

**PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'**  
**BUSINESS MEETING**

**August 20, 2024**

**VIRGINIA:** The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors' ("Board") Business Meeting was held on August 20, 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**

Motion to add Resolution # 2024-08-04, Berry Hill Road Naming, to the Agenda under New Business.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to approve Consent Agenda.

**RESULT:** 7-0 (Approve)

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

- a. Board Meeting Minutes Approval
- b. County's July 2024 Bill List Approval
- c. Resolution # 2024-08-01 Adoption (*Honoring Mike Neal's Retirement; Ringgold Fire & Rescue Chief*)
- d. Resolution # 2024-08-02 Adoption (*Honoring Herbert Jesse Yeatts; 50 Years of Service, Gretna Fire & Rescue*)
- e. Resolution # 2024-08-03 Adoption (*Honoring Dorothy Mae Burton Neals*)
- f. Certificate of Excellence Adoption (*Dan River High School Varsity Baseball*)
- g. Revised Town of Chatham/County Master Water/Sewer Agreement Execution Approval
- h. County/Speyside Local Performance Agreement Execution Approval
- i. FY 24/25 DPCS Performance Contract Agreement Approval
- j. Grant Appropriations Approval (3); (*VA Rules Summer Camp Grant; DCJS Witness Protection Grant; J.T. Minnie Maude Public Safety Grant*)
- k. Appointment: Beautification Committee (*Staunton River District; Judy Simpson*)
- l. Appointment: Dan River ASAP Board (*Full Board Appointment*); (*Heidi Jones*)

### **PRESENTATIONS**

The Board presented Resolutions to Mike Neal, Herbert Jesse Yeatts, and Dorothy Mae Burton, and a Certificate of Excellence to Dan River High School's Varsity Baseball Team.

### **HEARING OF THE CITIZENS**

Kathy Ramsey, Banister District, expressed concerns about economic development in the Banister District and the lack of a convenience market.

Marie Souser, Staunton River District, shared her concerns about the maintenance and issues she is experiencing at Worley Court.

Jim Scarce, Westover District, shared his concerns regarding the code of conduct and criticized the Board for not holding members accountable for violating their Oath of Office.

Ben Meeks, Callands-Gretna District, thanked the Board for their support of Fire and Rescue services and highlighted the challenges and achievements of local EMS agencies, such as the new drug box requirements. He stated he is proud of the work that has been done together, and thanked the Board for approving the funds that help the agencies complete this process.

Vanessa Scarce, Westover District, shared her concerns regarding the treatment of her husband, who was led away by law enforcement for speaking his mind during a public hearing. She criticized current Board members for remaining silent during the incident when her husband's First Amendment rights were violated. She stated that she hopes future generations will do better and that the issue can be put behind them. She also urged every American to reflect on the true meaning of freedom, warning that the nation's future is at stake.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Rezoning Public Hearings**

**1. Case R-24-013: Brett and Erin Tooley; Rezoning from R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District, to A-1, Agricultural District. (Supervisor Hite)**

In Case R-24-013, Brett and Erin Tooley (“Petitioners”) have petitioned to rezone 3.85 acres from R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District, to A-1, Agricultural District, *(to allow a private recreational facility (event space) to be operated on the property)*. The subject property is located on State Road 992/Homestead Trail, in the Dan River Election District, and shown on the Tax Maps as GPIN #s 2440-66-8572 and 2440-76-0545. 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 postponed this Rezoning Application to allow the Petitioners time to draft Proffers to be offered with the Rezoning Application. The Petitioners have offered Proffers that were included in the Agenda Packet. On July 2, 2024, the Planning Commission recommended by a 6-0 vote, with opposition, that the Petitioners' request be granted with the Proffers offered by the Petitioners.

Dalton opened the Public Hearing at 8:17 PM. Erin Tooley was present to represent the Petition.

Daniel Gusler, 741 Homestead Trail, opposed the rezoning, citing concerns about privacy, noise, traffic, and property values.

Debra Dockery, 692 Homestead Trail, shared her opposition to this rezoning and expressed concerns about the impact on the quiet neighborhood and the potential for larger events.

Dalton closed the Public Hearing at 8:24 PM.

Motion to deny rezoning request by Hite, seconded by Ingram.

There was discussion about the Tooley’s having conversations with their neighbors and attempting to reach an agreement.

Substitute Motion to postpone this item until next month's Board Business Meeting.

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

**Other Public Hearings**

**1. FY 2024 County Budget Amendments**

Annually, Departmental/Fund Budgets are reviewed to determine if sufficient Budget amounts exist to cover expenses until year-end. Most of these items are bookkeeping entries required by the County’s Auditors. The list included in the packet shows the amount needed/requested and the reason for the need/request. Said list also contains suggested appropriations for year-end, as well

as the categorical changes requested by the School Board. This list was circulated to all Board members via the Friday Update and has been duly advertised in *The Chatham Star Tribune*.

Dalton opened the Public Hearing at 8:44 PM. No one signed up to speak and Dalton closed the Public Hearing at 8:44 PM.

Motion approving the FY 2024 County Budget Amendments as presented.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a. Resolution # 2024-08-04, Berry Hill Road Naming**

Ingram introduced Resolution # 2024-08-04 to name a portion of the Berry Hill Connector Road in honor of Sherman Saunders and Coy Harville. Tucker stated he supports the Resolution, highlighting the contributions of the honorees to the community and the importance of honoring their service.

Motion to adopt Resolution # 2024-08-04 in support of naming and renaming the new connector road and the Berry Hill Road to the Harville/Saunders Parkway.

Substitute Motion by Bowman to table this item until the September Board Meeting to allow the public and the Board time to digest. Motion failed for lack of a Second.

Motion to adopt Resolution # 2024-08-04 in support of naming and renaming the new connector road and the Berry Hill Road to the Harville/Saunders Parkway.

**RESULT:** 6-1 (Approve)  
**MOVER:** Ingram  
**SECONDER:** Whittle  
**AYES:** Dalton, Tucker, Dudley, Hite, Ingram, Whittle  
**NAYS:** Bowman  
**ABSTAIN:** None

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

- Hite thanked everyone for coming out and supporting those who were recognized at the meeting.
- Tucker thanked the Chairman, County Staff, and constituents for their work and encouraged others to reach out via contact information available on the county website. He explained that decisions about placing large stores like Sam's or Walmart are based on economic feasibility, not politics. These decisions rely on factors like population density

and traffic flow to ensure the store's success. Tucker stated he is open to discussing economic developments for the Banister District but emphasizes that any plans must be financially viable for investors.

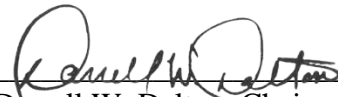
- Dudley thanked the Chairman, colleagues, and attendees, acknowledging that, while discussions can be contentious, the Board must remain focused on business. He highlighted a resident, Ms. Souser, for her persistence in addressing an issue with a road she has maintained on her own for years, despite others damaging it. He expressed hope that the problem can be resolved in the future and commended Ms. Souser for her dedication. Dudley also reflected on the challenges of decision-making, expressing gratitude for everyone's patience and participation.
- Whittle thanked everyone for attending, thanked the Board and County Staff for their support, and wished everyone a great evening.
- Bowman recapped attending several events, including economic development training and the annual Tomato Festival. There were two (2) Beautification Committee Meetings held in preparation for the Fall countywide cleanup on October 5, 2024, noting plans to waive landfill tipping fees for certain items. Cleanup events will take place at various District locations, with a challenge for Board Members to participate. Prizes will be awarded in November. Bowman also attended local community events, met with Virginia's Lieutenant Governor, and reminded the public of a mass casualty training exercise on August 23, 2024. He thanked first responders and wished everyone a safe Labor Day weekend.
- Ingram acknowledged the recognition of deserving individuals, including Ms. Neals and the Dan River High School baseball team. He emphasized the importance of volunteers, particularly fire and rescue workers, who sacrifice their time without compensation. He also recognized Mike Neal and Herbert Jesse Yeatts for their contributions and restated his support for volunteers.
- Dalton agreed with previous comments and thanked everyone for attending. He recognized Mike Neal, Herbert Jesse Yeatts, Ms. Dorothy Neals, and the Dan River High School baseball team, highlighting their positive impact on the community. He also stated that he attended the Open House at Hammock's Dairy and shared about the family's hard work and the quality of their dairy products. He expressed pride in having the Dairy in his District and encouraged others to support local dairies. Dalton wished everyone a safe journey home and looks forward to meeting again next month.

### **COUNTY ADMINSTRATOR REPORT**

Shorter thanked first responders, including Fire and Rescue, the Sheriff's Department, Public Safety, and Public Works, as well as other employees, for their efforts during Tropical Storm Debbie.

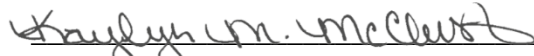
### **ADJOURNMENT**

Dalton adjourned the Meeting at 9:18 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