VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNTY OF AMELIA BOARD OF

SUPERVISORS HELD AT THE AMELIA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ON

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022.

#### **PARTICIPANTS:**

DAVID M. FELTS	District 1
DEXTER JONES	District 2
SHAUN WEYANT	District 3
H. JOSEPH EASTER, IV	District 4
TODD ROBINSON	District 5

**Board of Supervisors** 

A. TAYLOR HARVIE, III, County Administrator BRENDA ARTHUR, Assistant Administrator HOLLY P. STEELE, County Planner JEFF GORE, County Attorney

Chairman Felts called the May 18, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Amelia County Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 P.M. and determined there was a quorum with all five members participating. Supervisor Felts offered the invocation and everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- The agenda was amended to remove budget amendments.
- The following minutes were approved with changes on a motion by Supervisor Easter:
  - o April 20, 2022 Regular Meeting
  - o April 28, 2022 Continued Meeting
- The April Financial reports were approved on a motion by Supervisor Weyant.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Laura Walsh asked "what's gonna happen" to the Commissioner of the Revenue when the County administrator pushes her out.
- Suzy Gunter spoke about a flash drive that has been distributed to citizens in the County.
- Grace Weyant expressed her displeasure with the comments made at the April budget meeting regarding her and husband, Shaun Weyant.

- Lee Walsh commented on the information on a flash drive and accused the county administrator and finance director of lying about his wife to the Virginia State Polise,
- Diana Morris stated that the proposed solar farm would reduce the value of adjoining property.
- Paul Hill spoke in opposition to the solar farm.
- Robby Parsons said the solar farm would "devaluate" his property.
- Bobby Lipes said he was not for or against solar farms and believed property owners should be able to do what they want with their property but he thought solar panels was a fad.
- Amber Shaffer reiterated her knowledge and experience with IT.

## STAFF/COMMITTEE/ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- The Honorable Thomas Stark, IV shared plans for District Court Expansion. He announced that Melissa Gill, Clerk of the General District Court and Juvenile Domestic Relations Court, had been named Employee of the Year and recognized her for her outstanding service not only to Amelia but oversaw Powhatan General District Court when their clerk became ill.
- Rebecca Worley, of VDOT, gave a report on road projects in the County.
- Dr. Harper and Carly Bullock reported on Amelia School Board activities and financial reports. A supplemental appropriation was approved on a motion by Supervisor Easter.
- The Board reported on meetings they have attended.

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

 Following last month's public hearing, on a motion by Supervisor Easter, the Board unanimously approved the conditional rezoning requested by Roy Lanford to operate a cement plant.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- On a motion by Supervisor Easter, the Board unanimously approved the acceptance of the VATI grant.
- On a motion by Supervisor Robinson, the Board unanimously approved the signing of the ground lease for the Manboro Tower.

- The Board requested County Attorney to update the Technology Systems and Social Media Policy and bring it back to the June meeting. Supervisor Easter also requested that the county document a written policy for surplus items and bring it to the Board for review.
- No action was taken on a request for cash match for GoVirginia Enhanced Capacity Grant.
- On a motion by Supervisor Easter, the Board approved a special event permit to hold a Lavendar Festival, with no fees from the Amelia County Rescue.
- Rebecca Worley, of VDOT, presented on overview of the Secondary Six-year plan. Supervisor Felts motioned to have Stoney Point road added and the Board unanimously approved. A resolution will be drafted and a public hearing will be held.
- After no one spoke at the public hearing, and on a motion by Supervisor Easter, the Board approved the Revenue Sharing Ordinance, allowing the County to assess fees to certain solar energy projects in accordance with Virginia State Law.
- A public hearing was held for a special exception permit for Amelia Energy Facility, LLC. Diana Morris, Trisha Patton, Paul Hill, and Bobby Lipes spoke in opposition to the solar project. Justin Wade and Martin Konkel spoke in support of the project. Supervisor Robinson motioned to defer voting until the June meeting to consider all information that was presented.
- A public hearing was held for the siting agreement. No one spoke and the Board unanimously agreed to defer action for 30 days.

#### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- The host fee check from Waste Management for April 2022 was \$263, 578.21.
- CRC submitted the April Items of Interest.
- DMV Select submitted financial reports for March 2022.
- Columbia Gas of Virginia submitted a request for rate increase.
- Certification of No Objection from the Attorney General's Office was submitted.
- A Supplemental Appropriation for Rolling Meadows was shared with the Board.

## **BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS/REPORTS**

# **District 1-The Honorable David M. Felts**

Supervisor Felts said he thought it was a good meeting with no personal attacks.

# District 3-The Honorable Shaun Weyant

Supervisor Weyant thanked everyone for their support. He spoke about appreciation for his wife.

# District 4-the Honorable H. Joseph Easter, IV

Supervisor Easter spoke about his family being attacked and found it ironic to have a board member talk about pot stirring and then doing it.

# **District 5-The Honorable Todd Robinson**

Supervisor Robinson thanked RJ Smith for the work at the Soccer field at no charge to the County. He talked about pot stirrers.

### MOTION TO ADJOURN/CONTINUE MEETING

There being no other business, the May 18, 2022 Regular meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

A. Taylor Harvie, III

Amelia County Administrator

Minutes Approved: June 15, 2022

David M. Felts, Jr., Chairman

Amelia County Board of Supervisors