

The 2017 November BOS Regular Meeting Synopsis

The November Regular BOS meeting was called to order by Chairman Harris and determined there was a quorum. Supervisor Whitaker offered the invocation and everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Agenda was amended to include a Resolution to Support the Grant Application for Broadband. The amended agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by Supervisor Jones. The minutes from the October 18, 2017 Regular BOS meeting was approved on a motion by Supervisor Whitaker. All financial reports were approved on a motion by Supervisor Jones.

Matthew Brown spoke regarding the defeat of the meals tax and said Board Members should think about those results before considering an increase in real estate tax. Mary Alice Williams spoke regarding the overspending of the School Board and her disappointment that no member was present to hear the results of the 2017 audit. Travis Johnson said he was disappointed in the lack of cell phone service in the County and hoped something would be done about it.

The Board approved a Resolution to support the grant application for Broadband.

Paul Lee, of Robinson, Farmer and Cox, presented the 2017 County Audit Report.

David Whitaker, Director of Planning and Zoning reported on the latest activities in the County and noted issues and requests from Board members.

Action on a conditional rezoning request by Betty Barnard was deferred.

Recognition was given to Nathanael D. Chaffins for rendering assistance during a mowing accident to Amelia County resident Bernard Harris.

A request from the Commissioner of the Revenue for a refund for tax overpayment was approved.

The Board voted to notify Virginia's Growth Alliance that the County was terminating their membership effective July 1, 2018.

During the County Administrator's Report, Taylor Harvie reported the Waste Management check for October was \$54,813.53.

He reported that Michael Whitaker was working to bring the WWI and WWII Honor tour Mobile Museum to the County for Amelia Day.

Commonwealth Regional Council sent an update on Grant Writing Services for Amelia County School Board.

A letter from Vivian Harding was given to the Board regarding her plan to bring legal action against the County and followed by a letter from Judge Paul Cella informing Ms. Harding he was dismissing her claim.

Comcast sent a notice regarding the elimination of 2 channels and Southside Virginia Community College, along with Madeline's House, sent their latest newsletter.

Virginia's Agribusiness Council sent a request for continued membership and Virginia's Growth Alliance submitted information about their November 2, 2017 VGA meeting.

The Department of Social Services submitted their 2017 Annual Financial Statement and Powhatan County shared their requests to the General Assembly.

Finally, Mr. Harvie submitted adjustments to the FY2018 budget.

During the Board Members comments, Supervisor Gleason said he believed the Commonwealth Regional Council is turning around and the new director, Melody Foster is doing an excellent job.

Supervisor Jones announced that the PSR move has been beneficial for the organization and STEPS, Inc. had a great presentation in the Farmville Herald.

Supervisor Barnard reported he attended Genesis Decor open house.

The Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned on a motion by Supervisor Jones.