

**PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'**  
**WORK SESSION**

**June 18, 2024**

**VIRGINIA:** The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors' ("Board") Work Session was held on June 18, 2024, in the Board Meeting Room, 39 Bank Street, SE, Chatham, Virginia 24531.

**CALL TO ORDER (3:30 PM)**

Dalton called the Meeting to Order at 3:30 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  
William V. (“Vic”) Ingram - Tunstall District  
Murray W. Whittle - Westover District

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve Agenda.

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

**a. County Broadband Project Update**

Rob Taylor, RiverStreet Network’s Director of Business Development and Government Affairs, updated the Board on the County's Broadband Project. As of June 14, 2024, RiverStreet had 612 customers installed, which is an increase of 228 locations since RiverStreet’s last update. Taylor also shared upcoming events where they plan to market their service. His full presentation can be viewed on the County's website at [www.pittsylvaniacountyva.gov](http://www.pittsylvaniacountyva.gov).

**STAFF, COMMITTEE, AND/OR CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER REPORTS**

**a. Finance Updates: (1) PCC § 6-6 Revisions (Elderly/Disabled/Indigent Real Estate Tax Exemptions); (2) School Capital Improvements Reimbursement Resolution**

Van Der Hyde provided Finance updates to the Board which included potential revisions to PCC §

6-6, Elderly/Disabled/Indigent Real Estate Tax Exemptions. During the Budget process, the Board requested County Staff look at this section and determine if revisions could be made to assist citizens.

“I make a Motion authorizing County Staff to advertise a public hearing at the Board’s July Business Meeting for the following potential changes to Pittsylvania County Code § 6-6:

- (1) increase of the income threshold to \$35,000;
- (2) increase of net worth threshold to \$70,000; and
- (3) increase to the exemption maximum to \$600.”

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

Van Der Hyde reviewed Resolution # 2024-06-04 with the Board. Bids have been received by Pittsylvania County Schools ("PCS") to begin construction of safety vestibules and other safety upgrades at fourteen (14) schools throughout the County. This work will take place this summer, while PCS is not in session. Recently, PCS applied for a Literary Fund loan to cover the cost of classroom additions, window and HVAC replacement, and upgrades to Kentuck, Southside, and Union Hall Elementary Schools. Since the PCS Safety Project was already underway, PCS was unable to apply for Literary Funds for this project. Therefore, a Reimbursement Resolution is needed to cover the expenditure of funds for the Project, until financing is obtained. The County will not seek this funding until County Staff receives notification concerning the Literary Loan funding, in case this Project needs to be included with the PCS Safety Project financing.

Van Der Hyde also stated that a change was needed to the County's checking account regarding the signatories, which include the Clerk of the Board, the Chairman of the Board, and the Treasurer. If one of those positions leaves the organization, there is no one to fill that spot and someone needs to be designated. Upon further research, Van Der Hyde stated that Virginia Code § 15.2-1538 allows the naming of a Clerk, who is not the County Administrator, and she recommended McCluster be designated as Board Clerk, instead of the Deputy Clerk. Making this change will allow regular operations to run more smoothly.

Motion to add this item to the night's Business Meeting.

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

**b. Mass Zoning Ordinance Revision Project Update/Discussion**

Ragsdale reviewed items with the Board regarding the ongoing mass County Zoning Ordinance

revision project. The Board requested moving the date back thirty (30) days to allow more time to review the rewrite. Instead of final approval being in September, it will now be October.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion to enter Closed Session.

The Board entered Closed Session at 4:52 PM.

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

**a. Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.**

(1) **Legal Authority:** Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(8)  
**Subject Matter:** Employment Matter Regarding Former Sheriff's Employee  
**Purpose:** Consultation with Legal Counsel/Legal Advice and Discussion Regarding the Same

**b. Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.**

(1) **Legal Authority:** Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(5)  
**Subject Matters:** Projects Rain, Big Dipper, Toy Story, Thunder, and Ballyhoo  
**Purpose:** Economic Development Projects Update/Discussion on Unannounced Prospective Businesses/Industries

**c. 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.**

(1) **Legal Authority:** Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1)  
**Subject Matter:** County Administrator Hiring/Search  
**Purpose:** Review/Discussion of Related Next Steps

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION & CLOSED SESSION CERTIFICATION**

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:56 PM and the following Certification was recorded:

**PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'**

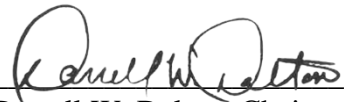
**CLOSED MEETING CERTIFICATION**

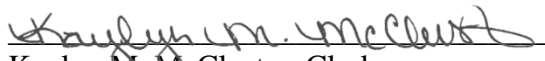
**BE IT RESOLVED** that at the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors’ (“Board”) Work Session on June 18, 2024, the Board hereby certifies by a recorded vote that to the best of each Board Member’s knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from the Open Meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (“Act”) and identified in the Motion authorizing the Closed Meeting were heard, discussed, or considered in the Closed Meeting. If any Board Member believes that there was a departure from the requirements of the Act, he shall so state prior to the vote indicating the substance of the departure. The Statement shall be recorded in the Board's Minutes.

	<b><u>Vote</u></b>
Kenneth L. Bowman	Yes
Timothy W. Dudley	Yes
Eddie L. Hite, Jr.	Yes
William V. (“Vic”) Ingram	Yes
Murray W. Whittle	Yes
Robert M. Tucker, Jr.	Yes
Darrell W. Dalton	Yes

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dalton adjourned the Meeting at 6:57 PM.

  
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Darrell W. Dalton, Chairman  
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors

  
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Kaylyn M. McCluster, Clerk  
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors