

**Buckingham County  
Board of Supervisors  
April 13, 2015  
VDOT Work Session  
And Monthly Meeting**

At a work session with the Virginia Department of Transportation and regular monthly meeting held on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Peter Francisco Auditorium in the County Administration Complex, the following members were present: Danny R. Allen, Chairman; Joe N. Chambers, Jr., Vice-Chairman; I. Monroe Snoddy; John N. Staton; Cassandra Stish; E.A. "Bill" Talbert; and Donald E. Bryan. Also present were Rebecca S. Carter, County Administrator and E.M. Wright, Jr., County Attorney. Asst. County Administrator Karl Carter and Zoning Administrator Rebecca Cobb were also in attendance at the regular meeting.

Kevin Wright and Scot Shippee were present for Virginia Department of Transportation.

**Re: Call to Order**

Chairman Allen called the meeting to order.

**Re: Quorum**

Chairman Allen certified there was a quorum and the meeting could continue. At the beginning of the meeting, there were 6 of 7 members present. Supervisor Talbert came in late.

**Re: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Re: Work Session regarding the Six Year Plan**

**Allen:** We have a work session with VDOT on the Six Year Plan.

**Shippee:** How is everyone doing today? You should have a rough draft of the most recent Secondary Six Year Plan in front of you. It's essentially the same plan as we had last year just pushed out a year. The funding for Fiscal Years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 are roughly the same. I think there was a little bit more added to 2016 and a little taken away from 2017. The remainder of them stay the same. You've got that allocation. There is an allocation of Telefee which is increased a little bit based on estimates. If you notice in 2021, there is no funds shown for the unpaved state monies coming in. A lot of that has to do with House Bill 2 and House Bill 1887. They haven't really determined how they are going to split the money up yet. So we are anticipating there will be some funds applied to unpaved roads so we may be able to apply in 2021 but don't have that information yet. What we are doing now is essentially just a work shop

to see if there are any particular routes that you would like for us to look at and evaluate for you guys to set priorities on to list on the Secondary Six Year Plan. We do want to hold a public hearing on this and would like to set that for June if possible. That would give us a little bit of time to go through and make sure we've got everything straight on our end. Other than that, are there any roads you would like us to take a look at and evaluate to add to this and if you have any idea when you give me those roads, where you want to see them on the priority list.

**Staton:** Mr. Chairman, 631 which is Red Road. The latest traffic count I believe is 106.

**Shippee:** It's 116. We actually had them do a traffic count for us for .6 of a mile from Rt. 15 on Red Road. The Traffic count on the entirety of Red Road was too low for it to qualify for Rural Rustic funds so we had them evaluate a portion of it. So that .6 of a mile ended up being 116 vehicles per day. So that portion of it did qualify for Rural Rustic program.

**Allen:** Rt. 669, Rocky Mount Church Road. Are you familiar with that? When I came along there wasn't but one house on that road and now there is 10 houses and a church and grave yard. It's got a lot more activity and right now the road is real rough. A lot of potholes in it.

**Shippee:** Rt. 669.

**Allen:** Yes, sir.

**Staton:** That's behind the church.

**Shippee:** That's got 60 vehicles a day on it.

**Allen:** Anything you can do for that road would be appreciated.

**Shippee:** If we end up not getting any funding in 2021, actually we've got some prior commitments on here. I think the last road on your priority list is 737. There's still about \$272,000 worth of funds that need to be applied to it to finish out all the roads on our plan. So if this is something you want to add and we don't have more funding allocated to it, then you know, we need to look at the priorities because we don't want to put something behind Warminster Church Road at this point because there is no funding guaranteed for it at any point and time.

**Staton:** The reason I want to switch, I guess 631 will go in 6<sup>th</sup> place, Ridge Road is longer which is in that position now and cost a whole lot, would be \$410,000, I think I saw on here to do.

**Stish:** Which one do you want to trade out?

**Allen:** Which road do you want to change out?

**Staton:** It's um...

**Stish:** It's on the bottom of page 3. The last one on page 3.

**Staton:** Yeah.

**Shippee:** So you would like to see Red Road come before...

**Staton:** its \$410,000 in construction funds which we don't have right now. The other would be in the \$65,000 to \$85,000 range.

**Shippee:** Again, as we start building these things, hopefully we will be able to come in under these estimates and will be able to move some of these monies over. I know there is some left over still from where we did Woodyard Road project. We are still working on the mechanism that we can easily transfer this over. So there will probably be some additional funds as we go along but again there is no guarantees until all the paperwork is done.

**Staton:** The other reason, they are the ones that approached me first.

**Shippee:** Again, it's however we want to prioritize this thing is completely up to you guys.

**Stish:** Trips per day? Does that matter?

**Shippee:** I think last year we went through and evaluated trips per day. We evaluated the number of residences on there. If you want to, we can plug this in and see how this will fall under the same prioritization list that we had last year and you can take a look at it from there and see if you are okay with that or if you want to make any changes to it.

**Snoddy:** How about 617, Ridge Road?

**Chambers:** Off of 20

**Shippee:** 617 is Coppermine, Stanton Town, Gravel Hill. Ridge Road?

**Allen:** Are you talking about across 20?

**Snoddy:** No.

**Allen:** 617 comes down through Stanton Town and crosses 20.

**Chambers:** Crosses 20 and comes across to 649. Slate River Road.

**Snoddy:** Ridge Road.

**Allen:** Is that 671?

**Chambers:** 671 is Bridgeport.

**Shippee:** 671 is all surface treated.

**Staton:** Ridge Road is parallel to 15 headed north.

**Shippee:** Ridge Road is 676.

**Chambers:** That's already paved. Down there where Chestnut Grove Church is at? Off of 652

**Snoddy:** Where they cut off construction from the other one.

**Chambers:** Bridgeport Road. 652 is what he's talking about. What about the status on Little Georgia Creek?

**Shippee:** That one should be fully funded as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. It's that one and Fender Road and that little off shoot, Frog Pond. In the 911 system as we were talking about with Mrs. Carter earlier, all of it in the 911 system is Fender Road but in the VDOT system it's Fender Road and Frog Pond Road.

**Chambers:** So therefore they will get paved probably this year.

**Shippee:** Yes. The funding will be available in July. After that it's just a matter of scheduling to get all these done.

**Allen:** I notice most of the roads are Rural Rustic now. You not even looking at the other type of pavement?

**Shippee:** The funding is there for the Rural Rustic road. You'll get the most bang for your buck there. You start looking at widening roads and looking at the safety improvement projects, you will have to look at different funding sources. They are just not available.

**Allen:** I think it's a good idea. I was just checking from a couple years back.

**Stish:** We have some folks here from the 5<sup>th</sup> District who are from Brill Road off of Hundley Branch.

**Shippee:** Do you know the route number?

**Audience:** 785.

**Stish:** It's over time has grown to be a dozen or so houses. Currently it's not on state maintenance. I don't think these folks are looking for surface treatment as much as to extend state maintenance so they are not pushing their own snow.

**Shippee:** So how far past the end of state maintenance?

**Audience:** ¾ mile or something like that.

**Shippee:** Do you want to speak to that Kevin?

**Wright:** With the funding we have in place right now, there is currently no funds for what that could be qualified as a rural addition. We used to do them when we had a couple million dollars a year. We would have rural addition routes where we could take unstate maintained roads. The county could apply these rural addition funds to it that you could accumulate over five years and we could go in and build a road to state standards. A private road to state standards if it met certain qualifications and then accepted into the system. We do not have enough funds now to do any rural additions. I'm not even sure if the county...does Buckingham County accept roads less than state standards if they are privately maintained?

**Carter:** On minor subdivisions which is 3 or less has county specs. Anything over that has to be state specs.

**Wright:** So if you don't force everything to meet state standards, then you automatically don't qualify for rural addition anyway. It's kind of a double pronged thing. You don't qualify for it so there's not even money for it if you did qualify. So just wanted to clarify that.

**Stish:** Over the course of three decades growth. Just kind of natural...people buying parcels and building homes. Not really any particular subdivision activity per say like development style. At what point do they deserve to have state maintenance? They pay taxes too.

**Wright:** There is none. There is no deserving of state maintenance.

**Stish:** I disagree with that.

**Wright:** I don't mean that to be offensive. Please don't take offense. The Code of Virginia only allows certain methods for roads to come into the state system. That's how it was set up in 1932 when the state took over roads.

**Stish:** The method now is that?

**Wright:** Property owner would build that road to state standards and have that brought in. The reason...one of the reasons is you've got a lot of developers out there that are putting the money into the roads, building them to state standards and then turning them over to us. You kind of have to look at that as alright, then when do we start spending everybody else's money just to take in this road or this road or this road.

**Stish:** I agree, I understand the premise on the one side to protect the tax payers from encroachment. However, do you have a road association?

**Audience:** No.

**Stish:** Maybe you should form one. Try to get to work toward this level.

**Audience:** inaudible.

**Staton:** Houses go in over a period of time. Individuals.

**Audience:** These are 20 acre lots. No subdivisions.

**Wright:** I completely understand. Please don't think I'm being insensitive. I just kind of follow the law here. There is one method that it can come in where the property owners do not have to pay everything and that is the Revenue Sharing program. There is money available there in certain situation if the property owners work with the county, the county can apply for Revenue Sharing funds. That's a program where you have to apply and be approved. That program is being cut back a little bit now. There are ways in certain situations and we have to look at each one of them on a case by case basis where the county can apply on behalf of the property owners and the property owners would put up there half and the state may match it to a certain point.

**Stish:** That would get it to a certain level to be accepted into the system.

**Wright:** To be accepted into the system. Now, there you have to go back and look at the way the right of way was deeded. How everything was platted. A lot of times these subdivisions are platted with the statement that they are never to be state maintained. If that right of way is deeded that way, there's a lot of things to look at and each one has to be looked at individually. I just want to give you the big picture. Right now the only two options are either property owners bring it up to state standards or you can possibly look at the Revenue Sharing program where the state will pay ½.

**Bryan:** If they were to call you, and I don't mean you, would you send someone out to tell them what they need to do to bring it up to state standards?

**Wright:** Yes. We can send out land use people out there to take a look at it. They will do a little bit of that research just to give you an idea if it would qualify for revenue sharing. If there is anything in there that would ever prohibit it from coming in the system and give you a rough ballpark kind of idea of what they think it might cost. That's not a good estimate. We always say this is a wild guess scenario. This gives you an idea if you want to get a contractor out there or not to take a look at it and say ok. What kind of shape is the road in now?

**Audience:** Not that bad.

**Wright:** One lane wide or two?

**Audience:** One lane wide.

**Wright:** Ok.

**Audience:** There were four properties in the first 400 feet. (inaudible)

**Wright:** Let me get with you when we are done here and I'll give you my name and phone number and we'll come out and take a look and give you a ball park number and explain to you.

**Stish:** I appreciate that.

**Wright:** I wish I had better news. That's one of those things I have to go by the law. One other thing on here, if I may, House Bill 2 which was passed last year, we've made a lot of progress on how funds are going to be distributed. Those funds will be distributed on a grant basis statewide. So every road in the state will compete for those funds. That will make up a big portion of what the state gets. Quick overview is that they have to be routes of national significance. Buckingham County, I don't believe there are any that are classified by the Federal Highway Administration any routes that are classified as national significance. Those are 460 and there was one more.

**Staton:** 60 ought to be.

**Wright:** 60 is not.

**Staton:** It goes all the way to California.

**Wright:** It's not listed as a highway of national significance. There will also be other classifications for both House Bill 2 and House Bill 1887 which was just passed this year. We are getting through the inner workings of House Bill 2 and how that's going to be applied. So something like Rt. 60 may be qualified as routes of regional significance. We will just have to wait for all the definitions of those. House bill 1887 will be very similar. What I'd like to do is set up a meeting with Mrs. Carter within the next week or so just to brief you on where we are at and how this is going to work because come August, the localities will be able to submit candidate projects for both House Bill 2 and House Bill 1887. We kind of want to get a handle on it if you are thinking about submitting any projects so we can take a look at them to give us some time to approve you because there is some work that has to be done behind the scenes and we are here to help you do that.

**Staton:** Question. Is set up...we used to have U.S. highways and National highways. How does it follow the old designations?

**Wright:** Those designations are pretty much the same. There have always been these routes of national significance that were determined by the Federal Highway Administration which I think are those primarily used to move goods and equipment quickly in case of war or something like that. But these routes were able to do that. It's again, we haven't gotten all the definitions of everything and that's something that will be coming. Those US highways, Virginia highways,

state highways are still the same. Then there are actual classifications inside of all of those in what they call functional classification. There's still more to come. We do have the public hearing for the new Six Year Plan on April 22, next Thursday, I believe it is afternoon at the hotel in Lynchburg if anyone would like to come out and make any comments. Ask for anything. Of course they will be getting into that House bill 2 process which I will go over with Mrs. Carter in a little bit more detail so we will be prepared come August when it's submission time to be able to submit projects under both those programs.

**Stish:** So with the projects moving toward this grant idea, are we just talking about regional significance projects for the grant at this time?

**Wright:** Yeah, that's one of the second classifications of roads.

**Stish:** Nothing like our secondary roads we are talking about tonight?

**Wright:** Not that we're seeing right now. It depends on how they are classified if any of those happen to be classified as regional significance. Which I don't know. We have not gotten that listing. We also have not gotten the listing of the urban land development areas. You think urban, you think bigger city but urban, we not sure exactly how they are defining that and drawing those on the map. We've seen a couple of rough maps and drafts. It's just depends where growth is and things like that. Everything is not decided as far as what routes will qualify for that program.

**Stish:** Have they given you any idea of how the grants will be awarded?

**Wright:** There will be scored based on criteria. That is part of what I'll be sharing with Mrs. Carter. Based on safety, economic development, congestion and I'm sorry but I can't remember them all off the top of my head. There are like 5 or 6 categories they will look at. Score them and that's the other thing they are working on now how do they score them? That is the meetings that have been held with localities lately. To get their input on their methodology for scoring.

**Stish:** I'm deeply concern for little Buckingham getting hit with a sledge hammer. Because you know, Lynchburg for instance, just the rural little net around Lynchburg is almost always going to over qualify against a project here in Buckingham. I'm deeply concerned that VDOT is going to wander off in a direction and just forget us. It's just very deeply concerning to me.

**Wright:** I would like to clarify, this is not VDOT. This is legislature.

**Stish:** I understand. It's not VDOT itself. They get their marching orders from them and your administration having to go...

**Carter:** Those concerns were expressed...

**Stish:** Yes. I've been very vocal.

**Staton:** All the other types of funding will disappear.

**Wright:** The telefee and we hope the unpaved road fund will still be here. I've been told that they will but I haven't seen it yet show up in our budget so to speak. One thing I will say in talking to the Secretary of Transportation that has been around at these meetings we've had with localities, is he's really offered input that says they are really looking out for everyone. They are really trying to balance it as much as possible. Within the confines of the law, they are looking for ways to score these that will keep everyone competitive and not just shut Buckingham County, Cumberland County, Charlotte and Prince Edward out. They are really looking at some things that will help.

**Stish:** I've heard pros and cons for it which I think makes it a complex issue between speaking with various Delegates and Senators and people in legislature that are for and against it. Trying to assess out whether it's going to be good or bad for rural Virginia. Honestly I didn't get a solid answer. We couldn't quite peg it whether this is going to be really bad.

**Bryan:** We asked the rural rustic question though. How it will impact and I thought we were told it would not impact the rural rustic projects for people like us.

**Wright:** That's what I've been told is that fund will still be there.

**Bryan:** I think the question was asked when we were there.

**Stish:** Forgive me if I'm not terribly trusting.

**Wright:** I understand. We will see. That public hearing is next Thursday. That's where the secretary or his representative will be there to hear your input. We've had a couple meeting with the localities where the localities have come and raised those same questions.

**Staton:** Would you be so kind to email us the date, time and location?

**Wright:** Sure.

**Bryan:** How to you score roads for repaving?

**Wright:** It depends on the road. There are...all of our primary routes, those under 600 are actually scored every year by a consultant that rides every road. They look at different qualities of the road between cracking, rutting, all sorts of things...patching. The number of patches and all of that and come up with a numerical rating for that. We look at that statewide and the budget is set based on that and everything that scores under a certain number on how it gets funded. What we can do each year...the category of what we can do is according to how many needs there are. You look at that list of needs and set the bar according to your budget and then that's what we do.

**Bryan:** If we asked you about a certain road, you would be able to tell us if it's been looked at?

**Wright:** Yes. We can tell you if we've got plans for it in the next year or two.

**Bryan:** I see you guys have already repaired pot holes. Before I could pick up the phone, they were already fixed.

**Wright:** Good. That's what we like to hear. We've fixed several thousand in the last couple weeks.

**Stish:** I saw the counters were out on Jerusalem Church Road and Manteo. Do you know if those came back yet?

**Shippee:** I haven't seen anything.

**Stish:** Nothing yet. Ok. It's a little early in the season but I think it will be a decent number.

**Shippee:** It was my understanding they were going to do that in August.

**Stish:** I ran over them myself.

**Wright:** That could have been the regular annual count.

**Shippee:** We have a specific time frame we are targeting so I don't think our traffic counter is out.

**Stish:** Kevin, while I have you, any further information or news of whether or not there will be maintenance on the corridor in the Yogaville area for some signs for pedestrians or better shoulders or wider mowing or we were going to try to do some simple things that didn't cost a lot to make it a little bit safer.

**Wright:** Right now we are busy working ahead on our paving schedules so as soon as we start slowing down on that, I'll get Scot to make a note back here and get back over there with the Superintendent. As far as the crosswalks, we need to know exactly where so maybe that is something that he can meet with you again. I know we had a google map that we had worked up. We need to tweak that a little bit and turn it over to our traffic engineers.

**Stish:** A caution for pedestrians and bicyclist would be nice.

**Wright:** What we usually do is a share the road sign where there's a lot of bicyclist so we can put in a request for a share the road signs. We can have them evaluated if there is certain place you think there is a lot of pedestrian traffic. They will actually go out and look to see if there is pedestrian traffic specific to where it's a couple crosswalks or a general thing where we put up a watch for pedestrians.

**Stish:** My niece is starting a new business out there renting bicycles. So there may be a lot more bicycles.

**Wright:** Ok. That may make a difference. Certainly the share the road signs are very beneficial in places like that. We'll take a look at that and see what we can do.

**Allen:** What's the traffic count to say you are eligible for rural rustic?

Wright: 50 vehicles per day.

**Allen:** You said 669 has 60. That's good.

**Bryan:** When you guys push roads for snow, I got a complaint that someone had shoveled their driveway. Cleaned it all off and the state came through and of course, the plow doesn't stay up so I'm not going to push it here and kind of blocked his driveway again. Do you guys kind of I guess be cognoscente of that?

**Wright:** Unfortunately, no. That's just one of those situations that if somebody cleans their driveway before they get there, we've all heard can you pick the blade up or turn it the other way? With thousands and thousands of entrances, no, I'm afraid not. The worse scenarios is when we go through and push one time and they clear their driveway and then we have to come back because we've only made one pass in and out, we may have to come back later and widen it out because there's more snow coming or we just need to get it wider. We apologize, there is a video that VDOT posted from I think it was the Missouri Department of Transportation that shows a method of shoveling snow in your driveway where you essentials, from your driveway looking towards the road, you shovel a little bit of the shoulder just before your entrance that way as they snow is coming off the snow plow, it fills up that because there is nothing else there, and it will actually leave your driveway pretty empty.

**Staton:** I was going to suggest that because I clean about a dozen driveways around me and I do it with the tractor and i do 10 or 12 feet from either side of their driveway. It rolls over in the ditch and then when they come through it almost spills off before it gets to you.

**Wright:** It definitely works. It cuts off a lot of what you would get there. Also making sure you shovel to the right instead of to the left as you are looking towards the road. That way you don't have that big snow bank to the left and if we are kicking it back a little more it will fill your driveway back up. I completely understand. I've got my own driveway that unfortunately, one thing working for VDOT, I don't have to worry about cleaning my driveway before they get there. It's half melted by the time I get around to my driveway.

**Bryan:** Same for me. I let Mother Nature do it.

**Wright:** I feel for them.

**Talbert:** 748 still on the go?

**Wright:** Yes. Did everyone have an opportunity to get their questions out there? It's good to get to see you once in a while.

**Shippee:** We just need to set a public hearing in June.

**Stish:** Is there anything that's going to change?

**Shippee:** I'll give you a draft at the public hearing. You can still make changes to priorities that night. We will incorporate that into the resolutions that we have.

**Wright:** We'll do draft for you based on the information that we've gotten here the night of the public hearing. You can take that draft and shuffle priorities or anything at all.

**Stish:** Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion to set the public hearing for the Six Year Plan for the June meeting.

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

**Allen:** We have a motion and a second to hold a public hearing at the June meeting on the Six Year Plan. Any discussion? If not, let's take a vote. 7 yes.

**Supervisor Stish moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to schedule a public hearing for the VDOT Secondary Six Year Plan for the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**Talbert:** This won't be the last time I say this, but trees, trees, trees. I know you know about the one down below Dillwyn at Morgan Road at Bill Anderson's fell the other day. If somebody had been coming along they'd be dead. I know and you know it. What can I do to get the State to get on this thing? Not yall. Yall've done all you can do. I'm going to tell you. It's going to happen. Somebody's going to get killed.

**Wright:** We are constantly evaluating. I'll tell you. This winter has been one of the worst one's I've seen for trees. I've seen more dead trees after this winter than I've seen in 28 years I've been working for VDOT. We had 4 or 6 of them one day over on 24 over here that we had to take down. There's a lot of dead trees. We are doing our part as far as them. Maybe there's somebody you can speak to.

**Talbert:** If we could get the state forestry. If you notice half of it, you've got the light lines space here. What's the difference of them clean cutting and leaving that? It doesn't make sense. We ought to have an ordinance if you are going to clean cut something, do the ditch line all the way back and the same thing down here on 60. Those great big old trees. It's just a matter of time they are going to fall in the road. Hope they don't kill anybody but you don't know.

**Wright:** We are restricted. We can only take down trees that are dead and are a danger.

**Talbert:** I know. What can we do as a county? You know, it's no sense in knowing it's going to happen sooner or later. You know.

**Staton:** A lot of reasons people don't cut those strips out is because a lot of times you've got the road on one side and power line on the other. They don't want anything to do with that liability of it.

**Wright:** If it's on the right of way, there is nothing they can do. If it's a healthy tree on our right of way that's not causing any safety hazard, we don't allow them to be cut just to be cut.

**Talbert:** I expect I could count over 100 places that's a hazard. They are leaning. A tree leaning like this...as a matter of fact I've got permission to cut it as soon as I can get with yall by the owner. It's leaning like that. We get a hard wind it's going in the road. That's the only place it's got to go. Anyway, I just want to bring it back up to you that I'm still concerned.

**Wright:** Alright. I appreciate the input. We'll keep looking for what we can do but we are limited there.

**Talbert:** But do you see my point? These wood cutters leave them trees...

**Wright:** The trees that have had protection for years and years are all of a sudden left unprotected and that makes them more dangerous.

**Allen:** But if they cut them that are next to the highway, they need to call you to get somebody to stay out there and watch them?

**Wright:** We work with them. Most of these woodcutters now have the equipment that they are fine. Like you said, when they are between the power line and the road, that's when they are the most difficult for them. If it's not on our right of way and they want to work with us, we'll be glad to work with them and clean it up.

**Talbert:** I'm starting to talk with the forestry. They are pretty nice to work with. There's one across from Billy Morris and them that's that big around and dead as a doornail. I'll have to get you to help me. Thank you here.

**Wright:** We'll have our tree people look at it. Thank you very much and have a good evening. Good to see you again.

**Shippee:** Are there any other maintenance concerns while we have you engaged here?

**Allen:** We were talking about and I asked about the road kind of humped up down there next to the state shop.

**Shippee:** We are waiting on temperature more than anything else. The plan is to go in and mill it out and pave it. They are waiting on the temperature to come up enough to do that. It's being looked at.

**Allen:** We had a seven vote for the public hearing in June.

**Re: Executive Closed Session**

**Chambers:** Can we go into executive session now? Ask Mr. Wright if we can do that now. Mr. Wright?

**Stish:** Yes, we can. I move that we go into executive session **on Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments. § 2.2-3711.A.**

**Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. §2.2-3711.7**

**Snoddy:** Second

**Allen:** We have a motion and second. Let's vote. 7 yes.

**Supervisor Stish moved, Supervisor Snoddy seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to enter into executive closed session under Sections 2.2-3711.1 and 2.2-3711-7.**

**Re: Return to Regular Session**

**Allen:** Do we have a motion to reconvene?

**Stish:** I make a motion to return to regular session and certify that to the best each Board members knowledge only public business matters as were identified by the motion by which the closed executive meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the executive closed session.

**Staton:** Second.

**Allen:** We have a motion and a second. Let's vote. 7 yes.

Supervisor Stish moved, Supervisor Staton seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to return to regular session and certified that to the best of each Board member's knowledge only public business matters as were identified by the motion by which the closed executive meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the executive closed session.

**Re: Approval of Agenda**

**Stish:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented with changes.

Talbert: Second.

Allen: A motion and a second to approve the agenda. Let's vote. 7 yeases, so approved.

Supervisor Stish moved, Supervisor Talbert seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the agenda with the following addendums:

**Q. Committee/Commission/Agency/Department/Reports/Requests/Appointments**

**6. Consider Resolution in support of Piedmont Regional Jail Planning Study\***

**W. Executive Session**

**Section 2.2-3711.A.1.—Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments.**

**Re: Approval of Minutes**

Supervisor Talbert moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the March 9, 16 and 18, 2015 minutes as presented.

**Re: Approval of Claims**

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

**Re: Announcements**

**Bryan:** At this time I have a statement that I have to read. I am advising that I have sought an opinion from the Commonwealth's Attorney concerning any conflict I may have in participating in discussions and voting on the County's Budget because I am a school teacher for the Buckingham County School System. I have received a written opinion from Mr. Wright that I can

participate in the discussions and vote on the Budget matters. The Code of Virginia requires that I make a statement concerning my situation.

Accordingly, I make the following statement for the record:

1. I will participate in the discussions and vote on matters relating to the adoption, as well as the adoption, of the 2015-2016 Board of Supervisors' budget for the County;
2. I am a school teacher employed by the Buckingham County School Board, which is funded in part by allocations from the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors;
3. I am a member of a profession, the members of which are affected by the transaction; and
4. I am able to participate in the transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

**Re: Presentation of Resolution of Memoriam to the family of Bishop Robert J. Patton**

Supervisor Stish presented the following Resolution of Memoriam to the family of Bishop Robert J. Patton.

**Resolution in Memoriam  
Bishop Robert J. Patton**

**Whereas**, Bishop Robert J. Patton departed this life on February 23, 2015 at the age of 80 years old.

**Whereas**, Bishop Robert J. Patton was born in Nassau, Bahamas on March 28, 1934.

**Whereas**, Bishop Robert J. Patton is survived by his wife, Evangelist Lena Patton; four children, Robrette Patton; Emil Patton; Ravon Patton; and Vonett Jones.

**Whereas**, Bishop Robert J. Patton came to Buckingham County approximately 30 years ago and establish Deliverance Church of Christ II on Route 60. He was the Founder of the church. Bishop Patton preached at churches all over Buckingham County.

**Whereas**, Bishop Robert J. Patton established Kids Kare Day Care, Snack Shack, a gym, Adult Care and rented out portions of the building to various businesses in the courthouse area.

**Whereas**, Bishop Robert J. Patton came to the need of many and was a man of integrity. He loved the Lord and God's people

**Whereas**, Bishop Robert J. Patton was loved and respected by all who knew him and will be greatly missed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors does, in memoriam on this 9th day of March 2015, pay tribute to and express its highest esteem for Bishop Robert J. Patton and extends its deepest sympathy to his loved ones.

## **Re: Public Comments**

**Allen:** We had a discussion that Public Comment time is just for you to bring out your comments. Not to have a discussion or answers from this Board.

**Maureen Harris:** Good evening, Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board. My name is Maureen Harris and I am a resident of Buckingham. I have an area of concern that has caused suffering for my daughter and me for the past eleven years now. This is now the second time that I'm bringing it to the attention of the Board. I did so last year around this time. My concern is the mandatory display of the county sticker that has the name Buckingham County on it. Over the past eleven years either my daughter or I have been approached by friendly gestures like "Hey Buckingham" or "Miss Buckingham" several times. To us, we show ourselves friendly, we turn and motion forward to greet the unrecognized parties and ask how they know us and the reply has basically been the sticker on your car. I'm sorry, "don't you remember me" or so you don't recognize me now" and then after we get in close proximity it boils down to from the sticker on the car is how they know us. Of course we begin retreating. But being disabled and older, I'm not as fast as I used to be. The stickers stick out like a sore thumb. Especially in neighboring areas that do not require stickers at all. This is dangerous. I would rather 1. Pay the fee for the sticker and not have to display it. 2. Pay the fee and have a generic, non-identifying label placed on the bumper, not the windshield or 3. Pay the fee and remove the name Buckingham County from the sticker. I am concerned about our safety. Not to be overly dramatic because of time restraints, I would not like to see this request result in the demise of one of us or one of your loved ones because the board didn't take action quickly enough. Mrs. Jennifer told me told me that this matter has been brought before the board before and nothing has been done. Again with the seriousness of this concern, I hope this matter will not be scrapped. Thank you for your time and thank you for hearing. By that, I mean, Thank you for doing your part in taking action on a concern regarding the safety of the citizens of Buckingham County.

**Talbert:** Mr. Chairman, may I say something to Mrs. Harris. It's in the making. Which way it goes is up to this Board. We have a committee that's going to the Board and I hope next month or the following month we'll have a public hearing and I'm going to make a motion that we rescind and I want to make that public. Now what this Board does, I'm just one person. I've been working on it for a long time.

**Harris:** Wonderful. Thank you.

**Kenda Hanuman:** Good evening. I'm Kenda Hanuman. District 5. Cassandra Stish's district. Mrs. Lann was kind enough to send me the attachment R-1 which we've had a chance to look at and I just want to say I appreciate what you sent to us regarding what you are doing on the compressor station. I would like to extend an invitation, we are having a compressor station program at Union Hill Baptist Church on Sunday. We'd like to invite everyone that is free to come. We are in the process of joining with Nelson, Augusta and Highland counties for an economic impact study with Spenser Phillips who has the Key Log Company in Charlottesville. He's a University Professor and Economist. The purpose of this is to determine the actual economic impact of the pipeline and compressor station will be on these counties. Our part for

Buckingham County's economic study is \$7,000. So, Yogaville has volunteered to pay ½ of that and Friends of Buckingham is trying to raise enough money to cover the other half. We are hoping to have some fund raisers and we can receive tax deductible donations. We are now aligned with Virginia Organizing with their 501-3C so they can take the donations and they will go into our account. I do question on the FERC letter requiring an extension, is there any, I guess you are not going to answer this tonight but we are wondering if there is any indication that they are extending the deadline passed the 28<sup>th</sup> of April? I also have a question about the upcoming election in November. When will we know the candidates that will be running? I would like to congratulate Mrs. Stish on retiring and going on to her new career but we'd like to know who will be running for District 5?

**Staton:** People have to June 9<sup>th</sup>. We don't have anything to do with that. The registrar will have attested to it after June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Hanuman:** June the 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you. I had an article published on the compressor station in the Eco newspaper. Is there anybody here that I can submit this to?

**Heather Nolan:** Good evening, everyone. My name is Heather Nolan and I'm from District 5 and Friends of Buckingham. I'm doing, thanks to a staff of Friends of Buckingham received a copy of the letter that is proposed to go to FERC and I'm sure many of us to have further time to give some friendly amendments. It's such a huge move in the right direction. I'm very excited to see this. If there was no other choice but to send as is to FERC, I think we'd be happy that the Board of Supervisors is moving in that direction. We do want to offer some friendly amendments based on what we are seeing. You hopefully received a letter this week from Friends of Buckingham asking for you all to request an extension of the scoping period to 120 days. The more we investigate things, the more we realize how complicated this process is. Federal Level, State Level, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, who's permitting what, who's got to look at what, submitted engineering designs and this or that. It's a very complex issue to expect people who just recently received letters on the newest route to be able to research and be responsive and to know what they are talking about is very difficult. So even 120 days is a stretch for people who are working full time jobs to do research and weigh in. I think you would be able to appreciate this. Some other sensitive things. We don't have engineering plans yet for the proposed compressor station. I don't know how people can begin to respond on what's good and not so good if there are no plans that are available yet. We have no idea on what the emissions would actually be. What they are proposing they may be. They may fall under EPA standards but we understand that all compressor stations that have already been approved have been given the FERC stamp of approval but the emissions from the compressor stations are causing health problems in the Pennsylvania and New York areas. There are health studies going on right now because of those. We have to take a look at that and allow time for those things to be considered. There are mentions of baseline studies around air, soil and water that are mentioned and we strongly suggest that they be studies that should be done not before it goes online but before construction ever takes place. We are going to have a lot of semi-trucks coming in here and that's going to change the air quality in and of itself and a lot of traffic that you are going to have coming through should the ACP and the proposed compressor station be approved so please insure that those baseline studies be done a year before there would

ever be a decision on and I applaud you for saying there should be a delay of a year. I think you need engineering plans that you can be looking at for a full year before it should ever be given a full endorsement.

**Robert Anderson:** Good evening Board. My name is Robert Anderson. I just want to say a couple of things. I want to thank Supervisor Talbert on his comments advising on the county stickers. It is a problem. It's been a problem for a long time. It could possibly become a safety issue. I don't know if it has yet but it could be. People know where we live. What county we live in. I do understand her concerns and I appreciate your concerns on that. Also want to thank Supervisor Stish on her follow up on a call that I gave her. It has gotten better however, early mornings, 4:30 in the morning and during rush hours when people are trying to go to work that's a safety issue. I think you may want to take a look at that and talk to other persons about their concerns as well. The last thing I want to say, we still haven't improved that employment rate. We are still at 6.6%. We are always the highest of local counties. I wondering whether the board has talked to any companies, any big ticket companies that are interested in coming to the county or not. How do we plan on getting these people into the county and what plan of action do you guys plan to take on that? I don't expect any answers. I know you guys are not going to answer but again I want to thank Supervisor Talbert and Supervisor Stish I want to thank you too.

**Chambers:** Mr. Chairman, I'd like to say one thing. Mr. Anderson, we've been meeting as a committee trying to get business in the county. We just got out of executive session discussing some prospects we are trying to market land for businesses. The Board has been working on getting something done.

**Marie Flowers:** My name is Marie Flowers. I'm from the 3<sup>rd</sup> district. As I talk to people in my area, I'm finding more and more people are very much against the pipeline and I was just wondering do you have the capacity to require some sort of fund to reimburse people. I know they say that they will reimburse people for reasonable losses. But are reasonable losses real losses. I don't know, do you all have the capacity to insist that there be a fund to reimburse people for real losses. Thank you.

**Joe Abbate:** Hello, I am Joe Abbate in Mrs. Stish's 5<sup>th</sup> district. I just want to thank you for the opportunity to have what I consider to be a very relevant letter from Mrs. Stish. I want to thank you. This is kind of putting together our concerns and shows that in addition to the potential of the pipeline producing needed revenue for the county that we just like the Dominion Company to pay attention to the fragile nature that we already have there now. So I'm just here to thank you and I think that it demonstrates the concerns that most of us have. I know there are other concerns. I'm not saying that there aren't other questions but thank you very much.

**Chad Oba:** Good evening. I'm Chad Oba and I'm in the Slate River District. First of all I was going to comment on what's already been said and I also appreciate this total come around. It is significant and I appreciate it. I just really appreciate it. We have looked at this closely. I'd also like to add a couple of things. Considering the recent court ruling with Dominion, they did not have the legal authority to issue a request for surveys because it was actually, it should have gone

forth and ACP instead of Dominion Resources so they are rescinding their letters to the landowners and starting over with that. I think the whole process should be started over. I think that is very much in keeping with the last request by Mrs. Stish for it to be delayed for a year. This whole process needs to start over. The public needs to be really involved and considered. We need a scoping meeting here. We didn't have one and it was promised to us. I would also like to suggest that we have a public debate and we actually bring in experts. Dominion can bring in theirs and we'll bring in ours. We've been researching and there is a lot of experts in this field now. I think we need a chance to consider both sides of this. It's a very important issue to this county. Thank you. Oh, can I just give you my current count. 352 Buckingham residents have signed the petition and there's 192 from out of the area that come to enjoy programs and recreation and have family here. The petitions continue to be circulated and as are the petitions asking you to reverse your decision.

**Quinn Robinson:** My name is Quinn Robinson and I live in the Andersonville area. Mr. Staton represents our district. I want to talk about the pipeline also. I appreciate the initiative of bringing a new resolution to the Board. It's important. Everything is lining up whether we are able to admit it or not against Dominion in this. They moved to quickly. Events are catching up to them. There is no reason why this pipeline could not be located in existing right of ways. There's no need to destroy the peace and quiet of the people who live in this area. They tribulize our values, our rights and everything. It's absurdity. I hope that we can all unify. There is no way to mitigate this. It has to be eliminated. The FERC process is almost a joke because they don't regulate anything. They facilitate. It is wrong. There was a comment on the media about the fear of the unknown. I don't have any concern about any unknown thing. My fear is about what Dominion is doing and the known hazards of the pipeline. The Friends of Buckingham and its membership and leadership has reached out and provided a lot of information. I hope you consider these things and look at it and see what they have to say. These aren't wide eyed types coming up with stuff off the wall. These are researched papers and discussion on communities. Last point if I may, the matter of the resolution is I believe is item R-1 and I would like to request that the Board at the leisure of the Chairman, consider moving that up in tonight's agenda just as a convenience for everyone here. It's an important thing. It's been the discussion in the county for a long time and will continue until it's resolved. If that minor adjustment isn't a disruption, I would appreciate it. Thank you.

**Carter:** The public hearings were scheduled to begin at 7:15.

**Re: Public Hearing: Zoning Case #14-ZMA227, James Michael Sharpe**

**Cobb:** This is case #14-ZMA227. Applicant James Michael Sharpe for a zoning map amendment for the purpose of a single family dwelling on Tax Map Section 42, lot 18 containing 15 acres off of Route 675 and 673 in the Marshall Magisterial District.

The Planning Commission held their public hearing on February 23, 2015 and has recommended approval with some conditions. Tonight I'm asking you to hold that hearing and make a final decision in regards to rezoning from Industrial to Agricultural.

1. That all federal, state and local regulations, ordinances and laws be strictly adhered to including obtaining a building permit or any other necessary permits prior to land disturbance and/or construction.
2. That all documentation submitted by the applicant in support of this 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.
3. Nothing in this approval shall be deemed to obligate the county to acquire any interest property, to construct, maintain or operate any facility or to grant any permits or approvals except as may be directly related hereto.
4. 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.
5. That any infraction of the above mentioned conditions could lead to a stop order and discontinuation of the rezoning approval, if it be the wishes of the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors.
6. The County Zoning Administrator and one other County staff member, as appointed by the County Administrator, shall be allowed to enter the property at any time to check for compliance with the provisions of this permit. Upon entering the property the inspectors shall attempt to notify the landowner of their presence on the property.
7. That the applicant (s) understands the conditions and agrees to the conditions.

Chairman Allen declared the public hearing open.

There were no comments.

Chairman Allen declared the public hearing closed.

Chairman Allen asked for any discussion.

**Stish:** I have a question. I didn't see the minutes. Sometimes with these hearings I like to see the minutes for discussion from the Planning Commission. I was curious of how that went seeing we have a shortage of industrial owned properties that are ready for the sake of marketing the county. For sake of bringing in businesses. We just hear some public comment asking about our efforts. Park of the efforts for bringing in business is having readily available and it's difficult to get parcels industrial zoned so I am just curious can you quickly tell me a synopsis of how it went with the Planning Commission?

**Cobb:** At the Planning Commission that was brought up and there was some concern for taking that out for the very reasons that you said. Then some others that are familiar with that area thought that this particular 15 acres that has been divided off from a larger tract is at a point that comes out in an area that already has housing in it so for that reason I think they thought changing out this 15 acres was a suitable decision.

**Bryan:** Didn't they say there was a house across the street from where it was?

**Cobb:** There are several houses.

**Stish:** How did it get zoned M-2?

**Cobb:** This was originally a big parcel that was owned by Hi-Test Laboratories. Hi-Test Laboratories is not on this parcel but is adjacent to and there is I want to say about 60 acres in between and so that went with that because of the contiguous and the landowner was in favor at that time and since then this 15 acres has switched hands.

**Staton:** Before it was Hi-Test it was one of the slate companies. Because where Hi-Test is located is in a quarry that is full of water. All that land was either LeSueur Richmond or ArvoniusBuck. One or the other.

**Cobb:** It was owned by companies but not used for that purpose at the time.

**Stish:** It's gone fallow on that use and has turned into residential/agricultural. Ok, just wanted to verify. It's not necessarily one of the industrial land use that the Comprehensive Plan is continuing to eyeball as...it doesn't appear to be on the map I was looking at to be actively developed.

**Cobb:** It comes out at an intersection of some other roads. It kind of is away from the other industrial but still adjacent to the other industrial properties.

**Stish:** Very good.

**Snoddy:** I make a motion that we accept the Planning Commission's recommendation.

**Chambers:** I second.

**Allen:** We have a motion and a second to accept. Let vote. 6 yes 1 no.

**Supervisor Snoddy moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve 14-ZMA227 for James Michael Sharpe to rezone property from M-2 to A-1. Supervisor Staton opposed.**

**Re: Public Hearing: 2015/16 Operating Budget**

**Carter:** Tonight I will have a presentation of the 2015/16 Recommended budget and tax rates.

Buckingham County, Virginia

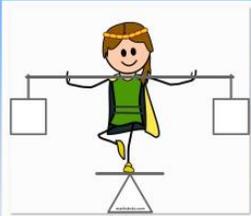
Proposed 2015-2016 Operating Budget

- This Proposed Budget is Contingent Upon Approval of All State, Federal and Local Proposed Revenues Being Received.




4/17/2015
Rebecca S. Carter
1
4/17/2015
Rebecca S. Carter
2

**I present a Balanced Budget**



4/17/2015
Rebecca S. Carter
3

**Proposed Tax Rates Remain Unchanged**

- Real Estate: \$0.50
- Public Service Corporation: \$0.50
- Personal Property: \$4.05
- Machinery/Tools: \$2.90
- Merchants Capital: \$1.00
- Air Craft: \$0.55

4/17/2015
Rebecca S. Carter
4

**The Total Proposed Operating Budget**

- Revenues/Transfers/Beginning Year Balance
- Local Revenues: 15,687,982.00
- State Non Categorical Aid: 1,658,014.00
- State Categorical Aid: 1,511,645.00
- Federal QSCB: 420,000.00
- School Revenue: 17,406,773.00
- VPA/Comprehensive Serv. Revenue: 2,613,601.00
- Transfer From Sheriff's Fund: 16,637.00

4/17/2015
Rebecca S. Carter
5

- Total Revenue: \$39,314,652.00
- Water /Sewer: \$1,609,494.00
- Beginning Year Balance: \$4,200,000.00
- Beginning Eco Dev Balance: 681,385.00

- Total Revenues/Transfers/Beginning Balance
- \$45,805,531.00

4/17/2015
Rebecca S. Carter
6

Non categorical aid is money that we get from the state. QSCP is money we get from the federal government to help with school debt service. VPA is Social Services. This total is state/federal/local.

## Total Expenditures

- General Gov Expenses: \$8,083,071.00
- School Expenses: 24,101,981.00
- VPA/Comprehensive Serv.: 3,281,749.00
- Courthouse Debt Serv.: 549,415.00
- School Debt Service: 2,535,242.00
- \$38,551,458.00
- Commitments to Fund Balance: 1,444,579.00
- \$39,996,037.00

4/17/2015

Rebecca S. Carter

7

- Water/Sewer Services: 1,609,494.00
- Estimated Yr End Balance
- If reserves are not spent:
- **\$5,644,579.00**
- If all reserves are spent:
- **4,200,000.00**
- Total Budget: 45,805,531.00

4/17/2015

Rebecca S. Carter

8

## Local Review

- Total Local Revenue: \$15,687,982.00
- Non Categorical Aid: 1,658,014.00
- Total Revenue: \$17,345,996.00
- Eco Dev Reserve: 681,385.00
- Beginning Yr Balance: 4,200,000.00
- **\$22,227,381.00**

4/17/2015

Rebecca S. Carter

9

## Local Money Expense

- Government Expense: \$6,554,789.00
- School Operations: 6,695,208.00
- School Debt Service: 2,115,242.00
- VPA/Comp Services: 668,148.00
- Court House Debt Service: 549,415.00
- Commitments Fund Balance: 1,444,579.00
- Total Proposed Local Expenses: \$18,027,381.00

4/17/2015

Rebecca S. Carter

10

The local side is where we spend our local tax dollars. It's important to look at that because we can't control what state and federal monies we get. In just a bit I'll break that down so you can see what is Real Estate and so forth. This is all local money.

- Estimated Ending Year Balance if all Reserves are spent:
- \$4,200,000.00
- Ending Year Balance Including Reserves: \$5,644,579.00
- Total Local Proposed Expenditures: \$18,027,381.00
- Total Local Proposed Budget: \$22,227,381.00

4/17/2015

Rebecca S. Carter

11

## Breaking Down The Budget

- The Projected Changes in Local Funding is as follows:
- Real Estate Increase: \$200,000.00
- State Corporation Tax: 307,066.00
- Personal Property Tax: 110,000.00
- Penalty and Interest: 35,000.00
- Machinery/Tools: 5,000.00
- Other Local Revenues: 5,300.00
- Categorical Aid: 21,931.00

4/17/2015

Rebecca S. Carter

12

Real estate is estimated to be \$200,000 more. That is due to the tax increase last year but some of it is due to collections. State Corporation Commission is estimated at being \$307,066. Most of that State Corporation Commission Tax is the natural gas power plant and it appears that each year instead of declining, we've been getting more. I understand they've been doing some upgrades and things. All

together that's about \$1.8 million in State Corporation Commission Tax. Categorical Aid is \$21,931 proposed more mostly due to salary increases that the state is giving for state employees.

### Breaking Down the Budget

- Federal School Debt Service:       -\$30,000
- Other Local Monies:                 - 2,900
  
- Total Increase in Money:         \$651,397.00

4/17/2015                      Rebecca S. Carter                      13

### Breaking Down the Budget

Expense Changes (Local)

- Education: Salary Increases       \$345,530.00
- Increased School Debt Service:    44,750.00
- Total new money for school operations and debt payments: \$390,280.00

4/17/2015                      Rebecca S. Carter                      14

To break it down a little further, the things we just talked about were increases. But the federal school debt service is being decreased and some other local monies in smaller areas are being decreased \$2,900. That's local revenues.

To explain a little the increase in school debt service, that is mostly due to losing that federal \$30,000. Losing that money from the federal government.

### Total Local Cost for Schools

- Operations:                     \$6,695,208.00
- Debt Service:
- Elementary School:    \$1,675,505.00
- Middle School:         859,737.00
- Total SDS                 \$2,535,242.00
  
- \$9,230,450.00. This is 100.26 % of the RE Tax and 88% of RE Tax and State Corporation Tax. 58% of all Local Revenue

4/17/2015                      Rebecca S. Carter                      15

### Local Cost for VPA/CSA

- Social Services and Comprehensive Services:
- CSA mandated increase of \$87,917.00
- Social Services Increase of \$8,395.00
- \$96,312.00
- Total Local Appropriation to VPA: \$350,231.00
- Total Local Appropriation to CSA: \$317,917.00
- \$668,148.00

4/17/2015                      Rebecca S. Carter                      16

CSA is mandated with local match required. That's a big bite. But each year the county has been having to appropriate additional funds to that and it is mandated that the county provide a certain match.

### County Debt Service

- Courthouse: \$549,425.00
- \$195.00 increase
- The County Administration/Social Services and Health Department Complex Debt has been paid in full.

4/17/2015      Rebecca S. Carter      17

### • BREAKING THE BUDGET DOWN TO DEPARTMENTS

4/17/2015      Rebecca S. Carter      18

The only county debt we have right now is the courthouse and that is \$549,425 a year. The \$195 increase is due administrative fees. I'd like to stress again that this building and the building next door, the social services and health department has been paid in full.

### INCREASES/DECREASES IN EXPENDITURES

Regional Jail:	Total \$500,000.00	+ 170,000.00
Fixed Charges:	Total \$398,700.00	+ 129,500.00
Library:	Total \$157,800.00	+ 5,000.00
General Properties:	Total \$542,798.00	+ 25,158.00
Solid Waste/Refuse Collection/Recycling:	\$868,415.00	+ 83,784.00
Technology/E911	Total \$290,450.00	+ 10,000.00
Clerk of Court:	Total \$350,325.00	+ 11,411.00
Other Agencies:	Total \$202,615.00	+ 12,830.00
Electoral Board:	Total \$102,354.00	+ 7,775.00
Additional Increases under \$5,000.00 per department:		+ 17,793.00
Decreases in various department:		- 15,892.00
Decrease in Commitments to Fund Balances:		- 298,341.00
Total Increases in these departments:		\$159,018.00

4/17/2015      Rebecca S. Carter      19

### Summary of Breakdown

- **New Needs:**
- **Education:** \$345,530.00
- **VPA/CSA:** 96,312.00
- **Regional Jail:** 170,000.00
- **Debt Service:** 44,945.00
- **All Other County Services and Agencies:** 303,251.00

**\$960,038.00**

- **Minus Budget Reductions in other agencies and commitments to fund balance** -314,233.00

- **Total New Funds Needed:** \$645,805.00

4/17/2015      Rebecca S. Carter      20

There are some of the increases and decreases in Expenditures. The regional jail. We are looking at about 1/2 million dollars where 3 years ago we paid nothing. We have no choice on that. Fixed Charges is due mostly to a 3% pay increase to all county employees and also to make up the difference between the state 1.5% and the county to give a % so that everyone gets 3% across the board. I think the state's 1.5% doesn't become effective until August or September. This would be a full year salary increase. General properties is to take care of all the county's general property. The courthouse and everything other than the schools and water and sewer. A lot of solid waste is due to increase in the waste. Some is due to some changes through the year for the monitors and staffing. E911/Technology, this is an unfair increase to them because in the other department line items we took their telephone service and have it come out of E911/Technology department. Clerk of Court, looking at that closely, that is a change in some staff health insurance plan which is pretty much mandated. Other agencies, we added into that Virginia Growth Alliance which was \$18,000. Several agencies had minor increases, some have smaller decreases but it all averaged out to be \$12,830 in additional money. Electoral board, most of increase is due to upcoming elections. I grouped all the groups under \$5,000 into one. Decreases in various departments, we went through to find what we could in various departments.

- Additional Funds: \$651,397.00
- Additional Needs: 645,805.00
- \$5,592.00

4/17/2015 Rebecca S. Cartier 21

### Reserves/Commitments to Fund Balance

- Gene Dixon Park: \$100,000.00
- Economic Development: 681,385.00
- Fire/Rescue: 40,000.00
- Fuel Reserve: 20,000.00
- Solid Waste Vehicle: 100,000.00
- County Vehicle: 25,000.00
- Social Services Legal: 7,000.00
- Social Services Vehicle: 11,410.00
- Library Debt Payment: 250,000.00
- \$1,234,795.00

4/17/2015 Rebecca S. Cartier 22

This does not require to dip into any reserves or ending year balance.

Social Services Legal, they anticipate they will have a heavy case load and need some additional legal. Social Services Vehicle is a one time, county's portion and the state will pay the rest.

### Reserves/Commitments

- Capital Improvements \$75,000.00
- Reserve for Contingency \$134,784.00
- Total Reserves/Commitments to Fund Balances: \$1,444,579.00.

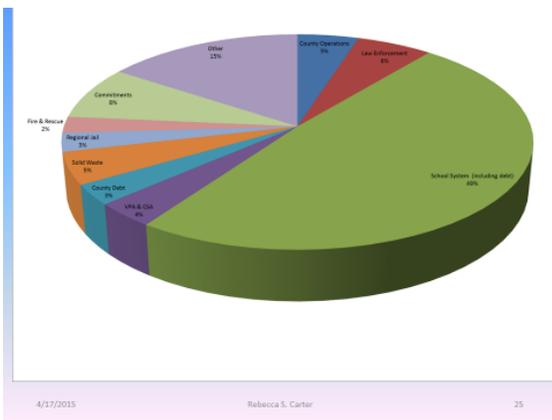
4/17/2015 Rebecca S. Cartier 23

- Sewer Revenue: Unchanged at \$247,000.00
- Water Revenue: \$1,362,494.00. The Water and Sewer Expenditures balance with the Revenues. The Water System is expected to have a reserve for contingency of \$260,064.00.
- The reserved money will be needed to assist with adding a Sewer Pumping Station at Sprouse's Corner to enhance Economic Development for that Intersection.

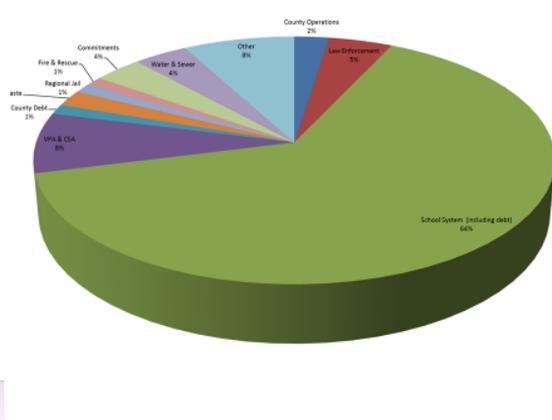
4/17/2015 Rebecca S. Cartier 24

We have a new reserve of Capital Improvements of \$75,000. That's in case the county would have anything come up.

Reserve for Contingency is new. This is actually money that we didn't need within the expenditures but need to reserve it for the future should anything come up so we don't have to raise taxes a penny to get it.



This is the total total budget.



This is local budget.

### Do We Have a "Safe" Ending Year Balance

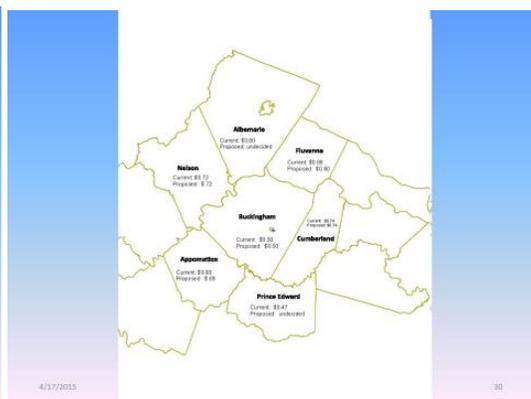
- It is recommended by Auditors that localities have at least 10% of the budgeted expenditures as non designated funds. I try to maintain at least 20% .
- It is the local revenues and expenditures that we have to closely monitor and try to keep the balance within a safe yield.

- The total local expenditures before reserves are \$16,582,802. 00. The balance before reserves is \$5,644,579.00. This balance is 34% of the local budget if all reserves are not spent.
- If all reserves are spent, the balance of \$4,200,000.00 is 23% of the local budget.

The question has come up and it's something I look at constantly. I know Supervisor Staton was very concerned with that. Say if the state gave us \$20 million, it would be hard for us to reserve 10% of that \$20 million. It is for our local balance. Karl and I monitor all year that balance to make sure the revenues are coming in as they should.

### How Do We Compare?

- How do our tax rates compare with the counties that boundary on our county?



It's very interesting when we try to compare with just our adjoining boundary counties tax rates. So I think we still fair well. It looks like a good place to live to me if you are looking for low tax rates.

<p><b>Tax Stabilization AND United States Veterans Tax Programs</b></p> <p>The County has a program for the disabled and elderly. With the Tax Stabilization Program. If a citizen qualifies their values or tax rate will not change.</p> <p>There also is a program that exempts United States Veterans from paying real estate tax if they are disabled due to their service in the United States Military.</p> <p>4/17/2015      Rebecca S. Carter      31</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Tax Stabilization application must be filed after April 1 but before July 1 of every calendar year. Applications can be obtained from the Commissioner of Revenues Office. A copy of the Ordinance can be found on the County Web Site or from the Commissioner of Revenue or County Administration Office.</li></ul> <p>4/17/2015      Rebecca S. Carter      32</p>
--	---

**THANK YOU**

- This concludes my presentation and before I ask the Chairman to open the hearing for public comment I want to remind that the Board of Supervisors cannot take any action on the budget or tax rates for at least seven days following this hearing.
- Thank you for coming out this evening to learn about the proposed county budget and tax rates.

4/17/2015      Rebecca S. Carter      33

Allen: Thank you Mrs. Carter. You did a very good job.

Chairman Allen declared the public hearing open.

**Marie Flowers:** It's me again. Do I need to announce who I am again? Marie Flowers, Bill Talbert's district. I called the Commissioner of Revenue to ask there are several pipelines that go through our county and I called to ask how much revenue the county gets from the pipelines and she told me that I would have to do a Freedom of Information Act. I'm not very familiar with that. Does anyone up there know how much revenue we get from the existing pipelines?

**Carter:** They are taxed by the State Corporation Commission. We get the money from the State Corporation Commission.

**Flowers:** Ok, so they determine the tax rate of the pipelines that come through Buckingham?

**Carter:** We charge a rate of \$0.50 per \$100 value and the State Corporation Commission assesses them.

**Flowers:** Ok, so if Atlantic Coast Pipeline comes through our county, can we set the rate for that?

**Stish:** Not specifically.

**Talbert:** We can't set it no higher than the \$0.50 rate.

**Flowers:** We can't make an exception for them?

**Staton:** No. They have to be taxed the same as anybody in the county that falls under that category. They have to pay the same rate.

**Quinn Robinson:** Once again, I'm Quinn Robinson and I live in Andersonville and Mr. Staton is my representative. I want to say the issue of the library is extremely important. I don't think there is anyone in the county that wouldn't like to see a new modern library with all the facilities that we need desperately. It will do many things to help us achieve the ability of the workforce that is more capable of getting those jobs that everyone wants to see come. However, there is a lot of personal involvement with many people dating back to the 70's. I don't think anyone for saw that we still have a private group basically representing the effort to build this. I'm talking about the Buckingham County Public Library Board. They've been at it for some time. The issue hasn't evolved and we are still apparently left without a plan. The reaction of the citizens when the plans for this building was made was primarily against it from what I can tell. It didn't matter that they needed a library or could use one, but they didn't want to spend the money on it. I think it was the result of the process that this has been so totorted about who is responsible. The library board claims that they are merely landlords and they have administrative fund raising and all kinds of other things and that clearly is not the case. I would like to see a real plan with financing, dates and everything. But now I understand that the adhoc group that was supposed to assist with securing funding is doing the planning. Who knows what's going on? It's not the way to do business. I'm all for a library. It's one thing we need most. But I don't want to until there is a plan. For those that oppose the library, they have to appreciate it's been there rent free for over 30 years and that's a pretty important investment and it's time to pay up to meet the needs that are real. It's not a luxury kind of thing. It's something that will make changes in everybody's life better. I think betterment as a board, I would suggest you give them all plaques, thank them and take this matter under control. It is too important to leave it to this sort of coupled together apparatus. Thank you very much.

There being no further comments, Chairman Allen declared the public hearing closed.

**Chambers:** I'd like to ask Mrs. Carter a question, on this request from Heart of Virginia what is that about?

**Carter:** That is a request that we received after the budget was put together for the free clinic. Over the last three years they have served 304 people in all the counties and 8% of those people which would be 24 people in the last three years were Buckingham residents. I've talked to other county administrators. The only county that is going to support them is Prince Edward for \$7,500 although they requested \$25,000. None of the other counties are going to fund them.

**Chambers:** They are asking for \$4,000.

**Carter:** They are asking for \$4,000. We also have a new request of \$4,000 to Southside Pregnancy Center as a new agency and Virginia Growth Alliance and the second STEPS program. We've taken on new ones.

**Bryan:** What happens if they are not funded?

**Carter:** They've been operating for 3 years and the only locality that has given them any money is Prince Edward and that's \$7,500.

**Chambers:** So it's your recommendation not to fund it?

**Carter:** Not right now. Other counties are not funding them either.

**Talbert:** I have a question for Mrs. Carter, on the new voting machines, are we going to have to pay for those or the state? They are going to have to have them before November you know.

**Carter:** We don't know the answer to that question. We hope to have an answer before our meeting Monday night.

**Talbert:** It was brought to me when they had the benefit over in Glenmore. Frankie brought it to me and I couldn't answer it.

**Carter:** There is a public hearing this week with the state and we hope to have the information next week.

**Talbert:** From what I understand...

**Carter:** We may have to pay that money.

**Staton:** The General Assembly committees are meeting on the things that were vetoed by the Governor and the things they want to change, part of it is on this. I've already sent an email to our representative in order to do something about it.

**Talbert:** According to Frankie, and he was here a long time you know, the one's we have will last another 10 years but the state says we've got to change, we've got to change.

**Staton:** In the beginning the win vote was not included in the machines to be changed but the state board of elections later decided to change them. I think Charlottesville, Fairfax and Buckingham have never had a problem with the machines. But they didn't bother to ask anybody if they worked or if they are serviceable or how much time or what life was left in them. Which I feel is kind of strange.

**Talbert:** I'm just asking. Frankie brought that up to me and I couldn't answer the question. Ok.

**Allen:** We have a meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>. At that time we adopt the budget.

**Staton:** At 6:00 p.m. not 7:00?

**Carter:** I guess we need to talk about that. We have a work session with the Planning Commission at 7:00 on the Comp Plan. We can meet at 6:00 or 6:30. We'll probably need to talk about the voting machines and a regional jail issue on the agenda. We can probably do it in 30 minutes.

**Staton:** I'd leave it at 7:00.

**Bryan:** I'd say 6:00.

It was a consensus of the Board to meet at 6:00 p.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Re: Consider the Bicycle Plan**

**Cobb:** Yes, this is the Regional Bicycle Plan and I'm just asking you to adopt this tonight. CRC worked on this and I'm asking you to adopt it so we could work it also in to the Comprehensive Plan.

**Chambers:** Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that we adopt this.

**Allen:** Do we have a second? Do we need a public hearing on it?

**Cobb:** I believe you can just adopt it.

**Stish:** I do have a question on it.

**Bryan:** I do too.

**Stish:** I read all through and I appreciate all the work. I noticed that in a couple places on the western side of the county some bicycle areas around James River State Park specifically trying to potentially connect Yogaville to James River State Park was mentioned in narrative but when it came down to the segment that identified segments that they could ride on the shoulder or add a bike lane or whatever, the segment in Yogaville 601 north from Wingina and over in the north

wasn't mentioned in the identified areas. I would like that to be included in that. See what I'm saying?

**Cobb:** Right.

**Stish:** There are like four different segments around State Park up to 56 and over to Wingina Bridge but nothing going up even though Yogaville was clearly identified as wanting to connect the two together especially in light of what I mentioned earlier to our VDOT friends and I think the safe routes in the area are really important because we have a lot of traffic. Thank you for your consideration. That amendment is the only thing I'd like to change.

**Allen:** A motion and a second. Any more discussion?

**Bryan:** Yeah, who's funding the bicycle path? The way I read it its local funding. Right?

**Stish:** There are a lot of different ways.

**Cobb:** We'd have to look at that and come up with something at that time. I think, that's why it becomes part of the comprehensive plan so that you can put that in and decide when to do it.

**Bryan:** If we decide to develop a certain bike path we could hold a public hearing and vote on it then. Ok. Thank you.

**Allen:** Anymore discussion? Let's vote on it. 6 yes 1 no. Passes.

**Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Talbert seconded to approve the presented Bicycle Plan with amendment by Supervisor Stish. This motion passed with a 6-1 vote with Supervisor Staton opposing.**

**Re: Maurice Carter, Pastor Crystal Cathedral Church regarding Tax Exempt Status**

**Maurice Carter:** Good evening, Chair, Members of the Board and Mrs. Carter. My name is Dr. Maurice Carter. I'm the Senior Pastor of the Crystal Cathedral at 16764 Oak Street in Dillwyn, Virginia. Recently, just about a year ago, we purchased the facility of 16764 and we've been in the county for the last 18 years. We moved our ministry from Farmville Virginia across from the campus of Longwood University to Shephards, Virginia. We outgrew that building and then we acquired through leasing the old shoe factory. We've been in that facility for about 9 years. Of course we purchased it and have intentions on staying here. We are a religious institution. Licensed as a minister. We've been using the facility for religious purposes. We also feed the indigent here in the county, about 500 members of the county during the month. We tutor. Provide counseling services for the residents of the county. Our request is based on receiving and applying for a federal licensing that we be tax exempt for the remainder of our duration here in Buckingham County.

**Bryan:** Just out of curiosity, what are your plans for that gigantic building?

**M. Carter:** Right now, we are using part of it to do tutoring services. We would really love to be able to bring to the county, we had a conversation with a baseball coach about a year ago, our facility is large enough for an indoor baseball batting cage and really using the facility for little kid's football, baseball. We did use it two years ago for inside field and really have some activities. About 30,000 square feet of that building is used for storage and the other 32-33,000 is church. But we are using it for storage. We really want...our plan and goal is to...we would like to establish an university on that campus. A Christian university along the same lines as Liberty. Liberty started in a trailer and we started the same way. That's the goal.

**Bryan:** Ok. I'm on the Community Development Committee and we looked at your building as possible sale. Would you be interested if it came down to a business opportunity for someone that really needed a building?

**M. Carter:** We had considered it before. There were some people that approached us before and we are taking it on a case by case basis. Certainly we have that space to involve entrepreneurs. So, the answer is yes. We would consider it.

**Bryan:** Have you talked to the Town of Dillwyn? You fall in town limits.

**M. Carter:** Yes, exactly. We relocated from Sheppards from Dillwyn. We had to have it zoned for a church and we had partnered with Buckingham/Dillwyn Day for parking and some activities on campus. So it's open to the community and we are here as partners.

**Talbert:** You were talking about storage. Is this something of yalls personal storage or storage that you are getting paid for?

**M. Carter:** No, it's desks, books, shelves. All these things getting us prepared.

**Allen:** So you are using about half of the building?

**M. Carter:** Half is for worship and meetings, yes.

**Wright:** Have you talked to the Commissioner of Revenue about this?

**M. Carter:** Yes.

**Wright:** Ok, in my reading of the Code of Virginia this is a Commissioner of Revenue question. There are two ways property is classified as exempt property. One is by classification and one is by designation. Churches are automatically exempt by classification in the Code of Virginia. There is a procedure that the county could have a local ordinance to adopt properties by designation. We don't have that ordinance. I think what you can do is suggest the Commissioner of Revenue consider that approach to it because as I read the Code of Virginia, you (addressing the Board) don't have the authority to exempt property. It sounds like he's

doing good work and all that and I am sympathetic to what he doing but my job is to keep you all between the ditches so to speak.

**M. Carter:** I would say we did submit in question the Commissioner. A letter was sent to the Commissioner with our Attorney and we were referred here.

**Wright:** Well, refer it back and ask her to consider exemption under 58.1-3606.

**Chambers:** Who's your attorney, Mr. Carter?

**M. Carter:** Acie Allen.

**Wright:** This is exempt through classification.

**M. Carter:** I would agree.

**Wright:** I'm not trying to pass the buck anywhere but I don't want you to take action. Certainly, I understand the work you are doing is good work and I'm sure everyone on this board approves of this work. It's not an issue that's in front of yall. Yall can suggest, recommend or ask that the Commissioner reconsider the matter but beyond that saying his property is exempt, I don't think you have the authority to do that.

**Chambers:** At this time I would make a motion that the Commissioner reconsider...

**Wright:** Well, actually it's under Code 58.1-3606. I don't mind talking to Mr. Allen or the Commissioner.

**Bryan:** So we are going to put the ball in your court, Mr. Wright.

**Wright:** Ok. I'll take the ball.

**Chambers:** I'd like to thank you for all the good work.

**M. Chambers:** Thank you so much and have a good day.

**Re: Supervisor Stish: Resolution and Letter to FERC regarding the ACP Proposed Project**

**Stish:** Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, for your consideration I have submitted two pieces. One is a letter to FERC regarding ACP and on specific things as relate to Buckingham. The Wingina alternative route which was proposed sort of as a surprise in response to something happening in Nelson County, some historic properties routed ACP very close to the center of the Yogaville Village Center district as a matter of fact is right in the middle of the future growth area of that Village Center which is one in our Comprehensive Plan and clearly identified as such. The next thing is I would like for us to recommend to FERC that

we would appreciate if FERC was having Dominion use the existing rights of way if possible along roadways. Perhaps Rt. 29 and Rt. 60 sticking closer to 56 avoiding personal property whenever possible and using existing rights of way more aggressively. And then in conversations with Mrs. Carter and also some of the other parties that we are trying to pull together with the economic development aspect of the pipeline, the one that we have the resolution of support for. The one's for economic development exclusively. In conversations there, Dominion has demonstrated some tendencies where they are retractable. They've become difficult and in my opinion are sometimes I feel they are playing a shell game with us. To the point where I bring these concerns to the Virginia Growth Alliance, the some of the regional people and even the Governor's office I've been in contact with the Department of Commerce and Trade and Department of Energy regarding Dominion and Columbia and how do we have to do all this and this arbitrary number of decapones that's the minimum volume required and blah, blah, blah. All these things you have to jump through to access the gas. Dominion has since day 1 says this gas will be accessible if localities want to access it however the bar is set so high, the bar is set so high that any locality that doesn't have a Kyanite Mining Corporation and that type of process in it already existing is gonna have a really difficult if not impossible time actually accessing this gas. So in a word, it's a lot of hooey. They are blowing some sunshine where they think they'd like us to have it but we don't want it. So I am telling you here that I'd like us to be able to access this gas. I want them to be at the table. I want them to be a responsible partner. I want them to be more forthcoming, show up and deal with us. In addition, you know, I think we need to have Columbia at the table because I think that is a different kettle of fish. This is a letter to FERC. Economic impact studies I think are going to be important. We had mention of one this evening. I'm not sure if the Board is going to be willing to explore that but I would like for the future that FERC would require in addition to environmental impact studies that they do economic impact studies. They throw these numbers out and we are not sure who it doing them, these reports and these studies and I feel like we probably should have a say in it. In addition, we were told we would have a scoping meeting here because we have a compressor station. We were told that and told that and told that and we told these good people here that came every month that they would get a scoping meeting. They would get their day to talk to FERC here at home and it didn't happen. That is unconscionable. So with that said, I would take Ms. Nolan I think was the one who offered that we extend this to 120 days which I think is more reasonable seeing we are approaching the middle of April so they can extend this and hold a scoping meeting here in Buckingham 120 days out. Extend that scoping period. I'm not sure if they will but I'd like to have this as our formal request. Then take it as a whole that the overarching thing is that we need more time. Mrs. Carter has told me that she is trying to get Dominion to come to the table. To get Columbia to come to the table and get other partners to come to the table to talk about how to access this gas and how do we do it. Who's going to give? Who's going to pay up? Who's going to be the partner? Where are we going to find the money? Is part from a grant? Do we have to take out a bond? We have a ton of questions. This is a long range planning process. This is a big project. Too many parts to be done quickly. I'd like us to have another year for that side. In addition to the environmental side. So I think, feel like asking for a year as due process for landowners so that we have a better opportunity to access this thing is reasonable. That's the letter. The second piece is the statement for or resolution for allowing mitigation as we mentioned a few months ago. I think the only significant change I made to it is a response to something Supervisor Talbert mentioned regarding to fire and rescue. I spoke to

Dominion representatives about how this works and typically they have a program...they actually don't want our volunteers anywhere near it. But they do have a fire program they want our volunteers to attend to sort of understand what their world is. If there were to be some sort of a fire at the compressor station or anywhere along the line. It was talked about having them administer them through the Virginia Fire Programs and our volunteers be able to access those classes that way. So with...and of course the baseline study was one more addition. I've added that which I think it was implied that it would be prior to construction but if we want to make something more specific there we can to say that it be done prior to construction. Those are the two pieces that I'd like for our board to consider supporting.

**Bryan:** Has Mr. Wright had a chance to consider these?

**Stish:** I don't know.

**Chambers:** Mrs. Stish, I'm all in favor of protecting our citizens the best way we know how but I think we are going in left field here. I recall the Attorney saying some time ago regardless of what we pass, it won't have an affect one way or another.

**Stish:** I think we can...

**Chambers:** Wait, let me finish. I don't think I can support this. I see some legal problems here. You've identified the Board of Supervisors to having this proposal. Now, this is your thing, not the Board of Supervisors. The way this thing looks, I think we are looking at some legal problems. I think we should pass this along to our attorney to give us some guidance. I'm not an attorney but I see some suits right here now in this document. You can't tell the state what they are going to do.

**Stish:** Can't do what?

**Chambers:** You say put it back to 120 days...

**Stish:** This is a request. It is a request. It's a letter of request. There is no mandate here. There's no law here. No legislation. Just a request.

**Chambers:** I support the citizens 100% of trying to protect their land and whatnot but I can't support this. I see legal problems with it. I see some law suits here.

**Allen:** You want us to refer this to Mr. Wright?

**Bryan:** I'd like to see Mr. Wright look at it and approve it.

**Chambers:** Like we've done in the past.

**Stish:** I would like looked at by our attorney also. You guys asked me to draft something so I did.

**Chambers:** It should have been looked at by the attorney before it went in the board packet.

**Stish:** The citizens actually wanted to see it and they wanted to have a chance to comment on it.

**Chambers:** I've got no problem with the citizens see it.

**Bryan:** I like some of your letter but I think the attorney should approve it.

**Stish:** I'm all for it.

**Allen:** Mr. Wright, would you mind...

**Chambers:** I think we should table this thing. Postpone it.

**Stish:** How about we hand it to the attorney.

**Allen:** We have a motion and a second to move this on to the attorney. Any discussion?

**Talbert:** I'd like to make a statement. When our attorney stands up here and reads the Code of Virginia and the federal code on the pipeline, I don't care what we do. We can hand it to five attorneys. There is nothing else we can do. It's a done deal. I know individuals, Wilbur Haver, it's coming close to his front door as close as to this door out yonder and he's working with the pipeline, he's not coming to this board. But he said he's working with the pipeline to move it closer to the road instead of my front door. I think that's what you've got to do. Each individual landowner...if it's coming across my land, and it's coming to close to the house, I'm going to work with them. I know one resident in my district worked with them and said why don't you go over close to the edge of the woods instead of the field. I still go along with Mr. Wright giving us a statement. I don't think its right to do anything because it's in the Code of Virginia.

**Allen:** Let's vote. 7 passed.

**Stish:** Thank you gentlemen. I appreciate it.

**Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Talbert seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to ask the County Attorney to give a recommendation on the Letter and Resolution to FERC.**

**Re: Consider appointment to Industrial Development Authority to Chairman Allen's District**

**Allen:** That's mine. I don't have it.

**Re: Consider appointment of Lori Kelly with Central Virginia Health Center to the Community Development Advisory Committee**

Paula Tomko has been representing the Central Virginia Health Center on the Community Development Advisory Committee. Paula has advised that the Health Center feels the Health Center would be better represented by one of their management members that are a resident of Buckingham County.

It is the recommendation of the Health Center that Lori Kelly be appointed to this committee.

Lori attended our last meeting and it is recommended that she is appointed to this committee.

**Allen:** There's been a motion and a second, all in favor? 7 yes. Motion passed.

**Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Lori Kelly to the Community Advisory Committee representing Central Virginia Health Center.**

**Re: Consider bids for Animal Control Department Truck**

**Bryan:** So moved.

**Staton:** I have a question on that, Mr. Carter. How many bids did we get?

**K. Carter:** Just those two.

**Staton:** Which two?

**K. Carter:** Davis GMC and Gilliam Motors.

**Staton:** I didn't get that. It didn't come through on my IPAD.

**K. Carter:** I can read it to make it official. We received two bids. One was from Davis GMC in Farmville. The bid on a 2015 GMC Sierra 1500 for a price of \$30,374.51 and Gilliam Motors bid a 2015 Ford F150 for a price of \$24,775. It's about a \$6,000 difference in price.

**Stish:** There was a motion made I assume to accept Gilliam Motors.

**Bryan:** Yes.

**Stish:** It wasn't said.

**Bryan:** The lowest bid.

**Stish:** Thank you. Just wanted to make sure.

**Allen:** Lets vote. 7 yes for Gilliam.

**Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Staton seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to accept the lowest bid from Gilliam Motor for a 2015 Ford F150 for a price of \$24,775 for the Animal Control Department.**

**Re: Consider Transfer of Used EMS Vehicle to the Water/Sewer Utilities Department.**

We have received the new vehicle for the Emergency Services Department. The utilities director, Mike Markley, would like to request that you, the Board of Supervisors, transfer the used vehicle to the water department. This vehicle could be an asset to the water department each month when it's time to read the water meters. Since the vehicle is enclosed, the meter reading equipment can be mounted inside the vehicle on more of a fixed basis and not have to be placed in the vehicle each month as they are currently doing.

Chambers: So moved.

Bryan: Second.

Allen: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Let's vote. 7 yes.

**Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to transfer the used EMS vehicle to the Water Department.**

**Re: Consider appointment to the Southside Virginia Community College Board**

**Talbert:** Mrs. Beasley.

**Chambers:** Would she like to continue to serve?

**Stish:** She's not eligible.

**Talbert:** I've got somebody in mind if we can wait until next month to bring it up. She's done an excellent job. Before her, Becky Bowling was on it.

**Re: Consider Resolution in Support of Piedmont Regional Jail Planning Study**

**Carter:** The Piedmont Regional Jail is in the process of having Moseley Architect prepare a Jail Planning Study to do some work for the construction on an Intake/Booking area. It is pretty much being required by the state. This resolution is asking the Board of Corrections to grant the jail planning study to be a minor renovation project and so they can approve the planning study for 50% reimbursement and waiver the Value Management Assessment will not be conducted. They are expecting this to cost about \$500,000. They don't want to spend the money for the Value Management Assessment so this is a resolution to encourage the Department of Corrections to grant them this waiver.

**WHEREAS**, the Piedmont Regional Jail Board is in the process of having Moseley Architects, Inc. prepare a Jail Planning Study for submittal to the Virginia Department of Corrections (VDOC) for the construction of an Intake/Booking area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Piedmont Regional Jail Board requests the Jail Planning Study be per VDOC Board of Corrections Standards for Planning, Design, Construction and Reimbursement of Local Correctional Facilities dated July 1, 1994, Article 4- Minor Renovation Projects, due to the fact there are no additional beds being added to the jail and the small cost of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Piedmont Regional Jail Board is requesting 50% reimbursement of the eligible cost of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, this project will be a relatively minor renovation which will be at a cost which does not lend itself to value engineering, and cost of the Value Management Assessment would in all likelihood be more than the benefits of the study, thus the cost of the value engineering study is considered an eligible cost, the cost would be shared equally by the Commonwealth and the Board;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Buckingham, Virginia, authorizes the Piedmont Regional Jail Board to request the Board of Corrections grant this request of this Jail Planning Study being a Minor Renovation Project; and approve the planning study for 50% reimbursement and waiver that a value management assessment will not be conducted.

Certification

*I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Buckingham, Virginia, at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of \_\_\_ in favor and \_\_\_ opposed, this 13<sup>th</sup> day April, 2015.*

**Staton:** So moved.

**Bryan:** Second.

**Allen:** Motion made, second. Any discussion? Let's vote. 7 yes.

**Supervisor Staton moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the above resolution in support of a waiver of the Value Management Assessment for the Piedmont Regional Jail.**

**Re: County Attorney Matters**

**There were none.**

**Re: County Administrator's Report**

**Update Gold Hill School:** The first item is an update on the Gold Hill School and the proposal that you all heard last month. I have asked Mr. Hickman to give us a written proposal so that we

will have a document to work with and then we will begin sitting down with the County Attorney and begin work on that proposal. I haven't received that written proposal yet.

**Tire Day:** Tire Day is April 18<sup>th</sup>. I know that some of your constituents may be looking for that date. It's at the Food Lion parking lot from 7:00 to 1:00.

**Presentation of Silver Leeds Certificate for the County Administration Complex:** Mr. Carter is going to present to you the Silver Leeds Certificate for our complex here. We do have a Leeds Certification and we have a plaque to put on the wall. So we have a Green Building.

**Staton:** It looks beige to me.

**Reminder Luther Thomas' Term on the Buckingham Zoning Appeals will expire on June 30, 2015:** Luther Thomas' term on the Buckingham Board of Zoning Appeals will expire on June 30<sup>th</sup> and I would like for you to think of someone...

**Stish:** They are at large right?

**Carter:** Yes, there are only five of them. The Judge of the Circuit Court will make the appointment. You all will make recommendation.

**Virginia Growth Alliance Appointments:** I'd like to talk to you all a little bit so you all can be thinking about this. I've been attending on the Board of Directors and also been attending as the Marketing Committee. I can tell you where I can serve best is the marketing committee. It really needs to be a staff person that deals with keeping the Yes Virginia and the Virginia Scan updated. It deals with a lot of projects they are working on. As a matter of fact, I'd also like for Mrs. Cobb to sometimes go with me. There are a lot of things they are doing that we need to keep up with. You all may be deciding if you all would like to make an appointment of a Board member to the regular Virginia Growth Alliance Board of Directors. That meeting is usually held in Keysville. The one I go to is in South Hill. It takes a day but we take care of a lot of business at one time. If you know of anyone that is interested, if you talk among yourself.

**Staton:** Mr. Chairman, I would like to throw my hat in the ring for that.

**Chambers:** You might not be a good one to go over there.

**Staton:** Thank you, Mr. Chambers. I appreciate that.

Chambers: I'm just being honest with you. Why don't we ask Mrs. Stish? She like to travel and do this stuff.

**Stish:** For the duration of the year.

**Bryan:** When are the meetings?

**Carter:** During the day.

**Bryan:** The problem is me getting the time off from school.

**Chambers:** How many do you need? One right?

**Carter:** AT this time one. Maybe later...

**Chambers:** I make a motion that we send Donnie Bryan.

**Carter:** That is one voting member. You can appoint an alternate.

**Bryan:** If you are insisting on appointing me to that, I would like to see maybe Supervisor Staton because he does have the time on his hands where there may be times when I may not be able to make a meeting.

**Chambers:** I'm retired, I can be the alternate. Just call me if you can't. Is that fair enough?

**Staton:** So what is the motion?

**Chambers:** I'll be the alternate. Do you have a problem with that Mr. Staton?

**Staton:** No, sir.

**Chambers:** I appreciate your consideration.

**Allen:** A motion and a second. Any discussion? Let's vote. 7 yes.

**Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Snoddy seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Supervisor Bryan to the Virginia Growth Alliance Board and Supervisor Chambers as an alternate.**

That concludes my report, Mr. Chairman.

## **Re: Other Board Matters**

**Talbert:** I would just like to simply say to this Board and Mrs. Carter and Mr. Carter, thank you for considering and putting in the budget the pregnancy center. It's important. They had a damaged, you might know more about it than I do, but they had water damage and they moved in another building. Our brotherhood is going down there to do some painting and whatever. I also want to ask Mrs. Carter to send Mrs. Beasley a letter of thank you or whatever you do.

**Carter:** She's done a good job.

**Talbert:** She loves what she's done. She was a school teacher in Appomattox and retired and I think I have another one that can take her place. Ok. Thank you.

**Allen:** I've had complaints about people in Dillwyn Food Lion parking in the fire zone a whole lot. They pull up and go inside and then you have people with walkers can't hardly get to the building because people are parked there. Is there something we can do?

**Talbert:** See that gentleman back there in the uniform.

**Bryan:** With that being a private...

**Kidd:** You'd have to adopt a county ordinance.

**Allen:** Even though there is a fire lane marking there?

**Chambers:** Again, let's refer this to our county attorney.

**Bryan:** Do you know of a generic ordinance maybe from another county?

**Kidd:** No.

**Chambers:** We have a county attorney, let him do it.

**Allen:** I've had people questioning it and I'm just trying to figure out where to go with it.

**Bryan:** I have too, Danny.

**Allen:** Anyway, that's a question we can work on as we go. I just wanted to bring it up. If no one has anything else, we will recess to reconvene on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

---

Rebecca S. Carter  
County Administrator

---

Danny R. Allen  
Chairman