

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held in and for the County of Mecklenburg on February 14, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors meeting room of the Goode Bank Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Glanzy Spain, Jr., Vice-Chairman; David Brankley; Andy Hargrove; Jim Jennings; Claudia Lundy; Charles Jones; Tom Tanner; Sterling Wilkinson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Glenn Barbour

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022 Board Meeting. Supervisors Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Upon motion of Mrs. Lundy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented. Supervisors Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Vice-Chairman Glanzy Spain presented the following resolution honoring Mrs. Virginia Estelle Phillips Bell's 108 Birthday.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors does hereby wish to honor Mrs. Virginia Estelle Phillips Bell on her 108th Birthday, and;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bell and her late Husband Henry, had 4 children and she lived her entire adult life on their farm where they grew tobacco and their family, and;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bell was known for the caring she gave to her family and all of those in the North View Community, with which she happily shared her garden, and;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bell also was known for the tidiness of her home both inside and out, her yardwork and beautiful flowers, and;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bell is a lifelong member of the North View Baptist Church, where she remained an active member until moving to Pine View where she continues to remain active in their religious and recreational activities,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors does hereby wish to honor Mrs. Virginia Estelle Phillips Bell on her long life and in celebration of her 108th Birthday.

A public hearing was held on a Mecklenburg County Burn Ban Ordinance. The Ordinance will allow a Countywide Burn Ban to be adopted and terminated by order of the Head of the County

Fire Chief's Association, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the Emergency Services Coordinator.

Mr. Jon Taylor explained the changes being made to the current ordinance, allowing local law enforcement the ability to enforce the ordinance.

There was no public comment.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following Burn Ban Ordinance. Supervisors Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Prohibition of all open burning where serious fire hazards exist; penalty

It shall be unlawful when the forestlands, brush lands and fields in this County or any part thereof have become so dry as to create a serious fire hazard endangering lives and property, for any persons to do any open burning nearer than 300 feet from any such forestlands, brush lands or fields containing dry grass or other flammable material.

This article shall not be effective until the Coordinator of Emergency Services, in unanimous consultation with the President of the Fire Chief's Association and Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, formally declares that such hazardous conditions exist, and declare a local emergency, pursuant to § 44-146.21, this article shall continue in effect until the Coordinator of Emergency Services shall formally declare that such condition has terminated.

It shall be the duty of all authorized law-enforcement officers of the county, and its municipalities to enforce the provisions of this section.

Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor for each separate offense.

A public hearing was held for the purpose of considering adoption of a proposed Resolution authorizing the acquisition, by condemnation, of real property in fee simple, and easements traversing parcels of real property (TMP 090000-A-028, TMP 090000-A-027, and TMP 090000-05-003), all of which are situate in Boynton Magisterial District, Mecklenburg County, Virginia. The subject property rights are needed for the expansion and improvement of Old Cox Road (VSR 660), which is a public road, and will therefore be acquired for a public use within the meaning of Virginia Code Section 1-219.1.

Mr. Slayton explained the necessity of acquired the properties for the road project.

There was no public comment.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution. Supervisors Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

WHEREAS, Old Cox Road (VSR 660) is being expanded and improved to serve public purposes (the "Project").

WHEREAS, the expansion and improvement of Old Cox Road (VSR 660) requires Mecklenburg County (the "County") to acquire real property in fee simple, and easements traversing real property, described below, from Robert L. Boring and Colette R. Wittman (Project Parcels 013 and 014) and Tyrone R. White and Monet White (Project Parcel 004) ("Property Owners").

WHEREAS, the property interests required for the Project are described as follows (the "Property Rights"):

1. TMP 090000-A-028 / Project Parcel 013 (Boring and Wittman):
 - Fee simple acquisition – 0.097 acre
 - Permanent drainage easement acquisition – 0.006 acre
 - Permanent joint use utility easement acquisition – 0.134 acre
 - Temporary construction easement acquisition – 0.018 acre
2. TMP 090000-A-027 / Project Parcel 014 (Boring and Wittman):
 - Fee simple acquisition – 0.008 acre
 - Permanent joint use utility easement acquisition – 0.012 acre
 - Temporary construction easement acquisition – 0.003 acre

The aforesaid Project Parcels 013 and 014 are more particularly shown on Plan Sheet Nos. 6RW and 7RW, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

3. TMP 090000-05-003 / Project Parcel 004 (White):
 - Permanent joint use utility easement acquisition – 0.002 acre

The aforesaid Project Parcel 004 is more particularly shown on Plan Sheet No. 4RW, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

WHEREAS, based on appraisals secured of the Property Rights, the County has offered the following sums as compensation and damages, if any, for the Property Rights taken:

1. TMP 090000-A-028 / Project Parcel 013 (Boring and Wittman): \$1,644.00
2. TMP 090000-A-027 / Project Parcel 014 (Boring and Wittman): \$143.00
3. TMP 090000-05-003 / Project Parcel 004 (White): \$5.00

WHEREAS, the Property Rights are necessary for the expansion and improvement of a public road, and the County is authorized to condemn property interests for public road construction by Virginia Code §§15.2-1901.1 and 15.2-1902(1) and to institute and conduct condemnation proceedings under Chapter 2 of Title 25.1 of the Code of Virginia, (1950), as amended, following adoption of a resolution after conducting a public hearing meeting the requirements of Virginia Code §§ 15.2-1902, 15.2-1904.A and 15.2-1905C.

WHEREAS, after proper publication of notice, a public hearing was conducted to consider the adoption of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Resolved, by the Board of Supervisors of Mecklenburg County, Virginia (the "Board") as follows:

- A. This Resolution incorporates the Recitals stated above.
- B. The Board hereby approves the aforesaid public use.
- C. The Board declares its intent to enter and take the Property Rights as necessary for the purpose of expanding and improving a public road, namely Old Cox Road (VSR 660), prior to the conclusion of condemnation proceedings instituted under Virginia Code §§15.2-1905.C. and 25.1-300, *et seq.*, and for all other purposes incidental thereto.
- D. The Project is subject to specific financing and other scheduling requirements. The County must be able to enter and take the Property Rights prior to completing condemnation proceedings because financing and other scheduling requirements require the County to proceed with the Project earlier than said condemnation proceedings can be completed.

E. Based on the County's appraisal of the Property Rights, the Board concludes that the Property Rights have the following values as just compensation and the Board offers the following sums for the Property Rights taken:

1. TMP 090000-A-028 / Project Parcel 013 (Boring and Wittman): \$1,644.00
2. TMP 090000-A-027 / Project Parcel 014 (Boring and Wittman): \$143.00
3. TMP 090000-05-003 / Project Parcel 004 (White): \$5.00

F. The Board, through its acquisition consultant, has made a bona fide but ineffectual effort to purchase the Property Rights by offering said just compensation on behalf of the County to the Property Owners.

G. The terms of purchase cannot be agreed upon and the County's consulting negotiator was unsuccessful in negotiating a final settlement with the Property Owners, but will continue to work with the Property Owners to attempt to reach an acceptable settlement.

H. The Board approves the condemnation and acquisition of the Property Rights which are necessary and incidental to the expansion and improvement of a roadway for public use as authorized by Virginia Code §§ 15.2-1902, 15.2-1904.A.

I. The Board certifies that these acquisitions have been reviewed by the County for purposes of complying with Virginia Code § 1-219.1.

J. The Board directs the County Attorney, any approved outside counsel under supervision of the County Attorney and, to the extent necessary, the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Board, or the County Administrator, to complete the procedure and prepare and execute any necessary documents, in order to acquire the Property Rights, payment of the appraised values into the Mecklenburg County Circuit Court, filing Certificates of Take and, if necessary, filing Petitions in Condemnation in the Mecklenburg County Circuit Court and any other necessary actions in accordance with the procedures of Chapter 3 of Title 25.1 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

K. This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

Mrs. Robin Jones, Auditor with Creedle, Jones addressed the Board regarding the 2020-2021 Audit Report. Mrs. Jones explained what the firm looks at during this reporting. She stated that the County's Audit is considered a clean opinion and no deficiencies were found. She also stated that the County was considered a low risk auditee, since the County has had a clean opinion for three consecutive years.

Under Public Comment:

Ms. Christian Cox addressed the Board on behalf of Madeline's House, Southside Center for Violence, thanking the Board for their support over the years. She gave the Board an update on programs that are offered and the assistance they have provided to Mecklenburg County Residents in need. She advised that COVID has affected their services this past two years but she hopes all services can soon resume.

Mr. David Lipsomb with Empower Broadband addressed the Board with an update on the Broadband Project. He showed a map of the currently covered areas, gave directions to check eligibility and presented package details. Mr. Lipsomb advised that Empower should have a service contractor named in a couple weeks and that he would be back soon with another update on the project.

Mr. Ernest Greene addressed the Board first highlighting the changes in energy demands over the years and how Dominion Power is keeping up the supply to suit the needs of the citizens of Mecklenburg County and our Economic Development. Next, Mr. Greg Mathe addressed the Board with a presentation on how Dominion plans to invest more than 300 million dollars in infrastructure to help the needs of Mecklenburg County, by way of new transmission lines and substations. Mr. Mathe advised that this is the first public information meeting, next will come permitting and the construction with completion dates in 2025 and 2026.

Mr. Taylor Clarke and Ms. Jennifer Bowen, Extension Agents addressed the Board with an update. Mr. Clarke stated that Ms. Amy Moore, Food and Consumer Science Agent could not be present today. Mr. Clarke and Ms. Bowen updated the Board on programs offered through extension. They stated that Covid has caused many changes for them, but they hope this year will be different.

Ms. Jackie Townes, Director of Piedmont Court Services addressed the Board with an update on her office. She stated that she has been with Piedmont Court Services for 34 years. She advised that her office works with the court system on individuals with misdemeanor charges. Those individuals are placed in a program or get community service instead of jail time. Her office also handles drug and alcohol testing for the court system. Ms. Townes advised that Covid has affected her office and the amount of offenders that are assisted, but that they have continued services for all high-risk offenders. Ms. Townes next explained the pre-trial services that Piedmont offers. She stated that they currently have a 78% success rate of individuals making it to trial with no new charges.

Superintendent Paul Nichols addressed the Board with an update on the new Middle/High School Project. Mr. Nichols stated that the project is still on schedule and on budget. He stated

that the ribbon cutting is scheduled for August 5, 2022 and that the Governor and Secretary of Education are scheduled to attend.

The Budget & Finance Committee met on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Glanzy Spain, Chairman; David Brankley; Jim Jennings; Charles Jones; Sterling Wilkinson

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Barbour, Andy Hargrove, Claudia Lundy, Tom Tanner (via Zoom), Wayne Carter, County Administrator; Judy Sheffield, Assistant County Administrator, Alex Gottschalk, Deputy County Administrator; Ed Taylor, Commissioner of the Revenue; Sandra Langford, Treasurer

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Carter advised that the Sheriff's Department has received checks in the amount of \$4,000.00 and \$10,950.00 to cover the cost of damages to Sheriff vehicles.

Upon a motion of Mr. Brankley, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$14,950.00 to the Sheriff's Vehicle Replacement Line Item.

Mr. Carter next advised that the Sheriff's Office has received two Local Law Enforcement Block Grants.

Federal Grant - \$2,487.00

Federal Grant - \$2,345.00

Total \$4,832.00

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Committee voted unanimously to approval a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$4,832.00 to the Sheriff's Police Supplies Line Item.

Mr. Carter advised that the Library is receiving an additional \$8,269.00 in state aid.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Committee voted unanimously to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$8,269.00 to the Library Materials Line Item.

Next, the Committee discussed the increase in vehicle values as it relates to the budget.

Mr. Carter first presented the total that the increased values have increased the budget. To date, the combined increase for the first half of the year for all Personal Property is up \$1.1 million. This includes all ten categories not just cars and light duty trucks. Mr. Jennings asked if we could just calculate the increase in revenue from just the new assessed value on the cars and trucks without trades. Mr. Carter stated the system cannot do that, but at least 50% or more is from the value increase. Due to the fact that the Personal Property Book would have to be manually deleted, and then any new rate would have to be manually calculated with a corresponding change to the PPTRA and re-entered, therefore mistakes will happen. Also, the rate must be the

same on all Personal Property, so businesses will see the majority of the rebated taxes. Therefore, staff is recommending, taking the additional individual Personal Property Tax and setting it aside for new Elementary School Construction.

The Committee members supported that approach for FY22.

Samantha Finch, Deputy Treasurer then reviewed the process that must take place in order for the Personal Property Book to be developed, checked and downloaded into the system. Two reasons the December Personal Property bills were higher are, each had the vehicle decal fee of \$25.00 added to it and secondly there was a 6% decrease in the amount we received for PPTRA (car tax) on the first \$20,000.00 in value for all personal vehicles so all tax bills increased 6% on the first \$20,000.00.

Mr. Taylor reviewed many of the reasons contributing to the combined increase in vehicle values and why they are continuing to hold their value.

Mr. Carter explained that the easiest method of lowering citizen's tax burden would be to give a temporary reduction in the assessment ratio with a sunset clause for 1 year for FY 2023.

Mr. Gottschalk next reviewed several bills at the General Assembly and how each could negatively affect us on the local level. He then reviewed several other bills of interest to the Board.

Mr. Carter stated that we need to also be aware that the County will be taking over the operation of two Rescue Squads within 18 months and the need for several additional personnel in numerous departments, as well as several possible cuts in State funding and an increase in required local funding for education. Staff is requesting that the Board Members think about what has been presented tonight and try to make some suggested changes if any at the Monday Board Meeting to the Personal Property issue.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upon a motion of Mr. Spain, the Board voted unanimously to a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$14,950.00 to the Sheriff's Vehicle Replacement Line Item. Supervisors Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Upon a motion of Mr. Spain, the Board voted unanimously to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$4,832.00 to the Sheriff's Police Supplies Line Item. Supervisors Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Upon a motion of Mr. Spain, the Board voted unanimously to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$8,269.00 to the Library Materials Line Item. Supervisors Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

The Board discussed the increase in Personal Property Taxes due to the higher valuations and the additional revenue.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Board voted by roll call vote to earmark the additional revenue into two funds equally. One for Elementary School Construction and the other for

Rescue Squads. Supervisors Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

The Economic Development Committee met on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 6:15 p.m. in the Board of Supervisor's Meeting Room, Boydton, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Jones, Chairman; Glanzy Spain, Jim Jennings

OTHERS PRESENT: Glenn Barbour; Sterling Wilkinson; Claudia Lundy; Andy Hargrove; H. Wayne Carter, III., County Administrator; Judy Sheffield, Assistant County Administrator; Alex Gottschalk, Deputy County Administrator

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Carter advised that bid opening was held on January 27, 2022 for the Lakeside Commerce Park Water and Sewer Improvements. The lowest bid was received by Smiley's Construction for a cost of \$724,894.77.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the contract with Smiley's Construction for the Lakeside Commerce Park Water and Sewer Improvements.

Mr. Carter reviewed contracts for the following services from Dewberry:

1. Resident Inspection Services – Lakeside Commerce Park
2. Resident Inspection Services – Boyd's Corner
3. Construction Administration – Lakeside Commerce Park
4. Construction Administration – Boyd's Corner

Upon a motion of Mr. Spain, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the contract with Dewberry for Resident Inspection Services at Lakeside Commerce Park at a cost of \$50,400.00.

Upon a motion of Mr. Spain, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the contract with Dewberry for Resident Inspection Services at Boyd's Corner at a cost of \$26,880.00.

Upon a motion of Mr. Spain, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the contract with Dewberry for Construction Administration at Lakeside Commerce Park at a cost of \$65,130.00.

Upon a motion of Mr. Spain, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the contract with Dewberry for Construction Administration at Boyd's Corner at a cost of \$37,520.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with Smiley's Construction for the Lakeside Commerce Park Water and Sewer Improvements. Supervisors Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with Dewberry for Resident Inspection Services at Lakeside Commerce Park at a cost of \$50,400.00. Supervisors Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with Dewberry for Resident Inspection Services at Boyd's Corner at a cost of \$26,880.00. Supervisors Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with Dewberry for Construction Administration at Lakeside Commerce Park at a cost of \$65,130.00. Supervisors Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with Dewberry for Construction Administration at Boyd's Corner at a cost of \$37,520.00. Supervisors Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

The Property Committee met on Wednesday, February 09, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisor's Meeting Room, Boydton, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Jennings, Chairman; Glanzy Spain, Claudia Lundy, Andy Hargrove, Sterling Wilkinson

OTHERS PRESENT: Glenn Barbour, Charles Jones, Tom Tanner (via Zoom), Wayne Carter, County Administrator; Judy Sheffield, Assistant County Administrator; Alex Gottschalk, Deputy County Administrator

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Baxter Bailey was present and reviewed the work to date by his firm. He has met with staff and developed our existing space as well as our future space needs. He has looked at the site of the proposed expansion of the Goode Bank Building. He has worked on several renditions of the parking lot and all of them will require opening the lot onto Jones Street. Each parking lot proposal has issues with storm water runoff and high cost per space. Finally, he reviewed three proposed additions with a budget for each.

Upon a motion of Mrs. Lundy, the Committee unanimously agreed to support option II, which will allow for an expansion of approximately 10,000-12,000 square feet in a 2-story building. The estimated costs for the project is \$4,250,000.00, which will be paid for out of the Capital Outlay Fund.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Board voted unanimously to approve option II, which will allow for an expansion of approximately 10,000-12,000 square feet in a 2-story building. The

estimated costs for the project is \$4,250,000.00, which will be paid for out of the Capital Outlay Fund. Supervisors Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

The Landfill Committee met on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sterling Wilkinson, Chairman; David Brankley; Jim Jennings; Claudia Lundy

ALSO PRESENT: Glanzy Spain; Charles Jones; Andy Hargrove; Tom Tanner; Wayne Carter, County Administrator; Alex Gottschalk, Deputy County Administrator

Mr. Wilkinson called the meeting to order.

Mr. Carter reviewed the bid received for construction of the Trading Post Convenience Center. The bid was received from Smiley's Construction at a cost of \$737,400.00 with an alternate fee for paving the site at a cost of \$293,550.25.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the bid from Smiley's Construction at a cost of \$737,400.00 with an alternate fee for paving the site at a cost of \$293,550.25. Total cost is \$1,030,950.25.

The Committee next discussed the convenience centers and the next locations. Staff is recommending that the Palmer Springs and Bracey areas be the next two sites for convenience centers. The Pen Road site will be opening in March.

Mr. Wilkinson questioned whether additional staff is needed at the Landfill due to the volume increase in waste. Staff agrees, and will be advertising the positions in the next few weeks.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upon a motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the bid from Smiley's Construction at a cost of \$737,400.00 with an alternate fee for paving the site at a cost of \$293,550.25. Total cost is \$1,030,950.25. Supervisors Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Under the County Administrator's report:

Mr. Carter advised that the Building Official's report is included in the packet and building activity is continuing to increase. Mr. Carter stated that the Zoning Administrator's report is included also and shows an increase in Erosion and Sediment Control Plan reviews. Mr. Carter advised that the Animal Control Officer continues to adopt out the majority of the dogs picked up, with assistance from the SPCA and Sweet Virginia. The Sheriff's report is included in the packet showing the call types for the 2,800 incidents for the month of January.

Mr. Kevin Smith, VDOT Assistant Resident Engineer addressed the Board with an update. He stated that they have had several nuisance snow events, they have been patching potholes, grading and adding stone to non-surface roads. He stated that as soon as the weather breaks, they will begin on the rural rustic road improvements. In the Chase City District, it will be Reese's Dead End, followed by Sweetwater Lane. Burnt Store District will be Tobacco Lane followed by Canaan Ferry Road. Clarksville District will be Staunton River Road.

Mr. Jennings addressed the construction project that is underway on Old Cox Road and the impacts it is having on the road. He is concerned about the residents that are being affected by the road conditions that this project is creating. Mr. Smith advised that VDOT is aware of the situation and is working with the contractor to ensure the road safety. He stated that temporary improvements will be made during the project and permanent repairs will be made once it is complete.

Mr. Brankley addressed his concerns with Baskerville Road, highlighting the increase in traffic that the new school will create. Mr. Smith stated that VDOT is going to make sure all the curves are marked properly and he hopes to get at least a center stripe in place, but if traffic engineering approves, they will fully line the road.

Mr. Jones questioned Mr. Smith on the Highway Fifty-Eight/Highway Fifteen intersection in Clarksville being marked to indicate the flow of traffic. Mr. Smith replied that it was completed on February 10th.

Ms. Tina Morgan, Tourism Director addressed the Board with news that she has the opportunity to host a National level, high profile Mr. Crappie Fishing Tournament on Buggs Island Lake on May 13th and 14th. She stated this tournament trail brings a lot of attention and will benefit the local hotels and restaurants. Ms. Morgan advised the Board that she will be able to cover the cost of this within the tourism budget.

Mr. Carter stated that there was an update from Southside Behavioral Health in the Board packet for informational purposes and that they are requesting additional funding this year.

Mr. Carter advised the Board that the Southside Planning District Commission has changed their bylaws reducing the number of Board Members. Mr. Carter advised the Board that staff would be sending out a list of current representatives, so changes could be made.

Mr. Tanner gave an overview of the Commission. He stated that Mecklenburg will now be represented by 5 members, consisting of 3 Board Members and 2 Citizens at Large. He stated that the Commission feels like the downsizing of the Board will make the meetings more interactive and make having a quorum at each meeting easier. He also stated that the Commission will be asking for an increase in their allocation from Mecklenburg County of approximately \$4,500.00. This will be the first increase in about 15 years.

Mr. Carter also advised that included in the packet is an update of projects that are being administered by Southside Planning District currently.

Under the Chairman's report:

Mr. Spain advised that the Lake Country Regional Airport minutes from January 11, 2022 and Treasurer's report were included in the packet for informational purposes, as well as the Roanoke River Service Authority minutes of November 23, 2021.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar as it relates to the January bill's list. Supervisors Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Mr. Jennings stated that he was confused by Dominion stating earlier in the meeting that Green Energy Mandates have to be done by 2045, but then he stated that the decision was up to localities. Mr. Jennings commented again on the condition of Old Cox Road and stated that he would like to plan an Agricultural Development Meeting for May.

Mr. Hargrove said that a lot of information was provided on Broadband coming to our area and now it has to be digested to better serve our community.

Mr. Wilkinson thanked staff for the clean audit report. Next, he stated he hopes Empower will be able to reach every home within 3 years, thanked the Extension Agents and Tina Morgan for their hard work and dedication and commended the County for the path we are on with education considering that the State Secretary of Education plans to attend the ribbon cutting for the new school.

Mr. Jones complimented Mr. David Lipscomb for attending the meeting and giving such details on the Broadband Project.

Mr. Tanner thanked Mr. Nichols for the update on the school and stated that he is excited to tour it soon. He thanked Mr. Lipscomb for coming and for Empower's commitment to the County. Next, he thanked staff for the fiscal management in the County and thanked Tina Morgan for her dedication. Mr. Tanner stated that the County taking over two Rescue Squads in the next 18 months will be challenging, but the service will be continued to the citizens and reminded everyone that the Burning Ban goes into effect tomorrow until April 30th, no burning until after 4:00 pm.

Mrs. Lundy thanked Staff for helping with the audit report and stated that saving some of the surplus this year for building Elementary Schools in the future is a good idea.

Mr. Brankley thanked all the groups for coming and speaking today and looks forward to the new school being completed. Mr. Brankley stated the importance of the project Dominion brought forward today having little to no impact on citizens property. Next, he recognized a group of citizens that had a fundraiser for Trista Newcomb, a teenage accident victim, raising an outstanding amount of funds for the family.

Upon motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to convene in Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A),(5). Supervisors Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

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

Upon motion of Mrs. Lundy, the Board voted to adopt the following Certification Resolution. Supervisors Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson 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.

VOTE:	AYE:	NAYE:
	Spain	
	Brankley	
	Lundy	
	Hargrove	
	Jennings	
	Jones	
	Tanner	
	Wilkinson	

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until March 14, 2022 unless sooner called to order by the Chairman.

Chairman

Clerk