

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
BUSINESS MEETING

April 16, 2024

VIRGINIA: The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors' ("Board") Business Meeting was held on April 16, 2024, in the Board Meeting Room, 39 Bank Street, SE, Chatham, Virginia 24531.

CALL TO ORDER

Dalton called the Meeting to Order at 7:09 PM.

ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were present:

Darrell W. Dalton - Callands-Gretna District
Robert M. Tucker, Jr. - Banister District
Kenneth L. Bowman - Chatham-Blairs District
Timothy W. Dudley - Staunton River District
Eddie L. Hite, Jr. - Dan River District
Murray W. Whittle - Westover District

William V. ("Vic") Ingram, Tunstall District, participated in the Meeting remotely from his residence, 1301 Deercrest Lane, Danville, Virginia 24541, due to medical reasons.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA

Motion to add the following items to the Agenda:

- Proclamation: Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week as item 7h;
- Proclamation: National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week as item 7i; and
- County Administrator Performance Evaluation as item 13a.

RESULT: 7-0 (Approve)
MOVER: Bowman
SECONDER: Dudley
AYES: Dalton, Tucker, Bowman, Dudley, Hite, Ingram, Whittle
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve Agenda as amended.

RESULT: 7-0 (Approve)
MOVER: Tucker
SECONDER: Hite
AYES: Dalton, Tucker, Bowman, Dudley, Hite, Ingram, Whittle
NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve Consent Agenda.

RESULT: 7-0 (Approve)
MOVER: Dudley
SECONDER: Hite
AYES: Dalton, Tucker, Bowman, Dudley, Hite, Ingram, Whittle
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

- a. Board Meeting Minutes Approval
- b. County's 2024 March Bill List Approval
- c. Resolution # 2024-04-02 Adoption Ratification (Sheriff's CCPCP Notice of Participation Resolution)
- d. Camp 15 Items Surplus Declaration/Green Rock Correctional Center Gift Authorization
- e. Certificate of Recognition (105th Birthday; Ressie Tarpley Keen)
- f. Resolution # 2024-04-03 Adoption (Sargent Major Jeffrey Fitzgerald's U.S. Army National Guard Retirement)
- g. Grant Approvals and Appropriations (WIB; Pet Center; Opioid Abatement Authority)
- h. Proclamation: Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week
- i. Proclamation: National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

PRESENTATIONS

The Board presented a Certificate of Recognition to Ressie Tarpley Keen in honor of her 100th Birthday, a Resolution in honor of Sergeant Major Jeffrey Fitzgerald's U.S. Army National Guard Retirement, a Proclamation to the County's Animal Control Officers in honor of Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week, and a Proclamation to the County's Telecommunicators in honor of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

John Owen, Callands-Gretna District, stated his opposition to the recently adopted budget. He stated there are actions that can be taken to hold those who voted for the tax rate accountable, such as recall petitions to the Circuit Court.

Whitney Wagman, Staunton River District, stated she was a citizen of the Town of Hurt, and she shared her concerns with the Town of Hurt. There are many residents of the Town of Hurt that would like to see the Town be dissolved back into the County for reasons such as high town taxes, without seeing any significant return on these payments, the unpopular purchase of the Staunton River Plaza, high water rates, which will be going up again due to the maintenance that is needed, trash pickup contracted through the Town of Altavista is ending and the pickup will either go away or a private company will take over the pickup, potentially at an additional cost to residents, and limited availability of town police. She also shared concern about a Council Member's behavior towards the residents of the Town.

Wayne Robertson, Chatham-Blairs District, stated that the previous Board gave the Blairs Middle

School property to a builder in North Carolina, and he feels they could have used that building for a new school. He also shared his opposition towards building a new jail and recommended that Camp 15 or the old armory building be used for the new jail.

Vanessa Scarce, Westover District, stated how encouraged and proud she was of the younger generation that came out to the Budget Public Hearing. She stated that they are the future of the County and wished they could have been given a great example of what local government should look like, instead they listened to the majority tell the reasons not to increase taxes and they saw those comments fall on deaf ears. She commended Dalton and Bowman for their vote against the approved tax rate. She encouraged the next generation citizens to not grow weary in well doing, and to keep watching and voting accordingly.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Rezoning Public Hearings

1. Case R-23-017: Gwendolyn Averett; Rezoning from RC-1, Residential Combined Subdivision District, to B-2, Business District, General (Supervisor Hite)

In Case R-23-017, Gwendolyn Averett (“Petitioner”) has petitioned to rezone 1.80 acres from RC-1, Residential Combined Subdivision District, to B-2, Business District, General (to allow a daycare facility to be operated on the property). The subject property is located on State Road 732/Little Creek Road, in the Dan River Election District, and shown on the Tax Maps as GPIN # 2338-33-4895. Once the property is rezoned to B-2, all uses listed under Pittsylvania County Code ("PCC") § 35-365 are permitted. On March 5, 2024, the Planning Commission recommended, by a 6-1 vote, with opposition, that the Petitioner's request be granted, with the proffers offered by the Petitioner.

Dalton opened the Public Hearing at 8:02 PM. The Averett's were present to represent the Petition. Wanda Mangum stated she is a neighbor of the Averett's, and she is in support of this rezoning for the childcare center. Phyllis Barker shared her opposition to this rezoning. She believes this is spot zoning and is concerned about the hardship on the land, the noise, and disrupting the aesthetics of the neighborhood. Beverly Barker also shared her opposition to this rezoning and is concerned about the potential traffic this will cause. Andrew Smith shared his opposition to this rezoning and stated there would be little or no area for parking and would cause traffic to overflow into the road. Shelby Tate also shared her opposition to the rezoning and requested the Board deny this rezoning. Mike Barker also shared his opposition to this rezoning. Ronald Colvin stated that he supports this rezoning and stated there was a need for childcare within the County. Pamela Dunn stated she is in support of the proposed daycare. Brinda Satterfield shared her support of this proposed daycare.

Dalton closed the Public Hearing at 8:34 PM.

Motion by Hite, seconded by Ingram, to deny the rezoning of 1.80 acres from RC-1, Residential Combined Subdivision District, to B-2, Business District, General. Much discussion ensued about potential options for the applicant to narrow the proffers down to a daycare.

Substitute Motion to allow the applicant to withdraw this case without penalty.

RESULT: 7-0 (Approve)
MOVER: Tucker

SECONDER: Dudley
AYES: Dalton, Tucker, Bowman, Dudley, Hite, Ingram, Whittle
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

2. Case R-24-004: Austina Gibson; Rezoning from R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District, to A-1, Agricultural District (Chairman Dalton)

In Case R-24-004, Austina Gibson (“Petitioner”) has petitioned to rezone 10.50 acres from R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District, to A-1, Agricultural District (to allow a second dwelling to be placed on the property). The subject property is located on State Road 626/Museville Road, in the Callands-Gretna Election District and shown on the Tax Maps as GPIN # 1468-90-7461. Once the property is rezoned to A-1, all uses listed under Pittsylvania County Code § 35- 178 are permitted. On March 5, 2024, the Planning Commission recommended, by a 7-0 vote, with no opposition, that the Petitioner's request be granted.

Dalton opened the Public Hearing at 8:59 PM. No one signed up to speak and Dalton closed the Public Hearing at 8:59 PM.

Motion to approve the rezoning of 10.50 acres from R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District, to A-1, Agricultural District, to allow a second dwelling to be placed on the property.

RESULT: 7-0 (Approve)
MOVER: Dudley
SECONDER: Tucker
AYES: Dalton, Tucker, Bowman, Dudley, Hite, Ingram, Whittle
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

MATTERS FROM WORK SESSION

a. **County Administrator Performance Evaluation**

The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors makes a Motion to accept the resignation of Stuart J. Turille, Jr., County Administrator, effective immediately, with a waiver of the thirty (30)-day resignation notice period and pay Turille his full severance of six (6) months, plus benefits, as detailed in his March 21, 2023, Employment Agreement. This Board thanks Turille for his work and dedication to this County.

RESULT: 7-0 (Approve)
MOVER: Dalton
SECONDER: Hite
AYES: Dalton, Tucker, Bowman, Dudley, Hite, Ingram, Whittle
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Hite thanked Laurel Grove Fire Department and stated they have built a nice helipad and walkway. He asked to remember the members of Kentuck Fire Department as they lost

two (2) members of their Board, Robbie Barker and Dennis Guill, who have recently passed away. He also thanked Ringgold Fire and Rescue and stated they had just put a new engine into service and, because of fundraisers and such, it did not cost them anything. He thanked all citizens for coming out.

- Tucker stated it has been a good meeting. He thanked the public for watching, citizens for coming out, and County Staff for their hard work.
- Dudley thanked everyone for coming out and those who spoke. He asked everyone to be in prayer for Ingram and Dudley's dad as well.
- Whittle thanked County Staff for all they do, and shared appreciation to Turille for his hard work.
- Bowman stated he attended God's Pit Crew's Annual Banquet. He thanked the citizens who attended the community meeting regarding Franklin Turnpike and thanked the Mt. Hermon Fire Department for the use of their facility for the meeting. He also attended the Southern Regional Procurement Fair at the Institute, and he thanked County Staff for setting up a table at this event. He asked the public to check out the podcast he did on the Beautification Committee, and to remember Ingram, and stated he hopes to see him back soon. He also asked for everyone to remember the family of Kenyon Scott. He thanked Turille for his service to the County citizens, for guiding County Staff, and for providing guidance to the Board.
- Ingram stated he is on the mend; he looks forward to being back with everyone next month and appreciates all the thoughts and prayers from everyone. He asked to remember the family of Kenyon Scott and the School Board employees as well. He also thanked the Telecommunicators and the Animal Control officers for their continued service they provide to the County.
- Dalton thanked everyone for coming out, and thanked all staff for the hard work they do. He stated he attended the service of Kenyon Scott and said that this is a huge loss for the County and the School System. On April 26, 2024, there will be a Youth Livestock Show at the Olde Dominion Agricultural Complex. He thanked Turille for his service to the County and wish him nothing but the best.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Turille stated there are two (2) upcoming events; Earth Day on April 27, 2024, from 9:00 AM - noon, and stated the County is hosting another session of the Citizens Academy that offers citizens a fun and interactive way to find out how the County works.

ADJOURNMENT

Dalton adjourned the Meeting at 9:15 PM.