

Board of Supervisors, January 8, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held in and for the County of Mecklenburg on January 8, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors meeting room of the Goode Bank Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Jennings, Vice Chairman; David Brankley; Andy Hargrove; Claudia Lundy; Tom Tanner; Sterling Wilkinson; Brenda Blackwell; Kirk Gravitt; Dennis Spence

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Vice-Chairman announced that the first meeting in January 2024, is designated as the organizational meeting for the Board of Supervisors. The County Attorney, Russell Slayton, as Parliamentarian, presided over this portion of the meeting.

Mr. Slayton stated that the offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairman would be elected to serve a one-year term at the onset of the organizational meeting.

The County Attorney announced that the floor was now open for nominations.

Mr. Hargrove nominated Mr. Jennings to serve as Chairman.

Mr. Slayton stated that with no further nominations, the nominations would be closed.

By unanimous vote, Mr. Jennings was elected as Chairman. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Brankley, Lundy, Blackwell, Tanner, Wilkinson, Gravitt and Spence voted 'aye'.

Mr. Brankley nominated Mr. Hargrove to serve as Vice-Chairman.

By a vote of 8-1, Mr. Hargrove was elected as Vice-Chairman. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Brankley, Blackwell, Tanner, Wilkinson, Gravitt and Spence voted 'aye' and Lundy voted "no".

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Board voted to accept the following schedule of meetings for the Year 2024. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted 'aye'.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

2024 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

<u>January 8th</u>	<u>9:30 AM</u>
<u>February 12th</u>	<u>9:30 AM</u>
<u>March 11th</u>	<u>7:00 PM</u>

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<u>April 8th</u>	<u>9:30 AM</u>
<u>May 13th</u>	<u>9:30 AM</u>
<u>June 10th</u>	<u>7:00 PM</u>
<u>July 8th</u>	<u>9:30 AM</u>
<u>August 12th</u>	<u>9:30 AM</u>
<u>September 9th</u>	<u>7:00 PM</u>
* <u>October 15th</u>	<u>9:30 AM</u>
* <u>November 4th</u>	<u>9:30 AM</u>
<u>December 9th</u>	<u>7:00 PM</u>

*October 14th is a State Holiday

*VACo Conference – November 10th – 12th

All Meetings are held at 350 Washington Street in Boydton, Virginia at the Goode Bank Building in the Board of Supervisor’s Meeting Room and are live streamed on YouTube.

Upon a motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Robert Rules of Order and those rules previously adopted by the Board. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted ‘aye’.

Upon a motion of Mrs. Lundy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2023, Board Meeting. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted ‘aye’.

Chairman Jennings advised that there would be additions to the agenda under closed session. Item M, 2 Employment and Item M,3 Legal Matter.

Upon a motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as amended. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted ‘aye’.

Mr. Robert Hendrick, Zoning Administrator, presented the Board with the final plat of Pinelands Subdivision, Lots 1-17. Mr. Hendrick advised the planning commission that the subdivision complies with the county ordinance.

Upon a motion of Mr. Spence, the Board voted unanimously to approve the final plat of Pinelands Subdivision, Lots 1-17. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted 'aye'.

A public hearing was held on an application by Burton Farm, LLC (The Pinelands Subdivision) to rezone lots 1-16 from Agricultural to Residential R-1 and lot 17 from Agricultural to Residential R-2A. This property, identified as County Tax Number 063000-08-B, is zoned Agricultural and is located on the north side of Route 638 (Wilson Road) at its intersection with Route 621 (Country Club Road), Election District 5, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR-21-4309.

There was no public comment.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Mr. Spence, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by Burton Farm, LLC (The Pinelands Subdivision) to rezone lots 1-16 from Agricultural to Residential R-1 and lot 17 from Agricultural to Residential R-2A. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted 'aye'.

A public hearing was held on an application by Sampson Townes Sr. & Mary Townes joint trust (Navix Engineering) for a special exemption permit to construct a parking and laydown area. This property, identified as County Tax Number 127000-05-001, is zoned Agricultural, and it is located on the south side of Hwy fifty-eight (58), approximately one thousand six hundred feet (1,600) east of its intersection with Commerce Drive, Election District 8, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR-17-866.

Mr. Jimmy Epps with B & B Consultants addressed the Board. Mr. Epps advised the commission that he had been working with Navix Engineering to allow for temporary parking and a lay-down area for equipment to aid in the neighboring construction projects. Mr. Epps advised that the next two applications are for this same project, separate parcels totaling 17 acres, and that he would be working with VDOT on a commercial entrance for the property.

Ms. Portia Burwell addressed the Board with questions regarding this project and its proposed uses, she is an adjoining property owner.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Mr. Brankley, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by Sampson Townes Sr. & Mary Townes joint trust (Navix Engineering) for a special exemption permit to construct a parking and laydown area with the following conditions recommended by the Planning Commission. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted 'aye'.

1. It will not be detrimental to the public welfare.
2. It will not affect adversely the health or safety of persons or the neighborhood of the purposed use.
3. The developer shall meet VDOT standards for a commercial entrance.

4. The developer shall submit an erosion and sediment control plan for approval.
5. The developer shall submit a stormwater management plan for approval.
6. The developer shall obtain the county land disturbance permit prior to the construction of the site.
7. The site shall be developed per the site plan that was submitted to the zoning office.

A public hearing was held on an application by Sampson Townes Sr. & Mary Townes joint trust (Navix Engineering) for a special exemption permit to construct a parking and laydown area. This property, identified as County Tax Number 127000-05-002, is zoned Agricultural, and it is located on the south side of Hwy fifty-eight (58), approximately one thousand one hundred feet (1,100) east of its intersection with Commerce Drive, Election District 8, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR-17-866.

There was no public comment.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by Sampson Townes Sr. & Mary Townes joint trust (Navix Engineering) for a special exemption permit to construct a parking and laydown area with the following conditions recommended by the Planning Commission. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted 'aye'.

1. It will not be detrimental to the public welfare.
2. It will not affect adversely the health or safety of persons or the neighborhood of the purposed use.
3. The developer shall meet VDOT standards for a commercial entrance.
4. The developer shall submit an erosion and sediment control plan for approval.
5. The developer shall submit a stormwater management plan for approval.
6. The developer shall obtain the county land disturbance permit prior to the construction of the site.
7. The site shall be developed per the site plan that was submitted to the zoning office.

A public hearing was held on an application by Sampson Townes Sr. & Mary Townes joint trust (Navix Engineering) for a special exemption permit to construct a parking and laydown area. This property, identified as County Tax Number 127000-14-2A, is zoned Agricultural, and it is located on the south side of Hwy fifty-eight (58), approximately one thousand four hundred twenty-five feet (1,425) east of its intersection with Commerce Drive, Election District 8, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR-17-866.

There was no public hearing.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Mr. Brankley, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by Sampson Townes Sr. & Mary Townes joint trust (Navix Engineering) for a special exemption permit to construct a parking and laydown area with the following conditions recommended by

the Planning Commission. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted 'aye'.

1. It will not be detrimental to the public welfare.
2. It will not affect adversely the health or safety of persons or the neighborhood of the purposed use.
3. The developer shall meet VDOT standards for a commercial entrance.
4. The developer shall submit an erosion and sediment control plan for approval.
5. The developer shall submit a stormwater management plan for approval.
6. The developer shall obtain the county land disturbance permit prior to the construction of the site.
7. The site shall be developed per the site plan that was submitted to the zoning office.

A public hearing was held on an application by Bullock Corporation (Alinea Behavioral LLC) for a special exemption permit to allow for a low-intensity, residential treatment facility. This property, identified as County Tax Number 115000-A-069, is zoned Residential R-2, and it is located on the west side of Hwy one (1), at its intersection with Big Fork Farm Road, Election District 1, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book B&P 364-108.

Mr. Alex Boyar addressed the Board to speak on this application. Mr. Boyar advised that he wanted to start a low-intensity rehab drug facility. Mr. Boyar advised that he would provide onsite counseling for private pay or Medicaid patients.

Upon a motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by Bullock Corporation (Alinea Behavioral LLC) for a special exemption permit to allow for a low-intensity, residential treatment facility with the following conditions recommended by the Planning Commission. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted 'aye'.

1. It will not be detrimental to the public welfare.
2. It will not affect adversely the health or safety of persons or the neighborhood of the purposed use.
3. These services would provide benefits to the community and surrounding counties.
4. The facility shall comply with state regulations about this type of facility.

A public hearing was held on a proposed Voluntary Boundary Adjustment Agreement by which certain properties currently located partly in LaCrosse Magisterial District, Mecklenburg County, Virginia, and partly in the Town of South Hill, Virginia, will be relocated entirely into the boundary of the Town, which properties are described as follows:

- A. That portion of the 15.18 acres parcel shown on a plat made by B & B Consultants, Inc., dated September 13, 2023, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, as Instrument Number 230003657 ("Plat"), which portion is not currently located within the boundary of the Town, and which property was acquired by Greenlight Investments, LLC, a Virginia limited liability company, by

operation of a deed dated September 14, 2022, recorded in the Clerk's Office aforesaid as Instrument Number 230003658.

- B. That portion of the 4.50 acres parcel shown on the Plat, which portion is not currently located within the boundary of the Town, and which property was acquired by KAC Investments, LLC, a Virginia limited liability company, by operation of a deed dated December 8, 2022, recorded in the Clerk's Office aforesaid as Instrument Number 220005027.
- C. That portion of the 5.12 acres parcel shown on the Plat, which portion is not currently located within the boundary of the Town, and which property was acquired by Thompson Enterprises VA LLC, a Virginia limited liability company, by operation of a deed dated September 15, 2023, recorded in the Clerk's Office aforesaid as Instrument Number 230003706.

There was no public comment.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Mrs. Lundy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Voluntary Boundary Adjustment Agreement with the Town of South Hill. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted 'aye'.

A public hearing was held on a proposed Voluntary Boundary Adjustment Agreement by which certain property currently located in Chase City Magisterial District, Mecklenburg County, Virginia, will be relocated into the boundary of the Town of Chase City, Virginia, which property is described as follows:

- A. All that certain tract or parcel of land situate in Chase City Magisterial District, Mecklenburg County, Virginia, containing 59.99 acres ("Property"), identified on the Mecklenburg County Tax Maps as TMP 033A07-A-015 (PRN 27755), which is in all respects the RESIDUE OF the 60.59 acres shown on a plat made by Marvin L. Crutchfield, C.L.S., dated November 12, 1976, last revised November 14, 1986, which plat is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for Mecklenburg County, Virginia, in Plat Book 5, Page 1, AFTER DEDUCTING THEREFROM the 0.60 acre portion thereof shown on a plat made by Warren A. Trent, PLS, dated April 17, 2015, recorded in the Clerk's Office aforesaid as a part of Instrument Number 150001523. The Property was acquired by Kess Realty Partners Inc., a Virginia corporation, by operation of a deed dated May 23, 2022, recorded in the Clerk's Office aforesaid as Instrument Number 220002122.
- B. A portion of the right-of-way for Highway 92, which portion commences at a point of intersection with the boundary of the Town of Chase City, Virginia, and extends thence in a westerly direction to a point on Highway 92 which is the westernmost boundary of the Property.

Mr. Dusty Forbes, Chase City Town Manager addressed the Board and stated that this adjustment is fully supported by the Town and that it is crucial for future development and growth for the town.

Upon a motion of Ms. Blackwell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Voluntary Boundary Adjustment Agreement with the Town of Chase City. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted 'aye'.

There was no public comment for this portion of the agenda.

Mr. Kevin Smith, VDOT Resident Engineer addressed the Board with the following monthly update.

Maintenance Forces

- Pothole repairs on numerous secondary routes.
- Brush cutting and tree pruning on various routes.
- Shoulder repairs on various routes.
- Replaced cross pipes on various routes.
- Machined non-hard surface roads and hauled stone as needed.
- Checked various routes for maintenance and safety issues.
- Performed litter patrol on various routes.

Mr. Jason Corwin, General Registrar addressed the Board in reference to the parking/traffic situations at two of the current polling places. He is requesting permission to have the locations moved.

The Clarksville Airport is located at 11632 Highway Fifteen, Clarksville and Mr. Corwin is requesting that it be moved to the Mecklenburg (Clarksville) Rescue Squad located at 25 Burlington Drive, Clarksville.

The Chase City Fire Department is located at 219 East Second Street, Chase City and Mr. Corwin is requesting that it be moved to the Chase City Rescue Squad located at 335 Mecklenburg Drive, Chase City.

Upon a motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to support the relocation of polling place 103 to the Mecklenburg Rescue Squad. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted 'aye'.

Upon a motion of Ms. Blackwell, the Board voted unanimously to support the relocation of polling place 201 to the Chase City Rescue Squad. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted 'aye'.

Joint Education Committee Meeting
305 Washington Street, Boydton, VA
Thursday, December 13, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Claudia Lundy, Committee Chair. Members

pledged allegiance to the flag.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Members present: Mrs. Claudia Lundy and Mr. David Brankley, Board of Supervisors, Mr. Glenn Edwards and Mrs. Dora Garner, School Board; Mrs. Brenda Blackwell and Mr. Gavin Honeycutt were absent. Also present were Mr. Wayne Carter, County Administrator, Mr. Alex Gottschalk, Deputy County Administrator, Dr. Scott Worner, Superintendent, Mr. Brian Dalton, Executive Director of Facilities and Operations, Mr. Paul Padgett, Skanska, and Ms. Paula Giammatteo, Clerk.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Mrs. Garner made a motion to amend the agenda to remove Information Items D and E. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brankley with all committee members voting in approval.

4. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. CLARKSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE - MR. BRIAN DALTON AND MR. PAUL PADGETT

Mr. Padgett reviewed the presentation of the Clarksville Elementary School Construction update. Skanska hired F and R Inspectors to oversee the construction of the footings for the building. The Bio Pond is temporary for the construction process and will be turned into a permanent wet pond once the project is complete. The lead time for electrical switch gears is approximately 16-18 months. Burns & McDonald were hired to commission all equipment and supports for the new building. Pre-installation meetings with subcontractors are being held and Owner Direct purchase orders are being issued. The project is on schedule for substantial completion March 31, 2025, and final completion April 30, 2025. The first pouring of footings is estimated to take place this Friday and the project is still operating within the budget. The presentation may be seen on Board Docs. Members discussed the timing of starting the Chase City Elementary Project; design funding will be included in the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. Dr. Worner acknowledged the help of Mr. Gottschalk in applying for the second round of school construction grants. The resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors allowed for the increase in points to qualify for the grant. The amount of the grant will be 20% of the eligible construction costs. Members also discussed the acclimation of the elementary students to a different school location. Dr. Worner credits the teachers, the administrative staff, and the parents for the smooth transition. Playground equipment is scheduled to be delivered on December 18th.

B. ALTERNATIVE LEARNING PROGRAM

Mr. Dalton reviewed the layout of the remodel of the Community Center located at the new school complex. This is the proposed location for the Alternative Learning Program. The building will receive a new roof, new windows, removal of the brick fascia, new paint, new ceilings, new flooring, new restrooms, new septic tank, and new electrical service. The proposed layout may be seen on Board Docs. The facility may also be used in the afternoon as a meeting place for the agricultural department. The Alternative Learning Program currently employs a teacher with counseling credentials, a second teacher, and two paraprofessionals. Work is currently being done to provide more student

services. Students are placed in the Alternative Learning Program on a semester basis and are returned to the school setting under the condition that they complete their schoolwork. There are currently seven middle school students and fourteen high school students attending ALP this semester; two high school students will be retained as they have not completed their schoolwork. Student behavioral improvement is dependent on the student. Offices will be available at the proposed building for student counseling. There will be six employees at ALP, a combination of teachers and instructional assistants. The goal is to have a ratio of one teacher/instructional assistant per every eight students at ALP; forty students is the maximum. Members asked about the current ratio of teachers according to race at ALP. There is currently one African-American teacher, one white teacher who is also a counselor, two African-American instructional assistants, one white instructional assistant, and an African-American male interviewing for an open position at ALP.

C. LACROSSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LAND UPDATE

Dr. Worner discussed the site selection process for LaCrosse Elementary School. Four sites were inspected and one was chosen. An appraisal of the property was performed and negotiations are ongoing with the land owner for the sale of 27 acres. Mrs. Lundy informed the members of a land owner with 25 acres three miles from LaCrosse who is interested in selling their property.

5. MEMBER REMARKS

Mrs. Garner: Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Carter: Congratulated the members returning.

Mr. Brankley: Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Dr. Worner: Thanked the Board of Supervisors for the invitation to join them on Monday.

Mrs. Lundy: Recommended the Joint Education Committee meet every three months unless there is a need to meet sooner. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and looks forward to working with everyone.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Mr. Scott Worner addressed the Board with a presentation and update on the Clarksville Elementary School Project. Mr. Worner advised the Board that the project remains within budget. The anticipated final completion date is April 30, 2025.

Next, Mr. Worner reviewed three supplemental appropriations requested by the School Board for funds that have been provided by the Department of Education and the Federal Government.

Upon a motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to accept and appropriate \$473,327 in funds from the Virginia Department of Education, with revenues from the Commonwealth increased in the School Fund (Fund #241) accordingly, to the Instruction Expenditures Category of the School Fund (Fund #241) in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Mecklenburg County Budget for costs related to the *ALL IN VA* initiative, commits that the Board supports the multi-year programming of *ALL IN VA* funds in conjunction with the plan submitted by the Mecklenburg County Public Schools to the Virginia Department of Education in November 2023, as approved by the Department and directs the County Administrator to include such revenues and expenditures as necessary for year two of the Mecklenburg County Public Schools' *ALL IN VA* plan in the Recommended Fiscal Year 2024-25 Mecklenburg County Budget. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted 'aye'.

Upon a motion of Mr. Brankley, the Board voted unanimously to accept and appropriate \$105,116 in funds from the Virginia Department of Education, with revenues from the Commonwealth in the School Fund (Fund #241) increased accordingly, to the Operation and Maintenance Expenditures Category of the School Fund (Fund #241) in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Mecklenburg County Budget for costs related to Virginia School Security Equipment Grants. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted 'aye'.

Upon a motion of Mrs. Lundy, the Board voted unanimously to accept and appropriate \$342,738.11 in funds from the United States Department of Education, with revenues from the federal government increased accordingly in the School Fund (Fund #241), to the Federal Projects Expenditures Category of the School Fund (Fund #241) in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Mecklenburg County Budget for costs related to the Stronger Connections Grant, including Sheriff's Department officer overtime and authorize the County Administrator and the County Treasurer, during the Fiscal Year 2023-24 close-out period, to recognize a sum sufficient revenue payment from the Federal Projects Category of the School Fund (Fund #241) as realized revenue in the School Security Grant revenue object code in the General Fund in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Mecklenburg County Budget should any Sheriff officer overtime be worked pursuant to the *Stronger Connections Grant* and to appropriate a corresponding sum sufficient amount to the Sheriff's Department expenditure budget in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Mecklenburg County Budget for any such work performed. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted 'aye'.

Ms. Lisa Wagstaff, Commissioner of the Revenue addressed the Board with a presentation reviewing the reassessment process her office uses. Mecklenburg County reassess in house, biennially.

Under the County Administrator's report:

Mr. Carter advised that the Building Official's monthly report shows permits are down some, which is typical for the month of December, the Zoning Administrator's monthly report indicates holding steady, the Animal Warden's report shows the County was able to adopt out 85 percent

of dogs picked up. Mr. Carter advised that the Sheriff's, 911 and EMS Agency's monthly reports are also included if anyone had any questions.

Mr. Gottschalk advised the Board that everyone knew that when the County took over Emergency Services it was going to be a learning experience and one of the things that has been learned is that it takes quite a bit of time to order and receive a new ambulance, approximately 24-28 months for a remounted unit, which is being proposed. The Emergency Services Division is requesting authorization to place two ambulance orders at this time. Currently, the cost of a remounted unit is approximately \$262,000.00. Mr. Gottschalk advised that ambulances will be placed in the County's CIP budget in 2-year increments moving forward.

Upon a motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to authorize staff to place an order for two remounted ambulances. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted 'aye'.

Mr. Carter gave the Board a brief progress report on the Empower Broadband project and the VATI Grant. Empower now has over 5,000 subscribers with almost 3,000 in Mecklenburg County. We have over 410 miles of fiber in the County.

Mr. Gottschalk advised that one bid was received for the Old Cox Road Reconstruction Project. That bid was received by Haymes Brothers, Inc. at a cost of \$4,438,685.00.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Board voted unanimously to accept the bid for the Old Cox Road Reconstruction Project by Haymes Brothers, Inc at a cost of \$4,438,685.00. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted 'aye'.

Under the Chairman's report:

The term of Mrs. Janet Buchanan on the Local Board of Social Services will expire on January 30, 2024. She is eligible for reappointment.

Upon a motion of Mr. Brankley, the Board voted unanimously to re-appoint Mrs. Janet Buchanan to serve another term on the Local Board of Social Services. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted 'aye'.

The term of Ms. Donna Dennis on the County Planning Commission will expire on January 30, 2024. Ms. Dennis has advised staff that she no longer wishes to serve.

It was the consensus of the Board to address the vacancies on the Planning Commission at the Board's February meeting as well as the appointment to the Southside Planning Commission.

Upon a motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent calendar as it relates to the December bill's list. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted 'aye'.

Under Board Member comments:

Mr. Wilkinson stated that he was glad to hear about the proposed drug treatment facility opening, welcomed the newest Board Members and encouraged everyone to vote tomorrow in the special election.

Ms. Blackwell agreed that the proposed drug treatment facility is needed for this area.

Mr. Gravitt also stated that he was glad to hear about the proposed drug treatment facility and thanked everyone for their guidance and advice.

Mr. Brankley congratulated the new Chairman and Vice-Chairman, welcomed the newest Board Members, encouraged everyone to go vote tomorrow and to participate in the Comprehensive Plan Update Survey.

Mr. Tanner congratulated the new Chairman and Vice-Chairman, welcomed the newest Board Members, stated how well this Board works together, thanked the Landfill Employees for doing a good job and thanked the Health Department. Mr. Tanner thanked Senator Ruff for his dedication to Mecklenburg County over the years and reminded everyone about the Rabies Clinic on Saturday, January 20th.

Mrs. Lundy welcomed the newest Board Members, stated her excitement about the Alternative School, reminded everyone to go vote and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Spence stated that he is pleased serve on the Board and thanked staff and fellow Board Members for their guidance.

Mr. Hargrove congratulated Mr. Jennings on being elected Chairman, stated he would do his best as Vice-Chairman and welcomed the newest members.

Mr. Jennings thanked fellow Board Members for their vote of confidence in him being elected as Chairman stating that his goals on this Board have been the same since elected in 1999. He then welcomed the newest Board Members, as well as the newly elected Treasurer and Commissioner of the Revenue. He finished by stating that he believes that Mecklenburg County is the most fortunate county in Southside Virginia.

Upon motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the Board voted unanimously to convene in Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A), (3), (1). Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted 'aye'.

Upon motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to go back into Open Session. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted 'aye'.

Upon motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the Board voted to adopt the following Certification Resolution. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted 'aye'.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors convened a Closed Session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors that such Closed Session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the Closed Session to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the Closed Session were heard, discussed or considered by the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors.

Upon a motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract as drafted by the County Attorney to promote Mr. Alex Gottschalk to County Administrator effective March 1, 2024. Supervisors Jennings, Hargrove, Lundy, Brankley, Wilkinson, Tanner, Blackwell, Gravitt and Spence voted ‘aye’.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until February 12, 2024, unless sooner called to order by the Chairman.

Chairman

Clerk