

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held in and for the County of Mecklenburg on May 10, 2021, at 9:30 a.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; Charles Jones; Claudia Lundy; 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 April 12, 2021 Board Meeting. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Chairman Barbour advised that Superintendent Paul Nichols would be added to the agenda as Item I,7.

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 Brentley Morris for a special exception permit to reopen a manufacture home park to allow for one (1) additional manufactured home. This property, identified as County Tax number 13600 ((A)) 018, zoned Agricultural is located on the west side of Morris Drive, approximately 500 feet north of its intersection with Highway 663, (Cedar Grove Road) South Hill District, Election District 6, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR-17-401, Will Book WF-16-325.

Mr. Brentley Morris was present to answer questions. Mr. Morris advised that this location had previously been used as a Manufactured Home Park, owned and operated by his grandfather, and closed due to his health reasons. He stated that he would like to re-open the manufactured home park to offer other housing options for the residents of Mecklenburg County and new Microsoft employees. Mr. Morris advised that a new well and septic system had been installed on the property for multiple hook-ups.

There was no public comment.

Upon a motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by Brentley Morris for a special exception permit to reopen a manufacture home park to allow for one (1) additional manufactured home. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

A public hearing was held on the application by Larry Gartin to rezone his property from Business B-1 to Agricultural. This property, identified as County Tax number 180000 ((07)) 003, zoned Business B-1 is located on the northside of Highway 903, approximately 1 mile East of Highway 751 (Golf Drive), LaCrosse District, Election District 6, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR-20-508.

There was no public comment.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by Larry Gartin to rezone his property from Business B-1 to Agricultural. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

A public hearing was held on the application by Teresa Downey (Poppa Bears Kettle Korn) for a special exception permit to operate a neighborhood business. This property, identified as County Tax number 051000 ((A)) 039D, zoned Agricultural is located on the east side of Highway 92, approximately 800 feet south of its intersection with Highway 686, (Esnon Road) Chase City District, Election District 7, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR-14-266.

There was no public comment.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by Teresa Downey (Poppa Bears Kettle Korn) for a special exception permit to operate a neighborhood business. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

A public hearing was held on the proposed conveyance of an easement, which will authorize boring under Dogwood Lane in Nocarva Subdivision, Palmer Springs Magisterial District, Mecklenburg County, Virginia, for the installation of a sewer line to deliver effluent from a residential lot to the site of a dedicated sewage drain field.

Mr. Slayton advised the Board to pass the following resolution allowing the conveyance of an easement, stating that it was necessary and the Board has done this in the past.

Upon a motion of Mr. Brankley, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

RE: CONVEYANCE OF EASEMENT – DOGWOOD LANE NOCARVA SUBDIVISION

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors that the deed conveying an easement from Mecklenburg County, Virginia, to Stephen Andrew Pegram and Christina Elizabeth Pegram, for the installation, inspection, repair and maintenance of utility lines to transport sewage under Dogwood Lane from Lot 17, Section 1, Nocarva Subdivision, to Lot 79, Section 1, Nocarva Subdivision, is approved in the form this day presented or as hereafter modified by the County Attorney, and that H. Wayne Carter, III, County Administrator, is authorized to execute said deed of easement on behalf of Mecklenburg County, Virginia.

ADOPTED this 10th day of May 2021.

Ms. Petrina Carter, Director of Tri-County Community Action Agency addressed the Board with an update. She thanked them for their continued support. She passed out brochures on the programs they offer. Ms. Carter advised the Board that Tri-County opened up in-person learning for their Head Start Program in September and have had a successful school year. She stated, they also offered virtual learning for some families. She stated that they have opened up a new classroom in Chase City and relocated their Lacrosse classroom to South Hill. Ms. Carter reported that Tri-County has collaborated with Microsoft to open a tech lab that should be opening in August. She stated that Tri-County is looking forward to another year serving the Citizens of Mecklenburg County. Currently, Mr. Spain, Mr. Hargrove and Sandra Gregory serve on the Board.

Mr. Jason Corwin, General Registrar addressed the Board and stated that Legislation is requiring eliminations of split precincts for the November Election. The State Board of Elections has created a waiver process for any localities that see it necessary. The Town of Brodnax is considered a split precinct therefore; Mr. Corwin is requesting the Board approve of his office continuing to operate the split precinct.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Registrar's Office applying for a waiver and continuing to operate a split precinct in the Town of Brodnax. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

The Budget & Finance Committee met on Monday, May 2, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Barbour; Andy Hargrove; Tom Tanner (virtual); Wayne Carter, County Administrator; Judy Sheffield; Ed Taylor; Sandra Langford

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Carter presented the FY2021-2022 Budget. The budget includes a 5% across the Board increase for County and School Board employees.

The budget is very similar to last year's budget. We were not able to fully fund the \$75,000.00 increase requested by all of the Rescue Squads. Their funding was increased by \$50,000.00 each.

A new Training Coordinator was requested by Fire and Rescue and staff will try to fund that in next year's budget.

The request by CSB for an increase was also funded for an additional \$50,000.00 instead of their \$75,000.00 request.

The School budget includes a local increase of \$931,183.00 for salaries to match the State's 5% increase and an additional \$1,541,147.00 for additional debt service for the new Middle/High School.

All tax rates are proposed to remain the same as the current year.

Upon motion of Mr. Jones, the Committee unanimously recommends the proposed budget for FY2021-2022 with all tax rates at their current rates.

The General Fund Budget totals \$142,419,195.00 and the Fund Budget is \$98,107,848.00 for a total budget of \$240,527,043.00.

The members discussed the proposed budget schedule. Staff is recommending advertising on May 12th. The public hearing would be on the 19th and adoption May 26th.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Committee unanimously adopted the following budget schedule.

May 12th Advertisement

May 19th 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing

May 26th 6:00 p.m. Adoption of Budget and Tax Rates

Mr. Carter presented a request from Brian Dalton to use the remaining School Capital funds for new projects prior to the end of the current budget. The request is for roofs at the Transportation and Maintenance Shops and work at South Hill Elementary for a total of \$183,000.00.

Upon a motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the Committee unanimously recommends approving the proposed list of projects to the full Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upon a motion of Mr. Spain, the Board voted unanimously to advertise the budget as presented. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Upon a motion of Mr. Spain, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the budget schedule as presented to the Committee. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Upon a motion of Mr. Spain, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation from the School Board to use the remaining School Capital Funds for roofs at the Transportation and Maintenance Shops and work at South Hill Elementary for a total of \$183,000.00. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

The Economic Development Committee met on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisor's Meeting Room, Boydton, Virginia.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Angie Kellett, Economic Development Director; H. Wayne Carter, III., County Administrator

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Committee convened in Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A (29). Committee Members Tanner, Spain, and Jones voted 'aye'.

Upon motion of Mr. Spain, the Committee went back into Open Session. Committee Members Tanner, Spain, and Jones voted 'aye'.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Committee adopted the following Certification Resolution. Committee Members Tanner, Spain, and Jones 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:
	Tanner	
	Spain	
	Jones	

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Committee recommends the following Engineering firms to be hired for open ended projects relating to Data Center and Engineering of the RRSA Water Treatment Plant.

Timmons Group – Roads
Dewberry – Water and Sewer Projects
B&B Consultants – Water and Sewer Projects, Water Treatment Plant expansion.

There being no further, business the meeting was adjourned.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to hire the following Engineering Firms for open ended projects relating to Data Center and Engineering of the RRSA Water Treatment Plant. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Timmons Group – Roads
Dewberry – Water and Sewer Projects
B&B Consultants – Water and Sewer Projects, Water Treatment Plant expansion.

The Secondary Roads Committee met on May 10, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Conference Room.

Members present: David Brankley, Chairman; Claudia Lundy, Glanzy Spain; Sterling Wilkinson

Also present: Tommy Johnson, VDOT Resident Engineer, Kevin Smith, Assistant VDOT Resident Engineer; Glenn Barbour; Charles Jones; Andy Hargrove; Tom Tanner; Wayne Carter, County Administrator; Judy Sheffield, Assistant County Administrator

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Johnson reviewed the current Six-Year Plan and which roads are currently on the plan. He also reviewed proposed funding for the plan, which is \$3.4 million. Currently, it costs approximately \$155,000.00 per mile for the Rural Rustic upgrades to each unpaved road. The next road on the plan should be based on mileage then from the 2005 6 year plan.

A discussion ensued regarding roads to be added. The following roads were added in the following order.

<u>Route Number</u>	<u>Road Name</u>
699	Stauton River Road
604H	Willards Mill Road
793	Reeses Dead End
672	Bowers Road
603	Estes Road
675	Hayes Mill Road
607	Wood Lane Road
773	Tobacco Lane
623	Wray Road
757	Allgoods Lane
614	Cannons Ferry Road
721	State Line Road
668	Dry Creek Road

680 Sweetwater Lane

622 Lone Oak Road

Upon a motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the Committee unanimously recommends the above list of Roads to be added to the 2022-27 Six Year Plan and advertise for Public Hearing at the June Board Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upon a motion of Mr. Brankley, the Board voted unanimously to advertise the above list of Roads to be added to the 2022-27 Six Year Plan and hold a Public Hearing at the June Board Meeting. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Under the County Administrator's report:

Mr. Carter advised that construction is down this month, the Building Report only shows 10 new houses, Building permits have increased though, as well as zoning permits. The County was able to adopt out 70% percent of the dogs picked up. The Sheriff's report is included in the packet and the VDOT monthly report.

Mr. Tommy Johnson addressed the Board with the following information:

Lucinda's Dirt Road is closed starting today through July 2 for repairs.

The County wide paving contract has been awarded for Whitehurst Paving.

Litter pickup is complete on the primary roads with 1600 bags of litter recovered.

Clean-up of debris from the ice storm is underway under a statewide contract.

Mowing cycle will begin in June.

Superintendent Paul Nichols presented a drone video of the new school construction progress. He stated that the budget and construction are on schedule. So far the contractor hasn't had any supply chain issues.

Under the Chairman's report:

Mrs. Lisa Gillispie has resigned from the Mecklenburg/Brunswick Regional Airport Commission due to family health reasons.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Charles Magann to serve a term on the Mecklenburg/Brunswick Regional Airport Commission. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Chairman Barbour advised that the minutes of the Roanoke River Service Authority's March 23rd meeting are included in the packet for informational purposes. Mr. Tanner highlighted there is no rate increase.

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

Under Public Comment:

Mr. Roy Jenkins, Executive Director of the Virginia Logger's Association addressed the Board requesting a revision of the tax ordinance to exempt personal property tax and machinery and tools tax on logging equipment. He stated that forest harvesting is just like traditional farming and should be exempt.

Mr. Vance Wright addressed the Board stating that he was a logger from the Lacrosse area. He asked the Board to adopt a tax exemption for logging equipment to help his family owned business that employs approximately 35 people.

Adam Wilbourne addressed the Board stating that he was a logger from the Clarksville area that employs 48 people. He asked the Board to approve a tax exemption on logging equipment. He stated that his family owned business has struggled with the forest markets, paying for health insurance benefits for employees and feels that his logging business should be looked at like a farming operation.

Under Board Member Matters:

Mr. Jennings recognized the late Mr. Bill Blalock stating that at one time he was the longest serving Board Member in Virginia. Also he feels that the new school is looking good.

Mr. Brankley stated that Mr. Blalock was always a good friend to him and he will be missed. Mr. Brankley also stated that he has enjoyed being involved in planning for the new agricultural program at the new middle/high school complex. Mr. Brankley brought to the County's attention that some shut in citizens need assistance getting to vaccine clinics. He asked staff to work with the Health Department on a solution.

Mr. Hargrove agreed with fellow Board Members by saying that Mr. Blalock was always a good friend and he stated that he is pleased with the school construction progress.

Mrs. Lundy apologized to the Board for missing the budget meeting and said she is pleased with the proposed Six Year Plan stating that road improvements are much needed in our County.

Mr. Wilkinson said he was keeping Mr. Blalock's family in his prayers and he hopes to always make him proud while serving in his district. Mr. Wilkinson said he was pleased with the proposed Agricultural Program at the new school and he is proud of the quarter of a billion dollar budget we have, stating that it shows our great leadership.

Mr. Tanner said that Mr. Blalock was a legend, thanked Mr. Nichols, the teachers and Mr. Carter and said he would like the Board to check into the logging equipment tax exemption next year.

Mr. Jones thanked the Budget and Finance Committee for their work on the budget and stated that he feels the new school will help to sell Mecklenburg County from an economic development standpoint.

Mr. Spain stated that Mr. Blalock would always be remembered, he thinks the school is magnificent, he is proud of the budget and he thinks the Boards make a great team.

Mr. Barbour stated that Mr. Blalock always looked out for his constituents and his family will continue to be in his prayers. He said he was very impressed with the school progress and our budget.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until May 19, 2021 unless sooner called to order by the Chairman.