gonna get services." I don't know if you gave them a statistic, but for each person you put in a Recovery Court, you save about $19,000 per person per year. That's very significant. We were turned down initially. Melissa wrote our grant. She did a wonderful or application, she did a wonderful job, but nobody gets it the first time. Yall may not know me real well. I don't know if this is good or bad what I'm about to say, but I got a little bit of body snotty in me. So I reached out to the person who turned down our application. I wrote a very conciliatory email, saying, Hey, coach me up, help me. What did we do wrong? And she essentially emailed me back and told me to pound sand. Never have liked that. I grew up as an only child. You can say I was entitled. My mama spoiled me, but I went to work, I called everybody that I knew, and my favorite person, is a judge who's retired the other end of the circuit, Joel Cunningham, when it comes to drug court. He introduced me around. I got people on both sides of the political aisle, if you want to talk politics and but I called Joel, two phone numbers, emailed him on two email addresses. Never heard from him. I said, "What have I done wrong?" Joel Cunningham's the man. Going first day of Judicial Conference, early June, he comes in, he sets his books down around the rest of us, drops him, sits over next to me. He said, Blessing. I haven't been blowing you off. What are you going to do this afternoon? I reckon I'm going to do whatever you tell me to do. Said, come with me to the drug, at that time, still drug court, come with me to the drug court. Mean, I said, I've been with you the last three or four years. He said, Come with me today. So I sat with him at a little table up front. I didn't know he was making a presentation. That was fine. So he sat back down after his presentation. This lady looked at him kind of funny, and he pointed at her, pointed at me. Went like that. So after this meeting came, she made a beeline to me. I got a hug and a peck on the cheek. That was a woman who turned me down and told me to pound sand. She said, I've been talking to Joel. I think we can reconsider you on June 28. Awesome. We were formed on June 28 okay. We got good, enthusiastic people. I tried this in 2014 when I became a judge. Didn't have any support. But enthusiastic, making Clark Commonwealth Attorney in Prince Edward County. Enthusiastic, Wendy Hannah in Cumberland. Enthusiastic. And they all decided that they would divide up this turf. They've got a vision for what's needed. And I think everybody there sees that it ain't working. So those are the kudos. I'm not going to

talk any longer because you get tired of it after a while. I was town attorney for 30 years. I know when to stop. But if you have any questions either now or in any other way, I encourage you try to get in touch with me. I'll email you back. Kemper, Melissa. Melissa's work extensively on this, but I thank you for your time, and I really, really do mean everything I've said, but I particularly do mean yall kept us in business during COVID. Anybody got any questions? Cameron, you've never been afraid to ask me a question before.

Gilliam: No, sir, I just want to tell you we are lucky in Buckingham to have you here, Mr. Blessing, and we'd rather not see you. We'd rather email you.

Blessing: I would like to say that I feel lucky to be in Buckingham when we were dividing up turf early on, some of the people who supported me said, we want you in Buckingham, and I've always practiced in Buckingham, but this is a good place to be. Good clerk, Commonwealth Attorney, Sheriff is responsive. The prior Commonwealth Attorney had a vision, who is your County Attorney. I just think there's a great pride in this county amongst it citizens. I'm not talking about you guys up here. We all got a job to do. You know your representative, but all these people here, and all these people who are not here, got a great pride in this County. I'm not to say my home county of Prince Edward doesn't have a pride or Cumberland doesn't have pride. Everybody, even when you mad at everybody, everybody's family, look out for each other. Anyway, I know you got business to attend to. I thank you for giving me some time when I was a little bit tardy. Set the fine.

Gilliam: I think we've seen you work your sideline before.

Blessing: I know that. You know that other man, he used to walk at sideline me. He's 97 years old, still living at home, and told me he was going to call one of his two grandsons when I got off the phone with my dad who is 97 years old, lives across the street from me off the sidelines when Cameron and I went to all those ball games.

Gilliam: I say, you're a better dad, Mr. Blessing. And that's the most, that's the best thing that somebody could say about somebody is they are a great dad.

Chambers: Thank you Judge.

Re: Public Comments

Chambers: Next on our agenda is public comments.

Edmondston: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. We have two individuals signed up to speak this evening. The first is Joe Snoddy, and he'll be followed by Linda Morales.

Joe Snoddy, District 5: Good evening, Mr. Chair, Board of Supervisors, Joe Snoddy, 178 Foxfire Road, Scottsville, Virginia, District 5. Unfortunately, I see him already. It's my quarter for jury duty, so I'll probably see him again this week. Reason why I'm coming by, the reason for swinging by here this afternoon, this evening, is to let you know that as the Vice Chair of the School Board and the chairman for the salary for the teacher salaries, as I've already spoken to Mr. Garrett at our meeting last week is we're at the final three courses of action or documents for a salary increase or salary pay scale adjustment for our teachers and Paras. This is a courtesy drive by just to let you know we know that there's issues with budget across the Board. All right, we're working to address those. We would like to invite 1, 2, 3, members of the Board of Supervisors to either assist us or give us some help with this. I know that there's a couple individuals, at least, that are interested in budgetary stuff, but we're looking at an initial cost anywhere from $700,000 to about $1.2-1.5 initial cost. That's not including the follow on with the yearly steps that haven't been happening, according to our previous meetings in here as well, that haven't happened. So we're looking to address those. We're estimating those are being around $200-$250,000 a year, probably, depending on how we do the initial steps. So we're looking at that. Just let you know that we're working it. But we hope to invite, we have a meeting probably once, the first, excuse me, the first and third Tuesdays right now of every month, we just had one this week to replace last week. So if you have anybody that's interested, please let me know. I know a few of you got my number, email is out there, obviously, but if you want to, I'll be here the rest of the meeting. So if anybody wants to jump on board or come join or let me know it ain't happening, or whatever advice you've got, please let me know. And I appreciate your support and everything. If there's any questions, please let me know.

Linda Miralles, District 2: Good evening, gentlemen. First of all, I would like to thank the Supervisors, especially my Supervisor of District 2, Mr. Gilliam, who got the flashing red stoplight put at 632 and 60 that intersection. I'm absolutely confident that it's going to save lives. So with that being said, he said that he was not going to stop asking the DOT for that sign every month until he got it. So with that in mind, I'm also readdressing an old issue that I had brought up to you about getting some assistance with some funding for my veteran's greenhouse training program. I am trying to create some jobs here, gentlemen, I'm trying to create some tax income for the county, and right now I can't do it yet, so that's about it. I just wanted to thank you again, and thank Cameron Gilliam. Thank you.

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

Frederick: Good evening. Board. Thank you for having me tonight. Got a quick update for you on what we've been up to the last month. We started primary mowing today. We started on 15. We had our Buckingham area headquarters working on the south end of 15, and we also had the Dillwyn area headquarters working on the north end of 15, with good weather and no equipment breakdowns we should be finished primaries within about two weeks. We had a pipe fail on Allen Lake Road with all that rain we got from the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, and the day it failed, we went out there and

stuck pipes back in and back, filled it with gravel to get the people that live on the other side of it in and out. And then we started today on a permanent repair. So we're going to keep one lane of traffic going and put the pipes in the way they should be put in now, so we'll be finished with that, hopefully by the next meeting. I'll give you a final update on that. We've been working on other drainage throughout the county, two spots, specifically, both on 15. One at Johnson Station Road. There was a pipe that failed there, and it looks like the fiber optic install might have caused some damage to it. And then with all the rain water, the material around the pipe got washed out, so they'll be fixing that. And then the other one that we found with all this rain is near Jax over on 15 the pipe there was rusted out and it failed. After the storm was over, we had about 3500 tons of stone throughout the county. It was about 2000 in the Buckingham area headquarters, and about approximately 1500 in the Dillwyn area headquarters. But we worked overtime. We worked Friday and Saturday. We didn't leave until we got through the whole gravel road network. Got it all machined. We still have a few trees to clean up on the sides of the road. The worst one that I know of is on 60 out near the Appomattox line. But we're going to drop back and cut all the any debris that's still down is going to get cut up and removed. The shoulder widening project on 15, they got the shoulder widening done and the striping complete. So that's a good project. It's about to wrap up. The 669, railroad crossing. A lot of people have been interested in that. I've been working with Buckingham Branch Railroad, and it was scheduled for August, and it got pushed back, and it's looking like maybe September, and then it got pushed into October, and I think they were impacted by the hurricane as much as we were. And I really haven't gotten an update on them, if they're going to get out here before the weather gets cold or not, but as soon as I know a new date, I'll pass it along to the Board. But it doesn't look like it's going to happen in October. The only other thing I've got is Mr. Bryant, it's in your district, the paving where we're planning to overlay those bad areas on 602, and with all the work we've been up to, we didn't get to it yet. If we don't get to overlay it before the weather gets cold, we'll at least put some leveling down on those bad areas and try to smooth it out the best we can. So but other than that, I can open it up to you guys for questions, comments or concerns.

District 1:

Davis: Mr. Frederick, you and I already talked about Stonewall Road, but there was one other thing that I had. Clint sitting here. He wanted to come down tonight. I saw water standing in places during that hurricane that I've never in all my life, I haven't seen the water come across my road since 1986 and it come across my road. But it's one thing down at Bryant Store where y'all had to dig the pipe up. I've had a couple citizens contact me about the ditches so deep down there. Is it anything we can do, because if somebody runs off of that, it's going to tear their car all to pieces.

Frederick: Okay, we'll have to take a look at that. At Bryant store, you said?

Davis: Yeah, it's on Cartersville Road. It's about half a mile up from Bryant Store. It's right in Martin's curve right there. It was a culvert that was stopped up. Water was three feet across the road. I've never seen water stand in that road, and it was just, there was nowhere for it to go.

Frederick: Most of our drainage is designed for like the 10 year storm, or sometimes on a bigger road, like a primary it might be the 50 year storm, but I think what we just experienced was like a 500 year storm.

Davis: Yeah, I got 10 inches of rain in two days, so it's gotta go somewhere.

Frederick: Yeah, we'll take a second look at that, see if we can do something with the ditch, maybe, like the one we did over on that road we addressed for you.

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

District 2

Gilliam: Mr. Frederick, I can say nothing, but thank you. It looks great, and I know it's been a long road we getting here, but I tell y'all, y'all did a great job. I think I burned a tank of gas up riding back and forth, looking. And I want to tell you what, there is no reason that anyone should have accident there now. God forbid if they do, is it the best you could do to make the best of a bad situation. And thank you to VDOT. I will tell you that it looks like y'all stayed in Dillwyn and stayed on corner Bell Road and 15 down almost to the chip mill plant for the last couple weeks. So I feel like you've given everything to my district that you can possibly do in the last six weeks. I appreciate it. Thank you.

Frederick: I'll pass it on to the guys, and also traffic engineering, they were a big part of it. Thank you.

District 3

Palmore: As we spoke earlier, I just want to say thank you to VDOT for fixing the roads that I had concerns with. You and I had already talked and they already fixed them. I'd like to thank Mr. Stone and his crew. They took care of it timely. A lot of ruts got washed in a lot of the gravel roads, and they fixed them within a week after I notified him. So, I just want to say thank you.

Frederick: Yes, sir, thank you. I'll pass that along.

District 4

Garrett: Yes, Mr. Frederick, I rode down there to look at that piece where y'all put that gravel in, and it looked like it settled, which I know it's going to settle, but after that big rain, so I don't know, maybe just somebody swing by there and look and see if it settled down farther than y'all wanted it to. You know, I don't know y'all procedure, but you could see a big difference in how high it was before we had all that rain, and then after we did. So…

Frederick: Okay, yeah, we'll have to follow up and take a look at that.

Garrett: The other one is on Fanny White Road where we had to end up the road got closed and a car got stranded in there. The problem with that is the low spot is not where the bridge is. You know what I'm saying. Your bridge and your guard rail is kind of still up here. The low spot is after you come down off of that hill or on the Troublesome Creek side of it. That low spot. I was just wondering if there's some kind of thing you see them in some of these other places where just a sign is put up on side the road with a reflector, and it's got like numbers on it saying, you know, water is this high, this high, something like that, where, when you know they'll see that sign and know that sign's supposed to be water not supposed to be at that sign. And it's that, you know, I don't know what, but, I know the guy that ran in, that got stranded in there. Fortunately, he was able to get out with no real big deal. But…

Frederick: Yeah, I get what you're saying, sir. We don't, I don't know of us having one of those signs anywhere in my residency that shows how deep the water is. We do a lot of campaigns that are turned around, don't drown. I don't think I could encourage anybody to drive in any amount of water.

Garrett: Not any amount at all. But…

Frederick: You don't really know how, what the road looks like, even if you can see the road, it might be washed out under the pavement.

Garrett: Right, the road could be washed out under it. But I guess you know, it was no such thing as a perfect storm, but it was almost like it was all done overnight, and the vehicles that had the trouble, it was still dark when they came through there, so they couldn't tell if it was, if the road was there and just wet, like they normally used to, just the road being wet. And then once they got in it, it was, you know, just nowhere to go.

Frederick: Yeah, it's a bad situation.

Garrett: Yes, but, you know, I don't know if you know what I'm talking about with those reflector things probably about that wide and it's got, would at least tell you the waters up on that sign.

Frederick: I've seen signs like you're talking about on dams, like where they show how the water height is.

Garrett: But I've seen them on side the roads, like in in Henrico County on the way to the racetrack down there, if you go to one of those back roads, it's got a low spot in it like that, and you see a little sign right down side of that bridge, and it's probably about a foot wide, maybe in, you know, that much taller than a road, and it's got at least a number or mark on it, just to let somebody know that, you know, there's water in the road.

Frederick: Yeah, I'll check into that. I'm certainly not aware of it being used here. But that doesn't mean…

Garrett: Yeah, I haven't seen one anywhere in Buckingham. Those two are the only thing. And you did some improvement up there at coming out of Hall Road up here on 60, cutting that, that back. I spoke with your main supervisor there. He came by and spoke to me. Wanted to know exactly what the lady was talking about, and I told him, and I think they took care of it that day, or the next couple of days. So that was definitely improved at the line of sight.

Frederick: Okay, good deal. Good deal. Thank you, sir.

District 5

Bryant: I usually have something to complain about, but right now I really don't have anything, but I thank you all for the job you did on the trees and all in this hurricane.

Frederick: Thank you. I appreciate it.

Bryant: Quite a few roads were blocked and fire department helped a lot too.

Frederick: Thank you.

District 6

Chambers: We don't have anything. We thank you for what you've done to help us in District 6.

Allen: Only thing I can tell you is, you know, when that water was going across the bridge down below my house on Thomas Road, it washed a lot of the pavement right on off the roads, right in the field, right beside the road. Anyway. I hope it will patch that up. And I know they're busy right now. And you know what you talking to me about the railroad? The person who called you called to let me know that she said they would start on the 14th, which was day ago.

Frederick: Yeah, they didn't make that date.

Allen: That hadn't happened yet either. So, yeah, and one other thing I've seen, I've run across this bridge, and it is just rough. Look like it's falling apart in the middle, and it's on Chellowe, I might say it wrong. Chellowe Road bridge.

Frederick: Yeah, that's a timber deck bridge, and it's it had an asphalt overlay across the top of it. And when the, if the Boards get any kind of bounce to them, like if the bolts that are holding them on are the littlest bit loose that the asphalt will come off real easy. They've patched it up several times. I think Mr. Gilliam's brought it to my attention in the past. Nothing really wrong with the bridge other than the roughness.

Allen: It was rough last few times I've used it. I don't know if it happened anything when the water was high.

Frederick: Yeah. Well, I'll take a second look at that. We're not a second look. I'll check on it. Sounds like we need to fix some potholes on it.

Allen: Oh, yeah. Thank you.

Frederick: Yes, sir, thank you.

Re: Public Hearing: Case 24-SUP347 John Demaio

Chambers: All right Mrs. Edmondston, public hearing.

Edmondston: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman, members of the Board. This evening, we do have a public hearing for Case 24-SUP347. Your applicant is John Demaio at 2697 Gravel Hill Road in Dillwyn. This case was introduced to you last month. His request is to apply for a special use permit to construct and operate a private grass air strip and hangar. Mr. Demaio is here to address any questions or concerns, either before or after the public hearing.

Applicant John DeMaio
2697 Gravel Hill Road
Dillwyn VA 23936

Property Information: Tax Map 99 Parcel 29, containing approximately 557.18 acres, located at or near 2697 Gravel Hill Road Dillwyn VA 23936, Curdsville Magisterial District.

Zoning District: Agricultural District (A-1)

Request: To Apply for a Special Use Permit to Construct and Operate a Private Grass Air Strip and Hangar.

Background/Zoning Information: The property is located on Tax Map 99 Parcel 29, located at or near 2697 Gravel Hill Road Dillwyn VA 23936. The property is zoned Agriculture (A-1). The Zoning Ordinance does not permit a Private Grass Air Strip as a by right permitted use. However, within A-1 Agriculture Zoning District, a Private Grass Air Strip may be permitted by the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors by a Special Use Permit following recommendation by the Planning Commission in accordance with this ordinance and the Code of Virginia. The Planning Commission may recommend and the Board may impose conditions to ensure protection of the district if the Special Use Permit is approved. The application and narrative are attached.

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

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

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

3. The property shall be kept neat and orderly.

4. That 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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. All commercial aircraft prohibited from use and storage.

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

Chambers: One question, why did the Planning Commission want to put dumpsters down there?

Edmondston: There was a discussion during the Planning Commission meeting that members of the Planning Commission did not feel that the applicant would need to adhere to the solid waste ordinance, and they requested that condition be removed from the list of conditions for the permit request.

Chambers: That's good. I didn't think it would be fair to have to put dumpsters down there.
Any Board member have any questions before I open the public hearing? Anybody sign up to speak?

Edmondston: No, sir.

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

Davis: I'll make a motion that we approve it.

Gilliam: Second.

Chambers: It's been a motion, and second that we approve this request. Any question on the motion? All in favor? Seven yes.

Vice Chairman Davis moved, Supervisor Gilliam seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve Case 24-SUP347 for John Demaio for a Special Use Permit to construct and operate a private grass air strip and hangar.

Re: Zoning Matters: Introduction to Case 24-SUP348 Karen Kreps

Edmondston: The next case before you, Mr. Chairman, is an introduction of Case 24-SUP348. Our applicant is Karen Kreps. She resides at 1741 Spyglass Drive, #229 in Austin, Texas. The property on which the request is being made is Tax Map 34 Parcel 20 Lot C. It's two and a half acres, and it is located at 504 Woodland Church Road here in Buckingham in the James River magisterial district. This property is zoned Village Center (VC-1). The request from the applicant is to obtain a special use permit for the purpose of operating an Airbnb Bed and Breakfast short term rental. The applicant is asking the

Board of Supervisors to hold a public hearing for this request. There are 11 conditions attached to the permit request. I do have condition number five highlighted, which is the request that the applicant pursues a commercial solid waste container and follow the County Solid Waste ordinance.

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

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

2. The facility shall meet all safety requirements of all applicable building codes.

3. Right of ways and roadway shoulders shall not be used for parking. Ample parking for occupants shall be supplied on premises.

4. The property shall be kept neat and orderly.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

There was discussion at the Planning Commission regarding the solid waste ordinance. Ms. Kreps indicated that she utilizes a service with the Yogaville community. I did check with Lyn Hill, who is the Director of Solid Waste. He is not aware of any recognized trash service that is handled by the Yogaville community, but there are certainly certain companies, such as JC Trash Recycling that has the home receptacles at the end of the driveway. As long as she's adhering to the solid waste ordinance for the guests that utilize the Airbnb, the bed and breakfast. And that could be something else you may want to discuss this evening, just to further let you know that the case was introduced to the Planning Commission on August 26 and the public hearing was held on September 23. The Planning Commission does unanimously recommend approval of this request. Would it be the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors to hold a public hearing for this request? And if so, the next meeting is November 12, 2024, at 6pm.

Chambers: What is the pleasure of the Board?

Edmondston: The applicant is available if you have any questions for her as well. She is attending virtually.

Chambers: Okay. Any Board member have a question for the applicant?

Allen: So what you were just about, is that Number 5?

Edmondston: Yes, sir, Mr. Allen.

Allen: okay, that's all.

Chambers: I guess we need a motion to set the public hearing for next month, November 12th.

Bryant made the motion.

Allen: Second.

Chambers: We have a motion and second to set this public hearing November 12th at 6:00 p.m. Are there any questions? All in favor? Seven, yes.

Supervisor Bryant moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for Case 24-SUP348 Karen Kreps.

Edmondston: That's all I have for you, Mr. Chairman.

Chambers: Thank you.

Re: Commonwealth Attorney: Consider request to transfer $1,000 from the Asset Forfeiture Account of the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office to the K9 Fund of the Buckingham County Sheriff's Office for providing training and equipment for the K-9 unit

Chambers: We move on to our Department, agency reports and items for consideration. You see the first one here, the request from the Commonwealth Attorney was your transfer of $1,000 from Asset and Forfeiture account for the Commonwealth Attorney office to the K9 fund of the Buckingham County Sheriff office for providing training and equipment for the K9 unit. What's the Board's pleasure?

Garrett: I move it be approved, Mr. Chairman.

Bryant: Second.

Chambers: There's been a motion and second it be approved. Are there any questions on the motion? All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Garrett moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve to transfer $1,000 from the Commonwealth's Attorney Asset Forfeiture Account to the Buckingham County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit.

Re: Registrar: Consider request to appropriate $5,640.38 back to the Electoral Board and Registrar Budget which was received as reimbursement from candidate Bob Good for the Recount conducted on August 1, 2024.

Chambers: The second, M2, Registrar: Consider request to appropriate $5,640.38 back to the Electoral Board and Registrar budget, which was received as a reimbursement from the candidate Bob Goode for the recount conducted August 1, 2024. What's the pleasure of the Board on that?

Palmore: So moved.

Davis: Second.

Chambers: A motion and second we will consider this request. Are there any questions? All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Palmore moved, Vice Chairman Davis seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the request from the Registrar to appropriate $5,640.38 back to the Electoral Board and Registrar budget.

Re: Treasurer: Consider request for Public Service Refund for Central Telephone Company in the amount of $8,631.98 after receiving updated values from the SCC

Chambers: Treasurer, Consider request for Public Service refund for Central Telephone Company in the amount of $8,631.98 after receiving updated values from the SCC. What's the Board's pleasure?

Garrett: Make motion, Mr. Chairman, we approve it.

Gilliam: I second it.

Chambers: Motion and second we approve this request from the Treasurer. Are there any questions? All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Garrett moved, Supervisor Gilliam seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Public Service refund for Central Telephone Company in the amount of $8,631.98.

Re: EMS: Consider appropriation of reserve funds for EMS staffing at the Arvonia Unit

Chambers: Number 4, EMS, Consider appropriation for the reserve funds for the EMS staffing at the Arvonia unit.

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

Chambers: We got a second?

Bryant: I'll second it.

Chambers: Motion and second that we consider this appropriation for the EMS at the Arvonia unit staffing. Are there any questions? Seven yes.

Vice Chairman Davis moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the appropriation from the reserve fund to the EMS department for the staffing of the Arvonia unit.

Re: Finance: Consider contract with Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates for the FY24 Audit

Chambers: Finance, Consider contract with Robinson, Farmer, Cox and Associates for the Fiscal Year 24 audit.

Carter: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman, as Mrs. Choate was here earlier she finished up from the 23 audit. This is something we have to do every year. We have to sign an engagement letter to approve them to have them come in and look at our records for FY24. So even though we just finished 23 audit, they will be here if you approve this night in November to start the 24 audit. So hopefully we get back on track and we'll have the final 24 audit to you sometime beginning of the new year.

Chambers: Okay, thank you. What's the pleasure of the Board?

Bryant made the motion.

Allen: Second.

Chambers: It's been a motion and second that we approve this. Are there any questions? All in favor? Seven, yes.

Supervisor Bryant moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Letter of Engagement for Robinson, Farmer, Cox to perform the FY24 audit.

Re: Consider appointing County Administrator the voting credentials or the 2024 VACO Annual Business Meeting

Chambers: 6. Consider appointing County Administrator voting credentials for the 2024 VACO Annual business meeting. Do we have a motion to do that?

Carter: That's one of those things that usually we have a Board member to go to attend that conference, but I don't think anybody's going this year, so I'll be there so I can cast your vote if you want me to.

Chambers: Okay, thank you. There's been a motion and second. Are there any questions? All in favor? Seven yes.

Vice Chairman Davis moved. Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Karl Carter, County Administrator to cast the vote at the 2024 VACO Annual Business meeting on behalf of the Board.

Re: Sheriff: Consider appropriating ECO/TDO reimbursement Program funds from the revenue line item to the Overtime Salaries and Wages and Part-time Salaries and Wages line items

Chambers: Number 7, Sheriff, Consider appropriating ECO/TDO reimbursement Program funds from the revenue line item to the Overtime Salaries and Wages and Part-time Salaries and Wages line items What's the pleasure of the Board?

Carter: I would say, Mr. Chairman, this is sort of grant funding. So this is money that they're asked to be reimbursed. They incurred their expenses, and now they are asking the state to reimburse them for these costs, and we have received the money, so they are asking to put it back into their budget.

Palmore: I'll make the motion.

Garrett: I'll second.

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

Supervisor Palmore moved, Supervisor Garrett seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appropriate funds received from ECO/TDO Program from the revenue line item to the Sheriff's department overtime and part-time salaries and wages line item.

Re: Consider making donation to Town of Dillwyn for Halloween Trick or Treat supplies

Chambers: Alright, Number 8, Consider making donation to the Town of Dillwyn for Halloween trick or treat supplies.

Gilliam: Mr. Chairman, I was at the Dillwyn Town Council meeting last Tuesday night, and as you know, the Town of Dillwyn has a huge trick or treat event on Halloween, not just for the Town of Dillwyn, but it's pretty much countywide. I don't know how many hundreds of kids from one end of the county travel through the bottom in the Town of Dillwyn. I know the sheriff's department helps and whatnot, and I'd like to make a motion tonight that the Board contribute $500 to the Town for the children for Halloween. The Town sometimes struggles and is a burden, a lot of money being spent. And if there's any way we can help these children and help the whole community, I'd like to see the county do that for the kids on Halloween. So I'd like to make a motion.

Chambers: I think it's for a good cause. I'd like to see the Board support this, if it's the will of the Board. It's been motioned and seconded that we'll donate $500 to the Town of Dillwyn to help with the cost of the trick or treat. Is that correct? All in favor? Seven yes. I know Sammy Ranson would be proud of you for doing that.

Supervisor Gilliam moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to donate $500 to the Town of Dillwyn to help with the cost of the Trick or Treat.

Re: Consider appointing at least 2 more members to the Board of Building Code Appeals

Chambers: Let's move on down to the Appointments to Committees and Boards and Agencies, and we got Number 1 Consider appointment at least two more members to the Board of Building Code Appeals. These members should have construction background. We've got Mr. David Ball, Mr. Steve Metro, and Mr. Larry Haskins previously appointed. So we need two more. Right Karl?

Carter: Yes, sir.

Allen: I've got 2 names that were given to me while ago. Eddie Spencer and Morgan Dunnavant to add to it.

Davis: I was going to ask Morgan would he consider serving on it.

Chambers: Morgan Dunnavant is an airplane pilot. He not a construction.

Gilliam: Actually he is going to fly us on Mr. Demaio's plane to the Super Bowl guys.

Chambers: I think Morgan will serve good on this. He is well versed in construction. I serve on the Board with him and he's real intelligent about that.

Davis: What was the other name, Danny?

Allen: Eddie Spencer., I make a motion to add Eddie Spencer and Morgan Dunnavant.

Chambers: It's been motioned and seconded that we add Mr. Eddie Spencer and Mr. Morgan Dunnavant to the Board of Appeals. Are there any questions? All in favor? Seven yes. All right.

Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Eddie Spencer and Morgan Dunnavant to the Board of Building Code Appeals.

Re: County Attorney Matters

Wright: I have one informational item tonight. As the Board is aware, the SUP issued by this Board in regard to Mountain Pine Arvonia LLC and Mountain Pine Arvonia II LLC was challenged in court. That SUP was challenged. Judge Horshire out of Charlottesville is who was designated as a special

judge to hear that matter on October 4, 2024 by a letter of opinion to council dismissed that matter with prejudice. So challenge currently to the SUP has been dismissed. Nothing else. Any questions?

Chambers: Any questions for the County Attorney? Thank you, Mr. Wright.

Re: County Administrator's Report

Carter: November meeting: Mr. Chairman, just something quick. Just a reminder that our meeting in November will be on Tuesday, November 12, due to the Veteran's Day holiday and the VACO conference. So it will be on the 12th, the second, well I don't know if it's the second Tuesday, it'll be the Tuesday after the second Monday.

Personnel Committee Report: Also, I provided you tonight with a Personnel Committee report under separate cover. If you all agree with that report, there's no action need to be taken. If you do have any questions or concerns about the report, we can go in personnel in executive closed session to talk about those items.

That is all I have Mr. Chairman.

Re: Other Board Matters

Gilliam: I just want to give, Mr. Chairman, I just want to give a big shout out to our volunteers and our EMS. Last Friday, I was first one on the scene to an accident on Scott's Bottom Road. A lady was coming from 60, headed toward Chuck Stop, and I was headed toward 60 toward Cumberland, and hit an oak tree head on with entrapment. It was a very serious wreck. And I want to tell you, living in country, we hear a lot of complaints from law enforcement, about law enforcement, about EMS, about our fire departments and even our dispatches. I called 911 at 9:03 when I first pulled up on this entrapment. At 9:21 this lady was loaded, 18 minutes later, to head to a helicopter pad. We had three deputies, two fire trucks, and I counted 11 firefighters volunteer. Some of them weren't in trucks, but they actually came from their jobs. We had two rescue squads from EMS, and Cody actually was there on the scene as well, but this is on a back road in a rural county, and from the dispatcher to the sheriff's department to EMS and our volunteer firefighters, if this had happened in the middle of Johnston Willis parking lot, I don't see how in the world anybody could have got somebody out of a trapped car in 18 minutes to have them loaded to take to the helicopter pad. So I just want to tell you, the citizens of Buckingham, yes, it may be times where things don't go exactly right, but on a Friday morning at 9:00, when you have 11 volunteer fire departments from the Town of Dillwyn, three deputies and two rescue squads, I don't see how possibly it could be any better. And I just want to give each and every one of those people, starting at the dispatcher, a big shout out, because we have a lot to be proud of in our community. Thank you.

Davis: And on that note, I just wanted to thank all the EMS and fire department people that performed the water rescues. What was it, five that night that y'all had to get out of the water? And it's, it was just, I know the one down on Slate Hill, I think it was three individuals in that vehicle, wasn't it? And I thank you.

Garrett: Mr. Chairman, as another item for Other Board matters. I'd like to make a motion that we make a resolution hopefully next month to honor Mrs. Gwendolyn Gregory.

Palmore: I'll second.

Chambers: Motion by Mr. Garrett, second by Mr. Palmore that we would pass a resolution in honor of Gwendolyn Gregory who worked at the School Board for many years. And I think she well deserves it. Any question of motion? All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Garrett moved, Supervisor Palmore seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to adopt a Resolution of Memoriam for Gwendolyn Gregory to present to the family at the November meeting.

Re: Executive Closed Session

Chambers: If there are no other Board matters, we need to go into Executive Session.

Garrett: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion we go into Executive Session under State of Virginia, Code 2.1-3711. A.3, Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for public purpose or of the disposition of publicly held real property where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, and also Code of Virginia. 2.1-3711. A.7, Consultation with legal counsel and briefing by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. And I make that motion.

Davis: Second

Chambers: Motion and second that we're going to Executive Session under the Codes that was stated. Any questions? All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Garrett moved, Vice Chairman Davis seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to enter into Executive Session under Codes 2.1-3711. A.3 and 2.1-3711. A.7.

Chambers: We'll take a five minute break.

Re: Return to Regular Open Session and Certification

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

Davis: Second.

Chambers: Motion and second to return to regular session. All in favor?

Supervisor Garrett moved, Vice Chairman Davis seconded to return to regular session and certify to the matters discussed.

Re: Action as a result of closed Executive Session

Chambers: Any action as a result of closed Executive Session?

Garrett: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would also like to make a motion the result of Executive Session. Make a motion to that the Board authorize the County Administrator to sign a contract to begin negotiations to sell approximately nine acres of land at the industrial park to Central Virginia Christian School.

Chambers: Can we get a second?

Gilliam: Second.

Chambers: The motion was made by Supervisor Garrett, second by Supervisor Gilliam. Are there any questions on the motion? All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Garrett moved, Supervisor Gilliam seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to authorize the County Administrator to sign a contract to begin negotiations to sell approximately 9 acres of land at the Industrial Park to Central Virginia Christian School.

Chambers: I'd like to say this to my fellow Board members very briefly. I've been serving on the Board for about 34 years. In my 34 years, I've never seen a Judge come before this Board and make a presentation like Judge Blessing did tonight. I think he should be highly commended. And he thanked the Board for their support and work at the courthouse. And I really think we ought to send him a letter of appreciation for coming and talking to us like that. The first time I've seen in 30 some years. He should be highly commended, and I got a different feeling about it now, if I have to go before him, I don't know where I'll go.

Palmore: Mr. Chairman, if I go, I'm gonna take camera with me.

Chambers: Can we send him a letter of thanks, Karl?

Carter: Yes, sir.

Chambers: Alright. Thank you. Okay. But in all honesty, I think that was real nice. He's made me feel good about that, because we caught so much hell when we renovated the Courthouse. We spent too much money there, and then we done this. You hear all kinds of negative stuff. It's good to hear something positive every now and then. So I really feel good. I thank him for coming and sharing that with us.

Re: Adjournment

Chambers: If nothing else, need to come before the Board. We adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Chambers declared the October 15, 2024 meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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