

Board of Supervisors, August 14, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held in and for the County of Mecklenburg on August 14, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors meeting room of the Goode Bank Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Glenn Barbour, Chairman; Jim Jennings; Brenda Blackwell; David Brankley; Andy Hargrove; Charles Jones; Tom Tanner; Sterling Wilkinson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Claudia Lundy

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of July 10, 2023. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Chairman Barbour advised that there would be an addition to the agenda. Item K-9 will be a report on the Urban Slide Event in Clarksville.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as amended. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

A public hearing was held on proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 County Operating Budget.

There was no public input.

The public hearing was closed.

A public hearing was held on the application by Terry & Sherri Fox for a special exemption permit to allow for a Blues and Rock Festival annually. This property, identified as County Tax Number 144000-A-001, and zoned Agricultural is located on the north side of Hwy 735 (Hite Drive) approximately one (1) and half miles north of its intersection with Route 602 (Old Buffalo Church Road), Election District 1, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR-20-4979.

There was no public input for this application.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by Terry & Sherri Fox for a special exemption permit to allow for a Blues and Rock Festival annually with the following conditions set forth by the Planning Commission. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

1. Other festivals are held within the county during the summer months.

2. The owner will be responsible for all activities on the property.
3. The owner will abide to the county noise ordinance.
4. The owner will notify the zoning office thirty (30) days prior to any event.
5. The owner will notify local law enforcement thirty (30) days prior to any event.
6. The owner will comply with VDOT entrance requirements.
7. The owner will be responsible for all traffic entering and exiting the property.
8. The festival will provide more tourism activity to the county.
9. No illegal activities are permitted during the event.
10. The event will occur only once a year.
11. Hours of operation shall be as follows:
 1. 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.
 2. Music will be provided from 6 P.M. until 8 P. M.
12. The owner will abide to the county regulations that it set forth in Chapter 10, Article 3, Section 10-91, as it pertains to musical or entertainment festivals.
13. If the owner intends to sell alcohol at the festival, the owner will contact the Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Authority for permitting.
14. The owner will contact the health department pertaining to food trucks attending the festival.

A public hearing was held on an application by Cellco Partnership/ Verizon Wireless for a special exemption permit to allow for a one hundred ninety-nine-foot (199') communication tower to be located on Mecklenburg County Tax Number 067000-A-005. This property is located on the east side of Hwy 49 and is approximately 1200 feet south of its intersection with Route 695 (Hanford Road) Election District 2, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book B & P -255-617.

Mrs. Lori Schweller, attorney with William and Mullen, was present to answer questions on behalf of Verizon Wireless. Mrs. Schweller gave a presentation on the project explaining where the tower would be located and the distance from the closest structures and roadways. She stated that there will be spaces for four additional providers.

There was no public input.

Upon a motion of Mr. Brankley, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by Cellco Partnership/ Verizon Wireless for a special exemption permit to allow for a one hundred ninety-nine-foot (199') communication tower. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

A public hearing was held on the application by Cellco Partnership/ Verizon Wireless for a special exemption permit to allow for a one hundred ninety-nine-foot (199') communication tower to be located on Mecklenburg County Tax Number 022000-A-043. This property is located on the south side of Hwy 47 and is south of its intersection with Route 634 (Traffic Road) Election District 8, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR- 7-3828.

Mrs. Lori Schweller, attorney with William and Mullen, was present to answer questions on behalf of Verizon Wireless. Mrs. Schweller gave a presentation on the project explaining where

the tower would be located and the distance from the closest structures and roadways. She stated that there will be spaces for four additional providers.

There was no public comment.

Upon a motion of Mrs. Blackwell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by Cellco Partnership/ Verizon Wireless for a special exemption permit to allow for a one hundred ninety-nine-foot (199') communication tower. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Under public comment there was no one signed up to speak.

Upon a motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution honoring Mrs. Jane Paschall's 100th Birthday. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors does hereby wish to honor Mrs. Jane Yancey Paschall who was born on July 14, 1923 for turning 100 years old, and;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Paschall attended the Old West End High School in Clarksville and married Elbert Thomas Paschall, then moved to New York to work, and;

WHEREAS, she returned to Clarksville to care for her mother which shows her devotion to family and friends, while working at Russell Stover Candies for 17 years, and;

WHEREAS, she is a lifelong member of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, where she has been a faithful member since 1935, and;

WHEREAS, over the course of her lifetime, she has seen our country, society and the world change and evolve in every fact of life, which she enjoys talking about as she tells her life stories from "back in the day" to family and friends.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors does hereby wish to honor Mrs. Jane Yancey Paschall on reaching her 100th birthday.

Mr. Gottschalk advised that Mecklenburg County has received a petition from Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Smith to rename Trailer Park Road to Tree Top Lane.

Mr. Smith addressed the Board on behalf of his request, he advised that he has contacted the other residents living on the road and everyone is in favor of renaming the road.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Board voted unanimously to change the name of Trailer Park Road to Tree Top Lane. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

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

- 1st cycle of mowing on primary and secondary routes complete.
- Pipe installation on various secondary routes.
- Performed ditching operations on various secondary routes.
- Pothole patching on various primary and secondary routes.
- Machined shoulders on various primary routes.
- Performed brush cutting operations 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.

The Joint Education Committee met on Thursday, July 27, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room.

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, Mrs. Brenda Blackwell, and Mr. David Brankley, Board of Supervisors, Mr. Glenn Edwards, Mr. Gavin Honeycutt, Mrs. Dora Garner, and Mrs. Wanda Bailey, School Board. 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 Maintenance, Mr. David Benjamin, MCHS Agriculture Program Lead, and Ms. Paula Giammatteo, Clerk.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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Mr. Honeycutt made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Mr. Edwards with all committee members voting in approval.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. TRANSPORTATION OFFICE AND STUDENT SERVICES FACILITY - DR. SCOTT WORNER AND MR. BRIAN DALTON

Dr. Worner provided information on the proposed Transportation Office and Student Services Facility. The proposed building will be 100 x 30 with a possible loft area and will be paid for with ESSER funds. The presentation may be seen on Board Docs.

B. ALTERNATIVE LEARNING PROGRAM LOCATION - DR. SCOTT WORNER AND MR. BRIAN DALTON

Dr. Worner provided a proposed renovated layout of the old community center located at the new school complex. The renovation will include two classrooms for the Alternative Learning Program and two offices for the Agriculture Department, one for the agriculture supervisor and one for storage. The building will have two

entrances to keep the Alternative Learning Program separate from the agriculture offices. It is estimated the renovation project will be completed by next year. The presentation may be seen on Board Docs. Members discussed meeting places for the FFA Club and after-school use of the community center. Also discussed were counseling staff, food services, and building a new separate space for the alternative learning program

c. OVERVIEW OF THE AGRICULTURE STRATEGIC PLAN - MR. DAVID BENJAMIN

Mr. Benjamin presented the committee with the Agriculture Program Strategic Plan which describes the first year of the program and the goals of year two and beyond. The strategic plan may be seen on Board Docs. Emphasis was placed on student and community engagement to grow the program. Currently, the only parts of the property being used for the agriculture program are what can be managed. Also discussed was the importance of a five-year plan for the use of the property, the meeting space needed for the program, student interns, and student placement. Grants are currently being written to support stocking the ponds with fish and other aquatic features.

The RFP has been posted for the construction of the new transportation facility and the renovation of the community center for the ALP program. The information from the meeting will be brought back to the Board of Supervisors for further discussion and input.

5. MEMBER REMARKS

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No member remarks.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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Mr. Edwards made a motion voting yes to adjourn. The committee meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

The Budget & Finance Committee met on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Jennings, Chairman; David Brankley; Charles Jones; Tom Tanner; Sterling Wilkinson

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Barbour; Andy Hargrove; Wayne Carter, County Administrator; Judy Sheffield, Assistant County Administrator; Alex Gottschalk, Deputy County Administrator; Ed Taylor, Commissioner of Revenue; Sandra Langford, Treasurer

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

A public hearing was held on proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 County Operating Budget.

There was no public input.

The public hearing was closed.

Mr. Alex Gottschalk presented the Committee with the following items:

- **School Resource Officer Grant (General Fund, #100)**

Sheriff Hawkins informed the Board of an impending award to support four new officers at the August 2022 Budget & Finance Committee meeting; however, no formal action was taken by the Board during the fiscal year to appropriate the funds and increase the Sheriff's compensation accounts.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Committee voted unanimously to approve this action, recommending that the Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Accept and appropriate \$122,000, with revenue from the Commonwealth increased accordingly, from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services Second Round SRO/SSO Incentive Grant Program to the Fiscal Year 2022-23 General Fund Budget.
2. Appropriate \$122,000 to the Sheriff's Office in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 General Fund Budget for School Resource Officers compensation.

- **Clarksville Elementary Expenses (New Elementary School Fund, #115)**

In the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operating Budget, the Board approved a transfer of General Funds to the New Elementary School Fund (#115) to support local expenditures related to the Clarksville Elementary School Renovation Project. However, no budget was correspondingly established for the new #115 Fund. During the year, actual expenditures were incurred; mostly related to the land purchase approved by the Board at the May 8, 2023, Meeting. This action establishes a fund budget that matches the actual expenditures for the fiscal year.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Committee voted unanimously to approve this action, recommending that the Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Estimate and appropriate \$241,664, with revenue from General Fund transfers increased accordingly, to the New Elementary School Fund.
2. Appropriate \$241,664 to New Elementary School Fund in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget for Clarksville Elementary School land acquisition and financing costs.

- **Rescue Squad Start Up Expenses (Rescue Squad Fund, #160)**

During Fiscal Year 2021-22, the Board instructed that known surplus funds be set aside and transferred to a newly created Rescue Squad Fund (#160). This fund was designed to ease the County's transition to providing emergency rescue services. During Fiscal Year

2022-23, the County purchases several items in the run-up to the launch of services. These items were charged to the Rescue Squad Fund. Therefore, a budget must be created for the fund.

Upon a motion of Mr. Brankley, the Committee voted unanimously to approve this action, recommending that the Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Estimate and appropriate \$62,233, with revenue from fund balance increased accordingly, to the Rescue Squad Fund in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget.
2. Appropriate \$62,233 to the Rescue Squad Fund in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget for start-up expenditures.

- **Waterline Purchase (Economic Development Fund, #213)**

In August 2022, the Board voted to approve a contract to purchase additional water capacity from the Roanoke River Service Authority in exchange for \$800,000. This \$800,000 was then used by the Service Authority to purchase a waterline from the Town of South Hill. This waterline ran down U.S. 58 outside the boundaries of the Town and supplied water to County industrial customers and the other towns in the County. While the contract directed the County Administration to make the purchase and remit the payment, the action did not appropriate funds to do so, nor did it identify a location in the budget where the funds were to come from. County Administration deemed it to be an economic development purpose. As the purchase was unplanned at the time of adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget, sufficient funds are not available within this Fund.

Upon a motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the Committee voted unanimously to approve this action, recommending that the Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Estimate and appropriate \$700,000, with revenue from fund balance increased accordingly, to the Economic Development Fund in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget.
2. Appropriate \$700,000 to the Economic Development Fund in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget to execute a contract with the Roanoke River Service Authority.

- **Clarksville Elementary Capital Expenses (SNAP Fund, #240)**

In August 2022, the Board voted to approve securing a direct loan from a financial institution to support the reconstruction of Clarksville Elementary School. As is customary with school construction, proceeds from this loan were deposited in the Commonwealth's State Non-Arbitrage Program (SNAP). On the County's books, the proceeds were recorded in the County's SNAP Fund (#240). Actual project expenditures are then paid from the SNAP Fund first until all loan funds are exhausted. Although the Board approved the overall project in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital Budget, no mechanism was created for the SNAP procedures, as it was unknown how and when the borrowing and project costs would occur. Since that time, progress advanced rapidly, such that significant expenditures, mostly related to architectural design work, occurred in Fiscal Year 2022-23.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Committee voted unanimously to approve this action, recommending that the Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Estimate and appropriate \$1,545,049, with revenue from proceeds from financial institutions increased accordingly, to the SNAP Fund's Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget.
2. Appropriate \$1,545,049 to the SNAP Fund in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget to pay for costs incurred related to the Clarksville Elementary School project.

• **Industrial Stimulus Grant Adjustment (General Fund, #100)**

Annually, the adopted Mecklenburg County budget forecasts an amount of funds that may be remitted each year through the County's Industrial Stimulus Grant. The amount remitted in a given year is dependent upon actual economic performance, developmental progress, and property investment. If these factors are positive, then the tax owed to the County by grant holders increases, which triggers a higher than forecast grant payment. Fiscal Year 2022-23 proved to be a fruitful year. Whereas the adopted budget forecast grant payments of \$55,261,191, the actual amount due based on taxes paid during the tax year equates to \$57,736,886.58.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Committee voted unanimously to approve this action, recommending that the Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Estimate and appropriate \$2,475,696, with revenue from business personal property increased accordingly, to the Fiscal Year 2022-23 General Fund Budget.
2. Appropriate \$2,475,696 to the Industrial Refund in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 General Fund Budget for further industrial stimulus grants.

• **MCPS Year-End (School Fund, #241, and School Food Fund, #242)**

The Public Schools needs four categorial transfers. Additionally, the Schools received additional funding during the fiscal year from the Virginia Department of Education for food expenditures, which must be appropriated into the budget. This will offset above the adopted budget expenditures that had to be made in accordance with Virginia Department of Education's requirements associated with the distribution of these excess funds.

Upon a motion of Mr. Brankley, the Committee voted unanimously to approve this action, recommending that the Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Transfer funds within the Fiscal Year 2022-23 School Fund Budget as follows:
 - a. \$827,646.69 from Operations and Maintenance to Transportation
 - b. \$544,201.23 from Instruction to Transportation
 - c. \$94,184.55 from Instruction to Technology
 - d. \$59,579.26 from Instruction to Administration

2. Estimate and appropriate \$255,000, with revenue from the Commonwealth increased accordingly, from the Virginia Department of Education to the School Food Fund in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget.
3. Appropriate \$255,000 to the School Food Fund in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget for school food expenditures.

- **VSDVVF Grant – Commonwealth’s Attorney (General Fund, #100)**

The Office of the Commonwealth’s Attorney has identified a candidate for the position and requests the addition of a net new position. County Administration recommends approval. The grant will cover 65% of the position’s Fiscal Year 2023-24 salary, while the County would be responsible for 56% of the total position cost.

Upon a motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the Committee voted unanimously to approve this action, recommending that the Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Accept and appropriate \$45,000, with revenue from the Commonwealth increased accordingly, from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services VSDVVF Grant Program to the Fiscal Year 2023-24 General Fund Budget.
2. Authorize the creation of one new full-time attorney position in the Mecklenburg County Office of the Commonwealth’s Attorney.
3. Appropriate \$45,000 to the Office of the Commonwealth’s Attorney in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 General Fund Budget for the new Commonwealth’s Attorney VSDVVF position.
4. Transfer \$57,023 from Multi-Purpose General Government to the Office of the Commonwealth’s Attorney in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 General Fund Budget for the new Commonwealth’s Attorney VSDVVF position.

- **Circuit Court Records Preservation Program (General Fund, #100)**

The Mecklenburg County Clerk of the Circuit Court’s Office was notified that it would receive a distribution from the Library of Virginia.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Committee voted unanimously to approve this action, recommending that the Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Accept and appropriate \$40,637, with revenue from the Commonwealth increased accordingly, from the Library of Virginia Circuit Court Records Program to the Fiscal Year 2023-24 General Fund Budget.
2. Appropriate \$40,637 to the Clerk of the Circuit Court in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 General Fund Budget for records digitization.

- **W.W. Moore Surplus (General Fund, #100)**

The County received a \$53,744.07 refund payment from W.W. Moore. It is recommended that this amount be re-appropriated for use for the same purpose in Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Committee voted unanimously to approve this action, recommending that the Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Accept and appropriate \$53,744.07, with miscellaneous revenue increased accordingly, from the City of Danville to the Fiscal Year 2023-24 General Fund Budget.
2. Appropriate \$53,744.07 to the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 General Fund Budget for institutional care and detention.

- **Buildings and Grounds Additional FTE (General Fund, #100)**

The Buildings and Grounds Director has informed County Administration of his intent to retire towards the end of this fiscal year. To ensure continuity of government operations, County Administration has deemed it expedient to request the temporary creation of an additional full-time position in this department.

Upon a motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the Committee voted unanimously to approve this action, recommending that the Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Authorize the creation of an additional full-time position in the Buildings and Grounds Department in Fiscal Year 2023-24.
2. Transfer \$76,750 from Multi-Purpose General Government to Buildings and Grounds in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 General Fund Budget for compensation of departmental employees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY 2023 appropriations as follows: School Resource Officer Grant - \$122,000.00, Clarksville Elementary Expenses - \$241,664.00, Rescue Squad Start Up Expenses - \$62,233.00, Waterline Purchase - \$700,000.00, Clarksville Elementary Capital Expenses - \$1,545,049.00. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Board voted unanimously to approve and appropriate the following: Industrial Stimulus Grant - \$2,475,696.00, Mecklenburg County Public Schools Year End Categorical Transfers as follows, \$827,646.69 from Operations to Maintenance to Transportation, \$544,201.23 from Instruction to Transportation, \$94,184.55 from Instruction to Technology, \$59,579.26 from Instruction to Administration, Virginian Department of Education Grant for School Food - \$255,000.00. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Board voted unanimously to approve and appropriate the following: Commonwealth Attorney Grant - \$45,000.00, transfer \$57,023 from Multi-Purpose to Commonwealth Attorney, Circuit Court Record Preservation Grant - \$40,637.00, W.W. Moore

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Surplus - \$53,744.07, Building and Grounds - \$76,750.00. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

The Landfill Committee met on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Barbour; Charles Jones; Andy Hargrove; Tom Tanner; Wayne Carter, County Administrator; Judy Sheffield, Assistant County Administrator, Alex Gottschalk, Deputy County Administrator

Mr. Wilkinson called the meeting to order.

Mr. Gottschalk presented a quote for a 2024 Peterbilt on a 520 Chassis with a 40-yard E-Z Pack Hercules Body using the Sourcewell Pricing Contract. This is a similar unit to what the County has purchased for several years. The quoted cost is \$340,649.00.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend purchase of the 2024 Peterbilt on a 520 Chassis with a 40-yard E-Z Pack Hercules Body for a cost of \$340,649.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upon a motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of a 2024 Peterbilt on a 520 Chassis with a 40-yard E-Z Pack Hercules Body for a cost of \$340,649.00. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Under the County Administrator's report:

Mr. Carter advised that new house permits are down, and zoning permits are holding steady. The County was able to adopt out 80% of the dogs picked up by animal control. The Sheriff's report is included for informational purposes.

Mr. Carter advised that he has the final MOU for the FY 2023 VATI contract. Staff needs approval to sign the MOU and move forward.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Board voted unanimously to authorize staff to sign the final MOU for the FY 2023 VATI contract. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Mr. Carter gave the Board a brief update on the broadband project ongoing through-out the County. He stated that subscribers have been increasing in Mecklenburg and over 4000 people are already connected with Empower.

Dominion is also making progress and Mr. Carter stated that he signed a letter along with the Brunswick and Halifax County Administrator's regarding the lack of progress by River Street on

their CAF II projects. No one has seen or heard anything from this company regarding serving our County.

Mr. Carter advised that the Transco Transmission Booster Station application has been approved by FERC. They will update the Board with a timeframe when they have one.

Mr. Gottschalk advised the Board that there are only a few days left for submittals for the Park View High School Request for Interest.

Ms. Kellett gave the Board an update and showed a video on the Urban Slide Event that was held in Clarksville this past weekend on behalf of Tina Morgan, Tourism Coordinator. She stated that the turnout was amazing, and 1,600 tickets were sold. She thanked all the volunteers who helped and all the first responders that were present. Ms. Kellett reported that they hope to have the event back next year.

Under the Chairman's report:

Chairman Barbour advised that the minutes of the Roanoke River Service Authority's June 27, 2023, meeting are included in the packet for informational purposes.

The term of Mrs. Frances Clark on the Southside Behavioral Health Board of Directors will expire on June 30, 2023, she is not eligible for re-appointment.

The Board continued to table this matter until a replacement is found.

Mr. David Brankley and Mrs. Claudia Lundy currently represent the County on the Lake Country Development Corporation Board, and their terms expire September 30, 2023. They are eligible for re-appointment.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. David Brankley and Mrs. Claudia Lundy to the Lake Country Development Corporation Board. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

The term of Mr. Glenn Wood on the Industrial Development Authority expires on August 30, 2023. He is eligible for reappointment.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. Glenn Wood to serve a term on the Industrial Development Authority. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

The unexpired term of Mr. Tom Emory that is being filled by Mrs. Earlene Palmer on the Welfare Board expired on June 30, 2023. She is eligible for reappointment.

Upon a motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Mrs. Earlene Palmer to serve a term on the Welfare Board. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent calendar as it relates to the July bills list. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Under the County Attorney's report:

Mr. Slayton advised that it has recently come to the attention of staff that the County's Personnel Policy Manual was inconsistent with the Board's practice. Mr. Slayton advised that he has drafted a resolution with the proposed updates making it clear that the County Administrator has authority enforcing personnel matters up to and including termination. Mr. Slayton stated that since he drafted that resolution Mr. Carter has suggested that it be amended to include that the Board's Personnel Committee would handle any disciplinary actions of department heads, so Mr. Slayton has done such.

Mr. Jennings asked Mr. Slayton what personnel matters would be included in each staff and the Personnel Committee's duties. Mr. Jennings stated that he thinks the Personnel Committee should get a recommendation from staff for any department head pay increases, bonuses and merit raises for check and balance purposes.

Mr. Hargrove stated that he is in favor of the personnel policy amendment because if staff must wait until the Personnel Committee can meet to reprimand employees, it could cause a havoc and morale issues within the County Departments.

Mr. Jennings stated, and the Board agreed that if this matter is not time sensitive, it should be tabled until Mr. Slayton drafts another resolution, and the personnel committee meets.

Under Board Member Matters:

Mr. Brankley stated that he was glad to see the cell tower applications, as it is much needed and that he thinks the County should continue to pressure River Street to develop broadband in their areas.

Mr. Tanner highlighted that kids are back in school and thanked teachers and school staff for all that they do. He stated that there was a presentation at a planning commission meeting on high-speed rails, that he would like the Board to see. He advised that he supports a letter of negligence be sent to River Street and stated that he looked forward to the development of a convenience center in Bracey and is pleased to see more cell towers being constructed in the County.

Mr. Jones thanked those that attended Lakefest and the Urban Slide event and stated that events like that are going to keep Clarksville on the map.

Mr. Wilkinson stated that he was glad to hear the Urban Slide was a success. He stated that he was concerned that only 2 RFI's have been received and he hopes for more in the next days before the deadline. He spoke about the Agricultural program at the school and he hopes it can remain in the same building.

Mr. Hargrove advised that on September 30th at 1:00 p.m. at the Clarksville Methodist Church the Clarksville Community Choir will perform to raise money for the Mecklenburg County Cancer Association. He invited everyone to attend.

Mrs. Blackwell stated that she was glad to hear the slide event was successful and she is happy to hear about new cell towers being constructed.

Mr. Jennings stated what a great job everyone did with the Urban Slide Event. Mr. Jennings questioned staff about the status of tearing down the house at the intersection of Old Cox Road/Highway 92. Mr. Carter stated that we are having an issue with Dominion removing the power. Mr. Jennings stated that what a great County this is to live in, especially for our young people, to have the amount of community events and 2 lakes.

Mr. Barbour said that there was an outstanding show at the Colonial Theater this past weekend that drew a big crowd and told everyone that his grandson is moving into Ole Miss today. Mr. Barbour asked staff about the Park View RFI, stated that he would like the Board to consider keeping the property if they are not interested in any of the other interests.

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

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

Upon motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the Board voted to adopt the following Certification Resolution. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote '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.

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Upon a motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted 7-1 to adopt the Finneywood Solar Siting agreement. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Hargrove, Jones, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye' and Supervisors Brankley voted 'no'.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until September 11, 2023, unless sooner called to order by the Chairman.

Chairman

Clerk