

**Buckingham County  
Board of Supervisors  
Monthly Meeting  
June 14, 2021**

At a regular monthly meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, June 14, 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; Harry W. Bryant, Jr.; Joe N. Chambers, Jr.; and Danny R. Allen. Donald E. Bryan was absent. Also present were Rebecca S. Carter, County Administrator, Karl R. Carter, Asst. County Administrator and E.M. Wright, Jr., County Attorney.

**Re: Call to Order**

Chairman Matthews called the meeting to order.

**Re: Establishment of a Quorum**

Chairman Matthews certified there was a quorum. Six of seven members were present and the meeting could continue.

**Re: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Re: Approval of Agenda**

**Miles:** Mr. Chairman, I've got one change, if we could add on N-7, I'm sorry, to N-6 add another name for consideration of appointment to the Antilitter Task Force, Brother George Dean from St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary.

**Matthews:** Yes, sir. I've got that down. I need a motion for the approval of the agenda.

**Bryant:** I make a motion.

**Chambers:** Second.

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

**Supervisor Bryant moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the agenda as amended.**

**Re: Approval of Minutes**

**Matthews:** We have the minutes.

**Miles:** So moved, Mr. Chairman, that the minutes be approved as presented.

**Allen:** Second.

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

**Vice Chairman Miles moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the May 10, 17, 21 and June 1, 2021 minutes as presented.**

**Re: Approval of Claims**

**Matthews:** Approval of claims. Have a motion?

**Bryant:** So moved.

**Miles:** I'll second it, Mr. Chairman.

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

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

**Re: Approval of First Quarter Appropriations**

General Fund	\$	2,421,704
Water Fund	\$	342,013
Sewer Fund	\$	116,491
VPA Fund	\$	564,884
CSA Fund	\$	398,115
**Courthouse Debt Service	\$	503,867
**Debt Service - Middle School	\$	726,421
**Debt Service - Elementary School	\$	2,270,405
School:		
Instruction	\$	5,058,044
Adm/Attn/Health	\$	433,011
Transportation	\$	567,867
Buses	\$	67,500
Operations	\$	627,291
**Lease Payment	\$	137,013
Cafeteria	\$	336,177
Technology	\$	477,192
Total School	\$	7,704,094

\*\*Actual Budget Numbers

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

**Allen:** Second.

**Matthews:** I have a motion and a second. Call for the vote.

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

**Re: Announcements**

**Matthews:** Are there any announcements?

There were no announcements.

**Re: Public Comments**

**Lann:** We have one voicemail from Paul Barlow.

**Barlow:** This is Paul Barlow, District 5. This is for the meeting for June 14. I think I could speak for most of my neighbors when I say that we would like to thank the Manteo headquarters, the VDOT station there, for doing such an excellent job in maintaining our road. Lately we've had quite a bit of traffic on it. Traffic is increasing on it. And we were wondering if it could be considered being paved soon. And as an afterthought, we all know that Buckingham County is a watershed for the James River. And there's no way you're going to be able to get a cyanide based gold mining operation in this county. Thank you.

**Lann:** He sent an email later stating that he neglected to say what road and he said it was Pond Road Route 738 that he was referring to.

We have an email from Rhonda Austin. She says:

**Rhonda Austin:** I am writing to invite you all to our second annual Juneteenth celebration in Buckingham. The event is being presented by Forward 2020 and will take place on Saturday, June 19th from 11 to 4 at Straight Street. Forward 2020 was organized last year with the vision of playing a prominent role in our community by providing educational and social opportunities to promote and encourage voting. There will be a vendor market, voter registration drive, COVID vaccination along with other activities which include gospel singing, historical reflections, along with games and prizes for children and adults. Additionally, we will be recognizing people from our community. Joe Chambers and Rebecca Carter are two of the honorees who will be recognized for their many years of public

service to Buckingham County. I hope you all will consider joining us on the 19<sup>th</sup> at Straight Street!  
Regards, Forward 2020, Rhonda Austin

**Rick Ewing:** Well, Supervisors, Mrs. Carter, Mr. Carter, thanks for letting me speak. It's been a while. My first meeting back since last March. Finally got out of my house. So I'm pleased to be able to speak, particularly pleased tonight to tell you how much I love the new library. And I just wanted to thank all of you for, particularly Mr. Matthews, Mr. Chambers, and Mr. Dunnevant from before, who worked particularly hard on getting the library together. It's just a great place and the community, I believe, is very proud of it. And I'm feeling very good about it. And I'd also just like to mention one thing about the library, there's been damage from ice for HVAC system. And I'm just really happy that the county is stepping in and saying heck with everything else. It's everybody else who's saying they're going to work on it, the contractor that originally put it in and so the county, I believe is going to just go in there and get the work done. And, and I have a lot of faith in Mr. Queen, Daniel Queen. I'm looking forward to it. I know it'll happen quickly. I have one kind of an announcement, I guess and that is that... you probably don't know about this, but there's something called the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. And it's a program to have books delivered to very young children at their homes, through the mail. And Buckingham County, through the library is going to be doing that for the children of Buckingham County. They get one book, one new book a month for until they turn five. So that's going to be... someone... we got a \$5,000 donation to make that happen. Because it's not free, it's free for the kids but it's not free. So Buckingham County is actually ahead of Prince Edward County. We're trying to find some money for Prince Edward County as well. So I just want to let you know about that and finally I just like to say a very big thank you. I'll join everybody else in congratulating Mrs. Carter on her retirement and to say thank you for your long and strong support of the library. Stop on by. It's been a while. Does anybody have any questions for me as the director?

**Matthews:** Have you got all your little checklist taken care of that we had some hiccups with?

**Ewing:** There is there a couple of things that we're working on but again, Daniel Queen is working with us and Jameson Lewis, the contractor and I've every confidence everything will be handled. It's all fixable. Thank you very much.

**Donna McCrae-Jones, District 3:** Thanks everyone. I'm going to piggyback on some of what Rick said about the air conditioning. I'm standing before you, my name is Donna McCrae-Jones, I'm in District 3 however I'm standing before you today with the Buckingham Dillwyn Garden Club. We have noticed, we haven't been in the library last week but the garden club had floral arrangements throughout the library with different themes. One of the things that was noticed, and why I'm standing before you today is we had a little picnic meeting today and I was charged with addressing this Board of Supervisors as to why the air conditioning hadn't been fixed. But through my investigation, I'm happy to

say that (mic cut out and didn't pick up) thank you for the work you have done to support us. Thank you.

**Annie Diggs, District 6:** (didn't want to speak after all)

**Joyce Gooden, District 6:** Good evening. My name is Joyce Goodman. I live on 1779 Shelton Store Road. I'm in District 6, Reverend Joe Chambers is my representative. This is the first meeting after our primary elections. And I am here to speak on that. I want to say again, thank you, I want to let it be known that Lindsey is awesome in organization and responsiveness. Buckingham's electoral board is awesome. And they are just as responsive to questions, especially my questions since I tend to have a lot of questions. So I just applaud their organization. Their responsiveness. Thank you for moving our election site to Sharon Baptist. We now have a better parking lot, which is safer and safer for us who leave in the evening. And we have, there's actually dusk to dawn lights there in the parking lot. So we don't have to kind of figure out a way to our vehicles. So love the parking, and its better able to organize and serve the public when they vote. So again, thank you for to Lindsey. Thank you to the Buckingham electoral board. And thank you for moving the building. I appreciate it.

**Eddie Slagle, District 3:** Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board, Mrs. Carter. My name is Eddie Slagle District 3, 2331 Back Mountain Road, Dillwyn, Virginia. I just came tonight, because I wanted to thank personally Mrs. Carter, for all her years of dedication and service to the county. She was always one if you had an issue, you could go and ask to speak to her anytime. And I was a little hesitant there for a while because the receptionist found out who I was and she would tell her that Eddie Slagle was out there and I was always concerned that she was going to be busy or whatever. But she was never busy. She always had time for me. And I've told this story before that my wife and I were looking at several counties. And so I came up and Mrs. Carter was gracious enough to talk to me and good, bad or indifferent she's the reason my wife and I are in Buckingham County. So if there's any reason you have fault, you can still blame her while she's still in office. But please enjoy your retirement. It's well-earned and like I've told you many times before, we're going to miss you. Thank you

**Kenda Hanuman, District 5:** Kenda Hanuman, District 5. I'm here tonight to acknowledge Mrs. Carter. Her last monthly Board of Supervisor meeting in this position of county administrator. You're going to be missed. You've been a while wonderful, kind representative and always responded so timely with any questions I had. So you're going to hear that again. Now I'd like to speak to Aston Bay's mining plans for the county. Gives you a reason to smile. Well as Mr. Ewing spoke about the library donation, I was waiting to hear him say who it came from. I don't know if any of you know or if you'd like to guess, it's Aston Bay, a Canadian gold mining company. Makes me wonder why they're giving money to Buckingham County. I don't question supporting the program. It's a worthy program. But I do wonder why they would be doing this. It seems it's not so different than questioning why they'd spend over a million dollars on exploratory drilling if it wasn't for gold mining. So who will demand

sustainable development in Buckingham? People over profit. Friends of Buckingham and our allies will be attending the Juneteenth event and we'll be tabling and also at multiple events throughout the year. I'll be hoping to educate the public about gold mining. Thank you.

**Lann:** That's all.

**Re: VDOT Road Matters, Scott Frederick, Resident Engineer**

**Matthews:** Next item is VDOT Road Matters with Scott Frederick.

**Steve Snell:** Scott had another meeting to go to so he's not here today. I am Steve Snell. I am the Assistant Resident Engineer for VDOT in Farmville. And I thank you for inviting me today. The first items I have are about what our maintenance crews are doing. Right now they are putting down plant mix out asphalt to patch and replace sunken lines on Route 645 and 655 and 656. They're still mowing along secondary roads which will take a few weeks. Along with that they're cutting tree limbs as they see them. Now that foliage is out, you'll have tree limbs starting to come down. You have a question?

**Miles:** Not right now.

**Snell:** Okay. And then on top of that, they are adding gravel to unpaved roads throughout the county. We call that leveling to level out the road. And of course on Route 60 here, we have a contractor repaving Route 60. And that's done through the district in Lynchburg rather than through the residency. That's it for the daily maintenance. Do you have any questions on that?

**Miles:** Yeah. So with regarding I think Ronnie Palmore, who's Director of Transportation for the School Division, reached out to some of us and he was driving a bus halfway recently. Actually the road was either Ranson or St. Andrews Road. And he had to get over for some reason and he hit a low lying limb and that busted the windshield out of the bus. Now, if you had a less experienced driver, hauling a bunch of schoolchildren that that could have been tricky, especially with some oncoming traffic. So how do you all go about the assessment of the low hanging limbs, not the stems because, you know, that happens to everybody catch on late for something like that. But how do you go about assessing that?

**Snell:** Assessing whether they're a hazard or not? Is that what you mean?

**Miles:** Sure. Yes, sir. Countywide.

**Snell:** Yes. So our managers will drive around certain roads every week. Primary roads, they do once a week, secondary roads I do about once a month to see what how the condition of the road is. So that's just us doing active work to see if we see anything. And pretty much we think a truck could hit it, we

will take it down. So that will go on our list for maintenance. If it's if it's a hazard where it's an immediate hazard, we'll go out that day or get someone within a day or two. If we feel like you can just put on a regular maintenance program, when we're in that area we'll go by and trim a lot of the trees that are hanging. Right now because the foliage is getting full is when you'll have those trees that were damaged in the storm, but didn't fall, there'll be some limbs that will gradually start to hang. Ideally, if you know of one that you see, you can call our hotline, which is the FORROADS, 1-800-FORROADS, and that we have our customer service people that will take all the information, you give them a location and what the hazard is. And we will within three or four days have someone go out and look at it and assess it and address it in terms of its immediacy. So like that, when that hit the bus, if someone had contacted us, or if they did, we would say somewhat right away because actually that one has been hit. So we know it's an immediate hazard. So we will go out and trim that. A lot of times for like single branch like that the supervisor himself will go out and park his truck and cut that himself, just to get rather than sit waiting for a crew to get out there. Because the crew will have to put on a schedule, there'll be work somewhere else. So it's easier just for the supervisor himself to go out and get a single limb. But if it's an immediate hazard like that, we'll go out and do that right away.

**Miles:** And then the two other brief things were on Andersonville Road, the Ogden family trust, Keep Virginia Beautiful sign got knocked down. Its right there as you get off of 15 South turn right on Andersonville Road about 300 feet on the left. And then there are two dead trees, very dead trees, leaning across, they appear to be about to fall, off and near 3491 Dixie Hill Road.

**Snell:** 3491?

**Miles:** Yes, sir. Dixie Hill Road. Yes, sir. And then same thing at 6124 Andersonville Road.

**Nell:** Now, one thing I didn't get was the address for that bus. Is that limb still there? Or was it weaken?

**Miles:** I'm not sure. We can get that to you. Yeah.

**Snell:** So this is another way just the public meeting, you can always bring things up to us. And that gets put in a work order. So we have a work order system that will tell us at this meeting or citizen calls our hotline that gets put in a work order and it's tracked to make sure someone responds to it in a few days.

**Matthews:** I've got a question. Is any other supervisor have any other needs?

**Davis:** I got one.

**Matthews:** Okay, Mr. Davis, go ahead.

**Davis:** Oh, Cartersville Road up from Bryant's Store. I brought it up a couple of times. It's a pothole in the road right there, about a half a mile up from Bryant's Store that will swallow your car and it needs to be fixed and that road gets a lot of log truck traffic and is just being rolled out more and more and more.

**Snell:** You said was half a mile north of what?

**Davis:** Half a mile west of Bryant's Store on Cartersville Road going back towards 15. Now is this is bad.

**Snell:** Is it right here on the shoulder or is it on the paved surface?

**Davis:** It's out in the road about this wide now. It tries to suck you into the ditch if you meet a car there. It's bad.

**Snell:** I'm surprise, they haven't addressed that yet. If he brought it up already. I'll talk to him about that.

**Matthews:** I've got two concerns too. This is the second time I brought this up too. Which is right down here going west on 60, out of the courthouse, you'll go past the Presbyterian Church on the right as you get past the Presbyterian Church on the right there to residences and just starts a grade going down the hill and it's a curve. And then after you when you go around that curve, it's a tree with a light pole that's grown up and you can't see back up east. And it's a very dangerous situation. Scott said they had to contact the electrical company to take care of the power company to take care of that this own electric pole but that's just part of it is really some of it is own the state right away that is obstructing the view back up 60 towards the courthouse, east. The other concern is my district which is State Route 636 which is Francisco Road going west. I don't know the address. But if you go west on Francisco Road is a gentleman by the name of Tommy Manis has the hog house, on that entrance to his hog house and I don't the address, I was just given this information by another resident. There's a tree that the Route is actually leaning the Routes are coming out of the out of the ground. So it's only a matter of time that tree is going to fall across 636. So if you research it Tommy Manis' hog operation there. Tommy Manis', his address, I'm sure somebody could probably tell you how to get to that. If you contacted him, but it's all in the state right away. The other item is State Route 769. There's some construction going on. It's at the intersection of 636 and 15, which is Shepherd Store, or Shepherds Country Corner or Millbrook Country Corner now, and all that material that they've been digging out and reclaiming to widen the right of way and extend the I guess it's a turning lane there it is going to be going both directions. All that material is going up to Route 769. And last week, they put some stone finally put some stone on that road, 769 will. Yeah, I guess you could probably get with your contractor or with the VDOT person in charge, to find out how many loads have actually been put down at 769. Now where they've already

wore the stone that you put down last week back out, but hauling that material back up there after all this rain. So what you did last week, is not doing any good. They've already mashed it down to where the road is spreading out to the ditches. So the people that live on that road other than the person is getting the dirt is not benefiting from it. And at some point time they got they got to I would say this guy has gotten enough dirt, whoever that is.

**Snell:** That's a contractor doing that work. So we'll have to get with Pearson. Okay, I'll look into that.

**Miles:** And then the last concern, Mr. Chairman, forgive me, but at the intersection of Coleman Road and 24. If you take he headed west, you would take a left, that road is the entrance there certainly is starting to crumble. It's a dirt road but it's got obviously some entrance pavement right there. But that's crumbling on the west end of the intersection in some patchwork.

**Snell:** Now we pave the main road, but not the private entrances. Is it a private entrance?

**Miles:** No, sir. No. So this is a State Road and I'm not asking to pave the whole road. But the entrance, the column, the apron, or whatever you want to call it? Yes. Yes, sir. Okay, yes. Which is paved.

**Snell:** Okay, good. Okay, anything else? Thank you. Yes. And we have the six year plan. Do you want me to announce it first?

**Matthews:** We're gonna open up the public hearing. And then if you want to stay and listen to concerns and discussion on that, so we're getting ready to do that next.

**Re: Public Hearing: VDOT Secondary Six Year Plan**

**Matthews:** We've got Item K, which is the public hearing for the six year plan for the Virginia Department of Transportation, Secondary Six Year Road Plan. So we're going to open the public hearing right now for discussion and any comments?

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

**Matthews:** Nobody signed up. Are there any questions or concerns from the board?

**Miles:** Mr. Chairman, as to that switch we talked about during our work session, I talked to the folks, the residents of Hunters Road and they are fine with that change, with the swapping of that for Red Road. Putting Red Road ahead of Hunters Road. So they are, I contacted them and talk to all of them. And they're fine with that.

**Matthews:** Did you look at the schedule to make sure it was changed? Where you want it?

**Miles:** Yes, sir. I did.

**Matthews:** It's the way you want it.

**Miles:** I'll double look but when I looked it was Yes.

**Matthews:** You're good to go with the six year plan as is as it is written. Are there any other questions from you gentlemen?

**Bryant:** I'm satisfied with what we did.

**Allen:** Just want to make sure they added the one's we talked about at the end of the meeting and did they add it to the end of it all. Will that be for next time?

**Matthews:** Was that was that shown on our documentation?

**Snell:** We changed the format half way through so the last three years of the program they actually lump it into one page by route number. A little confusing. It's just more allowing us to be more flexible with the pay schedule. There's a format change. But which one were you asked about? Do you have a route number of what was added?

**Matthews:** I think there were several added.

**Snell:** I can read the one for this year, which are over this year, which would be 2027, which is the year where we pick new roads would be Route 708, 717, Route 622 and Route 653. So currently on your plan, that will be the one without a date, because we'll put this date in there. On page four of six, about midway down. And yes, there's a kind of a blank date there. And that's the last year that's 2027. And those four to the right of the new ones that we added this year. You see that page four of eight? Okay. There is a Route 708 from Route 602 to that dead end. Route 717, which goes from Route 613 to 1.06 miles north of Route 613, is Route 622, which goes from Route 622 to 1.33 miles south of Route 622. And then there's Route 653, which goes from Route 602 to 698.

**Miles:** Was Fitzpatrick Road added to this? That's what I requested during a work session, sir.

**Snell:** Yes. Unfortunately, I don't know the route names.

**Miles:** I will refer to someone more senior than me. Fitzpatrick Road off of 602.

**Snell:** You do have a route off of Route 602, which is 653.

**Miles:** No that's Axtel Road.

**Snell:** All right. Okay.

**Miles:** Let me google it real quick.

**Allen:** I see the one I was talking about, 717 from 613.

**Davis:** That's our district.

**Allen:** Yeah. I'm trying to remember the road. I'm bad about names. I think its Randolph Creek.

**Miles:** 708.

**Snell:** 708 is on here.

**Miles:** Okay. Very good. Thank you.

**Snell:** Yes, it goes from Route 602 to the dead-end.

**Chambers:** Mr. Terry Dunkum called me by Payne's Pond Road. I told him is still on the list with the six year plan meeting the other night, last week. But I think them numbers aren't exactly right, though. I think it will start off with 20 down and they don't have to be connected to 20.

**Snell:** For this year, that's in past years. Let me see. There is Route 605. That goes from 20 to dead ends that may be...

**Chambers:** That's not it. If you...you've got to pass on down past 695 there across from Spanglers. That road Payne's Pond Road on your right going back through there. I think it's 679. Is it Route 679?

**Matthews:** Like going to Scottsville?

**Chambers:** That's right.

**Snell:** Did you say Payne's Pond Road?

**Chambers:** Yes, Payne's Pond Road.

**Snell:** So that's the previous allocations that is in your 2020 and 2022, which on page two of six. So those are still on there. So Payne's Pond Road, which is Route 679 runs from Route 784 to 2.8 miles north of Route 784. And then there's another section for the following year, which is also Route 679. And it runs from 652 to...

**Chambers:** So that's not my question. My question is when is it going to connect to Route 20?

**Snell:** Will it connect to Route 20? In terms of the improvement...

**Chambers:** When you pass 695, Hatton Ferry Road, the next road is 679. So when is that part going to connect to Route 20 north right there?

**Snell:** Are you...so I'm not sure if you mean the improvements?

**Chambers:** It's already supposed to be tarred but see the date, the numbers you gave me don't connect it to Route 20. That's what I'm saying when it could be connected to Route 20?

**Snell:** The improvements?

**Chambers:** No, yeah. When you when you get ready to tar it, you know, rough surface it? Yeah, I told him before three times that something is wrong with those numbers because it's not connected to the Route 20?

**Snell:** Yeah, I can't answer that right now on this. So I'm sorry about that. But I will look. Yeah, so I'm not actually too familiar with the roads in this county. So I can't off the top of my head, say, if it's connecting. I will have Scott call you though.

**Chambers:** Okay, thank you.

**Miles:** That's not even addressed. On the last page.

**Chambers:** That's what I'm saying.

**Snell:** There is one limitation we have in terms of these roads. I don't know if it applies in this case, but it has less than 50 vehicles a day traveling on it. It currently isn't on our list of roads to do. You wouldn't be able to choose that route. Any roads less than 50 vehicle trips per day.

**Miles:** It's got more than that.

**Chambers:** It does have more than 50. This road was already been approved. I'm just saying the numbers on the page is not connecting right. That's what I'm saying.

**Snell:** So you're saying it should go up to 20. But it doesn't show it. I'll have Scott, look at that.

**Chambers:** Thank you.

**Snell:** Any other questions? I apologize for not knowing the roads.

**Matthews:** So you are going to have Scott contact Mr. Chambers or county administrator about that road right there?

**Snell:** Yes.

**Matthews:** I'll close the public hearing at this time.

**Miles:** I'd move we adopt the six year secondary road improvement plan, Mr. Chairman,

**Allen:** Second.

**Matthews:** We have a motion and a second to adopt the six year plan as written with the exception of Payne's Pond Road, 679. All right. They are gonna get with you on that. So we don't forget it. All right. Call for the vote please.

**Vice Chairman Miles moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the VDOT Secondary Six Year Plan as presented and the following Resolution with the exception of Payne's Pond Road which Mr. Frederick will be contacted regarding this question.**

### **Buckingham County Resolution**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Buckingham, held at the Buckingham County Administration Complex on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Present were: Donald R. Matthews, Jr., Chairman; T. Jordan Miles, III, Vice-Chairman; Dennis Davis; Harry W. Bryant, Jr.; Joe N. Chambers, Jr.; Danny R. Allen. Donald E. Bryan was absent.

On motion by Supervisor Miles, seconded by Supervisor Allen and carried:

WHEREAS, Sections 33.1-23.1 and 33.1-23.4 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, provides the opportunity for each county to work with the Virginia Department of Transportation in developing a Secondary Six-Year Road Plan,

WHEREAS, this Board had previously agreed to assist in the preparation of this Plan, in accordance with the Virginia Department of Transportation policies and procedures, and participated in a public hearing on the proposed Plan (2022 through 2027) as well as the Construction Priority List (2022) on June 14, 2021 after duly advertised so that all citizens of the County had the opportunity to participate in said hearing and to make comments and recommendations concerning the proposed Plan and Priority List,

WHEREAS, Scott Frederick, Residency Administrator, Virginia Department of Transportation, appeared before the board and recommended approval of the Six-Year Plan for Secondary Roads (2022 through 2027) and the Construction Priority List (2022) for Buckingham County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that since said Plan appears to be in the best interests of the Secondary Road System in Buckingham County and of the citizens residing on the Secondary System, said Secondary Six-Year Plan (2022 through 2027) and Construction Priority List (2022) are hereby approved as presented at the public hearing.

**Re: Zoning Matters**

**There were none at this time.**

**Re: Davenport and Company/Karl Carter-Potential Refinancing Opportunities of the Library/Community Center Debt**

**Matthews:** The next item is item M. The next item will be item M Presentations. Mr. Carter. Davenport and Company.

**K. Carter:** Yes, sir Mr. Chairman, last month, you were updated by Davenport about possible dual track financing for refinancing the county library and community center. Tonight Kyle Laux is back to share with you the updates on that dual track project process and wants you to take action on a resolution. So I'll turn it over to Kyle.

**Laux:** Mr. Chairman, members of the board nice to see y'all as always. I guess I should start as many of the other speakers have previously in giving some public thanks to Mrs. Carter. I've had the good fortune to work with you as a county for as long as I've been around in this role. So it's about 18 years. And during that whole time period, we've really enjoyed working with Becky, if I can, and we're certainly saddened in some ways to hear of her retirement, but certainly she's earned it. And I think as we work with lots and lots of counties, local governments across the region, across the state, I think that stability of management you've had is something that has been very, very impressive. And so I think you see that in your finances, which is in part what we're here to talk about tonight. And we just want to say

on behalf of all my partners at Davenport, we really appreciate working with Mrs. Carter over the years. So thank you. And so with that, Mr. Chair, you may recall maybe about a month ago, colleague Artie Taylor was here to brief you on what is really hopefully an opportunity for you to refinance an existing debt for savings purposes. At the time, the idea was to do something we've done many times in the past with the county and various capital projects, which is to give ourselves multiple options to think about going and achieving that financing. The loan in question I'll use that term is a 2019 loan that was issued for the library. I heard some positive commentary about that evening. So it's always nice to kind of come full circle on that. And what we're really seeking to achieve in this case, and I know you've got a presentation in front of you, and I'll reference just a couple of pages in this for reference, and then we can kind of get to the recommendations and the next steps. But on page number three, but on page number three, just a couple of details. This is about a \$5 million loan, again issued back in 2019 for the library. The current rate on that loan is a 2.87%. That was a good rate at the time, remains a solid rate, but one that we think in the marketplace could be lowered for savings purposes. So at the core of this, what we're really talking about is giving ourselves an ability to go from a higher rate to a lower rate, and save money in the process. One other aspect of this loan is there's an interest rate reset. That doesn't occur until 2034. We've got a number of years before that occurs. But we think one of the ways we can take advantage of the fact that rates are low right now is to go ahead and get that rate locked in through the full term of the loan. So really kind of a two part, two purpose financing. One is bring the rate down. The second is let's just go ahead and lock it in through the final maturity of the loan while we're at it. Importantly, we're not extending any term of any debts, there's no extension of any debt. The idea is let's keep the final maturity of that loan the same. So we're paying it off, basically the same schedule we already were. So that was, was sort of the background just for your reference. So what we've done over the intervening time period is we've gone out, we've gotten bids, from banking institutions competitively, that's local banks, national banks, regional banks, everybody had in essence, the same shot to put a bid in. And we've gotten those bids back to what we call direct bank loan. Maybe you want to reference page number five in your booklet. And then the second of our two options, which is really what we're recommending to you tonight, is what's called the Virginia Resource Authority. So shorthand for that is VRA. VRA is a state run program that you as a county have used multiple times in the past. They issue bonds on behalf of local governments in the public credit markets. And it's a long standing state program that enjoys some of that backing from the state. And that then translates to a lower interest rate for you than maybe you would have otherwise achieved on your own. So those were our two options. We've gone through this process. Cutting straight to the chase, what we're recommending to you tonight is that VRA option. The bank proposals were solid. You will see them on page number six. Again, the existing rate on the loan there, we'd be taking that with these two proposals that we got one from Truist Bank, one from Sterling Bank. So those are the two bank bids that came in. They were solid. But really, we think the VRA provides a better opportunity for us. And so we'll talk through that on next couple pages.

So if you flip to page seven, page seven is probably the most important page, if you will, in the booklet here. And we'll explain what it is we mean by the recommendation on the VRA side of things. So the way VRA operates, again, they sell bonds in the public credit markets on your behalf. They are going to do that at the end of July. So what we have right now is an estimate of what the savings would be if indeed we participated in that program. The array has approved our application, we're not bound to move forward. But we are positioned to be able to do that if you as a board determine you'd like to do that. And so VRA, if you look at that first column there, look at that all in true interest cost number. That 2.17%. So that's the estimate right now, take into account all the various factors, all the costs that would be involved of what the all in interest rate very similar to like an APR on a, you know, car loan or home mortgage, something like that. That 2.17% is, is the best estimate we have of what that rate would be if VRA was selling their bonds today. What that would mean for you as a county is that you would save about \$415,000 over the life of loan. That equates to about \$23,000 a year. Importantly, it equates to an estimated present value savings of 6.7%. So that 6.7% is an industry benchmark. We actually want that number to be higher, that's not an interest rate. That's a way of measuring the savings of the loan. Anything above 3% is viewed as being favorable. And so that's the estimate of what VRA looks like today. You compare that to Truist Bank, which is those columns to the right there, which is the best bank proposal that we got. And the savings there is about \$200,000. So basically, roughly speaking, the VRA option looks to be in the current market saving is about double what that Truist proposal would indeed be saving us and hence our recommendation to you this evening. Page number eight, gives you all kinds of numbers to look at. We've gone through with Mrs. Carter and Mr. Carter and E.M. as well. And kind of leading to our recommendations to you that would go with that theory option. An important caveat here is that VRA as I mentioned don't sell bonds to late July. So we do have between now and that they sell bonds on July 21, whereby we're subject of movements in the market, we don't know exactly what that rate is, until such time as VRA sells. We feel like given the difference in these various options, it makes some sense to put that VRA option as the one we'd like to move forward with. And what you'll see is that in the resolution we'll talk about in a minute, there's certain thresholds whereby is if the rates were to move upwards between now and the end of July, more than about 30 or 40 basis points, which is about a third to fourth tenths of a percent, then the transaction the refunding wouldn't happen. That's there to basically cover and guard you in case rates do something unusual or unexpected, which we don't control, you don't control VRA doesn't control between the end of July make sure you're covered and protected. And not having to do a refunding that isn't saving you any money. That's really the big overlying sort of purpose there. So I'll flip over to page number nine. Actually I should probably even just take you to page number 10. A couple other important details. VRA by virtue of how they sell their bonds, you'd have the ability to prepay the loan in the future. They have a what's called a 10 year lockout. And that's just kind of what I'll call the typical provision for bonds sold in the public credit markets. The first 10 years alone are basically set and fixed, which in this rate environment, while we've been surprised in the past, you wouldn't expect to be able to want to prepay something that is maturing at such low rates. And then things that mature meaning principal that matures after year 10, you can prepay with no penalty. So we still retain some prepayment flexibility into the future. The underlying

collateral for loan remains unchanged. It's the library that's how it was set up originally, that won't change at all. And that's very typical for how a loan like this has done across the state. So I think then we can go to page 11 and walk you through the next steps and they're very few. Basically there's a resolution that Mr. Carter handed out to you is in your board package. That resolution which is prepared by your bond counsel, McGuire-Woods would be the only step that is needed if the board in order to give yourself that opportunity to go ahead and participate in that VRA pool. There's really just one step we need of the board. And that's it. From that time period VRA works on your behalf between June and July and sells the bonds towards the end of July. I will point out one very important provision within that resolution, and it basically says it's kind of the operative provision within that multiple page document, that basically says if the all in true interest costs that we just talked about as being about 2.17 right now, if that goes above 2.5%, that's the governor whereby we're not really saving any money if the interest rate goes above that. And so our recommendation has been, we set that parameter at such a level, that if we're not saving money as a county on a net basis, then the refunding doesn't happen, you're not charged any money. And so that's sort of the protection there. So amongst that, that whole, multiple page documents, probably the most important provision, the basis is, if rates go up more than 30 or 40 basis points between now and July 21, we as a county, no need to move forward with it, no more obligation to move forward with it. Because there just isn't any savings there for us. But it's point that out, Mr. Chairman, is probably the most important aspect of that resolution. With that, and it was a lot information in short time period, so I will pause there and see if there any questions from the board?

**Matthews:** I don't think there are any questions. I mean, it's pretty cut and dry. We appreciate the good job and letting us know about this. And Mr. Carter did a good job and Mrs. Carter too. So the whole process has been very, very good. So thank you, sir.

**Miles:** I would move that we accept the resolution as presented for refinancing.

**Allen:** Second.

**Matthews:** We have a motion and a second to accepting this resolution who saved the county a tremendous amount of money in just about a year's time. So that means interest rates are working in our favor a little bit. So we're going to pass that along to the taxpayers. Thank you so much. Let's call for the vote, please.

**Vice Chairman Miles moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Resolution for refinancing with VRA for the library/community center debt.**

**Wright:** McGuire-Woods you heard referred to, will be representing the county in the bond issue. It's a fairly sophisticated area. McGuire-Woods is also a very well established firm in the state. They also represent the VRA. You think, well, how can you do both sides? In this particular case, there is a fairly

good distinction of roles and these types of things are pretty cut and dried. So there really is an inherent conflict with that happening here. They're different departments and do different work. But because you're the client of McGuire-Woods in the bond issue, and VRA is the client for the bond issuing agency, I would ask the board consider adopt a resolution that they would waive being aware of that conflict waive any conflict McGuire-Woods might have by representing the VRA and the County.

**Chambers:** So moved.

**Davis:** Second.

**Matthews:** We have a motion addressing what Mr. Wright just touched on. Have a second by Mr. Davis. Call for the vote. Does the motion needs to conclude what you talked about Mr. Wright? Okay, so Mr. Chambers made a motion. Benefit right there. Mr. Davis, did you second that? Okay. All right. So, you got it Mrs. Lann, okay. All right.

**Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Davis seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to adopt a resolution that acknowledge being aware of the conflict and waive any conflict with McGuire-Woods might have by representing the VRA and Buckingham County.**

**Re: Consider appointment of the new County Administrator to represent the County on the following Boards and Commissions: Regional Jail Authority; Piedmont Regional Juvenile Detention Board; Virginia's Heartland Board of Directors; Commonwealth Regional Council and alternate to the Workforce Investment Board.**

**Matthews:** Item number N. Department agencies and reports and items of consideration. Number one, consider appointment of the new county administrator to represent the county on the following boards and commissions, Regional Jail Authority, Piedmont Regional Jail Detention Board, Virginia's Heartland Board of Directors; alternate to the Workforce Investment Board. These titles and jobs will be passed along to the new county administrator.

**Miles:** Mr. Chairman, can we add to that the Commonwealth Regional Council, please? Because that's Mrs. Carter's also serves there.

Matthews: Call for the vote.

**Supervisor Chambers moved, Vice Chairman Miles seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appoint the new County Administrator to represent the County on the following Boards and Commissions: Regional Jail Authority; Piedmont Regional Juvenile Detention Board; Virginia's**

**Heartland Board of Directors; Commonwealth Regional Council and alternate to the Workforce Investment Board.**

**Re: Consider Audit Engagement Letter**

**Matthews:** The next item is Mr. Carter, Finance Department-Consider audit engagement letter. Can you give us a little enlightenment on that?

**K. Carter:** Yes sir, Mr. Chairman. In your packet, it should be an audit engagement letter agreement from RFC. They need this signed by you guys in order to come to our audit for the fiscal year 2021. They're scheduled to be at our office the week of July 12. So this is one of those things outlined in that agreement you have with what they're responsible for and with the counties responsible for. It's just a basic agreement showing that they need you to agree to have them come in look at our documents before they come in.

**Matthews:** Nothing's changed from last year to this year?

**K. Carter:** No, sir.

**Miles:** So moved, Mr. Chairman, that we engage thereto.

**Matthews:** We have a motion.

**Davis:** Second.

**Matthews:** Second by Mr. Davis. Call for the vote.

**Vice Chairman Miles moved, Supervisor Davis seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Engagement Letter for Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates to audit the Buckingham County financials for Fiscal Year 2021.**

**Re: Notice of Grant Award of \$10,784.91 from the ESO Transition hardware Special Initiative Grant Program**

**Matthews:** Item number three is going to be Cody Davis, Department of Emergency Management, and Notice of Grant Award of \$10,784.91 from the ESO Transition Hardware Special Initiative Grant Program. Just want to produce Mr. Davis and thank him for the great job that he's doing.

**C. Davis:** Good evening gentlemen. Thank you for that, Mr. Chairman. So the State of Virginia, all the EMS agencies utilize a reporting software to report our run reports. The State of Virginia is transitioning to a new software. They opened up an opportunity for agencies to receive some hardware to better support that new software. So we jumped at the opportunity and were able to receive that grant that grant has no match obligation. 100% funds from the state, nothing from us. And with that, we'll be able to receive three brand new ruggedized laptops to be able to do our patient care reporting and field work off the ambulances. I wanted to advise you guys of that and ask you to appropriate it. While I've got the floor, if you're alright with that, I'd like to go ahead and advise you of a few other items as well.

**Matthews:** Yes, sir. Help yourself.

**C. Davis:** We'll continue with money coming to the county because that's the good stuff. I've partnered with the sheriff's office, Lieutenant Jamerson, Lieutenant Uzdanovics. They've been very proactive in trying to kind of a rate rising tide raises all ships. And they have worked diligently to ensure that all of their staff are CPR, first aid trained, stop the bleed trained. With that we endeavored to put some more equipment in their hands to where they can utilize that skill set to help you know they're kind of spread throughout the county, whereas we're coming from a station a lot so they might be able to begin the process of patient care, even if something happens, you know, as we're getting there. So with that said, we received a quote from a company for AED's, the heart defibrillators, like what you see on the wall out here, enough units to outfit their entire fleet. These units work in tandem with the units that we use, plug and play. Software is all the same. So really just a continuous thing, county wide approach. That total cost was \$35,700. We did approach Kyanite Mining for their assistance in this endeavor. And they've agreed to give us \$18,000 towards that project. And then another \$10,000 atop that \$18,000 if we can find the other \$7,700 elsewhere. So that's where we're at now. They're gonna go ahead and cut us that \$18,000 check so that we can begin the procurement process. Not only did they work with us to for the funds, but their procurement officer, Mr. Jones, did what he does, and was able to knock the total price down by \$3,000. So I just wanted to let you guys know how great of a partner that industry group is, to our public safety here and how awesome the Sheriff's office is for in partnering with us.

**Carter:** And I'll add that we already looked at the CARES money and we don't think this would be a qualified expense, by the guidelines, but we do feel like you have in your budget, the \$7,700 if you would agree. They don't have to appropriate the money because it's in the budget, but they would agree for you to use that money to match this Kyanite contribution which is wonderful.

**Allen:** I like go ahead and make a motion to give you the money. The only grant for \$10,784.91 and then we'll move back on to this.

Bryant: Second.

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

**Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appropriate the \$10,784.91 from the ESO Transition Hardware Special Initiative Grant Program.**

**Davis:** Can I ask Cody a question while we got him up here?

**Matthews:** Yes, sir.

**Davis:** Cody, do we have the AED's in the library and all?

**C. Davis:** I've got one here and one at our training center. I can't speak to whether or not there is one at the library.

**Davis:** I was just thinking that to me, every building that is a public building ought to have one handy.

**Matthews:** Mr. Ewing should be able to answer that question. Is there one up there Mr. Ewing?

Couldn't hear Mr. Ewing.

**C. Davis:** I believe that these funds will give us 20 units, which kind of gives us enough to if you know, one goes down, we're able to replace it. But I also believe that would give us enough to be able to outfit some of our public buildings.

**Davis:** I was just thinking, we put one in our church just because our congregation is getting older and just a good thing to have around.

**Matthews:** Do we need to vote on that?

**Carter:** If they would vote to use Emergency Management budget money to match Kyanite Mining Grant.

**Matthews:** \$7,700. That would mean that's what needs to be done.

**Miles:** I make a motion to that.

**Davis:** Second.

**Matthews:** A motion by Mr. Miles and a second by Mr. Davis with regards to allocating the \$7,700 for the additional money for that particular \$35,700. Is that right? Okay. For the AEDS that was given by Kyanite for the principal amount of that and then the rest of it is from EMS Budget. Okay. We'll call for the vote.

**Vice Chairman Miles moved, Supervisor Davis seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to allocate the \$7,700 additional money needed to match the Kyanite Mining contribution for the total of \$35,700 needed to purchase AED's for Sheriff's Department vehicles.**

**Davis:** Couple more items, Mr. Chairman. More money coming to the county. Revenue recovery with EMS since we started in that business was slow at first, you know, you guys especially that worked on the rescue squad committee historically know that we are finally starting to see what we expect. We went the first three months of doing revenue recovery, we're seeing roughly a \$12,000 to \$15,000 intake. And then in May, what happened in April was Medic Care started to pay. Big thing for us. So our May intake was \$112,000. What that was, you know, the backlog playing catch up, which puts our average for those four months out to you know, 36,000, and some change which is lower than what we anticipate still, but we still have some payers that have yet, that are still in kind of waiting, like Medicaid for one. So once those were, our trend is getting where we think we will be with that. So that is encouraging.

**Carter:** I thought he was gonna have to use one of those machines on me if that money didn't start coming in.

**C. Davis:** I thought I might be job hunting. But anyways, alright, moving on. Now we're getting away from money. And I don't want to beat this dead horse anymore. But COVID-19, we are working with the state to bring in mobilized vaccination sites, no more big sites, just small pinpoint one day events with the Johnson-Johnson vaccine. And we've got five coming to the county over the next two Saturdays. I wish I'd written it out better. I do know one of those events is going to be at the Juneteenth event. We're going to bring that resource right there on site from two to five that day. And then also, the other four events are taking place at Sharon Baptist Church, Concord Baptist Church, Toga Volunteer Fire Department and St. Andrew's Baptist Church. And we felt like those sites and then you take into account the mass site we had and then also the health center, we really honestly have distribution all over the county at this point. So that's exciting stuff. If anybody needs any more information on any of that, just reach out and I'll be glad to let you know. Outside of that, I don't know if you guys have any questions for me with everything we've got going on.

**Matthews:** I just want to say you doing a tremendous job. I appreciate it. It looks like every month we got a grant that you've applied for that we're receiving. So I just want to say thank you, appreciate it. And I know the citizens want to say thank you.

**C. Davis:** I appreciate everything you guys have done. Thank you.

**Allen:** Good to see that extra money coming in.

**Re: General Properties, Courthouse Renovation: Request for Chairman Matthews to appoint an Adhoc Committee to oversee the Courthouse Renovation Project**

**Matthews:** Item number 4 is General Properties. Mr. Carter, the courthouse renovation?

**K. Carter:** Yes. As some of you know, you visited the courthouse and saw the old facility and noticed some repairs and maintenance. We knew this was coming. When we adopted our budget back in April or May, we put money in the budget for this upcoming fiscal year to take care of some of those repairs. So I'm just asking tonight, do you want to appoint a committee to work on that project? I've given some suggestions such as the county administrator, the county attorney, General properties director and two board members. And then once again, the courthouses in Mr. Miles district. So he might want to step up and volunteer for that committee or...

**Matthews:** Let's see if anybody else didn't want to, if somebody wants to step up to it, that's fine. But I do agree. I think Mr. Miles should be on that committee since the courthouses in his district. So we have a motion with the I think the county administrator and the county attorney and the general properties manager along with Mr. Miles and Mr. Chambers as the ad hoc committee. Mr. Davis made the motion and Mr. Allen seconded it. So can we call for the vote?

**Supervisor Davis moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appoint the County Administrator, County Attorney, General Properties Manager, Vice Chairman Miles and Supervisor Chambers to the Courthouse Renovation Adhoc Committee.**

**Re: Consider bid for harvesting of hay at the County Business Park**

**Matthews:** Okay, now we've got number 5, which is the General Properties. Mr. Carter, Consider the bid for harvesting the hay the county business park.

**K. Carter:** Yes, sir. It was the same one we had last year.

**Memo:** Advertising for harvesting the hay at the industrial park was completed and due back to the County on May 28, 2021. We only received one bid and that was from Tim Farrar at the price of \$50. For reference this was the same amount we received last year. Please consider awarding the harvesting of the hay at the industrial park to Tim Farrar at a price of \$50.

**Allen:** So moved.

**Chambers:** Second.

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

**Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to award the bid for harvesting the hay at the Industrial Park property to Tim Farrar for \$50.**

**Re: Consider appointment of Casey Davis to the Anti-Litter Task Force**

**Matthews:** Item number 6 is the Anti-Litter Taskforce. Consider the appointment of Casey Davis to the Anti-Litter Task Force. Can we add another name to that also at the same time, or do we need to make a separate motion for that? Put these two names in the motion, Mrs. Carter? Casey Davis and a Brother George Deane with the seminary to the Anti-Litter Task Force. We have a motion and a second by Mr. Bryant and Mr. Miles. Call for the vote. It's unanimous.

**Supervisor Bryant moved, Vice Chairman Miles seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Casey Davis and George Deane to the Anti-Litter Task Force.**

**Re: Crossroads Services: Vice Chairman Miles**

**Matthews:** Item number of Other Matters for Board Consideration. Crossroads Services Matters. Vice Chairman Miles.

**Miles:** Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman, so before you in the out of the packet, but was laid at the on your desk was a resolution that basically the last two items there. Several counties are encouraging similar resolutions in terms of wanting to know if there was any fiscal malfeasance or issues regarding the finances of Crossroads Community Services Boards. As your representative to Crossroads, I report to you that there's been a lot of questions by current staff, former staff, and those in the community, especially some of our County Administrators and County Boards of Supervisors, hence the following resolution. I'm on the Finance Committee for the Crossroads Community Services boards. And some of the biggest questions that that we have outstanding, there was a payroll protection plan loan that was forgiven of about \$2.4 million. We don't know exactly how that money, the savings is going to be rolled into the upcoming fiscal year for the for Crossroads agency. There's the Office of the Inspector General, for the Commonwealth have has been contacted several times. So obviously, the agency has some lingering issues. And as the other Boards of Supervisors feel in the region, that forensic audit, paid for by Crossroads for fiscal years, 19, 20 and 21 is very much warranted. And I agree with that. Also, the second thing is the resolution will call for a firm to audit the policies and internal controls of the agency

and make recommendations. There's been a lot of questioning as to the agency not correctly following its policies and internal controls and lots of budgetary questions. So this is just basically a statement that from this Board, if we approve this, Mr. Chairman, that Crossroads need to conduct a forensic audit, in order to see if there are any problems, fix those moving forward with the new executive director, there's a search going on there that's kind of separate from this and do an audit of their policies to make sure that what they're doing is accurate.

**WHEREAS**, Crossroads Community Services Board (CSB) is the primary provider of mental health, intellectual and developmental disability, and substance abuse services to residents of Amelia, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Lunenburg, Nottoway, and Prince Edward counties; and,

**WHEREAS**, Crossroads CSB has more than 230 full-time and 50 part-time employees, serving approximately 3,000 clients, and has a Fiscal Year 2021 Budget of more than \$15.5 million; and,

**WHEREAS**, there have been a number of concerns raised by Crossroads CSB Members, members of various Boards of Supervisors, current and former Crossroads CSB Staff Members, and members of the general public regarding the expenditure/misuse of public funds and other management issues; and,

**WHEREAS**, providing quality mental health, intellectual and developmental disability, and substance abuse services for our residents is important to the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors; and,

**WHEREAS**, at a special called meeting of the Crossroads CSB on May 5, 2021, the employment of Executive Director Dr. Susan Baker was terminated after six years in that position; and,

**WHEREAS**, Buckingham County has budgeted \$40,000 in the adopted FY 2021-22 budget as a 10 percent local match of state funding from the Commonwealth of Virginia for the provision of services for Buckingham County residents; and,

**WHEREAS**, Buckingham County is greatly appreciative of the services provided by the Crossroads CSB and the support of its staff.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors does hereby encourage the Members of the Crossroads CSB to conduct a forensic financial audit of its records for budget years FY 2019, FY 2020, and FY 2021; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors does hereby encourage the Members of the Crossroads CSB to also hire a firm to audit the policies and internal controls of the Crossroads CSB and make recommendations as to those policies and controls and how they might be improved and better implemented in an effort to establish an effective way to monitor those controls successfully.

**Carter:** Forensic just for 20, and I thought I heard you say 21?

**Miles:** Yeah, my apologies. So it would be so the forensic audit would be for fiscal year 19, 20 and 21, according to the resolution, and the county wouldn't have any financial ties tie in that audit that would be paid for by the agency. And the other thing is we you know, Crossroads, doesn't know how much we've lost from reimbursements and fees from COVID. And that's been going on for a year and some change now and there's question about that 10% match that Crossroads asks for. It's a 10% of what the

Crossroads get from the state. Well, that's never been memorialized anywhere. That's said, but not written. And so that this the second part of that resolution would address that.

**Matthews:** Are you making this into a motion?

**Miles:** Sure. Yes, sir. To adopt the resolution.

**Carter:** That you provided this evening?

**Miles:** Yes. And that staff obviously had some input too, so.

**Matthews:** We have a motion and a second to adopt this resolution to Crossroads Community Service Board to conduct this forensic audit for the years that Mr. Miles mentioned.

**Miles:** And Mr. Chairman, one last thing I will say that other counties have added to their resolutions if y'all don't do this, we're gonna withhold money. This is not in this resolution.

**Chambers:** What's that now?

**Miles:** Other counties, Supervisor Chambers, have said, like for instance Prince Edward and Cumberland in their resolution they said Crossroads if y'all don't do this, we're gonna not give you any we're not going to give you any money.

**Carter:** If the audit is not approved. And they will lose a lot of jobs if those counties decided to do that.  
**Chambers:** Can we do it legally?

**Miles:** We're not trying to do that. But those are the counties are.

**Carter:** It's operated with a lot of state and federal money. You could withhold your money. Yeah.

**Miles:** But this is not in there.

**Chambers:** Okay.

**Matthews:** Call for the vote please.

**Vice Chairman Miles moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to adopt the resolution for Crossroad Services Board.**

**Re: Consider Resolution in Memoriam for Temple Pauline Taylor**

**Matthews:** Item 2 is Consider a resolution in Memorandum of Temple Pauline Taylor.

**Resolution in Memoriam  
Temple Pauline Taylor**

**Whereas,** Temple Pauline Taylor departed this life on May 1, 2021 at the age of 75 years old.

**Whereas,** Temple Pauline Taylor was born on May 23, 1945;

**Whereas,** Temple Pauline Taylor was the daughter of the late Thomas and Mary Branch;

**Whereas,** Temple Pauline Taylor is survived by her husband of 58 years, Herman Harry Taylor, Sr.; two sons, Robert Lee Taylor and wife, Regina; and Herman “Beanie” Taylor, Jr.; grandchildren, Brian Lee Taylor, Matthew Thomas Taylor; Elena Grace McCain, Davin Boykin, Haley Taylor, Karli Taylor, and Jodi Taylor; great-grandchildren, Robert Hudson Houser and Colton Eubank; two brothers, Acie Branch Sr. and Calvin Branch.

**Whereas,** Temple Pauline Taylor was a retired employee of Buckingham County where she worked as custodian from 1983 to 2007.

**Whereas,** Temple Pauline Taylor was an active member of Buckingham County Christian Fellowship Association and made her love for the Lord well known. She loved gospel music, especially Smokey Wilson.

**Whereas,** Temple Pauline Taylor was a giving and caring person. She was always there for anyone who needed a helping hand and she loved talking to people and caring for her friends and family.

**Whereas,** Temple Pauline Taylor was very loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors does, in memoriam on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021, pay tribute to and express it’s highest esteem for Temple Pauline Taylor and extends its deepest sympathy to his family and loved ones.

**Supervisor Bryant moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Resolution of Memoriam for Temple Pauline Taylor.**

**Re: Consider Resolution of Memoriam of Margie S. Bryant**

**Matthews:** Item number 3. Consider resolution a memorandum of Margie S. Bryant.

**Resolution in Memoriam  
Margie S. Bryant**

**Whereas,** Margie S. Bryant departed this life on May 2, 2021 at the age of 78 years old.

**Whereas,** Margie S. Bryant was born on August 21, 1942;

**Whereas,** Margie S. Bryant was the daughter of the late R.E. and Minnie Newton;

**Whereas,** Margie S. Bryant is survived by her husband of 43 years, Clifford L. “Red” Bryant; her children, Terry D. Sprouse, Michelle Waddill, and Crystal L. Bryant; grandchildren, April Long, Tara Martin, Rebecca Sprouse, Jonathan Waddill, Daniel Sprouse and Hannah Sprouse; great grandchildren, Madelyn Long, Nathan Cottrell, Tyler Parker, Ellie Long, Aiden Martin, Ashlyn, Peyton and Taylor Stout, Brucie Grazier, Alyssa Madden, Bryleigh Baird and Dalayah Sprouse; special to her heart were Jarret, Jason and Sarah Bryant, Alexis Bryant, Lincoln Bryant, Heather and Victoria Cottrell; brother Ben Lang and many nieces and nephews.

**Whereas,** Margie S. Bryant was a dedicated babysitter for 25 years filling a need in the community and loved children and an Avon Representative for many years; assisted her husband in their service station business and ran the store and kept the books.

**Whereas,** Margie S. Bryant loved fishing on the banks of the James River, watching NASCAR and UVA baseball and basketball teams.

**Whereas,** Margie S. Bryant raised thousands of dollars for Special Olympics for Area 12 and was very involved in Special Olympics supporting her daughter, Crystal.

**Whereas,** Margie S. Bryant was an active member of Bethlehem Baptist Church where she sang in the choir for 35 years and filled in as organist.

**Whereas,** Margie S. Bryant will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors does, in memoriam on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021, pay tribute to and express its highest esteem for Margie S. Bryant and extends its deepest sympathy to his family and loved ones.

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

Allen: Second.

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

***Vice Chairman Miles moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to adopt the Resolution of Memoriam for Margie S. Bryant.***

**Re: County Attorney Matters**

**Matthews:** Item Number P which is the County Attorney matters.

**Wright:** Chairman, Members of the Board, I'm here tonight to report on a couple of matters. The first action of business on your agenda is consideration of a waiver of the State Board of Elections pursuant to the Code section cited there. If you remember we discussed this last time and General Assembly this past time dealt with split precincts. We have one such in the Town of Dillwyn with county that voted at a different place. Given all the factors in terms of reports and new census and otherwise, they're just not

going to be enough time. The registrar asked that the Board consider a request for waiver of that. Pretty standard. It's happening around the state. I think the resolutions they have, she's reviewed it. I'd ask that you consider adopting that resolution requesting a waiver.

**Allen:** So moved.

**Chambers:** Second.

**Matthews:** We have a motion, seconded by Mr. Chambers. Okay. Call for the vote.

**Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to adopt the Resolution of Request for a waiver from the State Board of Elections pursuant to Section 24.2-307 of the Virginia Code to administer the split precincts currently existing in the County.**

**Matthews:** The next item is update on Hatton Ferry.

**Wright:** Hatton Ferry, I do have an update on that. It's a pretty good update. If you remember, that ferry had lodged itself in the trees and bushes on the Buckingham side of the river. It was somewhat of an impediment to getting into the river from the state right away that exists there. At the last meeting you authorize me to work with some groups to figure out what we could do to get that solved and I contacted a consortium headed by the Albemarle/Charlottesville Historical Society. I am happy to report to you that not this past weekend, but the weekend before that, they brought in a crane and they managed to get the ferry from the trees and the bushes and put back in the water, which was a major success. They had to examine to make sure that it was river worthy and wouldn't burden anybody. That's only to be trumped by that ferry is in Albemarle County. The arc, whatever the right official word is had been damaged and the chain had broken. And so they are in the process of evaluating that and are pretty close to solving that problem. But you know, a little rain was appreciated by a lot of people this weekend. But what that rain did, it raised the level of river enough that they were able to move the ferry from the Buckingham side, back to the Albermarle side where it's supposed to be to begin with, and it's temporarily over there and in good shape. So that group has done significant work. You know, when you took that on as the county, I told you, I didn't expect the County to own this ferry forever. So what I've asked that you unless I hear negative, I'm going to proceed to continue my discussions with the consortium of individuals. I think the next step, they have demonstrated the ability to do things, they've certainly identified the ability to raise a little money and get that ferry back in the water. Looking to raise a little bit more money to do some things. But we need to have a real frank discussion about the financial viability of that group long term to make that happen. So that we come back around the cycle again. I'm extremely encouraged by that involved in that group is the director but members of the Historical Society here in Buckingham, and other supporters, they have been very active in seeing that those things are done. But that's a pretty good report. And the next step will be patience

with them to see if that might fire, you might find a permanent home either there or with a another nonprofit group. So unless you have some objection, I will continue those.

The final item that I need to talk to you tonight is about the Dillwyn medical building. As you remember, there, we had an agreement with Sentara, that they were going to transfer that building. We got the kinks worked out of that. That document got executed and transmitted to Sentara and I've been in discussions with them, and I haven't had a chance to follow up today. But as of early last week, my impression was that the deed conveying to that property to the county had been signed, and probably is on its way or may even have arrived in the clerk's office. So I anticipate certainly within the next week or 10 days that building, that medical building will belong to the county. So that positive step forward and I have tried to express to Sentara at each step of the way that the county is appreciative of their consideration. Building originated started there, actually. So it's come around odd many, many years ago, acquisition by the county of that from shoe company. So that's how long it has come full circle. As that building comes back to the county, I'd like alimention, with the administration here, to have our building guys go in and sort of take a look at doing an assessment. Understand that building is not equipped. It is not equipped with medical facilities needed. While building came back does allow us after some careful deliberation of how we might want to proceed. First thing is really to get an assessment. But that building a deed making it so you have some objection that in conjunction with administration but also I want to say again on Hatton Ferry, I really appreciate that gift to the county because people were really upset about losing that. That has a strong attraction to bring people in this area. I have a lot of good news. All those are the good news items tonight. So that is a good thing sometimes when a lawyer stands in front of you. Thank you very much.

**Matthews:** Thank you.

**Miles:** Mr. Chairman. Can we send a letter to Dr. Bruce Clemens with Sentara thanking them if that's appropriate, Mrs. Carter.

**Carter:** I also thanked him several times. But I think a letter of gratitude will be a good idea.

### **Re: County Administrator's Report**

**Matthews:** Item Number Q, the County Administrator report.

**Carter:** Yes, the first item is I have provided you with a personnel report from the Personnel Committee under separate cover. And as always, if you do not agree, I would recommend you discuss this matter in closed session.

I have an update on the status of Dominion EMS grant money. Know when the pipeline was proposed to come through, part of their community investment was to give money to the county to provide for better emergency medical services, particularly in that area, Glenmore particularly. And of course, part of that agreement was that when if the pipeline came through, they would give us that money. Where we've been pursuing it. And they have said they would honor the commitment. And I can tell you that I got the call today. Karl's provided them with the bank transfer money transfer numbers, and the \$1.5 million will be in our county account by Wednesday. So that can do your EMS budget for the next probably, hopefully, two years, but are to help fund it. So that's very, very good news. I'm glad to have that settled.

And also, the last thing, and my report is to express my appreciation to all of you and to the public, all of you. I've worked with many boards, many Boards of Supervisors, have worked with a lot of the public. And I appreciate you all. Thank you.

**Matthew:** We appreciate you. I just want to say one thing about that Dominion update too, is Mrs. Carter and Mr. Carter worked very hard on that and diligently in a lot of hours and sweat and tears went into that, and threats or whatever you want to call it. Anyway. It happened and this is a big feather in the cap of Buckingham to help ease some of the pain to the taxpayer. So I do appreciate that. A good job. Thank you so much.

**Re: Informational Items**

Matthews: Informational items is in your packet. The May building permit, CRC information and school membership report.

**Re: Other Board Matters**

**Matthews:** Are there any other board matters? There are none.

**Re: Executive Closed Session**

**Miles:** Mr. Chairman, I would move that the Board of Supervisors enter into executive closed session under the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711.A.1. for discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment assignment, appointment promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific Public Officers appointees or employees of any public body and evaluations of performance of the departments.

**Bryant:** Second.

**Matthews:** We have a motion, and a second. Let's call for the vote. It's unanimous. We'll be going into closed session.

**Vice Chairman Miles moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to enter into executive closed session under the above stated Code.**

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

**Miles:** The Board of Supervisors return to open session and certify that to the best of each board members knowledge only business matters related to the codes of Virginia which the executive was convened was discussed or considered in the executive closed session, sir.

**Allen:** Second.

**Matthews:** A motion and a second. So can we call for the vote and come out of closed session. It's unanimous, 6-0 to come back into closed session.

**Vice Chairman Miles moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to return to regular session and certification of items discussed.**

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

**Chambers:** Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that we hire Mr. Carter. We offered him a contract and he accepted with conditions, he accepted the contract.

**Matthews:** We have a motion by Mr. Chambers. That the board offered Mr. Carter a job as the county administrator of Buckingham County, Virginia and a contract so Mr. Carter accepted those terms. Is there a second?

**Allen:** Yes, we do.

**Matthews:** Call for the vote. 6-0 Congratulations.

**Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to offer the position of County Administrator to Karl R. Carter with a contract and Mr. Carter accepted those conditions and contract.**

**Matthews:** The next item from closed session is going to be the hiring of a finance director. Advertising when we get to that point. So advertising for the finance director and HR, is that what you're

**Carter:** At this time just Finance Director. The HR part will be worked with the County Administrator.

**Matthews:** Okay. All right, and we'll need a motion for this.

**Supervisor Davis moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to advertise for Finance Director Position.**

**Re: Adjournment**

**Matthews:** Are there any other announcements?

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Matthews declared the June 14, 2021 meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Rebecca S. Carter  
County Administrator

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Donald R. Matthews, Jr.  
Chairman