At a regular monthly meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Peter Francisco Auditorium of the Buckingham County Administration Complex, the following members were present: Danny R. Allen, Chairman; Donald E. Bryan, Vice Chairman; Robert C. Jones; Don Matthews; E. Morgan Dunnavant; Harry W. Bryant and Joe N. Chambers, Jr. Also present were Rebecca S. Carter, County Administrator; Karl Carter, Asst. County Administrator; Rebecca S. Cobb, Zoning Administrator; and E.M. Wright, Jr., County Attorney.

Re: Call to Order

Chairman Allen called the meeting to order.

Re: Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Allen certified there was a quorum. Seven of seven members present and the meeting could continue.

Re: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Allen gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all who were in attendance.

Re: Announcements

There were none.

Re: Approval of Agenda

Vice Chairman Bryan moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the agenda as presented.

Re: Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman Bryan moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2018 meeting as presented.

Re: Approval of Claims

Supervisor Matthews moved, Vice Chairman Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the claims as presented.
**Re: Public Comments**

**Allen:** It’s time for public comments. We have 4 public hearings tonight. If anyone wants to speak, as long as they don’t comment on the public hearings.

**Chuck Meek, District 3:** Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board, I’m Chuck Meek. I am in Mr. Matthews’s district. I came to you about 2 or 3 months ago asking for your support for JROTC Raider team that was traveling to Georgia. At this time I would like to introduce the leader, Sgt. Bruce Grazier with an update as to how we performed.

**Sgt. Grazier:** Good evening everyone. I just want to thank yall for funding us and helping support our team. Just a brief update, we were 4th in the Nationals, the United States. We missed out on 3rd place by 1 point. I just want to introduce a couple of them and then we will be on our way. This is Tyler Moore, Jon Gowans, and Joshua Meek. Chuck’s son obviously. These are just some of the 24 of them. We just want to introduce this one because this young man here was the ultimate male raider in the United States and won by one second. So, it was a grueling course and I wanted to introduce him and publicly thank you all very much. We couldn’t have done it without your support.

**Matthews:** Thank you for your support also. Outstanding.

**Allen:** Good job.

**Quinn Robinson, District 4:** Good evening. My name is Quinn Robinson and I live out in Andersonville, District 4. I just have two brief things this evening. The first is the issue of the floodplain and I understand it’s on the agenda but Dominion has basically said that they don’t need to bother with this and they were an exception. I think that’s inappropriate. I urge you to send it back to the Planning Commission so they can have a say on it. The other thing is the commitment papers that Dominion/ACP offered in terms of a community contribution or commitment to the community. They said in the text of some of the news reports that this has been in the works for three years. I find it impossible to understand how this could be in discussion for 3 years and the county not have any knowledge of it. But anyway, I’ll wait for an explanation of that. But in offering this I think it’s an admission that there is an oversight in their planning of the compressor station and that it’s an acknowledgement that there is damage done to the community. Actually there is damage done to all of Buckingham. It’s important and it’s important in terms of the assessment that’s coming up. Because it’s a defector statement by Dominion and the things the county permitted that the property values of the people in the path of the pipeline and others in general have been diminished by this and I hope there is some way we can develop a formula to compensate for that when the assessments go out. That’s basically all I have but I have two FOIA requests because the uncertainty of the floodplain, I wanted all the documents for it and also anything that exists on this commitment to the community. Thank you very much.
Marie Flowers, District 3: I’m Marie Flowers, District 3. Um, the veterans were honored this weekend and I believe the veterans are not being um treated fairly by the government. They went out to fight for this country. I saw on TV that there are 80,000 veterans waiting for aide for decent housing. Anyway I also think we should um honor the martyrs for the Second Amendment at Sandy Hook VA Tech, Florida, California, and Pittsburg. People died because of the Second Amendment. First they died for freedom. The freedom to get dangerous firearms. If there were reasonable restrictions on fire arms they might be in danger of becoming like Australia or Europe. Um, who would be the next martyrs? The school children in one of our schools? A church close by? Um, The United States, land of the free, for example, big pharmaceutical companies can still market opioids with no restrictions but the taxpayer has to pay for any help that people get. Why can’t they? And um, you know the freedom to confiscate our land for greed? And, um, is it legal to be shooting at night? And if people, um, um, the um, big firearms, do they have permits for…I guess none of you might know that? You probably don’t know how many of those big automatic weapons are in this county? But anyway does anybody know if it’s legal to be shooting at night?

Dunnavant: The noise ordinance takes effect at 11:00 p.m. I believe Mrs. Flowers, so if they are shooting and keeping you awake…

Flowers: What?

Dunnavant: The noise ordinance.

Flowers: Oh, the noise ordinance. Ok. It’s not safety, its noise?

Dunnavant: Well you need to be sure of where you are shooting at night as you are in the day time.

Flowers: I can’t hear if I take my hearing aids out so it doesn’t matter to me. It’s a safety issue that is of interest to me. Thank you.

David Ball, District 3: Good evening, David Ball, District 3. Mr. Chairman and Supervisors, thank you for allowing me to speak. A couple different topics I want to touch on. First, I wonder if we can look at developing technology so that citizens who couldn’t make it out tonight for night vision problems or something could skype in and talk to the Board during the meeting. The other thing too, I wonder with all the technology that’s out there, how come we haven’t started YouTube’ing these meetings? Videotaping them and posting them on YouTube so the citizens can actually see what their government is doing and get an idea of how it works. Not everybody can make it here to a meeting. Um in case you all haven’t heard and I guess you probably have the air permit from last Thursday is being held up until December 10 because of the length of testimonies and the data that’s available they have to take time to analyze everything and be able to understand them. Obviously there were some things that were not property presented. Also, with regards to the $5.1 million that Dominion has posted as a commitment it’s probably done a bit of harm as far as division in those communities between people who are still opposed and those that are looking at this at a cha-ching fast cash
opportunity. If you want to do a fire station, rather than trying to expand Glenmore, it seems to me it would be appropriate to build a brand new state of the art station at Duck’s Corner next to the training facility and equip that and prepare that to cover that area of the county and because it’s in close proximity to the compressor station but not in the blast zone. It’s close to the courthouse so if the courthouse needs service. It also gives better service to the rest of the community out on 60. I still haven’t heard anything from back earlier in the year with regards to the campground that has been set up over in Andersonville. Mrs. Carter looked at it and saw it’s there but I’ve never heard more about that campground and I think it’s been there since they started clearing the trees for the right of way easement which Dominion is on hold right now with 2 court cases being held up. I think all those things you need to consider. Particularly we need to address the fire issue, fire safety issue. Thank you.

Re: VDOT Road Matters

Shippee: Good evening Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board. The first thing I’ve got is a request, could you please let it stop raining so we can finish mowing. We are still working on mowing. We’ve got most of the primaries done and are going back to hit the four lanes again just to dress that up. But 50-60% or our secondaries are done. We are going to keep doing that until we can get them finished up. We are working on cleaning out pipes because of the recent rain and customer service requests. We are currently in the process of doing dry runs for winter preparations. All the rural rustics from last year are finally finished up. So we are glad about that. Jerico and the Oak Hill projects should be patched up and put plant mix down and took care of those. We’ve done a lot of asphalt patching on 60 here recently. Down at the courthouse, we took care of some of those spots, a section from 56 to 24 we did some patch work there. Still have a lot of potholes on unpaved roads we need to work on and waiting for the weather to cooperate before we can do that. Rt. 636, you’ve probably noticed a few barrels out there. We are doing a plant mix repair on the shoulders again weather permitting. Rt. 633 the same way. We’ve got some additional work to do out there but is very much weather dependent. Countywide, I understand that I mentioned last month and has come in and hope to get that up this week so let me know what you think about it when it gets up. It’s going to be just across the Appomattox River coming from Prince Edward into Buckingham. Again it will be a yellow countywide sign at the top and an oversized horse and buggy sign and then a share the road sign underneath it. We are going to evaluate that and make sure we’ve got blessings on it and then we can order some more for all the gateway entrances into the county.

Jones: It’s not a done deal just having one?

Shippee: It’s not completely, but pretty close. Once we get that sign up and get it looked at and make sure it’s going to meet our needs, then we will order the rest of them.

Jones: A couple months ago when you were here I addressed the fact that people wanted a sign at the beginning and end of each main thoroughfare of Buckingham County.

Shippee: That’s what we are talking about.
Jones: You are going to do that?

Shippee: That’s what we are talking about, yes, sir. Other news, as of November 5th the Dillwyn residency has moved to Farmville so all the walk-in services are at 637 Commerce Road in Farmville which is right across from the YMCA. We still have the maintenance shop in Buckingham and bridge crew in addition to our area headquarter facilities but general customer service location in now located in Farmville. Aside from that, any questions or comments for me?

Matthews: I know you’ve done a lot of work in District 3 and I appreciate that, at the end of Crescent Road, a loop road at the end of 636, the sight vision is getting pretty bad due to overgrowth at both ends of it. You’ve got to turn at a certain angle and look back up 15 which is a bit of a hazard there.

Bryan: Bell Road, Scot, are you familiar with the sharp curve before you get to Chuck Stop? Right there by the Midkiff house and the chicken farms?

Shippee: Yes.

Bryan: Is there a way to cut that ditch line? Water during the heavy monsoon we’ve had, it stands on the corner and there is a lot of hydroplaning in that area.

Shippee: We can get that…

Bryan: The way the road is curved it pours but if they can cut that ditch line back to maybe catch some of that water.

Shippee: We can take a look at it

Bryan: Rt. 20 is looking good.

Shippee: Still got some work to do on it but it’s getting there.

Bryant: It looks good.

Matthews: When do they anticipate finishing that?

Shippee: My understanding was by the end of this year. I’m not sure of the actual date right now but when the contract originally came out it was towards the end of this year.

Matthews: Is the strip going on the outside edge?

Shippee: The edge line rumble strips proposed for that particular roadway. I know a lot of other places are doing the centerline rumble strips. I know going in Albermarle County for instance going through Keene, Charlottesville opted for centerline rumble strips. What we found with Rt.
20 is we were having more problems with right side departures so it made more sense from safety standpoint to do the edge line rumble strips. There will be upcoming projects to do centerline rumble strips I believe all of 15 and all of 60 and 24 I believe. Those will be upcoming in the next year or so I believe. Anything else you need from me?

Bryan: Is the ice going to hit us Scot? I know it’s looking like…when I left the house it said we were not in the blue.

Scot: I’ve got a plan to have skeleton crews come in tomorrow night. Hopefully in the morning that will change. We are ready for it if it comes.

Bryan: It looks as far as its coming our way it’s coming to our border.

Scot: It won’t stop raining long enough for us to catch up so I’m hoping it won’t turn from rain to ice too.

Re: Public Hearing: Case 18-SUP259 Telecommunication Tower for Shentel Rt. 763

Cobb: Yes, sir. This is Case 18-SUP259 Applicant Shenandoah Mobile LLC “Shentel” for a special use permit for a telecommunications tower on the property of E.E. and Vickie Talbott. Tax Map section 66, Lot 14B containing 55 acres on River Ridge Road in the Slate River Magisterial District. The Planning Commission held their hearing on September 24 and is recommending approval with conditions. The public hearing has been advertised and Ryan is here representing Shentel. He does have short presentation if you would like to see that.

1. Prior to permitting, applicant shall provide a determination of no hazard from the FAA indicating the proposed tower shall not require lighting/marking; and
2. All feed cables shall be hidden within the monopole and all access ports shall be sealed to prevent wildlife intrusion; and
3. Prior to permitting, applicant shall provide a letter from the tower manufacturer certifying the proposed tower can support a minimum of six (6) arrays of similar design, including the primary user. The letter shall be signed by a licensed Virginia Registered Professional engineer; and
4. If an emergency power backup generator is used, its noise level shall not exceed 65 dbA at the nearest property edge. Testing shall be limited to the hours between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Monday through Friday); and
5. Should the highest antennas arrays be lowered in the future for capacity needs, the unused top portion of the tower shall be removed; and
6. No advertising shall be installed on the fencing near the ground compound; and
7. That all federal, state and local regulations, ordinances and laws be strictly adhered to.
8. In the event that any one or more of the conditions is declared void for any reason whatever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of the permit which shall remain in full force and effect, and for this purpose, the provisions of this are hereby declared to be severable.
9. That any infraction of the above mentioned conditions could lead to a stop order and discontinuation of the special use permit, if it be the wishes of the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors.

10. The County Zoning Administrator and one other County staff member, as appointed by the County Administrator, shall be allowed to enter the property with proper notice, if a complaint is registered against the property for noncompliance with this permit. Any complaints not solely related to this permit will be given to the appropriate department or agency.

11. If the building permit is not obtained within six (6) months from the date of the approval then the Special Use Permit shall be null and void.

12. That the applicant(s) understands the conditions and agrees to the conditions.

13. Tower shall not be constructed until a tenant is ready to locate on the tower immediately after building.

14. The construction of the tower must be complete within 2 years from the date of approval or this permit will be null and void.

15. The tower shall be constructed to fall within the lease area upon failure. Upon seeking a building permit, the applicant must certify and provide construction plans showing the break point technology.

**Ryan Fletcher:** While Rebecca gets this set up I just wanted to take this opportunity to let you know my appreciation of your staff not only in administration but in planning as well as Commissioner of Revenue. Rebecca downloaded the power point and has been very helpful in this process as well as the administration and Commissioner in getting numbers. I just want you to know that the folks serving your citizens are doing a nice job.

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board, I am Ryan Fletcher and I work for Network Billing Consultant and I work for Shentel and again I’d like to say thank you to all of our veterans, those who are currently serving and have served this country. Thank you. I will try to make this as quick as possible and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to stop me and interrupt my presentation.
What you have before you today is a Special Use Permit application for a 195’ steel monopole with a 4 foot lighting rod. Parcel owner is Mr. and Mrs. Talbott, Parcel ID 66-14B. Parcel is zoned A-1. This is a 54 acre parcel.

A little bit about my client, Shentel, they’ve been in business since 1902. They acquired Ntelos in 2016 and are Sprint Affiliate and they do provide broadband services, digital TV and internet and phone services throughout the Shenandoah Valley. They do focus on rural and underserved areas.

Just a couple quick stats for wireless why we are here and why they are expanding their network of coverage. In 2007 approximately 16% of people had wireless only. In 2016, 51% and 1 in 2 households had wireless phones. As you all probably are aware an average each person has more than one wireless device. Over 500,000 E911 calls are made per day by wireless devices.

This is a coverage objective tower and what that means is currently Shentel is not able to provide their customers with coverage here. This would allow employees to have coverage to work from home and also provide students with the opportunity to also access school assignments online. It also importantly as I mentioned earlier with 500,000 E911 calls average a day in the United
States will allow emergency workers to operate in this area of the county and be able to make calls for citizens but for passers by as they are transporting themselves on the roads. It also connects existing sites and also provide infrastructure to allow additional carriers to colocate.

Just real quick some basics of the site. This kind of gives you an overview of the 54 acres and where we are going to be located on the property. We are proposing to lease a 100 x 100 area from Mr. Talbott. We are going to access River Ridge Road. You can see the line right there. We are 219 feet from River Ridge Road. Its just a little better blown up view of our site plan. It shows our access from River Ridge Road. We have run the design through VDOT and we will need a land use permit from them for this access. You can also see the turn around space as you enter the compound. The current terrain if you will of this property, currently there is existing vegetation onsite. We feel this will screen the tower compound and the base of the tower. It’s a mix of deciduous evergreen. It’s probably about a 5-10 year old stand that hadn’t been cut. It is quite thick as I learned in the balloon test.

This is a side elevation of our monopole tower, wire and cabling as per conditions will be inside the monopole. The array for the anchor tenant will be Shentel. We have sized the compound as well as the structure itself for 6 arrays as per the conditions. You can see this will be fenced for security.
Here is a blow up view of additional lease areas within our gravel compound and I can show you the proposed Shentel equipment. They do not use a cabinet or shelter, they use a platform on the ground.

Real quick we will run through some photosimulations from the balloon test back on June 12. This is an overview map. If you look on the map you will see the blue dots. That’s where the balloon was not visible and the red dots, which are all on River Ridge Road, is where it was visible.

Here is first view. This is the first simulation of the tower with the array. Next is River Ridge across the field.

Then the last view.

Real quick as I mentioned earlier our tower is 219’ on 763, this is a typo on my part. The tower is 603’ from the closest residence. It’s over 581’ from the closest property line. As I mentioned earlier we sited this minimize the visual impacts with vegetation. The tower is made of galvanized steel which we will do our best to blend with the sky. The compound and tower has been sized and designed to accommodate additional 6 arrays including Shentel.
This is a coverage map. This is what we have to work off of when we select sites. You can see the site is actually, there is a dot, it’s white. So what you are looking at is green is the at home coverage, blue is vehicle coverage and where it’s white there is currently no coverage.

When we turn on this site, which we propose 195’, the green area fills in the two existing structure, two existing towers and meet the coverage objective along Rt. 20 for our carrier.

Thank you for your time and I’ll be happy to answer any questions. Thank you.

**Allen:** We will open the public hearing. Do we have anybody signed up to talk?

**David Ball, District 3:** Hello again. David Ball, District 3. Supervisors and Chairman, thank you for allowing me to speak. I think I’ve said this more than once. I am in favor of this project and all these pole projects. Largely because we are largely at a deficit for internet coverage and we really need to get more coverage but to the extent where we have all citizens covered. The availability of the existing phone lines could provide DSL service to every household in the county and looking at the map and the plan that the county has had for years for coverage, we are far away from having total coverage in here for residential and business needs. Aside from that,
Verizon does not see this as a potentially good market so they are not interested in expanding into this area which is sad. So I applaud Shentel and the others that do want to come in here but I’m concerned that there are not going to be any sharing of the network towers to the extent to that Verizon is in the process of updating their towers to 5G and I’m concerned that if this tower is coming in at 4G, in 6 months its going to have to be updated to 5G so I’d like to see that all new towers be equipped for 5G. If you don’t know what that actually means, 5G means streaming of video so you can watch TV, movies or anything streaming to your devices so it’s basically talking about uninterrupted usage for devices for whatever you may use it for. Obviously so you can get video or doing away with typical TV antenas and start going to these nice little devices. I support it. I do believe 5G is around the corner and in the process and we need to be equipped for that. Thank you.

Allen: Does anybody have anything to add to it?

Matthews: I do. For Mr. Ball’s information, Central Virginia has started a program that’s in the works right now to try to get, and District 3 is the test site, to get internet service to all the homes that are in that district. We are in the works as far as talking about it with Central Virginia and that is a test site and is going to happen. The Governor has just announced his plan to have internet service to every home in Virginia in about a 7 year period and we don’t know if that’s going to happen or not and a lot of that depends on a number of different things that the state could provide for us in the future. You know yourself, any business that wants to come in as far as internet service is concerned is going to be profitable for them. We are doing everything we can not only working with Central Virginia but Dominion Power and also Southside Electric. The future is bright as far as getting internet service in Buckingham County not just the Rt 15 corridor like we have now. Just for your information.

Allen: Anyone else? We will close the public hearing and turn it back over to the Board.

Chambers: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that we approve the special use permit with conditions.

Allen: To accept?

Chambers: Yes sir.

Allen: Ok. I missed it. I’m sorry. We have a motion and a second to accept the special use permit for tower. Any more discussion? Let’s vote. 7 yes.

*Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the special use permit for Case 18-SUP259 for Shentel telecommunications tower on Rt. 763 with the above stated conditions.*
Re: Public Hearing: Case 18SUP260 USCOC of Virginia RSA Inc. Telecommunications Tower on Rt. 711

Cobb: Yes, this is Case 18SUP260 application from US Cellular on the property of Florence Lango on Rt. 711 Tax Map Section 139 Parcel 8 Lot 12 containing 5 acres in the Curdsville Magisterial District. The Planning Commission held their public hearing on September 24 and is recommending approval with conditions. Emilee is here representing US Cellular if you would like to speak with her.

Conditions:

1. Prior to permitting, applicant shall provide a determination of no hazard from the FAA indicating the proposed tower shall not require lighting/marking; and
2. All vertical feed cables shall be hidden within the monopole and all access ports shall be sealed to prevent wildlife intrusion; and
3. Should the highest antennas arrays be lowered in the future for capacity needs, the unused top portion of the tower shall be removed; and
4. No advertising shall be installed on the fencing near the ground compound; and
5. That all federal, state and local regulations ordinances and laws be strictly adhered to.
6. In the event that any one or more of the conditions is declared void for any reason whatever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of the permit, which shall remain in full force and effect, and for this purpose, the provisions of this are hereby declared to be severable.
7. That any infraction of the above mentioned conditions could lead to a stop order and discontinuation of the special use permit, if it be the wishes of the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors.
8. The County Zoning Administrator and one other County staff member as appointed by the County Administrator, shall be allowed to enter the property with proper notice, if a complaint is registered against the property for noncompliance with this permit. Any complaints not solely related to this permit will be given to the appropriate department or agency.
9. If the building permit is not obtained within six (6) months from the date of approval then the Special Use Permit shall be null and void.
10. That the applicant(s) understands the conditions and agrees to the conditions.
11. Tower shall not be constructed until a tenant is ready to locate on the tower immediately after building.
12. The construction of the tower must be complete within 2 years from the date of approval or this permit will be null and void.
13. The tower shall be constructed to fall within the lease area upon failure. Upon seeking building permit, the applicant must certify and provide construction plans showing the break point technology.

Matthews: Would she like to make a presentation or say anything? That will be fine.
Emilee Switzer: Good afternoon. My name is Emilee Switzer and I’m here to speak on behalf of US Cellular about the newly proposed facility located in Buckingham located on 48 Seven Eleven Road. We are requesting approval of our application by the Board of Supervisors to construct this new tower. Detailed information to follow along with the County Ordinance was submitted to the County and the County’s consultant, CityScape, has given approval of our submitted package and are requesting approval by the County. All conditions proposed by the county and consultant have been approved and US Cellular is willing to abide by all conditions attached to the permit. US Cellular is proposing a 195’ monopole with 4’ lightning rod totalling 199’. This monopole is going to be used to help offroad the existing Buckingham tower. With the increase in data use, calls and texts many companies are having trouble due to the high usage. This leads to the inability to send text messages and use of data and dropped calls. This tower will have 5 other carriers along with US Cellular to be able to colocate on it to provide additional cellular options to the community. The location of this site was determined by keeping the highest elevation as possible and meeting the required setbacks by the County. We have proposed an indepth landscaping plan for the elements which will put a natural landscape around the compound. The proposed monopole will be the least visibly intrusive blending in with its surrounding environment as required by the ordinance. Environmental and federal regulations were met with this proposed tower and won’t be hazardous with anything or anyone surrounding the tower. I have a small power point just to show the photo simulations for you guys.

This first page shows the location which is located off… at 371 Seven Eleven Road. The tower is visible from that location.
The next slide shows from 2198 Scotts Bottom Road. The tower you can see the top part of the tower.

The last photo, as well shows from, excuse me, this one is 2198 Scotts Bottom Road, it shows the tower is visible from that area. There are no other areas the tower was visible from.
This here is just a page of construction drawings to show our monopole that allows for 5 additional carriers along with US Cellular being at the top with microwave dish as well.

This last page is a survey page of the area showing that we have met setbacks and will be located directly off Seven Eleven Road.

I appreciate you guys taking the time to listen to this. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them.

**Matthews:** Did you do a map showing existing coverage versus what’s going to happen when you put the tower up?

**Switzer:** I do have that. Would you like me to show you?

**Matthews:** I would.
Switzer:

This is once the tower is in the coverage it will provide.

This is the current LTE coverage showing at the bottom as Buckingham Tower and then the other tower at the top is at Sprouse’s Corner. The one listed as Bell is the one we are proposing. The sporadic coverage.
Allen: We will open the public hearing. Do we have anyone signed up to speak?

David Ball, District 3: David Ball, District 3. Chairman, Supervisors, thanks once again for allowing me to speak. Once again I’m in favor of this. I think particularly when you go down 60 there are spots that tend to lose signal and calls drop. The fact is it’s hard to get a signal. I think people are going to these devices because they are going to devices we are losing our coverage. I know it’s hard, I use hotspot to get internet access and it’s very unreliable and intermittent because of signal. Sometimes it’s 2 or 3, 4 to 5 in the morning if I want to get a signal and get anything done on the computer. Anything to boost the coverage is going to be helpful. Terms of aspiring to Supervisor Matthews, I’m very aware of Central Virginia Electric Cooperative’s program which they do not have our line for 2019 or 2020 so at least for those two years they do not have any plans to outfit Buckingham County and they did talk about it seven years ago or a little further back. Things didn’t happen and things fell through. I was disappointed back then and our representative from what I understand, I couldn’t attend the meeting, I understand our representative for this region was not at that meeting so I don’t know what that says because he was a big proponent of getting us outfitted with internet connection. Also, there was a program to cover counties in Virginia with Tobacco Sequestian money and the way the US Government runs sequestian, they basically took that money and held it and killed that. They traded that and it went from 10 to 4 counties and Buckingham County got cut out and my concern for the future of the county and prosperity of the county if we keep getting cut out of these opportunities we are going to be lagging farther and farther behind the rest of Virginia.

Allen: I will close the public hearing and turn it back over to the Board. What is your desire?

Bryan: I recommend approval.

Dunnavant: I second.

Allen: Motion to approve and a second. Any more discussion? One other thing, I didn’t look back to make sure but CityScape had added 3 more conditions.

Cobb: All the conditions have been included.

Allen: They are included. I just wanted to make sure. Good enough. Let’s vote. 7 yes. So approved.

Vice Chairman Bryan moved, Supervisor Dunnavant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve Case 18SUP260 USCOC Of Virginia for Telecommunication Tower on Seven Eleven Road with conditions.
Re: Public Hearing: Cae 18SUP261 C&S Retreats LLC Request for a private retreat Rt. 20

Cobb: Yes, this is case 18SUP261. C&S Retreats is the owner applicant. Tax map section 16, Lots 52 and 61 containing 250 acres on S. Constitution Route in the Slate River Magisterial District. The Planning Commission held their public hearing September 24 and is recommending approval with conditions. The applicant is here and would like to make a presentation.

Conditions:

1. That all federal, state and local regulations ordinances and laws be strictly adhered to.
2. The facility shall meet all safety requirements of all applicable building codes.
3. That a building permit shall be obtained within one year of the approval by the Board of Supervisors or this shall be null and void.
4. That a certificate of occupancy for the main building shall be obtained within two years of the issuance of the building permit or this special use permit shall be null and void.
5. That all documentation submitted by the applicant in support of this request becomes a part of the conditions.
6. The facility shall be used for private corporate retreat to include meetings, conferences, receptions, trainings, team exercises and similar such activities. If the owner/applicant wishes to expand the use to activities and events that are open to the public or will meet the definition of “Event” in the Buckingham County Zoning Ordinance then a new permit shall be required.
7. Ample parking for deliveries, employees, customers and guests shall be supplied on premises and no roadway shoulders shall be used.
8. The applicant will pursue a commercial solid waste container and follow the County Solid Waste Ordinance.
9. Exterior lighting will be directed downward and inward to the extent feasible in order to prevent any glare on adjacent properties. Any lighting for surveillance will be at minimum foot candles for visibility and shall be pointed in a down direction.
10. The Virginia Department of Transportation shall approve access to the proposed facility and the applicant will provide all required improvements.
11. All fencing must be properly maintained and in sufficient condition to contain the animals on the subject property.
12. The total occupancy shall not exceed 100 persons.
13. The noise ordinance must be adhered to.
14. In the event that any one or more of the conditions is declared void for any reason whatever such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of the permit, which shall remain in full force and effect, and for this purpose, the provisions of this are hereby declared to be severable.
15. That any infraction of the above mentioned conditions could lead to a stop order and discontinuation of the use, if it be the wishes of the Board of Supervisors.
16. Nothing in this approval shall be deemed to obligate the County to acquire any interest in property, to construct, maintain or operate any facility or to grant any permits or approvals except as may be directly related hereto.

17. The County Zoning Administrator and one other county staff member, as appointed by the County Administrator, shall be allowed to enter the property, with proper notice, if a complaint is registered against the property for noncompliance with this permit. Any complaints not solely related to this permit will be given to the appropriate department or agency.

18. That the applicant(s) understand the conditions and agrees to the conditions.

Snoddy: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board, I am Bob Snoddy as all of you know. It seems my life has been a series of a technical difficulties. This is an application for Special Use Permit by C&S Retreats LLC. Here with me tonight is the construction manager, Mike Hammond and also one of the principles of the company, Charles Wendell. We’ve been before you before and presented to you before. First and foremost we want you to see the project overview. We are not going to hit on every piece of information that’s out there but I do call to your attention there is 254 acres about 5 miles south of James River on Rt. 20 and we are seeking a special use permit to construct at “Private” retreat facility for a series of 23 companies have gone together and they will be sending their employees to relax for lack of a better phrase and enjoy what we enjoy every day. Ride out on 20 over the last month and you can’t help but notice the colors along the road, the blue sky and at night the stars which a lot of these folks that work in town don’t get to see. The retreat as noted on this first page of this overview, once constructed will have meeting once or twice a month with approximately 20-40 individuals participating. Larger events such as Christmas party or something of that nature might bring in as many as 80-100 folks. The capacity of the facilities, the overnight facilities is 20 rooms that could accommodate 40 people. The second page will give you more information that you might be more concerned with monetarily. #1, the cost of the site preparation you see is $900,000. The improvements is $2 million. The facility location is where it will not bother anyone by noise or light or traffic. The construction schedule is as you see it there, Mr. Wendell informed Mike tonight that he would like to see it in place by Christmas 2019. The schedule might be moved up somewhat. In addition to what is being proposed there are two expansions being proposed for the future but we will come back to you all for approval of those. One is a riding ring and the other are docks on 2 of 3 of those ponds. If you recall the three ponds that drop down and level, the bottom 2 will have docks and roads leading to them. The next is a site overview and you will see the plan indicates Rt. 20 on the right hand side and the entranceway at the bottom, the side road to the right is one of the future items, the riding ring that will be added on. Then the main campus of the retreat in the middle and the two docks will be on the two ponds toward the top of the site plan. The primary facility will be built originally on the center left portion of the picture and the overflow parking lot is in the bottom left hand portion of the picture. This is a frontal view of what it will look like. For your information there was some concern about the silhouette overwhelming the surrounding tree line. To accommodate and avoiding the issue we have lowered the site plan, lowered the building level approximately 4 feet. There was initially some concern about the light from the facility and the view of the facility from the back side as far as homes on the backside by that I mean the west side. We have planted since the last meeting 500
cypress trees that will grow from 3-6 feet a year between those houses along the ridge line as a site barrier for the houses back there. We understand from everyone that was here that raised an issue about it that that is an acceptable resolution of the issues they had raised. That’s a rear view of the property. It’s attractive. It’s not overly fancy and there is not a steeple or anything that interrupts the sky view. It’s quite nice. The benefits and concerns. The benefits is obviously tax revenue to the county. Not only tax revenue in the form of tax revenue from real estate and property taxes but tax revenue in the form of sales taxes from the folks in the beginning from construction and people that will be there. The planned staff is not going to be large. Just 2-3 people. Maybe 4. They will be primarily maintenance and security on the property not permanent folks that are there every day. Revenue to local business. We have already put out feelers about the excavation work. It’s going to be considerable because not only will there be excavation of the facility itself but also upgrading and bringing the ponds into compliance with DEQ and other state groups. Also we might add that we are waiting to hear back from the highway department at this time about an approval of what they want us to do on Rt. 20 in terms of a turning lane or no turning lane. There is very good site distance both north and south from this location. Very, Very good. If a turning lane is required, then that would be what’s out there. There was some concern raised and I can’t remember if it was by the Board or the Planning Commission about if we were going to be able to construct this according to the schedule. I think Mr. Wendell is here to speak to that again and he spoke to that the last time we were here and explained to you that these are a number of companies involved and the common thread in all of those companies is Mr. Wendell and his family. They are committed to this and are prepared to move forward and start in December if we get approval tonight and VDOT approval so I don’t think there is any question about it. I think he explained the financial situation last time we were here. If you have questions about that please ask them because we are here to answer anything that you have. It is not going to be used as a hotel. It’s going to be used as a retreat. It will be the employees of the various LLC’s and corporations coming to use the serenity to deflate the stress on their backs in their lives on a normal basis. We hope we have dealt with every issue as far as adjoining owners, light, sound, silhouette and things of those nature as far as the business is concerned. If you do have any questions, we’ll be glad to answer them. We do have one more picture. This is probably the most important. It gives you the distances and setbacks on the adjoining properties. You will see that in each direction from this facility in the center of the property there is a minimum of .28 of a mile distance from Rt 20 and 1/3 mile distance from the rear. There will be cypress screenings and the natural lay of the land, it’s very rolling there and you will probably not be able to see any of the building from Rt. 20. Thank you. Questions?

Allen: Any questions? We will open it up Public Hearing.

David Ball, District 3: Hello David Ball, District 3. Once again, thank you. Quick comment on the local business, because of the location, local business will be Scottsville and I believe that is Albemarle County. That will be the closest Food Lion and gas and restaurants across the river. Will not be here in Buckingham. Just a point of order. My big concern has to do with dam safety. When it was in the ownership of a kin person of yours, they put those ponds in somewhere and the history here of the property is not accurate because 2011-14 is roughly when those 3 ponds were constructed. I remember from going back and forth on 20 to Charlottesville
and seeing it. Also, I had discussed this and it was on the radar on Ken Turner who was the dam safety engineer and I was in the Soil and Water Conservation District which I was part of dam safety work group. So to look at this dam there was never any record as far as when I talked to DCR to show that Mr. Allen had put in for an Agricultural Use application for these ponds so they never got approval. Let me read you the code, it says the purpose for proper and safe design for construction, operation and maintenance of dams for public safety no person or entity shall construct, begin to construct, alter or begin to alter, a pond structure until the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board issues a construction permit or alteration permit. That means you have to go to the state before you can approve it, the state has to approve it because this construction project is going to change the use of the property and is going to impact the application. The ponds that they have doesn’t go to DEQ it goes to DCR and the Soil and Water Conservation Board. So it means they will have to go through state hearings and public hearings and public addresses and they are very strict about the requirements because they are going to have to do an inundation study. If you know the location and where it’s at, where does it flow down to if there is a failure of the dams, it goes to Little Georgia Creek and what’s just down path of that, Rt. 20. Where Little Georgia Creek crosses under Rt. 20 so if you get an inundation flood hit that, it’s likely to do severe damage to Rt. 20 which is a major route north and south from Buckingham to Charlottesville. Now with that consideration too, you also have a community downstream from that inundation zone and that’s Little Georgia Creek Community…

**Allen:** Time is up sir. You all mentioned that you all had to rework the dams?

**Hammond:** As far as those ponds go, we inherited those ponds when we brought the property but the first thing we did was contact the State Water Control Board because there is water that flows through those ponds from 1 to 2 to 3 like you said down towards the Little Georgia Creek. I’ve walked it I don’t know for sure that it’s there. That’s one of the things that’s going to hold the permit up is waiting to hear back from the state to know what we’ve got to do to bring those ponds and dams up to code. Right now we are waiting to hear back from the state to see what we have to do but we are prepared. We are ready to do what we need to do with those. As far as the local businesses, Ali is loving us. That is Buckingham County. That’s where we go to get something to drink, I like that place. The other impact to local businesses is I’m going to do my very best to use all local contractors. I’m trying to find everything I can in Buckingham. I’m not going to Charlottesville unless I have to. So that’s what we are trying to do is trying to spread the wealth to the county. I know about the ponds and again we are going to do everything we have to do. I’m going to stock those ponds. I love fishing. We are going to get them up to code and contact somebody that’s an expert on fishing and see if I can put large and small mouth bass in there, if I have to split them up. That’s our goal. I want it to be nice. We are trying to preserve the frontage there so when you ride down Rt. 20 it looks the same just well cut. I’m not exactly sure if you will see the roof of the building I’ve got a lot of trees I want to plant but I want to clean up the pines there and put a fence up front. When you drive by you will still see Wintergreen in the back. It’s going to look nice. That’s my hope. Thank you.

**Allen:** We will close the public hearing and back to the board.
Chambers: Mr. Chairman, nobody in the district complained about it but one lady and she came back and said she was good about it because of the number of people. They addressed the number of people that are going to be there and she was good with it. I understand what Mr. Ball is saying but he doesn’t live in Slate River District. Nobody in Slate River District has a problem with it. They are excited about it. So with that being said, I make a motion that we approve the special use permit with conditions.

Matthews: Second.

Allen: There’s been a motion made and a second to approve. Any discussion? If not let’s vote. 7 yes. So approved.

Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve with conditions Case 18SUP261 C&S Retreats LLC for a private retreat.

Wendell: Thank you very much.

Re: Public Hearing: 18SUP262 Rebecca Herndon Request for Antique Shop Rt. 15

Cobb: Yes, this is Case 18SUP262 application from Rebecca Herndon for an Antique Shop on tax map section 54, lot 91 containing 6 acres on North James Madison Hwy in the Marshall Magisterial District. The Planning Commission held their public hearing on September 24 and is recommending approval with conditions.

Conditions:

1. That all federal, state and local regulations, ordinances and laws be strictly adhered to.
2. The facility shall meet all safety requirements of all applicable building codes.
3. That commencement of the business shall begin within two years of the approval by the Board of Supervisors or this shall be null and void.
4. That all documentation submitted by the applicant in support of this request becomes a part of the conditions.
5. Ample parking for deliveries, employees and customers shall be supplied on premises and no roadway shoulders shall be used.
6. The applicant will pursue a commercial solid waste container and follow the County Solid Waste Ordinance.
7. Exterior lighting will be directed downward and inward to the extent feasible in order to prevent any glare on adjacent properties. Any lighting for surveillance will be at a minimum foot candles for visibility and shall be pointed in a down direction.
8. The Virginia Department of Transportation shall approve access to the proposed facility and the applicant will provide all required improvements.
9. In the event that any one or more of the conditions is declared void for any reason whatever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of the permit, which shall remain in full force and effect, and for this purpose, the provisions of this are hereby declared to be severable.
10. That any infraction of the above mentioned conditions could lead to a stop order and discontinuation of the use, if it be the wishes of the Board of Supervisors.

11. Nothing in this approval shall be deemed to obligate the County to acquire any interest in property, to construct, maintain or operate any facility or to grant any permits or approvals except as may be directly related hereto.

12. The County Zoning Administrator and one other County staff member, as appointed by the County Administrator, shall be allowed to enter the property, with proper notice, if a complaint is registered against the property for noncompliance with this permit. Any complaints not solely related to this permit will be given to the appropriate department or agency.

13. That the applicant(s) understands the conditions and agrees to the conditions.

Allen: We will open the public hearing.

There was no one signed up to speak.

Bryan: Is the applicant here? Is there anything you guys wish to say?

Mr. Herndon: We just wanted to say that we are excited to come down and do this. My wife has been conducting antique and vintage business for 3 years and we’ve been renting space in Maryland and Pennsylvania. This is the right market. Virginia is a wealth of antiques. People love them down here. We didn’t realize it when we purchased this property that it sits almost center between Gordonsville and Farmville. Two antiquing centers. People don’t want to drive 70 miles from one place to another. But 35, they will do that. We are hoping that it will turn out to be something good for this area. That zone between Dillwyn and Arvonia. It’s getting ready to grow some more. Scottsville, you’ve already seen the growth down there. So we are just extending it and hoping to get ahead of some of the growth and benefit from that and benefit the community. Like the guys from C&S Retreats, we are also contracting with local guys. We talked to a building for our home in Farmville. We talked to an excavator right there in Dillwyn. Trying to get these things done. Moving along.

Allen: We will close the public hearing and turn it back to the Board.

Jones: Mr. Chairman, I recommend approval as submitted by the Planning Commission.

Matthews: Second

Allen: Motion made and a second to approve. Any more questions or discussion? If not let’s vote.

 Supervisor Jones moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve with conditions Case 18SUP262 for Antique shop on Rt. 15.
Re: Presentation: Virginia Information Technology Agency, Next Gen911

Stephanie Mcguffin: I’m Stephanie Mcguffin, Operations Manager of a Division of VITA that oversees 911 and GIS programs in the Commonwealth. As I said Steve Marzolf is the Director and he is usually the one who talks about this, I tell him he’s the one that talks and I’m the one who does the work. I’m going to go through this, I know Jamie Shumaker has given you all a lot of information about what this project means and if you have any questions as I run through please interrupt me and let me know. As in government we talk with acronyms and weird words for things so if I say something that you don’t understand please let me know and we will clear it up for you. I am going to run through and talk a little bit about some of the current limitations that your 911 system has right now. I’ll explain what Next Generation 911 means. Some of the benefits implementation of this new system is going to have for us. Then we are going to review some of the options and recommendations on how to move forward with this. So we are often asked why do we need to implement Next Generation 911? There are a lot of reasons that surround the fact that there are currently limitations in the existing 911 system. The current network utilized technology that is at least 40 years old. It’s analog technology. Right now across the state it operates on 9 independent networks that aren’t connected to each other and can’t talk to each other and that causes us some problems. The biggest problem we see there is you can’t transfer 911 calls to another jurisdiction in some places where they are on another one of those networks and not on our system. You can send it over a ten digit phone line, but when you do that you lose all information about the call. So the person whose called needs to repeat everything they said to the first call taker. Again, that is one of the biggest benefits of the Next Gen System is the ability to transfer calls over the network with data and know to the ability for the citizens to use other devices, text, stream video, send pictures and things like that can’t be done on existing 911 network now but with Next Gen that is some of the benefits of that system. What is Next Generation 911? It’s really the solution to those challenges we talked about a minute ago. It starts with the deployment of an emergency services IP Network. It’s also called ESINet. We used to call it easynet then we figured it out it wasn’t all that easy so it’s a ESINet. This is dedicated to 911 and public safety. It’s going to be used by other PSAPs and 911 Call centers. This is the network that all the 911 traffic and phone calls are going to move along under. Again, this network is going to enhance the network ability across the commonwealth and is going to allow the system to receive calls and information from all the technology devices we use today. Cell phones, laptops, Voiceover internet, take advantage of all these technologies. So currently the migration to Next Gen 911 has begun and is most apparent in Northern Virginia. After a very exhausting RFP process that took about 18 months, Fairfax County has entered into a contract with AT&T to provide these Next Gen 911 services. All of the localities in Northern Virginia, 6 of them total, have signed on to this contract and all move forward with this project and that contract is available to all Virginia localities to use as a contract vehicle to get Next Generation 911 service. We can provide a link to that contract. It is 753 pages long. So it’s a big one. I haven’t read all of it but I have read a lot of it. We feel with the amount of time and effort that Fairfax County put into going through the RFP process, there were 5 different companies that responded to it and again they picked AT&T. The Virginia 911 Services Board is also recommending the use of this contract. We didn’t have the resources within VITA to go through the RFP Process, again there was a contract available. We thought it was done well and the Board is suggesting to use this contract. So one of the things that we’ve done to help local
governments make this decision is we created the Next Generation 911 Deployment Migration Proposal. I believe Mr. Shumaker has shared that with you. We developed one of these for each locality and 911 Center. This document provides information about the AT&T solution. It evaluates your current system and all the equipment you have in your 911 center now. It tells us what needs to be replaced, what’s going to work as is, does the prerequisite work that’s needed within the PSAP and also with the GIS data which we will talk about in a minute. It details the expected costs and associated funding that is going to be provided by the Virginia 911 Board. So one good thing about Fairfax contract it was done by Fairfax for northern Virginia localities but AT&T has included pricing for all the localities in Virginia. So we will know from that contract what your price for services will be. This map and table lays out the proposed deployment schedule. According to the state in an order that was dependent on those 911 selective routers and technology now that knows where to send the call. If someone calls 911 does it go to Buckingham, Albermarle, these selective routers are what determines that and that is what we are talking about those 9 independent networks. They don’t necessarily speak to each other across the state. You see the different colors on this map show there is different selective router regions. It’s a very big undertaking for sure. It needs to be done in a systematic order so that we can manage costs to ensure success in this transition. We have 119 -911 centers across the state well 124 if you include northern Virginia ones. You have to work with each one individually to help them get the equipment and things they need to move this forward. Looking at this map, you see Buckingham is currently proposed for transition in the July to December time frame of 2020. Currently and proposed. This time frame is subject to change. There may be things we run into and work that needs to be done that might shift the time frame a little but right now we feel are on a pretty good track to get this done in the second part of 2020. So I also get asked why do we need to make this change? I hope I explained that a little bit. What are the benefits of the AT&T solution? There are other solution providers out there but again this is the contract that we have in the Commonwealth right now. That migration proposal that I talked to you about, on page 2, it details a lot of the benefits of the AT&T ESINet. This network rides off of 6 data centers distributed across the nation, provides for a lot of that realiability within the system. If one of them goes down somewhere in the country there are 5 others that can pick up the data and traffic and move it along. The system will allow for data transfer among the PSAP’s with all calls. So people who call 911 we talked about before on independent network you don’t get your data and the caller has to repeat everything that going on when they get to the next call taker, with this all the information about the callers location and incident information can be passed across the network. Texting 911, I hear a lot about people being able or not being able to send a text to 911 if they need help. That text 911 service is a base function of the AT&T ESINet. It also has a dedicated operational management and systems network operations center of AT&T and they monitor this system all the time. If something happens and the system go down they will get in touch PSAP, Jamie can tell you sometimes it happens now, call takers are sitting there and they realize our phones haven’t rang in a while, there might be something going on. Sometimes the system goes down, the signal goes down or a backhoe digs up a cable and you are out. This network operations center will monitor that and let PSAP know when something bad is happening. There is also a customer management portal. This is a portal where PSAP can log in and send calls to a different PSAP so say something happens at one of the PSAPS, let’s say my favorite one, Danville, they had a flea infestation one time and they had to evacuate their PSAP while it was being fumagated. They needed to reroute their calls to another PSAP and they had
to get on the phone with Verizon and figure out how to get the calls switched over. It’s a little bit of an undertaking, I’m sure Mr. Shumaker can tell you that. But with this there is a management portal where all those settings can be set up in the system ahead of time and basically it’s going in and clicking on a button and be able to send those calls somewhere else with the data. We talk about to support future media like videos, photos and things like that. So GIS data is essential to the success of the 911 call routing. In the Next Gen environment GIS data of course is all the mapping information for your locality and that is what is going to be used in the Next Gen system, the location of the caller on the map is going to determine which PSAP that calls goes. Accurate GIS information is extremely important. I know Buckingham County has done a lot of work with their GIS data. They are working with a contractor now. They have updated the data a lot. Mr. Shumaker has told me they have done even more work since we wrote this Migration Proposal so we are going to do another analysis of that data and see where it stand now. But you’ve done a lot of good work with the GIS data and we feel it’s in good shape to move forward with this. Now we will talk about money. I don’t know if that’s good or bad but we are going to talk about money. In the Migration Proposal we identified all the equipment and systems that are going to need to be upgraded or replaced to deal with the NextGen911 network. The funding $210,000 for Buckingham County is all going to be provided by the Virginia 911 Services Board. There is also some connectivity, some fiber, that’s going to be put in. In this project we do what’s called Reverse Redundant Fiber to each PSAP which means there are fiber connections that come from two different locations and they come into the building at two different locations. That way as we talked about before of the backhoe digging a hole and cutting your fiber, if it cuts one line, you still have another one where traffic can go through. So Reverse Redundant Fiber is essential to this project as well. As we transition PSAP off the existing network, there are still some charges that CenturyLink will have in place for still routing those calls in the interim. Some PSAPS will switch over and some will still be on the old network so during that time of transition there are going to be some legacy costs for Buckingham County and that is $2473. That covers a six month time span so that six month time span is the same as the deployment window so we are hoping to have everyone that’s on that one network switched over in six months and after the legacy costs will go away. So those costs as well will be covered by the Virginia 911 Services Board. There are monthly recurring charges so right now every month you pay CenturyLink for 911 service that they provide now. In the future if we decide to go with the AT&T solution, you will be paying AT&T for those charges. There is a difference for those costs. For most localities across the Commonwealth, Next Gen 911 is more expensive. It’s more reliable than the current system we have. It is a better system so you have to pay for better sometimes. It is a bit more. I think Steve calls this the bad news side, but it doesn’t look to bad for you all. Currently, right now, you pay about $2945 a month for 911 service from CenturyLink and this is based on the current number of land line subscribers that you have in the county. The proposed AT&T monthly charge is a not to exceed $4461. So that was the price that was in that Fairfax County contract. It will not go higher than that. We have some that the price decreased for some localities. It might not but it won’t go higher than that.

Matthews: What causes it to decrease?
Mcguffin: The cost of the circuits and all that. Just the cost of the network. Sometimes technology decreases in price. This is a difference in cost of about $1500 a month. So we know that in some places this is kind of new to you and you haven’t had time to plan for that, so the 911 Services Board is going to cover that expense, the $1516.26 for a 24 month period and that is to give you all time to plan and budget over that two years.

Bryan: After we come up online?

Mcguffin: Yes. These charges doesn’t start until AT&T flips the switch and the calls come in over the network.

Matthews: How do you know what it’s going to be over that 24 month period of time? It might not be $1500 a month. Is that correct?

Mcguffin: The difference may not be. It will be hopefully less but it will not be more.

Dunnavant: It’s guaranteed not to exceed this.

Mcguffin: The AT&T costs will not exceed $4,461.31.

Dunnavant: With this service, I don’t know if you would know so I’m going to ask you and Jamie, if we had had this service in effect, would it had remedied the situation that recently happened with the lady in Scottsville?

Shumaker: Not necessarily remedy it.

Dunnavant: As far as her not gettign switched around and back and forth, it would have gone in and made it to the right place and help might have gotten there in time?

Shumaker: So, that call would have still been routed to Buckingham County. But at that point the dispatcher was transferring that call to Scottsville. With this system, the information about the call would have been automatically transferred and saved a little bit of time.

Dunnavant: So it would have improved the odds of that being a successful outcome.

Shumaker: It could have if the scenario played out and transferred the call.

Matthews: That was a dispatchers problem. This will eliminate that scenario of human error where if the call is transferred all the information is going to be there so we are taking care of that situation.

Shumaker: Yes, that’s what we are saying.

Mcguffin: Now is time to make a decision to figure out where our path is going to be. We’ve given you the migration proposal that outlines everything about Buckingham County and what
needs to be done here to move it on to the Next Gen 911 System. You have that existing Fairfax County contract. All 700 pages of it if you want to have your attorney or procurement officer look at that, we will get you a link to that. We talked about the funding available from the 911 Services Board. In order to get that funding you have to accept the Migration Proposal and put it the Proposal Acceptance Letter. That services as your funding request. Ok. The information in the Migration Proposal is very good and the pricing is pretty certain but things can change. Deployment is not for 2 years from now. So if something were to come up in the future you can always ask for an amendment to that funding request that you’ve got. If something happens, the costs goes up or a piece of equipment at the PSAP goes down or needs a bigger upgrade in a couple years, we can look at covering that cost and amending your original funding request. After you put in for your funding and the Board approves that funding and you start talking to AT&T and enter into a participation agreement with AT&T if that’s how you decide you want to move on. I keep saying if that is how you want to move because this is a local decision. It is up to you how you proceed with Next Gen 911. We know the technology is changing and the current network will eventually go away and we don’t want to be as an industry of 911 the last people on a analog network and have to pay the price to Centurylink or Verizon to keep that network functioning when we are the only one’s using. Eventually everyone is going to have to get off that system and on to the Next Gen system. How you do that and who you do that with is your decision. We are recommending use of this contract with AT&T and that is what this Migration Proposal is based on. If another procurement vehicle becomes available, for example, Virginia Beach is talking about putting out an RFP for the service and going through the same process of review. They told us in May it was going to be out and its still not out, so I don’t know what the time frame is on that but if another contract vehicle becomes available and you want to look at that as a different option, we will look at that as an option Migration Proposal again and put that price in the Migration Proposal and you would have some availability to look at those two choices. Right now, nothing else is existing that we can do this with. You may search for somethings yourself. I have heard that Houston Texas Council have some contract that you may be able to use. Our procurement people told us that us as the state could not use that contract but I don’t know what happens if someone else uses it.

**Bryan:** If I hear you correctly you said if we enter into this today, then if Virginia Beach comes out with a cheaper method then you will renegotiate with us?

**Mcguffin:** If you want us to, yes. We will do an evaluation based on that contract and come back and tell you about cost and everything associated with that.

**Bryan:** From what I understand, this is going to get upgraded. It’s not a choice, the 911 system has to be upgraded.

**Mcguffin:** It will happen eventually one way or another. General Assembly did pass legislation at the last session that by July 1 2023 every 911 PSAP in Virginia was going to transition over to the Next Gen network.

**Matthews:** What is your take Mr. Shumaker? What is your recommendation?
**Shumaker:** My recommendation is to definitely go with this AT&T system. They have done a lot of work to get this contract. It’s a good solution. They have a good product.

**Dunnavant:** If I heard right, the state is going to reimburse us the difference between what we are spending now and what the new system costs for the first 24 months and with during that period that this is being implemented and the price comes down through invotions in technology we will still reap the benefits of that price reduction.

**Bryan:** Jamie, the most we will pay is $1500 currently more than what we are paying now for a better system anyway?

**Shumaker:** Yes sir.

**Matthews:** Can’t go over $4400

**Dunnavant:** That is not happening for two years from now.

**Mcguffin:** You have some time to plan for that but I will say with the numbers of what you pay now compared to AT&T, you are in a good position. There are some localities that are only paying a couple hundred dollars a month somehow for their 911 service and quadrople in some cases for some people. So there are some differences across the state. So for that 24 month period that’s about $36,000 that we will be covering the difference for you. Another thing to think about is if you go through this process and you get your funding and you sign the participation agreement with AT&T to start moving forward, there is still work that can be done in the 911 center. Mr. Shumaker is needing to upgrade his handline equipment that is in the 911 center. There is funding in this document to help pay for that. $210,000, it’s in that money to help pay for that system upgrade. You can start doing that work now. That is money that we are going to provide you. The part about putting in the fiber and the cost of that activity is going to be a little further down the road. If another contract vehicle comes out or you change your mind and there is another solutions provider or something, we haven’t done anything yet that will cause AT&T to send you a bill, you can terminate that agreement with AT&T with a 30 day notice. There is a 30 day termination clause in the contract. If you have done something with AT&T that costs money and they send you a bill for it and you still want out of it you are going to have to pay the bill. Again, there is the option if something else comes along, there is a 30 day termination.

**Dunnavant:** One last question, I’m assuming if we don’t act tonight it’s not going to affect anything? Do we need that tonight or can we sit until next month and give everybody time to absorb this information.

**Bryan:** The way funding is distributed in the state, I read the state budget forecast it does not look good for 2019 once again. We have funding available right now and it’s guaranteed from what I understand right now but may not be in 2020.
**Mcguffin:** One good thing about our funding source, the $0.75 a month we pay tax on our cellphone, that is the money that we receive that is part of that funding. So that all comes to us if the state, this project statewide is a $53 million project and we have the money now. We do have revenue coming in with that $0.75 to actually cover this as the cost goes on so we are not affected by some budget things that happen in the state because this is a dedicated funding source.

**Shumaker:** Of the $210,000 is $148,000 for an equipment upgrade. The state has limited us $150,000 for wiring upgrade. If we sign before December 31st, our cost remains at $148,000. If we sign after December 31st, the cost goes up $20,000. So now we are on the hook for an additional $20,000. So if you sign before December 31, you save $20,000.

**Dunnvant:** The reason I asked about next month is because we had spoken at one time never when we were presented with a new funding request would we act on it on the same night that we get it but if we were in favor on it we would do it the next month.

**Carter:** That is for items that are not on the agenda. This was on the agenda.

**Dunnvant:** So we wouldn’t step outside our policy if we act tonight.

**Mcguffin:** So this is part of our grant program to give out this money. We used to have a certain time period that you had to get all your grant request in but because of the deployment schedule of this and how it’s rolling across the state, our request for funding have a date. So the next time people can put in a funding request, you have to have them in to us by November 26th so our Board can consider them at our January 10th meeting. With the deal the Mr. Shumaker has been offered to save $20,000 you would have to make a decision now because we are not going to give money to someone who hasn’t committed to moving forward with us so you have to put in your funding request and participation agreement before we give you the money so to speak. You have to make a decision and be dedicated to moving forward with it. I have some of our board’s guiding principles. First 911 is an essential local service and the jobs we do is we address all of 911 not just Next Gen. Mr. Shumaker can tell you that. Some of the grants he’s gotten are some things that we’ve had. So we look all of 911. The system that’s in place now is going to be there for a number of years and we have to make sure that’s supported as well. We’ve been out and about talking to people and having meetings for 18 months or so now to make sure everyone is engaged and understands what’s happening. We are going to make darn sure that the service is not degraded. No one is going to be less able to reach 911 and it will be much improved. Doing nothing is not an option. There is legislation in place now and we really need to be making decisions and moving forward with this project.

**Allen:** Thank you maam. Mr. Wright, do you have anything to add to that?

**Wright:** I haven’t been asked to review it.

**Allen:** We have 30 days to turn it down if we don’t like it.
Matthews: November 26th date, what was that about?

Mcguffin: That is the deadline to send in your funding request to us.

Dunnavant: It’s December 26th.

Mcguffin: No, it’s November 26th.

Dunnavant: So it’s happening before we have another meeting.

Matthews: We have 30 days to get out of it.

Dunnavant: If we don’t do it now its going to cost us at least $20,392 more.

Mcguffin: If you are able to put in your funding request by November 26th that shows us that you are dedicated to moving forward. Mr. Shumaker can get to the contract with CenturyLink for that equipment which is fine to do. Then at the January 10th Board meeting is when they will approve the funding requests. Then after that time you have 90 days to sign the participation agreement. You can do it before that but if you do this process now and get your funding request in that will allow him to start on your call handling equipment purchase at that price.

Dunnavant: I would be in favor of doing tonight. It’s on the agenda so it doesn’t violate us.

Bryan: We can always back out if we don’t use the funding is what I understand but at least we are locked in. I move that we move forward and sign the agreement and have the county attorney in the interim look at the paperwork. We can always back out of it as long as we don’t lose any funding. At least we are locked in and it’s not going to cost us $20,000 more.

Allen: Motion made and seconded to approve with the attorney looking at it. Lets vote. 6 yes 1 abstain.

Vice Chairman Bryan moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded to approve to sign the funding request and have county attorney look at contract paperwork. This motion passed with a 6-1 vote with Supervisor Jones abstaining.

Mcguffin: Thank you for your time and if you have any questions in the future we can put your attorney in touch with the Fairfax County procurement officer if they have any questions. Thank you for your time.
Re: Presentation: Kelly Jones Snoddy, Peter Francisco Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Update

Snoddy: Good evening. The Peter Francisco Soil and Water Conservation District has requested time tonight just to update you on what we’ve been doing over the past year. So for those in the audience that don’t know who we are, a little background of how we are governed. We are governed by an elected board of directors for the counties of Buckingham and Cumberland. Our directors that live in Buckingham are James McDaniel Jr. and Kevin Dunn. Barbara Teeple as an appointed director. Jennifer Liggon is our director representative from Virginia Cooperative Extension office and Ruth Wallace is an associate director. Our directors in Cumberland are Todd Smith and Terry Seal. They are our chairman and vice chairman. Associate directors are Vertie Mae Jamerson and Amber Anderson and Linda Eanes from Cumberland Extension office. Staff in our office is Sherry Ragland, District Manager; Elise Corbin is our Education Specialist and Emily Gibbs is our TMDL Urban/Septic Specialist and I am the Conservation Specialist. We have various programs and provide cost share assistance in conservation practices that are geared toward improving water quality. So our program is broken down into 3 areas. Agricultural, residential and urban. All those areas have different pots of money and different programs. A lot of acronyms. We have the Virginia Agricultural cost share program, the Slate River TMDL program, the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program. We also partner with Farm Service Agency, Conservation Enhancement Program and we partner with Natural Resource Conservation Service and Regional Conservation Partnership program. All of those cover agricultural practices. As of right now the total amount of funding that has been approved for projects this fiscal year is approximately $330,000. This covers both counties. Going in on the ground, under contract or construction as of today is about 25 agricultural projects. That covers the ones that applied and haven’t been approved yet and the ones that were approved this year with new funding. My list is down to now 2 projects. That’s really exciting. Pictures that you see before you are examples of some of the practices that we have concentrated on last year. Residential program is administered through the Slate River TMDL Water Shed Septic Financial Assistance Program. This funding is available to help home owners pay for 50% of the cost of septic system pumpouts and repairs. Some residents may be eligible for up to 90% depending on income levels. We educate citizens about proper septic system care and about the environment and the impacts of failing septic systems. In fiscal year 2019, which is July 1 of this year to November 8th, we’ve approved 17 pumpouts, 3 repairs and 1 alternative system totally $25,000 in financial assistance. This grant runs to December 31st of this year. We have reapplied and are hoping to hear back so we will see as they say when you are asking for grant monies. Emily Gibbs is in charge of this program right now and we are sharing her with Piedmont Soil and Water which is in Nottoway, Amelia, and Prince Edward. So she comes around and helps us out. We have an urban cost share program and this incentivizes the installation of features that will reduce residential and urban storm water. So these practices can be in small areas where storm water discharges cause erosion and poor drainage. We do not have a lot of urban but it’s really big kick in the cities. This is mainly for noncommercial, nonag properties and only the Chesapeake Bay Watershed that drain to North Carolina are not eligible. It’s grant based only. We have a backlog and they have allocated all the grant they have right now for the State of Virginia and they have a waiting list. Emily and I just met with our first hopeful applicant. They have a lot of run off in their yard, a lot of drainage and a lot of backup
issues. Worst year for rain. It is very interesting for us to learn how to help. We are currently learning to design a rain garden. A little different from our water system and river. We do provide service for erosion and sediment control plan review for the county and so far working with Rebecca Cobb and Lyn Hill I’ve reviewed 3 plans and today they brought me another one. With our education, in addition to our conservation planning and cost share programs, we have education programs. So upon school and teacher requests we provide conservation education programs to complement the SOL. We also partner with other agencies during programs. Our local state parks, Holiday Lake 4-H Center, Game department, Cooperative Extension 4-H, forestry, Farm Service Agency. Elise Corbin, our education coordinator, puts out a packet and you can go on our website and look up and find out which grade, what we offer for each grade, activities supervised for them. An erosion experiment with the kids where they eat Skittles. The top right picture we just worked with a math teacher in the high school to take the entire 9th grade out on her farm and we did rotational stations where we taught them, yes, we are leaning how to do this is school. We had an engineering station and a tree measuring station so it’s very math and science oriented. We have a lot of different partners coming in for it. They had 9 different stations that day. We also offer annual college scholarships in both counties. We have two students from each county this year. Our Buckingham Scholarships went to Tiyyahna Grammer, daughter of Katherine Grammer. She is attending UVA and majoring in Environmental Science and Brandon Womack son of Michael and Christy Womack and he’s attending Liberty University and majoring in Environmental Biology. In Cumberland our scholarships went to Charles Cruggs son of Todd and Glenda Grubbs, he’s attending Virginia Tech and majoring in Business, Engineering and Law minor. Caylor Scales who is the daughter of Dr. Jeffrey and Olinga Scales who is attending UVA and is majoring in Pre-Veterinary Medicine and Biological Science. We offer scholarships for students who attend Youth Conservation Camp and Forestry Camp. The District supports local high schools students in participating in Envirothon Competition. It’s a natural resource competition where high school students are tested on soils, forestry, aquatic wildlife, and environmental issues. They do an oral presentation where they solve a real life problem. For the 2018 competition we were represented by a team from Buckingham and Cumberland. Both teams are now gearing up for the 2019 competition. The actual competition will be in the spring and their coaches are attending a training this Saturday. The District partnered with Virginia Cooperative Extension in Buckingham and Cumberland for two different camps. One was our Watershed Exploration in the spring. This was for 6th grade for students who participated in our watershed education last year. From that they had to write an essay and from the essays they selected eight children from Buckingham and eight from the Cumberland to get a scholarship to attend our Watershed Exploration Camp. The highlight from that camp were a field trip to Chesapeake Bay Foundation at the Brock Environmental Center where they boarded a boat and performed water quality monitoring and trawled for fish and pulled up crap and eel pots. They toured an aquarium and did an oyster program with the Virginia Science Center. They did fossil digging at York River State Park. In September we followed up with students that did 6th grade with and took them on a trip. We are teaching them all about the watershed and how we affect downstream with what’s upstream. We had 38 participants of Cumberland and Buckingham students. They stayed in cabins in Millsboro and camping and hiking at Delthia State Park, water quality monitoring in Irongate, and Natural Bridge. So they had a wonderful time. The District Office sponsored a field trip for Cumberland and Buckingham biology students to go to the Chesapeake Bay foundation.
from October 30th when the Cumberland students attended. The Buckingham students got rained out and had to reschedule so they won’t go until November 26. The basics of the trip was the Brock Environmental Center where they toured wetlands and boarded a boat and did water quality monitoring and crap and eel potting. New this year Central Virginia Christian School is participating the district for the watershed educational experience. They are 6th graders. Elise has been in the school teaching them about watershed, biological water monitoring and also erosion experiences with them. We also work with school art teachers to have a conservation poster contest. This year the theme was Watersheds, Our Water Our Home. I’ll show you the pictures of the poster contest 1st place winners. We have some very talented young people out there. We also hold our adult education side at our conservation award dinner. We hosted our Spring Awards Dinner in May.

Dam maintenance this year, man it’s been wet. All the dams have been mowed, general maintenance has been performed twice on them. They’ve had their annual inspections completed. We are in the process of trying to begin some projects we’ve gotten grant funding for.

In February we held a tabletop exercise for emergency planning. We had both Buckingham and Cumberland’s Emergency Services Personnel, VDOT, all the important players at the table that day.

This year has been the wettest year we’ve seen in a long time. Our annual rainfall averages 43 inches a year and we’ve seen 50 inches already according to National Weather Service. These watershed dams were built for the rain we saw with Hurricane Michael and Florence came through. They look good. They are doing what they are supposed to do.

The soil and water districts across the state we’ve all been really interested in our emergency action plan and how thing work. With these storms, I’ve been in contact with the Emergency Services with both counties. I’m in the process of revamping our format. Once I get it to my satisfaction I’ll get it to talking more about our next steps on that.

That sums up our activity. If you have any questions, I’ll take them. If not, I hope we will continue working good together and keep a good relationship. You can always come visit us anytime.

Re: Presentation: Southside Pregnancy Support Center, Kathy Holsopple

Holsopple: I am Kathy Holsopple and I’m with Southside Pregnancy Support Center in Farmville and now in Dillwyn as well and Appomattox. We have a satellite office there as well. I just wanted to introduce you to who we are and what we do. I’ll be brief because I know it’s getting late and there is a lot going on tonight. We are a nonprofit dedicated to helping pregnant and parenting women and men and children. We cover eight counties and Buckingham is one of those counties. We just thought we needed to look a little further than just an office in Farmville because people have transportation issues particularly as we live in rural communities. So looking at these things I’m trying to figure our where to start and how to do things. We came to
Buckingham and started getting to know and introducing ourselves to community members. Some of the community members we introduced outself to was Ellis Acres and they very graciously offered us space so we can open a satellite office there. We are very happy. We opened that satellite office in September. So let me just tell you a little bit about who we are. I have some brochures I’ll give you in a little bit. I’ve already said who we are. But all of our services are free to whoever comes in the door or calls for an appointment. Some of the services we offer are pregnancy testing, prenatal care and infant care classes, baby clothes and supplies, parenting classes, assistance and referrals, post-abortion support and the character development program in the middle school this year. It’s our first of that as well. We are open on Tuesday’s from 12-5 at Ellis Acres. Just one day so far. We’ll see how that goes and see how that works out. Right now it’s working out very well. So how can we help Buckingham residents? We provide services and support and material goods that are not provided in this community by other organizations. Some things that we do I’m sure are available in other places but things like parenting classes and material goods that are free to people who need it for children and babies, those kinds of things we bring into the community and help people with. So far as of January we’ve served 12 clients. 8 mothers and 4 fathers. That doesn’t include the children. Beyond that the children will probably come too, 12-15 children on top of that. The extended family. Since September when we opened our doors we’ve had 32 appointments, 10 classes, 11 visits to our boutique, we’ve shared 16 concepts, had one pregnancy test and and made 2 community referrals. We’ve also given out 34 dozen diapers, 27 items of baby clothing, 10 packages of diaper wipes, and 12 other baby items. Most have heard of us from a friend. Two have been referrals and one was a walkin. Future benefits for Buckingham, we feel that by providing information we help clients make informed decisions and that’s what we want them to be able to do. I think we all need more information to make a good decision about anything about our lives. We help improve outcomes for pregnancy by sharing information and classes, referrals and baby supplies. We help improve outcomes for children through parenting classes, referrals and giving parenting skills. Some of the people who come in for parenting classes are mandated by courts or social services and referred to us that way. We also connect clients to local churches for a level of support for them and their families as well. What we need and how you can help? Buckingham can help us. Spread the word. That’s why I brought the brochures. If you know somebody whose pregnant or parenting and need some help, that would be great. We do need a male advocate for the males that come in. We have well trained women that have been well trained to work with our clients but we still need a male advocate for fathers that come in on their own. Donations of baby goods and funding and I’d like to invite you to come visit our center. The best time for us would probably be Tuesday between 11 and 12 before our clients come. We like to keep their visits confidential. It’s their time. I’m really thankful for this opportunity to speak to you about the pregnancy support center and the benefit we bring to Buckingham County residents and we are really hoping that we can be put in the supervisors budget again this year. Thank you. Do you have any questions?

**Matthews:** I know we’ve funded you in the past. Just curious have any other counties picked up, like Prince Edward. Have they done any funding?

**Holsopple:** This is my first year being here and as of my understanding I don’t believe the former director requested any funding from other communities. I think it was a plan to but the
director left to do other things she needed to do. It is my intention particularly as we move into satellite offices to approach the Board of Supervisors in each community to ask for help for the services we do. We do not charge anything to our clients.

Matthews: I understand that. In years past when we did do the funding the office was located in Farmville and now there is one in Buckingham and it is very important to us. It’s showing you want to service the citizens of Buckingham County.

Holsopple: Absolutely.

Matthews: How many days a week are you in the Farmville office now?

Holsopple: Right now, Farmville we have 3 days that we have appointments. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Friday people can walk in but we don’t set appointments that day. Monday’s are administrative day.

Matthews: Since you are a nonprofit organization funding would be donations?

Holsopple: Donations. Yes. People support and we do a couple fund raisers as well.

Matthews: Thank you for your support and what you do. We appreciate it.

Dunnavant: For the record, I don’t advocate spending county money on these organizations but I do fund you privately myself with donations and I encourage everybody to do that because it’s my choice to support you with my money. Personally, I do not believe that it should be our choice to support you with taxpayers money. I encourage everybody to support you privately like you do but not with the taxpayers money that’s meant for other things. That’s my piece on it and I’m coming to your next benefit too.

Holsopple: Thank you very much. I appreciate that.

Allen: We will take a ten minute break.

Re: Zoning Matters: Introduction: 18SMA264 Zoning Text Amendment for Turkey Houses

Cobb: This is case 18ZMA264 Owner/appliant Mr. Joel Steinruck tax map section 51 Lot 7 containing 115 acres on Sharon Church Road in the Slate River Magisterial District. The Planning Commission held their public hearing and is recommending approval with conditions. Tonight I am just asking that you schedule a public hearing as well.

Condition:
1. That all federal, state and local regulations, ordinances and laws be strictly adhered to including but not limited to obtaining an Nutrient Management Plan and Erosion and Sediment Control Plan prior to installation of any new intensive Agriculture Facility.

2. That all documentaiton submitted by the applicant in support of this request becomes a part of the conditions except that any such documentation that may be inconsistent with these enumerated conditions shall be superseded by these conditions.

3. Nothing in this approval shall be deemed to obligate the County to acquire any interest in property, to construct, maintain or operate any facility or to grant any permits or approvals except as may be directly related hereto.

4. In the event that any one or more of the conditions is declared void for any reason whatever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of the permit, which shall remain in full force and effect, and for this purpose, the provisions of this are hereby declared to be severable.

5. That any infraction of the above mentioned conditions could lead to a stop order and discontinuation of the rezoning approval if it be the wishes of the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors.

6. The County Zoning Administrator and one other County staff member, as appointed by the County Administrator, shall be allowed to enter the property with proper notice, if a complaint is registered against the property for noncompliance with this permit. Any complaints not solely related to this permit will be given to the appropriate department or agency.

7. That the applicant(s) understands the conditions and agrees to the conditions.

Allen: Does anyone have anything to add? Anyone want to make a motion to move it to public hearing?

Bryan: I move that we set the public hearing for 10th of December.

Chambers: Second.

Allen: We have a motion and a second to move to public hearing. Any discussion? Let’s vote. 7 yes. So moved.

Vice Chairman Bryan moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to schedule a public hearing to hear public input on Case 18ZMA264 Joel Steinruck for turkey houses for December 10, 2018.

Re: Floodplain Request Follow-up

Cobb: Yes, the floodplain request from ACP as you recall came in back in February and we hired KCI to review that and there was some back and forth, meetings and conversations between them for that review. KCI has provided you with their review. ACP has also provided sort of a rebuttle. It is there for your review. I am asking that you consider scheduling a public hearing for the ACP request.
Dunnavant: I went to the Homestead conference over the weekend and I looked up and conversed with Kathy Hoverman, PE, Senior Project manager with KCI Technologies. She explained to me the issue with Nelson and the reasoning for that. I spoke to her on some verbage that we can include on the conditions on the variance which seemed to make her happy and she would be comfortable with that so by next month if we get that verbage hammered out between you and Mr. Wright and we will be able to proceed on with this and all the issues will be addressed and all the parties within our county at least will be satisfied. I don’t know what more to say about it.

Allen: Do you want to make a motion to move it on to public hearing with the …

Dunnavant: With the incorporation of what we need put in there yes.

Bryan: That’s my motion Mr. Chairman.

Cobb: I would just like to ask Mr. Dunnavant get me his language so I can take a look at it and Mr. Wright and I can…

Dunnavant: I will get that to you directly. I just don’t want to put it out here and stumble through it without it being written out nicely.

Allen: Motion made and second to move it to public hearing with new verbage that we don’t know right at this time.

Wright: Just send it to public hearing and we will get some things ironed out before then.

Allen: Any discussion? Lets vote. 7 yes.

Vice Chairman Bryan moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to schedule a public hearing regarding the Floodplain variance with ACP for December 10, 2018.

Re: Consider nominations to the Board of Assessors

Allen: I’ve got a couple more no’s.

Chambers: Carolyn Davis would like to serve on it.

Bryant: I have one too. Gary Farrish. He said he would serve on either one.

Carter: We need some on Board of Assessors. Congratulations, I think we’ve got both committees filled. If you want to put more you can.

Allen: Do you need a vote?
Carter: We need a motion.

Allen: We have a motion to add Carolyn Davis and Gary Farrish to the Board of Assesors. Any discussion? Let’s vote.

Carter: I will clarify that you make the appointment to the Board of Assesors. You make nominations to the Judge of Circuit Court for the Board of Equalization.

Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Carolyn Davis and Gary Farrish to the Board of Assesors.

Re: Consider reappointment or appointment to the Planning Commissio-New Canton Precinct

Jones: Mr. Chairman, I would like to reappoint Johnny Bickford to the Planning Commisison as the New Canton representative.

Allen: Do you want to make a motion? Motion made and a second to reappoint Johnny Bickford. Any discussion? Lets vote. 7 yes so approved.

Supervisor Jones moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to reappoint Johnny Bickford to the Planning Commission.

Re: Finance Committee: Consider additional appropriation to the Comprehensive Services

K. Carter: Yes sir Mr. Chairman. I’ll take that one. In your packet you should have gotten a letter from me regretting to inform you that the 2018 CSA budget was overspent by $54,136. For FY18 we saw CSA expenses total $1,622,877 and revenues equal $1,568,741. Of the $1.6 million in expenses $1,598,384 were mandated expenses leaving most of the remaining $24,000 in expenses for administrative costs to oversee the program. The CSA budget has not increased in the past few years and with the cost of Medicaid, the state has cut back on what they reimburse localities for, during the budget process we may have to look at increasing the budget or leave it at level funding and have CSA come back to you when a situation comes up. This is the first time since 2014 that CSA has needed additional funds to balance it’s budget. In 2014, it was coincidence the amount was $53,000 which is similar to the $54,000 for tonight. Once again I must say that of the $1,622,000, $1,568,000 were mandated expenses. So I’m asking you guys tonight to consider transferring $54,136 from the General Fund to the CSA fund to bring their budget into balance.

Bryan: So moved Mr. Chairman.

Chambers: Second.

Allen: Motion made and second to transfer $54,136.
Bryan: I have a comment. Just to let you know Karl recently there is legislation that says that pertaining to CSA no private school can raise their tuition more than 2% effective 2019. So that’s one of the state’s, I guess you could say remedies to try to control CSA. They know that it is spiraling very fast, the cost and they are looking at a savings of about $10 million based on that. Also did you get the email from Karen that the Office of Children’s Services the two computers are not talking. I talked to Senator Deeds and Senator Favola about that and hopefully they will be interceeding on our behalf to try to find a remedy for the computer systems talking to each other a little quicker because it does tie up local funds. I explained that to her. That’s just a drop in the bucket for us. I can imagine what it is for a huge CSA area like Fairfax or Arlington or somewhere like that area. You are probably talking about $100,000’s or more. At least they are aware of it.

Carter: Karl and I talked about it a little and it hasn’t had any affect on us now.

Allen: Any more discussion? If not let’s vote. 7 yes.

Vice Chairman Bryan moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve to transfer $54,136 from General Fund to CSA Fund for FY2018.

Re: Finance: Appropriation of Four for Life Funds in the amount of $15,605.20

K. Carter: This is good news. We are getting this money from the state. We get this money annually with the help of Mrs. Lann filling out the paperwork, but Four for Life stipulates that four additional dollars be charged and collected at the time of registration of each passenger vehicle, pickup and panel truck. The Department of Health then returns 26% of those registration fees collected back to the locality when registered. These funds are to be used for emergency medical services only. For the Fiscal year March 2017 through February 2018, Buckingham has received $15,605.20. I ask that the Board appropriate these funds to 4-100-32300-7009 to be paid to the Buckingham County Volunteer Rescue Squad. It comes from the state and goes right back out.

Bryan: Karl I have a question. If we take this $15,605.20 and allocate it where it’s supposed to be allocated can we then reduce our allocation to offset it to where the county is really receiving the money but it’s saving the taxpayers. Do you understand what I mean?

K. Carter: You want to reduce the amount the Board gives, yes you can. As long as they get this amount, we are straight.

Bryan: They are still getting the same amount that we allocated, it’s just a wash of funds where this money is going to where it’s supposed to be going but the taxpayers are already...

K. Carter: Getting the benefit from it.
Carter: You can do that. Some have said, the squad said they have budgeted this money. They get it every year.

Bryan: How do you know it’s budgeted when it’s not there? I mean this is…

Carter: They get it every year.

Matthews: Do they get the same amount?

K. Carter: It’s not the same amount.

Carter: Maybe they anticipated. That’s a better word. Yes, the Board can do as you please on that. This money has to go to the squad but yall can reduce your appropriation if you care to.

Dunnavant: Mr. Matthews, you are on the committee looking into the rescue squad finances. Do you think we should give this money directly to them or put it in an escrow account that yall are looking after?

Carter: We have to give this to them.

Allen: It’s stipulated as to what its used for.

Carter: You all have not released any money this fiscal year yet.

Matthews: Let’s say this. The rescue squad is making a lot of progress and they have a lot of changes happening right now. There have been a lot of changes over the last year. Just as an overview of what’s happening. They were using a billing company that hasn’t quite been doing what’s expected of it as far as getting money back into the rescue squad. They are kind of on hard times as far as volunteers. They are having a hard time getting people to volunteer in the rescue squad. The people they are trying to get have to be certified so there’s a time frame in all this stuff. We’ve given them a lot of information to try to better their organization as far as financial. As a board we’ve done our part. We’ve listened to what they have and made some suggestions and they are trying to get their membership and by-laws erected and to a point where we feel good about it. They still have money in the rescue squad to last them about 2 more months. Starting January 1st they are going with another billing company which that company is used by DRT which is our paid staff and they’ve had a lot of great results. DRT has with collections and certain things. We are not going to see a lot of improvement in the next month or two but after than. We’ve seen improvement with their cost recovery in the last 6 months. There’s been a lot of improvement and this is something that we have to provide to the citizens of Buckingham County. The one’s in this organization have done a good job. They’ve got some improvements that they have to do like selling a few vehicles and that’s going to be able to affect them to get another new vehicle. There are a lot of things in the fire right now and they are trying to hash these things and getting assistance from DRT whose getting them pointed in the right direction. I think it’s been a lot of change. They’ve got election of officers coming up soon so we may see more change in the next month or two. I expect them to do a better job.
I’ve seen evidence of that. They’ve got a little bit more to go to where we want them to be. We are not releasing any of the $195,000 we have earmarked for them. This is something outside of that realm. They still need to operate guys. I’m not trying to plead their case or sway you one way or another but I think they need this money because they have things they need to pay. They are showing progress and that’s my overview of what’s going on. Maybe Mrs. Carter will have something.

Carter: They’ve been operating on cost recovery and donations. Not any local money. If you read this page there, it’s mandatory this money go to them.

Bryan: I’m not saying not to give them the money. They will still be receiving the $195,000 allocated by the county in the budget but there will be no more than $195,000.

Matthews: I’m going out on a limb and say we need to appropriate this money in addition to the $195,000 but not release it yet. That’s down the road. They still have a few more hoops to jump through to satisfy the finance committee and once they do those I think it’s going to be on the upturn. We need more volunteers and I’m pleading with anyone in the crowd, that department with anything you can do for them. Even if you are not running calls, they need bodies up there that can do other things. If you can help them it will be very appreciated.

Allen: Anybody want to make a motion to give this money that we have to give.

Matthews: I make a motion.

Dunnavant: I’ll second.

Allen: We’ve got a motion to give the $15,605.20 and a second. Any discussion? Let’s vote. 7 yes.

*Supervisor Matthews moved, Supervisor Dunnavant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appropriate the $15,605.20 from Four for Life to give to the Buckingham County Rescue Squad.*

Re” Utilities Committee Recommendation regarding pruchase of property and easements for the Sprouse’s Corner Sewer Project

Carter: We’ve been working to get the easements for the sewer project at Sprouse’s Corner, with this the committee is recommending that we purchase from Mr. Alan Anderson to allow us to locate sewer pump station and sewer lines which would make sewer available to all four quadrants of Rt. 15 and 60. The purchase price and easements is $38,000. I’ll add that we talked negotiations but it was the committees recommendation that we should never start giving anyone connection fees. They will pay this much in connection fees, Anderson’s property will when they come on. We thought it was cleaner to purchase the property and easements and then have them like every other customer pay the connection fees.
**Bryan:** It was cheaper in the long run. I move that we accept the recommendation of the Utilities Committee.

**Allen:** We have a motion and a second to accept the recommendation of the Utilities Committee. Any more discussion? Let’s vote. 7 yes so approved.

*Vice Chairman Bryan moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to accept the Utilities Committee recommendation to purchase the property from Alan Anderson for $38,000.*

**Re: Other Matters of the Board**

**Jones:** Mr. Chairman, in other matters of the Board, we have a potential of a real big problem of accidents in our county now since we have so many Amish coming in. The highway department has not given me satisfactory answers I think as to putting up signs. They hang their hat that to many signs are not any good. Maybe they are not but I would like to… I have two people that came to my home this afternoon and gave me information on two studies that have been made by Ohio and Pennsylvania on this particular kind of problem. What I would like to do, I have not had the time to read all this information. I would like to make a motion that I give these booklets, I think Becky has them, if not to give her these and have them reproduced so that each member of this board will get in the next few days that we can look at it and massage it so that our next meeting we can discuss what has been going on in other states such as something to prevent these accidents from happening and I think we can come up with some things that could help a lot. But we don’t know until we see, I make a motion that these are reproduced and given to each of our board members and then we discuss it at our December meeting.

**Allen:** Do we need a motion for it or can you just go ahead.

**Carter:** You don’t need a motion.

**Allen:** I think we can just go ahead and she do it for you.

**Jones:** That’s fine.

**Carter:** I do not have copies so if you can leave it with Jennifer.

**Jones:** The sheriff’s department has gotten some. I’ll give you this.

**Dunnavant:** Mr. Chairman, I have a brief update on the library and community center schedule. Our design engineer with Crabtree, Rohrbaugh and Associates is anticipating December 31 2018 it will be complete with all the design development. February 2019 construction drawings will be finalized. March 2019 will be put out for public bidding. The month of April we will receive bids, and if it’s the consensus of the balance of the board is in approval with it, we can award the contract if everybody is in agreement and construction can commence possibly as early as May
2019 with estimated completion date of February 2020. Just for updates. Mr. Matthews you are on that one with me. Do you have anythinig you would like to add?

Matthews: I just think its progressing very nicely. We’ve got an exciting time ahead of us. The library board is on board with it. Mr. Ewing here who is the Regional Librarian has been very supportive. We are doing a lot of stuff with a building that was a surplus building in the county. We are taking care of the needs that need to be addressed in the building with the architects. The ball of wax is in the libraries court now. We’ve given them the space and it’s up to them to decorate it accordingly with what they feel is needed. We’ve turned it lose to them and we’ve done a great job of giving them what is needed. Not to mention the community center that is going to be part of that building too which has the chance of making the county a little bit of money. There is going to be a multipurpose room there where the cafeteria and auditorium are and about 200 people will be able to be seated for public speaking venue or someone wants to do some light catering events or have a meal, the county will be able to generate some income with that scenario. Then on the north end of the building we will have several offices and classroom spaces for different uses like the seniors or rec dept. There is a lot of good things going to happen to that building plus it’s adjacent to the youth association fields like soccer fields. I’m really excited about it. In my opinion it’s the best location commercially in the County of Buckingham. It’s centrally located, easy to get to. I’m just excited and I appreciate everything Mr. Dunnavant has done on that committee along with the support of the Board. We’ve done our job and due deligiance and I’m proud of it. I really am.

Dunnavant: One other thing we can add, Mr. Matthews. We are still on the targeted budget.

Matthews: Yeah we are so that’s another big plus on our behalf.

Allen: Anything else?

Chambers: I’ve got one thing, I’d like to make a motion that we give our employees the same as we did last year for Christmas bonus and the week of Thanksgiving to be off the 21, 22 and 23.

Allen: Motion made to give employees the same bonus as last year plus November 21, 22, and 23 for Thanksgiving.

Chambers: The state gives them ½ day and I don’t see any sense coming in ½ day.

Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to give the same bonus to employees as last year for Christmas bonus and November 21, 22, and 23 for Thanksgiving holiday.

Matthews: I do have one other thing. I’d like Mr. Ewing to maybe come up and say a few words on behalf of the library.
Ewing: Thank you very much. I’d like to thank the Board particularly Mr. Matthews and Mr. Dunnavant and Josh, our architect. I think everybody’s been working together well. I’ve been meeting with the two board members and Mr. Bower the architect and Mrs. Carter and Mr. Carter regularly and privately with the architect with my staff. Everything that Mr. Matthews said I agree with. Especially the location. That’s really important. I appreciate your faith in the library and your support. I’m just as excited as Mr. Dunnavant and Mr. Matthews. It’s going to be…there’s an old thing of build it and actually the line is build it and he will come, but people say build it and they will come. I think with having a better facility particularly in conjunction with the community center is a win win for everybody. I’m looking forward to buying a big pair of scissors and cutting the ribbon. I want to thank Mr. Dunnavant. He’s been working on some side support for us. We are trying to introduce Buckingham County into the library and that means slate and other local material. That’s going to be something that will make it more attractive. Thank you very much. Do you have any questions for me? Thank you very much.

Re: County Attorney Matters

There were none.

Re: County Administrator’s Report

Carter: My first item is to update you this evening to update you on the Central Virginia Broadband proposal. I’ve been in conversations with Central Virginia representatives to determine the next steps. The next step would be for the finance committee to meet with Central Virginia Representatives to come up with some solid information about what the tax rebates would be. I’ve done some numbers to where we take what we get right now from the State Corporation Commission and then move further with improvements. We’ve got to come to terms with better numbers because this has to go to the Industrial Development Authority. So we would bring…Central Virginia reps will come back to the board with the finance committees recommendation when we come to those terms and ask you all to refer it to the Industrial Development Authority. So that’s where we are. We hope to be back to the Board in December to get that going. We had thought at first that the board could and the board could do this but most everyone is doing it through their Industrial Development Authority as an ordinance. So the Finance Committee is the Supervisor Matthews and Chairman Allen. As soon as they get me some dates, I will get back with you and keep this moving forward. I think we have really been as Supervisor says keep this ball rolling. We are working on it. We don’t want to lose this opportunity.

Matthews: I’m real excited about it and especially after this retreat this weekend. The governor has a plan and he seems to be really behind broadband enhancement for the State of Virginia. All citizens of the State of Virginia now just certain localities. He’s got a timetable. It may not be as fast as some of us want but we are making a lot of progress and I appreciate that.

Carter: With this proposal it’s not everyone will be offered it, Dominion or Southside customers will not be but we have to start somewhere and this will be the only way that people in the rural areas will get it. We’ll be meeting with you all and coming back to the full board.
My second item is I think you have the schedule of the 2018 VDOT Fall Transportation Meetings. I think we provided it but if you don’t give me a call and I’ll get that to you.

Then I have provided you a personnel committee report under separate cover.

That concludes my report Mr. Chairman.

Re: Other Board Matters

There were none.

Re: Executive Closed Session

Vice Chairman Bryan moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to enter into executive closed session under the following codes:

1. Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. §2.2-3711.A.3

2. Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business’ or industry’s interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community. §2.2-3711.A.5

Re: Return to Regular Session and Certification

Vice Chairman Bryan moved, Supervisor Dunnavant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to return to regular session and certification that to the best of each Board member’s knowledge only business matters related to the code of which the executive meeting was convened was discussed or considered in the closed executive session.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Allen declared the November 13, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Rebecca S. Carter
County Administrator

Danny R. Allen
Chairman