

At a regular meeting of the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors held in the Administration Building of said county on July 10, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Garland H. Hamlett, Jr. Chairman
Robert L. Shook, Jr. Vice Chairman
Gary D. Walker
Kay M. Pierantoni
Donna Fore
Royal S. Freeman

Absent:

Chairman Hamlett called the meeting to order.

Daniel N. Witt gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Royal S. Freeman, seconded by Robert L. Shook, Jr. and carried with all other members present and voting yes to approve the agenda as amended. The Shentel agreement and ordinance was removed.

Motion was made by Kay M. Pierantoni, seconded by Robert L. Shook, Jr. and carried with all other members present and voting yes to approve the minutes for the Board of Supervisors meeting June 12, 2019, special called meeting June 18, 2019, special called meeting June 26, 2019 and the emergency special called meeting on June 28, 2019.

Committee Reports:

Gary D. Walker – None

Donna Fore – None

Royal S. Freeman – None

Kay M. Pierantoni – Supervisor Pierantoni reported that she continues to work with Southside Christmas Parents to help the program get started. The next meeting is July 22nd at 6:00 p.m. Supervisor Pierantoni also attended the Social Services Board meeting and is working with the Piedmont Coalition on Substance Abuse. Their next meeting is July 24th at Southside Virginia Community College. The Facilities Committee met on June 26th (handout provided). Mr. Witt and Mr. Johnson met with Supervisor Pierantoni and discussed vacant buildings, the upkeep and possible usages for those buildings. The Facilities Committee received a letter from P. K. Pettus on behalf of the Charlotte County Museum requesting permission to use the Historic Courthouse on October 26, 2019 for a celebration of Charlotte County's Art and Rural Heritage.

Motion was made by Kay M. Pierantoni, seconded by Robert L. Shook, Jr, and carried with all other members present and voting yes to approve the request by the Charlotte County Museum and forward to Judge White for her approval.

Robert L. Shook, Jr. - None

Gary Walker – Supervisor Walker added to the Facilities report by Supervisor Pierantoni, the gutters on the historic Clerk's office need repair. Supervisor Pierantoni also added the roof painting needed to be completed from the project started last year. Mr. Witt will contact the painting company for an update.

Garland H. Hamlett, Jr. – Chairman Hamlett, Mr. Witt and Supervisor Pierantoni attended a Solar meeting in Dinwiddie County. Information from the meeting can be found on the VACo news site. Chairman Hamlett requested Mr. Witt give an update on the consortium he has been meeting with concerning solar.

Supervisor Fore requested the County have a moratorium for solar. Russell Slayton, County Attorney, addressed her request suggesting the County amend the County ordinance to exclude solar.

Supervisor Fore requested an amended to the County ordinance to exclude solar be placed on the August agenda.

Public Comment:

Bridgette Sinnott with S&S Shoreholders addressed the Board with concerns over internet and water issues in the town of Phenix.

Kathy Liston addressed the Board with concerns over the solar issues in the County.

Being no further comments, the Public Comment period was closed.

Scott Frederick with VDOT addressed the Board. Mr. Frederick gave an update on drainage issues throughout the county along with tree trimming. The paving has been completed on Route 47. Paving will start on Route 40 with replacement of guardrails in August or September. Route 604, one side has been completed with paving, and before winter the other side should be completed.

Sheriff's Accreditation

Thomas Jones, Sheriff, addressed the Board and introduced Mr. Derrick Mayes, Mr. Joe McLaughlin, Jr. and Mr. Mike McKee.

Mr. Derrick Mayes, Program Manager, with the Department of Criminal Justice Services addressed the Board with an overview of the program.

Mr. Mike McKee, Deputy Chief, Virginia Law Enforcement Accreditation Coalition addressed the Board. Mr. McKee is a resident of Charlotte County and is very proud of the Charlotte County Sheriff's Department and their accreditation.

Mr. Joe McLaughlin, Sheriff of New Kent County and Commissioner of the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission presented the Accreditation Award to Thomas Jones, Sheriff and the Charlotte County Sheriff's Department.

Motion was made by Kay M. Pierantoni, seconded by Donna Fore and carried with Gary D. Walker absent and all other members present and voting yes to set a public hearing on August 14, 2019 immediately following the public hearing for U. S. Cellular and to consider code changes to Article II.

Motion was made by Kay M. Pierantoni, seconded by Donna Fore and carried with Gary D. Walker absent and all other members present and voting yes to set a public hearing on August 14, 2019 immediately following the public hearing for the code changes Article II to consider the conditional use application for the Moody Creek Solar project.

Motion was made by Kay M. Pierantoni, seconded by Royal S. Freeman and carried with all members present and voting yes to adopt the following Debris Management Plan Resolution;

WHEREAS, Charlotte County is vulnerable to an array of natural and man-made hazards that can cause loss of life and damage to public and private property; and

WHEREAS, the County maintains an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), which establishes responsibilities for each County agency and sets forth lines of authority and organizational relationships that are essential for the protection of the public; and

WHEREAS, the County realizes that there may be an event that exceeds the capacity of its personnel and resources to properly respond; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Regional Council (CRC) has assisted Charlotte County with the development of a local Debris Management Plan that outlines roles and responsibilities in the response to such an event; and

WHEREAS, the CRC consulted with staff from Charlotte County and other local, state and federal agencies, including the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in the development of this Plan; and

WHEREAS, this Plan supports the County's EOP; and

WHEREAS, having a FEMA-approved Debris Management Plan is required for the County to qualify for FEMA funds to help with debris removal related to such an event; and

WHEREAS, VDEM and FEMA have reviewed this Plan, and FEMA has advised that local adoption is required before they can give final approval of the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors for Charlotte County hereby adopts the Charlotte County Debris Management Plan, and agrees to take actions as outlined in the Plan in response to an event that would necessitate a request for FEMA funding to help with related debris removal.

Motion was made by Royal S. Freeman, seconded by Donna Fore and carried with all other members present and voting yes to adopt the following National Night Out Resolution;

WHEREAS, the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) is sponsoring a unique, nationwide crime, drug and violence prevention program on August 6, 2019 entitled "National Night Out"; and

WHEREAS, the "36th Annual National Night Out" provides a unique opportunity for Charlotte County to join forces with thousands of other communities across the country in promoting cooperative, police-community crime prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, The Charlotte County Sheriff's Department plays a vital role in joint crime, drug and violence prevention efforts in Charlotte County and is supporting "National Night Out 2019" locally; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that all citizens of Charlotte County be aware of the importance of crime prevention programs and impact that their participation can have on reducing crime, drugs and violence in Charlotte County; and

WHEREAS, police-community partnerships, neighborhood safety, awareness and cooperation are important themes of the "National Night Out" program;

NOW, THEREFORE the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors, do hereby call upon all citizens of Charlotte County to join the Charlotte County Sheriff's Department, and the National Association of Town Watch in supporting the "36th Annual National Night Out" on August 6, 2019.

FURTHER, LET IT BE RESOLVED the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim Tuesday August 6, 2019 as "National Night Out" in Charlotte County.

Chairman Hamlett asked the Recreation Committee to handle the request for a donation for the Dixie Youth Baseball team.

Motion was made by Kay M. Pierantoni, seconded by Donna Fore and carried with all other members present and voting yes to award the Preconstruction Architectural/Engineering Service Contract associated with Phase II of the Bacon District and Phenix Elementary School projects to OWPR, Inc. of Blacksburg, Virginia for the negotiated price of \$25,000.

Motion was made by Robert L. Shook, Jr., seconded by Gary D. Walker and carried with all other members present and voting yes to approve the Virginia Crossroads Regional Tourism Consortium By-laws.

Convenience center hours:

Supervisor Fore wanted to revisit the hours of operation. She disagrees with the tax increase and reduction of services.

During the budget discussions it was the consensus of the Board to include reduction of the convenience center hours as part of the budget. The following schedule was set to begin August 1, 2019:

Drakes Branch, Keysville and Charlotte Court House Centers will be closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Bacon/Saxe, Phenix, Madisonville, and Wyllyesburg Centers will be closed on Monday's and Wednesday's.

Sunday Hours at all centers will be 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and when daylight savings time ends each center will close at 6:00 p.m.

Concealed carry permit fee:

The current fee for concealed carry permits is \$50.00. Of this money \$5.00 is paid to the State, \$10.00 is paid to the Clerk of Court's Office and the balance comes back to the County's General Fund for processing the application and doing any required background checks. The permit is good for 5 years.

Motion was made by Kay M. Pierantoni, seconded by Donna Fore to lower the fee charged from \$50.00 to \$15.00 for the concealed carry permit.

Roll call vote as follows: Kay M. Pierantoni – Aye; Donna Fore-Aye; Gary D. Walker – No; Royal S. Freeman – No; Robert L. Shook, Jr. – No and Garland H. Hamlett, Jr. – Aye.

Motion failed due to a tie vote.

Jessica Pillow addressed the Board along with several of the players from the Dixie Baseball 15U team to express their appreciation in consideration of a donation to the ball team.

Tommy Stutts addressed the Board with information on an upcoming project with the Virginia Scenic Rivers Program. Mr. Stutts asked for a letter of support from the Board.

Motion was made by Kay M. Pierantoni, seconded by Donna Fore and carried with all other members present and voting yes to request staff prepare a letter of support for the Virginia Scenic Rivers Program.

Barbara Armentrout with FACES Food Pantry addressed the Board with an overview of the programs offered and the work they do in the County. Mrs. Armentrout requested financial support from the Board when available.

Daniel Witt gave the Administrator's report.

Naisha Carter, Commissioner of Revenue addressed the Board with continued concerns with RDA and the accounting system.

Patricia Berkeley, Treasurer addressed the Board with information on the lifetime dog tags for the County.

Motion was made by Donna Fore, seconded by Royal Freeman and carried with all other members present and voting yes to set a public hearing on August 14, 2019 for consideration of lifetime dog tags immediately following the hearing for the conditional use permit application for the Moody Creek Solar Project.

Mr. Witt continued his Administrator's report.

Motion was made by Gary D. Walker, seconded by Robert L. Shook, Jr. and carried with all other members present and voting yes to approve the following appropriations for FY 2019;

		Expenditures	Estimated Revenue
10-3203-5618	EMS- 4 For Life Funds	12,730.64	
10-240402	Emergency Medical Services Grant		12,730.64
	Total	12,730.64	12,730.64

Motion was made by Donna Fore, seconded by Kay M. Pierantoni and carried with all other members present and voting yes to not pay the \$750 ammunition invoice from the June 2019 invoices but to pay all remaining invoices in the amount of \$534,651.36. The \$750 invoice is not to be paid until the County Administrator receives additional information from the Sheriff's office and verifies the price paid was reasonable.

Motion was made by Gary D. Walker, seconded by Kay M. Pierantoni and carried with all other members present and voting yes to pay the invoices in the amount of \$197,594.00 for June FY 2020.

Motion was made by Donna Fore, seconded by Gary D. Walker and carried with all other members present and voting yes to approve Charlotte County Public Schools request for carryover funds in the amount of \$47,000 from the state share of textbook funds being reallocated from FY19 to FY20.

Board Member Other Comments:

Gary D. Walker – Supervisor Walker stated the Counties requesting to slow the process down for Solar projects already have them located with in their counties and are currently receiving revenue. Supervisor Walker does not think we should delay any further projects that maybe located within the County.

Donna Fore – Supervisor Fore is requesting the Board of Supervisor members reconsider giving up part or all their benefits as they are part-time employees.

Kay Pierantoni – Supervisor Pierantoni praised the solar companies involved in the project located in the Wylliesburg/Red Oak district on transparency and the way they have handled negotiations. She also expressed concerns about another solar company's actions related to legal concerns presented at a seminar she attended at VCU on land use and proffers. She had requested to attend the solar meetings to provide more information on the Solar Coalition and what was being discussed.

Supervisor Pierantoni still has concerns on the way Pearson Appraisal handled the current reassessment and how they classified property as being swamp land.

Royal S. Freeman – None

Robert L. Shook, Jr. – Supervisor Shook is concerned with the actions of the Board towards the Sheriff's Department with regards to the ammunition purchase.

Garland H. Hamlett, Jr. – Supervisor Hamlett discussed the issues with the water in Drakes Branch. Supervisor Hamlett suggested there be a public water authority with staff to manage and maintain the water and sewer in the County.

Public Comment Period:

Kathy Liston addressed the Board clarifying her previous comments concerning solar issue.

Being no further comment the public comment period was closed.

Supervisor Fore requested staff to provide information if available on a policy for purchasing good from County employees.

Motion was made by Robert L. Shook, Jr., seconded by Donna Fore pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711. A.5., that the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors hold a closed meeting for the following purpose:

Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating in the community.

Roll call vote as follows; Robert L. Shook, Jr.-Aye; Donna Fore-Aye; Royal S. Freeman-Aye; Kay M. Pierantoni-Aye; Gary D. Walker-Aye; and Garland H. Hamlett, Jr.-Aye.

Motion was made by Robert L. Shook, Jr., seconded by Royal S. Freeman pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712.B., the Supervisors signing below certify that, to the best of each Supervisor's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting of the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors.

Roll call vote as follows; Robert L. Shook, Jr.-Aye; Royal S. Freeman-Aye; Donna Fore-Aye; Kay M. Pierantoni-Aye; Gary D. Walker-Aye; and Garland H. Hamlett, Jr.-Aye.

Chairman Hamlett read a letter from the Drakes Branch Fire Department requesting help with replace the generator at the fire station that was damaged due to the hurricane last year. Chairman Hamlett requested for Mr. Witt to look into generator replacement and report his findings at the August meeting.

Supervisor Fore discussed the water issues within the towns. Chairman Hamlett requested Mr. Witt address these issues with the Town's. Mr. Witt stated that typically, it is the Town's position to request help from the County with any issues they have. Supervisor Fore requested discussion of the Town water issues be placed on the August agenda.

The meeting was adjourned.