

**Buckingham County
Board of Supervisors
April 12, 2021
Monthly Meeting**

At a regular monthly meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Peter Francisco Auditorium of the Buckingham County Administration Complex, the following members were present: Don Matthews, Chairman; T. Jordan Miles, III, Vice-Chairman; Donald E. Bryan; Harry W. Bryant, Jr.; Joe N. Chambers, Jr.; Danny R. Allen; Dennis Davis was present by Zoom. Also present were Karl Carter, Asst. County Administrator; Cheryl T. “Nicci” Edmondston, Zoning Administrator; Jamie Shumaker, IT Manager; and E.M. Wright, Jr., County Attorney. Rebecca S. Carter, County Administrator was absent.

**Due to a Supervisor calling in on Zoom and not able to use the voting system, votes will be done by roll call vote.

Re: Call to Order

Chairman Matthews called the meeting to order.

Re: Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Matthews certified there was a quorum. Seven of seven members were present in person and by zoom. The meeting could continue.

Re: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Re: Approval of Agenda

Bryan: Mr. Chairman, I have one change. I'd like to move L-2 to right after H.

Davis: Yes

Bryan: Yes

Matthews: Yes

Miles: Yes

Bryant: Yes

Chambers: Yes

Allen: Yes

Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the agenda with the change of moving L-2 Presentation of Resolution of Memoriam for Bill Lewis Moss to be behind H. Public Comments.

Re: Approval of Minutes

K. Carter: Mr. Chairman, before you make that motion to approve the minutes, I'd like to make one note change. The Sharon Baptist Church at our previous meeting, had the incorrect zip code. So the minutes reflect the new correct zip code for Arvonnia. Thank you.

Davis: Yes

Bryan: Yes

Matthews: Yes

Miles: Yes

Bryant: Yes

Chambers: Yes

Allen: Yes

Vice Chairman Miles moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes as presented.

Re: Approval of Claims

Davis: Yes

Bryan: Yes

Matthews: Yes

Miles: Yes

Bryant: Yes

Chambers: Yes

Allen: Yes

Vice Chairman Miles moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the claims as presented.

Re: Announcements

There were no announcements.

Re: Public Comments

Lann: We have nine signed up. We have seven emails and one voicemail.

Theresa McManus, District 2: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. I'm speaking tonight for the Buckingham Coalition of Concerned Citizens. A new group that has been formed in Buckingham County. So I think that allots me five minutes, since it is a group.

Matthews: Yes, ma'am. It does.

McManus: Thank you. So first, I would like to read to you part of our By-Laws. We the People of Buckingham County hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men and women are created equal regardless of color, creed or religion. They are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Some of us don't know what Liberty means. According to the dictionary, it is freedom. Just to make sure that to secure these rights, governments are made by men deriving their just power, which I know all of you have. The just power. That power comes from the governed, we the people. Mr. Chambers, I read the article in the newspaper, and I want to applaud you for your comment. We do need to take our bullets out of our guns. And I thank you for saying that. That was one of the most ridiculous things that a man who has a neighbor or a friend that he's known all his life and refer to her as Miss. And then it was turned into something that was ridiculous. Where is the pettiness in our society, and in our community, when neighbors can't refer to each other as Miss? I'm a northerner. We don't do that. I've come to Buckingham County and wanted to live here. And I have seen nothing but respect from black, white, yellow, red, whatever. And I'm referred to as Miss Theresa. I have many titles. I'm not about to tell you what the titles that go in front of my name, because it doesn't matter. I am a woman. I'm proud of it. And you can refer to me as Miss. So our coalition had a few things over the weekend at our first meeting that we thought we'd like to bring up to you. First of all, I'm sure that most of you have read the newspapers in the past few months. And you saw the devastation that happened in Texas, because of their solar panels having a problem. I'm sure we have actually looked into that in case all those wonderful solar panels down Route 60 have a problem and we're all ready to survive. And we know how to survive when we have no power here. I hope that was taken into consideration. And I know it's supposed to make sure that my electric bill went down. I'm sorry to say my electric bill has gone through the roof. It's disgusting. But I'm sure you took that into consideration because you have just power. Third, we have a goldmine going in. Yee Haw. I'm sure you've read the newspapers, major stream, CNN, Fox, and Time about what's happening in South Carolina to the town there, and how it's dying and poisoning its people. I'm sure that will never happen here. We have other bordering counties who have wanted to join our Buckingham Coalition. And I've had to say no, because they're concerned about our gold mine going in and what the poison is going to do to them. I mean, it's devastating. It is devastating, but I'm sure with your just power, you have looked into all of that. Somebody else said to me just coming in, "What about broadband?" Do you know that at my driveway, the end of my driveway, there's been a wire hanging for a week and a half? I can't move out there. God forbid if I get electrocuted. Who do I get to sue? Where are my rights? Who's going to take that wire and fix it? We've been here 10 and a half years and we still don't have any high Wi Fi. I mean, come on, folks. We need to do that. We have 750,000 plus going for our pets. I think that's wonderful. I love the animals. I'd like to build a barn for that amount of money.

Matthews: Mrs. McManus, your time is up.

Shelly Mays-Couch, District 3: Good evening. On behalf of Lock Family Services, also known as LLC Family Services. I would like to thank you all, Buckingham Board of Supervisors, for allowing us to speak today, as well as our board of directors would like to thank you and our team. We're speaking today to request to be added to the Buckingham budget. We were on the agenda last month. But due to a now resolved situation, we were actually advised by Mrs. Carter to come today to speak to you all to be added to the budget. Lock Family Services provides reentry and I'm sorry, my voice carries, Lock Family Services provides reentry community based services. We are a 501 c 3 faith based organization. Lock Family Services have been founded and was founded in 2018. And due to the fact that we did know, that resources, was limited in all the counties that we serve, we went and we applied for grants and we have been federally funded for the last three years. Now that we have a firm foundation of what reentry services actually can do to promote, reduction of recidivism and also promote the fact that communities can actually build by providing these services to other communities. We know that reentry and for those of you who do not know what reentry is, that means services for individuals who are returning from incarceration back into our community. We know that research says that actually helps the community. We provide case management, transportation services. We also provide outpatient mental health support, housing support, and we have seen hundreds of individual through our service actually receive the support and optimism that they need to change. One of the things that I know is that it takes \$30,000 or more actually more to incarcerate one individual in the County of Buckingham and all of the counties. \$30,000 plus. We're requesting \$15,000. Half of what it takes to incarcerate one individual a year. Now that sounds like a lot, however, what we have experienced is individuals being released from the Regional Jail, being released from state institutions with nowhere to go, some actually with nowhere to go having mental health crisis, and actually risking the lives of innocent people because they truly need support. And because of us being there and supporting these individuals, we have seen those particular situations resolved without anyone dying. I would like to thank you all today. Are there any questions?

Matthews: Where's your business located?

Couch: Our business is located 3875 South James Madison highway, Farmville, Virginia, and we started there in 2018.

Matthews: How long have you been in business ma'am?

Couch: We have been in business since 2018.

Matthews: That's your only office at that location? What do you have other? You said you were talking to other counties about funding. So.

Couch: We are actually building satellite offices. And we do have a satellite office in Charlotte County. And again, I will say we serve hundreds of people. So \$15,000 is half of one.

Matthews: Yes, ma'am. How are you raising your other revenue?

Couch: We currently have two federal grants. And due to the federal regulations and who we actually are funded by one being Bureau of Justice Assistance. We're funded by the Department of Justice and have been in good compliance since starting. One of those regulations and one of those plans of actions is to seek local support for sustainability as well.

Matthews: Do you have a business plan that you would share with the county since you're asking for these funds? Do you have something that you can give to the county administrator?

Couch: We do have a planning and implementation guide. And we actually create a planning and implementation guide for every program that we currently have. And that is funded by the Department of Justice. So we can share that planning and implementation guide with you.

Matthews: I think they'd like to have a copy of that.

Couch: Okay.

Miles: Mr. Chairman, so just two brief questions. Number one, have you ever been audited? Because I know a lot of these federal and state grants from experience require annual audits and two, does the use in which you're employing the nonprofit building, is it succinct with the zoning?

Couch: Federal regulations require for us to be audited once we hit \$750,000. We will love to hit \$750,000. And we would love to be audited at that point, because we do all we can to ensure that we're doing everything accurately. Second, we have been deemed compliant. That was the result. That was the issue that was resolved. And the reason why we were removed off of last month's agenda because it was stated that we weren't without the being done first.

Bryan: Mr. Chairman, yes, since 2018, how many Buckingham County residents have you supported?

Couch: Buckingham County residents are second leading and currently from the actual residents because we have a whole lot of individuals in the Regional Jail that we have enrolled that did not have a housing plan, 11 with the housing plan of Buckingham County, and for those who are in the Regional Jail without housing plans, or who have been stranded in the RV in Buckingham County that we know of, were counted as Prince Edwards. So there are some for Prince Edward that are Buckingham residents.

Bryan: Okay, thank you.

Matthews: You mean Prince Edward or Prince? What do you mean?

Couch: Prince Edward. Because the Regional Jail resides in Prince Edward.

Matthews: Alright, thank you.

Couch: Thank you, sir.

Leland Davidson, District 3. I would like to have a great sincere and thank my supervisor Miss Shelly Mays-Couch for that great speech. Also thank you for letting me speak. I would like to introduce myself. I am also a colleague with Shelly Mays-Couch, Lock Family Services. I'm her personal assistant. From her and moving into Buckingham and being around not only Buckingham, but the whole area, I've seen what the reentry services can bring, and what the community itself can help bring with community service. Action plans are a great thing that has always been a wonderful thing to help communities advanced no matter what race, color, religion, political entity you belong to liberal, conservative, socialists, it does not matter. As long as we work as a community, we can help these people who go to prisons, whether it's for marijuana possession or an assault. The point is when they go in, they are equal, no matter what color they are, religion, they are equal, when they come out to the eyes of a community, they are equal. They are seen maybe in a negative light or a positive light. We do not discriminate at Lock Family Services. We want to show that they are not a nuisance, that they are people. And that is what we are trying to provide. It is not always about money. It's about the community to help these people who might be a family member. We have clients who have multiple family members in prison that have nowhere else to go. They cannot do anything because of just one infraction they had maybe 10 years ago. I have been working my butt off here in Buckingham County to help people find jobs, help them find stable housing, it is difficult because they have little stigma or a big one. It is appalling. Excuse the sound, I'm emotional. I've been working here in Buckingham County for almost a year now. I moved here in May. And since then, working Discovery School with teens who need help, to now enrich it with adults who need more help. And just seeing the empathy that my coworkers and the people in the community who want to help these people is amazing through funding's and donations, but we need help. This is why we've been working our brains out to get the zoning because we want to expand not for our personal gain, but for the gain of the community, whether it's in the nine counties that we serve, as with Buckingham, as Shelly said, being the second most important, that is what I want to say. Thank you.

Matthews: Thank you, sir.

Nelson Bailey, District 5. Nelson Bailey, from District 5, Mr. Bryant. First, I'd like to say my family condolences go out to one of our lost citizens. I'm very sorry for her family. I have a handout here I would like to present to you or I can give it to Mrs. Lann. Okay. Your handout is a copy of my FOIA training certificate dated 05 April 2021. As a citizen and registered voter in Buckingham County, my nature purports to follow the rules of the Commonwealth. When the Honorable Governor makes and helps make into law that all elected officials in the State of Virginia one is ordered, requested, and required to perform that duty in getting the training certificate. I as a citizen of the county found this training. I have add this training. Have any of you? I would like to see your certificates. A FOIA is in the office for copies of that certificate. A FOIA is in place at this time to ascertain that all elected members of this Board have complied. There are at least 14 such positions in this county that are elected. There is Mrs. Paige of

Dillwyn, Mrs. Loretta Rims of Dillwyn, Mrs. Sherry Ragland of the Peter Francisco Soil and Water and Mrs. Oliver of the school board. Does the Board of Supervisors have this certificate?

Matthews: Yes, sir. That's part of our requirements.

Bailey: I'm sorry, stop the clock, please.

Matthews: That's part of our requirements for...

Bailey: I want to see it. I showed you mine. And it's a public domain document.

Matthews: No problem. Okay.

Bailey: Other citizens of this beautiful county seem to take the government seriously. Do you act in an arbitrary capricious and without power? Or you act like a body that can be respected and depended on by citizens here in Buckingham? Thank you.

Sue Ellen Strake, District 4: Good evening. This is written in reply to some of the letters that were in the paper. Members of the Board, Chairman Matthews, or should I just call you, Donnie? No?

Matthews: That's Donnie. I'm Don. Whatever way you'd like to do it.

Strake: Okay. Is that because you considered it a lack of respect? Is it because you worked to get to your position? Is it because you feel that negates what you accomplished? Guess what Donnie, the fact that you used...

Bryan: I am Donnie. You are speaking to Don. I'm Donnie. That's what my friends call me.

Strake: Okay, sorry. All right. Guess what, Don? The fact that you refuse to call Dr. Hicks Dr. disrespects her, but even more so denigrates her. She has worked hard for her degrees. Would you call a man Mr. instead of Doctor? I doubt that you would, because even though it was requested that you address Dr. Hicks's doctor, you refused. Not only did you refuse, but later, you actually stated and I quote, "You don't need to address me in that manner. And tell me what I need to do or don't need to do. I'm 63 years old, and I'm going to do it the way I'd like." Well, Don, I'm 74 years old. So I'm going to address you the way I like. It's not only Dr. Hicks its every woman who has worked hard to gain respect. Women have overcome prejudices and doing their jobs. And they still only make 87 cents to a man's dollar. If they're lucky. By refusing to say Dr., you are saying that as a woman, Dr. Hicks does not deserve to be treated equally. As of 2019, there were approximately 7700 women in Buckingham County. That's about 45%. You're not only talking down to each and every one of them, but to every woman. Incidentally, about 584 women are in your precinct. They are your constituents too, and they help vote you in office. And you owe them the same respect that you give or you should give everyone. Now I know that you were born in the late 50s. And things were much different then but the world changes. What sets most people apart is that they can change. It's past time that you recognize important

changes. And that includes treating all with respect, regardless of their gender, race, sexual identity and religion. It's way past time for you to recognize these changes. I strongly suggest you go home and do some soul searching and decide how you'd like to be treated. Thank you.

Maggie Snoddy, District 5: Good evening, I'm reminded of the words of the late representative Elijah Cummings, who repeated over and over again, we are better than this. That statement should be taken to heart by this Board of Supervisors. The good citizens of this county pay a price when their elected officials do not respect one another or when these officials do not respect the people they were elected to serve. Only one member of the board is under the age of 40. Based on data from the 2010 census, 45% of the population of Buckingham County is female. Currently, there are no women on the Board. Since 1992, only four women have served on the Board. 39% of the population of Buckingham County is black, Hispanic, Asian Pacific Islander, or Native American. There is one person of color on the board. We need a more representative Board that reflects not only our demographics, but also our hopes and dreams and concerns for this county that we all call home. I do not care whether we were born here or come here. We all love this county and we call it our home. Do not cast aspersions on the come heres. It's less we forget Alexander Hamilton was an immigrant in the election of November 2019 for local Buckingham County Board of Supervisors, the overall turnout was 41%. We can do better. We need new leaders in our community that represent all the people of this county. We need more young people on this Board. We need more women on this board. We need more people of color on this Board. Can we do that? Yes, we can. And we will. Because the future Buckingham County depends on it. Thank you very much.

Bryan: Mrs. Snoddy, I have a question for you.

Snoddy: Okay.

Bryan: I have a question. Um, did you run during the last election?

Snoddy: No, I didn't.

Bryan: Okay, but please, please hold your comments. I didn't control the election. You know, none of us do. People are invited to get themselves on the ballot. You know, just like I did, just like Mr. Chambers, Mr. Allen, Bryant, and I and so forth.

Snoddy: I didn't say you control the election,

Bryan: You know, for to say that you need people. Don't speak to me. Turn around and speak to the people. I agree with you. You know, I would love to see a whole diverse group here. But I sat on this Board because there was nobody running in my district.

Snoddy: And I assure you, I'm going to do everything I can to try and get more young people, more women and more people of color to be part of this Board. That's what we need. And thank you all for your service.

Bryan: Good luck.

Joe Breland, District 5: Hello, I'm Joe Breland. I'm here representing The Buckingham County Militia. Two facts, up in Loudon County in the recent elections, for every 100 people eligible to vote, there was 116 people registered to vote. Here in our neighboring county, Albemarle County to the north of us, for every 100 people eligible to vote, there was 101 people registered to vote. In that context, I wanted to say I think that everybody talks about the transparency of our election process, it needs to be transparent. It's not right now, because we have a machine that...our ballot, we mark our ballot, and it's run through the machine, but I can't see what's happening in the machine. None of us can. We have to trust that the machine, the software, the waste program, the people who are in charge of that are honest. So that's not really transparency, transparency has to be self-evident. So the old fashioned way of voting where we mark it, indelibly mark the ballot or punch the ballot, and those ballots went into a box. And at the end of the day, the box was open. And the ballot, the actual ballots were counted in front of witnesses. That's transparent. And we need to go back again, with the context. Those two counties I mentioned, those are just two of hundreds of counties across over 29 states. And that's what's been counted so far. So in that context, we can see that there's things that make us should make us raise our eyebrows about the way elections are being run. And these machines, I don't think there's a lot of corruption in Buckingham County compared to other counties. I'm not saying there is, but we need to have transparency. And what we have today is not transparency. Those machines are not transparent. And I would hope you get on that for all of us, whatever, our political affiliation. So that's all I have to say, if I may, I'd like to yield the rest of my time to Teresa McManus.

McManus: We have two more minutes because as a group,

Bryan: No, ma'am.

McManus: Why not?

Bryan: You've already had your chance to speak.

McManus: But he had five.

Bryan: You only have three minutes to speak.

Miles: Ma'am. Mr. Chairman, our bylaws don't allow yielding of time.

Bryan: I'm sorry Mrs. McManus. No.

McManus: But he had time left.

Bryan: No.

McManus: Why? Because you're afraid that I might say that...

Bryan: You've already had a chance to speak Mrs. McManus.

McManus: You don't even follow your own rules.

Deborah Gordon, District 3: I want to say one thing, I want to commend this young lady. I think what you're doing is amazing. And I'm going to start reading so I don't waste too much time. This is the copy of the budget for Buckingham County and I have been trying so hard to get this thing. And every time I go on the website, I got a 200 page transcript. Instead of the budget, when I click budget, I got a 200 page transcript of the meeting minutes for February 8. It was very frustrating. Mr. Don Matthews, by the way, my name is Debbie Gordon. I'm in district three and Don Matthews is my supervisor, and you are an awesome supervisor. And I hope you read my letter afterwards because I sent an email. Are you Miss Lann?

Lann: Yes, maam.

Gordon: Oh, nice to meet you. I didn't know who you were. Okay. I sent one to you. And I hope you got it. Oh, good. And I just want to say that when we got this budget, it finally miraculously appeared on the website for Buckingham at 11:11 a.m. this morning. That gave us four hours to kind of look it over. And because of the Buckingham website, not having it posted and even the contact information to register to speak at this thing. That wasn't even I got no URL available. So this website, I don't know what's going on. I heard it's a new website. I would like to, I don't know if I can do this, I would like to make a motion to propose that we postpone the voting of the budget because we haven't had time to look at it. And the things that I have looked at, I don't know if you have it in front of you because you I think you were planning on voting on it tonight. There's public discussion. I think you should get a lot more money than the animal shelter that they're going to build for \$750,000. What you're doing is awesome. And I also, I didn't understand this entry for Commonwealth Attorney for \$611,000 a year, because the national average of a Commonwealth Attorney is \$150,000 a year and maybe get some a bonus of 40,000 for good service. So I think we need to have a big discussion about that. And I think we should open up this to public discussion and not vote on this tonight. So we can address everything, including what the heck are half of these things on here?

Matthews: Mrs. Gordon?

Gordon: Yes, sir.

Matthews: We're not gonna vote on it. Tonight. This just discussion.

Gordon: Good. Thank you. Because we really need I'm going to go talk to Karl in finance. Is that you? Thank you so much. You sent that email to me just in time. Thank you. So I want to talk to you and ask you what half of this stuff isn't a lot of people here also want to do that. And we also would like to have some suggestions for maybe some corrections. I don't know what the procedure is for that. But I thank you for listening to what I had to say. And thank you.

Bryan: Mrs. Gordon, we did have a budget meeting last month, you know, which was open. It was a joint budget meeting with the school. And everything was gone over line item by line item to explain it.

Gordon: Was it posted on the website?

Bryan: That I can't answer. I believe it was.

Gordon: Because was the budget posted then? Because nobody got the budget.

Bryan: It was in the newspaper?

Gordon: Yeah, I hear you.

Bryan: As far as the animal control shelter, some of that money is grant funded. And also, we're in violation of the state. You know, so we need to get that animal shelter rebuilt. So, you know, just to give you insight.

Gordon: Thank you, that's actually what I want. But I also know that the budget wasn't in our hands until today at 11. So even if we came to the meeting, I did I have recourse? Are we allowed to ask...? I want to take this to the Mr. Karl here, and then I'll be able to ask questions. So when I come here, I'll know what you're talking about.

Bryan: The Commonwealth Attorney, that's for his entire office.

Gordon: Okay.

Matthews: That's just not his salary.

Gordon: Yeah, that's and I'm wondering, is there some line item budget for each category? Is that in is that that should be on the website, right? Because I couldn't find that either. I couldn't even find out what any of these categories were and what their expenses were per category. And I thought somebody would have to submit that and put that on a website for us to look at also. Is that possible? Can we do that?

K. Carter: I can provide that to you. But that was given to the board when I'm budget work session, in order to shorten it down. So we did not put every department's budget on the websites. We summarize it. And that's what we advertised in the paper.

Gordon: Which papers is that?

K. Carter: Should have been The Farmville Herald.

Bryan: Yeah, and it has been on the website since after the budget work session.

Gordon: I'm sure the meeting was advertised there. But without the budget being on the website, it's really hard to understand what's going on. And I'm glad I'm learning how to participate with all this. Thank you so much. Any other questions for me?

Matthews: No.

Gordon: Thank you so much.

Sherry Schaenar, District 5. Hey, I'm just so glad I'm so proud of y'all. By the way. I really appreciate that. I'm an adoptive foster mom, and we adopted twins and their biological parents, one is incarcerated. Hopefully that won't work out for us. But anyway, we really appreciate what you're doing. And I think that, honestly, why do we need a million dollars for an animal control with these people could help people I'm still waiting for animal control to come two years ago when I had bears in my yard. I mean, seriously, a million dollar project for the animals. Are y'all kidding? For the animals? When they don't come? But we got people getting loose on the street, and have no place to live. The only reason another reason I'm concerned about that. I had a sister that was incarcerated. She got into the wrong group. My sister got into drugs, and it can happen to anybody. And my sister ended up dying. But she was in prison and she died. She got out of jail, she'd had no place to go. They wouldn't let her leave the state where they dumped her because she was on parole, so we couldn't even get there to help her. And my sister ended up dying. So it kind of hits home with me. I know that sounds kind of petty. I'm really not interested in that but it really hurt. It hurts me to think that we could spend more on our animals, and on people that don't even care to come check on the animals in the yard? That bothers me y'all. I'm not I'm not a country person. I'm from the city. So living out here 20 years, I'm still not used to bears in my yard. That being said, my other issue I hope I have time is that gold mine. I live right there, literally five miles at maybe as the crow flies maybe three miles from that thing. My, I have well water. I don't want this thing in any way, form or fashion near my people. I don't want ... I don't want my land poisoned. I don't want to have a Plum Island event. I don't want have anything like that. We drink that water all the time. I think a lot more needs to be done about that it needs to be talked about. And I think I think people really need to know because a lot of people don't know, I didn't know. I was just living my best life in the country chasing bears. But we need to do something about that because that can kill you. The other issue I have, I'm going really quick now. I'm trying not to be too obnoxious. But the other thing that bothers me is the internet. Y'all. The kids are at home doing school. They have to be schlepped over to somebody's parking lot while they sit with a bus with Wi Fi. I mean, we pay for Wi Fi. But even after we pay for it, my husband's still ready to throw the stuff in the front yard because this doesn't work with the flip. We're fighting with CenturyLink. We've had Verizon. We've had... we have no cell service. It's crazy. When are we going to get some internet service out here? This is 2021. I've been here 20 years waiting on the internet. I couldn't believe that when such a thing a cell phone service when I moved here. I couldn't believe it then, 20 years later, we still have no internet. Come on y'all we can do better. Love you.

Lann: We have a voicemail from Kenda Hanuman.

Kenda Hanuman, District 5: This is Kenda Hanuman from District 5 speaking to the Board of Supervisors meeting on April the 12th. Your positions on this Board are in question today. The Farmville Herald editor Roger Watson and Planning Commissioner retired Major Joyce Gooden have responded to Chairman Don Matthews unprofessional behavior at the March 17 school board meeting. My own letter to the editor printed previously addressed the same issues regarding Planning Commissioner Chairman Pat Bowe's treatment of myself and his other constituents at public meetings. In this time of videoed, virtual meetings, many more of your constituents are becoming aware of what business on Buckingham County boards looks like. The outrage is growing, as we observe your disrespect, rudeness, lack of professionalism and representation and racism. A campaign has begun to recruit candidates for each district who will represent the voters who elect them. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stated our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter. We won't be silenced anymore. Thank you.

Lann: We have an email from Sue miles.

Sue Miles, District 4 email: I wish to express my sincere disappointment at the behavior of BOS/Chair Don Matthews towards Dr. Daisy Hicks at the March joint BOS/School Board meeting. Being asked to simply address an individual in a professional manner should not have provoked such an extreme reaction as Matthews displayed. Public figures should consider their position of leadership and display respect and professionalism in such situations. If nothing else, Mr. Matthews owes Dr. Hicks an apology for his behavior. And, then, let's move forward with good governance to provide service to the citizens of our county. Sue Miles, Maysville District

Carlton Brooks, District 3 email: As a former school board member and chairman in another Virginia county for 19 years, I am fully aware of the conflict that can arise when the schools need funds and the Board of Supervisors has to decide what can reasonably be appropriated thereto. But never in all those years did I hear the BOS chairman, or any BOS member, address our superintendent, or any school board member, in a public meeting with other than his/her professional title. But apparently this is just what happened in Buckingham, according to the Farmville Herald's March 24, 2021 edition. Chairman Matthews seems to either not understand or just not care about the important issue of professional respect. He seems to feel he can disrespect the professionalism of the school superintendent, he can shout at school board members and staff, and run the BOS meeting "the way [he] would like to do it." But doing it his way crosses the line. He forgot that he, the supervisors, and the school board are there to accomplish the county's - and the voter's - business, and to do it professionally and courteously. Since Mr. Matthews represents my district of Buckingham, I have the option of not voting for him in the next election. But to keep this wound from festering, I respectfully request that the BOS publicly censure, if not remove, Mr. Matthews from his position as chairman. By doing nothing about his bad behavior, his fellow board members would become complicit in the minds of the voting public, and run the risk of collateral damage in the next election. Carlton P. Brooks Prospect Farm

Franz Bailey, Email: Thank you for your service and hard work during these very difficult times. Regarding the noble tasks of solid waste and the upcoming Agenda with the proposed Tire Day, "...Solid Waste Department the Solid Waste Department would like to request \$4500.00 for Tire Day. This would consist of 2 trailers and would be held April 17, 2021 at the Gene Dixon Park. We are open to different locations, but would like to try this site, since there has been the renovation to the library. This would cover the 2 trailers, labor and snacks. Thanks, Lyn..." Since there has been minimal information available to the residents regarding the April 17, 2021 date, I fear the County will not obtain the maximum goal or a fair and reasonable benefit from the \$4,500 investment. Residents have only five days to prepare for this event and I do not think the Emergency Alert system should be used; it is for emergencies only and should remain pure and authoritative for that purpose. My proposal is that the date be changed to late May or June so the word can get out to the community. Thank you for your time and your service. Respectfully, Franz Bailey

Nancy Bryant, District 3 Email: I reside in District 3 and my supervisor, Mr. Matthews serves our district as Chairman for the Board of Supervisors. I was upset at comments made during the work session held between the school board and the Board of Supervisors. I feel that the members on the school board were unprofessional in their side comments, talking out of turn, and in the way they addressed the Board of Supervisors, not the other way around. The Board of Supervisors does not work for the school board. The school board works for the parents and the money comes from the county and really from people like me- tax payers. We have elected our Board of Supervisors to take care of the entire county and the school board budget is just one of those many areas and, might I add, a budget that requires the approval of the Board of Supervisors. I appreciate the questions presented by several of the board members such as Mr. Bryan, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Matthews. All three were straightforward, professional, and direct in their questions. There is way too much approved in the school board's budget that is not easy to understand and way too much money is spent on unneeded things in the school system. In listening to the meeting, there is no clear answers on where the money is going. I am also concerned that many of the questions did not even get answered as members of the school board appeared to have chosen interruption to side track the discussions. I applaud the supervisors that took their elected positions seriously and asked these questions. In addition, I have known Mr. Matthews for many years. He was professional and direct- exactly what I voted for him to be- and thank goodness he is not one to rubber stamp the spending of millions of dollars just because a group of individuals say we need it. He is doing his job professionally, just like I saw him in his business. And thank goodness that Mr. Bryan was not willing to give over a "blank check" for the school board to use as they saw fit for \$800,000. If that were the case, than every organization getting funds from the Board of Supervisors would ask for the same thing. That is not what we elected each of you to do. We elected you to protect our county and to spend wisely, keeping our taxes low. And the Board of Supervisors should have asked the School board- If the best interest of the children falls under the school board, why did it take so long for our schools

to open up when numerous counties around us were open to their students on a hybrid schedule? If these school boards could figure it out, then why couldn't our school board. I want to thank the supervisors who have remembered that tax payers are your boss and we have given this responsibility to you and expect nothing less than transparency. Nancy Bryant District 3 Stagecoach Rd

Deborah Gordon, District 3, Email: It has come to my attention that somebody is under the impression, and declaring publicly, that my supervisor, Don Matthews, has had a shadow cast upon his character. I would like to submit my observations of Mr. Matthews. Since he has been in office, Mr. Matthews has exemplified the epitome of integrity and character. I come from a multi-racial family which includes Hispanic, African American, and Caucasian members. I have found that Mr. Matthews, Don, has always been available to us and considerate of everything we have ever expressed to him. I find it ludicrous that someone would accuse him of being a racist. I suspect that these accusers have something to hide, or have a political agenda that is not in my best interest, nor in the best interest of my family. Let it go on record that we have complete confidence in Don Matthews as our Supervisor, and would personally like to express that, in every way that would make things very plain to the Buckingham Board of Supervisors or the Board of Education of Buckingham County. I am planning to attend the April 12th meeting, along with others who feel the same sentiment. Sincerely, Deborah "Deb" Gordon

Marie Flowers, District 3 Email: My name is Marie Flowers and live in the 3rd district. Off and on for 20 years I have been attending meetings of the Buckingham Board of Supervisor and Planning Comm. meetings. My reason for attendance is that I think citizen participation is important in good decisions and to give other points of view for our elected officials to consider. Let me say this, I believe citizen participation for good government is very important. Elected officials don't always view citizen participation this way. This attitude is not restricted to Buckingham. I think it can be very stressful to be a government official. I have seen in my life that no matter what you do, citizens believe you are doing the wrong thing if they don't agree with you. But, you have a responsibility to allow citizen participation and listen in a respectful way. Remember when I knelt during the National Anthem? You didn't like it. Not one of you cared about the black people being killed by the police-legalized murder. I was yelled at, told to get out of the country. YOU have the right to say what you want, but not me. I didn't kneel to disrespect you. Also when I get up to speak at these meetings, my representative laughs at me. I spoke to one of the board members and he said "oh we are smiling at you." Not one of you demonstrated any care for the welfare for the people of Union Hill during the ACP meetings. Citizens were refused access to "secret" meetings. We citizens do not come here as enemies. Some of us who make comments believe you don't look at all aspects of an issue because you only want to reinforce your point of view. Over the years I have seen some astounding things at these meetings. Respectfully, Marie Flowers

Cheryl White, Email: My name is Cheryl White and as president, I am speaking on behalf of the Education Committee of the Buckingham Branch National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, hereafter referred to as the NAACP. One of our overall purposes is to improve the political, educational, social, and economic status of African Americans and other

racial and ethnic minorities; to eliminate racial prejudice; to keep the public aware of the adverse effects of discrimination; and to take lawful action to secure the elimination of racial discrimination. The Education Committee is a standing committee in all of the NAACP branches and seeks to eliminate segregation and other discriminatory practices in public education.

We are responding to the continued hostile and antagonistic relationship that this supervisory board, led by Chairperson Don Matthews, has displayed toward the Buckingham County school system and several of its board members. Your meeting actions are available for public viewing on YouTube and most recently were the subject of a March 24, 2021 Farmville Herald editorial under the title of “Poisonous partisanship affecting local governments.” This type of behavior reflects poorly on Buckingham County and the lessons of disrespect that you have demonstrated here trickles down and shows up throughout our school system.

The budget work session should have been an example of collaboration between individuals seeking the best for the students of Buckingham County. Instead, what we saw and heard was inequality in a work setting is appropriate and that bullying, sexism and disrespect of persons is acceptable in a work setting. With those things being acceptable in the budget work session it could trickle down to the school system and cause dysfunction amongst the Principals, teachers and even the students and parents of the county.

The NAACP seeks an equitable education for all public-school students.

For too many years, too many children, particularly African American, other minorities, and underprivileged people from all groups have been subjected to lesser educational opportunities, leading to lesser opportunities for success in their personal and professional lives. Your interactions with the school board are taking us back to the, not too long ago, days of segregation. Instead of allocating less money for the then called “colored” schools of Buckingham County, you now make the total school budget process so restrictive that paying teachers a competitive salary or a obtaining a much needed building repair a demeaning process. How can we teach and demonstrate equity when our leadership demonstrates such poor choices in behavior? We are here to assist the county and the school system in providing all students with quality academic experiences. We must be aware of the lessons that we teach our children. Respect, teamwork and equity are a must.

Morgan Dunnivant, District 4, Letter: Quite often, I feel the need to comment on a county issue but rarely do I take the time to. However, occasionally an issue arises that I cannot ignore. After reading the several editorials in the Farmville Herald, I took the time to watch the published video of the March combined Board Supervisors and School Board meeting. These meetings have always been somewhat contentious due to the convoluted and opaque nature of the school budget proposals. It seems that the school board purposely makes their budget difficult to follow and to understand the particulars. One of these murky areas has been and still is the maintenance and capital outlay areas which the school system has always been very poor with. I believe that I can speak with very good authority on this issue since I am a former Board of Supervisors member and my company was one of the major contractors on two of the most recent and largest school building projects to date, the middle school and the Carter G Woodson school complex, both of which were not built with frugality and efficiency of design, or maintainability in mind. At the 37 through 42 minute mark in the video, these maintenance and capital outlay budget items came to be heated discussions that had been building upon the confusion of the proceeding health insurance items that several supervisors questioned

intensively setting the stage for short, current and possibly not well thought out dialogue. The decorum of the meeting had deteriorated to the point that a board member not involved in the heated debate call for a point of order. Leading up to the point of order several people were talking without being recognized and interrupting others. I listened to the timeframe of the meeting several times and granted my hearing is not the best. And some of the audio quality is muffled. But as many times as I listen looking for the disrespect that Mr. Matthews is accused of, I cannot hear it. It certainly does sound as if he is being chastised by someone for their perceived misuse of recognizing titles. So if we're going to hold our elected community leaders to the perfect etiquette of Miss Emily Post, as much as Dr. Hicks deserves her introduction and title of Doctor of Education, every member of the Board of Supervisors deserves the introduction title of the honorable due to the fact that they were elected by the people and this courteous title I did not hear at all. (reference the Protocol School of Washington.) So my suggestion is to develop a thicker skin and stop picking on insignificant faux pas of manners real or perceived and simply get on with the business at hand of executing the duties of the county's obligations to the citizens and taxpayers of Buckingham County.

Matthews: Thank you Mrs. Lann, I do have one comment to make. During the joint meeting on 3-17-2021 I at no time meant any disrespect to the superintendent of public schools in Buckingham County and apologize to you Mrs., I mean, Dr. Hicks, I'm sorry. But hopefully we can get past this and move forward. Thank you so much.

Miles: Mr. Chairman, one quick note that we've got a lengthy meeting and if those who have questions as to the budget, broadband, if you would have time if you'll stay during our meeting, you will learn a lot as our Assistant County Administrator, Mr. Chairman, is going to go through the budget in detail and we also have a very optimistic broadband update so. Thank you, sir.

Re: Adoption and Presentation of the Resolution of Memoriam for Bill Lewis Moss

Matthews: Okay, thank you next item is gonna be L-2 which is presentation to the Bill Lewis Moss family. So would the Moss family come down here, please? I'd like to say a few things to Mrs. Moss. (mic did not pick up)

**Resolution in Memoriam
Bill Lewis Moss**

Whereas, Bill Lewis Moss departed this life on March 13, 2021 at the age of 79 years old.

Whereas, Bill Lewis Moss was born on March 24, 1941;

Whereas, Bill Lewis Moss was the son of the late John R. Moss, Sr. and Laura T. Moss;

Whereas, Bill Lewis Moss is survived by his wife of Sandra Moss; son, Billy and wife Tina; daughters, Melanie Farrish and husband Dee; Robin Allen and husband Rickie; and Amy Lawhorne; his grandchildren Melissa Chaffin and husband Travis, Lindsay Tierney and husband Matt, Tyler Allen and wife Breanne, Alaina Schneider and husband Trent, Landon Allen and wife Taylor, Trent Lawhorne and wife Rachel; Jenna Lawhorne and nine great grandchildren.

Whereas, Bill Lewis Moss was a long time automobile businessman. He worked for Lawson Ford in Appomattox and Farmville for 27 years and then in 1984 founded Moss Motor Company Inc. along with his wife and son where he became known as "The

Boss Bill Lewis Moss". He became a member of the Virginia Independent Automobile Dealers Association serving on the Board of Directors until the time of his death. He was chosen as the State Quality Dealer in September 1991.

Whereas, Bill Lewis Moss was a member and deacon of Dillwyn First Baptist Church since the age of 18 where he also served as Choir Member and Trustee.

Whereas, Bill Lewis Moss was a member of the Dillwyn Volunteer Fire Department for over 60 years and was a strong supporter even after he could no longer fight fires and also a member of the Buckingham County Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Whereas, Bill Lewis Moss was a member of the Town of Dillwyn council from 2010 to 2016.

Whereas, Bill Lewis Moss was instrumental in the formation of the Buckingham Chamber of Commerce in 1995 where Moss Motor Company was the central location for the organization.

Whereas, Bill Lewis Moss was known for his hard work, sense of community, love of his family, his generosity and kindness to all.

Whereas, Bill Lewis Moss was a pillar to the community and 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 12th day of April, 2021, pay tribute to and express it's highest esteem for Bill Lewis Moss and extends its deepest sympathy to his family and loved ones.

Sandra Moss expressed her gratitude for the Resolution.

Re: VDOT Road Matters

Matthews: All right. Road matters. Is Scott Frederick on the phone?

Frederick: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman, can you guys hear me?

Matthews: Yes, sir.

Frederick: Okay, good evening, Chairman and Board. Thank you guys for having me tonight. I heard you guys have a packed agenda. And I'll try to keep it as short as possible. I just want to thank the Board for the leadership that you guys provide the county. You guys have been great to work with. Recently in the county, we've been machining our gravel roads. That's been an issue that we've been working on for months now. We feel like we're getting them into a good place and we're coming out of the winter months. So just bear with us on that. But we feel like they're, you know where we need them to be. We recently within the last few weeks, fixed the ongoing drainage issue on Route 633. We did some ditching work there. So that helps to get the water out of the road. So I guess it's been more of a routine mind in the county. We are still working on debris cleanup, residency wide, but mostly in Prince Edward and Charlotte County from that ice storm that occurred the weekend of February 13 and 14th. We feel like we have about one and a half to two weeks to go on that until we'll be finished. So we'll start to see more, more work shifting back in the Buckingham once we are able to move resources back to where they normally are. The rural rustic program we're picturing the work to start on that in July. Another thing that you guys can be looking for will be the first of May we plan to start mowing in the county. So that's kind of our update as far as our routine work. The work that you see going on at the intersection of Ducks Corner is scheduled to complete, I just checked before the

meeting started July 30 of this year. And the work that's going on at Shepherds corner is scheduled to finish October 15 of this year. So those will be good projects to get completed. So I'll keep it short and sweet. Like I said, do you guys have any comments to bring to my attention tonight, Board?

Matthews: I've got one, Scott. I've had a complaint from a citizen Mill Road on the dust from that road after they came in and guess what they did, they drug the road or pulled the shoulders up. So I'm just passing that along. I think maybe she's already contacted you guys. But anyway, just wanted to make sure that you guys are staying on top of that. And I guess it's a little bit too early for dust control. Is that correct?

Frederick: Yeah. I just wrote down a note about that. It's, it's not too early, we typically do that dust control sort of on an as needed basis or in the areas that we historically have to do it. We'll do it twice a year, or when a complaint comes up. So I've jotted a note down about Mill Road. We'll certainly check into it. Mr. Matthews.

Matthews: All right. Thank you,

Miles: Mr. Chairman. Yes. Mr. Frederick, this is Jordan Miles and thank you for addressing the emails of those issues that I brought to your attention. Just three really, three really brief things. One on Red Road. I've had some concern about the ditches need to be cleaned out and the dogleg curve that is right off 60. That seems to be a little bit lopsided. And I'd like to see what y'all can do about that, because there are lots of people moving into that road and half of its gravel, half of its paved, which lends to another issue. But we were working on that and the six year improvement plan, but if you could look at that dogleg curve and appreciate that and some of the ditches. Also, the with regards to the leaning tree on Route 20 at 368 Constitution Route, Mr. Frederick, has there been any progress?

Frederick: Oh, yeah, we've been watching that tree for a long time. You brought that one to my attention several weeks ago, if I'm not mistaken, and it's one that we have on our radar, but we've actually had our guy, we call them roadside, he works out of the district office. And he's a certified arborist. He's actually looked at that tree and said that at this point in time, it even though it looks bad. It's not one of the trees that we need to worry about taking out at the moment. But we continue to watch it. I talked to the superintendent in that area. And he was also well aware of the tree. And he's the one that's been coordinating with Mr. Bill Louis. So I can keep you updated, if anything changes, but you know, right now, we're not taking any action right there.

Miles: Okay, thank you, Mr. Chairman and Mr. Frederick.

Frederick: Oh, it's no problem. Thank you, sir.

Matthews: I don't think there's any more questions, Scott. So I see there's a regional meeting here coming up pretty quick. That's all gonna be virtual. Is that correct?

Frederick: At this time, that's how I have it planned. But we can adjust according to this COVID protocol. But we can do that offline. Thank you for reminding me that.

Matthews: Okay. And could you make sure you kind of make sure we get a memo update maybe a day or so before that so that any of us that can go on virtually will be able to do that? Please?

Frederick: Yes, sir. No problem.

Matthews: Thank you so much and have a good evening.

Frederick: You too. Thank you for your time. You guys have a good night.

Re: Public Hearing: FY2021-22 Operating Budget

Matthews: We're gonna go to item number J, the public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 operating budget. And I'm gonna turn it over to Mr. Carter.

K. Carter: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Let me go up on the screen here. All right, I think we got it. Once again, thank you everybody for coming out tonight and showing interest in the county budget. It's nice as always to hear and to see people showing enthusiasm and asking about the budget. Because one of the things that's one of the major things as a taxpayer, you deserve to see and be transparent about. So I'm going to try to go through this and all the unexplained questions you have, hopefully there'll be answered. If you have any more, please present them as well.

The Proposed Operating Budget for Buckingham County

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

April 12, 2021

So tonight is gonna be the operating budget for Buckingham County for 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Buckingham County
FY 2021-2022 Budget
Presentation

This budget is contingent upon the receipt of all federal, state and proposed local revenues

This budget does NOT suggest any tax increase

This budget as presented is balanced with forecasted revenues and does not call for the use of fund balance. Meaning there is not a need to use your accumulated reserve balance to get through the year

Just to get this out the way early this budget is contingent upon all receipts of federal, state and proposed local revenues. This budget does not suggest any tax increase. This budget is presented as balanced with forecasted revenues and does not call for the use of fund balance. Mean there's not a need to use your accumulated reserve balance to get through the year. Quick facts about this budget.

Buckingham County
FY 2021-2022 Budget
Presentation

Quick facts

Total budget presented is \$67,252,034

This budget includes a five percent raise for all employees – this will partially be funded by the state. The school is proposing a similar pay increase for their contracted employees

County health insurance will see a small decrease in rates, while the school will see an approximate 10% increase, and that is after having it negotiated down from 30%

This budget in total is \$67,252,034. This budget includes a 5% raise for all employees. This will be partially funded by the state. The school is proposing a similar pay increase with their contracted employees. County health insurance will see a small decrease in rates while the school will see an approximately 10% increase. And that's after having negotiated down from 30%.

Buckingham County
FY 2021-2022 Budget
Presentation

Expenses

We're going to get into expenses. The major expenses are listed below.

Buckingham County
FY 2021-2022 Budget
Presentation

Projected total expenses for fiscal year 2022 are \$60,252,034

Some of the major expense are:

Total school budget:	\$30,405,337
Total government expenses:	\$9,686,815
Total commitments:	\$4,836,589
Total debt service:	\$3,876,283
Total for VPA & CSA:	\$3,851,995

The total budget for expenses only a \$60,252,034. Total school budget with all federal state and local funding is \$30,405,337. The total for governmental expenses is \$9,686,815. Total commitments \$4,836,589. Total debt service \$3,876,283. And Virginia Public Assistance and CSA \$3,851,995.

**Buckingham County
FY 2021-2022 Budget
Presentation**

CoAdmFinance	1,303,300
Electoral / Registrar	241,608
Courts	492,429
Law Enforcement	2,388,140
Regional Jail	492,890
Commonwealth Attorney	611,433
Fire / Ambulance	543,378
Building Inspection	150,683
Animal Control	173,991
Solid Waste / Recycle	782,005
General Properties	760,912
E-911/ Information Technology	272,516
Health Department	127,626
Parks / Recreation	210,282
Planning / Zoning	127,088
Extension Service	90,309
Fixed Charges	421,300
Library	260,923
Other Agencies	<u>230,802</u>
Total Government Expenses	9,886,815

By reducing items, we were able to limit the total government increase to \$43,426 from the previous year

This increase is found in several places
The 5% pay increase

Trying to restore the budgets to pre Covid levels
(remember we reduced budgets last year by 1%
because of uncertainty regarding collections)

Also there was a new hire in the general properties
budget

By reducing certain items, we were able to limit the total government increase from the previous year to \$43,426. And that's with the 5% pay increase. You'll see this increase but at 43,000 we've reduced some things and we've had to increase some things for the 5% pay increase. So that increase is found of course, in the 5% pay increase. We also try to restore this budget to pre COVID levels. As you remember last year, we cut everybody's budget by 1% because we're uncertain on how their revenues to come in. Also, there's a new hire in the general properties department.

**Buckingham County
FY 2021-2022 Budget
Presentation**

There are funds that come from state and federal governments that help reduce the amount of local money to fund government

The three major sources of "other funding" are:
State Compensation Board positions
Federal Funds
Grants

There are funds that come from the state and federal governments to help reduce the amount of local money to fund the government. The three major sources of these funding sources are other funding. I'm sorry, sorry about that. Hope that's better. Thank you. Three major sources of other funding the state compensation board positions, federal funds and grants.

**Buckingham County
FY 2021-2022 Budget
Presentation**

	Government Budget	State, Federal, Grant Funds	Local Budget
ColAdm/Financa	1,303,360	937,724	1,115,636
Electoral / Registrar	241,608	57,084	184,524
Courts	492,429	254,904	237,525
Law Enforcement	2,388,140	941,262	1,446,878
Regional Jail	492,980	-	492,980
Commonwealth Attorney	611,433	390,796	220,647
Fire Protection	543,378	60,000	483,378
Building Inspection	150,683	-	150,683
Animal Control	173,961	-	173,961
Solid Waste / Recycle	782,005	-	782,005
General Properties	760,912	-	760,912
E-911/ Information Technology	272,516	-	272,516
Health Department	127,626	-	127,626
Parks / Recreation	210,262	-	210,262
Planning / Zoning	127,089	-	127,089
Extension Service	95,309	-	95,309
Fixed Charges	421,300	-	421,300
Library	260,923	-	260,923
Other Agencies	<u>230,902</u>	<u>7,100</u>	<u>223,802</u>
Totals	9,686,815	1,898,860	7,787,955

With state and federal funds subtracted, this is the local budget for government expenses

Now the total for government expenses is decreased by \$1,898,860 leaving a new total of \$7,787,955

As expected, the Constitutional Officers have the most amount of funding because they have Compensation Board positions

The fire protection line is reduced because we have moved BCVRS amounts to the new emergency services fund

On the left, you'll see the total government budget listed out by department. And you'll also see the state and federal grants were received for those departments. And what is the local budget. That local budget means what you taxpayers are accounting for. So the total budget we course

have state and federal funds. Buckingham city residents, county residents are now responsible for that. So with the state and federal funds subtracted, you see the local budget column on your right side. So now that total of 9,686,815 has now decreased by 1,898,860, leaving the new local balance with the Buckingham taxpayers are responsible for a \$7,787,955. As expected that middle column, the constitutional officers have the most amount of funding because they have Compensation Board positions. So those are the amount of monies they get from the state to help with positions they have that are considered state employees. At the very bottom under other agencies, we have two little grants we get for the Arts Council and Anti-litter grant that we get as well. Fire protection line, we have moved from the Buckingham County Volunteer rescue squad to the new Emergency Services Fund, which we'll get to later.

Buckingham County FY 2021-2022 Budget Presentation			
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Co/Adm/Finance	1,303,360	187,724	1,115,636
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Law Enforcement	2,388,140	941,262	1,446,878
Regional Jail	482,880	-	482,880
Commonwealth Attorney	611,433	390,786	220,647
Fire Protection	543,378	60,000	483,378
Building Inspection	150,683	-	150,683
Animal Control	173,961	-	173,961
Solid Waste / Recycle	782,005	-	782,005
General Properties	760,912	-	760,912
E-911/ Information Technology	272,516	-	272,516
Health Department	127,626	-	127,626
Parks / Recreation	210,262	-	210,262
Planning / Zoning	127,089	-	127,089
Extension Service	95,309	-	95,309
Fixed Charges	421,300	-	421,300
Library	260,923	-	260,923
Other Agencies	230,002	7,100	223,802
Totals	9,686,815	1,898,860	7,787,955

Note: The Treasurer and Commissioner of Revenue are included in the first row with County Administration

Planning & Zoning has been reduced due to us leaving VGA

Another note on this budget is a list of department, the treasurer's office and the Commissioner of revenue are included in that top line with County Administration and finance. So those state, federal grant funds you see, 487,000 are their compensation board positions that are funded from the state. Planning and Zoning has also been reduced by the county getting out of the VGA commitment.

Buckingham County Public Schools

And now, out of those government expenses will go to the public schools.

Factors in solving the school's budget

Average daily membership is 1,910 - down 45

Health insurance - 11% rate increase

Five percent pay increase and step increases for contracted employees. The remaining, approximately 30 hourly employees, will possibly have their hourly rate adjusted.

Factors in solving the school's budget, the average daily membership is down to 1910 down 45. The health insurance as we mentioned before, so 11% increase, and that's once again after

getting it down from 30. The 5%, pay increase and step increases for contracted employees, the remaining approximately 30 hourly employees or possibly have their hourly rate adjusted.

Buckingham County
FY 2021-2022 Budget
Presentation

The total proposed school budget is \$30,405,337

The total school revenue from all sources except The County is \$22,807,021

In order to absorb some of the costs, The School Board is making major reductions

To total expenses for those two items are \$1,132,509. The State is paying \$458,072 and the school is absorbing \$274,413

To balance the school's budget a local appropriation is needed in the amount of \$7,598,316 – this will be an increase in the amount of \$400,024 in local money

The total school budget is \$30,405,337. The total school revenue from all sources except the county is \$22,807,021. In order to absorb some of the costs, the school board's making major reductions. Total expenses for the two items, or I'm sorry two totals for the total items of school insurance and the 5% pay increase is 1,132,509. And the state is paying 458,072 of that and the school absorbing \$274,000. To balance the school budget, a local appropriation is needed in the amount of \$7,598,316. This will be an increase of local money for \$400,024.

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	Local	Total
School Expenses		
Instruction	5,196,918	20,232,175
Adm/Attn/Health	379,093	1,732,045
Transportation	627,045	2,271,467
Buses	270,000	270,000
Operations	678,097	2,509,162
Lease Payment	132,137	137,013
Cafeteria Services	-	1,344,709
Technology	<u>315,026</u>	<u>1,908,766</u>
Total School Operations	7,598,316	30,405,337

This is the school break out what their categories are with of course the most being spent in instruction, followed by administration and health, transportation. Buses are broken into two pieces as a county decided to purchase three school buses for this school board. So that's your \$270,000 there. Operations. They have a lease payment and their technology. Cafeteria fund is a self-supported fund. So there's no local amount associated with that.

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	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
School Expenses			
Instruction	4,796,894	5,129,646	332,752
Adm/Attn/Health	379,093	394,563	15,470
Transportation	627,045	652,079	25,034
Buses	270,000	270,000	-
Operations	678,097	688,885	10,788
Lease Payment	132,137	137,013	4,876
Cafeteria Services	-	-	-
Technology	<u>315,026</u>	<u>326,130</u>	<u>11,104</u>
Total School Operations	7,198,292	7,598,316	400,024

This proposed budget does include the increase of \$400,024

This screen here shows their current budget along with proposed new budget. As you can see, their instruction is going up 332,000. Health and attendance and admin has gone up 15,000; transportation 25,000; operations 10,000; lease payment 4800; and technology 11,000. And this is where you can see their current budget is 7,198,000. And the new proposed budget with the increases in is \$7,598,316. So once again, that's this budget does include the \$400,024. That was something we did at the work session. So that was the amount you also seen advertised in the newspaper. So that will be voted on next week when the board members come back to vote on the budget.

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Buckingham County Department of Social Services & Comprehensive Services

Buckingham County Department of Social Services and comprehensive services.

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Total Expenses are \$2,259,534

State & Federal funds are \$1,728,667

To balance the County appropriation would be \$530,867

That is an increase in local funds of \$5,309

CSA remains level funded

Total expenditures for those two funds are 2,259,534; state and federal funds are \$1,728,667. And to balance the county will appropriate \$530,867. This was an increase in local funds of 5,309. CSA remains level funding. And we've left it level funding for a couple years now. Knowing that if we get to the point we need more money, we will come back to the Board of Supervisors and ask for additional funding. All that, I would say 95% of all CSA stuff is mandated from the state. So that's something that has to be done.

Debt Service & Industrial Development Authority

Our Debt Service and Industrial Development Authority.

Per our last audit, it was the recommendation that the Industrial Development Authority activity have its own fund and not be in the general fund because of the increased activity in the IDA. Currently the debt for the library / community center and the waste water plant are in the IDA fund. Also the tax incentive programs are ran through the IDA, such as those that came with the selling of Gold Hill School.

For our last audit, the board may remember, it was recommended that industrial development authority activity have its own fund and not be in the general fund. The reason for is as we're starting to have more activity in this fund. We're used to just be having an annual meeting and

doing permanent board members but now we have actual money going through that fund, such as the debt service for the library and the community center and also the wastewater plant going through the IDA fund. Also the tax incentive programs that you did with Gold Hill School will also run through the IDA.

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	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Maturity Date
Courthouse	503,666	505,188	505,941	504,925	2034
Elementary School (Rt. 20)	2,270,405	2,240,801	2,240,830	2,239,091	2027 & 2032
Middle School (Rt. 60)	726,421	704,614	394,960	371,445	2023 & 2026
**Wastewater Plant	181,176	181,176	181,176	181,176	2033
**Library / Community Center	194,615	242,151	382,281	382,307	2039
Total upcoming debt	3,876,283	3,873,929	3,705,187	3,678,944	

**** IDA**

The Elementary School receives a federal subsidiary called Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) in the amount of \$430,000 and we are receiving a VPSA refund (\$53,206) that reduces the tax payer burden from \$3,876,283 down to \$3,393,077

I put this together showing you your debt. A lot of time the constituents are asking what kind of debt the county is in and you'll see for the next four years I have listed there. The courthouse debt for this coming fiscal year is 503,000 by 2025, it will be 504. So it's pretty consistent with the courthouse. The elementary school on Route 20 is a 2.2 million proposed for next year, there'll be 2.239 in 2025. The Middle School 726,000. It drops it in 2025 to \$331,445. And also on that right column, you'll see the maturities. I try to put in here just to let you know when things are coming up, when they're going to be mature and we pay it off. So you'll see several of 2020's in there which is 2027, 2023 and 2026. So with that middle school, if you look at the column, FY 2023, you can see it goes from 704,614 to 394. So next year on the FY23, that school, a part of that school loan will be paid off. That's why the significant drop in it. We're having another piece paying off in 2026. The two items in gray are the two items that are in the IDA. So that's the wastewater plant and library/community center. And we just started those, so those maturity dates are way out there and 2033 and 2039. Also to note here is the school, elementary school on Route 20, receives a federal subsidy called a qualified school construction bond. You'll hear us call a QSCB in the amount of 430,000. We also receive, we're doing a public school assistance refund of \$53,026. That reduced the taxpayer burden from 3.8 million down to 3.3. Approximate 3.4 million. So we've been lucky to get that and we get these loans set up that we actually get money back for paying these loans.

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Emergency Services

This totally new fund is the result of the County taking over medical transport services. Since this is all new and we have no history, this will require us to really monitor this fund until we get some data behind us.

This budget is composed of currently 5 full-time staff, 1 part-timer and with DRT still providing 2 advanced life service crews.

We split this budget up with operating expenses and a reserve. This reserve of \$987,336 will be treating like the other reserves in the budget because it will need Board approval before it can be spent. The goal is to have this fund finish the year with funds leftover that can be carried over to start building a balance. The total budgeted amount of this fund is \$2,461,000.

Emergency Services, this is a new fund we got set up because the county's taken over the medical transport system services for the county. All of this would be new. Since all this is new and had no history on it. it's gonna require us a really monitor the fund to see how we go forward with this. We have no data to go on as some we're just kind of jumping in and we had to do it to provide services to county. This budget is composed of currently five full time staff, one part timer and with DRT providing 2 advanced life service crews. We split this budget up with operating expenses and reserve. The reserve is 987,000 to be treated like any other reserve in the budget and would need Board approval before it can be spent. The goal is to have this fund finish the year with funds leftover that can be carried over to start a beginning balance for the next fiscal year. The total budget amount is \$2,461,000.

Emergency Services

The source of revenue breaks down like this:

Dominion grant	\$1,500,000
local revenue, funds that we were giving BCVRS	\$250,000
state grant	\$61,000
cost recovery	\$650,000
total revenue	\$2,461,000

How are we planning on paying for that. The revenue sources are broken down like this. Dominion grant that they promised to do for the Glenmore Station to get it up and going again. Local revenue that we were giving to the rescue squad, a state grant of 61,000 and the crucial item is cost recovery. That's the one we've got to monitor to make sure it's coming in the way we think it's going to come in because right now we have no history so we are going to have to monitor and hope it works out. If not we will have the reserve to fall back on.

Commitments to Fund Balance (reserves)

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Commitments to Fund Balance

This is your “reserves” or projects that the Board has identified

All commitments must be approved by the Board before expending

Commitments to Fund Balance is what we call reserves. Some of the crowd has already spoken about the animal control shelter and stuff like this in there. That's where you'll see those items in here. They're all projects the board has identified. All commitments must be approved by the board before expending. So it's not like someone will come in and say we are going to do this this without Board approval. They all must be approved by the board first.

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Commitments to Fund Balance

	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>Change</u>
Gene Dixon Park Expansion	1,300,000	1,300,000	-
Economic Development	726,385	676,385	50,000
Fire / Rescue	20,000	20,000	-
County Vehicle	25,000	25,000	-
Courthouse / Capital Projects	800,000	900,000	(100,000)
Solid Waste Sites	200,000	200,000	-
Animal Control Facility	730,000	730,000	-
School Capital Projects	803,210	-	803,210
Reserve for Contingency	<u>231,994</u>	<u>215,632</u>	<u>16,362</u>
Total Commitments to Fund Balance	4,836,589	4,067,017	769,572

Increase due to the first payment for the sale of Gold Hill School

So those commitments to fund balance are \$4,836,589. Gene Dixon Park expansion, we've had that in there for a couple years. And also important to note to public capital projects because of COVID kind of have been put on hold. So some of these items have been in here for a few years because we weren't sure how the money was going to coming in so we did put a hold a lot of capital projects. Gene Dixon Park was one of them. Economic development money, that's money that we've accumulated over the years from selling county property and buildings. So that money is increased by \$50,000. That was due to the first payment of sale of Gold Hill School. Fire Rescue, that's a training reserve. We keep that in case, we have an item on the agenda tonight as a matter of fact, where if the Fire Rescue Squad wants to come and purchase some train materials to teach a class, we've been to let them do that training reserve. We have a county vehicle in there for next fiscal year.

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Decrease – we will not complete everything in one fiscal year

Courthouse capital projects of 800,000. We actually decreased that from \$900,000. So a decrease \$100,000. We decided to decrease that because there's no way we can get all those done in one fiscal year. So there's no use of putting that money in and inflating that budget by that amount. Your solid waste sites, that is going to be your Dillwyn site we have left to do. So we got 200,000 in there for that.

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Note: this is composed of \$430,000 in grant funds and \$300,000 in local funds

And Animal Control facility, I put a note on there to make everybody aware that 730,000 is \$430,000 in grant and \$300,000 in local funds. That money was given to us by Petco. And once again, that's one of the projects that we plan on working on but it's been put on hold due to COVID until we make sure our revenue stream is coming in as expected.

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Commitments to Fund Balance

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These are carryover funds requested by the School Board for capital projects. The joint committee formed will work together to determine when and how these funds will be spent.

School capital projects fund that is a new line item this year. Those are funds that the school has requested carried over their capital projects. We now have a joint committee formed between the board and school board and they will work together to determine how when these funds will be spent.

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Commitments to Fund Balance

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The reserve for contingency in this budget is \$231,994 which is an increase of \$16,362 from the current year. This does not leave much wiggle room for unexpected costs that may happen during the year. We are usually conservative in our spending and don't spend all our expenditures which will help keep us from dipping into our beginning year balance.

The last item down here for commitments is your reserve contingency. This is if nothing changes in this budget is \$231,000, which is an increase of 16,000 from the current fiscal year. There's not really much wiggle room for unexpected cost that might happen during the year. We're usually conservative with spending of our expenditures which helps keep us from dipping into our beginning year balance. So that money was the money that we decrease at the budget work session to put money in for the new school requests.

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Water & Sewer Funds

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Water & Sewer Funds

These funds are our enterprise funds, meaning they are self supporting and run like a business with fees collected from customers

Require no tax support from the citizens

Actually provide revenue to the general fund for collections, staff, and office space

Water and sewer funds. These funds are enterprise funds meaning they are self-supporting. They are run like a business with fees collected from customers. They require no support from citizens and actually they give money back to the general fund for collections, staff, and office space and the work we do for helping them with billing.

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Water & Sewer Funds

The combined water and sewer funds have a projected total decrease of \$9,793

This decrease can be attributed to the health insurance decrease and the elimination of one time expenses from the previous fiscal year

The combined water funds are projected total decrease in that \$9,793. This decrease can be attributed to health insurance decrease and elimination of onetime expenses from the previous fiscal year.

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Revenues

How we expect to pay for everything

Alright, so we talked about state revenues so I'm gonna go through our local revenues because those are the ones that you are responsible for.

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Tax rates – no change

Real Estate	\$.52
Public Service Corporation	\$.52
Air Craft	\$.55
Merchants Capital	\$1.00
Machinery & Tools	\$2.90
State Corporation Commission PP	\$4.05
Personal Property	\$4.05

All per \$100 of value

Once again, these are our tax rates. There's no change. Real Estate will still stay 52¢; Public Service Corporation State 52¢; Aircraft 55¢; Merchants Capital, \$1.00; Machinery and Tools \$2.90; State Corporation Commission will be \$4.05; Personal Property being \$4.05 and all those are per \$100 of value.

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LOCAL REVENUE

Real Estate	12,000,000
Personal Property Taxes	3,200,900
Other Local Taxes	672,000
Penalties / Interest	350,000
Local Sales / Use Tax	874,747
Utility Tax	360,000
Motor Vehicle License	345,000
Permits / License	91,100
Use Money / Property	129,849
Other Local Revenue	95,616
Total Local Revenue	18,119,212

This number is our biggest source of local revenue

Based on collection history we are increasing this number by approximately \$238,000

The increase is coming in public service collections, so there is an increase in values which causes the increase in collections

Our biggest source of revenue everybody can expect is real estate. That's the one that everybody looks at. When you get your bill, you look at it and you complain or you complain. Based on our collection history, we're increasing the number by 238,000. As the economy continues to get better, we're hoping that our revenue and collections continue to stay high. For this upcoming fiscal year, the public service collections had an increase and this caused us to go up in this category.

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This number is our personal property, mobile home & aircraft taxes

The increase in this category is personal property collections with mobile home and aircraft collections are remaining consistent from the prior year.

The increase shown for the upcoming fiscal year is approximately \$149,000

The personal property, mobile home and aircraft taxes are in that yellow will be called personal property taxes. This increase in this category is personal property collection made with mobile homes and aircraft collections. The remaining increases are consistent from the prior year. Increases was shown for the upcoming year as approximately \$149,000.

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LOCAL REVENUE

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Permits / License	91,100
Use Money / Property	129,849
Other Local Revenue	<u>95,816</u>
Total Local Revenue	18,119,212

The remaining categories show a projected total increase of approximately \$117,000.

Machinery and Tools, in other local taxes, shows a projected increase of \$40,000

Based on the projections from the state, sales taxes are projected to increase by \$50,000

We are hoping the economy continues going back to normal and our earnings on money will get close to normal

All the items highlighted in yellow, they were not that many increases or decreases. So the remaining of all those added together approximate hard at 117,000. Machinery and Tools, other local taxes show a projected increase of \$40,000. Based on a projection we got from the state, they're expecting sale tax to increase by 50,000. So once again, the state is expected people to go out and start spending and getting the economy back together. So we hope and we will capitalize on that as well.

State & Federal Funds

Our state and federal funds.

State Funds

Non-categorical aid	\$1,585,914
Categorical aid	\$1,840,858
Other state revenue	\$53,206

These are the three categories we talked about earlier. Non-categorical aid, that's what we get from the state that can be used for what the county says to do with it can be used for anything.

Categorical aid has a specific purpose to it, which is mostly our Comp Board and state funded positions. And we get just other miscellaneous revenue.

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State Funds

	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>Change</u>
Non-categorical aid	1,585,914	1,622,914	(37,000)
Categorical aid	1,840,858	1,760,209	80,649
Other state revenue	<u>53,206</u>	<u>54,706</u>	<u>(1,500)</u>
Total State Revenue	<u>3,479,978</u>	<u>3,437,829</u>	<u>42,149</u>

This chart here shows our proposed and our current fiscal year and you see the increases and decreases to the right. Now our current categorical aid is supposed to be a decrease of 37,000. That's gonna be in our communications tax that just took a hit. Categorical aid is shown at \$80,649 increase, and that's a big number. That's where you see that 5% pay increase come from the state. We normally never see an increase of \$80,000 coming in from the state but this year because they're paying for that pay increase. That's where that is found. Other state revenue, that's that VPSA money we get back for that loan. So that didn't change much at all in the next fiscal year.

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**State Funds
Categorical aid**

	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>Increase</u>	
Commonwealth Attorney	320,117	307,195	12,922	} This is where the State is paying for the 5% pay increase for Comp. Board positions
Sheriff	936,262	888,830	47,432	
Commissioner of Revenue	86,041	81,944	4,097	
Treasurer	101,683	97,041	4,642	
Registrar	57,084	55,894	1,190	
Clerk of Circuit Court	254,904	220,577	34,327	
Virginia Commission for the Arts	4,500	4,500	-	
Fire Programs	60,000	55,000	5,000	
Victim Witness	17,667	17,667	-	
Anti-litter	2,600	2,600	-	
Total	<u>1,840,858</u>	<u>1,731,248</u>	<u>109,610</u>	

This chart here is showing those positions that get state/federal money. And you can see, for example, the Commonwealth Attorney's office, once again, that is for his whole entire office. His proposed local revenues, 320,000, which is an increase of almost \$13,000 in the current fiscal year. So all those numbers with that increase is big numbers that we don't normally see. So sheriff's office, for example, \$47,000 increase in one fiscal year is a lot. But once again, the sheriff's office has the most employees. That 5% pay increase is helping those employees in that office.

Federal Funds

As the federal government tries to stimulate the economy, local governments have been awarded some federal funding.

These funds are the Rescue Recovery Funds and unlike the CARES Act funds, these can be used for revenue recovery if revenues don't come in as anticipated.

The amount that has been awarded to Buckingham County is \$3,300,000.

Federal funds. As the federal government tries to stimulate the economy and local governments have been awarded some federal funding. These funds are called a rescue recovery funds and unlike the CARES Act funds, these funds can be used for revenue recovery if revenues don't come in as anticipated. So that's one thing you got looking forward to next year as well. We're going to get this pot of money which is this time has been awarded 3.3 million that the county can use if our revenues don't come in as planned. So we hope in the county, we've been blessed so far where people paying their taxes on time. We hope to continue but if something goes wrong, we got this money to fall back on.

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Federal Funds

QSCB	\$430,000
Victim Witness	\$53,002
Selective Enforcement	\$5,000
Rescue Recovery Funds	<u>\$3,300,000</u>
Total Federal Funds	\$3,788,002

Our other federal funds are QSCB qualified school construction bond that we give back for that loan is 430,000. The victim witnesses is a grant position. That grant is split up into a state part and a federal part. The Federal piece is \$53,000. Selective Enforcement is a grant the sheriff's office gets for \$5,000. And then they also rescue recovery funds for 3.3. So that totals \$3.78 million, that should be on your budget sheet.

Summary

Total Revenues	\$67,252,034
less	
Total Expenses	<u>\$67,020,040</u>
Reserve for Contingency	\$231,994

To wrap this up pretty quick, total revenues. That's our total expenses. There's your reserve contingency \$231,994.

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That is all the “play” that is left in this budget

This includes the proposed pay increases for County and School employees

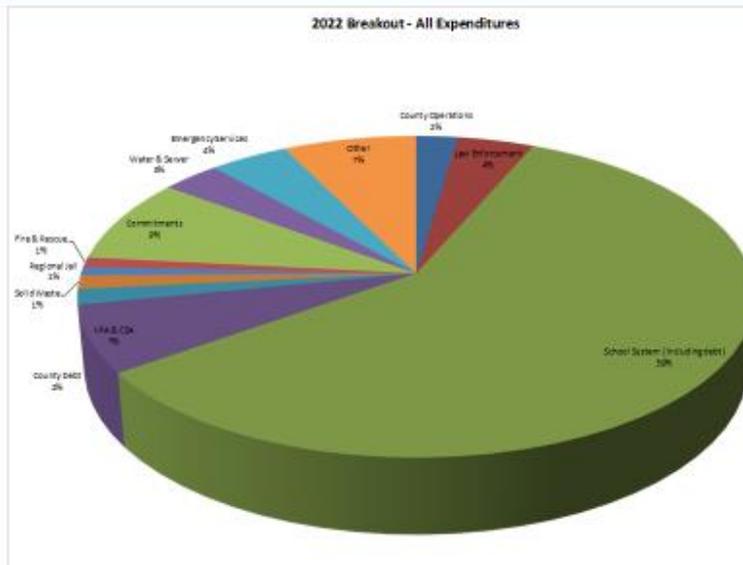
This includes the money to help with the School health insurance increase

This includes a major new fund in Emergency Services that will have to be monitored closely

Once again this budget does NOT include any tax increase

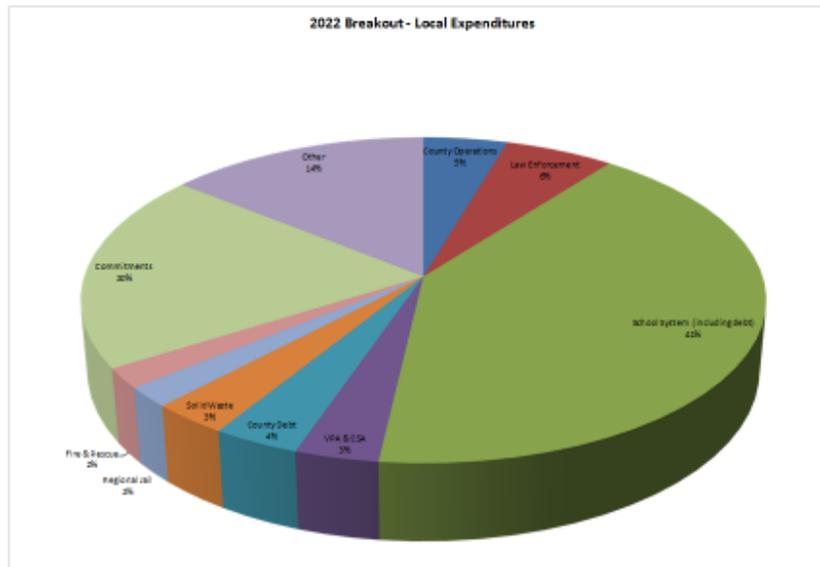
That is all the play that's left in this budget. This includes the proposed pay increase for the county and for the school employees, includes the money for the school health insurance; includes a major new fund in emergency services that will have to be monitored closely. And once again, it does not include a tax increase.

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This pie chart which is probably hard for you to see. The green is the major one you want to look at. That is the school system. As most counties, the school system is the biggest part of the budget. That's normal, it's normal for any locality school is the biggest part. This chart here shows the school system's money plus their debt service. That's with all expenditures. That's the total for the school, gets about 20 something million dollars in federal and state funds. So that's why about 60 million, they're the biggest part of it.

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The second graph once again shows the greatest school system. This is just our local budget. This one is just a school local appropriation that drops down to only 41% for the school. So the school we get to 7 million to them but the other 22 million some change is state and federal. So that's why the local amount is a lot less.

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	Local Budget	State, Federal, Grant & Other Funds	Total Budget Budget
Government Expenses	7,787,955	1,898,860	9,686,815
School System	7,598,316	22,807,021	30,405,337
Dept. of Social Services	530,867	1,728,667	2,259,534
CSA	317,917	1,274,544	1,592,461
IDA	375,791	-	375,791
Debt Service	3,017,288	483,206	3,500,492
Rescue Recovery Funds	-	3,300,000	3,300,000
Commitments	4,836,589	-	4,836,589
Emergency Services	-	2,461,000	2,461,000
Water System	-	1,388,053	1,388,053
Sewer System	-	465,962	465,962
Beginning Year Balance	7,000,000	-	7,000,000
Totals	\$ 31,464,721	\$ 35,787,313	\$ 67,252,034

This also shows, that chart showed, it shows over to the far right column showing the total budget, there's \$67 million for the total budget. Once you take out the state and federal grants, and there's school on the second half of almost \$23 million to total local budget for Buckingham County is only 31,464,721. So you can see what those state and federal grants, that it almost cut the county budget in half. So that budget page you see is a totally peculiar number but with the Buckingham County taxpayer responsible for was only for is the 31 million.

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This Chairman will now open the public hearing

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The Board will recess to reconvene next Monday, April 19th at 6:00 p.m. to adopt a budget and tax rates for the 2022 fiscal year

Thank you for your time and this concludes my presentation

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Matthews: Thank you, Mr. Carter. You did a really good job. We appreciate that. Very clear and concise. We're now going to open the public hearing for discussion. Are there any people that signed up for the public?

Lann: Yes, sir. We have two. Ron Jenkins.

Ron Jenkins, Virginia Loggers Association: Thank you for allowing us an opportunity. My name is Ron Jenkins. I'm with the Virginia Loggers Association. On behalf of Buckingham County loggers and mills, we'd like to express our condolences for Mrs. Carter, her family and associates here. It's very sad. Mrs. Carter and I've been in discussions since mid-2020. And we certainly have always had very positive results. Also I have, with your permission, I'd like to ask members who are with this community to stand and be recognized tonight if you don't mind. And we have several that are in the logging business and in our mills and we certainly appreciate them without them. We cannot have a \$21 billion forest industry. Thank you very much. Since I represent an organization and a group do I get five minutes or am I restricted to three?

Matthews: We'll give you enough time to make your presentation.

Jenkins: Very kind. I won't go through the entire report, my wife, I think graciously gave you a report, which has a lot of the details. But what I like to tell you about this is my own story about logging and the people that make it up. These folks are, well, first off, let me just say what we're here for tonight is to ask for a full exemption of machinery and tool taxes and personal property taxes from our forest harvesting equipment. Now, I know that sounds like a lot, and I know that maybe I'm we're coming from a little bit behind, but it's still like for your consideration for all of it, or at least to think about it and get started. Well, let me tell you why. This is an industry that is not like anything else I've ever experienced. We likened it to farming. And this is how we got the unanimous support of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, the entire 33,000 Producer members agreed with us that farming and forest harvesting are very, very similar, and they voted. And with that, we were able to go to the General Assembly. And we had the unanimous support of both houses of the General Assembly to approve a piece of legislation that said, let's make this a law. And now what you have in your hands. And the reason we're out to every county in Virginia, is to let you know that now forest harvesting equipment is over in a tax section of the state code that is the same as farm machinery. And so if you are exempting farm machinery right now, I ask you to please consider exempting forest harvesting equipment. So I would just pick a few things that I think are very unique. If you look on that the second page and the third and fourth, I may not get through any more than this, those four slides. But what's unique is that just like farms, we produce any central product. It's something that you have in every one of your homes, wood products, fiber products, paper products. All just like that you use them every day. Just like we have food at the table every day. It's a very important point to keep in mind is what brought the Farm Bureau Federation to our defense and our support. So I think the other thing that you may not know here in Buckingham, we see lots of log trucks. I guarantee you, everyone in this audience has seen log trucks. And you probably have your own idea of what that person is, who that person works for, what do they do. I'm just wanting you to know a few things that you may not see, because of just the log truck image that you may have, or the clear cut that you might have an attractive land. These are the hardest working people I can imagine. I'm sure many of you are also hard working. But these folks are, for the most purpose of anywhere across the United States are smaller family owned businesses. They do not, we do not have large multi corporations that just cover the entire United States. This doesn't happen. And if you look on the picture, with a few people that are standing there. That is a typical crew. In that picture are three generations. And it's three of four generations that have kept that company viable and continuing to go as a grandfather, a father and a grandson about hopefully willing and able to take over that business. And then the great grandfather has long passed. Many of these businesses here depend upon that kind of organization and that model in order to have a business. It is absolutely important for them to be able to pass that business on to the next generation. And I say that because in Virginia there probably only about 1000 logging businesses. And that's right out of Virginia Tech who keeps up with this sort of thing. So if we lose them, and they went out, one tree being cut or harvested and sent to the mill, this \$21 billion industry in Virginia would not exist. They are also in one of the most dangerous jobs. And that's well noted in all of OSHA regulations. You can find out for yourself. I tell you nothing that's a lie here. I tell you what's the truth. These men and women that run this kind of business, are subject to so many ups and downs and perils. From my point of view, in the last six years since

I've worked with them, I find that it's not their equipment and their work environment that's the most dangerous. It's the markets which they are dealing with every single day. Pricing changes daily, price or quota productions daily. These are all pretty tough to run a business. If you cannot depend upon some stable amount of production and pricing, tell me how you can run a business. So even as a farmer, these folks stand aside. They have no government subsidies. They have no price support. They're on their own. So I would just then ask you then to return to another page, which has the same crew. Here are some misconceptions, I think you might, you might think of when you see a logging operation. First, you see this big, huge truck. And lots of them with the names some, not some not. Lots of money. They cost a lot. You see the equipment, if you ever been on a logging job, you see, goodness, they're bigger than this room that cost a lot. Well, let me tell you, that in order to be competitive, and to be safer, that's the kind of equipment and trucks that you have to have, or you won't be in business for long. That is just a simple fact, they cost a lot of money. It is impossible, probably for most young people who wanted to get out of high school and college and go get a loan for the kind of equipment that I'm talking about. There again, that's why we need to protect them and help them in every way possible, to ensure that we do things at the local level, to keep the businesses solvent, and to be able to pass that on to the next generation. Because you just can't start one and go out of college and high school and get a loan that it would take to do this. I have applaud, even though your budget is in paper, I hope that you will consider allowing them to do...allowing them to have some exemption in this. I love the full exemption myself. It sounds great to me. The other misconception might be wow, you know, I have bought a piece of plywood just recently, I bought some 2 x 4's. They're going out of sight. They're going sky high. Well, you can ask any one of these gentlemen who stood up, ask them if they have received a penny more for the raw material at the mills than what they did last year, or maybe 10 years ago? And I'll guarantee you there won't be one who will tell you they are. It's some phenomenon. And we don't know. We're asking economists how come logging companies aren't sharing that. We don't really, we have our own ideas, but we don't know the answer to it. So after all, this you must think they must have a high profit margin, big trucks, big equipment, man lumber prices are way out of sight. It's well documented through university studies, that this one business as much dangerous it has as much risk as it has, is a low profit margin business. Now, again, these are the experts, if you're willing to certainly ask them. So I come to you tonight. And I ask on their behalf, as I am in so many counties in Virginia, to treat them like you're treating farmers. If you are exempting farmers, exempt their equipment. Let's get this started. They need your help. Um, and again, if you have some questions, they really can answer a lot more than I can. They are the experts. But in there, in your paperwork, there are some pieces of evidence to show some of the loss in production during the 2020 pandemic area, especially the two months when the pandemic got to be really terrible. I think it's from March to May. You will see the Department of Forestry had a 26% loss in production. Now telephone surveys across Virginia show we're up to 50%. And, one other thing that's in your paperwork, there's something that has never happened ever before and in Congress actually approved a subsidy or a payment to loggers called logger relief. It was approved in December to help just bring up some of the losses that loggers had experienced in 2020. But guess what, not a single rule has been written. And we do not know yet if they will receive a dime. And it was only to allow for about 10% of their loss. First time ever. I appreciate your time. I thank you for listening to me. Happy to answer any questions. I hope you'll favorably consider our proposal.

Matthews: Thank you so much. We really do. That's very enlightening. And I'm sure you know, I've been thinking about the loggers for a long time and their plight I know a piece of equipment like that what they have to get is not a cheap thing to have, or purchase. And we were definitely going to take it under consideration. I mean, that's one of my priorities this year moving forward to really look hard at it. But reality, you know, is kind of in stone right now, moving forward. You just don't snap your fingers and pull that kind of money out of the air. It's got to come from somewhere. And, you know, I've got a bunch of magicians, Mr. Carter and Mrs. Carter, they're going to try to do that for us, and can't get that money. So, anyway, maybe you guys got something to say.

Bryan: Mr. Chairman?

Matthews: Yes, sir.

Bryan: I know currently they're getting the discount, because Commissioner does charge them the machinery and tools tax and not the personal property rate.

Matthews: That will be 2.90 right?

Bryan: 2.90 instead of 4.50.

Jenkins: And in that section for the logging equipment, as was read lesser of the two. And we certainly appreciate that. Thank you. But let me just say that with equipment that cost lots of dollars, you're looking at a bill at the end of the year, that is pretty hard in an economy industry that has this ups and downs constantly on a daily fluctuation.

Matthews: I think one of the gentlemen, Mr. Jones, Mr. Patrick Jones, told me operating costs for one month for him is \$5,000. And that's before he gets any kind of paycheck. So I've been there with him in a business. It is a lot of times everybody else gets paid but you. And I know that's a hard pill to swallow sometimes. And, you know, with a family and small children, and all of them have those at some point in time. So, you know, \$5,000, I don't know how many other people in this room have expenses just to earn a living that are \$5,000 a month. So I you know,

Jones: That's \$5,000 for one piece of equipment.

Chambers: They need a break. I was in the logging business at one time and the logger sees a hard road to travel. Everything is guessing. The cops on the road want to give them a ticket for his truck, everything goes against you out there. So anything we can do to help him I'm all in favor for him because they need it.

Miles: Mr. Chairman?

Matthews: Yes, sir.

Miles: Um, and I guess this will be directed to either Mr. Jenkins, or Mr. Carter. The so I see here. Well, it's the understanding that that the equipment is taxed at 2.90, which is the machinery

and tools instead of the \$4.50 which is personal property? Is that all equipment, including trucks or just logging equipment to harvest the timber out of the forest?

Jenkins: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Meyers?

Miles: Yes, sir. Miles? Yes.

Jenkins: Sorry. The answer to that question is that what we're seeking here is just like farm machinery only. So it includes everything that they use in the forest operations. So it's, it's on their pictures of the men here. So it's the things that take to cut the trees, drag the trees to a loading site, and actually loaded onto the trucks, but it does not include the trucks or the trailers or any of the title equipment, everything else that used exclusively in forest harvesting, we would be asking for.

Miles: Okay, so Mr. Chairman, just to follow up, Mr. Carter, I guess I'll put that question to you, does the 2.90 that they're taxed at apply to everything? Or is it just the equipment? I'm just trying to find that definition as to...

Wright: Just the equipment.

Allen: The way it started off, it was a \$200,000 deduction for the county. But the way it's changed now just for the equipment in who are just gonna be 87,000 is what the county would lose? Is that a total amount Mr. Jenkins? That's my understanding. 87,000 was 200,000 before they cut it out, and bought it back to just equipment in woods.

Matthews: Well, there was a day at one time when all of it was forgiven. And then here about 25-30 years ago, they changed that law, and we changed it, well Mrs. Midkiff's office did at that time. She's tried to work with them a little bit. I do understand that. But, you know, I guess at the end of the day, you know, it's up to her determination. She's decides that, what would actually but the board does have the final say in that. But moving forward, I'm just letting you know how things worked years ago that it was forgiving it at some point time and all of a sudden we came up with some figure that we had to have. So anyway, that's a...

Miles: Do we have to have it during the budget session?

Allen: We have to do it now if you want to do it for this budget.

Bryan: Then where are we going to get the \$87,000 from?

Matthews: I think we have 200,000 in reserve.

Jenkins: Mr. Chairman, is that a motion? I did not want to interfere with that.

Matthews: No, it's not. It's not a motion. We were just in discussion right now.

Jenkins: Mr. Chairman, I would just say, keep an eye on that you are, if you are exempting for a farm machinery, somehow, forest harvesting just wasn't thought of when that law was passed years ago. And that's what we put up with. And the Farm Bureau agreed with us. They went through and helped us to get this new legislation right. The other thing is, if you just imagine I've had many members to call me and say, I had six trucks on the road here this morning at 6:30. The mill just called me and said, "Please turn them around. I cannot take that today." There are people now that are working two and three days a week, at least they were I think we're back to a little bit closer to normal. But there was a spell when that was the kind of production I'm talking about and the losses, and no one, none of us here could stand to lose that kind of production and pay our people have a life that that was meaningful. So I this is one thing you can do that is sure. And it helps the stability and reduces the risk to these hard working small family owners.

Chambers: I say help them again. Take in consideration most of these guys live in the county.

Allen: Yeah. That's right. That's right.

Jenkins: They will indeed most of you know, contribute heavily to you to community events, to children, to give back to their community. Yes, sir.

Allen: Yeah, lumber is a big thing in Buckingham.

Matthews: Thank you so much for your input.

Chambers: We will meet on this Monday night. Right?

K. Carter: You can't take any action tonight.

Chambers: I said Monday night.

Jenkins: Thank you for your time and interest.

Sherry Shaenar, District 5: I have questions this time for y'all about the budget. And just a couple of things. I'm not real clear about the internet, what we've decided that y'all are doing about that. I'm not real sure. But one of the questions that I had going through this is about the personal property tax on cars. And just wanted to know, why is the value of the car assessed as new until 100,000 miles? I mean, we're like the only county that does that. That's just something I just wanted to know. Do y'all have an answer for that? Like most of them are, like 150,000 miles. Right now it's at 100. But nobody has any idea. I don't either. And that's a strange question.

Bryan: That would actually be a commissioner question, but I will say that, that, you know, as I'm a taxpayer too, and we actually get a benefit, which, what does it Mrs. Carter refers to it as the cash cow. Right now. We get a break on our personal property through the...

K. Carter: Personal property tax relief.

Bryan: Personal property tax relief, that's not guaranteed. That comes from the state and every year we bite our fingernails hoping that they will continue it for the next year. Because if not, then we would be paying the full amount of the assessed value. But as far as the 100,000 miles I can't answer that the commissioner could answer that question for you.

Matthews: We vote on the tax rate. We don't vote on...

Bryant: The Commissioner of Revenue goes by the Blue book for cars.

Allen: Last time I checked, I had to be 150,000 miles before they deducted.

Bryant: That's right if you got 150,000 miles on it, they depreciate it more than it does as a 100,000. Okay, get you a Blue Book. It will tell you what it is. Unless, the commissioner has told you, I don't know what the value is on a vehicle.

Matthews: I want to address your concern about the internet right now too. Since you keep bringing that up.

Shaenar: Please. Well, my husband is ready to throw CenturyLink the Verizon phones, everything is about to be in my front yard. I've had CenturyLink at my house, probably seven times, I've got a little stick in my yard at my driveway that's been there probably 10 years, you know, when it was starting to work three years ago. Do you know how fast or internet was going? I don't even want to tell you would make you cry.

Matthews: Right? Well, four years ago, we partnered with Central Virginia Electric Cooperative. Are you a member of...

Shaenar: I am actually... Yes, that is my electric.

Matthews: And a year ago. We gave them some money. We didn't give them the money. But we did a package for them to bring internet service into Buckingham County pole to pole and resident to resident here in our county. Before that. We had approached CenturyLink and all these other Yahoo's that thought they went to internet service? Well, it's all about profitability. This is a big county in a sparsely populated, that's not our fault. That's not your fault. That's not their fault. So we never did have much success with CenturyLink. And we're... other than the 15 corridor, but as of last year, they started in district three, which happens to be my district. And I think we're about 75%. I don't know what is it, Karl, what are we up to in internet service in district three right now?

K. Carter: Whatever Gary Wood told us at the previous meeting.

Matthews: Thank you. So we were at 75% of the households now have or going to have internet service from Central Virginia Electric Cooperative. And this is going to be something that's going to be implemented over about a five or six year period of time district to district and we have seven districts in Buckingham County.

Shaenar: So I'm over by Yogaville. I'm in Mr. Bryant's district. Three miles from Yogaville.

Matthews: We've actually been working up in that district. So I'm I don't know if you see some trucks up there. Mr. Bryant? Has there been trucks up there?

Bryant: Oh, absolutely. Yes.

Matthews: Okay.

Shaenar: Well, let me take them some chicken or something while they're working. Let me help them along. Let me feed these boys because I need me some internet. I've got 14 year old twins, and is not pretty and a husband that likes to game when he gets home from work. And he's gaming all over the world. So this internet issue is a big one.

Matthews: Yes, it is. And it's important to us.

Bryant: I've talked to the crews today. And they are off the Mt. Rush substation. It's supposed to be completed in August of this year.

Shaenar: Where we are?

Matthews: Yes, ma'am.

Shaenar: August?

Matthews: Yep.

Shaenar: Jesus, please. Send your angels

Matthews: They're going to put a door knocker on your door once they get everything set the way they want it, the line has been run, it's gonna be a black box sitting on your pole outside of your house out there at your nearest light pole. When you see that black box, you better start looking for that door knocker because they're gonna come up there and they go knock on the door. And they're gonna say, ma'am, do you want internet service?

Shaenar: I don't have a pole though for I don't have a pole.

Matthews: But you got an underground service.

Shaenar: I do have underground. But it doesn't have a big transformer by the road.

Matthews: There's a pole somewhere.

Shaenar: I have that little stick thing from the phone. But I don't have a big pole. I don't have one.

Matthews: There's a transmission line there somewhere too.

Shaenar: We had to fight to get electricity out there. If I had known...

Matthews: Anyway, when they put that door knocker on your on your door, you need to call Central Virginia and sign up to get internet service at that time. It's gonna be on your property when you see that.

Shaenar: I certainly will. Now my other questions. We have a slush fund here discretionary income that can be used at will. Right. That's what you said we have discretion we can use it at. We have a bunch of money extra that can be... in the budget. Oh, yeah, the contingency. We have like a little slush. I'm just talking about these people here. As for unexpected expenses that come with...this would be an unexpected expense if something goes wrong, and people that are that are released from prison in Buckingham County, they are residents and they can't get help. And they go into recidivism. And it's not pretty to say I'm just talking. I'm a strange advocate. I know of such a thing. However, I will advocate what I believe is right. And I think if we can get money funneled to these people for this cause, I'm all for it. And I think you know, we pay taxes here. We've been here 20 years, I like this. This is good for our community. If we can get people out of jail becoming respectable citizens. They've paid their dues. They're gonna be able to vote. So let's get life. And maybe they won't end up like my sister but let them get life. Let's work towards that. I would be proud of my county for doing something like that. I'm a Red Wing, dyed in the wool Republican, I don't like progressivism in any way. However, I'm good, I'm good about humans. I want what's best for human beings. And this is an issue. Prison reform, police, we got to talk about. My dad was a police officer. I understand. I was EMS for many years. But we really need to think about this because this is important. This is a very important thing. So whatever we can do whatever deal we got to make, who we got to shake hands with, let's try to fix this. Because in the long run, we won't have our houses broken into. We won't have our kids getting drugs sold to. But why? Because we'll have people they're trying to get their lives better. Our churches will be filled again, and people won't be afraid to go to church, they'll believe in God. Because God has done something good in Buckingham.

Matthews: I think Mr. Bryan has a question.

Bryan: I have a question for you. The loggers just presented \$87,000 in savings. Yeah. What's your stance on that? You support that?

Shaenar: Yes I do.

Bryan: You know, we're talking about \$102,000. Would you want your taxes raised to support that?

Shaenar: \$102,000 for them, or for the loggers?

Bryan: Them and the 15,000 for...

Shaenar: Honestly for those two things? Yes, I would. Yeah. The other thing I wanted to talk about may include that though. I have a third question, okay, because we have employees getting just off the ball, off the top 5% raises. Now I'm gonna tell you, my husband works at Northrop Grumman, he's been there for 14 years. That is a top of the line raise, a 5%. You have to be above average, super performing individual to get a 5% raise. When I was working at Martha Jefferson night shift from seven p to seven a and in the ER and running ambulances to get a 5% raise I really had to be busting the streets. So I'm just telling you in times of COVID I know it's been difficult for us all. But do you think maybe people would be considerate because it is COVID and some people are losing their incomes completely. Some people don't have a house to live in. Maybe we could cut that 5% to a 3%, or even a 3 ½ to 4 and make a little money for other people?

Bryan: No.

Shaenar: Why?

Bryan: Because the state attached if you take the 5%, you take the 5%.

Shaenar: Then cut it. It doesn't have to be 5%. Why? Why did they get 5%? These other people get nothing?

Bryan: Because the state says it's either 5% or you get nothing. Nothing. I mean, that's easy to say, Wendy, I hate to put you and Dr. Dr. Hicks on the spot. This is a school question. Have you ever seen a 5% pay raise for teachers?

Matthews: In 1986 they got one. In 1987 they got 10%.

Bryan: They were probably before you Dr. Hicks, sorry. Sherry, you've been on the board a long time. How many years did the teachers go without a pay raise? Yeah, I'd say probably about eight or nine. Oh, I mean, I...

Shaenar: That happens to everybody and social economical situations. However, this is COVID. This is a pandemic. And this is a whole new ballgame. And we're trying to take care of everybody and do the right thing. I mean, y'all are mostly democrats isn't that what you love. And with that, I'm done.

Matthews: Thank you.

Lann: That is all.

Matthews: Yes, they're done. Public hearing closed.

Re: Zoning Matters: Introduction of Case 21-SUP282 Steven and John Wicks request to apply for a Special Use Permit to operate a custom woodworking shop

Edmondston: Good evening, Mr. Chairman, members of the Board. Tonight we have an introduction. I think it is erroneously mentioned on the agenda that there's a public hearing but this is an introduction of Zoning Case 21-SUP 282. The landowner Steven Wicks and the applicant is John Wicks. The request tonight before you is to apply for a special use permit to operate a custom woodworking shop. This property is located at tax map 80 parcel 40. It contains approximately 74.85 acres. The site for the business will consist of a little over one acre and it's located at 2450 Banton Shop Road, Dillwyn. It's currently zoned A-1 and in order to operate a business of this nature, a special use permit is required. As I mentioned, the zoning ordinance does not permit custom woodworking shops as a by right permitted use however within A-1 agricultural zoning district, custom woodworking shops may be permitted by the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors by a special use permit. Following recommendation by the Planning Commission in accordance with this ordinance and the Code of Virginia. The planning commission may recommend and the board may impose conditions to ensure protection of the district if the special use permit is approved. Mr. Wicks has indicated in his written narrative that he wishes to open a small self-contained woodworking shop and studio in order to create unique, custom and artistic sets of furniture. He anticipates being a one person operating shop not to exceed a three person operation. Mr. Wicks does not expect more than 10 customers and visitors per month for low volume impact to the traffic in the area. Mr. Wicks has no plans to construct housing on the 1.06 acre site for the woodworking shop. Below are 10 conditions that were introduced and a public hearing was held for the Planning Commission on February 22, 2021. There was no one signed up to speak during the public hearing. Those absent from the meeting were Steve Dorrier, Planning Commission member and Danny Allen, Board of Supervisors representative. All others in attendance. The planning commission voted unanimously to present this to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation of approval of this special use permit request. Would it be the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors to schedule a public hearing possibly May 10 of this year 6pm? And owner and applicant are present with us tonight should you have any questions for them?

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

1. That all federal, state and local regulations, ordinances and laws be strictly adhered to.
2. Right of ways and roadway shoulders shall not be used for parking.
3. The property shall be kept neat and orderly.
4. That the applicant pursues a commercial solid waste container and follow the County Solid Waste Ordinance.
5. That all documentation submitted by the applicant in support of this special use permit request becomes a part of the conditions except that any such documentation that may be inconsistent with these enumerated conditions shall be superseded by these conditions.
6. Nothing in this approval shall be deemed to obligate the County to acquire any interest in property, to construct, maintain or operate any facility or to grant any permits or approvals except as may be directly related hereto.
7. The County Zoning Administrator and one other County staff member, as appointed by the County Administrator, shall be allowed to enter the property, with proper notice, if a complaint is registered against the property for noncompliance with this permit. Any complaints not solely related to this permit will be given to the appropriate department or agency.
8. 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
9. That any infraction of the above mentioned conditions could lead to a stop order and discontinuation of the special use permit, if it be the wishes of the Board of Supervisors.
10. That the applicant(s) and landowner(s) understands the conditions and agrees to the conditions.

Matthews: Do we need a motion to establish that?

Chambers: I so move, Mr. Chairman.

Miles: Second, Mr. Chairman.

Matthews: Okay. So moved. So that date will be meeting next month Board meeting, May 10. Okay. Anybody have any questions for the applicants right now? So we're going to set your public hearing and look forward to seeing you there. Welcome to the county. Oh, I'm sorry. Call for the vote.

Davis: Yes

Bryan: Yes

Matthews: Yes

Miles: Yes

Bryant: Yes

Chambers: Yes

Allen: Yes.

Supervisor Chambers moved, Vice Chairman Miles seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to schedule a public hearing for May 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to hear public comments regarding Zoning Case 21-SUP282 for Steven and John Wicks to operate a custom woodworking shop.

Wicks: (Did not pick up well on tape speaking from the audience) Mr. Wicks stated that he would like to make a comment regarding the good working relationship with Mrs. Edmondston and her professionalism and ease of process.

Matthews: All right. Thank you so much. Are you going to be making custom furniture is that what you do? I mean.

Wicks: Yes.

Matthews: And what about, I mean, what do you do take...somebody takes a picture of something brings it to you and says this is what I want? How do you how do you go about doing that?

Wicks: (Again, speaking from audience with no mic) At this point in time I'm going to be making furniture sets.

Matthews: Awesome, that's great. Good. Well, good luck to you.

Re: Buckingham Fire Fighter Association, Tommy Joe Steger, Director: Request to acquire the land or a portion of the land on Wingo Road from the County in order to hold fund raisers

Matthews: Okay, we're going to go to presentation L-1, which is a Buckingham Firefighters Association, Mr. Tommy Steger, Director.

Steger: Good evening, and thank you for listening to us tonight. I'm not gonna take a lot of time as you all have a lengthy meeting. I think you all should have a letter in your packet where I wrote to Mrs. Carter back in January explaining the organization. Who was in the organization and what our goals and efforts were. And in conclusion of the letter, it was stated to provide you all with progress reports and also, permission to use the land as practical and the acquisition of the land. So I'm gonna be just a short little thing. Since the board meeting, since our letter, we have gotten approval from the State Corporation Commission back in February. We have opened a separate checking account at Farmers Bank for the funds for our department. We have purchased general liability, management liability, umbrella coverage through insurance cooperation listing Buckingham County as an additional insured. We have met with the Virginia Tractor Pull Association to finalize the July date. And we are in process with the weather we've had working on doing more improvements to the facility so that we can have the pull in July if

the board approves. So that's where we're coming from last year to this year and whatever present status is. Mr. Davis, who is also a Director and Dillwyn fireman is going to discuss the tractor pull.

Ivan Davis: Okay, thank you. Um, as you know, I came to you in I guess it was like, January, February or March of 2019. At that time, Dillwyn fire department entered into an agreement with the county to use the site for use for the tractor pull. In speaking with Mrs. Carter, and he got confirmation back to me that it would permit under number three will just stay in effect until terminated. At this time what we would like to do is to change this from Dillwyn Fire Department, which was under my signature over to the Association, Firemen's Association. We would like to do that. That's the final hurdle that we have to do to get the ball rolling at this point.

Bryan: What are you doing now?

Ivan Davis: Change it from the Dillwyn Fire Department to the Buckingham Fire Fighter Association.

Miles: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Davis, this is just a clerical matter, right at this point?

Ivan Davis: Yeah, The thing right now, the County is legally with Dillwyn. We just would like to put it in the Buckingham where the four firefighters are four departments will share it equally. Thank you.

Matthews: Can we call for the vote on that please?

Davis: Yes

Bryan: Yes

Matthews: Yes

Miles: Yes

Bryant: Yes

Chambers: Yes

Allen: Yes.

Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to change the name in the agreement between the County and Dillwyn Fire Department for the tractor pull use on the property on Wingo Road to the County and Buckingham Fire Fighter Association.

Chambers: I make a motion to them using the grounds for the tractor pull in July.

Matthews: Do what now?

Chambers: Give them permission the use the property in July for the tractor pull.

Matthews: That's what you're looking for, right?

Steger: Yes, we need to have that so we can present that to the liability insurance.

Ivan Davis: They need to know who has it even though you have insurance.

Matthews: Call it just call for the vote please.

Bryan: Hold on, I have a question.

Matthews: Okay. Hold on. Discussion?

Bryan: Yes, sir. In your original...Mr. Steger, in your original request, it was to acquire the land or portion of the land on Wingo Road?

Steger: That's the third part of my last part of my presentation. We need to get the vote from you all to use it to have that and then basically the final part I was gonna discuss after y'all voted the acquisition part of it.

Ivan Davis: We need something so we can get going this year.

Matthews: But we had that in effect anyway. I think that was understood from Mrs. Carter.

Bryan: The tractor pull was in effect anyway.

Steger: Yeah, but it wasn't under our name. It was Dillwyn Fire Department.

Bryan: So you're asking, sorry it takes me a second. It kind of flies around a couple of times. Instead of it being Dillwyn Fire Department, it's gonna be the Firefighters Association.

Steger: Right that's is who sponsored the tractor pull.

Matthews: Okay. Call for the vote.

Davis: Yes

Bryan: Yes

Matthews: Yes

Miles: Yes

Bryant: Yes

Chambers: Yes

Allen: Yes.

Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to give Buckingham Fire Fighters Association permission to use the land on Wingo Road to hold a tractor pull in July, 2021.

Steger: We are interested in acquiring the property from the county, because we want to make multiple improvements to it. And like put permanent lighting there. We have lights now with generators, and we want to put permanent lighting, permanent bleachers, press boxes, and we will absorb the cost. So we were trying to work with you all, to acquire the property. I would like for Mr. Davis, myself, and if the board could appoint one or two other people, especially two, with us, as a committee, let us work the issue out, bring it back to the board sometime in September. Let us go through the tractor pull. We'll have the data from the pull, what we raised, what we went through. There'll be evident to you all because you'll see it itself if you're there, and then basically try to work out what we can sometime in September, October for as the acquisition of the property.

Matthews: But we already have a committee set up to my board, which is I think, Mr. Allen and myself from the Emergency Management Board that we always dealt with the fire departments and the rescue squad. So, you know, we're already in place. So we don't want to sit down at the table with you and try to work out. I think there's several questions moving forward, you know, not just from me, but I think maybe some of the other board members may have some questions. So, you know, once we get to the table, you know, we'll address those things.

Steger: Yeah four of us versus having open directly to say here, yes, the answers in one meeting, and then go from there. We're not asking for decision. It'd be nice to give us one now, but we know that not going to happen.

Matthews: We're gonna wait to get Mrs. Carter involved in that a little bit. She's kind of been our guiding light in this whole scenario.

Steger: Well, we appreciate your time. And we'll work it out. And I'll get back with you. And it'll be sometime...

Matthews: I think Mr. Wright is on there. And I think Karl was on that committee too. So we'll have the voice.

Steger: In August.

Matthews: Okay. Well, we need to meet before there. So we'll get Mrs. Carter to set up a date with you guys.

Steger: Yes, sir. Thank you.

Re: Crossroads Services Board Update

Matthews: Item number L-3 which is Crossroads Services Board update. We have a speaker Mrs. Baker. Good evening.

Dr. Susan Baker: Okay, not sure the proximity here, so don't want to get too loud or too quiet. My name is Dr. Susan Baker. And I'm the Executive Director of Crossroads Community Services Board. And I'm happy to be a Mrs. Baker, sometimes.

Matthews: Alright, that's my kind of woman.

Baker: Tonight, I just wanted to share a little bit of information. Our board has been going through some challenging times. And they have asked that I do a brief presentation to the Board of Supervisors to maybe bring home a little more education about not so much what we do, but how we're funded. The how and why of it. Because the Boards have a request from us every year and they don't always know how we spend it, the same as STEPS or any other community service. And I'd like to just share a little bit tonight to tell you how that came about. Back in 1968, I know that's a long time ago, the Virginia legislature, in its wisdom decided to create community services boards. And what they did was they put in code that every county would be responsible for creating a board that would provide for the services that have now become mental health, substance abuse and developmental disability, although they were much more limited back then. And then over the years, it evolved into a little bit different situation in that they actually declared how we would be funded. So my annual budget for last year was about \$15.8- \$15.9 million. Of that 3.6 was in grants that came through the Department of Behavioral Health. We get other grants too. Some small some whatever, healthy families, some things like that. But for the grants that come through DBHDS, the legislature has mandated that we provide a local match of 10%. And as actually codifies that the department can only give us 90% of that revenue. So that's how that kind of came about. So when they established the idea that all the counties would create these service boards, they said, you can do it as one county, you know, Buckingham can have their own and manage it all. But what happened in our area is, I think the counties probably realize that funding an operation like that, over time, was cost prohibitive for a small area and small counties. You know, I mean, I listened to your budget tonight, I know, you struggle for every dollar, you know, as Karl said, you know, bringing your budget down to 31 million, you know, without the grants. Well, I sit here with almost 16 million in this agency. So where do we go from here, and so they created a seven county region, which includes Buckingham and Cumberland, Charlotte and Prince Edward, Lunenburg, and Nottoway, and Amelia counties. And collectively, the counties give us right now 374,000 a year of our \$16 million budget. But if you look at the grants that I just said, 3.6, and oftentimes, it's a range of like 3.6 to 3.8. That's exactly the 10% where we need to be to get those grants. I provided you a packet tonight that I hope you'll take some time to read when you get a chance, because it's going to say what I said tonight, but it's going to give you a lot more detail. And I will also explain the importance of the \$40,000 that Buckingham gives us right now. Without that if those grants went away, you know, it would be catastrophic to people that we serve, they provide for emergency services CTAC, mental health services step, Virginia, which is the governor's, you know, big push these years that has same day access, someone can come to our agency or call on

the phone and be seen very same day, if they're, you know, in crisis or just need to talk to somebody. Sometimes a situation can be, so minimized if they get immediate attention. So having said all that, that's how we got to this point, that's what the money numbers are. We employ about 281 people. We have one program that's very much a part of Buckingham, in that we have what's called a CTAC. And that is a training and emergency services place for individuals that are in the ECO and TDO commitment process. And so we hire 50, part time officers that do some amount of service in CTAC. And they are deputized, they may be from your Sheriff's Department. But they're deputized as well in Farmville under Prince Edward, so that someone comes in to be committed or evaluated for commitment. And that's can be a very long process. And your limited Sheriff's Department really can't afford to have somebody, you know, sitting and babysitting in our facility. So what this does, it allows for us to have someone deputized there that can take custody that we pay, and that, again frees up other officers to return to their home base, you know, until such time as they actually need to be transported to a hospital or whatever. It's a valuable program. And we do get funding for that. That would be part of the 10% that we're you know, match that we're talking about. We are licensed by Department of Behavioral Health, and we have a performance contract that I don't know how to make it any more detailed than to say it pretty much legislates every action that we take in everything we do. We are heavily audited. And so you know, it's a process. And you are an important part of that process. Your Sheriff's Department is, other ones in the community. Although we don't have a clinic at this time in Buckingham. That's certainly something that could be on the table if you would be interested. In 2020, we served 306 people in this county. That's unduplicated and so what that means is maybe somebody came in and only stayed a day or two getting an evaluation and then went on somewhere else. But also depending on the services, and it's an extensive continuum and array, they could have been seen 100 or more times throughout that year. So our encounter base is very, very, very high, and in the many 1000s. So then we had the pandemic, and we all had fun trying to figure that out, I'm sure. And Crossroads was no different. So what happened with us is, we had residential and day support and emergency services and medical services where people get their injections for their medications. All of those people, nothing changed. They...all the clients still came to our area. We still handled those services. Our greatest fear was that we would have an outbreak in a group home. And, you know, eventually that did happen. But we were very fortunate for the first better part of six months of the pandemic, we were able to keep it at bay. So, pandemic is winding down. We all hope. We did an in house vaccine program, which by the way, only about two of the 40 CSB's ever even tried to do, but we did it and we offered it to all of our staff first. And then we brought in our residential clients and then family members of staff and we met all the qualifications partnering with the Department of Health. And through that, and right now we have about 40% of our staff that are fully vaccinated. Unfortunately, we're still getting a lot of pushback from people that either don't see the need or think they could survive COVID if they got it or for whatever reason. So we're still working on it. And I'm hopeful that a few more people will realize that might be a good route to go. On March 22, we brought people that had converted to telehealth services, our case managers are therapists, enough professionals in our community that had decided, well we had decided could work from home, we brought them back to the office beginning in March. We're transitioning our clients all back to in person face to face services. That's been a challenging task. And you know, I heard a lot tonight about broadband and all that stuff. You know, it wasn't just the schools that were affected, we were trying to do therapy by telephone.

And it was very, very difficult. We had to postpone a few programs, PSR, a psychosocial rehabilitation program, some of our in house type work that we did, we had to put on hold. But all of the clients that were in those programs were contacted at least once a week to see if they had any imminent issues or things that we could help with. So having said all that, that's kind of what Crossroads is about and how we've gone through the pandemic, and how we're funded and some of that basic stuff. And I hope you'll find the packets informational. I can't leave tonight without mentioning that none of us is a stranger to the media and the newspapers. We heard that tonight. And I empathize deeply, because I definitely have been on the front line of that. But I will tell you that we have been a target of some very unfortunate things over the last year. And a lot of big allegations. Every allegation has been investigated most by the Office of the Inspector General. And every single accusation has been unfounded and unsubstantiated. And unfortunately, it still goes on. So if you hear things about Crossroads, you know, I would ask that you call me. You can call Jordan who is our board member representative. Heck, you can call Donnie because he's been with us for a long time. But anyway, please, please ask for the facts before you make a harsh decision, because it's been an unfortunate and very difficult time for all of us. And we are certainly trying to do the best for the 3000 clients we're serving right now. Questions?

Miles: Mr. Chairman, if I may, sir. Yeah, so I represent you all on the Crossroads Community Services Board and mental health and substance abuse and so on has been something big and I guess personal to me. And, you know, I don't know what Community Services Board isn't struggling right now with the pandemic. So, these, I mean, there's some of the struggles that we're going through some of the struggles that are even our own community services board are going through aren't acute to the Piedmont Health District. I know, you know, from talking to Dr. Baker, the Virginia Association of Community Services boards, all CSB's are really having a hard time right now due to a lot of different things, you know, COVID has made mental health to kind of skyrocket with substance abuse, anxiety, that kind of thing. And, you know, we've got a lot of room to grow at the agency, and the board has some things that we need to take care of in this agency. So you know, not all that all those hits in the media are 100% accurate, I can tell you that for a fact, in terms of what's been put out there by maybe some different supervisors, not in the in this county at all, but in some others. So I want to thank you, Dr. Baker, for coming.

Baker: Thank you for having me.

Matthews: Thank you, ma'am.

Re: Electoral Board: Correction of Address for the Sharon Baptist Church polling place for District 6 in the Redistricting Ordinance from Scottsville, Va 24590 to Arvonnia, Va 23004 for GPS Compatibility

Matthews: Okay, one of the sections on Department, Agency reports and items of consideration. Number 1, I'm gonna turn that...

Bryan: We already did that with the corrections in the minutes.

K. Carter: Yes, we changed it with the minutes corrections.

Matthews: Okay, we Okay, we did correct it. Okay, good deal.

Re: Solid Waste Department, Lyn Hill: Request for \$4,500 for Tire Day to be held on April 17, 2021 at the Gene Dixon Park

Matthews: Number 2 is the Solid Waste Department with Lyn Hill. Karl, you're going to take that?

K. Carter: Yes, sir. You should have in your packet a letter from Supervisor Lyn Hill for solid waste. He is requesting to have tire day this weekend, this Saturday, April 17. He said they were requesting \$4,500 to cover that cost. It will be held at Gene Dixon Park this year. They're trying a different site because of the library being at the Dillwyn Primary site as well. It used to be a free vacant parking lot set up perfect for but now they're going to try Gene Dixon Park. There's a cost for two trailers, the labor and snacks for the employees. Also, this will be he'll have the time between the hours of 7 and 11:30 Saturday morning.

Bryan: Mr. Carter. I read an email from Mr. Franz Bailey. I guess we all got it. Saying that since there's been minimal information available to the residents regarding the April 17 date, which I have to agree this is the first I've heard of tire day. He's suggesting that, you know, we postpone it to a later date. And I tend to agree with him. You know, I would like some more advertisement on tire day. For county residents to know where it's going to be, the time, you know, what they can dispose of? So my recommendation, I'm making a motion to postpone tire day.

Miles: You want to put a date on it. Mr. Chairman, Supervisor Bryan?

Bryan: Yes, sir. I'm looking at my calendar real quick. I would say my recommendation is to move it till Saturday, May 15. That gives us a month of good advertisement for the county residents.

Allen: You don't know how many ballgames gonna be there.

Bryan: Yeah, you know, I thought about that, too. Danny.

Matthews: They may have a bunch of other people.

Allen: I'm just saying the whole parking lot might be full.

Bryan: Yeah, they don't, you know, from what I've heard, they don't have the teams that they've had in the past. I definitely postponed it till May, and then if we can get with Todd and find out exactly, you know, what the traffic is going to be like at Gene Dixon Park. Because, you know, we have two huge areas there. Right, Danny, you know, we've got the new parking lot there. And then we've got expanded space, too. If you know, even if we had to mark off a certain area just

for the trailers, you know, we could do that as well. But my motion is to move it till May 15. So that we can get ample notice out to the residents of the county.

Bryant: Is there going to be a time set?

Bryan: Yes, sir. And a time set, same time. See, I mean, there was no, really there was no time listed in here. So...

K. Carter: 7:00 to 11:30.

Bryan: Yeah. 7:00 to 11:30.

Matthews: I got a suggestion for you, too. We've got a new group, the Anti-Litter Taskforce. Why don't you let them do some advertising for you?

Bryan: Yeah, absolutely.

Miles: Oh, sure, sure.

Bryan: You know, get with Lyn to put the word out as well.

Miles: Alright, so, Mr. Chairman, I would second the motion. And then Supervisor Matthews and I will work on that at the Anti-Litter Taskforce committee, because we were on that. And that's this, that a very interestingly, that's the same day of the, the awards ceremony, so maybe we can kind of, and I don't think it needs to be at the same location. But do it kind of structure where people can, you know, come bring the trash or the award ceremony, then go down to tires? Or vice versa? That kind of thing? Yeah.

Matthews: Our awards ceremony is gonna be 11 to 1, so that would allow people to leave our facility and come out there and do what they got to do.

K. Carter: Mr. Chairman, I would also ask that you in your motion or Supervisor Bryan include the cost and appropriation so he won't have to bring that back to you.

Bryan: Yes, sir. Yeah. I definitely agree. You know, to appropriate the money. My heartburn, Mr. Carter is with the date and the advertisement. So, yes, I fully support tire day. And the funding for it. I just want to move it to May.

Matthews: Okay. We got a motion. And second. Let's call for the vote.

Davis: Yes

Bryan: Yes

Matthews: Yes

Miles: Yes

Bryant: Yes

Chambers: Yes

Allen: Yes.

Supervisor Bryan moved, Vice Chairman Miles seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appropriate \$4,500 to Tire Day and postpone the date until May 15, 2021 at Gene Dixon Park from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Re: Regional Library Board: Reappointment or appointment to the Regional Library Board. Linda Paige is eligible for reappointment

Matthews: All right. We got the Regional Library Board reappointment or appointment to the Regional Library Board. Linda Paige is eligible for reappointment.

Bryan: I've not talked with Mrs. Paige to see if she wants to be on it again. We have a meeting tomorrow night? Have you talked to her?

K. Carter: She says she does.

Bryan: She does. Then I make a motion that we reappoint Mrs. Linda Paige.

Bryant: I'll second.

Matthews: Okay. We have a motion and a second. Can we call for the vote please?

Davis: Yes

Bryan: Yes

Matthews: Yes

Miles: Yes

Bryant: Yes

Chambers: Yes

Allen: Yes.

Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to reappoint Mrs. Linda Paige to the Regional Library Board to represent Buckingham County.

Re: Building Inspection: Request for Refund of Building Permit Fee in the Amount of \$97.59 minus the \$20.00 processing fee by Ricky Davis for permit 18356

Matthews: Building Inspection, request for refund of building permit fee in the amount of \$97.59 minus \$20.00 processing fee by Ricky Davis for permit number 18356.

Miles: So move Mr. Chairman.

Bryan: Second.

Matthews: Can we call for the vote?

Davis: Yes

Bryan: Yes

Matthews: Yes

Miles: Yes

Bryant: Yes

Chambers: Yes

Allen: Yes.

Vice Chairman Miles moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve to refund Mr. Ricky Davis for building permit fee for permit #18356 in the amount of \$97.59 minus the \$20.00 processing fee.

Re: Building Inspection: Request for refund of two building permit fees in the amount of \$492.32 and \$121.18 minus the \$20.00 processing fee by Fred and Jennifer Elliott

Matthews: Another building inspection, request for refund of building permit fee in the amount of \$492.32 and \$121.18 minus \$20.00 processing fee by Fred and Jennifer Elliot. I think they had some issues with bank appraisal.

Bryan: Probably with the... it looks reading it, it's the cost of lumber and everything has gone up. I move that we go ahead and approve that.

Bryant: Second.

Matthews: We've got a motion and a second. Call for the vote, please.

Davis: Yes

Bryan: Yes

Matthews: Yes

Miles: Yes

Bryant: Yes

Chambers: Yes

Allen: Yes.

Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the two building permit fee refunds to Fred and Jennifer Elliott in the amount of \$492.32 and \$121.18 minus \$20.00 processing fee.

Re: Sheriff Department: Disbanding of K-9 Program

Matthews: We have something from Sheriff Kidd on disbanding of the K-9 program. Would you like to speak on that Mr. Kidd?

Bryan: If you would please.

Uzdanovics: In our submitted letter, requesting disbanding of the K-9 program. I think it's self-explanatory. The age of the dog. Plus recent changes with the state law concerning marijuana and so forth. Our dog is certified in a multitude of drugs including marijuana which effectively not available for anything else. Once a dog trained, you can't untrain them to do it. So based off of that, we're requesting to go ahead and disband the program at this point in time. Maybe reevaluate at a later time to see if it might be feasible in the future. For right now, that's what we're requesting.

Bryan: Brent, I've always called you, Brent. So, um, have you looked into grants for the care of Nero after he's retired? I looked at a couple of websites. And, you know, granted, he's geriatric. So you know, he's going to need some care. And I believe there are some grants out there. If you would, would you mind looking at grants for his care? My recommendation right now is since he is a retired officer, that we still provide any medical care for him.

Uzdanovics: Yeah, if you have any information, by all means, go ahead and send that to me so we can take that into consideration as well.

Bryan: Okay.

Miles: And I think also, Mr. Chairman, the Commonwealth Regional Council could help out with that with looking for some.

Bryan: But right now, my motion is that the county still pick up the medical care for the retired officer.

Matthews: Would that apply for like a homeland security grant?

Bryan: I don't know.

Matthews: I was....I'm just curious.

Bryan: I was looking. And it's actually...one of the recommendations is it says, do retired police officers get a pension? It says it's important to provide medical care not only for the active K-9 officer, but also continued care for the dog when they retire. Because they don't get a pension. I mean, you know, we've asked him to, to do whatever, you know, throughout his career. So I'll definitely fund... I'll send you the sites and stuff to look at some grants. Okay. Thank you.

Matthews: Thank you, sir.

Miles: Do we need to vote on it. Mr. Chairman?

Bryan: So my son Officer Bryan, he is he's gonna take care of the feeding and stuff. We just need to take care of the medical care.

Matthews: You going to make a motion on that?

Bryan: Yeah. So that's my motion.

Chambers: Second.

Matthews: We have a motion and a second. Call for the vote, please.

Davis: Yes

Bryan: Yes

Matthews: Yes

Miles: Yes

Bryant: Yes

Chambers: Yes

Allen: Yes.

Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve for the County to pay for the medical expenses of Retired K-9 Officer Nero.

Re: Waiving of Credit/Debit Card Fees Deadline

Matthews: The next item on the agenda is waiving of the credit and debit card fees deadline. Any discussion on that?

Miles: The question, Mr. Chairman, is continue to waive the fees or should we let that kind of ride off into the sunset?

Matthews: Well, at some point time, we're gonna have to let it ride into. So I think that, you know, I think maybe through this pay cycle, which would be April 30, probably would be you know, I think our board has done a great job of taking care of our citizens and waiving this fee for almost two years now. So we're getting back to some type of normalcy with that. The economy is growing with people getting back to work. So, you know, obviously, this is going to have to...we can't keep doing this. So if you look at is pretty good chunk of change right there.

Miles: Yeah. So Mr. Chairman, I was going to say that we did nine months. But more than that now considering March and April of 2021 of more than \$20,000. So if we take no action, Mr. Carter, was this mean that it expires?

K. Carter: April 15. Yes, sir.

Miles: Well, okay. That's good. Okay, so yes, sir.

Re: Hazardous Duty Benefits for Emergency Services Resolution

Matthews: Next item is going to be Mr. Carter on Hazardous Duty Benefits for Emergency Services resolution.

K. Carter: Yes, attached is a resolution from the Virginia Retirement System regarding hazardous duty benefit. This benefit is offered positions that in the of course when they're doing their job or place in dangerous and hazardous working conditions. The positions that qualify for full time law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians and jail officers. So now that we have full paid medical personnel, they will qualify for this benefit if you adopt the resolution. We adopted a similar resolution for law enforcement back in 2008. Also, if you adopt this resolution, I ask you to include in the motion for the multiplier rate of 1.85% which again is the same as we approved for law enforcement back in 2008. And attached to the next page is a copy of that resolution.

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Enhanced Hazardous Duty Benefits

WHEREAS, subject to the approval of the Virginia Retirement System ("VRS") Board of Trustees, Code of Virginia § 51.1-138 permits a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia currently participating in VRS to make an irrevocable election to provide enhanced hazardous duty retirement benefits for its eligible employees as outlined in § 51.1-138; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the [insert Locality or Other Political Subdivision Name] (the "Employer") does hereby elect to have such employees of Employer who are employed in positions as full time [circle all that apply] Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians, Jail Officers and whose tenure is not restricted as to temporary or provisional appointment, become eligible, effective the first day of [insert month and year], for VRS benefits equivalent to those provided for state police officers of the Department of State Police, as set out in § 51.1-138 including the retirement multiplier of [circle stated multiplier] 1.75% or 1.85%, in lieu of the benefits that would otherwise be provided to such employees, and Employer agrees to pay the employer cost for providing such benefits; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the officers of Employer are hereby authorized and directed in the name of Employer to carry out the provisions of this resolution and to pay to the Treasurer of Virginia from time to time such sums as are due to be paid by Employer for this purpose.

Governing Body Chair

CERTIFICATE

I, [insert name], [insert title] of the Employer, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed at a lawfully organized meeting of the Employer held at [insert county/city/town], Virginia at [insert time] on [insert date], 20___. Given under my hand and seal of the Employer this ___ day of _____, 20__.

Signature

Matthews: Do we need to make a motion in regards to that?

K. Carter: Yes sir.

Bryan: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

Miles: Second.

Matthews: We have a motion and a second. Can we have a vote on that, please?

Davis: Yes

Bryan: Yes

Matthews: Yes

Miles: Yes

Bryant: Yes

Chambers: Yes

Allen: Yes.

Supervisor Bryan moved, Vice Chairman Miles seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Hazardous Duty Benefits for Emergency Services resolution as presented.

Re: Purchase of Text Books with Training Reserve Funds

Matthews: Mr. Carter, purchase of textbooks for training from reserve funds from the EMS.

K. Carter: What this is Mr. Chairman, as we've talked about in the budget tonight, we have that line item for training and for volunteers. Mr. Davis is going to teach a Fire-1 training class. And so he wants to use money from his training funds to purchase text books, study guides, for this Firefighter-1 class. They're currently ten students scheduled for the class at this time, which is a good number. The total cost of all materials is \$753.10. And if we do approve this, this would be the first time we use that fund this year. So that will leave a balance of \$19,246.90.

Bryan: Absolutely.

Miles: That's wonderful.

Bryan: So moved Mr. Chairman. And with 10 people signed up. That's great.

Allen: Second

Matthews: We have a motion. Do we get a second on that?

Allen: Yes.

Matthews: Okay. Can we call for the vote on that?

Davis: Yes
Bryan: Yes
Matthews: Yes
Miles: Yes
Bryant: Yes
Chambers: Yes
Allen: Yes.

Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve to use \$753.10 from the EMS Training Reserve to pay for Firefighter-1 Class Textbooks and Study Guides for a class.

Re: Gary Wood, Central Virginia Electric: Memorandum of Understanding

Matthews: Galen Creekmore, Central Virginia electric memorandum of understanding. And this has to do with that internet service and stuff. But Karl, are you gonna go through this or what?

K. Carter: I think we have Mr. Creekmore on the phone here.

Wood: Hello, Good evening. This is Gary Wood of Firefly. And so Galen couldn't make it. He assigned me to take care of his duties for him. I appreciate y'all making time for us. Actually, Galen is online as well as Melissa Gay our Member Services and Communications Manager. If you have just a few minutes, I know you've got a really packed agenda. I'd like to give you a quick update on where we stand with our CVEC project and then talk about a pretty exciting project we're going to ask you to sign on to look at non CVEC areas in the county. So I won't take too long but you're familiar with Firefly. Firefly Fiber Broadband is a subsidiary of Central Virginia Electric CoOp. And this is a map of the county. Many of you are already familiar with the service territories of the electric providers. We did not show there's one little area with about 20 Southside accounts in it but in general, that pinkish area is Central Virginia Electric CoOp service territory. And the blueish area is Dominion Energy. Our Firefly and CVEC project, we are completing the southern portion of the build out there now out of our Curdsville substation. And I believe with that with the build out that we had in Pamplin and we also are just about finished a little bit about Tower Hill substation which comes in from Appomattox just a little bit. We should have somewhere around 1000 or 1100 accounts that have service available to them. If not, by the end of April, by the early part of May, most of those already have it available. We have, I don't have that number of active accounts today. But I believe we're seeing about 50 to 60% of the homes we pass have signed up for service. And then once we're finished in an area they tend to continue signing up. Some people have satellite subscriptions that they want to wait to run out or cell phone subscriptions before they add our internet service over. We've seen an area, we've already completed say early last year those rates are now up over 70% of people online and in a number of areas. So we've got about 1000 that were already past. Mt. Rush, I heard earlier tonight there was a question about Mount Rush and then over toward Yogaville. We will be in that area with fiber construction soon. We have been, we've completed the make ready construction in the Mount Rush area and we are performing make ready construction in the area

around Yogaville. That's actually served from our Schylur substation in Nelson County. We're going to build all of that at one time. The Mount Rush piece that will add about 1800 more passings. The fiber construction should get underway within the next couple of months. And I think I heard earlier the August date thrown out. We should start making connections in August. We won't necessarily be finished in August. But we should be able to finish fairly quickly. We're adding about 150 to 180 accounts per week. Putting people online right now. We're building about 20 miles of fiber optic, putting it in the air right now. And we're actually have additional crews coming. We'll be pushing that up closer to 25 miles soon. And we'll be working in a couple of different substation areas at once as we get into this summer, which is an expansion for us. We've generally been working one at a time. But we're moving faster because we intend to be completed the CVEC build by June of 2022. And that's all of the main line build and we may still be adding a few connections after that. But going back to Buckingham, the Centenary substation for the North will be the one piece left after we finished Mount Rush. Centenary, we have on schedule, probably for just after the first of the year, early next year. We may get to it by late this year, but more likely early next year. So middle of the year next year, all of that pinkish portion of the county should have access to fiber optic internet up to gigabit speeds with our standard SERPs. So tonight, I want to talk about the blue area. And we have partnered with Dominion Energy. You may have heard a little bit about this, but I'm gonna just touch on it briefly tonight. Dominion has a program where they can build, they can build fiber along their main lines and major taps and lease it to internet service providers. We have agreed with Dominion to take on a large regional project that will cover parts of about eight or nine counties. And Buckingham County is right in the middle of that. If you agree to sign the memorandum of understanding you'll participate in the first steps to that this summer. And let me give you another slide here. We've actually got three phases to the project. And this is a project that will provide universal access to internet in all of these counties in the Dominion area where accounts are or where locations are presently unserved using the unserved definition of the Virginia telecommunications initiative or body program, and the FCC. I'll talk about that a little more in a minute. So if you are willing to sign on this summer, we will do a study that will determine exactly where those eligible areas are. We know pretty much where they are now from FCC map, at least have a good first shot at it. But the study will be used to come into the county. Ask the community to participate. And anyone who does not have adequate internet access, we'll ask to make sure that we know where they are and that we include them on the map. We'll ask the county to help us with publicizing that with letting us know of any areas that you know of where there's an unavailability of internet service. At the end of that, we will come back to the county, and this will be probably in the August timeframe because the body grants have to go in this year in September, and we'll get to that minute. But when we originally started this project, we thought we would have until October or early November to complete the study. But because of the state's grant deadlines issue, we're gonna have to finish it a little earlier. So we're going to be real busy this summer. We'll do that study, we'll come back to the county and say, here's what it's going to cost in Buckingham County to build this out. We already know when we build outside of the CVEC area, it's more expensive for Firefly. When we can build inside the area, and we have access to the CVEC poles, and we can build higher up on the polls, there's some things we can do to keep the cost down. So we know that we'll be a little more expensive. Dominion is helping some with that with their program, the way it's set up. They can assist some in keeping that cost down. But we will come back to the county and say here's what it will cost to serve the

rest of the county that is an unserved area. And then we'll show you what we believe we can get in terms of state grants. And we'll let you know if we need a local contribution. The local contribution does two things. One, it helps keep the cost down a little bit. Two, it helps qualify for the state grants. And that's one of the things that the state's looking for is a little bit of local contribution. I don't have any numbers yet for this. But I would think that you're talking about something in the neighborhood of \$500,000 to a million dollars, if I had to just throw a wild guess off the top of my head. I may be wrong about that one way or the other. As you see some onetime CARES funding this year, if you have some available to set aside for broadband that may help you meet the requests that we'll have. Firefly will pay the rest. And we'll show you what we can fund out of the revenues we have. And then we'll show you what the remaining cost is that we need to be made up with grants. So that's phase two. At the end of that presentation, we'll give you time and you'll be able to decide whether you want to provide that funding and be in the next phase, which is actual construction. If you are, as far as the timing, Dominion has to get approval from the State Corporation Commission for all of the areas that they build this fiber program in. So this year, they have approval in three different parts of the state that is still being reviewed by the SCC, and that is their first round of applications. Firefly will be in their second round of applications. They intend to file by the first of December or around there. And then the approval process can take anywhere from three to six months. Dominion can start doing some of the construction prior to that. They probably won't put up fiber, but they can do some other things to prepare the poles. They are also getting easements along all of their lines to put the fiber up so they can start that work. The real construction would start in 2022. The total project for Dominion, it sounds like a fairly large when you touch parts of 10 counties. But by my estimation, this was not Dominions. This is mine. By my estimation, we will be a total of about between 800-900 miles of fiber for the portion that they will build in that program and the portion that Firefly will build. So I said earlier that Dominion can build along their main lines and their major lateral taps. At that point, Firefly will be able to take off from their fiber and build further out to smaller taps and also put service drops out home. So we will still have some construction that goes beyond the Dominion piece. So Dominion believes that they can build that project in probably 12 to 18 months. The entire area across all 10 counties. That's not unreasonable right now Central Virginia Electric CoOp is building 800 to 1000 miles a year. So certainly Dominion and Firefly should be able to figure out together how to build 800 or 900 miles in a year. So that's a timeframe for you. So what we're going to ask you is if you would sign the memorandum of understanding. If you've looked at the document, I think Galen has sent it down. It does have some language in there that says we could ask for some funding for this study this summer. We are not planning to ask the local counties for any funding. Firefly will be doing the study. We are planning on asking some of the Regional Planning Commission's if they can pursue some grants to help offset the cost of the study a little bit. If we can get that that's good. If not, Firefly is going to share that cost. They're not going to come back and nickel and dime you. So your real commitment with the MOU is just to be in it, commit help and publicize and find all those unserved areas, and to work with us and we're going to ask you to only work with us on a body grant that covers the rest of the county. And that way, it's not confusing as to who's doing what, and where. And we're going to cover it all. When we offer to do that, we were offering to provide just at the same standard rate as other service from Firefly. It's \$49.99 for the 100 megabit service package, and \$79.99 for gigabit service. And then phone services available for \$29.99 for those packages. We will connect people up to 1000 feet off of the main line. As

far as the service drop, for extensions beyond that, we will provide the material with people just pay for the cost of burying it. And I think that's a little over \$1 a foot. That's pretty much the probe. And we're pretty simple company. We just sell internet service mainly with a little bit of telephone service also. So with that, I would like to ask you to consider signing the MOU. And I'll be glad to take any questions. And whether it's an update on a project or a question about this study and the universal service project we're asking you to be a part of.

PHASE ONE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Phase One Memorandum of Understanding (this "Memorandum") is made effective as of March 1, 2021 (the "Effective Date"), by and between Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia, a Virginia public service corporation ("Dominion"), Central Virginia Services, Inc. d/b/a Firefly Fiber Broadband, a Virginia stock corporation ("Firefly"), Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, a Virginia electric cooperative corporation ("REC"), and each of the participating counties who subsequently join this Memorandum in the manner set forth herein ("Participating Counties"). Dominion, Firefly, and REC are, collectively, the "Organizing Parties", and Dominion, Firefly, REC, and each Participating County are each a "Party" and collectively may be referred to as the "Parties".

RECITALS

- A. Pursuant to the Virginia Code § 56-585.1:9, effective July 1, 2019 (the "Pilot Statute") the Commonwealth of Virginia is seeking to expand broadband services into unserved areas of the Commonwealth. The Pilot Statute further permits electric utilities to pursue pilot programs with broadband providers and local counties and municipalities to facilitate such expansion.
- B. Dominion and Firefly have explored the feasibility of Dominion deploying middle mile service to facilitate Firefly in extending last-mile service to unserved populations throughout the communities Virginia and have identified several counties as viable candidates based on the legislative requirements for such a pilot program.
- C. REC desires to collaborate with Dominion and Firefly to leverage the proposed middle-mile and last-mile deployments by Dominion and Firefly, respectively, to improve the security, reliability and efficiency of REC's electric system and to extend broadband availability to as many of REC's unserved members as reasonably possible.
- D. The Organizing Parties believe their partnership as set forth herein (the "Initiative") can dramatically expand broadband access to presently unserved areas throughout Virginia, and are inviting counties that could benefit from the Initiative to join this Memorandum and become Participating Counties.
- E. The Parties will pursue a relationship whereby: (i) pursuant to the Pilot Statute, Dominion would construct a fiber route that maximizes the number of unserved areas to be served by Firefly within each Participating County, (ii) Dominion will leverage the additional fiber installed along the route to connect devices that may not have had fiber connectivity under the original plan pursuant to the Grid Transformation and Security Act, (iii) REC will leverage the Initiative to improve the security, reliability and efficiency of REC's electric system and to facilitate the extension of broadband availability to as many of REC's unserved members as possible, (iv) Firefly will collaborate with and invest in each Participating County and use the additional Dominion fiber capacity and network elements contributed by REC to serve broadband end users in unserved locations in each Participating County, and (v) each Participating County will share relevant information with the Organizing Parties and collaborate with the Organizing Parties to advance the Initiative. The efforts of the Parties herein in each such Participating County shall be referred to as a "Project", and collectively the "Projects".
- F. It is the intention of the Parties that the Initiative will result in the deployment of a fiber-to-the-premises last-mile broadband network to offer service to all locations within each Participating County that are unserved as of the date hereof. The Parties acknowledge and

agree that the specific details and characteristics of each Project will be analyzed and refined as the Initiative proceeds.

G. The Organizing Parties have divided the Initiative into three phases.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. PROCEDURE TO BECOME A PARTICIPATING COUNTY

Any county that is invited to join the Initiative by the Organizing Parties shall have until April 1, 2021 to return a counterpart signature page to this Memorandum to the Organizing Parties; provided the Organizing Parties may extend this deadline for good cause if such extension will not materially delay the Initiative. Upon acceptance of the counterpart signature page by the Organizing Parties, such county shall become a Participating County.

2. INFORMATION SHARING AND COORDINATION

- a) Each Participating County and each Organizing Party agrees to share with the Organizing Parties such information as it has in its possession related to broadband deployment and availability that may be useful to the Organizing Parties in conducting their analysis or otherwise facilitate the Initiative.
- b) Firefly will serve as the central conduit for all information sharing activities and will be responsible for overall coordination of the Initiative.
- c) The Parties will coordinate any communication releases to the public, and all announcements are subject to the prior written consent of Dominion and prior written or verbal consent of all parties.
- d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary hereunder, in no event does this sharing of information agreement require any Party to disclose confidential or proprietary information not otherwise authorized for release to any Party or Parties.

3. PHASE ONE TIMEFRAME AND ACTIVITIES

- a) The Parties anticipate that Phase I of the Initiative will continue until approximately June 30, 2021.
- b) During Phase I:
 - a. The Organizing Parties will conduct community and stakeholder engagement activities in each Participating County.
 - b. The Organizing Parties will collaborate to develop preliminary plans and design criteria that: (i) are consistent with the Pilot Statute, (ii) support REC's desire to leverage the Initiative to improve the security, reliability and efficiency of REC's electric system, and (iii) facilitate the extension of broadband availability to as many presently unserved locations as reasonably possible.
 - c. Firefly will perform a last-mile feasibility study ("Initial Feasibility Study") for the Project within each Participating County.
 - d. Firefly will prepare a preliminary financial analysis for the Project within each Participating County.
 - e. The Participating Counties, and each Organizing Party, as applicable, will agree to support an application for one or more grant programs ("Phase I Grants") to partially offset the cost of the Initial Feasibility Study and financial analysis. Firefly will coordinate and oversee the development and submission of applications for Phase I Grants. The Parties anticipate that the Phase I Grants will not require any local matching funding.
- c) At the Conclusion of Phase I:
 - a. Firefly, in coordination with the other Organizing Parties, will present the results of the Initial Feasibility Study and financial analysis to each Participating County.
 - b. Firefly will identify the cost of Proceeding to Phase II for each Participating County and

identify grants and other sources of potential funding to reduce or eliminate each Participating County's out-of-pocket costs to proceed.

- e. Each Participating County will decide whether or not to continue to Phase II. Counties that elect to withdraw from the Initiative at the conclusion of Phase I will have no further obligations under this Memorandum.

4. PHASE TWO TIMEFRAME AND ACTIVITIES

- a) The Parties anticipate that Phase II of the Initiative will commence upon the conclusion of Phase I and continue until approximately December 31, 2021.

- b) During Phase II:

- i. Dominion will prepare a petition (the "Petition") under the Pilot Statute to the Virginia State Corporation Commission (the "Commission") seeking approval of the Projects that are then included in the Initiative. Firefly will serve as the nongovernmental internet service provider pursuant to the Pilot Statute. Firefly and each of the other Parties will provide such information and assistance to Dominion as it may reasonably request to advance the Initiative and will commit to continuing to be involved in the Petition until and after approval of the Petition is received. The Parties agree that implementation of each Project shall be contingent upon Commission approval of such Project on terms and conditions approved by Dominion that are not materially adverse to Dominion.
- ii. Firefly will complete preliminary last-mile designs for each Project based upon the Dominion middle-mile infrastructure and such network elements as REC elects to contribute to the Initiative. Such last-mile designs will be tailored to maximize each Project's eligibility for all available state and federal grant, loan, loan guarantee, and other support mechanisms (collectively, "Public Support Mechanisms").
- iii. Firefly will prepare detailed financial plans for each Project. Each financial plan will address initial capital investment needs, ongoing operational expenses and provide more than one indicative approach for funding each Project through a combination of private capital, Public Support Mechanisms and contributions from Participating Counties.
- iv. The Participating Counties, and each Organizing Party, as applicable, will agree to support an application for one or more grant programs ("Phase II Grants") to partially offset the cost of the activities to be conducted during Phase II. Firefly will coordinate and oversee the development and submission of applications for Phase II Grants.
- v. Firefly will coordinate and oversee the development and submission of applications for all available Public Support Mechanisms to fund each Project within the Initiative.

- c) At the Conclusion of Phase II:

- i. Firefly will present the anticipated outcome of its last-mile designs to each Participating County.
- ii. Each Participating County will decide whether or not to continue to Phase III. Counties that elect to proceed to Phase III will enter into negotiations with Firefly for one or more binding mutual definitive agreements ("Definitive Agreements"), setting forth their respective commitments and obligations and such particulars as the parties thereto may deem appropriate. Counties that elect to withdraw from the Initiative at the conclusion of Phase II will have no further obligations under this Memorandum.

5. EXPENSES

The Parties understand that various costs will be incurred in relation to activities contemplated herein. The Parties understand that regardless of which Party incurs such costs, none of the Parties herein shall be responsible for reimbursement of expenses to any of the others, unless such reimbursement is to be funded by a Phase I Grant or Phase II Grant, or otherwise agreed to in the Definitive Agreements.

6. **GOOD FAITH COMMITMENT TO INITIATIVE**

- a) Each Participating County agrees that, for so long as it is a Party to this Memorandum, it shall not participate in any activity or course of conduct that is inconsistent with or competitive to the Initiative, and that it will devote its broadband-related attention and resources to the Initiative.
- b) The Parties understand and agree that, except as provided in the next sentence, this Memorandum (i) constitutes only a statement of intentions, (ii) does not reflect all matters upon which Definitive Agreements must be reached in order for the transactions contemplated hereby to be consummated, (iii) binding obligations with respect to a Project will only result from the execution of one or more Definitive Agreements and subject to the terms and conditions stated therein, and (iv) does not obligate the Parties to enter into any Definitive Agreement relating to any Project. This Memorandum is not intended to be binding, other than Paragraphs 4(b)(i), 5 and 6.

7. **TERMINATION**

Any Party may terminate its participation in this Memorandum at any time, with or without cause, upon written notice to the other Parties with at least ten (10) days prior notice. In addition, this Memorandum shall terminate and be of no further force and effect if the Commission rejects the petition.

8. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

No Party shall be liable to the others in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any claims, liabilities or losses arising out of this Memorandum or alleged to result from the failure of the other Party to enter into any Definitive Agreements. The Parties hereby waive, in advance, any claims (whether such claims are based on breach of contract, tort, equity or any other theory) for the failure for any reason to enter into the Definitive Agreements. In no event shall any Party be liable to the other for any incidental, indirect, special, punitive or consequential damages (including without limitation damages for lost profits).

9. **GENERAL**

a. **Governing Law.**

This Memorandum shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

b. **Amendments.**

No modification, amendment or waiver of any of the provisions of this Memorandum will be binding without the written consent of the Parties hereto.

c. **Binding Effect; Assignment.**

This Memorandum will inure to the benefit of and be binding upon each of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns to the extent provided in Section 6, but in no respect shall give rise to any third party beneficiary rights or claims. No Party may assign any of its rights, interests, or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the other Parties, except that any of the Organizing Parties may assign

this Memorandum to an affiliated entity upon written notice to the other Parties.

d. Counterparts.

This Memorandum may be executed in counterparts, all of which for all purposes shall be deemed to be an original and all of which shall, taken together, constitute one and the same instrument.

e. Relationship of Parties.

Nothing in this Memorandum shall be deemed to constitute, create, give effect to, or otherwise recognize a joint venture, partnership, or formal business entity of any kind.

f. Notices.

All notices, requests and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and delivered by hand, by nationally-recognized delivery service that guarantees overnight delivery, or by first-class registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

If to Dominion:

Dominion Energy Virginia
600 Canal Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219
Attention: Director, Electric Distribution Grid Solutions

with a copy to:

Dominion Energy Services, Inc.
120 Tredegar Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219
Attention: Deputy General Counsel – State Regulatory
Fax: (804) 819-2677

If to Firefly:

[Firefly for notice by US Mail:
Firefly Fiber Broadband
Attention: President and CEO
P O Box 359
Lovingson, VA 22949

For Firefly for notice by overnight delivery:
Firefly Fiber Broadband
Attn: President and CEO
800 Cooperative Way
Arrington, VA 22922

If to REC:

Rappahannock Electric Cooperative
P.O. Box 7388
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22404-7388
Attention: Director of Broadband and Fiber Services

If to a Participating County, to the address set forth on such Participating County's counterpart signature page to this Memorandum.

Any Party may change its address at any time upon notice to the other Parties.

Matthews: Mr. Wood, this is Don Matthews in District 3. I've got a question for you.

Wood: Yes, sir.

Matthews: I'm getting a lot of feedback from customers in District 3. I see a lot of black boxes, but I don't see a lot of people getting these door knockers, or they're saying they're going a month or so before anybody contacts them about getting the service connected to the home. Are we on schedule with that? Or what is it looking like from your end?

Wood: Well, alright, well, we actually have mailed every CVEC account member should have gotten about three different letters during the construction period telling them what's going on. And they should have gotten a flyer mailed to them from Firefly to request that they sign up. We are getting we've got about 60% of the folks who have signed up. We are still putting in service jobs. So once we do the main backbone construction, and I think they're just about finished up all the final licensing and everything down in your area. We've started putting in those service drops to the home. We'll continue putting those in. We probably have another 300 or so of those to finish up. And then after the outside crew comes in, puts the service over to your house and put the box on the house, that's when you get a call. We only do that if you if you signed up online. Once you put the box on the house, then Firefly will call you and ask schedule to come inside and set up the router where we set up the Wi Fi service, which is a free router that that we provide also. So if you have people who are saying that they're not sure how to sign up, they can call Firefly or go online to the Firefly site. They should be able to sign up there.

Matthews: Okay, so they just need to go to the Firefly site and sign up. Don't call Central Virginia Electric. Right. Don't call you guys.

Wood: Exactly. If you call Central Virginia, we're going to tell you that the State Corporation Commission will not allow us to talk about in service and please call Firefly.

Matthews: Okay, I tell you what, keep putting those flyers into mailboxes though because you know, some people see something and they may not pay attention to it or think its junk mail or something like that. So I encourage you to keep doing that so that we can get coverage to all these people and get you online.

Wood: Absolutely. We will. So in the... before COVID, we did the, the flyers, and then we held a community meeting. We did n online meeting for Curdsville. But when we're in the community meeting, that helps a little bit, when you see the trucks around, and you should see our Firefly pickup that are doing the service installations. That's usually one more visible indication that we're in the area and connecting people. And then we always do a last call postcard, also, we call about it. So we'll make sure and make contact with them. The same way that the folks in Mount Rush should soon as we start construction over there, they will see their invitation to sign up service.

Matthews: So, you know, we get a newsletter, I mean, I'm a customer of CVEC, we get a newsletter every so often. So. And I know I've seen some stuff about Firefly in there on several occasions, but make sure they update that too. So that all your constituents and people here in this neck of the woods are getting that information a couple different ways. So it's easy for them to communicate with you, if you don't mind. I know I've had several people, a bunch of people,

tell you truth, that for whatever reason they've misplaced whatever they needed to have to get signed up. So

Wood: I appreciate that. But one of the things we've found and it's not surprising. People don't like to read letters from their power company, unless they think there's a reason to read them. Let's use that where we can. We're a little bit restricted. And I mentioned the State Corporation Commission. They will not allow Firefly to have marketing information in the CVEC newsletter.

Matthews: Oh really.

Wood: So we can put information in that says we're building the fiber and that we own the internet company. But we can't put data that says you can sign up for service. Which is the restriction that the competitors in the industry ask for on Firefly and, and the SCC granted it. So we will continue to push the word out and do everything we can. And every time you find somebody tell them go online or call Firefly or call me, and I'll get them in touch. I'm the CEO of both companies, I can talk to him.

Matthews: I'll definitely do that.

Miles: Mr. Chairman, if it's appropriate. Mr. Chairman, I would offer a motion that we agree and adopt the memorandum of understanding. And just real quick, I know, I think I was on the call with the Commonwealth Regional Council. And I know you are too, Mr. Chairman, I as to that at say two months ago, and this is a game changer to me for getting broadband to those last mile folks, and I wish some of the folks were still here. But this is going to be a really good opportunity for everyone in all of our districts across all of Buckingham. So I put that in the form of a motion, sir.

Bryan: Second.

Matthews: We got a motion and a second. Can we call for the vote please?

Davis: Yes

Bryan: Yes

Matthews: Yes

Miles: Yes

Bryant: Yes

Chambers: Yes

Allen: Yes.

Vice Chairman Miles moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to agree to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Firefly.

Wood: Thank you so much. Now we can go to work.

Allen: I have one question before you go. I'm three miles north Dillwyn on Thomas Road. I noticed they've already run some line down that road meter box and some wires. Is that part of the deal?

Wood: That is not us. We are not building in that area. Dominion maybe putting something up. I know that there are some areas that Comcast is also building in some areas down there and I'm not as familiar with that as Mr. Shumaker may be able to give you a little more insight. But we intend to make sure that that good service is available to everybody in Buckingham County by the time this project is over.

Allen: I was just wondering was that something y'all are doing. Okay. Thank you.

Wood: We are not on the Dominion system yet.

Allen: Okay. Appreciate it.

Wood: All right. Thank you.

Re: County Attorney Matters

Wright: Mr. Chairman, I have three matters I'd like to discuss. I'll try to be very brief. Some of them are in coordination with Mrs. Carter's absence and division of labor between the administrative tasks left. I want to give you an update of the status of where they stand with the Dillwyn medical offices in Dillwyn. If you remember, there was a proposal made, I reviewed that proposal the same night it came to the Board. The concept is good but the property description was inadequate to a few other little odds and ends and we made those changes, and Mrs. Carter passed them all. Advise me the last time we had conversations that it takes them a long time to work that process through just to get even the I's dotted and T's crossed and change away with that still in the in the pipeline. And we've had no negative feedback from anybody that that's not progressing as it should progress. But just not progressing as fast as we'd like for it to, but it's no negative feedback at all. Second thing is a carryover item that you're also aware of, and it just didn't make the board package because Mrs. Carter had received from Dominion, the contract, or at least an agreement relating to the million and a half a donation and a resolution that actually needed to be a little modified, and that's been modified. So with the board's permission, when you come back next Monday night, we'd like to bring that resolution and agreement for you to authorize the resolution, the signing of that agreement with Dominion so that you can receive the million and a half dollars Dominion is willing to provide to the county. But if you don't have opposition to that, we'll see that you get that and elevate along. The third item is an item that she was working on. And I guess I've inherited some of that, to pick it up because of the sad situation with her family. As most of you are aware, Hatton Ferry has not operated in a little bit of time. She was approached by the representative of the entity that owns Hatton Ferry. If you've been down there, and I have not been, I've seen pictures of the ferry is up in the trees, and I'm not in a good position. It's creating problems for the neighbors. And I've had some complaints on the other hand, about that nuisance in the area. But the owners of the ferry have indicated they would like to turn that ferry over to the Board of Supervisors. And

conversation I was part of we indicated that if the board decided to accept that it would have to be an unconditional thing. If you could find somebody to pass it on to to run it and operate it, then that'd be a good thing for Buckingham and Albemarle and for the state and history generally. But if we couldn't, then it would need to probably be done with it just to prevent the potential hazard and someone getting hurt there. So what I'm asking is either you appoint a committee or authorize staff to go ahead and enter into some kind of arrangement contingent upon y'all reviewing it, so that we can get that moving, because I think it's gonna be a very short window that the board's gonna really have to do something. And if you have no objection, we may try to bring you something back next Monday night for you to take a look at and as much lead time as we'll give you, we'll try to get through the paperwork ahead of time. At first I wanted I guess, I wanted to test the waters, whether you really want to talk about the possibility of Hatton Ferry coming to the county with the idea you passing it on to somebody to operate and preserve it. And if you have no objection that we'll try to put something in place, staff will try to put something in place to bring to you for your consideration next Monday night. Any questions on any of those?

Matthews: You'll have information next Monday night?

Wright: You will definitely have that information on Dominion. And we hope to have some information to you that you can take some action on with Hatton Ferry. And when you pass it on, I know there's some discussion. Maybe it's not everyone approach by people who would like to see that ferry continue to operate it. Historically, y'all have made some donations to the operation of that. So if you decide to take it, you pass it on and you might want to make a small contribution just to help that and I've not suggested that. That's y'all's policy area. Any questions? Thank you.

Re: County Administrator's Report

K. Carter: Yes, Mr. Chairman, Becky provided you are a letter from the Department of Transportation saying that Commonwealth Regional Department of Transportation Board, will be having a series of virtual public meetings to get the public the opportunity to provide comments on projects and programs in fiscal year 2022 through 2027 for the Six Year Improvement Program. These meetings will all be virtual. The meetings for our area will be conducted on April 29. And it will start at 4:00. Like our meetings you can submit comments ahead of time following the link provided in your packet. And if you cannot attend to meeting, what did she say, you can attend one of the meetings in our region or send comments through one the means listed in the packet. If you can't make it to the meeting you can still attend virtually. The broadband update, I don't think I can say any more than Gary, Mr. Wood just said about what was going on in the county. Also in your packet, you will see that the DEQ report. We met our recycling requirements. The rate was 15%. And I think we achieved 27.7% for our final recyclable rate. And the Dillwyn solid waste site update. That is already been advertised. We will have the bids due May 5, and they will be opened and read out loud. We actually have a mandatory pre bid conference meeting tomorrow at 1:30 to talk to any contractors who is interested so they all must attend that meeting tomorrow. And way we will see who's going to bidding on it and get a number of contracts that will be bidding on it. And so I will bring that

back to you in the beginning of our meeting in May when the bids are due. We should have something for you May meeting on who's the low bidder.

Matthews: Thank you Mr. Carter.

Re: Information Items

Matthews: Informational items. We've got the March building permit report in your packet. The CRC information is in a separate handout. Buckingham County Public School membership report in our packet. Sarah Maddox, Piedmont Area Veterans Council save the date dedication ceremony for the newest section in Trinity Memorial Garden will honor veterans and first responders on June 14 2021 at 10am. And then our second COVID-19 vaccination event on Friday, April 16 2021.

K. Carter: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman, and Cody Davis told me that they will be doing the Moderna vaccination on that day.

Matthews: Okay, not the Johnson and Johnson. Okay, good news. All right.

Re: Other Board Matters

Matthews: Other board members matters. We have one item, the Anti-Litter Taskforce. Mr. Miles has a handout for you. So I'm gonna let him take it from here.

Miles: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, yet very, very briefly, colleagues is that Anti-litter even though the spring cleanup starts on the 15th, Earth Day of April, at least 70 bags have already been picked up. I think we should be very proud of that. We've got just folks who are getting orange bags from Mr. Hill, from Sherry Holbrook, who serves as chairman of the task force, and they're just picking up because they don't want to be part of the competition, but they just want to clean up the roads. And it's happening in all of our districts. And I've got word yesterday that there's about 10 or 15 people who are going to start, I guess maybe in two weeks ish. They're going to start at the Scottsville Bridge, and they're going to hid South because that's a really littered area. It's probably no more littered than any certain areas. But anyway, so if you know of anybody, please, please direct them to the information that that we passed out. Supervisor Matthews, and I serve on that. And we've been meeting very regularly had a really good meeting on Thursday. And a big thanks to Keep Virginia beautiful. And again, that that starts on the 15th. And it concludes on about I'm sorry, starts on April 22 ends on May 15. And that same day as our proposed at or the tire pickup, so also big thanks for Kyanite and Blue Rock for picking up there. They're not part of this because they do it annually. But so things are happening, guys, I just wanted to update y'all on that. Thank you.

Matthews: And that wraps that up. I'm gonna turn it over to Mr. Bryan for executive closed session.

Re: Executive Closed Session

Bryan: Mr. Chairman, I move that we go into Executive closed session. Discussion and consideration are interviews of prospective candidates for employment assignment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body and evaluation of performance departments under Virginia code 2.2-3711.A.1

Miles: Second, Mr. Chairman.

Bryan: Also discussion or consideration to the acquisition of real property for public purpose or the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy. The public body? Virginia code 2.2-3711.A.3.

Matthews: All right. We have a motion and a second on the floor. Call for the vote.

Davis: Yes

Bryan: Yes

Matthews: Yes

Miles: Yes

Bryant: Yes

Chambers: Yes

Allen: Yes.

Supervisor Bryan moved, Vice Chairman Miles seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to enter into executive closed session under the above mentioned codes.

Re: Return to Regular Session and Certification

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

Allen: Second.

Matthews: We have a motion and a second call for the vote.

Davis: Yes

Bryan: Yes

Matthews: Yes

Miles: Yes

Bryant: Yes

Chambers: Yes

Allen: Yes.

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

Re: Recess to reconvene.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Matthews recessed to reconvene on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. for the adoption of the FY22-22 Operating Budget.

ATTEST:

Rebecca S. Carter
County Administrator

Don Matthews, Jr.
Chairman