

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
BUSINESS MEETING

July 16, 2024

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

CALL TO ORDER

Dalton called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 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

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA

I make a Motion to revise the Agenda as follows:

- Add DPCS Staunton River District Appointment to the Consent Agenda as item 7(n);
- Add Resolution # 2024-07-05, Drought Declaration, to Matters from Work Session as item 13(a);
- Add Resolution # 2024-07-06, Staunton Plaza Grant Application, to Matters from Work Session as item 13(b);
- Add EMS Drug Box Funding to Matters from Work Session as item 13(c); and
- Add New Solid Waste Office Purchase Approval to Matters from Work Session as item 13(d).

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve Consent Agenda with addition.

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

- a. Board Meeting Minutes Approval
- b. County's June 2024 Bill List Approval
- c. Resolution # 2024-07-01 Adoption (*Kroger Opioid Settlement Approval*)
- d. Resolution # 2024-07-02 Adoption (*VDOT Rural Rustics Additions*)
- e. Resolution # 2024-07-03 Adoption (*Support of VDOT Smart Scale Projects*)
- f. Resolution # 2024-07-04 Adoption (*Support for Williams' Proposed Efforts to Construct the Transco Southeast Supply Enhancement Project and Additional Units at Station 165 in the County*)
- g. Appointment (*Southern Area Agency on Aging*); (*Full Board*); (*Kathy Ramsey*)
- h. Certificates of Appreciation (*ODAC Love Sign Donors*)
- i. Certificate of Excellence Approval (*Gretna High School Varsity Baseball*)
- j. Certificate of Excellence Approval (*Gretna High School Varsity Basketball*)
- k. Revised Ringgold Rail Trail Disaster Assistance Agreement Approval
- l. Grant Appropriations Approval (3); (*Ringgold Rail Trail Grant; Local Law Enforcement Grant; and WIA TANF United Way Grant*)
- m. 2025 County Health and Dental Rates Approval
- n. Appointment: DPCS (*Staunton River District; (Kaylyn McCluster)*)

PRESENTATIONS

The Board presented Certificates of Excellence to Gretna High School Varsity Baseball and Basketball, and Certificates of Appreciation to those who donated to help create the ODAC LOVE Sign.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

Chuck Angier, Callands-Gretna District, informed the Board and public about two (2) pieces of legislation that will be taken to the General Assembly in January that will impact the County. HB 636 could potentially relieve the Board of the authority to grant or not grant siting permits for solar facilities, and grant that authority to the State Corporation Commission. The additional piece of legislation could potentially forbid counties from limiting solar development to any less than four percent (4%) of the total land area. Angier suggested Board members travel to Richmond in the new year to stand against these bills.

John Zelinski, Chatham-Blairs District, questioned what the Board has done this year. He questioned the budget process, accounts payable, organizational chart, and other items on the County's Bill List.

Ann Smith, Dan River District, stated she lives near the proposed data center and voiced her opposition to it.

Linda Gauldin, Dan River District, expressed her concerns about the proposed data center and urged the Board to vote against it.

Willie Fitzgerald, Banister District, shared his concerns about the quality of water in Robin Court.

Rux Cannady, Dan River District, shared his concerns and opposition for the data center.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Rezoning Public Hearings

1. Case R-24-009: Sean Barbour; Rezoning from R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District, to A-1, Agricultural District, and from A-1, Agricultural District, to R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District. The Planning Commission recommended by a 7-0 vote, with no opposition, that the petitioner's request be granted. (Supervisor Dalton)

In Case R-24-009, Sean Barbour (“Petitioner”) has petitioned to rezone 0.22 acres from R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District, to A-1, Agricultural District, and 0.01 acres from A-1, Agricultural District, to R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District (*to allow the property to be consolidated with adjacent parcels zoned A-1 and R-1*). The subject property is located on State Road 777/Yorkshire Drive, in the Callands-Gretna Election District, and shown on the Tax Maps as parts of GPIN #s 1572-74-3258 and 1572-74-4286. Once the property is rezoned to A-1 and R-1, all uses listed under Pittsylvania County Code § 35-178 and 35-222 are permitted. On June 4, 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 7:56 PM. Barbour was present to represent the Petition. No one signed up to speak, and Dalton closed the Public Hearing at 7:56 PM.

Motion to approve the rezoning of 0.22 acres from R- 1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District, to A-1, Agricultural District, and 0.01 acres from A-1, Agricultural District, to R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District, to allow property lines to be adjusted.

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

2. Case R-24-010: Daniel and Natasha Gasser; Rezoning from RC-1, Residential Combined Subdivision District, to A-1, Agricultural District. The Planning Commission recommended

by a 7-0 vote, with no opposition, that the Petitioner's request be granted. (Supervisor Ingram)

In Case R-24-010, Daniel and Natasha Gasser (“Petitioners”) have petitioned to rezone 47.67 acres from RC-1, Residential Combined Subdivision District, to A-1, Agricultural District (*to allow for an accessory structure to be placed on the property*). The subject property is located on State Road 621/Primitive Baptist Road West, in the Tunstall Election District, and shown on the Tax Maps as GPIN # 1461-54-962. Once the property is rezoned to A-1, all uses listed under Pittsylvania County Code § 35-178 are permitted. On June 4, 2024, the Planning Commission recommended, by a 7-0 vote, with no opposition, that the Petitioners' request be granted.

Dalton opened the Public Hearing at 7:58 PM. The Gassers were present to represent the Petition. No one signed up to speak and Dalton closed the Public Hearing at 7:59 PM.

Motion to approve the rezoning of 47.67 acres from RC-1, Residential Combined Subdivision District, to A-1, Agricultural District, to allow for the placement of an accessory structure on the property.

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

3. Case R-24-011: Anchorstone Advisors SOVA, LLC; Amending the future land use designation from Medium and High Density Residential and Commercial to Industrial; and Rezoning from R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District, and A-1, Agricultural District, to M-2, Industrial District, Heavy. The Planning Commission recommended by a 7-0 vote, with opposition, that the Petitioner's request be granted. (Supervisor Hite)

In Case R-24-011, Anchorstone Advisors SOVA, LLC (“Petitioner”), has petitioned to amend the County's Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Designation for a total of 945.79 acres from Medium and High Density Residential and Commercial to Industrial, and to rezone the same property from R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District, and A-1, Agricultural District, to M-2, Industrial District, Heavy (*to allow for a data center on the property*). The subject property is located on and off of U.S. Highway 58 and State Road 735/Cedar Road, in the Dan River Election District, and shown on the Tax Maps as GPIN #s 2357-10-5598, 2357-11-7355, 2357-11-6287, 2357-11-6128, 2357-11-5160, 2357-11-5012, 2357-21-0330, 2357-11-9266, 2357-11-9107, 2357-11-8059, 2357-11-7091, 2357-10-5587, 2356-37-0437, 2356-26-6541, 2356-36-0964, 2356-26-4413, 2356-36-6307, 2356-44-2986, 2356-44-3500, 2356-14-1338, 2356-13-5596, 2356-03-5520, 2346-73-0926, 2346-64-2159, 2346-74-1088, 2346-74-4339, 2346-74-5770, 2346-85-6216, 2356-07-6095, 2356-26-2181, 2356-29-2703, 2357-20-7180, and 2357-21-6495. Once the property is rezoned to M-2, all uses listed under Pittsylvania County Code § 35-402 are permitted. On June 4, 2024, the Planning Commission recommended, by a 7-0 vote, with opposition, that the Petitioner's request be granted.

Dalton opened the Public Hearing at 8:02 PM. Tom Gallagher was present to represent the Petition.

John Daniel, Industrial Development Authority ("IDA") Vice-Chairman, spoke on behalf of the County's IDA and read a Resolution approved by the IDA in support of this rezoning.

Dalton closed the Public Hearing at 8:22 PM.

Motion to amend the County's Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Designation for a total of 945.79 acres from Medium and High Density Residential and Commercial to Industrial, and rezoning the same 945.79 acres from R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District, and A-1, Agricultural District, to M-2, Industrial District, Heavy.

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

Other Public Hearings

1. Solar Battery Siting Agreement (RIFA Tupelo Project)

In 2021, the General Assembly passed legislation giving localities additional measures to further regulate the development of utility-scale solar energy facilities. This legislation requires that any solar project or an energy storage project applicant give the host locality written notice of the applicant's intent to locate in the locality and request a meeting to discuss a related Siting Agreement. Once a Siting Agreement has been negotiated with the County, a Public Hearing must be held before it can be executed. This Public Hearing has been duly and legally advertised/noticed. For the Board's review and consideration, attached is a solar Siting Agreement for the Tupelo Solar Project to be located on RIFA-owned land. Said Siting Agreement has been successfully negotiated with the County.

Dalton opened the Public Hearing at 8:34 PM. No one signed up to speak and Dalton closed the Public Hearing at 8:34 PM.

Motion to approve the execution of the Siting Agreement for the Tupelo Solar Project.

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

2. Pittsylvania County Code § 6-6 Revisions (Tax Exemption on Property for Certain Elderly, Disabled, or Indigent Persons)

The Public Hearing was held to receive citizen input on the proposed changes to Pittsylvania County Code ("PCC") § 6-6 regarding Elderly/Disabled/Indigent Real Estate Tax Exemptions. This Public Hearing has been duly advertised in *The Chatham Star Tribune* for the past two (2) weeks to provide sufficient notice of said Public Hearing. Revisions to this PCC section include changing the annual income threshold from \$25,000 to \$35,000, increasing the Net Worth Maximum from \$60,000 to \$70,000, and increasing the maximum exemption from \$450 to \$600.

Dalton opened the Public Hearing at 8:37 PM.

John Zelinski, Chatham-Blairs District, asked how many people this would affect, and stated he supports the proposed revisions.

Dalton closed the Public Hearing at 8:38 PM.

Motion to approve the proposed changes to PCC Code § 6-6 as presented.

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

MATTERS FROM WORK SESSION

a. Resolution # 2024-07-05 (Drought Declaration)

Motion to approve Resolution # 2024-07-05 supporting local drought declaration.

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

b. Resolution # 2024-07-06 (Staunton Plaza Grant Application)

Motion to adopt Resolution # 2024-07-06 supporting the submission of Grant Applications for the Staunton River Plaza Project.

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

c. EMS Drug Box Funding

Motion to appropriate a total of up to \$160,000 from unassigned fund balance to cover the cost of EMS drug boxes for all volunteer EMS transport stations and to reimburse any Agency who has already purchased drug boxes

RESULT: 7-0 (Approve)
MOVER: Ingram
SECONDER: Bowman
AYES: Dalton, Tucker, Bowman, Dudley, Hite, Ingram, Whittle

NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

d. New Solid Waste Building

Motion to approve the purchase of a modular building in the amount not to exceed \$250,000 from BOXX Modular to be used for office and break room space for the County Landfill.

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

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Whittle thanked County Staff, Fire and Rescue, and the Sheriff's Department for all they do for the County.
- Bowman attended the God's Storehouse Open House, where they received a \$50,000 Grant and a new van to support the expansion of its backpack program. He also participated in the RIFA Meeting and volunteered at the "Rise Against Hunger" Project event. Additionally, he attended the Beautification Committee Meeting, where plans for the Fall Cleanup in late September/October were discussed. Bowman also hosted a meeting with the Chatham-Blairs board appointees to address various concerns. He requested prayers for all elected officials, staff, law enforcement, EMS, victims and their families, as well as for former President Trump and his family, following the recent attempted assassination.
- Ingram complimented the Interim County Administrator. He also agreed with Bowman and asked everyone to pray for the Country and community.
- Tucker stated this has been a productive meeting and expressed gratitude to the County Staff for their hard work. He acknowledged the water issue on Robin Court, noting that it has been addressed. Tucker also thanked everyone who attended and spoke, expressing his appreciation for his constituents. He emphasized the importance of praying not only for former President Trump and his family, but also for the nation and its elected officials. Tucker stated that they are all on the same team and have the desire to serve our great Country and the wonderful County they represent.
- Hite expressed his gratitude to County Staff for their hard work and thanked the Interim County Administrator for their leadership. He also thanked the citizens who attended and shared their opinions, acknowledging that tough decisions must be made. Reflecting on Saturday's event, he remarked that it was something no one should ever have to witness in our Country. Hite emphasized the need to pray for one another and work together moving forward.
- Dalton thanked everyone, including County Saff and citizens, for a great turnout and a productive meeting. He mentioned attending the God's Storehouse Meeting and

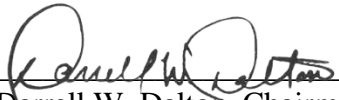
recognized the Gretna Hawks. Dalton also emphasized the importance of continued prayers for everyone, including all Board Members, the County, the Country, and the Nation.

COUNTY ADMINSTRATOR REPORT

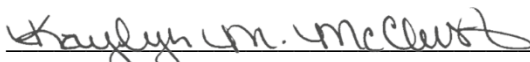
Shorter thanked the Board for allowing him the opportunity to serve in this additional capacity. He shared his appreciation for the communication and support he has received from everyone and looks forward to helping to move the County forward. He has initiated review of the County Departments to potentially identify any operational inefficiencies or any potential cost savings, and he looks forward to bringing those back to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Dalton adjourned the Meeting at 8:59 PM.



Darrell W. Dalton, Chairman
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors



Kaylyn M. McCluster, Clerk
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors