

Board of Supervisors, August 9, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held in and for the County of Mecklenburg on August 9, 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 July 12, 2021 Board Meeting. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Chairman Barbour advised that Item A-5 will be an addition of a resolution presentation.

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

Mr. David Brankley presented a resolution the Board adopted in June 2021 to honor Miss Odicci Alexander.

Mr. Slayton read the following Speaker Protocol.

The Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors has developed a protocol to ensure that Board meetings and public hearings are productive and efficient, and that proper decorum is maintained. The Board of Supervisors wants to emphasize that this protocol is intended to make the Board meetings and/or public hearings as productive as possible.

The protocol is as follows:

1. Each speaker will be given three minutes to address the Board of Supervisors. The time limit will be strictly enforced.
2. Each speaker will be advised when two minutes have elapsed.
3. Each speaker will be advised when three minutes have elapsed.
4. Each speaker will be permitted to address the Board of Supervisors only once; i.e., the three-minute opportunity to speak cannot be transferred from one speaker to another.
5. Speakers should face the Board of Supervisors and address their comments to the Board of Supervisors, and not to others who are present at the meeting. Speakers should not turn to face and address members of the audience.

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6. The Board of Supervisors is conducting the citizens' comments period and/or public hearing to receive comments from interested parties. Neither the Board of Supervisors nor its staff will respond to questions during the citizen comments period or public hearing, and neither the Board of Supervisors nor its staff will engage in a dialogue with speakers. However, after this meeting County staff will follow up with citizens when appropriate.
7. The Board of Supervisors asks that everyone at the meeting to be respectful to the others who are present, and asks that those present not applaud speakers. As a reminder, it is inappropriate, at a public meeting, to make personal attacks, to be defamatory, or to disparage individuals or identifiable groups.
8. Prior to beginning your comments, please state your name and address for the record.
9. There is a signup sheet for speakers. If you have not signed up and wish to speak, let County staff know just before the public hearing or citizen's comments begins, and your name will be added to the list of speakers.

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

A public hearing was held on the application by Blackacre Hypothetical, LLC to re-zone from Residential R-2 to Residential R1-A to allow for the construction of multi-family dwellings. This property is identified as Mecklenburg County Tax Number 062000-((A))-045, zoned residential R-2, is located on the eastside of Highway 761 (Oak Road), approximately 1/10th of a mile north of its intersection at Highway 873 (Surface Road), La Crosse District, Election District 4, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR-20-3995.

Mr. John Janson, Attorney representing the applicant addressed the Board with photographs of the proposed duplexes. Mr. Janson advised the Board that the applicant was proposing to build three (3) duplexes on 7.09 acres. Mr. Janson stated that the duplexes would be single story with off street parking with separate well and septic systems for each building. Mr. Janson stated that if the application was approved, that it would help with the demand for rental housing in Mecklenburg County.

Ms. Corrine Walker resident of Oak Road spoke against the application. She advised that there would be an increase in traffic and decrease in their property values. She urged the Board to deny the application.

Ms. Irene Parrish, adjoining property owner addressed the Board asking for denial of the application because she is concerned with the water table in the area. She stated that getting a productive well is already difficult.

Mr. Glen Reyes, adjoining property owner addressed the Board against the project. He stated that any additional well drilling in the area would cause a cone of depression. He questioned if a geological study had been performed.

Mr. James Smith, resident of Highway One near Oak Road spoke and is concerned about the safety on Highway One. He does not believe that the intersection of Oak Road and Highway One can safely handle the increase in traffic that these duplexes would cause.

Mr. Larry Cook spoke in opposition of the apartment complex proposed on Oak Road. He is concerned that the property owners will not be concerned about the safety and well-being of the long-time Oak Road residents. He is also concerned about the water table being low in the area and decreasing property values, as well as traffic.

Mr. Herb Bugart, resident of Oak Road spoke in opposition of the project. He stated that the neighborhood is rural and the neighbors are very close and he would like for it to continue that way. He thinks that there is better commercial property for sale in the area, more suitable for this project.

Ms. Patricia Graves, resident of Oak Road spoke in opposition of the apartment complex. She advised that she has fire safety concerns. She said that there are no fire hydrants in this rural area and she believes that this type of development would need them. She does not believe that this type of development should be allowed in this residential area. She also suggests that the following studies be performed; Traffic, Environmental and Geological.

Mr. Vincent Hickson resident of Oak Road spoke in opposition of the proposed project. He is concerned with the water table in the area. He believes that new drilled wells in the area would take away from the older ones. Mr. Hickson is also concerned about run-off from the parking lot and where it would go.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Mrs. Lundy to defer the application by Blackacre Hypothetical, LLC to re-zone from Residential R-2 to Residential R1-A to allow for the construction of multi-family dwellings and refer the matter back to the Planning Commission for more information and further study. Supervisors Lundy, Tanner, Hargrove, Spain voted 'aye' Supervisors Brankley, Jones, Jennings, Wilkinson, Barbour voted 'naye'. The motion did not carry.

Upon a motion of Mr. Brankley to approve the application by Blackacre Hypothetical, LLC to re-zone from Residential R-2 to Residential R1-A to allow for the construction of multi-family dwellings. Supervisors Brankley, Jones, Jennings, Wilkinson, Barbour voted 'aye' Supervisors Lundy, Tanner, Hargrove, Spain voted 'naye'. The motion carried.

A public hearing was held on the application by Robert G. Styner, Jr. & Joy Vannoizzi to re-zone from Business B-1 to Agriculture to allow for single family home. This property is identified as Mecklenburg County Tax Number 023000-((A))-019, zoned Business B-1, is located on the west side of Wightman Road approximately 3 miles north of its intersection with Highway 47, Chase City District, Election District 7, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR-5-3079.

There was no public comment.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by Robert G. Styner, Jr. & Joy Vannozi to re-zone from Business B-1 to Agriculture to allow for single family home. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

A public hearing was held on the application by Microsoft Corporation to re-zone 178.69 acres from Agricultural to Industrial M-1 to allow for a data center. This property is identified as Mecklenburg County Tax Number 11000-((08))-001, is located on the north side of Highway 58, approximately 900 feet west of State Route 675 (Hayes Mill Road), Boydton District, Election District 7, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR-21-3034.

Mr. Anselmo Cruz, represented Microsoft on the re-zoning application. Mr. Weil stated that the request to re-zone would allow Microsoft to construct a data storage building.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by Microsoft Corporation to re-zone 178.69 acres from Agricultural to Industrial M-1 to allow for a data center. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

A public hearing was held on the application by Joseph D. Williams, Jr. for a special exception permit to operate a neighborhood business. This property, identified as County Tax number 04700-((A))-019, zoned Agricultural, is located on the north side of Rocky Branch Drive (Highway 610), approximately 1 mile west of Brankley Road (Highway 696), Bluestone District, Election District 8, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR-14-3824.

There was no public comment.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Mr. Brankley, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by Joseph D. Williams, Jr. 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 application by Zachary Thomas Miller (Southern Loon Retrievers) for a special exception permit to operate a neighborhood business. This property, identified as County Tax number 051000-((01))-011, zoned Agricultural, is located on the east side of Highway 92, approximately 1/10 mile north of Parsons Road (state Route 0797), Chase City District, Election District 7, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR-14-2197.

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 Zachary Thomas Miller (Southern Loon Retrievers) 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 application by Lillian Gordon (The Junction, LLC) for a special exception permit to operate a neighborhood business. This property, identified as County Tax Number 146000-((A))-028, 146000-((A))-027, 167000-((02))-001, & 146000-((10))-A, zoned Agricultural and Business B-1, is located on the south side of Highway 58 and on the east and west side of State Route 815 (Greenhouse Drive), Clarksville District, Election District 1, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR-4-1928, LR-6-137, LR-16-4035, Will Book WF-16-395, LR-17-4327, WF-16-395.

Ms. Evie Gordon addressed the Board with the details of her business plan. She advised the Board that she had many activities planned to include a corn maze, seasonal harvesting activities, family night movies, fresh produce stands and other activities. She advised the Board that she has different phases of her plan to include live music, food vendors and a Harvest Camp host.

Ms. Veronica Everette stated that she welcomed wholesome family businesses but she is concerned about the Harvest Camp Host piece of the plan. She thinks this will create an increase in traffic and noise.

Mr. Tom Ivy addressed the Board stating his family was a member of Harvest Host and it is merely a parking spot for a one-night stay. It does not require anything from the host and is a great organization.

Mr. Jones stated that this business was previously operated by the Pittard Family and was a great blessing to the neighborhood. He stated that he knows the Gordon Family will do a great job for the community.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by Lillian Gordon (The Junction, LLC) for a special exception permit to operate a neighborhood business. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Mr. Carter gave the Board an update on the New Middle/High School Project with a presentation sent from the Superintendent.

Ms. Beth Englehorn, Director of Southside Behavioral Health addressed the Board with an update and the challenges that they have faced in the past year with Covid. She advised that they have remained open during the pandemic with no stop in their services. She reviewed the current initiatives including placing a therapist in the schools with no cost to the district. Southside Behavioral Health receives a grant with Microsoft to have computers in the schools for telehealth appointments. Ms. Englehorn thanked the Board for their continued support.

Minutes of the Joint Education Committee meeting held at the new Middle/High School site in Baskerville, Virginia, on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Members of the Joint Education Committee toured the school site. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 by Mrs. Claudia Lundy, Chair.

ROLL CALL

P – Mr. Glanz Spain, District 2, Board of Supervisors

P – Mrs. Claudia Lundy, District 4, Board of Supervisors, Chair

P – Mr. David Brankley, District 8, Board of Supervisors

P – Mr. Wayne Carter, County Administrator

P – Mr. Lindell Palmer, District 4, School Board

A – Mr. Ricky Allgood, District 8, School Board

A – Mr. Glenn Edwards, District 9, School Board

P – Mr. Paul Nichols, Superintendent

P – Ms. Paula Giammatteo, Clerk

Also present was Mrs. Wanda Bailey, District 3.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A. Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Spain made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was properly seconded by Mr. Brankley with all committee members voting in approval.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of the minutes from February 25, 2021

The committee members agreed to table the approval of the February minutes until the next meeting.

5. INFORMATION

A. Update on Progress of the New School

The new school building is scheduled to be move-in ready by June 1st with 90 days for punch-list items. Students will start school after Labor Day. A scheduling person will be identified for all sports to ensure a smooth transition to the combined program which will have a new 4A designation. The VHSL recommends joining the western division. Members discussed the new school traffic pattern and potential problems buses and student drivers may encounter.

B. Elementary School Renovation

Committee members discussed the potential for State and Federal aid with new construction. The current ESSR funding can only be used for certain building upgrades. It is estimated the county will need \$6 Million in debt services before construction can be

considered for the elementary schools. The members of the Board of Supervisors are not in favor of raising taxes and do not want to lose the newer additions to the three elementary schools. Mrs. Lundy provided the views of the LaCrosse community as it pertains to LaCrosse Elementary School. The community would prefer a new building in a new location. Committee members discussed the one-cent sales tax and recommended tabling a referendum for a year.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Brankley made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Mr. Palmer. All members voted yes to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

The Budget & Finance Committee met on Thursday, July 29, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Andy Hargrove; Wayne Carter, County Administrator; Jenny Whittemore; Ed Taylor; Sandra Langford

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Carter reviewed the following supplemental appropriations needed for the FY21 Budget.

The Economic Development Office is requesting a supplemental appropriation to their FY21 Budget for a Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant received from the Department of Housing and Community Development in the amount of \$293,672.28.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of a supplemental appropriation of \$293,672.28 to the Economic Development Budget.

The Mecklenburg County School Board is requesting supplemental appropriations and transfers in the following categories.

Transportation to Maintenance and Operations - \$106,218.00

Instruction to Maintenance and Operations - \$200,240.00

Debt Service to Maintenance and Operations - \$111,587.00

Instruction to Technology - \$107,307.00

Transportation to Administration - \$36,398.00

Food Services Fund Balance - Food Services - \$182,773.40

Upon a motion of Mr. Brankley, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the transfers and supplemental appropriations to the School Board's FY21 Budget.

A supplemental appropriation is requested to the Comprehensive Services Act Fund in the amount of \$377,000.00.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend a supplemental appropriation to the Comprehensive Services Act Fund in the amount of \$377,000.00.

The Sheriff's Department has received a check from VACORP in the amount to \$12,659.79 to cover the cost of damages to a vehicle. They are requesting a supplemental appropriation to their Vehicle Replacement line item.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend a supplemental appropriation of \$12,659.79 to the Sheriff's Budget.

Mr. Carter stated that the Board needs to have a supplemental appropriation for our Industrial Stimulus Grant \$3,796,401.85.

Upon a motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend a supplemental appropriation of \$3,796,401.85 to the Industrial Stimulus Grant.

Mr. Carter explained to the Board that Virginia's Growth Alliance is waiting for reimbursement funds from the Tobacco Commission and the County will need fund their negative balance in the amount of \$52,611.85.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend a supplemental appropriation to Virginia's Growth Alliance in the amount of \$52,611.85.

Mr. Carter advised the Committee that the County has received a total of \$6,841,627.67 in CARES Act Funding. These funds need to be appropriated to the FY21 General Fund Budget.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of a supplemental appropriation of \$6,841,627.67 to the FY21 General Fund Budget for CARES Act Funding.

Mr. Carter handed out a Financial Policy spreadsheet to the Committee. It has been discussed that the County should have a rainy day fund to pay future debt service if something happened to change how data centers operate. Mr. Carter has prepared figures, which show how much funding is truly unobligated in the current budget. He is proposing establishing a Rainy Day Fund, which would only be used to replace these tax dollars to help pay the current debt service of \$110,130,485.01.

The Committee took the proposed policy under advisement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upon a motion of Mr. Spain, the Board voted unanimously to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$293,672.28 to the Economic Development Budget. 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 transfers and supplemental appropriations to the School Board's FY21 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 approve a supplemental appropriation to the Comprehensive Services Act Fund in the amount of \$377,000.00. 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 \$12,659.79 to the Sheriff's Budget. 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 \$3,796,401.85 to the Industrial Stimulus Grant. 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 loan to Virginia's Growth Alliance in the amount of \$52,611.85. 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 \$6,841,627.67 to the FY21 General Fund Budget for CARES Act Funding. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

The Economic Development Committee met on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 8:30 a.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; David Brankley; Sterling Wilkinson; Claudia Lundy; Andy Hargrove; Angie Kellett, Economic Development Director; H. Wayne Carter, III., County Administrator

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Carter reviewed the bids received for the Big Fork Booster Station Expansion Project. Two bids were received Waco, Inc was the lowest bidder with a base total of \$1,634,602.00.

Upon a motion of Mr. Spain, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend awarding the bid for the Big Fork Booster Station Expansion Project to Waco, Inc for a base bid total of \$1,634,602.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to award the bid for the Big Fork Booster Station Expansion Project to Waco, Inc for a base bid total of \$1,634,602.00. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Under the County Administrator's Report:

Mr. Carter advised the Board that the Building Official's report showed 12 new houses, Zoning Permits were down this month, the Animal Warden's report indicated the County was able to adopt out 75% of dogs picked up. Mr. Carter advised that the Sheriff's Report is included in the packet also.

Mr. Kevin Smith, Assistant VDOT Resident Engineer addressed the Board stating that Allen Road is almost complete and Wray Road will be next on the Six Year Plan. Henrico Road will be closed soon for Bridge repairs and Baskerville Road will be under-going some improvements. Mr. Wilkinson asked if the road will be widened due to the increase in traffic from the new school.

Mr. Carter gave the Board some additional information on the Selective Service Board vacancies. He advised the Board to submit resumes of any citizens interested in serving.

Mr. Carter informed the Board that the Planning Commission has approved a 2232 Review for Dominion Energy for a new transmission line near Clarksville to serve the Lakeside Industrial Park.

Under the Chairman's Report:

The term of Mr. Mike Denton on the Lake Country Airport Commission expired on July 1, 2021. He is eligible for re-appointment.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to re-appoint Mr. Mike Denton to serve another term on the Lake Country Regional Airport Commission. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

The unexpired term on the Mecklenburg County Planning Commission that Mrs. Michelle Edmonds was filling for Joseph Taylor expired on July 30, 2021. She is now eligible to serve a four-year term.

Upon a motion of Mr. Barbour, the Board voted unanimously to re-appoint Mrs. Michelle Edmonds to serve a term on the Mecklenburg Planning Commission. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

The term of Mr. Mark Warren on the Mecklenburg County Planning Commission will expire on September 30, 2021. He is eligible for re-appointment.

Upon a motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the Board voted unanimously to re-appoint Mr. Mark Warren to serve another term on the Mecklenburg County Planning Commission. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Chairman Barbour advised the Board that the minutes of the Lake Country Regional Airport Commission's July 13th meeting and Treasurer's report were included for informational purposes.

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

Under Public Comment:

Mr. David Varner owner of Lake Country Internet stated that he has been providing internet service to Mecklenburg County residents since 1999. He stated that he has over 1000 satellite customers and that he collaborated with Microsoft and launched air-fiber in Mecklenburg County in 2018. He said this high-speed internet could reach every county resident with the installation of towers. He stated that he needs financial support to be able to continue growing this service. He stated that County staff will not consider any other option than fiber to the home. He believes that his company can provide high-speed internet at a fraction of the cost of fiber.

Mr. Lane Sandifer addressed the Board speaking on behalf of Lake Country Internet. He proposed a plan that Empower/Dominion provide fiber to the towns/business, let Lake Country Internet build towers, and supply internet to the rural areas at a fraction of the cost.

Mr. Tom Ivy addressed the Board requesting that they place internet service on an agenda and let the public come decide the direction it would like to go. He stated that he has Lake Country Internet service and it works great.

Ms. Cassandra Sandifer addressed the Board as a satisfied customer of Lake Country Internet. She advised that she was not able to get service from ATT or Verizon. She asked the Board to help Mr. Varner grow his company with the help of grant funding.

Mr. Edward Melton addressed the Board stating that he believes that fiber is the way to go long-term, but he also believes Lake Country Internet could provide the service faster and that is what the Board should consider.

Mr. Dinnis King addressed the Board speaking on behalf of Lake Country Internet obtaining grant funds to expand its air-fiber network throughout Mecklenburg County.

Mr. Walter Smyre spoke of behalf of the service being provided by Lake Country Internet.

Mr. Mike Weakley addressed the Board speaking on behalf of Lake Country Internet. He advised that they could provide the service needed in the County for nine times less money and have no environmental impact unlike fiber installation.

Mr. Steve Trammel addressed the Board as a happy customer of Lake Country Internet. He believes that Mr. Varner should be given the same grant opportunities as the large companies.

Mr. Eric Purnhaven addressed the Board as a happy customer of Lake Country Internet. He advised that he was not opposed to fiber internet; he just thinks the grant funding should be spread out amongst the companies. He stated that internet service is considered infrastructure so he thinks that towers should also be built around the county for competition in technology, to keep the cost down and keep the county moving forward.

Under Board Member Matters:

Mr. Brankley stated it was a pleasure to have Odicci Alexander come and be presented a resolution, he stated she is a remarkable person with a bright future. He stated that he

understands the concern of the Oak Road residents and thanked Mr. Hargrove and Mr. Spain for visiting his church.

Mrs. Lundy questioned who was following up on the school construction, who was responsible for providing a behavioral health counselor a room in the schools and requested an update on the statue relocation. Mrs. Lundy also stated that she feels the Board has done a dis-service to the residents of Oak Road. She feels like we should have gotten them answers to their questions.

Mr. Hargrove spoke about the water table on the rezoning application. He stated that he has some concerns about it. He advised that he is pleased with the school progress but has concerns with completion in a year. He stated that he is proud of Lillian Gordon and her new business venture and carrying on her family's heritage.

Mr. Tanner stated that with school beginning soon, he hopes it looks a lot different than it did last year with Covid. He congratulated Ms. Odicci Alexander and Mr. Keldon Johnson on their success. He advised the Board that he toured the new 911 trailer with its amazing technology. He thanked Jon Taylor and Ben Duncan for their work on this project.

Mr. Wilkinson stated that he is happy to see what the Gordon's are developing on their farm. He stated that it highlights our culture and area and he cannot wait to visit. He also stated that Southside Behavioral Health does a great job and the Board should help them whenever possible,

Mr. Jones also spoke on Southside Behavioral Health and their important jobs, especially during the pandemic. Mr. Jones stated that drug trafficking is a problem and he would like more emphasis put on that. He stated that he believes the duplexes will fit in fine on Oak Road as the County is experiencing a housing shortage. Mr. Jones stated that he too is concerned with the internet situation in the County and the fact that school age children need accessibility as soon as possible.

Mr. Spain thanked the public for coming and speaking to the Board and questioned staff about the Covid numbers.

Mr. Barbour stated that he believes the Board should look closer into the County's internet situation and he does not think that the duplexes on Oak Road will cause any harm. Mr. Barbour gave the Board an update on hydrilla in Lake Gaston from the latest Weed Council Meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to convene in Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1),(5). Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted to adopt the following Certification Resolution. Supervisors Barbour, 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:

- Barbour
- Spain
- Brankley
- Lundy
- Hargrove
- Jennings
- Jones
- Tanner
- Wilkinson

Upon a motion of Mr. Spain, the Board voted unanimously to hire Mr. Frank Rausch as 911 Dispatcher. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted ‘aye’.

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

Date: August 9, 2021

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County, Virginia (“Mecklenburg”), through its elected representatives and counsel, and the Commonwealth of Virginia, through the Office of the Attorney General, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to recover costs incurred and to be incurred in abating the opioid addiction epidemic that plagues Virginia communities;

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WHEREAS, Mecklenburg and the Commonwealth of Virginia share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of the opioid addiction epidemic and to maximize litigation recoveries from those third parties responsible for same;

WHEREAS, in order to advance their common interests, Mecklenburg and the Commonwealth of Virginia, through counsel, have extensively negotiated the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding relating to the allocation and use of such litigation recoveries;

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg's outside opioid litigation counsel has recommended that Mecklenburg approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney for Mecklenburg has reviewed the available information about the proposed Memorandum of Understanding and concurs with the recommendation of outside counsel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors assembled on this day at which a quorum is present, that Mecklenburg County, Virginia, hereby authorizes and approves, or confirms authorization and approval, of the Virginia Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation Memorandum of Understanding attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference thereto as Exhibit "A", and directs the County Administrator or the County Attorney to execute and enter into such Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of Mecklenburg County, Virginia.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until September 13th unless sooner called to order by the Chairman.