

**Buckingham County
Board of Supervisors
Monthly Meeting
December 14, 2015**

At a regular monthly meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, December 14, 2015 in the Peter Francisco Auditorium of the Buckingham County Administration Complex, the following members were present: Danny R. Allen, Chairman; Joe N. Chambers, Jr., Vice-Chairman; John N. Staton; Cassandra Stish; E.A. "Bill" Talbert; and Donald E. Bryan. I. Monroe Snoddy was absent. Also present were Rebecca S. Carter, County Administrator; Karl Carter, Asst. County Administrator; Rebecca S. Cobb, Zoning Administrator and E.M. Wright, Jr., County Attorney.

Re: Quorum

Chairman Allen certified there was a quorum. Six of seven members were present. The meeting could continue.

Re: Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Allen called the meeting to order. Supervisor Talbert gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all who were in attendance.

Re: Announcements

Allen: I'd like to make an announcement. I want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Re: Approval of Agenda

Allen: How about Approval of Agenda?

Bryan: So moved.

Talbert: Second.

Allen: We have a motion and a second to approve the agenda. Any discussion? Let's vote. Six yes. It's approved.

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

Re: Approval of Minutes

Allen: How about approval of the minutes?

Talbert: So moved.

Stish: Second.

Allen: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Let's vote. 6 yes. Approved.

Supervisor Talbert moved, Supervisor Stish seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2015 meeting.

Re: Approval of Claims

Allen: Approval of claims?

Stish: So moved.

Chambers: Second.

Allen: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? No discussion. Let's vote. 6 yes. So approved.

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

Re: Approval of Third Quarter Appropriations

General Fund	\$	2,020,768
Water Fund	\$	340,624
Sewer Fund	\$	61,750
VPA Fund	\$	820,437

Schools:

Instruction	\$	4,124,525
Adm/Attn/Health	\$	280,179
Transportation	\$	509,944
Operations	\$	532,231
Cafeteria	\$	287,120
Technology	\$	263,944
	\$	5,997,942

Allen: Third Quarter Appropriations?

Staton: So moved Mr. Chairman.

Stish: Second.

Allen: A motion and a second. Any discussion? None. Let's vote. 6 yes. That's approved.

Supervisor Staton moved, Supervisor Stish seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Third Quarter Appropriations as presented.

Re: Public Comments

Allen: Next is Public Comment. Anybody wanting to speak on anything other than the public hearing can come up and speak for three minutes and if you are speaking for a group, five minutes.

Quinn Robinson: Good evening. My name is Quinn Robinson from Andersonville. I wanted to comment about the pipeline but before doing so I wanted to thank Supervisors Snoddy, Staton, Stish and Talbert for their work and service for the county. It's deeply appreciated. Thank you. I wanted to just bring things into focus. This pipeline to me, in time we will all realize that we are all environmentalist and it's still a serious threat. It's not needed and it's damaging and we've witnessed the events in Paris and the nations throughout the world and said it's something that we have to deal with and make response to. It's our environment. Let's use it and preserve it for our own good forever. On the positive side to me, there are many more letters coming from Congress to FERC and to other agencies involved in this this, opposing the pipelines in general for their toxic emissions and the fact they are not really needed by the citizens. Senator Kerry or Secretary of State Kerry described it as a moral imperative and it's similar to the words the Pope used when he was talking about these issues. I think it's something with all this unity, it's something we should seriously examine and put our support to. It was so discouraging a year or two ago when this thing came up with the pipeline. It went through like we were just a playground for these things to happen to us. But anyway, again, we are going to continue until there is clarity on this. I look forward to the support of this board and the next board and you all are welcome to join us. Thank you very much.

Heidi Berthoud: Good evening. I am in the James River District and I'm also the secretary to the Friends of Buckingham. I am speaking tonight for myself. I want to thank you for all that you do and ask you to do more. I'm hoping that you are taking note of the Paris Climate Summit and its historic movement forward. Governments have sent a signal to the private sector that the momentum towards sustainability cannot be stopped. This is what the world really needed to see. We can't continue to live, we can't continue to invest in a dirty, toxic fossil fuel future with its short sided, selfish agenda. I hope you will agree to do what you can do and ask for the protections that we are granted by law and Kirk Bowers will speak to you later about asking FERC to do the job it is required by law to require a PEIS for all the pipelines coming through our state. I'd also like to ask for you to take note of some things that are happening up north. This is from December 8th from the Rockport Union Sun and Journal. County lawmakers call for a study on compressor health risks. The Niagara County legislator accepted an invitation to host

a conference today regarding a proposed assessment of health risks associated with natural gas infrastructure including gas compressor stations. County lawmakers voted earlier this month in support of a health impact study on natural gas compressor stations including the one that the national fuel plans to build in Pendleton up there. So I ask you to also consider proposing a health impact study to be done on the Virginia State level. You as an elected board may impact this greatly. I want to also point out that in the medical society of the State of New York a group composed of about 30,000 physicians and medical residents and medical students throughout the state is calling for State government to conduct a comprehensive assessment of health and environmental risks surrounding natural gas infrastructure. The group has expressed concern about negative health effects related to high volume horizontal hydraulic fracturing and maintains that the transmission of natural gas infrastructure can cause negative health effects similar to those seen near fracking and drilling sites. They've also expressed concern about accidents and breakdowns of natural gas infrastructure. So furthermore the concerned health professionals of New York and the Physicians for Social Responsibility compiled a 150 page compendium of scientific medial and media findings demonstrating the risks and harm of fracking, unconventional gas and oil extraction.

Allen: Times up.

Berthoud: This is a great resource that can be drawn upon. I thank you for taking action to protect our health and safety and our future.

Allen: Thank you.

Sammy Smith: Hello and good evening. My name is Sammy Smith and I'm from the 5th district and I'm not going to talk about the pipeline and I'm not going to talk about the library. I'm going to talk about Rt. 20 at Troublesome Creek Road. Somebody ought to hold VDOT responsible for the biggest fraud to Buckingham ever. As far as increasing line of sight for accidents coming off those roads, they failed. Looks like to me that they could have come down another 20 feet and still wouldn't have picked up line of sight. Somebody's head needs to roll. Wasted a lot of time and a lot of money. Thank you.

Allen: Thank you.

Heather Nolan: Good evening. My name is Heather Nolan and I'm in James River District. I know this is the last Supervisor's meeting for 2015 so Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you. I wish to speak this evening as an individual and as a concerned resident and I want to acknowledge that we first heard of the opportunity for the county to support the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement relating to the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and the other three pipelines proposed for Virginia that was first introduced in October by Mr. Kirk Bowers. I'm grateful that he has returned this evening to be a part of the agenda and I hope that as a board that you will support the resolution on the PEIS. I think it's extremely important that you lend your support. The PEIS will allow the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to consider all of these four pipelines that are proposed before FERC or will be shortly proposed. The impacts being economic, cultural and environmental. One's that we all care about and the Buckingham

County community intimately. It will allow FERC to look at the need for any one of the pipelines and also all the pipelines together if they are duplicative in nature. It will also allow FERC to look at alternative energies to see if they could instead of pipelines actually provide any needs that might be existing currently. There is a growing concern as you know about methane's contribution to a warming climate and the bottoming out of the oil and gas industry. So further investment of gas infrastructure at this point and time seems like a really bad idea. Rather I believe Buckingham could consider more alternative and sustainable energy sources and how to support their rollout creating more Buckingham jobs and averting our need to pollute. I wonder if there would be an opportunity for Buckingham High School students to be more involved. Just this week, NBC news 29 announced a UVA grant to explore wind turbines that simulate palm trees creating 50 megawatt turbines that would be offshore and would be ten times larger than what's currently used. These types of ideas are the future and we do not need heavy pollution projects like the ACP. Renewable, like we already know, the Virginia General Assembly members are getting more and more behind the PEIS. They are writing to FERC to make their intentions and wishes clear. I do feel the proposed Buckingham compressor station is a health hazard. Buckingham residents have continually lifted up their concerns around light, and noise pollution and toxic emissions and they are serious. People are needlessly getting sick from the air, noise and water pollution.

Allen: Times up.

Nolan: Please I hope you all consider and support this resolution for PEIS. Thank you.

Allen: Thank you.

Alice Gormus: Good evening. Alice Gormus. District 7. I'm here to publicly say thank you for being so easy to work with with us in the Planning Commission. I know we've had a lot of big projects that we've worked together on and I wanted to publicly say that I appreciate all of your help.

Staton: Thank you Alice.

Stish: We appreciate yours.

Pat Howe: Good evening Members of the Board, Mrs. Carter, Mr. Carter and everyone. Pat Howe from Maysville District 4. I had a chance to read the minutes of the November 10th Board of Supervisors meeting and the comments made in opposition of the new library were simply incorrect. The new library was not and is not the cause of a tax increase in the county. The minutes from the budget hearings explained this tax increase and they are a matter of public record. These should be read and understood before making any misleading comments. The majority of our citizen's electronic devices cannot and do not replace the services of the new library. The new library is a place for the community and it is greatly needed. It provides community space, public space for our county that is so lacking. Since 2013, eleven new public libraries were built in the State of Virginia alone by the local governments. So it's now time for Buckingham County to move forward to commit to this capital project.

Allen: Thank you. Anyone else. If not, public comments is closed.

Re: VDOT Road Matters

Scot Shippee: Good evening everyone. I'll start out with a report of what our maintenance activities are currently. Right now we are machining and adding gravel to gravel roads where we can. We are catching up on our work orders and our citizen requests. Patching potholes, brush cutting and although the weather may not seem like it, but getting ready for winter. I want to go back and address a few items that you all had in your previous minutes when I wasn't here. One had to do with road striping. Part of the reason why you saw faint lines like that, when they do a paving project, the contractor has 48 hours to provide temporary striping. After that there is a marking contractor that is part of the overall contract that comes back and does the permanent striping. Our folks go back and refresh the lines, I can't remember if it's every year or two years and go through periodically and refresh the lines. Hopefully the ones you were commenting about previously look better by now. There was also some mention about reflectors, raised pavement markers. We are looking to do that on all paving projects where we can. We'd like to do them on all of our two lane primaries. The issue comes, if you do it on a pavement section that's an older section where we are going to have to come back in a year or two and mill it back up, it's kind of a waste of money to put those down. They are not reusable. It tears them up and you have to pay to put them back. On the same note though, the reflectors are not covered by maintenance funds but we do have a fund that's been established for safety and operational improvements within the county. This fund has approximately \$59,000 in it and it's used for things like critical safety issues, drainage improvements, traffic items. That sort of thing. This is something that we could potentially use to put reflectors on all the two lane primaries. I'm not sure if it would cover all of them or not. I don't have an estimate right now. But that is something we can look at say between now and July 1st. Improvements in this fund do not require board approval. It's simply an agreement between the county and the residency that this is how we want to use those funds. So that's something we can do. Other things we do with it is if there is a need for a guardrail in certain places if our traffic engineer determines it's warranted there. Plant mix leveling, if you've got an extremely rough road where surface treatment isn't cutting it, we can use it for that. Different things like that. Last item that I have and I don't know if everyone has heard or not. Kevin Wright is no longer with the Dillwyn Residency. He has taken a job elsewhere in VDOT so as such I am the acting Resident Engineer until that position has been filled. Any comments or questions for me?

Talbert: I hope you get it.

Shippee: I appreciate that.

Stish: Do you have any...we had a citizen comment about Troublesome Creek and what's going on over there on 20.

Shippee: To my knowledge...

Stish: Any idea...

Shippee: To my knowledge it was designed to meet sight distance. Whether that was perceived or not, I don't know. Public perception may be different...

Stish: So there is no known perspective on the efficacy of the project?

Shippee: This was done well before my time. It was a six year improvement plan project that ended up on the Governor's list. Had we decided not to do it the federal funds that were applied to that would not be able to be used in Buckingham County and would have gone somewhere else so it's not like money that was spent on that project could have been taken and put elsewhere in the county? It would have gone to another project somewhere else and stayed. I don't know the thought process other than they were trying to identify certain intersections that had sight distance issues and safety projects. That just happened to be selected and ended up on the Governor's list and pushed it through.

Bryan: What's the latest on the Rt. 20 Bridge?

Shippee: Rt. 20 bridge. That project has been awarded and don't think they've established a hard start date. I know there was a preconstruction meeting last week and look for it to start within the next month or so. It will probably take about 18 months start to finish and I want to say December of '17 was the absolute end date of construction. There was a date before that where they did an early finish bonus.

Stish: I have one other question, so there are a few logging operation going on out our way and typically where they cut last year and are coming out of the same point. This year they are coming out again and I think it's the way they are coming out...they are turning into the road and breaking it down completely. It's like a big hard turn with loaded trucks and its breaking. It's a big hole now. Do you want me to take a picture and send it to you?

Shippee: Yeah, typically with something like that...the road has to handle the full load. If it's normal wear and tear, I think....

Stish: They are coming around there and just breaking it down.

Shippee: Our land use folks can work with them and work out something. Yeah, if you could send me that area and pictures, I'd appreciate it. One other thing I need to mention, the rural rustics, we finished Fender Road. Rt. 720 Georgia Creek Road, we are going to look into doing that in the spring. Weather didn't cooperate with us this year and we got finished kind of late but we've got a couple pipes to put in around that bridge which is one of the reasons why we pushed it back. We are looking for that to come this spring.

Allen: At Arvonnia at the trash cans, thank you for taking care of that. Then, 617, Hollybrook Road and 617 at Haynes Chapel Church, now you've got a yield sign coming from Hollybrook Road and a stop sign coming from Haynes Chapel. I've had a couple people ask about it saying

it's going to cause more accidents because they don't know whose really got the right away. My question is would it be better to have a stop sign at the yield sign and the other side have the yield sign. They've got to actually cross in front of them.

Shippee: Is this a recent change?

Allen: The yield sign, yes.

Shippee: I'll look into that.

Allen: The stop sign has been there for years. If you go a little bit further, it's a bad hump. There's been a couple wrecks there. I forgot the name of the house right there, but that's something that needs to be looked into. Cut that hill down. You probably know where I'm talking about.

Shippee: Alright.

Stish: Scot, since this is the last opportunity to bring up, the area that we've talked about right through Yogaville. Maybe widen the shoulder or make it a little firmer or see if we can put some pedestrian crossing or signs for pedestrian crossing. That kind of thing. Just make sure that stays on your radar. Perhaps some of those safety funds could be utilized there to maybe get some of those signs and widening of the shoulder.

Staton: Scot, I don't know whether to wish you condolences or congratulations.

Stish: You are going to be great.

Allen: That safety money, is that something you get every year or just one time?

Shippee: As of right now, consider it one time. There is never any promises with money that's given to us. We are just grateful with what we've got. I'm hoping it will continue but can't promise.

Talbert: I just want to thank Scot for the great job he's done. I just appreciate it so much.

Staton: Amen.

Shippee: Thank you.

Re: Public Hearing: Consider if the County Should Take by Eminent Domain Proceedings Tax Map Section 201-23A of approximately 0.83 acres belonging to the Grand United Order of Moses for the purpose of locating a recycling site on S. James Madison Hwy

Carter: Yes sir. This public hearing is for the Board of Supervisors and the County to consider taking by eminent domain proceedings, condemning, tax map section 201-23A of approximately 0.83 acres belonging to the Grand United Order of Moses for the purpose of locating a recycling center site on S. James Madison Hwy. To be more specific more or less behind the Bates Market area. This is an opportunity for people to speak on that matter.

Allen: Before they speak, nobody has paid taxes on this for how long?

Talbert: About 8 years.

Carter: At one time somebody tried to give it to us but we can't do that.

Talbert: Not but one member I know of, Dot Coleman, that's living that belonged to that order. None of the trustees. All of them are dead. I've done research and it's just land there. I know Mr. Jones wants the Board to do it because right in front of his house and if we go with this site, it will be away from the front of his house. I know he'd be appreciate of that because he has a beautiful home.

Allen: I worry about when we say eminent domain.

Carter: We will not be taking the property away from anyone.

Allen: That makes me feel better. At this time I'll open the public hearing.

(no one spoke on the matter)

The public hearing is closed. Board members have anything to say.

Carter: Mr. Wright, did you have any comment to make before they take action.

Wright: Mr. Chairman, if I might. I was going to address it at County Attorney matters but if you are going to take actions you can refer it to that. The last time we had this matter before you there was an estimate of roughly \$60,000 to put the site in order. Mr. Hill estimated that it would not require a commercial entrance from Rt. 15 into the site. He is now of the opinion that the highway department may require that which would add another \$60,000 to it. So the initial cost for preparing the site with the commercial entrance would be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$100-125,000. The cost of the eminent domain with appraisals, court costs and payment for the land will probably run somewhere in the neighborhood of probably \$20,000 or less. The other part the Board needs to be aware of as we consider this matter, so you will have full disclosure, in talking to staff that I've talked to, recommend that that site be manned so you won't end up

with the same problem that you have. It would appear that you would need an additional 2 part time people to serve that site if you move toward another manned site. I am told that would probably be a recurring annual cost of somewhere around \$40,000. So that's information I think you should have if you decide you want to get involved with that. You have all the information.

Carter: Just to make it clear that when you do approve it for this purpose, it has to be used for that purpose.

Wright: You noticed I handed out a resolution should you want to proceed it says it is taken for the purpose of a recycling center and it would have to be used for that purpose and that purpose only. So you won't be able to step aside. The advantage is that the site currently is on highway right of way, it appears to be what you currently have. This will move the site off of highway right of way to property that you own yourself and will be a more manageable situation. That's the information that I'd like you to have before you proceed.

Talbert: Mr. Wright, stand there for just a minute. I'm going to make a motion that we proceed with the resolution. Will that be proper?

Wright: Yes that the resolution be adopted.

Talbert: My motion is that the resolution be adopted.

Chambers: Second.

Allen: A motion made and second to approve the resolution. Is there any discussion? Anything you want to discuss or talk about before we vote?

Stish: I feel like we need to do something. Clearly the Bates site needs to be replaced.

Carter: If I could make a comment. Of course you have a budgetary issue of coming up with the money. I think it would be a good idea for the utilities committee/solid waste committee to look at some other areas that we may reduce the cost in and come back with a recommendation. It's nothing that you have to do next month. It could be referred to budget time even. This will be all new money that we have to come up with.

Stish: It's one time money of \$140,000 plus \$40,000 additional annually. You could save \$60,000 if it didn't need a commercial entrance.

Staton: Unless we move it.

Stish: Do you think we are not going to have a commercial entrance no matter where we put it?

Carter: I think with the load that will come in with the site particularly the construction containers and all, I don't think we could get around a commercial entrance.

Stish: Even if we did look around, we'd still have the \$60,000 for a commercial entrance. So we are not going to save anything by going someplace else. You are still going to have to do it.

Talbert: I want to add, that site is not just for the people of that area. It's for all of Buckingham. People that travel from here to Farmville to work and everything it's just handy for them. It's pretty much got out of hand and I hope the Board will support this 100% and get one in there.

Carter: The abuse that we see at Bates Market, perhaps in the long run, we'll save some money.

Stish: Solid waste is one of those things...it's a drag to have to pay that. You want to pay for other things but you do have to pay for solid waste too.

Allen: One of the things we do for the public. No more discussion, let's vote. Six yes. Passed.

Supervisor Talbert moved, Supervisor Talbert seconded to adopt the following resolution to begin eminent domain proceedings for tax map number 201-23A of approximately 0.83 acres for the purpose of a recycling center.

WHEREAS, Buckingham County, a political subdivision of the State of Virginia, manages a waste management operation for the citizens of the County; and

WHEREAS, in order to manage and operate such waste management system, the County maintains collection stations in various parts of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County maintains a collection site in the southern part of the County on US Route 15, but the land on which the collection system is located does not belong to the County; and

WHEREAS, the County believes it to be in the best of the Board of Supervisors and its constituents to own the real estate on which the collection site is located; and

WHEREAS, the County has identified a site in the southern part of the County near US Route 15 and adjacent to the current collection site; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2015, the County Board of Supervisors did conduct a public hearing on the acquisition of such site for the use by the County to serve as a collection site where citizens of the County could dispose of solid waste and recycle other material; and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors is of a mind that the site would serve the Board of Supervisors and its citizens well for the disposal of solid waste and recycling other material; and

WHEREAS, the land sought by the County contains 0.83 acres, more or less, and stands in the name of Grand United Order of Moses and is carried on the 2015 land books of Buckingham County as Tax Map Section 201-23A and the owner's whereabouts are unknown.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the County Attorney shall institute in the name of the Buckingham County, acting through its Board of Supervisors, an eminent domain proceedings to acquire Tax Map Section 201-23A of 0.83 acres, more or less, belonging to the Grand United Order of Moses for the purpose of operating a waste collection site and recycling center; and

Is authorized to do all other at necessary to accomplish the acquisition, including but not limited to, hiring of appraisers or assessors, the payments of amounts necessary to commence and conclude such condemnation, for the initiation of the proceedings to include rights of entry and the satisfaction of any payments ordered by the Court in which the eminent domain proceeding is brought.

Re: Presentation by Michael Nash, Law Enforcement Highway Safety

Nash: Good evening. My name is Michael Nash. I'm a Law Enforcement Liaison for the Virginia DMV Safety Office. I'm going to present a prestigious award to the Sheriff's Department but before we get there I would like to explain a little bit about what the award is. It's for the Click It or Ticket program which is an endorsement in media campaign and we do this every May and November. You've already been presented for the post survey numbers from the May 2015 Click it Or Ticket campaign. What's involved is their representatives go out and check pre seatbelt surveys and we have two weeks of hard enforcement and there is a survey post. Those numbers are entered through what we call Tread which is a data management system for DMV and we determine what agencies have made the biggest change. The awards are grouped by agencies and district that are similar size for example Buckingham County is not compared to Fairfax County or anything like that. One of the awards is the Highest Usage Award and it's for the rate during that post survey time. Buckingham County Sheriff's office and its citizens have achieved 97%. The statewide average is 80.9%. So that was a tremendous job and effort by the Buckingham Sheriff's Department. The 97% rate resulted in the Highest Usage Award to Buckingham County Sheriff's Office and was a job well done. I would like for one of their representatives come down here please. (Sheriff Kidd came down) Congratulations Sheriff. Nice job.

Kidd: Thank you.

Nash: Thank you and have a good night.

Re: Presentation: Brad Sheffield, JAUNT, Annual Report

Sheffield: Karl has some handouts for the Board. Today I would just like to present to you an update on what happened in FY15 and where we are going with FY16 and 17. Just kind of give you a preview of what happened and where we are headed. Some of you may or may not know, but this year we hit our 40th anniversary of Jaunt. We've been operating in this region for 40 years now, 1975. We've been having celebrations here and there. As you can see this is from our annual meeting with our staff where we do our awards and recognition. This year, ridership has rebounded. It's heading back up. I'm hoping that 2016 and 17 continue as well. Specifically in Buckingham, we are seeing services leveling off. Hours and ridership are holding steady. I expect that to happen in the coming years. As you flip to the back page of this handout, you will see me talking a little bit about Buckingham County, it's not as much of a funding and hours problem, it's just a ridership problem. Trying to get people's butts in the seat pretty much. Maximizing the capacity of that 28 passenger vehicle that we go for y'all a couple years back. Things like that. Gas prices dropping we've seen our ridership suffer a little bit so we've got to refocus our efforts and try to communicate better what our services can do for people as well as listen to what your residents are needing from us, maybe shifting hours or something like that. We've got some great staff that stay communicating with agencies in this area. I'm optimistic that we'll see a 2% change with the commuter route, but it will slightly continue to go up but I think the hours will pretty much hold consistent. This graph is on your handout but it's a great way for you to get a grasp of what happened over the last 8 years and going into our 10th year with Buckingham County. One thing that you can see is this dashed line is the hours. That's something that you should always pay attention to because that's what you pay for. When we come before you every year and ask for your assistance, your help goes towards hours not trips. More trips we can get within the hours that you pay for the better. The state rewards that performance. This is Jaunts overall financial picture and you might see this piece of the pie down here. This is the state subsidy that we get. Every dollar that the state gives Jaunt helps offset any local dollar. It doesn't go to any other purpose other than to reduce the obligation that we ask for from the localities. What that means is if we can improve the performance it helps draw down more money because the state these days are rewarding performance especially on the transit side. When I look at the expenses, I always try to convey to people that one thing we do is keep our administrative expense low and focus mainly on the operating. Something to keep in mind when we look at the 20%/80% graph that's on your screen and handout. The state loves things like insurance here be part of administrative costs which we all know is not is really operating costs and is sometimes a little deceiving. But I gave you this bar chart to give you a sense of where our money goes to. It's really just salaries and benefits, maintenance and those large operating costs. Specifically Buckingham, just to give you a snapshot of what Buckingham's was like in FY15 as you can see the state subsidy was about \$14,000. That meant that that was \$14,000 less that we were asking from Buckingham County. I'm harping on the state subsidy thing for a reason. Unfortunately, the state is cutting back. I know you feel that every year. The state finds a way to pass the burden on to the localities. Without a doubt that is happening. But Karl knows, and by the way Karl serves on my Board and is a very active and vocal member so it's great to have him on there, as Karl knows, I'm going to be trying to find ways to mitigate that for Buckingham County because Buckingham is an outstanding service. 33% revenue coming from fare boxes is nowhere else in the region so

we want to try to maintain the services that are out on the road. So I'm going to try to find ways if we can to try to tweak other revenue streams. Right now you see 0% for that excess agency revenue. We are going to try to find a way to get some more excess agency revenue for Buckingham but it means I've got to find some agency services that can do that. Medicaid, some of you are familiar with the Pay Service in Charlottesville, try to get some of the clients from Buckingham to go into that for us to transport them. Those kinds of things. If I can get those revenues coming in that will give me the excess to help soften the impact of the state. That's what I'm working towards right now. To try to maintain the obligation we asked for. This year we also celebrated our 8 millionth passenger. Mrs. Foster from Nelson County. For a system like us, it's a great achievement. A system like CAT in Charlottesville, they do 8 million trips easily but 8 million trips is phenomenal. As you remember, Donna Shauncey, the longtime director of Jaunt, retired in March. I was fortunate enough to fill her shoes and take over her position. I have with me, Karen Davis, who took over my position. She has been with Jaunt for about 6 years now. She was the Director of Outreach. So now she's the Assistant Executive Director. So sometimes, when I can't make it, she will be making presentations to you. So just looking at what we are going in this year and beyond. I definitely want to focus of state revenues and ridership. I think we have a really good service as I said before maximizing capacity and mitigating impact of the state assistance and also going into FY17 we need to find a way to celebrate 10 years of us providing services to Buckingham County. So, hopefully we will be working with Mrs. Carter and Mr. Carter to figure out ways to highlight this. Maybe that will boost ridership in 17 but we'd like to get feedback from yall as well as the public for what we can do in the coming year. With that, I'll take any questions?

Stish: Alright. So you are talking about state subsidy perhaps under attack or in question, is there anything specifically that's happening or just that you are suspicious?

Sheffield: It is happening. They reduced the subsidy by 3%. They are telling us to budget for 3% in FY17.

Stish: Is there anybody in the legislature that are sponsors or champions that might be able to get some leverage to get some of that back maybe next time around?

Sheffield: It's kind of beyond that. Legislation was a couple years ago, about 3 years ago now. They brought together this stakeholders and committee to figure out how to come up with performance measures and impact of funding. It was passed about the same time as McDonnell's transportation bill. So at this point it's just finding ways to improve the performance because they reward performance very heavily. If we can outperform, I don't want to say our competitors, but we are competing for state dollars. Then we will get a bigger piece of that pie so even though they may be reducing the budget by a 3% reduction, we could still kind of carve out more for ourselves. So getting more passengers in the vehicle is the key.

Stish: Do you feel like the performance metrics are still relevant with the gas prices as low as they are? I mean it's different...I'm curious if that still holds water or if it needs to be reexamined.

Sheffield: I think we need to make sure that we have a good sense of reliability for the service and that I think carry them to their destinations in the time frame they are expecting. Still communicating the value. I don't think we ever really communicated that value. I forget the fare right now that comes from Buckingham County. I'm willing to bet if we do the math including the cost of ownership of a owning a vehicle, we could still convince people that we are still a comparable cost. I think making sure it's comfortable. We need to figure out if we've lost people, we know who has been riding the system. We need to figure out why. Is it the gas prices or not as reliable or showed up and were capacity. There for a while, we had that problem where people were denied service because the bus was full. It only has to happen one time for someone to say no, you will find another way.

Stish: I have another question, sorry. Do you have like things like device chargers or things like that?

Sheffield: No, we need to look into that.

Stish: Things like device chargers and place to put your coffee. For an hour ride, even if I'm not online, I do have a lot of local files that I could just sit there and do a lot of my reading and get that stuff out of the way and do that before I get to the office. I can even draft all of them and send them when I get there. So, you know, it's about comforts and that's why they ride the train because they have that hour where they are actually working. They are not blowing off two hours of their day because on a Jaunt ride, my hour ride may be extended a little bit because of extra stops and because you guys are such safety drivers and never go above the speed limit which is awesome but at the same time it's truthful, commuter traffic can book on down the road. Just think about your commuter and what they may be able to do with that hour.

Sheffield: That's great feedback. I think we will be surveying the community and see what is needed. I think we've established a good base and it's building on that. That's great feedback.

Allen: Anyone else?

Sheffield: Thank you. It's my hope I won't see you during the budget season. I enjoy coming down here. Have a Merry Christmas.

Re: Presentation Kirk Bowers, Virginia Chapter, Sierra Club: Proposed Resolution requesting FERC to require a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement Review of the Pipelines.

Bowers: Good evening. Brad is one of our Albermarle County Board of Supervisors. He's really good and we really appreciate him. Good evening. I'm Kirk Bowers and I'm with the Sierra Club and I'm from Albermarle County and I work on pipelines in Virginia and West Virginia and I'm also working on the five counties in West Virginia. I'm here to have a conversation with yall this evening. I hope a serious conversation. It's about a PEIS. It's about a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. It's part of the progress that FERC has to go

through, FERC being the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, to approve pipeline projects anywhere in the country. So we've been on a campaign for quite a while now actually several months, and the purpose of the PEIS is to evaluate the development of gas infrastructure, project development and implement agencies, specific programs and guidance that would establish environmental policy, and mitigation strategies for the proposed gas transmission projects. Cumulative analysis, impact analysis advise the agency and the public to understand the impacts that would result from these projects. The basic purpose and goal of the PEIS, it will allow FERC to assess the need for the proposed pipelines. Virginia is just the tip of the iceberg. There are only 4 pipelines in Virginia but there are 17 overall in the region. That's a lot of pipelines. How do we know that we need these pipelines? That need has not been assessed yet by any of the principals involved in these pipelines. So that's why we are asking for your consideration of this. I'd like to go into a little further discussions and then I'd like to ask that you ask me questions. I have a lot of information that I've given you. First I'll say the gas from these pipelines are coming out of West Virginia. People in West Virginia, 3 counties are no longer able to use their water. They can't drink water. They have to have it trucked in now because the ground water has become so contaminated from fracking they are not able to use the water anymore. So if we have these 17 pipeline projects, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia increases the supply and demand to 17.3 billion cubic feet per day which is over 4 times the amount of gas that is being shipped out of West Virginia now. As you heard earlier with the treaty in Paris, things don't look good for the fossil fuels industry anymore. What we are seeing is the rapid development of the renewables including this county with the solar farm that's being proposed in Buckingham. We are seeing quite a few other facilities starting to develop in Accomack County, development of a 400 megawatt solar farm. So all of these things are happening simultaneously at the same time that we are getting pipeline proposals in the state. In 15 years you are going to see pretty much renewables as the primary source of energy generation in this country. It's pragmatic matter. It's not a philosophical issue. It's not a political issue. It's a matter of trying to provide our citizens with relief from climate change which is happening which is not being debated anymore. There is no debate left. 99% of all climate scientist in the world have now decided there is no debate. So, with that we have to change and this is part of it. Getting rid of these pipelines is one of those issues. What we've done over the last two months is talk to our Senators. Both Senator Caine and Warner have signed letters to FERC. Have sent them letters. We've had 10 delegates and senators in the state send letters to FERC. We've had 3 counties in South West Virginia area, Giles, Roanoke and Craig County have all sent letters to FERC. In fact, Roanoke County included their request for PEIS in their intervention motion to FERC. They are extremely serious about it. They don't want the pipelines in their areas, basically. But what it comes down to is we found in our studies that these pipelines actually adversely impact the economics of these counties in studies we've done down in that area. There will be another release next month which will be for this area which will be the same. Just to give you a heads up on that. So what else, we also have other states that have joined in this effort actually. New Hampshire Coalition, we got a letter from them. Their delegation. We just received word today that Griffith, Hurt and sent letters to FERC for PEIS. Carly, Barr and Scott will also be sending letters to FERC. So that's 6 congressman, 2 senators, 3 counties and 10 delegates, so we've got and we've got about Goodlatte 130 more to go. We are working on those right now. So what I'm asking you is, have I explained this fully enough to you for you to understand totally what we are asking for? Is there any questions, first of all?

Stish: First I want to reiterate what you are asking to make sure I got it right. Basically you are asking for a PEIS which is requesting FERC to consider all pipelines that are considered for Virginia collectively? Consider impacts collectively? A cumulative impact could help them sort out an orderly building of an infrastructure should it be determined to be necessary?

Bowers: Right. Exactly. Looks like the needs, determines if we need all of these pipelines, what the cumulative impacts are and how to deal with these impacts. Then it may come down to the fact that one of these pipelines is not going to be approved because it's found out that it's not necessary and actually I do know of a pipeline up northeast part of the country that would meet the needs of all the clients that are asking for gas. So one pipeline that actually carries 3 billion cubic feet of gas per day would satisfy their needs of everybody. It connects to the Transco line at that point can be distributed throughout the east coast instead of having 17 pipelines or 4 in Virginia. It may come down to it but we find...actually in Massachusetts, I forgot to mention them, that they mentioned that they also sent a letter to FERC but they also did a needs analysis of their own to determine whether they needed 4 pipelines in their state. They found out that they didn't need any of them and they are getting rid of their pipelines. Also New Hampshire has a huge movement in the Northeast also which is spilling down in this area.

Stish: Just want to clarify, everybody that you named are all sending letters requesting the PEIS. That is the nature of the letter. That's what they were asking for.

Bowers: I have the letters...

Stish: I don't need to see them, I just wanted to make sure when you say they are sending letters, I wanted to make sure that was the letter they were sending. Then, so in New Hampshire and those places they were determining that the pipeline infrastructure they already currently have in their is sufficient to be repurposed or expanded in a way that will convey the gas enough to meet the market needs of their people. It's sufficient infrastructure to meet the goals of the EPA and dadada.

Bowers: Correct. With the existing infrastructure and the projected renewables that they are going to be building in their state.

Stish: I personally, this to me sounds reasonable. We have a common goal here and the Commonwealth is facing a larger, several large infrastructure projects that's being proposed simultaneously. They could definitely have cumulative impact that could be significant. Considering each of them individually, they probably would all pass merits, however if you consider them all cumulatively they all may need to be dwindled down or somehow modified. So, I would like to see up support this resolution. I feel it in no way undercuts what we...if the ACP is one they decide is necessary, they may, in all honesty, they may look at it and say this one is good, that when it's coming through here we are prepared to access it if we are having conversations with our study groups to make sure that our compressor station is being met as good as it can possible be, the model compressor station for the nations, as far as we know. It

may be pretty awesome as they go, you know. So, anyhow I propose that we support this resolution and that is my motion. If you are ready for me to make a motion.

Staton: Before you do that...

Stish: Yes, sir.

Staton: It is my understanding, correct me if I'm wrong, that FERC is actually appointed by the President of the United States.

Bowers: No, that's not correct. It's Congressional.

Staton: Congressional appointed?

Bowers: The only one that they really answer to is the courts. They have no real oversight. That's another issue. There has been some Congressional movement on this issue to get more Congressional oversight and investigate their practices because they are not doing the job correctly. There is a number of reasons why that is happening. Mainly because they've had a huge explosion of pipeline projects and they don't have the staff to do the work. So they are hurting for resources basically.

Staton: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to continue. An article in the paper, Associated Press, Washington Times out of Roanoke, "Regulators have rejected a request to assess the overall environment impact of several proposed multistate natural gas pipelines". I want the audience to hear this. "The coalition of pipeline opponents that sought the review", which is you, "arguing that individual assessments by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission would be piecemealed and conducted in a vacuum. Norman Bray, who is the Chairman of FERC, informed U.S. Representative Rob Goodlatte, Republican of Virginia, of the Commissioner's decision in a recent letter. Bray said that the Commission had determined that it was not appropriate to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Mountain Valley Pipeline. They would consider other proposed interstate natural gas pipelines effecting Virginia, West Virginia." That was from the Roanoke Times. "Tomorrow, Young-Allen, a spokesperson from FERC, said "the commission never conducted such a review". She told the newspaper that the commission does not engage in regional planning exercises that would result in the selection of one project over another. The Commission's policy has been to allow market forces to influence where projects would be situated. The letter said that a draft environmental impact statement being prepared for the Mountain Valley pipeline would address concerns about cumulative impacts. My problem here is, I tell people I have no power in this. This Board has no power in this.

Bowers: You don't, ok.

Staton: Nobody believes us.

Bowers: What am I going to do to help you?

Staton: Well, the thing that bothers me is, this is important, I grant you. But we have no avenue here to proceed.

Bowers: I understand and I need to let you know that our plan is so you can see what's going to happen. We didn't expect FERC to just roll over and say yes. In fact that is one of the statements I made to one of the groups I work with in that area. They became discouraged when they heard that news. But we are bringing a lot of political pressure on FERC. Not only Virginia representatives, but other states as well. We have met with EPA two weeks ago and they were extremely supportive of this effort. They are probably going to be pushing that through their comments. Also the Forest Service, is actually turned into an ally for the PEIS, unwittingly, with their comments. They are really opposed to these pipelines. That's the message we are getting. Because of the seven pipelines in West Virginia that go through the National Forest. They are very concerned. They want to look at the big picture. The overall impact of what's going to happen to their land resource management plan and so we are cautiously optimistic that they will be asking for a PEIS also. Now if all of this doesn't work, as I said before, the courts will decide all this. We will be the one litigating.

Staton: FERC thumbs his nose at a United States Congressman.

Bowers: He did.

Staton: If he thumbs his nose at the Governors of the States in this, I don't think there is a whole lot that we can do, if anything. The last resolution that we sent them, they didn't even do the courtesy of telling us that they got it, that I know of.

Bowers: Which one was that?

Stish: The one we drafted regarding the mitigation.

Bowers: The ENS resolution?

Stish: No, ENS resolution. We sent one that was basically asking for them to extend the scoping period. To do some baseline testing.

Bowers: That's one of the problems and one of the issues I want to address with FERC and our investigation and we are actually pursuing an investigation through EPA and DOE and GAO.

Stish: My colleague is correct. You are correct, Mr. Staton. It may not amount to a hill of beans someplace else. I think it does amount to more than a hill of beans to our community that we take action on something like this. It's important. We've had consistent voice here for over a year I think now, coming down here asking us for our representation whether or not it turns out to be effective in the long run as in this FERC listen to it. I do know that drops make oceans by continuing to ask for things, eventually it's heard. One more voice certainly wouldn't hurt. I don't think lending our support to something that to me is really reasonable in this boom...the

boom America is facing...this gas boom, if FERC is not looking at these things programmatically, they are well and good behind the 8-ball. We are just going to help them to their job better. That is my motion. I think this is a solution and I want to support this resolution.

Bryan: I have a question. You mention water contamination.

Bowers: Yes.

Bryan: Are you talking about the Elk River?

Bowers: Ummm, which county is that in?

Bryan: Charleston

Bowers: No, it's not that area. It's really way up there in the far west and the northwest sections. Primarily Doddridge, those areas have been hit really hard. The reason I mentioned that is I get a lot of emails and I'm going up there tomorrow for a 3 day tour of the area and meet with groups up there and talk to them and some of the emails I've got, they've just been heartbreaking.

Stish: They've gone through, bad to worse.

Bowers: They have.

Stish: The coal mines had already eroded a lot of their opportunity to drill a well. They are already on systems. There were natural springs and people were filling their springs from big trucks. I know this, because my husband's family is from wester PA. This is what it is up there.

Bowers: They have a lot of stranded communities up there.

Stish: DMME here in Virginia put out new regulations regarding fracking. I sat on the Agriculture committee from VACO to help draft some comments. Some really stern comments and we really got into language on that to sure up localities positions and authority to regulate that activity. Currently the Attorney General is upholding that we ban it through our land use ordinances and we've effectively done that here or are working on doing it here. We've got it set up in our Comp Plan. We've got an orientation to go do that.

Bowers: That was a good idea.

Stish: Should the next board decide to turn that...

Bowers: We are working on that issue too.

Stish: Fracking isn't necessarily going to be the issue. I do think pipeline transmission is going to be the order of the day. At any rate, my motion remains.

Bowers: We are in transition to a different type of fuel source. It will take about 20 years, approximately.

Stish: If it takes 20 years, that's the thing. That is what it boils down to. I feel that natural gas is sort of meant to be a transition aqua for...

Staton: A bridge.

Stish: To get into something new.

Bowers: They call it a bridge fuel but we are in a position now where we have the technology and the will to...actually entrepreneurship is growing rapidly...

Stish: I'm sure it is and I'll tell you this, that I read the article about the solar farm and we are all excited about a solar farm here in Buckingham, I'll be darned if there weren't not in my backyard people clambering about it's horrible and it's this and that. No matter what you do...I mean...

Bowers: You are right.

Talbert: Mr. Chairman, let's move on. Either vote or...

Stish: Thank you. I've got a motion on the table.

Bowers: I would ask please do this for your citizens of your county. That's all I ask.

Stish: Come on guys. Let's help.

Allen: So your motion is to....

Stish: My motion is for us to sign this resolution as presented as Giles County did, as all these Delegates and Senators and everybody else has done to request Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for review of the collective pipelines that are proposed for the State of Virginia.

Allen: We have a motion. Do we have a second?

Talbert: You don't need one. You can vote. That's here privilege.

Bowers: By the way, Giles County wants to know why you haven't passed this yet. We talked about that in our meeting down there. They feel kind of isolated, you know. They kind of would like to have more support from this area. I'll sit down. Thank you so much.

Allen: We have a motion. There is no second. Any more discussion? Let's vote. We have 4 no, 1 yes, 1 abstain. Did not pass.

Supervisor Stish moved, there was no second for the Board to sign the proposed resolution presented by the Sierra Club of Virginia regarding PEIS. This motion failed with a 4-1-1 vote. Supervisor Stish in favor, Supervisors Bryan, Talbert, Chambers and Staton opposing, Supervisor Allen abstaining.

Allen: Let's change gears just a little bit. I'd like to make some presentations. We have four members on the Board that this is their last meeting. Mrs. Carter, would you like to come up here and help. Bill Talbert.

Talbert: I'd just like to say to the fine citizens of Buckingham, 12 years I have not missed a meeting in 12 years. 100% attendance. Thank you.

Allen: Cassandra Stish. John Staton. Thank you so much. We have one for Monroe Snoddy but he's not here tonight. I want to thank you all for your time and service on the Board. It's greatly appreciated.

Talbert: May I say one thing, this gentleman sitting back here came for my first meeting 12 years ago and he called me two weeks ago and said Bill, I want to go to your last meeting. That's Ralph Townsend. That really meant a whole lot to me. Thank you Ralph.

Re: Consider appointment to the Southside Community College Board

Bryan: Mr. Chairman, we had asked Dr. Snead last month to look into someone from the school system.

Allen: Yes, I don't see it on this report but there was a name.

Carter: Mr. Talbert advised that Betty Bass was willing to serve.

Talbert: We can go with Dr. Snead.

Carter: He has suggested Velma Jones from the School System.

Stish: I like the idea of someone being from our school system being on that board.

Allen: Is there any way you could have two?

Chambers: I make a motion to put Velma Jones on there.

Talbert: I don't think Mrs. Bass would mind. I asked her because we didn't have anybody.

Staton: Mr. Chairman, I move for Ms. Jones.

Stish: I second that.

Allen: We have a motion and a second to put Mrs. Jones on there. Any discussion? Let's vote. 6 yes for Ms. Jones.

Stish: Thank you for looking for someone Bill. Tell Mrs. Bass we appreciate her willingness.

Supervisor Staton moved, Supervisor Stish seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Ms. Velma Jones to the Southside Community College Board as Buckingham's representative.

Re: Consider request from Piedmont Senior Resources Area on Aging, Inc.

Bryan: I asked someone and they can't dedicate the time to it.

Carter: It's quite a drive to the meeting.

Allen: So we'll carry that over to the next meeting.

Re: Karl Carter, Comprehensive Services Fiscal Agent Designation

K. Carter: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we've been notified by the Director of Social Services, Mr. Braxton Apperson, that the Social Services will no longer or no longer wants to be the fiscal agent for CSA. As a result it's been proposed that the County take over as fiscal agent for CSA. It's important to know that if the county takes over as fiscal agent, that the county only pays invoices, handling the CSA budget, request reimbursements from the state and submits all reports to the state. All services, appointment, and scheduling will continue to be handled by social services. We do not handle the scheduling at all. My recommendation is that we take this over. This is a new concept but with our staff, I think we can do this.

Staton: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

Stish: I second that.

Allen: A motion and a second to take over CSA. Any discussion? Let's vote. 6 yes

Supervisor Staton moved, Supervisor Stish seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board for the County to take over as Fiscal Agent for the CSA.

Re: Consider request from Ellis Acres Park, Inc. for waiver of water and sewer fees for 2016.

Bryan: So moved.

Chambers: Second.

Allen: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? No discussion, let's vote. 6 yes. Passed.

Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to waive the water and sewer fees for Ellis Acres Park for 2016.

Re: Consider refund of Public Services Taxes billed in error in the amount of \$5,765.56

Documentation was received verifying that these parcels have been taxed through Public Service. Payments were made in error. Adjustment to the valuation of these parcels will result in a refund of \$5,765.56 for the tax years 2010-2015.

Commissioner of the Revenue request that Buckingham Branch Railroad Co. Be reimbursed for the \$5,765.56 refund due.

Stish: I move that we make the refund.

Staton: Second.

Allen: A motion made and a second. Any discussion? Let's vote. 6 yes.

Supervisor Stish moved, Supervisor Staton seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the refund of \$5,765.56 to Buckingham Branch Railroad for taxes paid in error.

Re: Sheriff's Department: Consider transfer from Drug Account

Bryan: So moved.

Talbert: Second.

Allen: He wants to talk about it.

Talbert: If he wants to talk about it that's fine. But it's going to pass.

Kidd: I appreciate it. Let's see here. I did want to tell you about what the task force has accomplished. December 28, 2014 until October 31, 2015 the task force has effected 382 arrests. 369 were felonies. The total value of drugs seized in that time period was \$146,698. Since the

last task force meeting, there have been several more arrests and seizures. I don't have figures for those at this time. I just wanted to let you know what this money is doing. I'm asking for \$2800 and check made out to the Piedmont Regional Narcotic and Gang Enforcement Task Force from the drug account.

Allen: There has been a motion made and a second to transfer funds. Let's vote. 6 yes to transfer.

Kidd: I appreciate what this Board's been able to do working with me over the last 4 years.

Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Talbert seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve to transfer \$2800 from the Drug account and send a check to the Piedmont Regional Narcotics and Gang Enforcement Task Force.

Re: Appointment by Chairman Allen of Committee to review the Lease Agreement between the County of Buckingham and the Buckingham Youth League

Allen: I'm going to appoint a committee to review the new lease between Buckingham County and the Youth League. At this time we will appoint Todd Shumaker, because he's the Recreation Director; whoever is going to be the new 2016 President; Junior Wharam, since he's been treasurer from many years; Mrs. Carter and Karl Carter; Donnie Bryan has been involved with the Youth League as far as umpiring so he knows a little bit about things up there; the county attorney and myself. We'll try to start meeting within 90 days of this meeting to try to start getting things together and bring it back to the Board with the new lease. Any questions?

Re: Consider Board of Supervisors 2016 meeting schedule

Monday, January 11, 2016
Monday, February 8, 2016
Monday, March 14, 2016
Monday, April 11, 2016
Monday, May 9, 2016
Monday, June 13, 2016
Monday, July 11, 2016
Monday, August 8, 2016
Monday, September 12, 2016
Tuesday, October 11, 2016
Tuesday, November 15, 2016
Monday, December 12, 2016

Talbert: I'm not going to be here. Shouldn't that wait for the new Board to come on?

Staton: That was my question.

Carter: January meeting has to be scheduled.

Allen: It's just the meeting schedule.

Chambers: The meetings are always the second Monday.

Bryan: Is October meeting because of Columbus Day?

Carter: Yes.

Allen: We have a motion and a second for the meeting dates for 2016. Any discussion? Let's vote.

Talbert: If the new board don't like it they can change it.

Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Stish seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the 2016 meeting schedule as presented.

Re: Consider requesting the Planning Commission to consider the zoning status of the Gold Hill School Property

Carter: As you all may be aware, we have been working with trying to market the old Gold Hill School building property for jobs and economic development. However that property is zoned Agricultural A-1 so that makes it pretty difficult to prepare to market that building. After discussions with Mrs. Cobb and several staff and Jeff Reid with Virginia Growth Alliance, we are recommending that the property be zoned light industry with more light manufacturing nature or goal and also it appears in our light industry there is uses provided there; some need special use permit, if they don't appear to be a light manufacturing nature such as mining and that and the old industrial park which was zoned light manufacturing, certainly you wouldn't have mining and so forth there. It is my recommendation that the Board of Supervisors ask the Planning Commission to consider rezoning that property to light manufacturing but also at the same time go back and review the uses provided for and special use permit for the light industrial zone. There may need to be some revisions there so we can keep it the light manufacturing and light industrial nature.

Staton: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

Talbert: Second.

Allen: So you are going to give us what you looking for?

Carter: Ask the Planning Commission to review it, have the public hearing and bring its recommendation to the board.

Allen: Alright, we have a motion and as second. Any discussion?

Stish: I have a comment, a question, when we did all these...we went through all the various uses a few years ago, why did we leave those in there? I think we went around that then. I think we left them there because of existing businesses? Why did we do that?

Cobb: We talked about that this week why those things were in there. I do remember the same thing. We discussed it. There was some concern.

Stish: We left them there for some reason and I'm concerned so you guys dig into it in the Planning Commission and see if we can get to the bottom of it. It may be a moot point now.

Carter: I think the only place right now zoned light industry is the industrial park.

Cobb: That's changed but there are some property that the railroad owns that's light industrial.

Stish: Slate quarries? There was something. Dive into that a little bit to make sure we are not down zoning somebody or putting them through undue process. If we want to rezone them to heavy, that's fine but it can't be any burden on these businesses.

Carter: They would be grandfathered.

Stish: Exactly. You want to get away from grandfathered weirdness on the map if you can. It makes a mess. But I want to make sure. I remember there was a reason we left them in the first place.

Allen: Any more discussion? Let's vote. 6 yes. So it goes back to the Planning Commission.

Supervisor Staton moved, Supervisor Talbert seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to ask the Planning Commission to look into rezoning the Gold Hill School property to light industry or light manufacturing and look into the uses.

Re: County Attorney Matters

There were none.

Re: County Administrator's report

2016 Municipal League Finance Forum: I just want to call to your attention the Forum and letter that you have in your packet regarding the 2016 Finance Forum cosponsored by the Virginia Municipal League. If anyone wants to attend that please let us know.

Also, I'm not sure I have that on there, but the VACO Supervisors Forum. We already have the 4 new supervisors signed up to go and Supervisor Bryan signed up to go. If anyone else is interested let me know. I believe its January 8th.

Personnel Committee Report: My other matter is that I have provided you with a Personnel Committee report recommendation.

That concludes my report.

Allen: For all the new Board members that haven't been sworn in yet, I almost forgot to do, we all have to go by the Clerk's office and be sworn in.

Carter: Also, I wanted to call your attention to what Jennifer's provided you all with our Christmas luncheon. Generally that is just for county staff, but the Board of Supervisors are invited and we certainly hope that Supervisor Snoddy will be able to attend on December 18th to honor again those Supervisors that are leaving.

Stish: Where is that?

Carter: In the basement conference room next door.

Re: Other Board Matters

Chambers: I have one thing Mr. Chairman, the State Courts are giving employees off New Year's Eve, and I think we should give our staff off New Year's Eve.

Allen: A motion made and a second to give employees off New Year's Eve. Any discussion? Vote 6 yes.

Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to give the employees New Year's Eve off.

Re: Executive Session

Stish: I move that we enter into executive session under the following:

Section 2.1-3711.A.5. – Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

Section 2.1-3711.A.7. – 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.

Allen: We have a motion and a second to go into executive session. Let's vote. 6 yes.

Supervisor Stish moved, Supervisor Talbert seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to enter into executive closed session as stated above.

Re: Return to regular session and certification

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.

Allen: We have a motion and a second to return to regular session. Let's vote. 6 yes

Supervisor Stish moved, Supervisor Talbert seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to return to regular session and certify the business discussed in executive session.

Stish: I just want to say that I very much enjoyed serving the county for the last 4 years and the 4 years previously on the Planning Commission. I'm looking forward to continuing to serve Buckingham County through some other ways that my professional career will allow me to interact with workforce development boards, Chambers of Commerce, Community College system. I'm already plugged into some cool things. I'll be around.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Allen declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Rebecca S. Carter
County Administrator

Danny R. Allen
Chairman