

At a regular meeting of the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors held in the Administration Building of said county on April 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent:

Chairman Hamlett called the meeting to order.

Daniel N. Witt gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Gary D. Walker, seconded by Nancy R. Carwile and carried with all other members present and voting yes to approve the agenda as amended. Additions include discussion of a PPEA Resolution, reminder of a public hearing that has been set on the School Budget, consider ATL fund allocations for the fire departments for FY 19 and consider raises for the Sheriff's Department non-comp board employees.

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 Board of Supervisors meeting March 13, 2019, Budget Work Sessions March 12, 20, and 27, 2019.

Committee Reports

Gary D. Walker – No report

Donna Fore – No report

Royal S. Freeman – No report

Kay M. Pierantoni – The Facilities Committee met on March 25, 2019 (minutes provided). The ongoing work being done at the old general district court clerk's office was discussed. The committee met with DHR to discuss the moisture problems associated with the County owned buildings. Mrs. Pierantoni met with Mr. Witt, a member from DHR and Mr. Johnson, Maintenance Director to discuss the moisture problems further. DHR will contact Mrs. Pierantoni with recommendations.

Mrs. Pierantoni attended the Social Services March board meeting and will be attending an upcoming training session on April 18th.

Robert L. Shook – No report

Nancy R. Carwile – Ms. Carwile attended the Commonwealth Regional Council meeting this month. Ms. Carwile provided information regarding the grant services the CRC provides to the County and non-profit organizations.

Garland H. Hamlett, Jr. – The County wide litter pick-up was held on Saturday, April 6, 2019. Mr. Hamlett said there was an excellent turn out for the event. Mr. Hamlett, Ms. Pierantoni and Mr. Witt met with CIT to discuss the Wilkes Telephone Co. grant for \$6.3 million dollars given by the FCC. This grant is to bring broad band internet services to areas in the County not currently being served.

Public Comment Period

Debbie Wilmot addressed the Board with concerns about the Med-Cottage. She requested information on who purchased the building, the purchase price and if any how much income has been generated from this purchase for the County. Mr. Hamlett noted the building is owned by the County's Industrial Development Authority. Mr. Walker offered for Ms. Wilmot to meet with him and he would discuss issues with the Med-Cottage.

Terry Ramsey addressed the Board with concerns over the procedures used to approve the Unsolicited PPEA for the work currently being done on Bacon and Phenix Elementary Schools. Mr. Ramsey also has reservations that the Board should approve the \$7.3 million dollar change order for Phase 2 of the renovations. Mr. Ramsey also expressed his concerns with the possibility of increasing the tax rates.

Jennifer Lacks addressed the Board with concerns of the impending tax rate increase. Although Ms. Lacks supports teacher raises, she does not agree the Board should approve the change order for Phase 2 of the school project.

George Toombs addressed the Board with concerns of the impending tax rate increase.

Angela Cook addressed the Board with concerns over the spending in the County and the impending tax rate increase.

Being no further comments the Public Comment Period was closed.

Melody Foster with the Commonwealth Regional Council addressed the Board. Mrs. Foster gave an update on the Comprehensive Economic Strategy (CEDS) for 2019. The CRC received an Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant to create a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the region. The staff of the CRC, with the assistance of the Berkley Group and local officials, have presented the plan for public input.

Monica Elder, Staff Representative for the Planning Commission addressed the Board with review findings on the Moody Creek Solar, LLC project.

Recommendations are as follows:

After reviewing the proposed location, relevant citations in the comprehensive plan, the future land use map, and other critical site characteristics and considerations, the Planning Commission has concluded that the proposed use of the site presents no conflict with the intent of the Charlotte County Comprehensive Plan, which the Board of Supervisors adopted in 2017. Therefore, the Planning Commission deems that the proposed Moody Creek Solar Project is "substantially in accord" with the goals, objectives and policies of the Charlotte County Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the full staff report regarding the Moody Creek §15.2-2232 review can be obtained from County Planner Monica Elder.

Motion was made by Gary D. Walker, seconded by Kay M. Pierantoni and carried with all other members present and voting yes to accept the Planning Commission's findings for the Moody Creek Solar Farm.

Motion was made by Donna Fore, seconded by Kay M. Pierantoni and carried with all other members present and voting yes to set a joint public hearing with the Planning Commission on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 7:05 p.m. to receive public comment on a conditional use permit submitted by U. S. Cellular.

Monica Elder, Purchasing Agent addressed the Board with the results of the paving bid for the parking lot at the Sheriff's Department.

Motion was made by Gary D. Walker, seconded by Nancy R. Carwile to accept the bid of Gator Paving in the amount of \$86,200, not to exceed \$90,000, to pave the Sheriff's Department parking lot.

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

Vote carried 4-3.

Motion was made by Nancy R. Carwile, seconded by Robert L. Shook, Jr. and carried with Kay M. Pierantoni voting no and all other members present and voting yes to approve the school's request for additional state appropriations.

Motion was made by Nancy R. Carwile, seconded by Robert L. Shook, Jr. to adopt the following resolution for the Phase 2 School Project;

WHEREAS, there is currently in progress construction and improvement of school facilities referred to as the Phase 1 school project ("Phase 1 Project");

WHEREAS, the Charlotte County School Board ("School Board") is taking action for design, construction and operation of new school facilities referred to as the Phase 2 school project ("Phase 2 Project");

WHEREAS, the School Board has requested that the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors ("Supervisors") include in the County's FY20 budget a sum to fund the Phase 2 Project, the cost of which the School Board has estimated will not exceed a total of \$7,300,000.00;

WHEREAS, the Supervisors intend to grant the School Board's request, on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

IT IS, ACCORDINGLY, HEREBY RESOLVED by the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors as follows:

- a. The Supervisors will take such action as they deem necessary to confirm improvement needs for the schools being improved as part of the Phase 2 Project, the proposed construction project for remedying those needs and an estimate of the cost of such remediation construction.
- b. After the Supervisors are satisfied as to the school needs, the proposed means of addressing those needs, and a reasonable estimate of the cost thereof, the Supervisors may appropriate to the School Board such amount as the Supervisors deem appropriate for the Phase 2 Project.
- c. This resolution shall not constitute a binding obligation of the Supervisors to appropriate any amount for the Phase 2 Project, but instead evidence that the Supervisors will consider appropriating funds once the Supervisors have secured all information deemed relevant by the Supervisors to support the Phase 2 Project, and to determine a reasonable cost for the Phase 2 Project.
- d. As a condition of providing funding for the Phase 2 Project, the Supervisors will require that the School Board, not the Supervisors, enter into a contract with the contractor procured by the School Board in compliance with the Virginia Public Procurement Act, the Virginia Public-Private Education and the Infrastructure Act (PPEA), and/or the County's PPEA policy, and for that purpose, the School Board and its attorney must determine whether the School Board has heretofore adopted a PPEA policy, and if not, effect such adoption.

- e. As a condition of providing funding for the Phase 2 Project, the Supervisors will determine that available County funds will enable the Supervisors to commit a specific amount for the Phase 2 Project.

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

Vote carried 5-2.

Chairman Hamlett appointed an Ad-Hoc committee consisting of Daniel Witt, Monica Elder, Robert L. Shook, Jr., School Superintendent Nancy Leonard, Brett Arbogast and Kathy Liston to work with a consultant on the Phase 2 School Project. Chairman Hamlett would also like for the School Board to appoint a representative.

Motion was made by Nancy R. Carwile, seconded by Robert L. Shook, Jr. and carried with all other members present and voting yes to hire a pre-construction consultant to work with the committee appointed by the Chairman on the Phase 2 School Project.

The Strategic Plan Resolution was tabled until the May board meeting to give the public the opportunity to review and provide input.

A Special Called Meeting was set for April 30, 2019 to approve the FY 2020 school budget.

Motion was made by Nancy R. Carwile to advertise the tax rate increase of .13 cents on real estate.

With out a second the motion died.

Motion was made by Gary D. Walker to advertise the tax levies as .20 cents per 100 on personal property and .11 cents per 100 on real estate.

With out a second the motion died.

Motion was made by Kay M. Pierantoni, seconded by Donna Fore to delay advertisement of the tax increase until a number is agreed upon.

Substitute Motion was made by Gary D. Walker, seconded by Robert L. Shook, Jr. to advertise the tax levies as .20 cents per 100 on personal property and .11 cents per 100 on real estate and continue to work on the budget to find savings.

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

Substitute motion passed 4-3.

A Budget Work Session was scheduled following the Public Hearing on the School Budget for Wednesday April 17, 2019

Daniel Witt gave the Administrator's update.

Motion was made by Nancy R. Carwile, seconded by Gary D. Walker and carried with all other members present and voting yes to participate in a grant with the Commonwealth Regional Council for the Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

Motion was made by Kay M. Pierantoni, seconded by Donna Fore and carried with all other members present and voting yes to proceed with the ATL funds and divide

them equally between all 7 fire departments and set up capital improvement funds in the budget.

Motion was made by Nancy R. Carwile, seconded by Robert L. Shook, Jr. and carried with all other members present and voting yes to approve the raises for the Sheriff's Department non-comp employees.

Motion was made by Kay M. Pierantoni, seconded by Donna Fore and carried with all other members present and voting yes to appropriate the following;

		Expenditures	Estimated Revenue
10-2105-7002	Juvenile Court-Furniture & Fixtures	5,000.00	
10-510030	Funds from General Fund Balance		5,000.00
10-3401-7005	Building Inspector-Vehicle	<u>28,000.00</u>	
10-510030	Funds from General Fund Balance		<u>28,000.00</u>
	Total	33,000.00	33,000.00

Motion was made by Royal S. Freeman, seconded by Nancy R. Carwile and carried with all other members present and voting yes to approve the invoices in the amount of \$638,833.43.

Motion was made by Kay M. Pierantoni, seconded by Donna Fore and carried with all other members present and voting yes to request Mr. Witt have Department Heads to identify who is using cards and to make sure they are putting in the mileage when fueling.

Board Member Other Comments

Gary D. Walker – none

Royal S. Freeman - none

Donna Fore – Dollar General will be opening soon in Phenix. The Town of Phenix has requested to have a flashing light installed at the intersection. Ms. Fore has notified VDOT of their request.

Kay M. Pierantoni – Urges all Board members to work hard on the budget to reduce spending. Ms. Pierantoni is concerned with the School Board and Jamerson Lewis not providing information requested by a citizen as well as herself.

Robert L. Shook, Jr. - none

Nancy R. Carwile – none

Garland H. Hamlett Jr. - Mr. Hamlett addressed Ms. Fore's question about the meals tax. Mr. Hamlett explained the way a meal tax is used to generate income for the County.

The meeting was adjourned.