

**Buckingham County  
Board of Supervisors  
Monthly Meeting  
August 9, 2021**

At a regular monthly meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, July 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; Dennis Davis; Donald E. Bryan; Harry W. Bryant, Jr.; Joe N. Chambers, Jr.; and Danny R. Allen. Also present were Karl R. Carter, County Administrator, Cheryl T. “Nicci” Edmondston, Zoning Administrator, Jamie Shumaker, IT Manager and E.M. Wright, Jr., County Attorney was present by phone.

**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 and the meeting could continue.

**Re: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Re: Approval of Agenda**

**Matthews:** Approval of Agenda, please.

**Allen:** So moved.

**Miles:** I’ll second.

**Matthews:** We have a motion and a second. Call for the vote. Seven yes.

**Supervisor Allen moved, Vice Chairman Miles seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Re: Approval of Minutes**

**Matthews:** Approval of the minutes, please.

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

**Allen:** Second.

**Matthews:** We have a motion and a second for approval of the minutes. Call for the vote.

**Vice Chairman Miles moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the July 12, 2021 and July 26, 2021 minutes as presented.**

**Re: Approval of Claims**

**Matthews:** Approval of claims.

**Allen:** So moved.

**Miles:** Second.

**Matthews:** We have a motion and a second for approval of claims. Call for the vote. Seven of seven.

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

**Re: Announcements**

**Matthews:** Are there any announcements?

There were none.

**Re: Public Comments**

**Matthews:** Public Comments, Mrs. Lann?

**Lann:** We have four. First is Brian Bates, District 5.

**Brian Bates, District 5:** Good evening, member of the Board, Mr. Carter. Y'all are aware that Toga Fire Department completed an emergency shelter at the station earlier this year. We've been holding out for COVID restrictions to let up a little bit. We are having an open house on Saturday, August 28 beginning at 4:00 and we'd like to invite the Board members to come out and see the facility. I'll send an email to Mr. Carter too.

**Bryan:** Brian, time?

**Bates:** 4:00 to 6:00. We'll have food too.

**Joyce Gooden, District 6:** Greetings. My name is Joyce Gooden and I live at 1779 Shelton Store Road. Thank you for this opportunity to address the Board. I am expressing my concerns about comments made by Supervisor Danny Allen to the Buckingham County School Board on 3 August 2021. At approximately the one hour and nine minute time stamp on the Buckingham County School Board play back section, Danny Allen stated that he was 100% opposed against this transgender stuff. To show how much he was against it he said he would not approve any further funding to the Buckingham County School System until it was changed to the way he wanted it. I will say there was a lot of applause and approval after his statements. My question, is Supervisor Allen speaking for the Board or for himself? Other question, are you willing to cut off the entire school system for your personal belief/vendetta? Next question, pay me for breaking a state directive that you disagree with? Is that legal? Please recognize that we are discussing transgender youth and not stuff. Because you do not believe in it does not mean that these youths do not exist. My years or 50+ years as a pediatric nurse practitioner examining children around the world, and working as a nurse in the VCU Health System metabolic clinic, has taught me that there is more to learn about gender identity, health disparity and health ethics. I would not have learned had I gone into anything with a 100% mindset against it. Final note, John 3 was quoted. John 3:16 was quoted. I'm not sure how that applies to transgender youth. What I did learn from the Bible and life in general was the best way to dehumanize someone is to call them out of their name. Referring to transgender youth is a great step towards dehumanizing them. Thank you.

**Allen:** Excuse me, wait a minute. Don't go anywhere. I was speaking for myself but as a Board member I was just letting them know that as long as this transgender and I won't go into this a little bit more, I was against giving any more finances to say that I approve of everything they have done. To me, I don't want to finance a place that's pushing transgender. To me the name has changed because transgender used to be you were born both ways. Now it's when you are a little boy and you just say, hey, I'm a little girl. Now that's what this is heading to. The big problem with me, if you are a little boy, and you have a grandchild or daughter or granddaughter out there and they go to her bathroom, and a little boy comes down the hall and says, I'm a transgender I'm a girl but he's really a boy and goes in her bathroom. I think that's wrong. That's against God and that's against everything that I believe in. I will be against it and I'll stay against it until they change it. They can change the policy where they can put in a bathroom for people that are not normal genders. They can go into that bathroom. That's fine. But when you make it to where the boys can go in the girls and girls can go in the boys bathroom, it's wrong. That's where I stand.

**Gooden:** I personally have seen stuff, and I say stuff because I was talking to the mother and I was doing a well-baby check and I said how's the baby and she said everything is fine and good. I took the diaper off and I said mama, what about this here? I could not identify the genitalia as male nor female. The problem was surgeons were trying to decide what to do with it. The person's gender. This was an infant. So, that's what I'm saying. I've learned that when I go 100% against, I'm...that's not my intent learning that way. So I work in a metabolic clinic with trans youth. Even get emails and text messages this morning from one of the nurses in the metabolic clinic helping me to understand what's going on. I didn't hear that from you. There

was no kind of understanding or dialogue set up. It was I'm 100% against. I just didn't, and calling it stuff, does not deny their existence.

**Allen:** Ok. Today is different between transgender which I was used to when I was younger like you're saying you can't tell them apart to what they are now. I walk down the hall and I'm a boy, and I just decide today that I'm a girl. No change in physical.

**Gooden:** We didn't even get into non-binary labels. There is just so much more to understand.

**Allen:** That's in the writing. Sorry I upset you.

**Gooden:** You didn't upset me. I'm not upset.

**Allen:** I'm just following what I think the Good Lord wants me to do. I'm going to try my best to follow. I might be wrong to some people but that's where I'm heading.

**Gooden:** Yes, but I don't think God wants us to dehumanize people either and call them stuff.

**Allen:** I didn't call anybody stuff.

**Gooden:** Yes you did. You said transgender stuff.

**Bryan:** Mrs. Gooden, in 2016 the 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of transgender students so you are correct. There is a higher court ruling. At first I was a little surprised until I realized that our school board's hands are tied. They have to pass it if not the Department of Education said if you don't pass it and you get sued, you stand alone. So, it's...I know a lot of people are angry at it. There are some things I'd like to talk to my school board member about, you know, we were talking earlier, children are brutal. They need to restrict cell phone access that would be a step forward to ease some of the parents. But it's the 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals, you know, you can't say I'll let you go to a separate bathroom because you are identifying the transgender student and it's against their constitutional rights.

**Gooden:** My personal experience in dehumanizing someone dealt with a patient and the mother and I was like ewww I can't stand...ewww I don't want to touch the baby. I don't want to get near her. One of my coworkers told me, oh, you are talking about such and such. I said ewww, yes. She said you know she has a degree in biology. She's got this. I had to reset my mind and go back and talk to her. Because I was changing how I was giving health care. So I had to learn to be more open because I have to live with ethnicity, cultures and you name it and of course in the military and working at VCU in a different clinic. I realized I couldn't do...I had to look at the person and really care for that child regardless. Any more questions? Am I good? Thank you gentlemen.

**Mike Payne, District 4:** Good evening. My name is Mike Payne and I live in District 4. My comments are also about the school board. I attended that meeting and was shocked at the amount of time the constituents spoke and the eye rolling by the school board members. I find that very disrespectful by the school board and I want to make my feelings known there. But they don't give a rat's patootie about what their constituents feel and their votes also show that. The Supreme Court decision about the transgender, that is law. But the president has been set by different actions throughout this country in the last ten years, that tells me that the federal governments laws can be disobeyed and without any consequences. Number one, sanctuary cities. Number two is something that just happened in this state. The legalization of marijuana. As far as I know it's still against federal law and the immigration on the border. Every one of those people that come across that border are felons. There is no doubt about that. The federal law thing, if you want to ignore it, to me you can ignore it. You should ignore it with no consequence because they've already set the president. Either this county, I voted for it, I supported it, I didn't vote for it. You people voted for it and I'm glad you did because the sanctuary...second amendment sanctuary. That was definitely to say we will not obey law passed down by the State of Virginia. That's pretty much what I've got on that. I've got eight pages, I don't have time to read them now, but I have eight pages of things that the school board has published that they will do every year as far as communicating with their constituents and very few of them follow them. They said they will send out one survey a year, a written survey, which they said they will do every year and follow them up with other survey which all they do is a robo survey, robo call survey. That is what we got 90% of the time which doesn't do anything because too many people when they see a robo call they don't answer it. They let it go and don't answer it. There needs to be a lot more communication through the school board and it's constituents and I think there should be a lot more respect from them and their constituents. As it stands right now, I'd vote every damn one of them out. Thank you.

**Marie Flowers, District 3:** Hi you all. Nice to be back. Anyway, first of all I want to say...do I need to say my name. Ok. Marie Flowers, District 3. First of all I want to say that I think that Mrs. Gooden's comments are very apropos and I hope that everyone, not just the Board become more open to other people's differences and more kinder to other people. Anyway, I've got a great idea. I was reading the newspaper, The Farmville Herald, and there was an article about the issue of the property that the pipeline has the easements on and it said they are going to do in my opinion things that are sensible. But I have this idea about the article said that they don't know what to do about the easements. My thought is can the county tax the easements? I don't know if they can but you may have already thought about that but can we tax the easements and get back some of that lost revenue that was hoped for with the pipeline.

**Matthews:** I think they are already taxed.

**Flowers:** We can?

**Matthews:** I think they are already being taxed.

**Flowers:** I hope so. We could make millions. Thank you.

**Lann:** That is all.

**Re: Resolution of Memoriam to Family of Donald Davis**

**Matthews:** Can the family come down to the front please?

Miles read the Resolution.

**Whereas,** Donald Matthew (Donnie) Davis departed this life on June 28, 2021 at the age of 80 years young.

**Whereas,** Donald Matthew (Donnie) Davis was born on November 9, 1940.

**Whereas,** Donald Matthew (Donnie) Davis was the son of the late Roy and Louise Hardiman Davis.

Whereas, Donald Matthew (Donnie) Davis was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Wharam Davis; his brother James “Jimmy” Davis and niece, Angela Davis Danley.

**Whereas,** Donald Matthew (Donnie) Davis is survived by a daughter, Denise Smith and husband, Hayden; a son, Daniel Davis and wife, Teresa; four grandchildren, Matthew and Bryson Davis, Derick and Travis Hicks, and one great grandchild, Rhett Hicks; brother Charles (Dick) Davis; sister Hilda Griggs and aunt, Mildred H. Pearson; and girlfriend Margaret (Peggy) Everts; along with many nieces, nephews, and friends.

**Whereas,** Donald Matthew (Donnie) Davis was known for his lifelong love of his community and sports.

**Whereas,** Donald Matthew (Donnie) Davis was the Recreation Director for Buckingham County from approximately 1976 to 1997.

**Whereas,** Donald Matthew (Donnie) Davis was known for his generosity, and his love and support for youth sports where he would make sure the kids that wanted to play had a way to get there for practices and games even if he had to take them himself. Even after losing his sight in 1995, Donnie continued to be active in the sports world.

**Whereas,** Donald Matthew (Donnie) Davis was a gentle soul who never met a stranger and would help anyone he could.

**Whereas,** Donald Matthew (Donnie) Davis was a longtime member of the Buckingham County Youth League.

**Whereas,** Donald Matthew (Donnie) Davis was known for his hard work, sense of community, love of his family, his generosity and kindness to all.

**Whereas,** Donald Matthew (Donnie) Davis 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, pay tribute to and express its highest esteem for Donald Matthew (Donnie) Davis and extends its deepest sympathy to his family and loved ones.

**Matthews:** I would like to say this about Mr. Davis. I knew him for a long time and went to a lot of different balls games where he was at and even after he went blind, he could tell where a strike was by the way it hit the mitt. I just remember that about him. He was one of the most independent people I knew, but he was all about Buckingham and we really appreciate what he’s done for Buckingham County.

**Bryant:** Donnie was also a deputy sheriff for quite a few years.

## **Re: VDOT Road Matters**

**Scott Frederick:** Good evening Chairman, Board. Thanks for having me. I'll start off with a quick update. We've finished the second cutting on our primary routes and we are about to start picking up litter and mowing the secondaries. We hire a contractor for that to free up our guys to do maintenance items.

We finished the last of the drainage and brush work on Ridge Road. We are ready to shoot the surface treatment on that route. We are hoping to get a little bit of moisture. It has to be wet when we prime it. So, if not, if it doesn't fall out of the sky we have to use a water truck which is more challenging. We are hoping Mother Nature will cooperate on that.

The Smart Scale project on 15 & 636. The completion date on that is October 15<sup>th</sup>. Anyone traveling through there they've just got it smoothed down and it's starting to look finished. Not all the way there yet but getting close.

The traffic study that was requested on Rt. 15 at Bremo Bridge is not back yet. I've been keeping an eye out for it. They are shorthanded and backlogged like everybody else in traffic engineering.

I did look at Rt. 622 and the complaint about it being narrow. I agree it is narrow. You can tell where we stopped. I feel we should talk offline and come up with a long term plan. If that's what the supervisors want to do. I don't think the podium environment is the right environment to do that. But I did look at it and I do agree it is narrow.

Last but not least, after the meeting last month, I took myself and two others to look at the leaning tree on Rt. 20 and I agree it looks bad but it's way off the right of way and there's other trees there and all three of us don't really think it's a concern to public safety. If it was to fall I don't think it would get in the road and if it did it would just be the tiny branches. We've reached out to the landowner and he doesn't want to cooperate to my knowledge. I didn't talk to him myself. That's what I was told by my guys. We will keep watch.

I'll open it up to your concerns.

**Davis:** Yesterday I had about 3 or 4 citizens call me and yall need to take a look at it, but Rt. 15 from Bremo Bridge to Dollar store is getting like a wash board. I don't know what it is, if it's from the rain or what it is, we got a lot of rain Saturday but it is getting right rough in that section. The other part was paved a couple years ago.

**Frederick:** Ok. We'll take a look at it.

**Bryan:** When you trim the secondary roads, do you guys look for the overhang? I've gotten some complaints about brush will grow and then it starts to well, some of the trucks, it's hitting the trucks.

**Frederick:** Okay.

**Bryan:** They are concerned that it may hit a mirror, break a mirror.

**Frederick:** Yeah, we've been keeping our boom ax going as much as we can. We are behind on brush. A few years ago, Michael put us behind and we are starting to get caught back up and the ice storm over the winter. That's normally when we are cutting our brush so we are behind and are trying to get caught up the best we can. We've been running the boom ax like never before. Are there any particular spots you know of?

**Bryan:** I'll ask them again. There are some specific spots but you know, I told them I would ask you and if they are really bad we'd look at them and email you and let you know as well.

**Frederick:** We work closely with the bus garage and they know where a lot of the real problematic ones are and when we get a complaint from the bus garage we try to get right out there.

**Bryan:** There was another tree on Rt. 20 up from the school. It's got ivy growing through it and it's dying.

**Frederick:** I noticed that when we went to look at the other one. We have it on the list. That contract I mentioned last month, it should be in place in I think either September or October.

**Bryan:** I was concerned about that one.

**Frederick:** I'm more concerned about that one than the leaning tree.

**Bryan:** I don't think the leaning tree will impact it. It will come close but there was one on Rt. 632. It's probably not in the right of way but overhanging branches, it's a dead tree. It's at the big S curve. I'll get you the address. I'll email you the address. I know it's on the landowner land but the branches and overhang.

**Frederick:** If it's as you describe and over the road, we can get it either way.

**Bryan:** It's dying. It's...there's no leaves on it.

**Frederick:** We do our door knocking and try to get those agreements signed.

**Bryan:** I thought it was a money tree with no leaves on it. I think it is a money tree though. No leaves on it.

**Frederick:** Ok. If you can get me the address. I wrote down the S curve.

**Bryan:** That's all I got.

**Matthews:** I have a few things. Maple Ridge Road I've had several complaints on dust. Another one is Alan Rosen Road complaints of dust. Also Wise Ridge Road. Wash board on 769 which is High View Road too. They have brought a lot of that material that was used when they excavated at 636 and 15 up that road and they put some stuff on there earlier this year but the traffic has caused it to get really bad.

**Frederick:** Yeah ok. That road is at a grade to it. I think wash board comes more when water runs downhill. We will take a look at it.

**Miles:** If I may, when you say Mr. Frederick, that you are going to do litter pick up on secondary roads, is that every secondary road in the county or certain ones before you cut?

**Frederick:** We try to get it all. We contract it out.

**Miles:** So every secondary road in the county? I'm just asking because I'm unclear.

**Frederick:** I'll verify it. I don't know what you're getting at. We are not going to make a mess when we are mowing.

**Miles:** No, why I'm asking is you said you would pick up prior to the cutting on secondary roads and that's all.

**Frederick:** Typically we try to pick it up before we mow so we don't shred it. We pay a contractor to pick up and mow.

**Miles:** The second matter was I just want to thank you for your attention to the ditch line and replacing the culverts at Enonville and Andersonville Road. I noticed that today, this afternoon.

**Frederick:** I appreciate you noticing. I will pass that along.

**Matthews:** Anyone else have matters for VDOT?

There were no more.

**Re: Public Hearing: Case 21-ZMA283 Owner/Applicant: Landowner Wayne Beasley, Applicant: Shelley Mays Couch Zoning Map Amendment Request to rezone from A-1 to B-1 for the purpose of operating Non Retail Office Space and Other Permitted Uses**

**Edmondston:** Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. This public hearing is what was introduced to you last month. Our landowner is Wayne Beasley, our applicant is Shelley Mays-Couch at Tax Map 196 Parcel 30A containing approximately 1.65 acres and located at 3875 S. James Madison Highway, Farmville, Va 23901, Rt. 15 Curdsville Magisterial District. It is currently an A-1 and what Mrs. Shelley Mays-Couch is asking is that a request for rezoning from Agricultural A-1 to Business B-1 for the purpose of operating a non-retail office space and other permitted uses. Mrs. Mays-Couch has indicated in her application is that the purpose of the rezoning request is to be in

compliance after providing human services in the same location for three years and to increase permitted uses. Mrs. Mays-Couch did receive confirmation of grandfathered status by the Zoning Administrator but due to the ability to increase the permitted uses, she wishes to apply for this rezoning request. You may remember it was introduced in May and a public hearing was held in June by the Planning Commission. There was no one signed up for the public hearing. Just a quick look, I do not see Mrs. Mays-Couch in the audience.

**Matthews:** Is the landowner here?

**Edmondston:** I've never met Mr. Beasley.

**Matthews:** Any further discussion from the Board?

**Miles:** Question I would have Mr. Chairman is for the Zoning Administrator, Mrs. Edmondston, will there be, I know there is housing as sited in the application but will there be any housing permanent, temporary or otherwise on site?

**Edmondston:** The building is there. Mrs. Mays-Couch understands that no housing for the program will be permitted and will require additional text amendment in the special use permit in the B-1. I wish she were here tonight so she can allude to your questions.

**Allen:** B-1 will let you do a lot of things without coming back here.

**Miles:** What did you say? I'm sorry.

**Allen:** You were asking about B-1. If you look on B-1 you can do a lot of things. You can put a hotel there if you want to once you put it in B-1.

**Miles:** That's the only concern I have.

**Matthews:** Do you want to vote on this tonight?

**Edmondston:** You need to open the public hearing.

**Matthews:** The public hearing is now open for Case 21-ZMA283. It's now open.

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

**Bryan:** Mr. Allen, the Planning Commission is moving forward with this?

**Chambers:** I was going to ask that question.

**Allen:** Yes, after that I heard that it didn't agree with the Comp Plan. And she is not the owner of the land. Whatever you want to do.

**Matthews:** I think it may be, is there two businesses operating out of the same?

**Edmondston:** I believe that was indicated in narrative.

**Matthews:** Refresh my memory again. What is her end goal? Why does she want to get this thing from A to B-1?

**Edmondston:** In her application she sent in her narrative and that is what she has indicated.

**Matthews:** But she also said there would be no residential housing in that building. Is she...

**Edmondston:** She made comments and she was asked questions at the Planning Commission process. We would probably best go back to those. What she submitted in her application is all that she has submitted.

**Miles:** Mr. Chairman, question for Mrs. Edmondston, the comprehensive plan as Supervisor Allen noted serving on the Planning Commission. Maybe it's not the best place for something like that. Is it considered a high growth area right there for something like this as a non-profit business? Is that right?

**Edmondston:** In her comments she had a for profit and a non-profit. Again that is a question that is suited for Mrs. Mays-Couch. Rt. 15 is a growth corridor. The corridor is actually from Sawmill Road to the Prince Edward-Buckingham line.

**Matthews:** Sawmill Road is beside that.

**Miles:** So that's not...

**Edmondston:** That is 3 miles north of south growth corridor.

**Miles:** So that is not the growth corridor.

**Edmondston:** It goes on to say in the background information that this area is expected to see future growth due to the proximity to Farmville. This area is currently comprised of commercial use as well as various types and sizes of dwellings units. Development of this corridor should be well planned in future land uses compatible with the various land uses.

**Matthews:** Any other discussion? Any other questions?

**Chambers:** What does the landowner say about it?

**Matthews:** He has to sign for her to apply for it. She can't just apply. His name is on the application isn't it?

**Edmondston:** The landowner signed the application.

**Chambers:** Ok.

**Matthews:** I guess he's good with it, I assume. Neither one of them are here. If there's no further discussion, I'll close the public hearing. Are we ready to move forward or what do you want to do? **Chambers:** I make a motion to go on with it.

**Matthews:** Would you like to give her another time to come back and speak?

**Miles:** How do we go about that? Do we table this decision?

**Edmondston:** You would make a motion to invite her for further information from Mrs. Mays-Couch and the landowner as well. Postpone that decision. Is that right Mr. Carter?

**Carter:** We would have to continue the public hearing.

**Edmondston:** Continue the public hearing? Readvertise the public hearing because the Chairman has already closed the public hearing?

**Carter:** You are inviting them back again, they are not here tonight.

**Chambers:** I withdraw my motion.

**Miles:** I withdraw my second as well.

**Re: Public Hearing: Case 21-ZMA284 Owner/Applicant: Kyanite Mining Corporation, Request for rezoning from A-1 to Industrial Heavy M-2 for the purpose of Zoning Consistency and Continuation of Mining**

**Edmondston:** Yes, sir. Case 21-ZMA284 Owner Applicant is Kyanite Mining Corporation on Tax Map 172 Parcel 78 containing approximately 32 acres and is located off of Plank Road, State Route 600. It is currently zoned A-1. Kyanite is requesting to be rezoned to M-2 Heavy Industrial for zoning consistency and continuation of mining. As stated in the narrative submitted by the landowner and applicant, applicant owns all parcels adjacent to 172-78 and tracts to the north, east and west of this parcel, are currently zoned M-2. I'll take a look in the audience and see if the applicants are here tonight. Yes, we have Mrs. Kristen Ghee and Mr. John Snoddy of Kyanite Mining Corporation if there are questions for either of them. This was introduced of course and public hearing held by the Planning Commission and there was recommendation of approval.

**Matthews:** We are going to open the public hearing for Case 21-ZMA284. Now open. Any discussion from the Board? Any comments from the public?

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

**Matthews:** Any comments from Mrs. Ghee or Mr. Snoddy?

**Ghee:** Only if you have questions for me.

**Matthews:** Does anyone have questions for them? If there is no questions we will close the public hearing on Case 21-ZMA284.

**Chambers:** I move we approve it.

**Allen:** Second.

**Matthews:** Motion to approve and second. Call for the vote. Approved 7-0. Thank you guys. Appreciate you coming.

**Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve Case 21-ZMA284 from Kyanite Mining Corporation to rezone Tax Map 172-78 from A-1 to M-2.**

**Re: Zoning Matters**

**There were no new zoning matters at this time.**

**Re: Firefly Broadband, Gary Wood and Galen Creekmore request for funding**

**Gary Wood:** Thank you for having us back. I came last month and told you I was gonna come back with some final numbers and tonight we do. For our regional internet service expansion project which will bring universal service for the unserved areas is in Buckingham County. Alright, um, I don't know who pick the colors. I'm sorry about that. But this looks like Barney the Dinosaur. A New Orleans kind of a green but anyhow, the green area, these are the 12 counties, the large regional project, green areas of Central Virginia Electric area that we will complete by next June, July timeframe mid-year. The purple area is the new expansion project that we're looking at, throughout the county. This is more specific. This is Buckingham County. So green areas Central Virginia Electric service territory. And you can see that covers the biggest part of the county, but that Eastern corridor among 15 there, particularly northern part of 15 is Dominion. This project will serve all of the purple areas. You see some little splotches in there that uncovered. That's your served area. So we look really closely, that's what we spent the last month doing. And if you blow this up on a map, you can see that like right along Route 15 at the top, the homes right along 15 have some service available that is at least 25 megabits per second download, 3 megabits per second upload. There are a couple of other little areas that are around CenturyLink switches. So where they have a conflict, they can get pretty good speed for about a half a mile in each direction. Sometimes it's a mile. And that's what those little holes are. It is cut outs in the area because those people have service. The rest of the purple are unserved. So last month, we came in and told you that I think I told you I was estimating about the 2000 unserved, the number went up. Um, the reason that it went up one of the main reasons that we had assumed earlier that the 15 corridor would be served. And we have service available by the time of our

application from Comcast. And their project is not completed. The official rules of the body application is that if service is not available the day of application, we can request grant funds and plan to build on top of it. So as of now, it's not available. We're planning on asking for it and building over it. However, the reality is we've got to come down at 15 anyhow. The Dominion polls, even if we can't get the grant funds, we're going to be building in that direction and build right through the area anyhow. But for now that is in the southern unserved areas. Here the partners on the project, Firefly, Dominion, Buckingham County, Thomas Jefferson Planning District is who we're going through as the main applicant just because it's such a large group of counties. Again, you saw these numbers, the top ones last month, the number of electric services in the county. And our estimate of probably 10% of those actually can get internet service. But out of those, right now we've got an estimate of right around 3000 homes that unserved. Last month it was 2000. That screws up my numbers a little bit, but we are going to make that work. And I'll get to that. We assume we'll pick about 315 miles of fiber to serve all those 3000 homes. Our cost then has gone up because we've got more fiber and more homes connected. We're looking to have a little over \$20 million just in this in which will be more than we spend on the Central Virginia Electric side but it's more expensive to build off system. So I told you it threw our numbers off and I'll get to the bottom and work my way back up to the county request. Last month I told you that we would request a million and a half dollars and it may go down. I thought we were gonna find some areas were served. We found a lot of unserved, but I'm not going to ask for more. I told you a million and a half and we're going to stick with the million and half. I'm gonna ask you not to call your supervisors in the adjacent counties because you will be giving less per passing. Generally we're asking 750 per passing. This one works out to about 500. And you're the, I hate to say this in a public meeting. I'm sure we'll go all over the internet tonight but you're the only county that will be under 750. We are then asking for a little more than the body request. One of the things though that I'll caution is if we come back, and we have a challenge during the grant process, and once we put in for it, a grant, any provider has 30 days to show that they do serve some of those areas. So let's say a provider shows they have service. And we reduce the number of possible passes, that may reduce our state request. But since you're getting a discount, I'm not going to come back to you and reduce the dependency, because you already getting a discount. So with that, Firefly, Dominion be putting up close to 13 million. We're gonna be asking the state for about seven. And we're asking the county for one and a half million. Tonight, we're going to ask you to make a commitment. The September timeframe is coming up for the application to go in. After that, two months challenge process. They have a month to challenge and then we have a month to respond. Then they will grade them and make decisions in December. We think Dominion will be first next year. They'll be filing for their approvals. And we'll begin construction in let's say mid next Dominion will actually start a little bit before that, and a lot of legwork on the project so they'll be ready to go. And maybe a little before. Generally, I made a little note at the bottom, when we work in an area, when you first see trucks in an area and this mainly for the public in terms of expectations. That doesn't mean the internet will be turned on the next day. It takes about six months from the time we do make ready construction, engineering, then make ready construction in the fiber. So if we start construction mid next year, it will be toward the end of next year when people will first be connected to this new project. We will be finished by 2025. There's a good chance in Buckingham it will be a little before that because it's all Dominion base. And Dominion plans to have their work done in two years across the state, and we'll follow along their schedule, but

officially 2025. Then we gave a suggested resolution that commits the county to fund up to, not to exceed one and a half million dollars. Then it just has some preliminary language in there about identifying 3000 locations. I don't know how much we're looking at for the total. We would request that the Board approve this. It does not mean that you're allocating the funds today, the funds will actually come out as we build it. The earlier we build it, we hope we hope to get going and spend all your money in the first year and get everybody on. That'd be a good sign. But it would come down to prorated shares as we construct. I'll be glad to take any questions. Since we've gone over before I kind of hit the highlights. If you have any questions, I'll be glad to answer them.

**Matthews:** Mr. Wood, I'm glad you asked that. So you're saying that we don't have to make that \$1.5 million contribution in one time. It could be... gonna be several payments to do that. Once, I mean, we have to pay for the front and we're gonna pay as we go.

**Wood:** Exactly. We would, at most, we would make a monthly request. This goes back to the Thomas Jefferson Planning District. So we would go back to the planning district and say, this month in Buckingham, we spent \$250,000. And Buckingham is less than 10%, whatever the number is seven half percent of that total. So we would ask for seven half percent of 250,000 for that month, the next month, every month. You just draw on it like you're drawing on a bank loan when you're building a house. So that's the way that we would do that.

**Matthews:** When would we need to anticipate...I know your application is due September 14. Then there's a 60 day period.

**Wood:** They have 30 days to contest it, okay. And then we have 30 days to respond to their contest. And then they have about 20 to 30 days. They plan on making announcement by the middle of December.

**Matthews:** And also if we pass this resolution tonight, that looks good for your application that we're doing this. Does that give you some extra bonus points?

**Wood:** Absolutely. It's important to the application you get additional scoring points for having county funding. That's why we are asking every county to put up something.

**Matthews:** Well, me personally I just want to thank you. This has been a very enlightening experience for me from day one when we first announced this project four or five years ago. So, you know, I'm just happy that the citizens are benefiting from not just the 15 corridor, but throughout the county. I'm really happy about that.

**Wood:** One of the things that happens if you do not have universal service, is the county starts looking different in terms of everything from the ability to sell a home, to the ability for children to do their homework. You really want universal service. You have a lot of benefit.

**Matthews:** Attractive to business too.

**Wood:** Absolutely.

**Miles:** Mr. Chairman, just one comment. I know, Mr. Wood, you and your staff came before the Finance Committee recently, and we went over a lot of different numbers and mapping and data. And so we appreciate that. I move that we approve the resolution as presented, Mr. Chairman.

**Matthews:** That's your motion?

**Miles:** Yes, sir.

**Matthews:** We have a motion from Mr. Miles.

**Chambers:** I second that motion.

**Matthews:** We have a motion to approve the resolution presented by Central Virginia Electric Corporation and the second. Call for the vote. Okay, that's 7-0. Unanimous decision. Okay, that's good news. I'm sure the citizens will appreciate it too. Thank you so much.

**Vice Chairman Miles moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Resolution of Commitment for Central Virginia Electric for not to exceed \$1.5 million for the Firefly/Dominion broadband project.**

**Re: Dam Safety, Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance Fund Grant**

**Matthews:** Next is the Dam Safety, Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance Fund Grant. M.2

**Carter:** Chairman, I'll take that one. In your packet, you should have a grant award letter. This grant sparks Slate River Dam. Some of you remember we're operating on conditional permits until we get emergency action plans for that dam which is required from DCR. The plan, like the name says an emergency action plan which means we need to have a plan if something goes wrong with that dam. Hurt and Profit has agreed to do this action plan for a cost of \$6800. This grant, we got the maximum. You get half of that cost coverage which is \$3400. This is a reimbursement grant as well. So that means we pay the cost upfront and then they reimburse. I'm asking you tonight to consider accepting this grant and appropriate to the water department to cover the cost for the emergency action plan.

**Matthews:** Any other questions or discussion?

**Chambers:** So you need a motion to accept this grant?

**Carter:** Yes, sir.

**Chambers:** So moved.

**Matthews:** Is that your motion?

**Chambers:** Yes.

**Bryan:** Second.

**Matthews:** We have a motion and a second. Call for the vote, please. Seven yes. Thank you.

**Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to accept the grant of \$3400 for the Dam Safety, Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance Fund Grant to pay half the cost of Emergency Action Plan for the Slate River Dam.**

**Re: Consider appointment to the Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board**

**Matthews:** M-3 Consider appointment to the Regional Jail Authority Board.

**Miles:** Yeah, Mr. Chairman, so Daniel Braxton, who lives in the Andersonville community in our county, is able and willing to serv. He served more than 10 state prisons across the state as the warden and is considered a leader in his field. Very knowledgeable in terms of operations at Piedmont Regional Jail Authority, and he's willing to serve and represent Buckingham in a positive way and comes highly recommended. So I move to appointed Mr. Braxton to the Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board.

**Davis:** I second.

**Matthews:** We have a motion and a second to appoint Mr. Braxton. Call for the vote. Unanimous.

**Vice Chairman Miles moved, Supervisor Davis seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Daniel Braxton to the Piedmont Regional Jail Authority Board.**

**Re: Ivan “Chip” Davis, Buckingham Fireman’s Association: Tractor Pull Update**

**Matthews:** I have number M-4 Mr. Ivan “Chip” Davis with the Fireman’s Association to give us an update on the tractor pull last month.

**Ivan Davis:** Thank you. And we appreciate the opportunity to bring you up to speed on what transpired. I know a number of you all were at the event and we do appreciate it and if you went you could see the scope of what took place. We were really pleased to say that we had 132 sponsors. So we looked up and saw the banners, 132 people that pay money to represent Buckingham County, and to support us in this event. Right now we have kind of an estimate where was approximately, was very difficult for us to come up with the exact number, close to 4000 people were in attendance or working or participating in the event. So we have a huge

number of people. It was really good. None of this could have taken place, if yall hadn't cooperated with us, and let us use the property. And for that, we thank you. And if I was to start to thank all the other people, I'd get in trouble. I'd miss somebody. People were coming to us, can we give you this? Can we lend you this? Can we do this for you? Can we do that for you? Everybody came together to make this event successful. And when it was over, you didn't see so much as a crumb on the ground. People picked up their trash. People were just wonderful. We had no problems, the police, they reported only one minor incident all evening. That was taken care of very easily. And it just went well. Thanks to all of the public, the sheriff's office, rescue squad, State Police, everybody came together. And it was just great. And his result from this Buckingham Firemen's Association, was able to contribute \$10,000 to each of the four fire departments in the county. That's going to buy a lot of chicken for a bbq. We were very, very successful. And we feel like that they're comfortable now to start off again with another project next year. And hopefully, that this will be the beginning, hopefully, on events for the county, where we can do other types of projects, not just tractor pull. Right now we are trying to recuperate from that. Everybody's pretty exhausted. And, like I said, it was wonderful. And this is really a great thing to be part of. And you should be very proud of what you did and what the citizens did in the county. I mean, they came through, there were people that came from as far as Delaware, and they were coming in there at 10 o'clock in the morning and wanted to come on in. We told them to ride around and see the county and spend some money. It's a perfect case of build it and they will come. And that's exactly what we were able to build the site. And people came and were excited. That was great. We want to thank you, and do you have any questions?

**Bryant:** We want to thank you for what you all did too. Everybody worked a lot, I'll tell you.

**Ivan Davis:** It takes a lot of work to do that.

**Bryant:** There was a lot of people.

**Ivan Davis:** We had committees and everybody did what they were supposed to do and they didn't worry about what the other guy was supposed to do. It worked.

**Matthews:** Thank you so much. We appreciate everything the fire departments did in working and getting it done. Great job. I take my hat off to you.

**Re: Will Dean, Buckingham Ready Group with Zach Jackson, Virginia Tech Office of Economic Development regarding an Economic Development Project**

**Matthews:** Number 5 is Mr. Will Dean, Buckingham Ready Group with Zach Jackson, Virginia Tech Office of Economic Development regarding an economic development project.

**Dean:** Good evening. It's a pleasure to be here. And in 2019, we started on a journey. It's called the economic development project in Buckingham. We got sidetracked with COVID-19. But we kept moving. And somewhere along that journey, we picked up Zach Jackson with Virginia Tech Economic Development. And as we keep continuing moving forward, now we were composed of a group of stakeholders. And then we want to share this project with you and we want you to

become a stakeholder. It's a great project to enhance the quality of life in Buckingham and to bring business into Buckingham. At that point, I'll let Mr. Jackson talk.

**Jackson:** Thank you Colonel Dean and good evening, gentlemen. I have a PowerPoint I'm gonna pull up here and this right here is for an introduction. My name is Zach Jackson, I serve as an Economic Development Specialist in the Office of Economic Development. What's more, I'm a resident of Buckingham County or was a resident of Buckingham County and grew up here. So I'm happy to come back and maybe see if I can lend my resources in my position to move forward and help out. I'll jump in and I, in this presentation, I want to answer four key questions about who the group is behind this, what we're doing, what opportunity is at hand and what specifically we're asking from you gentlemen. Like I said, I represent the Virginia Tech Office of Economic Development. We are representing the academics and practitioners vested in implementing and conducting economic development across the Commonwealth of Virginia. So we've work throughout cities and counties do things along the lines of industry analysis, economic impact, strategic planning, and so on. We, like Colonel Dean said, are working with financially motivated group of community leaders and county residents who are fascinated with betterment, or betterment of Buckingham County, meeting since 2019 to put together a project. But as more grant funding became available to us, through situations that are transparent and conversations, we've identified as a few more areas that we'd like to look into and will be able to soon. Why are we here? Is my second question. We know Buckingham County faces a number of challenges. This isn't an indictment at all of the county administration or folks who work for Buckingham. This is rather a trend we see across the nation and especially in Virginia's rural communities. We identified certain areas while talking in county that might be more significantly challenged. First of which is economic challenges. The county is losing employment. Entrepreneurship has a very high level look at it is the stagnating. The County has a very noticeable trend towards over lines maybe on a handful of large employers, social economic challenges. Buckingham County faces a higher rate of poverty, higher rate of folks not finishing their secondary degrees, low educational attainment across the board and several other things that we noticed have become significantly lax in our state or national transit. Labor force challenges, our county seems to be highly dependent on metropolitan areas outside of our boundaries. I think upwards of 70% of workers just based on data are traveling outside of Buckingham County for employment. And when we look at the ability of someone to do that, that limits, employment opportunities for people in our county who might not have that transportation to sort of get out and access that kind of employment. Finally, supportive services challenges. We're looking at a handful of things, both the county and the region that are maybe preventing people from working in situations potentially. One that comes to mind is childcare. There's a handful of other ones that the Colonel and I have discussed, and that we're open to investigating throughout this process. So those are our broad challenges, our broad charge here. What is our specific project? Obviously, we don't have the means to roll up our sleeves and take on every single one of the things. But we first like to just better understand these challenges. And in understanding figure out what we can prioritize. What we can do to the front? What are those challenges that are most impeding our residents, most impeding our businesses and so on? Second, we would like to create working groups, vested individuals, community action agencies, regional group, aims in this county and focus around these four areas that I talked about earlier, to meaningfully address these issues in the development of strategies and contextualize the

strategies to be successful in Buckingham. And I'll move on here and just really, really quickly run through what this could look like. Again, this is more of a concept. But first, we would lend our expertise at the center in data collection and analysis. We have access and expertise in public and proprietary data. We understand a very broad, very broadly national and statewide trends. And we have the staff power to digest those trends and find how they're relevant to the county and how they are impacting us there. So next, we would want to move towards interviewing folks, identifying community leaders, business leaders, people who could speak for the people that we're trying to get a better grip on. And verifying the data that we're collecting. Understanding of this data, you know, the people who collect it aren't always right. So we want to make sure that the story that we're telling with the data is representative, what's actually happening in Buckingham County. Next, once we get that understanding, we want to prioritize. Like I said, there's issues that are the most, the most pressing, and those that are the most negatively impacting our county, our residents, our businesses and so forth. Second, like I said, working groups a huge focus of this building capacity to take on these issues and meaningfully address them. So collaborating, identifying stakeholders who can be brought to the table to address these challenges. Next, it was strategize. We have a lot of experience in this area. And we have a lot of research know how to understand what the strategies that have been successful and other counties like Buckingham County, to tackle some of these issues. Next, and the final steps are here for finding those issues. Understanding that what works in Campbell County, Georgia might not work in Buckingham County. So we'll go back to our groups and understand what capacity we have internally in the county to push some of this stuff before and how can we make these strategies, reflective of that capacity. And finally, as we get the stats with these groups, we move towards a point where the groups and these working groups, can be motivated. They can have a framework to implement these strategies and have a chance of succeeding and completing some of the goals that we're learning about here. So one of our short term impacts for this project consensus. I think that's a really important thing here. I grew up in Buckingham County. I've have an idea of what the challenges our county faces, but my ideas are different from the Colonel's ideas. And my ideas are probably different from yours. It's the way we interact with the county, it's our lens, and how we digest this. I think, most meaningfully, we'll get a sense of the counties challenges based on first, a data driven understanding of those challenges. And second, verifying those challenges, bear with context that's coming from our communities, from our business leaders, and so on. Next, will increase collaboration. We'll increase internal capacity to take on some of this stuff. So we will be creating these working groups, we'll charge them with this task of implementing our recommendations. When we put these groups together, a big focus of that sustainability. Once we leave, it's going to largely fall on these folks to keep the ball rolling on this. So how can we make these groups energized, motivated to move forward with the recommendations that maybe fall on the top 5, the top 10, and so on. And finally, the big liberal here is a roadmap of actionable strategies and tactics that these groups can take towards moving the needle consistently towards making Buckingham County a better place to live. So what are our long term projects and all of our outcomes of all this and successful, successful partnerships, like I said, bringing folks together. You'd be surprised how little regional groups and local groups actually talk to each other, bringing them together and unifying them with a vision of what Buckingham County could be. And finally, and most importantly, improve quality of life for all of our residents, especially those who are most disadvantaged. So what's the opportunity? Why are we here? And why is this something that's

become a possibility, it's been currently Col. Dean's group monitoring the county? We work with the Economic Development Administration, and through CARES Act funding, we've been able to effectively double any money that any group can give to us, and what doubling money means we can double the scope of work. As it stands, I think with the funding that's available, we have something like 14,000. Any sort of \$1,000 increment above that is more staff time to dedicate to this and really investing and taking advantage of this opportunity to have a meaningful product and meaningful sort of path forward. So what are we asking for? We're not really asking for anything at the moment. I would like to put this on your sort of radar let you all digest this. But we're asking for partnership at the moment. So collaborative partnership. The Colonel's group can't implement a lot of these things that we're going to suggest. Some of this is going to fall on the county, a large deal of it might fall on the county to some extent. The project, the process we have now for this project isn't concrete. You would want to engage the county and design this better to suit not just the needs as Colonel Dean's group see, or as I see it, but the needs of the county moving forward and obviously, financial partnership as I spoke to putting some skin in the game here. It might really allow us to effectively, like I said, double this money and create something that's highly usable and high level for the county. So with that, I am going to turn it over for any questions or comments from the Board. I thank you for your time tonight, gentlemen.

**Matthews:** I've got a question for you. Actually, it's a statement. We actually have an economic development committee that's comprised of two board members, and I guess it's eight or 10 ad hoc members, and our Director of Economic Development, along with her Planning and Zoning titles is Mrs. Nicci Edmondston. So we've been we implemented this thing about January of 2020. Now, Mr. Dean, he alluded to the fact that there was a COVID pandemic that occurred during that period of time. So, you know, this discouraged us to have any type of meetings other than virtually so this coming month in August, we're actually having a first meeting of that economic board. We'd be more than happy for you gentleman to come visit and be a part of that economic development committee and kind of get your brainstorm on it and find out what ...I will personally and Mr. Miles is on that committee. So anyway, we had been thinking about this for quite some time. So.

**Jackson:** We would or I would definitely love to join with the start of the committee.

**Matthews:** So we will extend that invitation to you right now. What is that date, Mrs. Edmondston?

**Edmondston:** August 26. It's a very short meeting. It's a working lunch. And that'll be at Buckingham Community Center.

**Jackson:** Excellent. I'll be there.

**Dean:** Just for your information. Some of our stakeholders who you've already named one. Nicci Edmondston is one of them. Rebecca Carter was one of them. Stephanie Coleman is one of them. We try to get people in the different areas to come up. We've got Dr. Hicks is one of them. And then we have Erin Lake, who is an educator, Linda Paige, Mayor of Dillwyn and

Paula Tomko is a Central Health is on the committee also. So we've given you a broad scope. One of the things put down is transportation? I don't have a problem with transportation. I got two cars and trucks and a motorcycle and a tractor. So I don't see transportation as a problem. But then we get to rolling this thing around, transportation is a problem for people who have to pay someone to bring them to shop. We have a lot of things I think we can do.

**Matthews:** Absolutely. You can bring a lot to the table. No question about that. We're anxious to listen to your thoughts and ideas, but we have some pretty big hitters on that list too. Kyanite Mining Corporation, Buckingham Branch Railroad. We have a real estate agent that's on this committee, along with Ms. Edmondston. Mr. Carter and several others that don't come to mind right off the bat.

**Miles:** Small business owners.

**Matthews:** Mr. Steger out of Richmond who owns a large electrical contracting firm, a wholesaler from down in the Richmond area. He actually owns the property here. We want to get some of the brightest business minds involved in this too. So anyway, that's kind of where we're at.

**Jackson:** Thank you.

#### **Re: Sheriff's Office Budget Adjustments**

**Matthews:** Item number 6, Sheriff's Kidd's office budget adjustments.

**Kidd:** Good evening. How are you doing? I'm sure you have a copy of my letter in front of you. I do want to thank you for continuing to support my office going into a new budget year. We balanced the past budget. Due to vacancy savings the past fiscal year, I have a \$41,500 surplus accumulated. I'm asking this amount to be rolled over and transferred into my current fiscal year budget to upgrade and replace obsolete Less Lethal Devices like Tasers. Also a new invention they came up with a few years ago, a bola rap. What it does, some guy comes up here, and he's waving the guns around and drops his arms and we hit the button. It wraps him up so he can't do anything. It's just another way for a deputy to get involved without using deadly force. Several grants and things came to the county we'd like to put back and zero it out for the year.

**Matthews:** Mr. Carter, do you want to address this?

**Carter:** Those numbers are accurate. And you know, in the past we've had to pay more money to balance their budget. This year they did have savings.

**Matthews:** I'd like to say thank you. That's great job.

**Bryant:** Yeah, that's right.

**Bryan:** Thank you Sheriff.

**Carter:** You may want to approve the carryover. That's up to you.

**Matthews:** You just want us to put it back in your budget for this coming year? Is that what you want us to do? So we need a motion for that.

**Bryant:** I make a motion.

**Bryan:** Second.

**Matthews:** We have a motion and a second. I don't think we have discussion. Everything looks good. Call for the vote. Unanimous. We are going to put it back in your budget. Keep doing what you are doing.

**Kidd:** Thank you sir.

**Supervisor Bryant moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve to carryover \$41,500 from 20-21 to 21-22 budget for Sheriff's Department.**

#### **Re: Voter Registration System Security**

**Carter:** I'll break this into two parts. I'll talk about the finance part and Jamie will talk about the technology. We received letter requesting to carryover some funds because they have some security equipment they have to buy after June 30<sup>th</sup>. They had money in their budget for it but it was delayed so she'd like to carry that money over to pay for this security equipment for voting machines. Mr. Shumaker can tell you more about what that equipment is.

**Shumaker:** So one of the things that's come down from the Virginia Department of Elections, they've come up with a new minimum standards that have to be required in her office. And equipment that you're looking at and some of the pricing that you're seeing about this equipment is to make sure that we meet the standards with cyber security. If we do not move forward, the state has the right to remove for VERIS access. And VERIS is basically the brains of the state for interacting with voter registration. So this is kind of one of those requirements as the state says you must meet these minimum requirements. Like Mr. Carter was saying, we were budgeted for it, but due to COVID, and some other things that have come about, she asks for a carryover to cover the costs.

**Matthews:** Is this hardware or software?

**Shumaker:** So it is hardware related. It is the number of pieces actually. So with the early voter registration, she now has to do to electronic poll books. So that's one of the things that is on there. It also requires us to change the wireless network that's in our building because it's got to be more secure wireless network. It is requiring us to change the firewall we have now as well as putting in other firewalls. So there's a lot of changes that are coming down because of this. But for the most part, it's a lot of hardware that's going for cyber security.

**Carter:** Just give you an idea what kind of monies we're talking about. The electoral board has about 30,000 left over in their budget from last fiscal year, and Registrar has about 27,000. So we always say for that amount because we still might have some bills that come in for June 30 that we haven't paid yet. So that number will not be larger, it could be smaller.

**Matthews:** And that number would take care of this?

**Carter:** Yes, sir.

**Allen:** So moved.

**Bryant:** Second.

**Matthews:** We have a motion and a second. Let's call for the vote to approve this registration system security for the Voter Registrar's office. Unanimous.

**Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve to carryover approximately \$57,000 from the Registrar and Electoral Board budgets to purchase voter security system required by the State.**

#### **Re: Other Matters for Board Consideration**

**Matthews:** We go to item number N, which are other board matters for consideration.

**Miles:** Yeah, Mr. Chairman so with regards to the Antilitter Taskforce, we're planning the fall cleanup from October the 8th to the 29<sup>th</sup> with the celebration on October the 30<sup>th</sup>. It's very heartening to hear Mr. Frederick from VDOT note that they're contracting with agencies to pick up the litter before the cutting along most, if not all, the secondary roads in the county. So that's exciting. But anyway, so Antilitter is taking place between October the 8th and the 29<sup>th</sup> with the celebration on October 30. Hopefully, yall will be part of that and community as well. Or the taskforce is working on contacting schools, organizations, churches, etc., as we did last time. So if you would help spread the word on that. And just one other comment. And just very briefly, I would preface this by just stating that I've talked to a few students, staff and faculty teachers about the matter that was touched on earlier with the school board. And obviously this, speaking on behalf of myself as a supervisor for the Maysville District, I don't think withholding or unallocating or voting not in favor of anything that will help the students or the teachers would help any situation that the school board is dealing with. So thank you, Mr. Chairman.

#### **Re: County Attorney Matters**

**Matthews:** Thank you. County Attorney matters. Redistricting update. Mr. Wright, are you on the phone.

**Wright:** (by phone) Good evening gentlemen. How are you this afternoon? I think it's the last meeting I told you that redistricting, especially the purging, I have seen probably (lost connection)

**Re: County Administrator's Report**

**Matthews:** We'll move to Item number P. County Administrator's Report. Item 1 is the Clerk of Circuit Court Auditor of Public Accounts audit results from January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

**Carter: Clerks office Audit:** You will see in your packet a letter from the Auditor of Public Accounts for the Clerk's Office showing that they had a great report from their audit for the state. So just next time to see Justin Midkiff, congratulate him because you know, that's what they all strive for is a clean audit from the state and they passed this one with flying colors.

**Update on Courthouse Committee:** Next, item I have for you guys tonight is the update on the courthouse committee. That committee consists of Supervisor Chambers, Supervisor Miles, County Attorney Mr. Wright, Daniel Queen and myself. We met with the one firm that provided bids evaluating repairing the courthouse, certain parts of the courthouse. The committee will continue to meet to provide a scope of work for the project and get an overall estimate of the depth of the project from the firm. When we get the project confirmed we would come back to you all to ask to continue with contract negotiations and to get the contract signed before the work gets done.

**Personnel Report:** Also, you should have under separate cover a personnel report from the EMS Committee. And that's just a list of who got hired because you see who these people are as far as employees.

That concludes my report, Mr. Chairman.

**Re: County Attorney Matters continued**

**Matthews:** Yes, we got you, Mr. Wright. Can you hear us?

**Wright:** I can. I apologize reception is very unstable here. Last week, we told you that the redistricting was required. Since a memo which is attached I'll try to follow the early advice and not read you that memo but I'd like for you to arrange and proceed. So there are several things it would be good for you to do. One would be to establish the redistricting committee. And I've suggested in that memo, some of the people that you might want to include in that. The second thing is to establish a working support group that will sort of provide the information for that for the redistricting committee. And then finally, if you find that in order to sort of adopt the parameters with how the redistricting should occur. And then the final thing would be to appropriate some money to allow that process to take place. I've outlined all of those in the memo. So I think if the Board feels to proceed, it would be time to take action on those matters.

**Matthews:** All right, sir.

**Allen:** I make a motion that we accept. You want me to read the whole thing?

**Matthews:** Do it in-house?

**Allen:** Yes. Do it in-house. Yeah to do a redistricting voting district for Buckingham County in-house to establish the 2021 redistricting committee as outlined above in the proposed outline above. To establish the working support group for 2021 redistricting committee as outlined above. To adopt a guideline criteria for redistricting as outlined above and appropriate \$20,000 from the ending year balance to the redistricting process. That's my motion.

**Matthews:** A motion by Mr. Allen and a second by Mr. Miles to do the in-house redistricting for the Buckingham County voting districts. I call for the vote. We are going to use these guidelines from Mr. Wright to try to attain what we need to do in the redistricting situation. So thank you. 7-0. Unanimous. Thank you.

**Wright:** Thank you gentlemen.

**Supervisor Allen moved, Vice Chairman Miles seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve do a redistricting voting district for Buckingham County in- house to establish the 2021 redistricting committee as outlined above in the proposed outline above. To establish the working support group for 2021 redistricting committee as outlined above. To adopt a guideline criteria for redistricting as outlined above and appropriate \$20,000 from the ending year balance to the redistricting process.**

**Re: Information Items**

**Matthews:** The next item on the agenda is Q which is informational items that are in your board packet.

**Re: Other Board Matters**

**Matthews:** Next time is our which we have already covered other board matters.

**Re: Executive Closed Session**

**Matthews:** And then there's no closed session.

**Re: Recess to reconvene**

**Matthews:** We're going to recess to reconvene August the 12th 2021 at 6pm.

There being no further matters for the Board to discuss, Chairman Matthews declared the meeting recessed to reconvene on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Karl R. Carter  
County Administrator

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Donald R. Matthews, Jr.  
Chairman