

**Buckingham County  
Board of Supervisors  
February 14, 2022  
Monthly Meeting**

At a regular monthly meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Peter Francisco Auditorium of the Buckingham County Administration Complex, the following members were present: Joe N. Chambers, Jr, Vice-Chairman; Dennis Davis; Donald E. Bryan; Donald R. Matthews, Jr.; Harry W. Bryant, Jr.; and Danny Allen. T. Jordan Miles, III, Chairman was present by zoom due to illness. Also present were Karl R. Carter, County Administrator; E.M. Wright, Jr, County Attorney; Cheryl T. “Nicci” Edmondston, Zoning Administrator; and Jamie L. Shumaker, IT Manager.

Due to Chairman Miles being on Zoom, the voting system could not be used and votes were signified by a raise of hands and Chairman Miles speaking his vote.

**Re: Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Chambers called the February 14, 2022 meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors to order.

**Re: Establishment of Quorum**

Vice Chairman Chambers certified there was a quorum. Six of seven members present in person and one by Zoom, therefore 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**

**Bryan:** Mr. Chairman, I have one thing I’d like to see moved on the agenda. I would like to move M-7 and 10 after H Public Comments.

**Matthews:** Second.

**Chambers:** Motion by Supervisor Bryan, second by Supervisor Matthews to move M-7 and 10 after Public Comments. Are there any questions? All in favor. 6 yes. Miles?

**Miles:** Supervisor Miles votes aye.

**Chambers:** Seven yes.

**Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to amend the agenda by moving M-7 and M-10 up on the agenda to after H. Public Comments and approve as amended.**

**Re: Approval of Minutes**

**Chambers:** Next we have approval of the minutes.

**Allen:** So moved.

**Bryant:** Second.

**Chambers:** Motion by Supervisor Allen, second by Supervisor Bryant that we approve the minutes. Are there any questions? All in favor. Miles?

**Miles:** Aye.

**Chambers:** We have seven.

**Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022 meeting as presented.**

**Re: Approval of Claims**

**Chambers:** Next we have approval of claims.

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

**Davis:** Second.

**Chambers:** Motion by Supervisor Bryan, second by Supervisor Davis that we approve the claims. Are there any questions? All in favor? Six. Miles?

**Miles:** Supervisor Miles votes aye, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Re: Announcements**

**Chambers:** Next we have Announcements. Are there any announcements?

**Re: Public Comments**

**Lann:** We have 15 emails and letters and 6 signed up to speak. Do you want to do the one's present first?

**Chambers:** We can do that. Thank you. Each person has 3 minutes to speak.

**Lann:** Donna McRae Jones.

**Donna McRae Jones, District 3 soon to be 2:** Good evening everyone. My name is Donna McRae-Jones. I'm standing you before you this evening with the hat on for Habitat for Humanity. Just want you to know that the COVID has impacted us some, but we are still alive and running here in Buckingham. I am still on the Board with Piedmont Habitat for Humanity. I'm turning over my Chairmanship for Buckingham Build over to Ms. Rhonda Austin. Just to let you know that she will be the face that you see but I'm still going to be active and around. At the same time, I want to advise you that we have an open application here in Buckingham at the Community Center on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm. at the Community Center. I have brochures that I will be putting around the community advising people that we are taking applications. Also, to advise you that since the COVID we have been delayed in our home we are getting ready to build which is off of Shephards Store, Keisha Kyle. We are starting on building for her. That will be our 5<sup>th</sup> house and I'm happy to say that since I've been here going on 13 years now, we've done 5 homes, 1 renovation and that's all because of the people here in Buckingham. Rhonda, do you want to say anything?

**Rhonda Austin:** Just that I'm happy to be here.

**Jones:** I'm still going to be here. I'm just turning over the piton so to speak. Thank you for your time. One last thing, also want to tell you about the blood drive. We are having a blood drive at the First Baptist building on March 16<sup>th</sup> from 12-6. So if you would be so kind to come through and give the most precious gift of all and that's blood to share with all mankind. Thank you.

**Sherry Ragland, District 5:** Thank you Mr. Chairman, members of the Board for this opportunity to speak this evening. My name is Sherry Ragland and I'm in District 5. Harry Bryant is my representative. I'm here this evening in regards to the trash site on Rt. 56 near Ducks Corner. I'd like for the Board to consider extending the entrance over to the gate. This site gets a lot of traffic and the area is full of potholes. The County employees do a good job in maintenance as an ever ending cycle. I've spoken to Mr. Bryant about this before. Using this

site and seeing that all the rest of the sites have hard surfaces to the gate, I'm hoping this site could possibly get one too. Especially with the number of receptacles at this location. There are 15 dumpsters, 1 clothing recycling container, 1 aluminum recycling container, 1 large paper recycling container and one large oversize container for things other than trash. Keep in mind with that, the fire training building also at this location, there is additional increased traffic at this entrance and not just county trash trucks. I'd appreciate you taking this into consideration. Thank you.

**Robert Agee, District 6:** My name is Robert Agee, District 6, Mr. Chambers' district. I'm concerned about these solar panels not so much as against them but in 25-30 years when the life expectancy is gone and Apex and two or three of these other companies have been bought out and sold out and closed, the county may be stuck with these solar farms to be disposed of. I have concern with that. A lot of us won't be here but our grandchildren will be here in this county. That's all I have to say about it. I'm not necessarily against the solar panels but worried about what the county will be doing in 30 years. They'll be stuck with them. Thank yall. Have a great evening.

**JoAnn Meeks, District 6:** Hello. We have the same issue so I'm going to let him speak first and I'll speak second.

**Jerome Pleasants, District 6:** Hello, my name is Jerome Pleasants at 81 Forest Road. I've been living here for 11 years and I was told it was a private road. I've asked VDOT several times and they've explained to me in order to get the road turned into a regular road I'd have to come to come and ask for a petition. But it didn't have but 2 houses on the road at the time. Now we have 4 houses since last summer. I'm asking for a petition to grant VDOT to take over and make it a regular road. When it snows, they plow on 720 and I've had to go several times with a pick and pick out because the buildup freezes during the night to get out of Forest Road because it hasn't been plowed like the regular roads. I'm asking everybody to take that into consideration and please petition VDOT to turn this into a regular road.

**Davis:** What's that number? Forest Road you said?

**Pleasants:** Forest Road.

**Chambers:** Off of Rt. 20.

**Pleasants:** 720 is the number of the road that comes up to Forest Lane and then Forest Road.

**JoAnn Meeks:** Hello, my name is JoAnn Meeks and I was down here about 6 months ago about the road trying to get it to be a state maintained road but because it's considered a private road they won't do that. However, I had to get an attorney and he did some digging. He said that when my builder, JT Homes purchased those two lots down from his area, that the road

should have been bonded by the County of Buckingham and Buckingham did not bond the road. So now I'm asking you all to please state maintain that road because I've been down there for over 6 months and now we haven't had mail for 3 weeks. Our UPS takes our packages and dumps them at the top of the road and not only that, all the tree damage from the first storm we had to clean all that up ourselves. I feel Buckingham should be responsible for not bonding the road. They could have cashed it in and DMV would have made it a state maintained road. I hope you all take consideration on that.

**Pleasants:** Also because the road would be blocked, no emergency vehicles could get down to the residents. That's another concern. Thank you.

**McCarthy Gause, District 4:** Hello, esteemed members, Board of Supervisors and Mr. Karl Carter. Now, I know I have three minutes, and I can't get this done in three minutes. I know that but let me give you a little history on me. I am a high school and college basketball official. And as you know, we officials we like to think we have answers for everything. But I'll tell you a quick story. After leaving James Madison University, many years after leaving James Madison University, graduating there, I moved to Nashville, Tennessee. And there I met someone named Dr. Gloria Bonner. She was Professor, Dean at Middle Tennessee State University and she became a very good friend and a mentor. And after finding out that I was from Buckingham County, she asked me a question and it was a long list of detailed questions, because that's what she did. She's always challenging your thoughts. She said McCarthy, what are you doing to celebrate Dr. Carter G. Woodson? And the referee me wanted to jump out and give her a quick answer. I thought, and I couldn't at that time. I thought to myself, if I ever moved back, one of the things I wanted to do, one of my missions would be to have a Carter G. Woodson day. So, let me tell you about my group, the Unity Action Team, which is an offshoot of Ellis Acres. We are a group of residents who got together sometimes to have tough conversations, to find out each other's thought processes. Because oftentimes, we just don't listen enough. And what we wanted to do was create a day we can all come together and celebrate. So one of these days, we wanted to celebrate the world renowned, Dr. Carter G. Woodson. And I'm here today to tell you about that they will be held on April 2. April 2, Location will be determined, but we're shooting for Straight Street at this time. We want to have, we want to collaborate and we are collaborating with members of the community, certain organizations in the community, including Historic Buckingham, and Buckingham African American Life and Historic Society. So again, we want to bring this to you. So hopefully, all of y'all can come out and participate with us. We want to have the youth involved as well. If the youth are involved, and we can empower them with information to learn about someone who is home grown right here from Buckingham County, and is world renowned, world renowned. So yes, I know my time is up. Sorry about going over a little bit. But again, April 2, and please come out and celebrate with us. Thanks a lot for your time.

**Chambers:** Thank you sir.

**Lann:** First one is from Theodore Smith.

**Theodore Smith:** Please take your time to thoroughly investigate the large industrial scale solar project that is being sold to the County. The community needs your due diligence to check references, evaluate the claims and promises of the salesman, and understand the downfalls, that if approved will have on this community. The citizens did not have proper notice when the developer introduced the plan last time. Please Listen to the people and study their concerns that are being brought before you. Land use changes for the neighboring properties. People cannot use their land as before. The roads are affected. School children at their bus stops. People driving their cars and trucks. Livelihoods are affected when the cattle and other animals do not produce because of the construction noises and damages. The effects on livestock are documented. The economy in Buckingham is harmed by the lost production of the farms and by the many jobs lost in the timber industry that are the economic engine. Those that provide services and supplies that support the timber industry are harmed. Jobs in transportation, machinery maintenance, harvesting, replanting, insect control, etc. will all be affected. This has not all been heard before. So much new information has come to light since November. There are now even more counties that don't want to do these size projects. Counties that once accepted industrial solar are now rejecting it due to the catastrophes that were experienced. If things with Apex's solar project in Campbell County were so wonderful- ask yourself- Why were at least 26 violations and at least 6 stop work orders issued? Why were there television news reports about the roads? Why do they not want more of these projects? Please talk to Dale Moore the supervisor for the district of the project and Brian Stokes the environmental engineer for the county. Please call Mecklenburg County about Grasshopper Solar and Bluestone Solar, Essex County about Essex Solar Center Louisa County about Belcher Solar. The salesman can say that this project will be different, but how do we know that? Promises are not proof. I urge you to take time and talk to the other counties. There is much to be learned from the other counties who have experienced firsthand the pitfalls of these large scale solar plants. Please evaluate this as if it was going to be in your backyard and in your neighborhood until the year 2062. Every time you or your constituents drive by, what will they think? Will it be anger and regret at having the project? Or happiness and pride that it is not there? Thank you for your time and consideration, Theodore Smith  
Property owner, 4583 Bridgeport Rd.

**Sara Benson, District 1:** To the Buckingham County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, my name is Sara Benson and I live at 272 Ridge Lane Scottsville, District One. I respectfully request you deny SUP299 on the grounds it is not keeping to the Buckingham Comprehensive Plan and will harm the natural habitat and wildlife of our district. The ecosystem of our streams, ponds and the James River are also in peril. It will also negatively affect our property values and will forever ruin our rural quality of life. My neighborhood access is from Route 20 and backs up to the proposed industrial solar project. The increased construction traffic will affect the safety of all the residents. The project estimates 2700 trips by tractor trailers and dump trucks, which in reality equals 5400 trips as they must also return via Bridgeport. Certainly a majority will arrive at Bridgeport road via Route 20. Almost 400 workers will be arriving and

leaving twice a day. Apex claims this will be a yearlong process. It will become difficult to even get in and about our neighborhoods safely and most importantly, keep our children safe as buses and parents compete with the deluge of trucks and heavy equipment. Construction noise will also affect our daily lives with heavy equipment working seven days a week and pile driving every day but Sunday. Studies also show livestock are negatively affected by pile driving. What do our farmers stand to lose? Industrial solar belongs to in industrial parks not in their front side and back yard. Please vote no to protect us as residents of Buckingham County.

**Susan Tyler, District 1:** My name is Susan Tyler and I live at 712 Hummingbird Road, District 1. I respectfully request you deny SUP299 on the grounds it is not keeping to the Buckingham Comprehensive Plan and will harm the natural habitat and wildlife of our district. The ecosystem of our streams, ponds and the James River are also in peril. It will also negatively affect our property values and will forever ruin our rural quality of life. My neighborhood access is from Route 20 and backs up to the proposed industrial solar project. The increased construction traffic will affect the safety of all the residents. The project estimates 2700 trips by tractor trailers and dump trucks, which in reality equals 5400 trips as they must also return via Bridgeport. Certainly a majority will arrive at Bridgeport Road via Route 20. Almost 400 workers will be arriving and leaving twice a day. Apex claims this will be a yearlong process. It will become difficult to even get in and about our neighborhoods safely and most importantly, keep our children safe as buses and parents compete with the deluge of trucks and heavy equipment. Construction noise will also affect our daily lives with heavy equipment working seven days a week and pile driving every day but Sunday. Studies also show livestock are negatively affected by pile driving. What do our farmers stand to lose? Industrial solar belongs to in industrial parks not in their front, side and back yard. Please vote no to protect us as residents of Buckingham County.

**Wayne Snoddy, District 1:** My name is Wayne Snoddy. I live at Bridgeport Road, District 1. I respectfully request you deny SUP299 on the grounds it is not keeping to the Buckingham Comprehensive Plan and will harm the natural habitat and wildlife of our district. The ecosystem of our streams, ponds and the James River are also in peril. It will also negatively affect our property values and will forever ruin our rural quality of life. Bridgeport Road is my neighborhood; subjecting it to the increased construction traffic will affect the safety of all the residents. The project estimates 2700 trips by tractor trailers and dump trucks, which in reality equals 5400 trips as they must also return via Bridgeport. Almost 400 workers will be arriving and leaving twice a day. Apex claims this will be a yearlong process. It will become difficult to even get in and about our neighborhoods safely and most importantly, keep our children safe as buses and parents compete with the deluge of trucks and heavy equipment. Construction noise will also affect our daily lives with heavy equipment working seven days a week and pile driving every day but Sunday. Studies also show livestock are negatively affected by pile driving. What do our farmers stand to lose? Industrial solar belongs to in industrial parks not in their front side and back yard. Please vote no to protect us as residents of Buckingham County.

**Susan and Johnny Tyler, District 1:** My name is Susan Tyler and Johnny Tyler, District 1. I respectfully request you deny SUP299 on the grounds it is not keeping to the Buckingham Comprehensive Plan and will harm the natural habitat and wildlife of our district. The ecosystem of our streams, ponds and the James River are also in peril. It will also negatively affect our property values and will forever ruin our rural quality of life. My neighborhood access is from Route 20 and backs up to the proposed industrial solar project. The increased construction traffic will affect the safety of all the residents. The project estimates 2700 trips by tractor trailers and dump trucks, which in reality equals 5400 trips as they must also return via Bridgeport. Certainly a majority will arrive to Bridgeport Road via Route 20. Almost 400 workers will be arriving and leaving twice a day. Apex claims this will be a yearlong process. It will become difficult to even get in and about our neighborhoods safely and most importantly, keep our children safe as buses and parents compete with the deluge of trucks and heavy equipment. Construction noise will also affect our daily lives with heavy equipment working seven days a week and pile driving every day but Sunday. Studies also show livestock are negatively affected by pile driving. What do our farmers stand to lose? Industrial solar belongs to in industrial parks not in their front, side and back yard. Please vote no to protect us as residents of Buckingham County.

**Carl Webster, District 1:** My name is Carl Webster and I live at 2202 Paynes Pond Road, District 1. I respectfully request you deny SUP299 on the grounds it is not keeping to the Buckingham Comprehensive Plan and will harm the natural habitat and wildlife of our district. The ecosystem of our streams, ponds and the James River are also in peril. It will also negatively affect our property values and will forever ruin our rural quality of life. Payne's Pond Road is our neighborhood. We love the tranquility living off a dirt road affords us. While our vehicles may be dusty, we always enjoy seeing wildlife as we come and go to our homes. Deer, wild turkeys, rabbits, and squirrels are plentiful and bears, bobcats, otters and many other species also make their home in our neighborhood. We don't want to be surrounded by solar panels, nor do we want to be subjected to a year, probably longer of construction. Construction noise and traffic will affect our daily lives, with heavy equipment working 7 days a week and pile driving every day but Sunday. Studies also show livestock are negatively affected by pile driving. We do our neighbors at Longbottom Farm stand to lose? We are frightened of probable erosion issues affecting our properties. We did not choose to live in an industrial zone. Industrial solar belongs in industrial parks, certainly not in their front, side and back yard. Please vote no to protect us as residents of Buckingham County.

**Laura and Robert Keeton, District 1:** Laura and Robert Keeton, 3284 Paynes Pond Road, District 1. I respectfully request you deny SUP299 on the grounds it is not keeping to the Buckingham Comprehensive Plan and will harm the natural habitat and wildlife of our district. The ecosystem of our streams, ponds and the James River are also in peril. It will also negatively affect our property values and will forever ruin our rural quality of life. Payne's Pond Road is our neighborhood. We love the tranquility living off a dirt road affords us. While our vehicles may be dusty, we always enjoy seeing wildlife as we come and go to our homes. Deer, wild turkeys, rabbits, and squirrels are plentiful and bears, bobcats, otters and many other species also

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**Claire Wambold, District 1:** Clair Wambold and I live at 334 Hummingbird Road, Scottsville, District 1. I respectfully request you deny SUP299 on the grounds it is not keeping to the Buckingham Comprehensive Plan and will harm the natural habitat and wildlife of our district. The ecosystem of our streams, ponds and the James River are also in peril. It will also negatively affect our property values and will forever ruin our rural quality of life. My neighborhood access is from Route 20 and backs up to the proposed industrial solar project. The increased construction traffic will affect the safety of all the residents. The project estimates 2700 trips by tractor trailers and dump trucks, which in reality equals 5400 trips as they must also return via Bridgeport. Certainly a majority will arrive to Bridgeport Road via Route 20. Almost 400 workers will be arriving and leaving twice a day. Apex claims this will be a yearlong process. It will become difficult to even get in and about our neighborhoods safely and most importantly, keep our children safe as buses and parents compete with the deluge of trucks and heavy equipment. Construction noise will also affect our daily lives with heavy equipment working seven days a week and pile driving every day but Sunday. Studies also show livestock are negatively affected by pile driving. What do our farmers stand to lose? Industrial solar belongs to in industrial parks not in their front, side and back yard. Please vote no to protect us as residents of Buckingham County.

**Kenda Hanuman, District 5:** Kenda Hanuman, District 5. Board Of Supervisors Valentine's Day meeting, 2022. That's quite an agenda for tonight! A lot is going on in Buckingham. Our county has so much to offer. What do we value now? Will you value our county's children and a livable future for them? Will you support a beautiful, healthy environment to attract tourism and new residents or will a clean energy future look like massive industrial sites? There are many opportunities to support a sustainable future. A short list would be to: 1. Provide an Equitable, fair Education with expanded access and locations for our students. 2. Promote Tourism by supporting services and advertising what we have to offer. 3. Develop Services that attract the work-from-home sector who want to move from the cities to a healthy location. 4. Encourage Community scale solar that benefits the citizens financially and environmentally. Regarding industrial scale solar development here: This past week I noticed a number of signs announcing the February 28 joint hearing for the proposed Riverstone Solar project. This contradicts what Mr. Carter stated last week: That this wasn't on the county website calendar because it hadn't been approved by the BOS. Please keep doing the work that represents your constituent' values. Thank you.

**Bobby Aldridge, District 1:** My name is Bobby Aldridge and I live at 720 Payne's Pond Road and also Michael Marshall. I respectfully request you deny SUP299 on the grounds it is not keeping to the Buckingham Comprehensive Plan and will harm the natural habitat and wildlife of our district. The ecosystem of our streams, ponds and the James River are also in peril. It will also negatively affect our property values and will forever ruin our rural quality of life. Payne's Pond Road is our neighborhood. We love the tranquility living off a dirt road affords us. While our vehicles may be dusty, we always enjoy seeing wildlife as we come and go to our homes. Deer, wild turkeys, rabbits, and squirrels are plentiful and bears, bobcats, otters and many other species also make their home in our neighborhood. We don't want to be surrounded by solar panels, nor do we want to be subjected to a year, probably longer of construction. Construction noise and traffic will affect our daily lives, with heavy equipment working 7 days a week and pile driving every day but Sunday. Studies also show livestock are negatively affected by pile driving. We do our neighbors at Longbottom Farm stand to lose? We are frightened of probable erosion issues affecting our properties. We did not choose to live in an industrial zone. Industrial solar belongs in industrial parks, certainly not in their front, side and back yard. Please vote no to protect us as residents of Buckingham County.

**Alan Booth and Shayna Begley, District 1:** Alan Booth and Shayna Begley at 73 Beaver Place, District 1. I respectfully request you deny SUP299 on the grounds it is not keeping to the Buckingham Comprehensive Plan and will harm the natural habitat and wildlife of our district. The ecosystem of our streams, ponds and the James River are also in peril. It will also negatively affect our property values and will forever ruin our rural quality of life. My neighborhood access is from Route 20 and backs up to the proposed industrial solar project. The increased construction traffic will affect the safety of all the residents. The project estimates 2700 trips by tractor trailers and dump trucks, which in reality equals 5400 trips as they must also return via Bridgeport. Certainly a majority will arrive to Bridgeport Road via Route 20. Almost 400 workers will be arriving and leaving twice a day. Apex claims this will be a yearlong process. It will become difficult to even get in and about our neighborhoods safely and most importantly, keep our children safe as buses and parents compete with the deluge of trucks and heavy equipment. Construction noise will also affect our daily lives with heavy equipment working seven days a week and pile driving every day but Sunday. Studies also show livestock are negatively affected by pile driving. What do our farmers stand to lose? Industrial solar belongs to in industrial parks not in their front, side and back yard. Please vote no to protect us as residents of Buckingham County.

**Anne Marshall, District 1:** My name is Anne Marshall and I live at 4566 Bridgeport Road, District 1. I respectfully request you deny SUP299 on the grounds it is not keeping to the Buckingham Comprehensive Plan and will harm the natural habitat and wildlife of our district. The ecosystem of our streams, ponds and the James River are also in peril. It will also negatively

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**Kelly Franz, District 1:** Please deny the proposed Special Use Permit from APEX/Riverstone Solar for as it does not meet the criteria in the Buckingham Zoning Ordinance. The following are criteria for approving an SUP; Special Use Permits Within the A-I Agricultural District, the following uses 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. Adult or Juvenile Jails, Detention Facilities, or Correctional Facilities Operated or Owned by Local 10 or Regional Governmental Entities Agricultural Based Businesses – not classified as Intensive or manufacturing in nature by the definition of this Ordinance such as: feed mills, livestock markets, tack, feed and supplies, Airport, Airstrip, Heliport, Antique Shops/ Thrift Stores/ Flea Markets, Adult Retirement Community/Assisted Living, Auto and Truck Sales and Agricultural/Industrial Equipment - 3/22/99, Automobile Junkyard or Graveyard, Bed & Breakfast, Bulk Storage Tanks, Commercial Garage or Shop – housing a business not classified as Industrial or manufacturing in nature by the definition of this Ordinance, Convenience/General Store – Maximum 2000s.f. and no more than 4 petroleum pumps, Fairgrounds, Country Clubs, Golf Courses, Athletic Fields, Swimming Pools, Equine Facility/Activities, Commercial, Dog Businesses – Kennels, Grooming, Boarding, Training, Trials, Community Centers, Lodge Halls, Lumberyard, Sawmill, Planing, or Chipping Facility, Mining and Quarrying with Federal and /or State License, Motorsports – raceways, car shows, Music Festivals or Similar Large Events - 4/23/01, Private Recreational Facilities/Clubs/Events – archery, shooting, pools, day & summer camps, campgrounds, Private Schools and Colleges, Public utility generating plants, public utility booster or relay stations, transformer substations, meters and other facilities, including railroads and facilities, and water and sewage facilities, Radio stations, Television Station and cable TV facilities, communication station and/or tower or related facilities in accordance with Article 9 of this Ordinance Reservoir, Restaurants, Shooting Ranges, including all firearms, Sewage Treatment Plants, Private Veterinary Hospitals and Clinics, Water Systems, Privately Owned Serving the Public Wayside Stand with Food

Preparations - No Indoor Seating. Apex Clean Energy/Riverstone Solar fails to qualify for any of the above categories. While they love to toot how many houses could be powered by a 149.5 MW industrial sized solar plant, they have also admitted that is not the case, all the energy will be sold to corporations such as google or Facebook. Definition of Public Utility:

"an organization supplying the community with electricity, gas, water or sewerage."

There is absolutely NOTHING public about APEX/ Riverstone LLC so it should be slam dunk decision to disapprove SUP299. Kelly Franz, District 1, Blue Heron Lane.

**Anthony Chavez:** Dear Buckingham County Board of Supervisors, I write today to share Weyerhaeuser Company's support for Apex Clean Energy's proposed Riverstone solar project in Buckingham County. Weyerhaeuser owns and sustainably manages over 124,000 acres of timberlands in the State of Virginia. We provide work for Virginia logging, hauling, and road building contractors and are a core supplier of timber to many of the state's forest products facilities. In addition to our Timberlands business, we have a Renewable Energy segment that partners with renewable energy developers to identify company timberlands that are suitable for wind and solar projects. Our Renewable Energy business enters into long-term lease agreements with reputable, renewable energy partners that are industry leaders, such as Apex Clean Energy. These partners identify, evaluate, permit, build, and operate the renewable energy projects in strict accordance with our lease terms and under required permits. The majority of our land in Virginia will remain working forests and will continue to support the state's forest products economy. However, where there are opportunities to convert some of our land to solar or other renewable projects, we will carefully evaluate each project. We support solar projects that provide mutual benefit for both Weyerhaeuser and the communities in which we operate, creating new revenues and providing clean energy. Moreover, the optionality of solar lease agreements allows for us retain ownership of the property, while exploring alternative uses for our timberland holdings. Weyerhaeuser and Apex have enjoyed a strong working relationship for several years. We have been impressed with their professionalism and expertise in the renewable energy sector and for those reasons we strongly endorse their pursuit of the Riverstone solar project in Buckingham County. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comment in support of the Apex Riverstone solar project. Respectfully, Anthony Chavez, Director – Renewable Energy

**Andrea Rieder, District 1:** My property is located adjacent to the parcel considered for the construction and operation of a 149.5 MW utility scale solar facility on approximately 1,996 acres in Buckingham County. I am adamantly against this project which would definitely harm our environment. The Planning Commission and The Board of Supervisors, as our elected officials, must do their due diligence in researching this important issue and allow the residents of Buckingham County to vote on this issue in a referendum. Respectfully yours, Andrea and Reinhard Rieder, 2737 Bridgeport Road, Scottsville, VA 24590

**Lann:** That is all we have.

**Re: Consider use of a Community Center Classroom for the Buckingham County School's Alternative Education Program**

**Chambers:** Thank you. We voted on the agenda to move Item 7 and 10. Up next we have Dr. Keeler.

**Keeler:** Thank you, Mr. Board Chairman and Board supervisors. Item seven, consider the use of the community center classroom with the Buckingham County Schools alternative education program. On behalf of the school board, I would like to withdraw our request to use the community center classroom for alternative Ed program. We have been offered three other alternative sites for this program and of which are the enhancement. So I will take my recommendation to the Board next Wednesday, February 26. And we hope to get started as soon as first of March. Thank you. Any questions? Thank you.

**Matthews:** You're withdrawing your recommendation for the Community Center library facility but we had a meeting the other day. Are you going to move forward with what we talked about the other day?

**Keeler:** Yes, sir.

**Matthews:** You are going to get your board approval for that. Okay. All right. Just want to make sure.

**Chambers:** Any other board member have any questions for Dr. Keeler? Thank you Dr. Keeler.

**Re: Dr. Keeler, Buckingham County Schools, Consider budget updates**

**Keeler:** Tonight, we have a routine budget update to adjust our state and federal grants. Federal funds are the majority of the adjustments that you see before you. Revising the current grants from proposal to actual awards and carry it over amounts. Also the addition of six ESSER and AARP grants totaling \$5,939,951. Most of the grants expenditures dates carry over until September 30, 2024. I have with me, Mrs. Wendy Oliver, our Director of Finance to answer any questions concerning you have this report.

**BUCKINGHAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
PROPOSED SCHOOL OPERATING BUDGET  
2021-2022 REVENUES**

**REGULAR OPERATIONS FUNDS**

COMPOSITE INDEX 0.3422	FY2021-2022	FY2021-2022	Variance	%
	Adopted	Proposed		
	1,910	1,910	0.00	0.0%
<b>LOCAL REVENUES</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>		
RENTS	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	0.0%
TUITION	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	0.0%
SPECIAL FEES FROM PUPIL	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$0	0.0%
REBATES & REFUNDS - SCHOOL BUS OPERATIONS	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$0	0.0%
<b>OTHER REBATES &amp; REFUNDS</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$124,500</b>	<b>\$24,500</b>	<b>24.5%</b>
INSURANCE ADJUSTMENTS	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL LOCAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$315,000</b>	<b>\$339,500</b>	<b>\$24,500</b>	<b>7.8%</b>
<b>STATE REVENUES</b>				
<b>STANDARDS OF QUALITY PROGRAMS</b>				
BASIC AID	\$6,926,266	\$6,926,266	\$0	0.0%
SALES TAX 1%	\$2,310,009	\$2,310,009	\$0	0.0%
STATE SALES TAX 1/8%	\$330,001	\$330,001	\$0	0.0%
TEXTBOOK	\$135,025	\$135,025	\$0	0.0%
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	\$208,562	\$208,562	\$0	0.0%
GIFTED EDUCATION	\$65,333	\$65,333	\$0	0.0%
SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$860,633	\$860,633	\$0	0.0%
PREVENTION, INTERVENTION & REMEDIATION	\$363,099	\$363,099	\$0	0.0%
VRS RETIREMENT	\$948,580	\$948,580	\$0	0.0%
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$407,073	\$407,073	\$0	0.0%
GROUP LIFE	\$28,897	\$28,897	\$0	0.0%
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE	\$26,433	\$26,433	\$0	0.0%
REMEDIAL SUMMER	\$40,511	\$40,511	\$0	0.0%
<b>SUBTOTAL SOQ FUNDS</b>	<b>\$12,650,422</b>	<b>\$12,650,422</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>INCENTIVE PROGRAMS</b>				
COMPENSATION SUPPLEMENT	\$458,072	\$458,072	\$0	0.0%
AT RISK	\$564,737	\$564,737	\$0	0.0%
VA PRESCHOOL INITIATIVE	\$397,801	\$397,801	\$0	0.0%
NO LOSS FUNDING	\$330,911	\$330,911	\$0	0.0%
VPSA TECHNOLOGY GRANT	\$154,000	\$154,000	\$0	0.0%
<b>SUBTOTAL INCENTIVE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,905,521</b>	<b>\$1,905,521</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>CATEGORICAL PROGRAMS</b>				
HOMEBOUND	\$10,383	\$10,383	\$0	0.0%
<b>SUBTOTAL CATEGORICAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$10,383</b>	<b>\$10,383</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>LOTTERY FUNDED PROGRAMS</b>				
FOSTER CHILDREN	\$5,033	\$5,033	\$0	0.0%
AT RISK	\$324,571	\$324,571	\$0	0.0%
EARLY READING INTERVENTION	\$56,123	\$56,123	\$0	0.0%
MENTOR TEACHER PROGRAM	\$1,576	\$1,576	\$0	0.0%
K-3 PRIMARY CLASS SIZE REDUCTION	\$398,237	\$398,237	\$0	0.0%
SOL ALGEBRA READINESS	\$47,245	\$47,245	\$0	0.0%
PROJECT GRADUATION	\$3,963	\$3,963	\$0	0.0%
ISAEF	\$8,386	\$8,233	(\$153)	-1.8%
CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION	\$31,874	\$31,874	\$0	0.0%
VOCATIONAL EQUIPMENT	\$4,370	\$4,331	(\$39)	-0.9%
INFRASTRUCTURE & OPERATIONS PER PUPIL	\$509,381	\$509,381	\$0	0.0%
CTE EQUIPMENT HIGH DEMAND	\$3,358	\$3,327	(\$31)	-0.9%

	FY2021-2022 Adopted	FY2021-2022 Proposed Amendment	Variance	%
WORKPLACE READINESS	\$517	\$487	(\$30)	-5.8%
INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION	\$2,941	\$2,103	(\$838)	-28.5%
INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION STEM-H	\$803	\$790	(\$13)	-1.6%
<b>SUBTOTAL LOTTERY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,398,378</b>	<b>\$1,397,274</b>	<b>(\$1,104)</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE REVENUES</b>	<b>\$15,964,704</b>	<b>\$15,963,600</b>	<b>(\$1,104)</b>	<b>-0.01%</b>
<i>FY2021 Local Requirement</i>	<i>\$5,879,476</i>			

#### OTHER STATE REVENUES

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION REGIONAL	\$59,080	\$58,610	(\$470)	-0.8%
SCHOOL SECURITY OFFICER	\$0	\$15,702	\$15,702	100%
BENEFITS FROM OTHER STATE AGENCIES	\$24,500	\$0	(\$24,500)	-100.0%
SAFE & STABLE FAMILIES	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$0	0.0%
VTSS - POSITIVE BEHAVIOR PBIS GRANT	\$0	\$34,916	\$34,916	100.0%
ALBUTERL & VALVED HOLDING CHAMBERS GRANT	\$0	\$309	\$309	100.0%
<b>TOTAL OTHER STATE REVENUES</b>	<b>\$85,680</b>	<b>\$111,637</b>	<b>\$25,957</b>	<b>30.3%</b>

#### FEDERAL FUNDS

JROTC	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0	0.0%
CARFS ACT ESSER I	\$159,111	\$323,072	\$163,961	103.0%
CARES ACT ESSER & GEERF STATE SET ASIDE	\$35,971	\$65,507	\$29,536	82.1%
CRRSA ESSER II	\$2,179,333	\$2,089,442	(\$89,891)	-4.1%
ARP ESSER III	\$0	\$4,888,399	\$4,888,399	100.0%
ARP ESSER III SET ASIDE BEFORE, AFTER & SUMMER PROGRAMS	\$0	\$197,177	\$197,177	100.0%
ARPA HVAC REPLACEMENT & IMPROVEMENT	\$0	\$391,422	\$391,422	100.0%
GEER II & ESSER II SCHOOL BUS DRIVER INCENTIVE	\$0	\$13,682	\$13,682	100.0%
TITLE I PART A - IMPROVING BASIC PROGRAMS	\$921,783	\$918,265	(\$3,518)	-0.4%
TITLE I PART A - SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT	\$384,837	\$709,877	\$325,040	84.5%
TITLE II PART A - SUPPORTING EFFECTIVE INST.	\$128,296	\$114,051	(\$14,245)	-11.1%
TITLE III PART A - LIMITED ENGLISH PROF.	\$1,574	\$1,273	(\$1,699)	107.9%
TITLE IV PART A - STUDENT SUPPORT & ACADEMICS	\$56,326	\$58,442	\$2,116	3.8%
TITLE IV PART B - 21st CENTURY COMMUNITY LRNG CTRS.	\$442,987	\$373,080	(\$69,907)	-15.8%
TITLE V PART B - RURAL & LOW INCOME	\$43,319	\$55,440	\$12,121	28.0%
IDEA PART B - SPECIAL ED 611	\$623,682	\$572,089	(\$51,593)	-8.3%
IDEA PART B - SPECIAL ED 611 ARP	\$0	\$123,655	\$123,655	100.0%
IDEA PART B - SPECIAL ED PRESCHOOL 619	\$19,425	\$17,982	(\$1,443)	-7.4%
IDEA PART B - SPECIAL ED PRESCHOOL 619 ARP	\$0	\$9,041	\$9,041	100.0%
PERKINS CTE	\$40,284	\$52,983	\$12,699	31.5%
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$5,096,928</b>	<b>\$11,036,879</b>	<b>\$5,939,951</b>	<b>116.5%</b>

#### LOCAL COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS

LOCAL INSTRUCTION	\$5,129,646	\$5,129,646	\$0	0.0%
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION	\$394,563	\$394,563	\$0	0.0%
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION	\$652,079	\$652,079	\$0	0.0%
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION - BUSES	\$270,000	\$270,000	\$0	0.0%
LOCAL MAINTENANCE	\$688,885	\$688,885	\$0	0.0%
LOCAL YEAR END REAPPROPRIATION FACILITIES	\$803,210	\$803,210	\$0	0.0%
LOCAL DEBT SERVICE	\$137,013	\$137,013	\$0	0.0%
LOCAL TECHNOLOGY	\$326,130	\$326,130	\$0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL LOCAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$8,401,526</b>	<b>\$8,401,526</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

	FY2021-2022 Adopted	FY2021-2022 Proposed Amendment	Variance	%
<b>TOTAL REGULAR OPERATIONS REVENUES</b>	<b>\$29,863,838</b>	<b>\$35,853,142</b>	<b>\$5,989,304</b>	<b>20.1%</b>
<b>CAFETERIA FUND</b>				
<b>LOCAL REVENUES</b>				
SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	0.0%
BEGINNING YEAR BALANCE	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL LOCAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$400,000.00</b>	<b>\$400,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>STATE REVENUES</b>				
<b>CATEGORICAL PROGRAMS</b>				
SCHOOL LUNCH	\$11,332	\$11,332	\$0	0.0%
<b>SUBTOTAL CATEGORICAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$11,332</b>	<b>\$11,332</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>LOTTERY FUNDED PROGRAMS</b>				
SCHOOL BREAKFAST	\$2,343	\$2,343	\$0	0.0%
<b>SUBTOTAL LOTTERY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,343</b>	<b>\$2,343</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE REVENUES</b>	<b>\$13,675</b>	<b>\$13,675</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>				
NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	0.0%
USDA EMERGENCY OPERATING COSTS	\$0	\$76,329	\$76,329	100.0%
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH	\$595,000	\$595,000	\$0	0.0%
USDA SUMMER FEEDING	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	0.0%
PANDEMIC FBT LOCAL LEVEL ADMINISTRATIVE COST GRANT	\$0	\$3,063	\$3,063	100.0%
CRRSA ESSER II	\$11,034	\$11,034	\$0	0.0%
ARP ESSER III	\$0	\$34,347	\$34,347	100.0%
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$931,034</b>	<b>\$1,044,773</b>	<b>\$113,739</b>	<b>12.2%</b>
<b>TOTAL CAFETERIA FUND REVENUES</b>	<b>\$1,344,709</b>	<b>\$1,458,448</b>	<b>\$113,739</b>	<b>8.5%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$31,208,547</b>	<b>\$37,311,590</b>	<b>\$6,103,043</b>	<b>19.6%</b>

BUCKINGHAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
PROPOSED SCHOOL OPERATING BUDGET  
2021-2022 EXPENDITURES

REGULAR OPERATIONS FUNDS

	FY2021-2022	FY2021-2022	Variance	%
	Adopted	Proposed Amendment		
COMPOSITE INDEX 0.3422	1,910	1,910	0.00	0.0%
INSTRUCTION	\$20,232,175	\$23,209,078	\$2,976,903	14.7%
ADMINISTRATION, ATTENDANCE & HEALTH	\$1,732,045	\$1,863,957	\$131,912	7.6%
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$2,541,467	\$2,623,566	\$82,099	3.2%
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	\$2,509,162	\$3,254,819	\$745,657	29.7%
FACILITIES	\$803,210	\$2,035,000	\$1,231,790	153.4%
DEBT SERVICE	\$137,013	\$137,013	\$0	0.0%
TECHNOLOGY	\$1,908,766	\$2,729,709	\$820,943	43.0%
<b>TOTAL REGULAR OPERATIONS EXPENDITURE BUDGET</b>	<b>\$29,863,838</b>	<b>\$35,853,142</b>	<b>\$5,989,304</b>	<b>20.1%</b>

CAFETERIA FUND

SCHOOL FOOD	\$1,344,709	\$1,458,448	113,739	8.5%
<b>TOTAL CAFETERIA FUND EXPENDITURE BUDGET</b>	<b>\$1,344,709</b>	<b>\$1,458,448</b>	<b>113,739</b>	<b>8.5%</b>

<b>GRANT TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$31,208,547</b>	<b>\$37,311,590</b>	<b>\$6,103,043</b>	<b>19.6%</b>
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**Chambers:** Any board member have any questions for Mrs. Oliver?

**Miles:** Mr. Chairman, this is Supervisor Miles. I just have a quick question about the \$24,500 under other rebates and refunds under local revenue, sir.

**Oliver:** That is just a reclassification of some funds. If you look down under other state revenues, you'll see a negative for benefits for other state agencies. And that's just a transfer based on recommendation to reclassify that revenue. Thank you.

**Chambers:** Are there any other questions? No other questions? Thank you, Dr. Keeler. Thank you, Mrs. Oliver.

**Keeler:** Thank you board members. All right. We move down to VDOT Road Matters.

**Carter:** Mr. Chairman, you guys need to make a motion and adopt their budget changes. So you need to make a motion to adopt their budget changes so we can change them in our system.

**Chambers:** Okay. We need a motion to make a change that can change in the budget system also.

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

**Davis:** Second.

**Chambers:** Motion by Supervisor Bryan, second by Supervisor Davis, that we will authorize this change. Are there any questions? All in favor? Mr. Miles?

**Miles:** Supervisor Miles votes aye, sir.

**Chambers:** Seven votes. Thank you.

**Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Davis seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Budget adjustments requested by the School Board as presented.**

**Bryan:** Do we need to vote on the other issue?

**Matthews:** I just asked him but he said no. Not tonight. He's got to get approval from his board.

**Bryan:** Okay.

### **Re: VDOT Road Matters**

**Snell:** I am Steve Snell. I am the Assistant Engineer from the Farmville residency. I'm here to talk about road issues. For our report for this week, as we've been getting a lot of concerns about in all the counties about the status of the unpaved roads to the really bad weather recently. They're saturated and subgrades. They are wet and the roads are often soft when they are not frozen. And we have been putting stone on those. But until they dry out with some good weather, we can't really recreate a lot of those roads. So at this moment, all we can do is put stone on those gravel roads. We have been doing debris cleanup from the winter storm that occurred on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. That's still underway, we're about 75% complete. We have hired six contractors to help clean up Buckingham County. We have each of those contractors for 160

hours. And we are focusing them on the secondary roads. Once they're complete our crews, the VDOT crews will do the primary roads. That's mostly due to the fact that we have to do the road closures for them in the traffic control. So our crews are busy doing the safety measures for our contractors. And then once they're done, we can move on to the primary roads for our crews. We're working on the routine work orders as always, when they come in. Payne's Road and Red Road. Just say Payne's Pond Road, Red Road are our two rural rustics for this coming summer. For those that don't know, rural rustic so when we change gravel roads to a hard surface. So we have those two in our system. And they will be completed this year. We are currently hauling stone to those. And as I said we should complete that by the end of the year. Fanny white Road, which is Route 665 is closed and it will remain closed until March 18. That bridge crews replacing a culvert on that roadway. That's all I have in the form report. One more thing is we have to set up our meeting for the six year plan, which typically we do an hour before the board meeting. So I need to announce that publicly that we will meet with the board either your administrator, our resident engineer set a time. The best would be an hour before the next board meeting.

**Matthews:** Mr. Chairman I have questions. I guess you were here when Miss Meeks and the other gentleman spoke about Forest Road. Did you take any notes on that on the state going through the process of them getting that over to state maintained? Did you take any notes on that?

**Snell:** There is a process. It's somewhat lengthy. Typically if a road is public or private during development that is solely up to the county. Some counties allow private roads. It allows more of a rustic feel and the cost of the developer a little less money. But it also typically they're not designed to VDOT standards. So along with getting enough houses to become public, you have to actually improve that road to the public standard. And you have to have a right away. They also do need at least to have an agreement with the board that the board wants the road to be public. So that's really a local decision. Do we want this road to be public or not? But there are some further steps, even after that, that the homeowners would need to take, which is to actually plat a right away, which they may already have, but also to improve the roads to current standards.

**Allen:** So you all need to then check the road and see if it's up to your standards?

**Snell:** Yes, they would actually hire engineer and who would create what we call a plan. And he would show us that it is. They'll test the soils to make sure it has compaction. And they'll check all the culvert crossings and make sure they have adequate flow. They can call our office or I can meet them after this after I'm done. And I can talk to them about it.

**Allen:** It would be nice to figure that out by the next meeting and see what we can do.

**Snell:** Any other questions for me?

**Allen:** I do want to say I appreciate the way y'all have cleaned up the back roads, you know, I've got a whole lot of wood. When you come to the end of my road up there and look at the gravel pile. It's not a gravel pile no more. It's a super, super woodpile. But what y'all planning on doing with that?

**Snell:** Usually as a property owner gets to decide and so we have agreements with the property owners. If they're ours, we have to mulch it. So if it's paid for by FEMA, some of that is covered by FEMA disaster relief. So they'll ask us to mulch it. A lot of times people want to buy it or sell it. The only time that would happen is if it's on private property and the owner has already agreed to take them. But I'd say 90% of the time it will be turned into mulch, and then the private owner can use that as they wish.

**Allen:** Looks like it would be mulched because most of it is pine. Most people don't burn that wood.

**Bryan:** I have a question, how soon before you guys start patching some of the potholes?

**Snell:** We still have the debris which isn't currently our goal is to get the debris off in next month or two. So it would be after that that would be probably I would say early spring or middle spring before we get to that. Potholes typically are something we do year round. But during the winter, we're so busy with snow and brush removal. We can't we just don't have the time for that. Because our manpower is already spent.

**Miles:** Mr. Chairman?

**Chambers:** Yes, sir.

**Miles:** With regards to Mr. Snell, thank you for that update for Red Road. With regards to the limbs and the debris that are along the road, do y'all have a timeframe on when that will be collected?

**Snell:** Yes, I'd say next three to six weeks. Yeah, it would be next three to six week will be completed with that, at least on the secondary roads.

**Miles:** And so thank you for that. Secondly, Windsor Place is off of Twin Creek Road, which is all 60 and Windy Knoll Lane is off of Route 20. I wanted to see I know we've been talking about Forest Lane as well. But I've got some folks who live on those roads in my district who would like to see if their road couldn't be taken into the state system in terms of maintenance? Not sure if they were built to state specs, I don't think one of them was but if you could look into that. I appreciate it.

**Snell:** Okay. Can you give me the name of those roads again?

**Miles:** Sure. Windsor Place and Windy Knoll Lane.

**Matthews:** That would also fall under Forest Road too. Same scenario. I thought you said while ago that you were 75% complete on the secondary road. It's gonna take you another six weeks to clean that.

**Snell:** Three to six weeks depends on the weather, and how, how our crews work or what they're doing in the meantime. So if other issues come up, we have another big storm or something then that will delay it. Three weeks is you know if weather stays well. Anything else?

**Chambers:** Any more questions for Mr. Snell? Thank you.

**Re: Presentation: Presentation of Plaque to James “Dabney” Crews, Sr. for his years of service on the Planning Commission**

**Chambers:** Next on our agenda is a presentation to Mr. Crews. We'd like to thank you for your many years of service on the Planning Commission Buckingham County. Plaque says “Presented to James D. “Dabney” Crews, Senior in appreciation for many years of dedicated service to the Buckingham County Planning Commission 1998-2021.

**Miles:** Mr. Chairman, I'd like to thanks to Mr. Crews for all of his many years of service. He served with my father on the Planning Commission many years ago. Many thanks, Mr. Crews.

**Crews:** Just like to say, I hope that I was able to contribute something to the county for the years I served. It was really an honor for me to be on the Planning Commission. It's been a real pleasure.

**Chairman:** Thank you for again for your dedicated service and many years you served the County. You left some hard shoes to fill.

**Re: Presentation: Michele Laaksonen-Southside Center for Violence Prevention-Annual Report**

**Laaksonen:** Hi, I'm Michelle Laaksonen and I'm the Executive Director of Southside Center for Violence Prevention, the agency of Madeline's House which is the domestic violence shelter serving this area, and the Safe Program, which is the sexual assault victim empowerment program. First, I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to speak and also for your continued support of our program. Secondly, I wanted to share our efforts over the last year. We continue to provide free and comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault to include crisis intervention, counseling, advocacy, accompaniment, resources, referrals, and then

safe emergency shelter. We continue to provide these services to victims in Buckingham County this last year, and FY 2021 we served 11 families from Buckingham County providing 93 shelter stays. We also provided weekly therapy to multiple victims in Buckingham County and regularly had an advocate in the county as well. As you may remember, in 2020, we expanded our therapy program and had all of our clinical staff trained specifically in play therapy to bridge an important gap in services for children. We expanded our food donation program from just shelter clients to community clients. And we also established ourselves as a center for sheltering animals and families together, so that we are also taking in pets from abused homes with their adult caretakers. And we continued those programs this past year. Similar to last year, we also had to continue to make accommodations for COVID-19. This included limiting our shelter beds, to just seven rooms so that unrelated families weren't sharing the same room, providing extensions of stay because we found a lot of our clients had difficulties trying to get housing appointments and move into housing. We also engage some counseling clients in telehealth, which we had several staff trained in so that we were certified to provide that service. Our provision of that just depended on the preference of our clients. And then we had to temporarily cease our support groups because again, the amount of people in the room together. While we continue to offer the same advocacy and accompaniment services, we found some limitations going into certain facilities. And so sometimes those services were offered in the parking lot of whatever building they were going into instead of that building, but we were still there to support and then we continue to see a lot of festivals and fairs and outreach events that were canceled throughout all of our counties. So as we move into 2022 we're hopeful to be to start resuming some of those other services, and get back to normalcy I'm sure you all are excited for as well. And then additionally, we have worked this past year to actually obtain a second shelter location, so that we can house male victims of domestic and sexual violence. Our current shelter was under permit just warehousing women. And so while we always served men, we provided shelter through hotels. And so we weren't able to offer the same level of service, the same level of interaction, and safety and security. So we are excited to be able to increase our services to that population. I thank you so much.

**Chambers:** Does anyone have questions for Ms. Laaksonen? We thank you for your services.

**Re: Presentations: Tom Steger-Buckingham Fire Fighters Association-Request to hold annual Truck and Tractor Pull**

**Steger:** Good evening to all you. I'm here as a representative for the Buckingham County Firefighters Association to request the use of the county's land on Wingo Road to have our annual truck and tractor pull with a tentative date right now of the 23rd and a rain date of the 24th. We had this last year, it was very beneficial to the county and to the fire departments for the money we raised.

**Matthews:** What month is it, Mr. Steger?

**Steger:** July. The 23rd is Saturday, then Sunday would be the 24th would be the rain date.

**Chambers:** Any questions on the request from the Mr. Steger? What's your pleasure?

**Bryan:** There's land that is been given to the hotel. You cannot use that land.

**Steger:** I understand that sir.

**Bryan:** Okay. And this will probably be the last year of using that area for the tractor pull because of the hotel and some other things come along the pipe.

**Steger:** We're well aware of that. We've been informed that deal that was going to occur. The situation is preparation of a track takes a year. Now we are asking this year and if we have it in July, they start construction we can work around them and we've actually inquired into getting additional parking facilities and if have to run a shuttle to do that. But without that track we can't do it this year and we need to plan and it takes five months to get our ducks in a row as I guess saying goes. Of course with that in the second thing of the request is we, the county has always provided us with trash containers. The trash department brought them over and set them out. We actually took them back up to the dump. That makes it easier on us trying to facilitate the trash from the event.

**Chambers:** I guess we have to have a motion to...

**Bryan:** Have you coordinated the dumpsters with Lyn?

**Steger:** No, sir. We? We haven't yet. We will. Last year we went through and asked you first and yeah, back to the table and work that out with him.

**Bryan:** Okay. Just out of curiosity, how much did the fire department make last year?

**Steger:** They donated \$10,000 to each fire department. So there is four fire departments, that's \$40,000.

**Bryan:** Each of the fire departments? Okay.

**Davis:** I make a motion, Mr. Chairman.

**Bryan:** I'll second it.

**Chambers:** Motion by Supervisor Davis. Second by Supervisor Bryan that we give the fire association permission to use the field this year.

**Matthews:** And the four dumpsters.

**Chambers:** And the four dumpsters. All in favor? Any questions? All in favor? Mr. Miles?

**Miles:** Supervisor Miles votes aye, Mr. Chairman.

**Chambers:** Thank you, sir.

**Steger:** Thank you all very much. Y'all come enjoy it.

**Re: Public Hearing: Case 21-SUP297 Landowner: Susan Hudgins, Carl Burmaster, And James Burmaster Applicant: James Burmaster Tax Map 158 Parcel 11 containing approximately 103.7 acres located at 5481 Mount Rush Highway, Dillwyn, Va James River Magisterial District. Request to obtain a Special Use Permit for the purpose of operating an Air BnB Bed and Breakfast with events**

**Edmondston:** Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the Board. Our first case for public hearing is Case 21-SUP287. Landowner: Susan Hudgins, Carl Burmaster and James Burmaster and the applicant is James Burmaster. The property information is tax map 158 parcel 11 contains approximately 103.7 acres and it's located at 5481 Mount Rush Highway, Dillwyn, Virginia. The applicant wishes to obtain a special use permit for the purpose of operating in Airbnb and Bed and Breakfast and also events. This property is zoned A-1. The zoning ordinance of course does not permit an Airbnb Bed and Breakfast with events as permitted as a permitted by right use and an Agricultural-1 zoning district. The zoning ordinance requires that the Air BnB Bed and Breakfast and event facility obtain a special use permit. Mr. Burmaster states that the main purpose for this application is to have events at his farm of all different types, music car shows, live concerts. He would like to entertain 3500 guests for these events, Airbnb etc. Mr. Burmaster presented his initial application in August after discussion with the Planning Commission, he did resubmit that application. This application is what was introduced to you in January. Our applicant, Mr. Burmaster is present this evening to answer any comments questions or concerns that we may have.

Conditions:

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. That commencement of the facility shall begin within two years of the approval by the Board of Supervisors or this special use permit shall be null and void.
4. Right of ways and roadway shoulders shall not be used for parking. Ample parking for occupants shall be supplied on premises.
5. The Sheriff's Office shall be notified three weeks prior to any event inviting or expecting 300 or more persons.
6. The property shall be kept neat and orderly.

7. That the applicant pursues a commercial solid waste container and follow the County Solid Waste Ordinance
8. No person shall stage, promote, or conduct any musical or entertainment festival in the County unless there shall have been first obtained from the board a special use permit approving a request for event center for musical or entertainment festival to include, but not limited to, music, car shows, live concerts. Further application must be made for such special entertainment permits in writing on forms provided for the purpose and filed in duplicate with the clerk of the board at least 21 days before the date of such festival. Such applications shall have attached thereto and made a part thereof plans, statements, approvals and other document required by this section. A copy of such applications shall be sent by certified mail by the clerk to each member of the board the day such applications are filed. The board shall act on such applications within ten days from the filing of the same. If granted, the permit shall be issued in writing on a form for the purpose and mailed by the clerk to the applicant at the address indicated. If denied, the refusal shall be in writing and the reasons for such denial stated therein, and mailed by the clerk to the applicant at the address indicated. Such permit shall not be issued unless the following conditions are met and the following plans, statements, and approvals submitted to the board with application:
  - a. The application for special entertainment permit shall have attached to it a copy of the ticket or badge of admission to the festival, containing the date and time of the festival, together with a statement by the applicant of the total number of tickets to be offered for sale, and the best reasonable estimate by the applicant of the number of persons expected to be in attendance.
  - b. A statement of the name and address of the promoters of the festival, the financial backing of the festival, and the names of all persons or groups who will perform at the festival.
  - c. A plan for adequate sanitation facilities and garbage, trash, and sewage disposal for persons at the festival. This plan shall meet the requirements of all state and local statutes, ordinances, and regulations and shall be approved by the Virginia Department of Health.
  - d. A plan for providing food and water for the persons at the festival. This plan shall meet the requirements of all state and local statutes, ordinances, and regulations and shall be approved by the Virginia Department of Health.
  - e. A plan for adequate parking facilities and traffic control in and around the festival area.
  - f. A plan for adequate medical facilities for persons at the festival, approved by the County Director of Emergency Services.
  - g. A plan for adequate fire protection for persons at the festival, approved by the County Director of Emergency Services.
  - h. A statement specifying whether any outdoor lights or lighting is to be utilized, and if so, a plan showing the location of such lights and shielding devices or other

- equipment to prevent unreasonable glow beyond the property on which the festival is located.
- i. A statement that no music shall be played, either by mechanical device or live performance, in such a manner that the sound emanating from the performance shall be unreasonably audible beyond the property on which the festival is located.
  - j. Music shall not be rendered nor entertainment provided between the hours of 9pm and 8am each day.
  - k. No person under the age of 18 shall be admitted to any festival unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, who shall remain with the minor at all times.
9. 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.
  10. 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.
  11. 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.
  12. 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
  13. 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.
  14. That the applicant(s) and landowner(s) understands the conditions and agrees to the conditions.

**Chambers:** Any board member have a question at this time before we open the public hearing?

**Lann:** Two signed up to speak.

**Chambers:** Okay. So we open the public hearing at this time for this case.

**Lann:** We have Ralph Fish, James River District.

**Ralph Fish, District 5:** Good evening I've got some papers. Can I pass out? I think I've got enough for everybody. Again, my name is Ralph Fish. I live at 26 Booth Boulevard Buckingham, Virginia. I own property adjacent to this piece of land. When Mr. Coffey lived on the land, I could hear his tractor start up in the morning. I could hear other things went on down there, which most of the time it was just cattle. And that's natural. I retired after 46 years in the

shipyard at Newport News. My forte was security, fire and EMS. I come tonight to address a situation and on that map that I pointed out to...passed out to you. There it marks the different locations you got the Toga Firehouse on 24 And you got to Burmaster land on 24. Down at the bottom you'll see a yellow line with pink dots coming out that's is the Amish. This past fall I worked with the Amish helping to get lights put on their buggies to keep them from being involved in accidents. And we traveled all over this district down into Cumberland and into parts of Prince Edward County helping Amish people down there and get lights on their buggies and get getting them up. But if they go to 2000 people for this event, I have no problem with the bed and breakfast but they go to 2000 you put four people in a car that's still 500 cars you're putting on the Mount Rush Highway there. Rt. 24 and the fact that if you look here, you'll see where the Amish is, the little pink dots go. The Amish, this is main routes that they take going back and forth from 15 coming over and from Andersonville Road. But these families come his way, they hit 24 just for a few sections. When they come by the firehouse, they drop down and go over Slate River, the buggies slow down when they get to that grade. When they cross Grease Creek and that's where my property is located at down Grease Creek. The buggies have to slow down again and then they turn on to 691 to get off the main roads, but they try to stay off our roads. But they have to get on from time to time. And my concern is if we let release 500 cars in the middle of the night for after an event is over with we're subject to have an accident or people hurt and I'm opposed to it because of the noise and the pollution that would happen about my property. My kids use it for camping and hunting but I came here tonight to please ask you to vote no on this because I came up here to get away from the noise. I live 14 miles from Busch Gardens and I lived with that for years. And I don't need that up here. So please, I'm asking you to vote, the bed and breakfast I have no problem with. But I thank you kindly for your time. And y'all have a blessed day.

**Chambers:** Thank you. Any questions? Any Board member have a question for him? Thank you sir.

**Lann:** Next we have Robert Fish, Maysville District

**Robert Fish, District 4:** She already stated my name, but I moved up here, bought land up here in 1979 and I looked at five different pieces of property. Property I fell in love with, was Grease Creek. Because it was good, clean, flowing water. Down where I'm from in Tidewater, you couldn't find a creek doesn't have algae in it, or murky water and I said this is a property I want. For four generations, we've had our kids, grandkids and great grandkids playing in that water. Fishing, swimming, young men we've developed them into being hunters who abide by the rules. I'm concerned about the runoff from up there when you've got 2000, 3500 people. If they put in 20 porta potties, and it's 2000 that's 100 people for each one of the porta potties. Where are they gonna go? I guess women will get porta potties, men will go in the woods. And where does that end up? Down in the creek. What about people coming along bringing drugs with them? And they go and shoot up. What do they do with the needle? Toss it in the woods, and all that drug paraphernalia, where does it end up? Down in Grease Creek where my family will be playing.

Now let you know how valuable this is to me. We got the fifth generation coming on. Right now we got two twin girls only five years old. Either this summer or next summer they're gonna be down there playing in the creek. I don't want to see those kids get hurt or damaged. I don't mind the bed and breakfast. That's not a problem. It is putting all these people come in from Richmond, Roanoke, Lynchburg. They don't know the customs of the Amish. Saturday nights a big night for the youth to get out on the road. And here they come tanked up with drugs and alcohol, speed out of that 70 mile an hour. What happens? You've got dead children. I don't want to see that. Another reason is the air quality? You said well, how's that affected by the band? Like my brother was stating, you could hear the dogs barking up there. You can hear cows when they were mooing up there. That I don't mind. I grew up on the farm in western North Carolina. I enjoy hearing those sounds. But I don't want to hear the constant boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom. Another problem with the air quality, we have Christian groups that come up and use my brother's property and my property. And we let them camp. And we've worked with them and sang songs with them and told them stories and read Bible to them. How's it going to affect that when you're trying to minister to children and you got over there that big boom boom boom going on and every other words a cuss work.

**Chambers:** Thank you for your comments. Your time is up sir. Thank you

**Lann:** That's all we have signed up.

**Burmester:** Do you have any questions for me?

**Matthews:** What's your name sir?

**Carl Burmaster:** I'm Carl Burmaster. District 4. Chairman Miles is my representative.

**Chambers:** He's the applicant.

**Matthews:** I just didn't know who he was.

**Burmester:** I can address each and every one of those. First of all, I don't know Mr. Fish. I've tried to contact everybody I could contact that was anywhere near this property, which I did. That's why I went back with her and we changed some things and I redid the application because I've tried to make everybody oh well. But I figured where Mr. Fish was today. It's one mile from my driveway. I don't know how loud he thinks the music will be but there is no way he'll hear it from his driveway. 2. I'll have no events at night. That was one of the stipulations that we put in. I didn't want that at night, I want them during the day. So I keep an eye on things. I don't do drugs. I'm not into drugs. I'm not gonna have the type of band there where people will be shooting up needles. I've talked to the sheriff's department for any of these events, they will be there. You've got to have a certain amount of porta potties per certain amount of people, for people to use them. Um, what else was he addressing for me here? Traffic, the Amish. I mean,

nighttimes. Like I said, I plan on having events, starting from 11-12 in the afternoon. Now we're talking about four or five events a year, we're not talking about every weekend. Which about four or five events a year. And I plan on opening up, I'm, I'm a Christian, I'm saying we'll open it up to youth groups, open it up to the nonprofit organizations, when it's not being used to come out have a place to go. It's a beautiful lake. As far as the water pollution, I've had Mrs. Snoddy which is here from the water authority, her engineer came out to my property, I showed them what I was going to do, where I was going to do it. And they said it's going to have no effect whatsoever on the property or the lake or the water. I sincerely ask y'all to pass this. You know, my son, we've been going...we've been here, hunted here from when I was 14 years old. I moved here 17 years ago. But the whole time my son was in school, there was not one thing to take my family to, to do anything. I would love to be able to have this once a month to have family day. You know have small bands during the day to come. For people come up and have hotdogs, hamburgers, a place for these young youth to go where they don't have to be out on the street. They have a place to go to have fun. Now this is a beautiful piece of property. I haven't got it where it needs to be yet. With all due respect to Mr. Fish, I'll do anything I can do to accommodate what he wants me to accommodate. But I'm not trying to do this every week. I'm just trying to do it four to five times a year and that wouldn't start till next year, because it takes a lot of planning just like the Fire Department said, it takes planning. You know, I got to let the sheriff's department know, EMS know. I had VDOT come out. I've got like 400 yards straight away right there. They told me if I needed to I could put it into gravel turning lane, which I plan on doing anyway on my own this fall before next year without and that wasn't even my stipulation, do it. But I want to do it anyway. Because I want to everything to be safe. I don't want anybody to get hurt. I don't want any drugs on my property. I want to place people go and have fun. That's what I said to you. I just ask y'all to pass it.

**Chambers:** Any Board member have a question?

**Miles:** Mr. Chairman?

**Chambers:** Yes, sir.

**Miles:** Thank you. And I'd like to commend the applicant for this project. And I don't have any issue with it. Overall, I appreciate him amending Condition 4 to 200 and Condition 7 to 11am as opposed to 8am. But I'm uncomfortable, Mr. Chairman with the cap at 3500. I've talked to several people who live in my district, which this project would be in, excuse me, and as well as the applicant, Mr. Burmaster and I'd like to see that number down. So I'll be voting in opposition to this just because not on the whole project. But just because of that large number.

**Matthews:** And when I have a question, Mr. Burmaster, that 3500 people, there's quite a few people. So what type of band do you think is going to draw 3500 people to Buckingham, what's the name that I can associate with that number?

**Burmaster:** I'm a musician. I have contacts in Nashville. And it's maybe have Hank Williams, Jr. come out. Really, like I'd rather get some good gospel bands out. I mean, I have friends that are in the music business. I mean, that's not my main things I want to do there. You know, it's kind of this is kind of new for me too. And I want to talk to the people in Buckingham to find out what they want. What would they like to do? What kind of events would they like to have out here also? I say music because that's what I've done my whole life, you know, so that's what I know. I know as far as I know, people like to get out. People like to dance people like to have fun. You don't have to have drugs and all kinds of stuff to have fun with music. That's some good music, some good food and go out and have some fun. I have 105 acres there. I haven't cleared you know what I need to clear for more if I need it, because I don't anticipate having anything like that this year. I want to build and see, you know what, what needs to be done slowly. But 3500 people, I think it could happen. I would do 3000. I would never try to get it over 3500 people. It would have to be tickets only or whatever, just for four or five events a year. Other than that, it would be small stuff. It wouldn't be with a couple 100 people if that. So that's all I'm asking.

**Matthews:** I have another question too. Since I mean 3500 people and I guess there's no restroom facilities there on site yet but your plans are to use porta potties is that...

**Burmaster:** Porta potties at first. There's a ratio you have to use. I have talked to Paul at the county. He does all the sewage and plumbing. I've talked to him he came out to my land and told me exactly what I would have to do if I want to put in a regular because where I'm putting this is above, he said it would go away from the lake. He told me the type of system I could do and drew it on a piece of paper. It is where you'd have an event and then it slowly for a week, you know slowly for week, you know goes into the septic field. So yes, I have talked to the county about it. If things work out I will put the money in it to do that. But I don't want to do that if you know it's not gonna work out for me there's a lot of lot of money. So first of all, yes, I would do porta potties.

**Matthews:** And you can also listed in here an Airbnb and how many people was that going to house?

**Burmaster:** The AirBnB would just be a somebody from college or someone that used to house or something and it's nothing to do. There's no overnight camping at all. This air BnB is just for my house. But the house if somebody from like college or something needs a place for regular Airbnb, that's all that would be. There's no overnight camping at all.

**Matthews:** How many people you're talking about housing at one time?

**Burmaster:** I only have four bedrooms so it wouldn't be but you know, a family or whatever.

**Matthews:** Are you living in that house now?

**Burmester:** Right now we are. We're gonna build a little cabin down by the water, and then we'll use the house for that.

**Matthews:** You've got a lot of ifs and ands, and you don't have a whole lot of plans. You know, plans, but you don't have anything concrete.

**Burmester:** Well, it's in concrete, it's just a matter of getting the money. I didn't want to go to the bank and borrow a bunch of money to execute everything unless I knew was gonna be approved. So we went and looked at the application or another application for Airbnb. And, you know, that's somebody who just wanted to use it or something. I mean, right now we're living in it. It wouldn't happen. The main thing is the events, the events and stuff like that.

**Matthews:** You are talking about food and concessions and stuff like that. How are you going to do that?

**Burmester:** Vendors.

**Allen:** Like the tractor pull more or less.

**Burmester:** Like the tractor pull. Yes. It'd be just like, like I said, for four events a year, have vendors there. I mean, I opened it up also to, you know, the church groups and stuff like that to come out, fire department, police to come out and fish over there sometimes. And so the some of the fire department people.

**Allen:** It started off at 5000, we dropped it back to 3500. It's at 3500 right now, but if this is an issue somewhere. I don't have a problem with it. Go ahead.

**Chambers:** Mr. Burmaster, would you consider dropping the number of people down a little more? I think it seems to be to many people.

**Burmester:** I would if that's what would be necessary.

**Chambers:** Maybe start a little lower and you know can gradually go up. Do you think you could drop it down to about 2,000? Would the Board support that?

**Miles:** That's what I'd like to see, Mr. Chairman. 2000.

**Chambers:** Could you live with that if the Board would approve that?

**Burmester:** If that would get it started. I'd agree to that. The only reason we started you know, bigger numbers. if it works well, for not only myself, it works well for Buckingham and it can accommodate more people I have to come back again? Correct? I mean, that's what I'm asking.

**Chambers:** I want to see you do business. You know, I want to see you get started.

**Burmester:** 2,000 will be absolutely fine.

**Chambers:** Okay, I can support 2,000.

**Matthews:** But what about the conditions of number of events per year? I mean, you said you don't want to do more than four or five.

**Burmester:** I'd say five a year. Five large events a year.

**Matthews:** I think that would be, that's not a condition right now but I think it's something that you need to limit it to some amount.

**Burmester:** It's no way you could do one every month or something like you know like that every week. It's no way it's just too hard. You'd have to I would say five a year would be great.

**Bryan:** Yes, sir. I have a question. Condition 4, it says the sheriff's office shall be notified three weeks prior.

**Burmester:** Yes. I'm talking five large events. I still want to have like weekly small events, you know, I mean 50 People, whatever. Are yall talking, you're talking about just a large events, up to 2000 people event. So you're talking about 25 people events?

**Matthews:** If you were gonna do a large event, I would feel more comfortable with four per year. And, you know, the smaller events are not really what I would be concerned about 25 people or less.

**Burmester:** I can go with that.

**Matthews:** I mean that...

**Miles:** I agree with that, Mr. Chairman.

**Chambers:** Okay.

**Bryan:** During your major events, let's talk about your big events. What kind of security do you have on?

**Burmester:** I talked to Billy Kidd about it, and it's \$80 an hour to hire off duty deputies. And I would whatever amount the deputies that would need to take for the security is what I would hire.

**Bryan:** Okay. Sheriff Kidd? Is that agreeable with you?

**Kidd:** Yes, sir.

**Bryan:** Okay.

**Chambers:** So we need to close the public hearing if there's no more questions for him. Then we need to make a vote. At this time, we will close the public hearing. What's the board's pleasure on this?

**Bryan:** Yeah, I've got one more. In condition 7. It says I guess. Mrs. Edmondston, does this pertain to the big events? Number seven? I would like to add a condition in number 7 to notify the adjoining landowners as well. You know, it says here that you have to notify us, you know each board member, I want the courtesy given to the adjoining landowners.

**Edmondston:** At the responsibility of the applicant?

**Bryan:** Oh yes, ma'am. That's the responsibility of the applicant. Okay, and that would be added to condition 7.

**Chambers:** Okay. Mr. Miles that's in your district. Do you hear what he's saying?

**Miles:** Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman, and I appreciate Mr. Burmaster being amendable to those.

**Chambers:** Yes, sir. Thank you.

**Matthews:** Can we get in the motion the two, make sure we got the conditions that's going to be changed right. The 2000 people and four large events not to exceed 2000 people, is that correct?

**Burmester:** And how would y'all want me to contact them like certified letter, just come knock on your door, or what? I mean I don't mind, we've been talking... I know my direct adjoining owners. I don't know, I have one ...

**Bryan:** You don't want that he said she said.

**Burmester:** Exactly. That's my point. They say I really never got in touch with me or something.

**Matthews:** Was any type of noise decibel level agreed upon in any conditions?

Mrs. Edmondston stated that the Noise Ordinance would have to be followed.

**Matthews:** Ok, how many decibels?

**Edmondston:** (inaudible)

**Bryan:** There you go. Okay well, to protect the applicant, that would be you, sir.

**Burmester:** Certified letter.

**Bryan:** Yes, because then it becomes a he said she said that.

**Burmester:** I would prefer to do it that way. Yeah.

**Chambers:** Any more questions for Mr. Burmaster? Hearing none, what is the board's pleasure?

**Allen:** So moved to pass with new amendments. 2000 people, four large events, 100 people before he needs to contact the sheriff and then notifying the property owners.

**Bryan:** I'll second that.

**Chambers:** Motion by Supervisor Allen, second by Supervisor Bryan that we will pass it with the conditions that were added tonight. Are there any questions? All in favor? Hand raise. Mr. Miles?

**Miles:** Supervisor Miles votes aye, Mr. Chairman.

**Chambers:** Seven. Thank you, sir.

**Burmester:** Thank you.

**Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve Case 21-SUP287 for Carl Burmaster for Air BnB Bed and Breakfast and events with the change to conditions to include no more than 2,000 people at 4 large events, over 100 people the sheriff's department must be notified and notifying the adjoining landowner when these four events are going to occur.**

**Re: Public Hearing: Case 21-SUP295 Landowner/Applicant Jennifer Sombar and Katie VanSciver at Tax Map 9 Parcel 10A containing approximately 25.159 acres located at 143 Hatton Ferry Road, Scottsville. Slate River Magisterial District. Request to obtain a Special Use Permit for the purpose of operating an AirBnB Bed and Breakfast, campsites and event center**

**Edmondston:** Mr. Chairman. The next public hearing is for case 22-SUP295. This is Tax Map 9 Parcel 10a. It contains approximately 25.159 acres. It's located at 143 Hatton Ferry Road Scottsville. It is in the sleet river of magisterial district. Our landowners and applicants are Jennifer Sombar and Katie VanSciver. Their wish to obtain a special use permit for the purpose of operating an Airbnb Bed and Breakfast, campsite and Event Center. The zoning ordinance of course does not permit an Airbnb Bed and Breakfast campsite and Event Center. Please note that the events to include beekeeping, honey harvesting, survival skills, wreath making, cookie baking, spa weekends, classes and therapy for Army veterans and interactive programs for children and the elderly. Ms. Sombar and Ms. VanSciver are both here in the audience with us this evening to address questions, comments or concerns that you as the Board or anyone else may have.

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, including but not limited to 12 VAC 5-450-VDH Rules and Regulations Governing Campgrounds.
2. The facility shall meet all safety requirements of all applicable building codes
3. That commencement of the facility shall begin within two years of the approval by the Board of Supervisors or this special use permit shall be null and void.
4. Right of ways and roadway shoulders shall not be used for parking. Ample parking for occupants shall be supplied on premises.
5. Only trailers classified as Recreational Vehicles or self-contained camping unit and with current registration shall be allowed.
6. No campground structure shall be erected within 50' if adjoining properties without adjacent landowner's written permission.
7. The Sheriff's Office shall be notified three weeks prior to any event inviting or expecting 300 or more persons.
8. The property shall be kept neat and orderly.
9. That the applicant pursues a commercial solid waste container and follow the County Solid Waste Ordinance.
10. 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.

11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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
14. 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.
15. That the applicant(s) and landowner(s) understands the conditions and agrees to the conditions.

**Chambers:** We'll open to public hearing at this time to answer any questions.

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

**Chambers:** I'd like to just say it's in my district and I haven't heard not the first comment against it. So I think everybody's happy with it. Y'all want to say something?

**Sombar:** Yeah, we just want to say thank you for the consideration, the application.

**Chambers:** Does anybody have any questions?

**Matthews:** Could you give us a little synopsis of maybe what you got planned, or just directly from you.

**Sombar:** Sure. So we had a goal to, can you guys hear me okay? Okay. To open an animal sanctuary. This has been a dream we've had for about a decade. And so we searched for a farm. And after about 10 years, we found the perfect farm in Buckingham County. So we opened our animal sanctuary. The farm then we realized lended itself to having an Airbnb. There was an existing (mic cut out, inaudible) and in our pastures, we realized that we could open up our pastures for campers and RVs and tents. And now this is our home. So we are limiting it to five to 10 spaces. There are no hookups. There's nothing. It's packout. So the revenue that we would get from any of the proposed events, the Airbnb and the camping go back into the animals (mic cut out, inaudible)

**Bryan:** So we're talking dry camping.

**Sombar:** Exactly.

**Bryan:** Okay.

**Chambers:** Any other Board member have a question? Okay, we closed the public hearing. Gentlemen, what is your pleasure?

**Bryan:** Mr. Chairman, I vote to approve.

**Davis:** Second.

**Chambers:** Motion by Supervisor Bryan, second by Supervisor Davis that we approve this special use permit. Are there any questions? All in favor? Mr. Miles?

**Miles:** Supervisor Miles votes Aye, sir.

**Chambers:** Seven yes.

**Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Davis seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve 22-SUP295 Jennifer Sombar and Katie Van Sciver for Special Use Permit for Air BnB, campsites and events.**

**Bryan:** Good luck to you.

**Re: Public Hearing: Case 21-SUP296 Buckingham Cattlemen’s Association at Tax Map 122 Parcel 4 Lot 3A containing approximately 5.03 acres located at 11851 W. James Anderson Hwy, Buckingham, Va Maysville Magisterial District. Request for continuing the agricultural use as has been consistent with current uses as approved permit 13-SUP217 and to promote increased agricultural use and agritourism use. Modification and amendment to their original approval.**

**Edmondston:** Next public hearing is for Case 21-SUP296. The landowner and applicant is Buckingham Cattlemen Association. Property is located at Tax Map 122 Parcel 4 Lot 3a. It contains approximately five acres and it is at 11851 West James Anderson Highway. It is in the Maysville magisterial district. The applicant wishes to continue the agricultural use as has been consistent with the current uses as approved and 2013- SUP217 and to promote increased agricultural use and agritourism use. The applicant is asking for a modification and amendment to the original approval to include striking conditions 9 and 22, amending condition 21 to state: “that facility shall be used for indoor meetings, conferences, receptions, sales trainings, and

outdoor agritourism events such as but not limited to agricultural sales, shipping, bull riding, barrel, roping, horse training, cattle handling and festivals.” Of course our applicant and representatives of the Buckingham Cattlemen Association are here with us this evening.

Below are the amended conditions as requested 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. Ample parking shall be provided for customers and deliveries.
3. The Property shall be kept neat and orderly.
4. That commencement of the business, with requested amendments, shall begin within one year of the approval by the Board of Supervisors or this special use permit shall be null and void.
5. All fencing must be properly maintained and in sufficient condition to contain the animals on the subject property.
6. No animals shall be contained on the property for more than 72 hours.
7. The maximum number of animals contained on the property overnight shall be less than 200 head.
8. There shall be no erosion or stream pollution related to events held and the property owner shall be responsible for any correction measures in the event of erosion or pollution problems.
9. No single sale event may take place greater than a period of three (3) days.
10. That the applicant pursues a commercial solid waste container and follow the County Solid Waste Ordinance.
11. Calcium chloride and/or water shall be applied as needed to control dust from the subject property and the access road.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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
15. 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.
16. 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.

17. That the applicant(s) and landowner(s) understands the conditions and agrees to the conditions.
18. On the days of cattle hauling events, traffic signs must be placed along W James Anderson Highway (Route 60) warning vehicular traffic of slow moving vehicles entering and exiting the highway.
19. Virginia Department of Transportation shall the entrance prior to the issuance of any building permits.
20. The facility shall be used for indoor meetings, conferences, receptions, sales, trainings, and outdoor agritourism events such as, but not limited to, agriculture sales/shipping, bull riding, barrel racing, roping, horse training, cattle handling, and festivals.

**Chambers:** At this time we will open the public hearing.

**Lann:** We have one person to sign up to speak. J. Alvin Thomas Jr, District 2.

**Alvin Thomas, Jr., District 2:** Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you tonight. My name is James Alvin Thomas Jr. from District 2. I live at Thomas Road, Dillwyn, Va. I'm the secretary of Buckingham Cattlemen's Association and I spoke at public hearing for the Planning Commission. I just thought it was appropriate for me to come and speak to this and also in support of this modifications and amendments to the SUP. This is a property that the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification Commission has invested quite a bit of money in the County of Buckingham. The Board of Supervisors have invested some money in it and the Buckingham Cattlemen's Association has invested money and time in this facility. It's a good facility many of you have been there visited in it. It's a facility that we feel is underutilized and we are just looking for other ways that we can utilize this to better serve our citizens and make this a more community involved project. So I'm just here in support of the modifications and amendments to this SUP. Thank you.

**Chambers:** Thank you Mr. Thomas. Any Board member have any questions? We will close the public hearing. Board, what is your pleasure on this?

**Allen:** I like go ahead and approve it with make sure we strike number 9 and number 22 and amend condition 21.

**Chambers:** Motion by Supervisor Allen, second by Supervisor Bryant that we approve this SUP with the conditions amendment as stated. Any questions? All in favor? Supervisor Miles?

Miles: Aye.

Chambers: Ok. Seven yes.

**Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve 21-SUP296 Buckingham Cattlemen's Association striking Conditions 9 and 22 and amending Condition 21.**

**Re: Public Hearing: Case 21-SUP297 George and Susan Pamela Goodwin, Tax Map 4 Parcel 9 containing approximately 102.368 acres at 291 Belle Meade Lane, Scottsville Va Slate River Magisterial District, Request for Special Use Permit for the purpose of operating an Air BnB Bed and Breakfast with campsites**

**Edmondston:** Next public hearing is for Case 21-SUP297. Our landowners and applicants are George Goodwin and Pamela Goodwin at 263 Belle Meade Lane in Scottsville Tax Map 4 Parcel 9. It contains approximately 102.3 acres and it is located at 291 Belle Meade Lane. This is in the Slate River magisterial district as well. It's currently zoned A-1 and they wish to obtain a special use permit for the purpose of operating an Airbnb Bed and Breakfast with campsite. Mr. Goodwin is here with us this evening to discuss his project and answer any questions that you may have this evening.

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, including but not limited to 12 VAC 5-450-VDH Rules and Regulations Governing Campgrounds.
2. The facility shall meet all safety requirements of all applicable building codes
3. That commencement of the facility shall begin within two years of the approval by the Board of Supervisors or this special use permit shall be null and void.
4. Right of ways and roadway shoulders shall not be used for parking. Ample parking for occupants shall be supplied on premises.
5. Only trailers classified as Recreational Vehicles or self-contained camping unit and with current registration shall be allowed.
6. No campground structure shall be erected within 50' if adjoining properties without adjacent landowners written permission.
7. The Sheriff's Office shall be notified three weeks prior to any event inviting or expecting 300 or more persons.
8. The property shall be kept neat and orderly.
9. That the applicant pursues a commercial solid waste container and follow the County Solid Waste Ordinance.
10. 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.
11. 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.

12. 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.
13. 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
14. 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.
15. That the applicant(s) and landowner(s) understands the conditions and agrees to the conditions.

**Chambers:** At this time we will open up the public hearing.

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

**Chambers:** I haven't heard any negative comments against it and they've been longtime residents. I think they will do a good job with the bed and breakfast. I ask the Board to consider passing this.

**Bryan:** Is Mr. Goodwin here?

**Chambers:** Yes, sir. Right there.

**Matthews:** Mr. Chairman, I've got a question. Mrs. Edmondston, on Condition Number 5, it says no campground structure shall be erected within 50 feet if adjoining...is it supposed to be of adjoining properties?

**Edmondston:** It is a typo and I will correct that.

**Bryan:** Are we talking about dry camping?

**Goodwin:** Yes sir.

**Bryan:** And no water, no electric?

**Goodwin:** All we're doing different is mowing the grass for them.

**Bryan:** Okay. Too rough for me. A little too rough.

**Chambers:** We will close the public hearing at this time. What is your pleasure, Board?

**Davis:** I make a motion we approve it.

**Allen:** Second.

**Chambers:** Motion by Supervisor Davis, second by Supervisor Allen that we approve this. Are there any questions? All in favor? Miles?

**Miles:** Supervisor Miles votes Aye, sir.

**Chambers:** Seven. Yes. Thank you, sir.

**Goodwin:** Thank you very much.

**Supervisor Davis moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve 22-SUP297 George and Susan Pamela Goodwin for Special Use Permit for Air BnB Bed And Breakfast with campsites.**

**Re: Zoning Matters: Continuation of Case 21-SUP285 Impact Power Solutions: Request to obtain a Special Use Permit for Solar Generating facility at Tax Map 114, Parcel 2 on Gravel Hill Road, State Rt. 617 Marshall Magisterial District**

**Edmondston:** Mr. Chairman, the next two cases are continuations. It's Case 21-SUP285 and 21-SUP286. In your board packet, there is a letter from Evan Carlson, one of the representatives from Impact Power Solutions. I will read that: "Dear Board, We are respectfully requesting that the county act on our applications without further delay. These projects are much smaller than the one that provoked investigation into the ordinance amendment. Please review our applications based on their own merit. They received no objections at the public hearing hearings or subsequent hearings. In fact, there was support of these small projects during the public hearings of other more contentious large scale utility projects approved in the county. Delays and amendments are detrimental to our projects and reduce the likelihood that they will be completed. An effort to be good communicators and responsible developers we sent representatives on several business trips to Buckingham County to attend several meetings in person, but we feel our presence was ignored. We are making ourselves available to county staff for questions. Please act upon our applications without further delay and communicate with us regarding any questions or concerns." Mr. Jesse Diamond is available this evening via zoom to discuss any questions that you may have. I will state that both of these applications were introduced in August to the Planning Commission. They are both less than two megawatt. They are solar community solar gardens. They are not on a utility. But they have been for public consumption their entire project since August of 2021.

**Chambers:** So what do we do now, Mrs. Edmondston?

**Bryan:** We've already had a public hearing on it. I vote that we approve Case 21-SUP285.

**Allen:** Second.

**Chambers:** Is this both of them?

**Bryan:** It's got to be one at a time.

**Chambers:** Alright, a motion by Supervisor Bryan. Second by Supervisor Allen that we approve this Case 21-SUP285. Are there any questions on the motion? All in favor? Miles?

**Miles:** Aye.

**Chambers:** Seven yes.

**Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve Case 21-SUP285 Impact Power Solutions for Special Use Permit for a Solar Generating facility on Gravel Hill Road.**

**Re: Zoning Matters: Continuation of Case 21-SUP286 Impact Power Solutions, Request to obtain a Special Use Permit for a Solar Generating Facility at Tax Map 125 Parcel 4, South Constitution Route, Rt. 20, Maysville Magisterial District**

**Bryan:** Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve Case 21-SUP286.

**Allen:** Second.

**Chambers:** Motion by Supervisor Bryan, second by Supervisor Allen that we approve this Case 21-SUP286. Any other questions? All in favor? Miles?

**Miles:** Aye.

**Chambers:** Seven yes.

**Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve Special Use Permit 21-SUP286 for Impact Power Solutions for Special Use Permit for Solar Generating facility on South Constitution Route.**

**Re: Request from Planning Commission to hold a joint public hearing at their February 28, 2022 meeting at 6:00 p.m. regarding case 22-SUP299**

**Edmondston:** Mr. Chairman, I do have a request from the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting January 24, 2022. Case 22-SUP299 Apex Riverstone solar was introduced. The Planning Commission voted to hold a public hearing for this case and if agreeable has requested the Board of Supervisors to join in attendance on February 28, 2022 at 6pm. I have included the introduction that was presented to the Planning Commission on January 24 for this project. Once again the landowners is Weyerhaeuser and the applicant is Apex Clean Energy, the Tax Map are 17 Parcel 8 containing approximately 520 acres; Tax Map 17 Parcel 9 and contains just over 97 acres; Tax Map 17 Parcel 13 containing 59.5 acres; and Tax Map 18 Parcel 2 containing approximately 1286.4 acres and these parcels are north of Bridgeport Road, east of Route 20, west of Hardware and in the Slate River magisterial district currently zoned A-1 and this the applicant wishes to obtain a special use permit to allow for the construction and operation of a 149.5 megawatt utility scale solar facility on approximately 1,996 acres. There was a request of course so the SUP that was approved 21-SUP290 for Apex, Riverstone Solar. I can read part of this introduction for you as well. Riverstone Solar, LLC to allow for the construction operation of the 149.5 megawatt utility scale solar facility. The project is being developed by Apex Clean Energy and Renewable Energy Development, construction and operations company based in Charlottesville, Virginia. The Board of Supervisors as I mentioned approved 21-SUP290 for Apex Riverstone Solar on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Condition 7 limited the solar equipment and accompanying stormwater features to no more than 1729 acres of the incorrectly stated acreage of the project is 1966. And the application for Case 22-SUP299 was received due to ongoing studies and evaluations necessitating the request for the additional 35 acres that will be used by the applicant as additional space that will permit flexibility in the design and construction of the project. The applicant states the while the project can still be constructed in accordance with 21-SUP290 approval, the additional 35 acres will allow avoidance of cultural or environmental sensitive areas they may be identified during environmental studies or may be used as an alternative internal access to the interconnection switching station, staging of construction equipment or additional solar equipment. The additional 35 acres actually increases the 1729 acres of the maximum extent to 1764 acres of the maximum extent within the 1900. And there's been a confirmation of a final survey, it's actually 1992 acres. So your additional 35 acres impacts the 1729 acres increased to 1764 for your stormwater features.

**Chambers:** Okay, so this is a request of the Planning Commission to hold a joint public hearing on February the 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Board, do you agree with that?

**Bryan:** I'm good with that.

**Chambers:** Consensus of the Board. We don't need a motion do we? You don't need a motion do you Mr. Carter? Yeah, okay. We will do that. Okay.

**Edmondston:** Mr. Chairman, while I just have the microphone for just a couple more minutes, I do want to let you know that at each of your stations, I have included revised conditions to 22-SUP299 in an effort to respond to the questions comments and concerns of the citizens of the County Administration and from Apex themselves in an effort to be make a positive impact in regard to this project. So they are at your station and we also have Jimmy Merrick, representative of APEX Clean Energy here.

**Chambers:** Thank you Mrs. Edmondston.

**Re: Board of Zoning Appeals resignation from Stephanie Roach and Consider a recommendation to Circuit Court Judge for new appointment**

**Chambers:** Departmental agency reports and items of consideration M.1. Board of Zoning Appeal resignation for Miss Stephanie Roach and consider recommendation to the Circuit Court Judge for new appointment.

**Miles:** Mr. Chairman, she represented the Maysville district and she has since moved out of the county and I do not have at this time a recommendation for you all for appointment.

**Re: Cody Davis, EMS Donation Appropriation**

**Chambers:** Mr. Davis. Cody Davis-donation appropriation.

**Cody Davis:** Good evening, gentlemen, I'm in front of you this evening to ask you to appropriate a donation that we received from Kyanite Mining in the amount of \$17,000. They have historically donated this amount of funds to the volunteer EMS agency. So they did so again this year. We could not process that check because that agency doesn't exist. So I worked with Kyanite staff on getting that rewritten. There was some question, you know, what did we plan to do with the funds? So I worked with Mr. Carter and advised him about the need for sheltering supplies in the county, that Red Cross trailer that used to sit at the Dillwyn Volunteer Fire Department used to house the sheltering supplies here in Buckingham, but Red Cross took that back last summer. And their suggestion was we as a county, get our own assets. So at this time, emergency manager, Ryanne Holland, is going to, if you guys appropriate these funds, is going to acquire those assets with those funds. And she will happily give you a report once she gets those here and in service. Do you have any questions for me?

**Chambers:** Does anyone have any questions for Mr. Davis?

**Allen:** So moved to accept the \$17,000.

**Matthews:** Second.

**Chambers:** Motion by Supervisor Allen, second by Supervisor Matthews that we appropriate this. Are there any questions? All in favor? Miles?

**Miles:** Aye.

**Chambers:** Seven yes. Thank you, Mr. Davis.

**Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appropriate the \$17,000 donated by Kyanite Mining Corporation to the EMS department.**

**Re: Refinancing two older higher rate loans**

**Chambers:** Number 3, item 3, refinancing two older higher rate loans.

**Carter:** Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. I'll take that one. As you all know, the interest rates are still considerably lower than in the past. Working with Davenport, our financing agency we have identified two loans that have potential for savings by refinancing. We have two of each, one is the sewer loan and one is water loan. One of those was written back in April 16, 1998, in the amount of \$1,268,200, at 4.5% a term of 40 years. This loan was back in 1998 was for an upgrade to the old water plant when we were taking that over from the from the Town of Dillwyn. The second loan, was a loan from September 13, 2005 for the amount of \$1.1 million at a rate of 4.125% and a term of 40 years. This loan was to upgrade to sewer lines when we took over the project that facility. As you all may know, or may not know these USDA loans, they give you good rates and terms, but all of them are 40 years. So when you get those lower payments, they spread out over time. So that's why they're all 40 years. With these rates are these two loans been about 4%, we're thinking we can get these rates down and cut in half somewhere. I mean, 2%. This will allow us to shorten the terms of loans and maybe or decrease the payments. I'm asking you tonight to allow us to continue to work with Davenport to put in the RFP, which will be a bank RFP to just like a project, we will bid it out to different banks and see what kind of results we get. Once we get those bids back, we can choose which is the best package for us or we can stick with what we got and not do anything at all. And also important is this is no cost to the county. Davenport does not charge us anything until we decided if we want to accept the bids when they come back. This is just a search to see if you can get anything lower than what we got right now.

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

**Allen:** Second.

**Chambers:** Motion by Supervisor Bryan, second by Supervisor Allen, that we would approve for Mr. Carter to proceed. Are there any questions? All in favor?

**Miles:** Aye.

**Chambers:** Seven, yes.

**Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve for Mr. Carter to proceed with Davenport in putting out RFP for lower rates and terms for the two sewer and water loans.**

**Re: Clerk of Circuit Court: Consider appropriation of \$33,156 received from the Library of Virginia through the Circuit Court Preservation Program Item Conservation Grant to line item #21600-3310**

**Chambers:** All right. Item 4, Clerk of Circuit Court Justin Midkiff, consider appropriation of \$33,146 received from the Library of Virginia through the Circuit Court Preservation Program item conservation grant to the line item 21600-3310.

**Allen:** So moved.

**Bryan:** Second.

**Chambers:** Motion by Supervisor Allen, second by Supervisor, Bryan. All in favor.

**Miles:** Aye.

**Chambers:** Seven yes.

**Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appropriate \$33,156 received from the Library of Virginia Circuit Court Preservation Program Item Conservation Grant to Line Item 21600-3310.**

**Re: Sheriff: Request for \$27,415 match funds to be appropriated to Sheriff's Budget in order to receive grant of \$54,830 from US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance to implement Body Worn Camera program which carried 50/50 match**

**Chambers:** M-5 Sheriff Request for \$27,415 match funds to be appropriated to Sheriff's Budget in order to receive grant of \$54,830 from US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance to implement Body Worn Camera program which carried 50/50 match

**Uzdanovics:** Good evening. Before we get into that, I have some other announcements from the sheriff's office. We did receive some other additional grant monies that are coming in slowly. There was a \$3,000 appropriation from the Virginia 911 service board for fiscal year 23 for training. There was a law enforcement block grant for \$1,461. First Sgt. Dave Moody was successful on a grant for supplemental funding for the Coronavirus \$49,440. And then that leads us to our request tonight for the matching funds of a grant of \$54,830. This is a unique grant. It's a-typical or not a-typical of a normal grant. This was something special that they put out that targeted small rural areas. They had \$7.6 million to distribute across the nation. They awarded 258 grants out of that money across the nation, which 198 Small towns and 49 sheriff's office, 4 in Virginia, only 44 states were awarded. So this is pretty unique. We're very fortunate to actually get this because of the magnitude that was nationwide. But basically it's a 50/50 match. So we are asking the Board to appropriate that additional money to initiate a body worn camera program for the sheriff's office.

**Matthews:** I have a question, Mr. Chairman.

**Chambers:** Yes, sir.

**Matthews:** Mr. Carter, are there any funds available from rescue recovery or any of the stimulus package money available for any of these funds?

**Carter:** Not for this particular funds, because this is grant, so you can't use those grant funds to cover this grant program.

**Bryan:** What's the long term money for care?

**Uzdanovics:** We're anticipating there's an annual cost to run the software for the company that we're going to go with, which integrates to our in car cameras. So we're trying to save money by utilizing the same company, because we get the infrastructure there. \$4,500 a year for annual subscription cost.

**Bryan:** Plus cameras.

**Uzdanovics:** That's purchased in this grant.

**Bryan:** Right. But if the camera breaks, when you're wrestling with a...

**Uzdanovics:** There is a warranty that comes with the cameras upon initial, it's a five year warranty. So if anything happens to that camera within the first five years, it's replaced.

**Bryan:** For defect or for damage?

**Uzdanovics:** Across the board. That was included in the pricing that we have.

**Bryan:** How do we look on the sheriff's budget from last year? For this fiscal year that we're in right now.

**Carter:** We have not really gotten into the sheriff's office budget yet. As you know, we're just completing our budget initial cycle. So the me and Finance Director Kevin will be getting into that pretty soon.

**Bryan:** Right? Well, that's for this coming year. What about the current year?

**Carter:** That's what I'm saying. When we get into it, we look at that six months, that half a year so we can see kind of where they are based on their existing budget. Kevin, have you looked at their sheriff's office yet?

**Hickman:** (couldn't pick up from audience) stated that he didn't have the numbers in front of him but would go to his office and get the numbers.

**Matthews:** This funding got to happen in this fiscal year or next year?

**Bryan:** The one we're in right now. So if you're overdrawn in this year, then we're going to be giving you more money on top of the \$27,000.

**Uzdanovics:** That's if we're overdrawn. We're not anticipating on being overdrawn.

**Chambers:** Could Mr. Hickman go get those papers while we jump into a couple more items. Let's take a seat. We will get back to you. Thank you.

**Re: Virginia Cooperative Extension Return additional \$15,000 appropriated to them this fiscal year due to not being able to use the funds**

**Chambers:** Let's move down to M-6 Virginia Corporate Extension return additional \$15,000 appropriated to them this fiscal year due to not being able to use the funds.

**Carter:** Yes, that's kind of unique item, Mr. Chairman. Back in the fall, you guys appropriated an additional \$15,000 to the Extension office to hire a part time assistant, If you remember correctly, they lost some state funding and they came to you guys asking to fill that need until they could get more state funding or to the end of the fiscal year. Well, they didn't fill that position. So they don't need the money anymore. So this letter is asking you, saying they don't need the money. They're gonna give it back to the county. So just like when you guys appropriate money, I guess I would need a motion you guys accepting that money back to the county.

**Bryan:** So moved.

**Allen:** Second.

**Chambers:** Motion by Supervisor Bryan, seconded by Supervisor Allen to accept this money back to the county. Any questions? All in favor?

**Miles:** Supervisor Miles votes aye, Mr. Chairman.

**Chambers:** Seven yes.

**Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to accept the \$15,000 given to the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service but returned to the county due to not using the funds.**

**Matthews:** I'd like to thank the Cooperative Extension agents for doing that.

**Chambers:** Not very often we get money back.

**Matthews:** That's right.

**Re: Hotel Status**

**Chambers:** Item 8, Hotel Status. Mr. Carter, you got that?

**Carter:** Yes, sir Mr. Chairman. Back in 2019, the board was working with securing a hotel here in the county, we talked about a little bit tonight on Wingo Road. On October 15, 2019 the Board held a public hearing for the purpose of selling 3.5 acres of the property along Wingo Road at \$35,000. After the public hearing, there was unanimous decision on the board to sell the property. The Board also sent a real estate tax incentive package to the Industrial Development Authority for the approval. The IDA came back with approval for the tax incentive package. The tax incentive package was for five years with no taxes in the first year and then increase in 25% each year until year five when they will be paying the full 100% of their real estate taxes. And for reference just below you can see in year one once again as I said before they would, hotel would pay zero taxes on real estate. Year two they will pay 25%, year three 50% year, four 75%. In year five, they will be paying 100% of their taxes. We've done this before to other business to try to see them that they succeed in the county. We don't put too much strain on them again because you know, most businesses fail or survive in that first couple of years. All this was moving forward and we thought we will see the progress soon. And then of course COVID hit. The hotel was put on hold like many capital projects because of the uncertainty in their revenues and their financing, I'm glad to announce that the hotel is back up and ready to go. They have

secured their finance. They are ready to move forward once again. Since this was over two years ago, and I'm asking you tonight to affirm your vote on October 2019, allow the county administrators sign the necessary documents to make this happen.

**Bryan:** Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board Supervisor's reaffirm the action that took place at the meeting on October 15, 2019, after a public hearing, to sell in HN Incorporated, or it's signed a 3.5 acre tract of land for the construction of a 55 room hotel with a conference room and other ancillary facilities, including but not limited to a restaurant for the sum of \$35,000 upon the terms and conditions set forth in a motion at that meeting, and the County Administrator be designated to sign on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, the necessary documents to give effect to that action.

**Bryant:** I second it.

**Chambers:** Motion by Supervisor Bryan, second by Supervisor Bryant, that we will get the county administrator permission to go forward with this project. Any questions on the motion? All in favor? Those opposed?

**Miles:** Aye.

**Davis:** I abstained because I was not on the board on October 15, 2019.

**Chambers:** Did you get that Mrs. Jennifer?

**Lann:** Yes sir.

**Chambers:** So that's 6 yes.

**Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded to reaffirm the action that took place at the meeting on October 15, 2019, after a public hearing, to sell in HN Incorporated, or it's signed a 3.5 acre tract of land for the construction of a 55 room hotel with a conference room and other ancillary facilities, including but not limited to a restaurant for the sum of \$35,000 upon the terms and conditions set forth in a motion at that meeting, and the County Administrator be designated to sign on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, the necessary documents to give effect to that action. Supervisor Davis abstained due to not being on the board on October 15, 2019.**

**Re: Consider renewing Buckingham Youth League Lease Agreement for Gene Dixon Park**

**Chambers:** Let's move down to M-9 Consider renewing Buckingham Youth League lease agreement for Gene Dixon Park.

**Allen:** So moved.

**Bryan:** I have a question on that? Mr. Carter, what's the status of making improvements down there? I know we had set aside some funds. Is Todd looking at making the necessary improvements there? I know we set aside money for lights and for the score, the scoring tower/concession/bathroom area.

**Carter:** Yes, the last I heard from Todd was that he was still looking at getting prices on that. I'm assuming, Supervisor Bryan, that he's waiting for the spring to get into construction season but last time I talked to him he was still looking into those projects.

**Bryan:** Ok. Can you light a fire under him and ask him to give us a heads up on it?

**Chambers:** What's the pleasure of the Board?

**Bryan:** I'll second Mr. Allen's motion.

**Chambers:** Okay. Motion by Mr. Allen, Supervisor Allen, a second by Supervisor Bryan that we will consider renewing this Buckingham Youth League lease agreement for Gene Dixon Park. Questions on the motion? All in favor?

**Miles:** Aye.

**Chambers:** Thank you. Seven yes.

**Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to renew the lease for Buckingham Youth League for the use of Gene Dixon Park.**

**Carter:** And while we're on this subject do you guys want the next time look at doing it for longer term. I know we were doing that on a year to year basis because it had some issues down there. But it's been like five years now. Do you want to look at doing a longer lease? Or do you want to stick to keeping it year to year?

**Allen:** Stick with it a little bit longer.

**Carter:** That's fine.

**Bryan:** I agree.

**Re: Continuation: Sheriff: Request for \$27,415 match funds to be appropriated to Sheriff's Budget in order to receive grant of \$54,830 from US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance to implement Body Worn Camera program which carried 50/50 match**

**Chambers:** Let's back up now to M-5. With the question on Sheriff's Department. What was your question?

**Matthews:** They spent \$1,369,175 so far out of there. \$2,239,000 budget. Is that what the deal is?

**Carter:** That \$2.543 Mr. Chairman.

**Matthews:** Are we through the second quarter yet or...

**Carter:** These numbers are done for the first half. So you're six months and when these numbers were ran? That's exactly half of the fiscal year.

**Bryan:** Oh, this is halfway through. And we still got another half to go. Looks like if they stay on track they're gonna bust their budget.

**Carter:** They're a little bit over exactly. 50%. But once again, some of those expenses might have been one time things or abnormal things that they paid up front that they don't have spaced out 1/12 of the month. They plan since they come on board some fee will something that could be in a two month period but you won't have it every month over the remaining six months. Had some vehicles in there too as well.

**Uzdanovics:** I don't know what you're looking at.

**Carter:** You had vehicles that they won't have those in the second half. So some things are already front loaded.

**Allen:** \$1.2 million is close.

**Carter:** Yes, when I divided it out I'm showing they've spent 53%. So they're close to 50%.

**Allen:** How many cameras you got now? Or do you have any?

**Uzdanovics:** We have in car cameras. We will break into that to make it one platform.

**Allen:** It will help you out if you had to go to court for some reason.

**Uzdanovics:** I mean, yeah. And the main thing is, you know, it's transparency with the citizens, you know, on whatever that's been captured, it's a liability.

**Carter:** How many cameras is it Brent, do you know?

**Uzdanovics:** That one has 20 units. That's enough to outfit everyone including investigators.

**Davis:** I thought I saw, Mr. Chairman. Can I speak?

**Chambers:** Yes, sir.

**Davis:** I thought I saw something where you could spend some of the funds as far as law enforcement as far as the grant money, I mean, the money that was left over from the COVID stuff and all. Can we use that for body cameras as part of law enforcement?

**Carter:** Well, all the grants that I've seen Supervisor Davis, is that this is a grant they are applying for so you can't use other grant money to pay to match another grant.

**Davis:** I just saw where they was talking on there about using it for law enforcement. So I just thought.

**Chambers:** So if we don't appropriate it they will lose funding for the grant. I guess we have to do it.

**Allen:** I think it's a good idea. I think we should go on and do it. We've got to look out for them and look out for people.

**Davis:** I make the motion.

**Allen:** I second.

**Chambers:** Motion by Supervisor Davis, second by Supervisor Allen to accept this grant request. Are there any questions? All in favor? Raise your hand?

**Miles:** Aye.

**Chambers:** Seven yes. Thank you, sir.

**Supervisor Davis moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the appropriation of \$27,415 as 50/50 match for the Sheriff's Department grant from US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance to implement body worn camera program.**

**Allen:** Since you brought them up. You got three more things of money. Do we need to vote on them now or wait?

**Uzdanovics:** Let's wait. Some of these have not come in yet. So typically, we you know, we pay for them up front and then ask for the reimbursement when the funds come in. In other words we haven't secured the funds yet. We just been notified that we've been awarded.

**Re: County Attorney Matters**

**Wright:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have three matters that I'd like to discuss with you tonight.

**Hatton Ferry:** The first is Hatton Ferry. We've been following that now for a good while with some information in your board package that shows a group that we would have been working with finally secured a donor that provides them enough money to get permits and do inspections and get things back in line. They are also forming a nonprofit to really take the assets and run it and what they do will they'll set aside some money to make sure they can make things happen. I think it's an appropriate time to go ahead and transfer the assets that the county acquired purely for the purpose of preserving them to the nonprofit as Albermarle Charlottesville Historical Society and they'll disperse them. If the board's ready to act on that, I'd ask that you take some action to make that happen and authorize a signature on that agreement.

**Allen:** So moved.

**Matthews:** Second.

**Chambers:** Motioned by Supervisor Allen, second by Supervisor Matthews that we approve this. Any questions? All in favor? Mr. Miles?

**Miles:** Aye.

**Chambers:** Seven yes.

**Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to move forward with transferring assets from Hatton Ferry to Albermarle Charlottesville Historical Society and authorize the signing of that agreement.**

**Riverstone Siting Agreement:** Second item goes in conjunction with the project that you all agreed to have a joint hearing with the Planning Commission on the 28<sup>th</sup>. We have a request a notification from Riverstone that they intend to enter into a siting agreement with the county in regard to that. The siting agreements is in your package that may be a tweak or two but I'd ask that you set that for public hearing on February 28. So that that can be considered an accurate on at the same time a special use permit is.

**Chambers:** What's the pleasure of the Board?

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

**Allen:** Second.

**Chambers:** Motion by Supervisor Bryan, seconded by Supervisor Allen that we approve this. Are there any questions? All in favor?

**Miles:** Aye.

**Chambers:** Seven yes.

**Allen:** Set for public even though right?

**Chambers:** Yeah, public hearing.

**Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve to schedule a public hearing**

**Solid Waste Fee Ordinance:** The third item really deals with a Solid Waste Fee Ordinance. If you recall, a few years ago, we approached the General Assembly about allowing the county to adopt a solid waste fee that's slowly related to waste management in the county. Some restrictions on the way it can be used. Solid Waste committee began to look at this in the past month, they realize there are some avenues to really revamp the whole program that we need to be thinking about. What you have before you is an interim position to allow the county to recover little revenue from those nonresidential land owners. Right now they are able to get a permit to be able to use the solid waste and then anybody that doesn't have to have a county tag can get a solid waste permit if they live here. And this allows to recover a \$25 fee on an annual basis so that they'll have to have a decal displayed to get in to the solid waste site. It doesn't revamp county stickers at all. It simply adds for those people who currently get them free, they might have to pay a little fee, \$25 Fee. What we're asking if you want to move forward with this, you need to set this for public hearing to be considered that at the next meeting.

**Chambers:** What is the pleasure of the Board? Do you want to set a public hearing for March?

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

**Matthews:** Second.

**Chambers:** Motion by Supervisor Bryan, second by Supervisor Matthews that we set a public hearing for our March meeting. Any questions? All in favor?

**Miles:** Aye.

**Chambers:** Seven yes.

**Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to schedule a public hearing to hear comments regarding Solid Waste Fee Ordinance at the March 14, 2022 meeting.**

**Wright:** Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Re: County Administrator's Report**

**Chambers:** Mr. Carter, County Administrator's report.

**Carter:** In your packet you have a letter from Toga Volunteer Fire Department about the winter storm and things they did during that time period. I won't read the whole letter but you can see starting a second paragraph. It says throughout the day on January 3, total crews began to clear fallen trees when the roads throughout our area. By late afternoon much of that work had been completed. As extended Storm Damage became clear and extended period of power outages seem likely. Chief Bates reached out to Cody Davis in about 1800 hours to inquire as to whether or not he thought it'd be necessary for Toga to open a facility as a relief shelter. Cody asked for some time to gather information to see what might be needed. In approximately 1845 hours he called me back to ask Toga to proceed with opening their facility. In 1930 hours, Toga's facility was opening and operating as a relief shelter. Cody got word out to the county by text phone notifications system and it got out to more than 4500 followers on his Facebook page. By 1930 hours Ryanne Holland had delivered 20 cases of water and MRE's to the Toga station to add to the food and beverages that Toga personnel had purchased as we made plans to open. Toga operated the relief from 1930 hours on Monday, January 3 until 1800 hours on Thursday, January 6. He list their some of the numbers that they served that day. 78 people were provided with at least one hot meal. Available food included hamburgers, hot dogs, barbecue, mres and sides as well as water and sodas, all for free. 64 people use Togas facility to make take a hot shower, 23 people got water to take home to their pets and animals. 85 people use Toga facility to charge their electrical devices including one citizen who used it to charge batteries for his electric heart device. In total 94 people came to Toga to use our facility. I cannot overstate how deeply totally appreciate the responsiveness that we received from Cody Davis and Ryanne Holland as we got up and running on the 3rd as well as throughout the event. Please share our gratitude with them and please share this report to the Board of Supervisors. So this letter from Chief Bates is just another example. We talked about last month, how we are lucky to have volunteers in this county that help out when in need, and we look out to our neighbors.

The last thing I have for you, in your packet tonight is, Supervisor Miles if you want to jump in on this when he gets a chance. But, one of the things we looked at as you know, we were part of the VGA. We thought a couple of years ago, we weren't getting our money's worth with VGA. We got out of that. We thought that, you know, those economic opportunities were not coming to Buckingham. So we decided not to pay that \$17,000. And we decided we were trying to do it in house. We're not the only ones in this area that's having that same issue. All the surrounding counties are having that as they too, have left VGA. So the idea came up is why don't we have a regional economic development team so Prince Edward, Cumberland, Buckingham, we could all go in together and do and promote the region and not worry about promoting each individual locality. By doing it that way, you're looking at the region. So if Prince Edward gets a manufacturing firm and say for instance, that's gonna benefit Buckingham and surrounding counties because they might get the facility there but there'll be Buckingham citizens that drive there and get a job and work there. So and the same goes with Buckingham as well, we get something here, we're sure we're going to have Prince Edward and Cumberland residents come in to be part of the workforce. So by going in together, we're thinking that this could help get something here or get something close by that will help our citizens. One of the pros I listed with this is that, you know, it's gonna be regional, so it won't be all just Buckingham. But one of the cons is and I won't need you to vote tonight on this, but they want us to set aside a \$50,000 contribution to this regional effort. That's not a number that's set in stone right now. It's just an estimate of what we probably need to set aside a budget. You will get to that when we do our budget. You will decide whether you want to add that are take it out, but I'm just giving to you as food for thought to think about that. Because as you know, if we would hire a full time economic developer it would be a lot more than \$50,000 to get somebody in here for that. So this is just an informational item for you guys to think about as we get close to the budget. Once again, you will see it again during budget time, whether you want to keep it in the budget or take it out. It'll be up to you guys, but just something to think about. And is that the high points, Supervisor Miles.

**Miles:** Mr. Chairman, Mr. Carter. Yes, sir. You covered it very well. And just as Mr. Carter was saying that we do, you know, the five counties, including Buckingham, and several others don't actively participate or benefit from any strategic conversations that would help the region. So I definitely think this is a good path that we are on.

**Matthews:** What's the \$50,000 going towards?

**Carter:** That's gonna go towards the operation of that office. So you'll have to hire staff, you will have to have an office. So that'll be our contribution to that, that stay up in that department. So instead of paying for the whole staff, you only paying for part of the staff and their office.

**Matthews:** That's a lot of money.

**Davis:** I would want to make sure that the other counties are putting their piece of the pie in too.

**Matthews:** We went through this two or three. I mean, several years ago before you were on the board, Mr. Davis, we were part of VGA. To my knowledge, we never got any referral. We got some referrals, but we never sealed the deal on anything that they presented to us for \$17,000 a year. So I don't I can't remember how many years we participated in that. But you know, at \$50,000, is that \$50,000 annually, or is that that's a one time?

**Carter:** That'll be annually. Yes.

**Matthews:** That would be a no for me. I mean, right off the bat. We've done a really good job in house. And I'm gonna brag on Mrs. Edmondston about this a little bit. We developed our own in house Economic Development Committee about three or four years ago when we got out of VGA. And, you know, we've had a couple meetings since that has been developed. And I'm actually on that committee, along with Mr. Miles. And I'm happy with the way it's going right now to the tune of \$0 because we got \$650,000 in a line item for economic development in Buckingham County, that's in our budget. So that means I'm not having, we're not having to take \$50,000 out of our budget to fund something for Prince Edward, Cumberland and whoever else and that's just my take on it.

**Bryan:** So that would be 50,000. That'd be \$150,000 between us, Prince Edward, and Cumberland County.

**Carter:** It would be 5 counties.

**Davis:** It would be Amelia, Cumberland, Nottoway, five counties in it.

**Matthews:** I just think we're doing pretty well on our own right now. Not that I don't want to be a team player, but that's a lot of taxpayer money going for something that is no guarantee that we're gonna get any benefits from it at all. You know?

**Miles:** Mr. Chairman, can I ask Mr. Carter a question? How much do we have in the economic development line item in the budget?

**Carter:** I think it's \$678,000, if I remember correctly.

**Miles:** That from sales of property right?

**Carter:** That's what we've done along the years, we've kept that money waiting for economic development. I mean, you don't need to take any action tonight. I'm just giving you information for when budget time comes around. So it's just an informational item.

Chambers: Thank you.

**Re: Other Board Matters**

**Chambers:** See none, we need to go into Executive session.

**Re: Executive Closed Session**

**Bryan:** Mr. Chairman, I move that we move into executive closed session for discussion or consideration 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. That's Code 2.2-3711.A.3.

**Allen:** Second.

**Chambers:** Motion by Supervisor Bryan, second by Supervisor Allen going in executive session under this code that was stated. Are there any questions on the motion? All in favor?

**Miles:** Aye.

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

**Re: Return to Regular Session and Certification**

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

**Allen:** Second.

**Chambers:** Motion by Supervisor Bryan, second by Supervisor Allen, we go back in the regular session. Nothing was discussed that wasn't identified in the motion. All in favor? Any questions? All in favor?

**Miles:** Aye.

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

**Re: Action as a Result of Executive Closed Session**

**Chambers:** Do we have any action as a result of executive closed session?

**Bryan:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I move that ties we advertise for public hearing in March the transfer sales of the dental and medical building and property.

**Allen:** Second.

**Chambers:** Motion by Supervisor Bryan, second by Supervisor Allen we advertise to have a public hearing in March to transfer the property to the facilities down in Dillwyn with the medical office. Any questions? All in favor?

**Miles:** Aye.

**Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to advertise to have a public hearing on March 14, 2022 to transfer the property of the medical office in Dillwyn.**

**Chambers:** Y'all look, we all have this paper for Cody Woodson which we will deal with on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Bryan:** Okay.

**Re: Recess to reconvene**

**Chambers:** At this time we have no more business coming through the Board. We will recess to reconvene on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February at 6:00 pm.

Happy Valentine's Day

**ATTEST:**

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**Karl R. Carter**  
County Administrator

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**Joe N. Chambers, Jr.**  
Vice Chairman