

Board of Supervisors, March 14, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held in and for the County of Mecklenburg on March 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors meeting room of the Goode Bank Building.

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion of Mr. Spain, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022 Board Meeting. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Chairman Barbour advised that there would be an addition to the agenda. Item I,7 will be Chase City Housing Project permit fees.

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

A public hearing was held on the application by Eric Middleton for a special exception permit to allow for a Hair Salon. This property, identified as County Tax Number 188000-((A))- 012, zoned Agriculture, is located at East side of HWY 723 (Shiney Rock Rd), approximately 2/10 of a mile south of its intersection with HWY 724 (Lewis Mill Rd), Election District 1, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR-11-487.

There was no public input.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by Eric Middleton for a special exception permit to allow for a Hair Salon. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

A public hearing was held on the application by TWO-W, LLC to rezone from Business B-1 to Residential R-2 to allow for ten (10) apartment buildings, one (1) club house, one (1) maintenance building, and a community center. This property identified as County Tax Number 033A07-((A))- 015, zoned as Business B-1 is located on the South side of HWY 92, approximately 200 feet east of its intersection with HWY 600 (Bailey Drive), Election District 8, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR14-3055.

Mr. Gerald Hooton, with B & B Consultants, was present to answer questions on behalf of Two-W, LLC. He advised that the project would be done in phases. Mr. Hooton stated that once the project was completed, it would have six hundred and forty (640) units, consisting of two and three bedroom market rate apartments.

Mr. Dusty Forbes, Chase City Town Manager spoke to the Board in favor of this project. He stated that Chase City was very encouraged by the proposed development of these market value apartments. He stated that there is a need for additional housing in Mecklenburg County.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Mr. Brankley, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by TWO-W, LLC to rezone from Business B-1 to Residential R-2 to allow for ten (10) apartment buildings, one (1) club house, one (1) maintenance building, and a community center. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Under public comment:

Mr. Kirk Gravitt addressed the Board on behalf of his partner, Johnathan Billings and their new business, Lake Country Disposal. He stated that they have begun a residential trash pick-up service, serving Mecklenburg County and its citizens. He stated that he felt this was a long overdue service to the rural residents. They are requesting the Board to waive the tipping fees for their business to dispose of the household waste at the Southside Regional Landfill. Mr. Gravitt advised that he has always been under the impression that this service was built into taxes paid by County Residents.

Ms. Trudy Berry addressed the Board introducing herself as Candidate for House District 50 and left her business cards.

Mr. Jason Corwin, General Registrar addressed the Board stating that he was informed we will no longer be able to use Polling Precinct 702, Crowder's Driving School. He advised that he has checked with Williams Grove Baptist Church and it is available.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Board voted unanimously to relocate polling precinct 702 to Williams Grove Baptist Church located at 16188 Highway Forty-Seven, Chase City, Va. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Next, Mr. Corwin advised that it is the interest of the Electoral Board to place a referendum on the ballot deciding whether the Registrar's Office should be open one Sunday to allow voting.

Mr. Russell Slayton, County Attorney advised the Board that the Code of Virginia does not allow the Board to schedule a referendum for this type of matter.

The Emergency Services Committee met on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Conference Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andy Hargrove, Chairman; Glanzy Spain; Charles Jones

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Barbour, David Brankley, Claudia Lundy, Glanzy Spain, Sterling Wilkinson, Wayne Carter, County Administrator; Judy Sheffield, Assistant County

Administrator; Alex Gottschalk, Deputy County Administrator; Jon Taylor, Emergency Service Director

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Taylor presented a resolution for the Committees review on establishing an Emergency Medical Service Agency as a government department.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Committee unanimously recommends adoption of the following resolution to the Board.

Resolution

WHEREAS, §32.1-111.4:6 of the Code of Virginia allows the Board of Supervisors to establish an emergency medical services agency as a department of government and designate it by any name consistent with the names of its other governmental units;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to designate Mecklenburg County Emergency Services as an emergency medical services agency to deliver emergency medical services in Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors plans, in accordance with the powers authorized by §§ 32.1-111.4:3 and 32.1-111.14(B) of the Code of Virginia, to provide Emergency Medical Services through Mecklenburg County Emergency Services, as allowed in §32.1-111.4:3(A)(i) of the Code of Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors designates Mecklenburg County Emergency Services as:

1. The department of the government of Mecklenburg County responsible for the provision of emergency medical services.
2. An agency to deliver emergency medical services within Mecklenburg County.

Mr. Taylor next presented the Committee a resolution to authorize drafting a memorandum of transition between the County and the Rescue Squads.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Committee unanimously recommends adoption of the following resolution to the Board.

Resolution to authorize drafting a Memorandum of Transition between the County of Mecklenburg and the Rescue Squads that provide notice of cessation of operations.

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Life Saving and Rescue Squad was established in 1952 and Chase City Rescue Squad was established in 1968 to provide critical assistance to the people of western Mecklenburg County;

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Life Saving and Rescue Squad voted in December 2021 to cease operations, effective July 1, 2023 and Chase City Rescue Squad voted in January 2022 to cease operations, effective July 1, 2023;

WHEREAS, in accordance with §15.2-955(B) of the Code of Virginia, the County of Mecklenburg is committed to the provision of emergency medical services within the County; and

WHEREAS, to effectuate an orderly transition between the services presently operated by the Mecklenburg County Life Saving and Rescue Squad, the Chase City Rescue Squad and those to be provided by the County, a schedule of operational changeover is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG, VIRGINIA, THAT:

1. The Board of Supervisors hereby finds it necessary for the County of Mecklenburg to establish and staff County operated emergency medical services, with said service to begin no later than July 1, 2023.
2. The County shall enter into an agreement, to be known as a “memorandum of transition,” with any rescue squad that provides the County with notice of a cessation of operations to ensure that all entities have an established framework to govern the process whereby the rescue squad terminates service and such service is initiated and thereafter maintained by the County.
3. The County Administrator is hereby directed to negotiate the terms of the “memorandum of transition” with any rescue squad that provides the county with notice of cessation of operations.
4. The “memorandum of transition” shall not be effective until its affirmative adoption by the Board of Supervisors at a subsequent full session of the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upon a motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the above resolution establishing an Emergency Medical Service Agency as a government department. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted ‘aye’.

Upon a motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the above resolution to authorize drafting a memorandum of transition between the County and the Rescue Squads. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted ‘aye’.

The Budget & Finance Committee met on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 4:15 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, 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. Mike Denton, Chairman of the Lake Country Regional Airport Commission presented a request for Phase 4 funding for the runway improvement project. The total cost of the project is \$1,545,000.00 with the local share of 20% costing \$309,000.00. The County has funded the 20% local share for the other phases. Mr. Denton is requesting the County fund the project thru the FY22-23 capital budget.

The Committee discussed how this could be accomplished with the budget still over 2 months off.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the committee recommends supporting the request for \$309,000.00 in the FY22-23 capital budget for the Phase 4 runway-widening project.

Ms. Christy Pepper made a request for 3 supplemental appropriations due to increased funding in the FY21-22 budget. First, the school system has received a VPSA security grant for \$192,000.00, which will need to be added to the Maintenance and Operations Fund for cameras and new key locks.

Upon a motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of a supplemental appropriation of \$192,000.00 to the Maintenance and Operations Fund of the School Board Budget.

Next, the school system has had an increase in their ADM of approximately 492 students due to their partnership with a virtual school academy partner. The State is now paying this additional ADM and the School Board now must pay VA K-12 Stride Virtual Program the funds. The total supplemental appropriation is \$2,750,000.00 and would be for the Instruction Category.

Mr. Carter stated that due to the size of the supplemental appropriation it must be advertised as a budget amendment at the April Board Meeting.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Committee unanimously recommends taking this matter to public hearing at the April Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Finally, the school system is requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$2,896,143.00 to the Federal programs category. They have received the remaining funds from ESSERII Cares funding to cover the salaries of 35 additional staff that was hired under the CARES Act. These temporary employees' contracts will expire on September 1, 2024. Mr. Carter stated that this request would also require a Public Hearing at the April Board Meeting.

Upon a motion of Mr. Brankley, the Committee recommends to take the matter to Public Hearing at the April Board Meeting.

Mr. Carter presented a request for a supplemental appropriation of \$5,500,000.00 to the Economic Stimulus Grant and to take the matter to the Public Hearing at the April Board Meeting.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Committee unanimously recommends to take the matter to Public Hearing at the April Board Meeting.

Mr. Carter stated that staff will advertise all 3 items as a budget amendment in April.

Mr. Jon Taylor presented a request for a supplemental appropriation of \$18,385.00 in CARES funding. This is the final amount of the Federal Grant.

Upon a motion of Mr. Brankley, the Committee unanimously recommends this request to the full Board.

Mr. Taylor presented a request for a supplemental appropriation for \$700,000.00 in ARPA funds due to the Pandemic. Most of these funds have been used for air packs for the fire departments, as well as the 911 trailer.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Committee unanimously recommends the request to the full Board.

Mr. Carter advised that the Sheriff's Department has received checks in the amount of \$12,150.67 and \$2,097.75 to cover the cost of damages to Sheriff Vehicles.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$14,248.42 to the Sheriff's Vehicle Replacement Line Item.

Mr. Carter advised that Michelle Gordon, Clerk of Circuit Court has requested a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$27,267.00 for additional funds received from the Compensation Board. She is requesting these funds to be appropriated to the Microfilming Line Item.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend a supplemental appropriation in the amount to \$27,267.00 to the Microfilming Line Item of the Clerk's Office Budget.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upon a motion of Mr. Spain, the Board voted unanimously to support the request by the Lake Country Regional Airport Commission for \$309,000.00 in the FY22-23 capital budget for the Phase 4 runway-widening project. Supervisors Barbour, 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 of \$192,000.00 to the Maintenance and Operations Fund of the School Board Budget. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

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Upon a motion of Mr. Spain, the Board voted unanimously to advertise the requested supplemental appropriation of \$2,750,000.00 to the School's Instruction Category for a public hearing in April. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Upon a motion of Mr. Spain, the Board voted unanimously to advertise the requested supplemental appropriation of \$2,896,143.00 to the School's Federal programs category for public hearing in April. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Upon a motion of Spain, the Board voted unanimously to advertise a supplemental appropriation of \$5,500,000.00 to the Economic Stimulus Grant for a public hearing in April. Supervisors Barbour, 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 of \$18,385.00 in CARES funding. Supervisors Barbour, 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 for \$700,000.00 in ARPA funds due to the Pandemic. Supervisors Barbour, 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 \$14,248.42 to the Sheriff's Vehicle Replacement Line Item. Supervisors Barbour, 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 to \$27,267.00 to the Microfilming Line Item of the Clerk's Office Budget. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

The Insurance Committee met on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 5:45 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors conference room of the Goode Bank Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Claudia Lundy, Chairman; David Brankley; Andy Hargrove; Charles Jones

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Barbour; Jim Jennings, Glanzy Spain; Tom Tanner, Sterling Wilkinson; Wayne Carter, County Administrator; Judy Sheffield, Assistant County Administrator; Alex Gottschalk, Deputy County Administrator

Mrs. Lundy called the meeting to order.

Ms. Sheffield reviewed the renewal proposal with Local Choice. We have received a renewal quote with an increase of 5.6%. The increase will be for the High Deductible Plan as well as the Key Care 500. There are no changes to the plans this year.

Upon a motion of Mr. Brankley, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Committee voted to recommend approval of Insurance Renewal with Local Choice.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upon a motion of Mrs. Lundy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Insurance Renewal with Local Choice. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

The Economic Development Committee met on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisor's Meeting Room, Boydton, Virginia.

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

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; Angie Kellett, Economic Development Director

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Carter advised that bid opening was held on March 9, 2022 for the Hillcrest Campus Water Supply Contract A 500,000 Gallon elevated storage tank. The lowest bid was received by Caldwell Tanks, Inc for a cost of \$2,728,300.00.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the contract with Caldwell Tanks, Inc for the Hillcrest Campus Water Supply Contract A - 500,000 Gallon Elevated Storage Tank for a cost of \$2,728,300.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to accept the bid by Caldwell Tank, Inc. for the Hillcrest Campus Water Supply Contract A 500,000 Gallon elevated storage tank for a cost of \$2,728,300.00. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Under the County Administrator's report:

Mr. Carter advised that Building and Zoning permits are holding steady this month, the Dog Warden's report shows that the County was able to adopt out 80% of the dogs that were picked up. Mr. Carter advised that the Sheriff's report was included in the packet.

Mr. Tommy Johnson, VDOT Resident Engineer addressed the Board with his monthly report. He stated that litter pick-up is ongoing; the 2/10 mile markers have been completed on Interstate 85

north bound, and that the Hwy 92 bridge replacement bid has been awarded and is scheduled for completion in June 2023.

Mr. Johnson responded to a question by Mr. Wilkinson on the status of improvements on Baskerville Road. He stated that they are waiting for surface treatment to be done, and then Traffic Engineering will do a study on what improvements need to be made.

Mr. Spain questioned what could be done to help with litter control in our County.

Mr. Jones thanked Mr. Johnson and VDOT for the improvements to the Highway 58/Highway 15 intersection in Clarksville.

Mr. Jennings asked Mr. Johnson what the long-term plan was for Hwy 660, Old Cox Road. Mr. Johnson stated that when the contractor is finished with the project, they will make permanent improvements, which may be completely redoing the road, until then, they will continue to patch it daily.

Mr. Carter advised the Board that included in the packet is information regarding the Department of Conservation and Resource approving an additional no wake zone buoy, marker #6 in Haw Tree Creek.

Mr. Carter advised that the Southside Planning District Commission is requesting the County to waive building permits fees in the amount of \$950.00 as a contribution to the B Street Improvement Project in Chase City.

Upon a motion of Mr. Spain, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request to waive building permit fees of \$950.00 for the B Street Improvement Project in Chase City. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Mr. Alex Gottschalk addressed the Board regarding the County's 2020s decennial redistricting process. Mr. Gottschalk briefed the Board on recent changes to Virginia law and election policy that will require the County to adopt a different process for mapmaking than had been used in prior iterations of redistricting. Mr. Gottschalk reviewed how these changes contrast with the procedure used to develop the currently enacted maps in 2011. As a result of these changes, the map will have to be drawn beginning with the districts that contain the Town of South Hill. Under the new policies, each individual ward of South Hill cannot be divided, but must be wholly contained within a County Supervisor district. Because of South Hill's population density, Mr. Gottschalk declared that determination for the placement of the wards of South Hill will have cascading effects that will influence the drawing of the rest of the map. Accordingly, Mr. Gottschalk requested the Board's guidance for how South Hill should be apportioned and which wards should be placed within which County Supervisor district. Once decisions about South Hill are reached, Mr. Gottschalk affirmed that he could proceed with drawing a manageable number of options for the remaining election districts.

Mr. Gottschalk then provided background on the location of the wards, the population of the wards, and which wards could be paired together due to population size, and which could not.

Mr. Gottschalk progressed to present the Board with four options, listed “A”, “B”, “C”, and “D”, for the potential distribution of South Hill’s wards into Supervisor Districts 3, 4, and 5. The options were predicated on the placement of District 5. Options “A” and “B” place District 5 in the western part of the Town of South Hill with two South Hill wards, whereas Options “C” and “D” draw District 5 in the Eastern portion of South Hill with one South Hill ward and parts of the County between Highways 85 and 58 towards the Brunswick County line. Option “A” gives the third, eastern South Hill ward to District 4, while Option “B” assigns the third, eastern South Hill ward to District 3. Option “C” puts the other two wards of South Hill into District 4, and Option “D” has each South Hill ward in a different Supervisor district. Mr. Gottschalk concluded with an overview of the potential redistricting timeline and stated that the County faces no imminent deadline for completion due to the fact that the first elections that will be held under the new lines will be in 2023.

It was the consensus of the Board to table this matter for two weeks and meet again on March 31st at 5:00 p.m. to further discuss.

Under the Chairman’s report:

Chairman Barbour advised that Ms. Michelle Edmonds has resigned from the County Planning Commission. Her term expires August of 2025.

Upon a motion of Mr. Barbour, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Randy Crocker to finish the unexpired term of Ms. Michelle Edmonds on the County Planning Commission. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted ‘aye’.

The Southside Planning District Commission is downsizing its Board.

Chairman Barbour advised Mecklenburg County will now only be represented by only 5 members instead of 8. (3 Elected Officials and 2 Citizens at large).

Upon a motion of Mr. Brankley, the voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Glanzy Spain, Mr. Charles Jones and Mr. Tom Tanner to serve as the elected officials for Mecklenburg County on the Southside Planning District Commission. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted ‘aye’.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. M.J. Colgate and Mr. Charlie Simmons to serve as the citizens at large for Mecklenburg County on the Southside Planning District Commission. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted ‘aye’.

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

Under Board Member Matters:

Mr. Jones encouraged everyone to keep Ukraine in his or her prayers and looks forward to working on redistricting.

Mr. Wilkinson stated that he is keeping Ukraine in his prayers and stated that he is thankful the County has the ability to handle taking over the some of the counties rescue squads and that he has confidence in the leadership.

Mr. Hargrove said that the anticipated EMS transition is here and he hopes the County can be competitive and offer benefits that will contribute to staffing qualified individuals.

Mr. Jennings thanked Mr. Hargrove for allowing his church to be used as a polling place. Mr. Jennings stated that he would like the Ag Committee to meet in April and that he is praying for Ukraine.

Mr. Brankley stated that the imagines on the news of what is happening in Ukraine hurts his heart and reminds us that we are so fortunate to live in a free country. Mr. Brankley thanked Mr. Gottschalk for his good work on the difficult task of redistricting.

Mrs. Lundy thanked Ms. Sheffield for her work towards getting a good insurance renewal with Anthem Local Choice and stated that there will be a Joint Education Committee on March 17th at our office. Ms. Lundy also expressed her concerns over redistricting, reminding everyone what it took to secure 3 majority minority districts in the County.

Mr. Tanner stated that he was glad the County Offices have opened back up, wished Alex good luck with redistricting and stated that he is praying for Ukraine. Mr. Tanner also asked the Board to keep our local first responders in their prayers, as they have all been very busy lately. Mr. Tanner stated that he was glad to see the “Carolina Squat” truck modification outlawed in Virginia. He advised the Board, that he thinks they should submit a name of a local tobacco grower to serve on the Tobacco Commission.

Mr. Spain stated that with tourism being so important in our county, he wishes there was a way to reduce the amount of litter on the sides of our roads. He also advised that the war in Ukraine will have an effect on our food chain and he looks forward to another budget with no tax increase.

Mr. Barbour apologized for being absent at last month’s meeting and encouraged everyone to keep the world in their prayers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.