At a regular monthly meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, August 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Peter Francisco Auditorium of the Buckingham County Administration Complex, the following members were present: Donald E. Bryan, Chairman; Harry W. Bryant, Jr., Vice Chairman; Robert C. Jones; Don Matthews; E. Morgan Dunnivant; and Joe N. Chambers, Jr. Danny R. Allen was absent. Also present were Rebecca S. Carter, County Administrator; Karl Carter, Asst. County Administrator; E.M. Wright, Jr., County Attorney; and Cheryl T. “Nicci” Edmondston, Zoning Administrator.

Re: Call to Order

Chairman Bryan called the meeting to order.

Re: Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Bryan certified there was a quorum. Six of seven members were present and the meeting could continue.

Re: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Re: 5:00 p.m. Work Session with Senator Peake, Local Government Issues in the 2020 General Assembly Session

Bryan: Senator Peake. Thank you for meeting with us.

Senator Mark Peake: Good to see you. How are yall doing? Good. I sent out a notice that I’d like to meet with everybody before we go back in January assuming I get to go back and find out what the priorities are. So I’m here to talk to you guys and find out what your priorities are. I’ve seen a few of you at some events around the county. I know what one of them is but let’s go into detail and I’m going to take some notes.

Matthews: You want me to start? Well, the first thing is we’ve got two projects in the county that was started about three years ago. They are I guess rural rustic or…to deal with two businesses at two different locations. One is down here at Duck’s Corner and one’s down at Shephards, Virginia at the crossroads at the store. Now, there’s been a business at that site at Shephards and if I’m not mistaken it’s the longest continuous run business in Buckingham County. Over 175 years. I do have some history with that business a little bit. It has rubbed me
the wrong way and I'll be honest with you, VDOT stepped in and I know we have to abide by their rules and their regs on certain things but I think…First off we asked for information and they never could give us the information other than it was safety reasons.

Peake: Let me, it’s a VDOT situation and what are we doing there?

Matthews: They are changing the entrance to that business that’s been there since 1962.

Dunnivant: It’s a SmartScale project and…

Peake: What is the SmartScale project?

Matthews: They do a study…

Peake: I understand the SmartScale but what was the project? Just to change that entrance or is there something else with it?

Matthews: There’s a turning lane that…there’s been a need for a turning lane…

Peake: So safety issues and they are trying to add a turning lane?

Matthews: Yeah, but the turning lane where it’s at is on 15, the driveway they are closing in on 636. I can see there being a possible problem with safety issues but they could not give us the numbers since 1962 on how many accidents have occurred there that has caused some type of fatality or property damage. Now, I was there for 25 years. I can tell you this much, I did see some accidents there but it was not due to the driveway. Now, this change is going to affect this business. Its a million dollar business annually as far as sales are concerned which puts a lot of money in Buckingham County’s pocket. It just didn’t set with me the way they answered the questions and did the study. I know they have to go through certain specifications and certain regs and stuff when they do that. I just wanted to get that out there and my second thing is…

Peake: So they are not giving you the information on studies…

Matthews: We’ve already finalized this scenario. We’ve taken the grant that they’ve applied to this and they are made some changes and they are worked with us but it was like pulling eye teeth.

Peake: Difficult to deal with?

Matthews: Very difficult and anything we came up with it was wrong. So, it just bothers me when government agencies don’t want to work with localities where they have a history and knowledge of a particular situation. That’s not the only one. We had two other situations in the county in my district that were agriculturally related but were turkey houses. We passed and they could have those constructed in the county, went through all the process and everything on our timeframe. By the time VDOT finished with them, those people are so frustrated. The
regulations that they had to jump through is beyond my comprehension. I’m just tired of having to deal with somebody that we have to go through in our county to help create business that’s going to help our tax base in this locality.

Peake: How long did that drag on with the turkey houses?

Matthews: We approved it at the first of the year and they finally got…it got to a point where the company they were dealing with did not want to give them a letter of intent because it had dragged on so long. One of those guys is out of $20,000 engineering fees that the company won’t approve…they are going to approve it at some point and time, but the thing is it shouldn’t have taken that long for VDOT to deal with their engineers and get this stuff worked out.

Carter: We had three applications and only one has final approval from VDOT on road entrance.

Peake: January until now.

Carter: One was January and one was like April.

Peake: Of this year?

Dunnavant: To add a little bit of clarity to that.

Carter: They got the final approval from the county then, but it started first of the year with the process. But they had a special use permit through the county.

Peake: Ok.

Dunnavant: We’ve got a multitude of issues with VDOT. On the poultry houses, turkey houses, what VDOT is asking for is an entrance with the magnitude that you would put in at a trucking terminal. As if it was a FED EX or Old Dominion truck lines. These poultry houses have one tractor and trailer on average bringing feed in and they may have 3 or 4 in one day when the stock goes out. The service is just not there. We are not indicating that we hold the logging community to any higher standards but the loggers can pop an entrance in anywhere they want to and track mud down the road five miles. Now, when we are aware of that we bring it to their attention but VDOT is focusing on poultry houses for some reason. Like it’s a selective enforcement. I noticed the gentleman that manages Duck’s Corner is here, he might want to get up here and speak but up there where VDOT went up there and did their tractor trailer turning study and a like a couple of other guys on this Board I’ve driven tractor and trailers a few miles. What they are proposing as a workable solution is not a workable solution. I think you’ve got the mail that I got Becky sent you. I think she sent it out. I’ve got a copy of it up here. If it has gotten down to you yet, I don’t know.

Peake: I know we’ve talked about Duck’s Corner.
**Dunnavant:** What they are proposing is removing his entrances just like they are removing those on 636 over there…

**Peake:** They are removing those on 56 you said?

**Dunnavant:** Yes, they currently have three entrances on 56 and two entrances on Rt. 60 and the VDOT proposal is to only given them one back on each route. The issue with that is it puts it in such a geometric configuration that a truck traveling west or east on Rt. 60 that pulling into that business from the entrance they are giving on Rt. 60, the only exit option they have is to go west on 56 and try to find a place to turn around and reenter Rt. 60. So when you face that segment of population that travel and give the public that option, once they get in there and get stuck one time, they are not coming back. The saddest part of that is, that’s the only location between Cumberland Courthouse and Riverville where the majority of the tractor and trailer traffic comes through here is destined, the logging industry that’s on our seal up there, and it’s the only place where a truck can completely exit the highway and pause. You know take care of convenient store business, whatever that may happen to be or simply just get off the road completely and safety and adjust their load. Do what they need to do to adjust their truck. It’s a location that needs to exist. VDOT, if we tell them to keep their SmartScale money and leave us as we are, then we run the risk of not getting other improvements because we stuck our nose out.

**Peake:** What’s the improvement there?

**Dunnavant:** The same thing. Turning lanes, protected left hand turning lane and a right turn lane off the west bound shoulder. Pretty much the same picture but VDOT is dead set of being difficult to deal with.

**Matthews:** We are just not painting a pretty picture for businesses in our county when we do things like that especially for businesses that have been around for 175 years. Has donated and collected a lot of tax money for our locality. We try to protect those people that have done that. There is no rhyme or reason for that. It’s just wanting to be stubborn. I don’t understand that. When you want to work with somebody we all have to live together and we all have to make a living and this is going to affect businesses in an adverse way.

**Dunnavant:** I don’t know if they are being stubborn because it’s written in their rules but what they have done, Mark, is in the last several years, they have expedientially expanded their rules and add more unacceptable things. If they had their way, there wouldn’t be any entrances and there wouldn’t be any traffic on the road to deal with.

**Peake:** You are lucky they are not making you put in bike lanes like everywhere else on the interstates they are doing bike lanes.

**Dunnavant:** The other issue with VDOT that I know of record with the county, is we have had the same type of run in with them like the poultry houses have on our entrances for our proposed new dumpster sites. The one on 617, they actually made comment back to us on the plan review, on items that were beyond the right of way. That were on our portion of the work that’s off their
reservation. I mean, when it gets to the lines on the plans that says r/w that stands for right of way, they don’t need to comment any further than that. They made comments concerning environmental issues on the site and they are not the environmental monitor for the project. We have our own environmental monitors. The only thing I’d like to ask you with the state is there any way we can get the graduated scale, possibly, of standards to comply with whereas the more urban areas are much higher populated and have much more resources that our rural localities?

Peake: We tried that through your suggestion last year and I believe the year before to find out if there is any way to grade that out and we have not gotten any...

Dunnavant: Can you keep hammering on it?

Peake: We can keep working on it but I’ve gotten no…

Dunnavant: But you know what I’m speaking of?

Peake: We talked about it last time and I think the year before that. Last time it was about the dumpster training. We have brought it up and the administration and then again we are outnumbered by legislators.

Dunnavant: It’s not legislative law that yall have passed. It’s just regulation that they have passed that have circumvented, you know your branch of government and they are making their own rules. There really ought to be a way for yall to bring them in check, especially VDOT. I don’t want to be the only one up here talking but I’m on a roll right now.

Peake: I’ve got all night. We’ll just keep going.

Dunnavant: Just like them asking us to renovate all the watershed dams. Are you aware of that?

Peake: No. When did that happen?

Dunnavant: About six months ago that they came in. The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries came in and renovated the dam at Horsepen Lake and Mark, they built the biggest concrete boondoggle of a structure that you’ve ever seen over there in your life. It’s probably 3 times the volume, just speaking off my head, I haven’t pulled a tape measure, but it consumed ½ or 2/3 of the dam itself building this dam overflow structure on Horsepen Lake Dam which has no residences in the flood bubble shall we say. They are looking at multimillion dollars at every watershed dam and I don’t know how many we have. We have 11 or 12 now in the county and they are all functioning fine now.

Peake: Ivy Lake Dam in Bedford County, and because of the new dam restrictions that they passed, I thought we eased up anyway. What’s the department?

Dunnavant: DEQ I believe. Or DCR.
Matthews: I have something else with DEQ. We’ll open another can in just a second.

Peake: They told you that you have to renovate all your dams?

Dunnavant: They want every spillway reconstructed to the new standard and granted, this Board, not this sitting Board, but prior Boards to us caused the construction of those dams and we do have an obligation to maintain them through the Peter Francisco Soil and Water Conservation District which we do and we assist them with funding and they are holding up well and it just so happens our water supply for the county here is one of those dams that they want that improvement made to and it’s absolutely nothing wrong with it.

Peake: We did bring up, I say we, it was probably one of my first sessions, some legislation to put off some of that for these dams that are functioning well. I think they passed a 100 year flood for some of these dams that have been in existence for a number of years.

Matthews: We’ve had 20 of those instances in the last 8 years. 100 year floods.

Dunnavant: It appears that somebody sitting in a cubical somewhere has come up with this new design, you know thought up of this new idea, and now they are pushing through a regulatory agenda instead of rulemaking agenda which would go through yall.

Peake: There is no question there is a huge regulatory agenda that’s a problem statewide.

Dunnavant: Those are monies that if we spend them even if it’s a small share of the county and the rest is state or federal, it’s still money that doesn’t need to be spent. If you can look into that.

Peake: Yeah. I know we did something to help ease that with some of these localities.

Matthews: Another thing too, with regards to DEQ. We are working on a project right now that happens to be an older building that we are looking at renovating for a project. They changed the parts per million for asbestos abatement. Do these people ever notify anybody when these things change so we don’t have to find out when we start a project like that?

Dunnavant: We got a clean building certification on that. The building was certified clean certain years ago. Now because they changed the standard, the building is not clean anymore. It’s not going to stop the project because monetarily in the scope of things it’s just a small scale. It’s the steady needling and tightening the screws all the time. Mark, you are one of the few folks that can offer us and other rural counties like us relief.

Peake: When you bring it to my attention I can do something. That’s what happened two sessions ago, Fluvanna brought it to my attention and Louisa but I don’t know if it affected you guys but they were because of EPA regulations it wasn’t asbestos, it was something in the water, I can’t think of the chemical, it was some kind of chemical they were going to change it from 1 in a 1 million to 1 in 500,000 or something along those lines from the feds and the state was...
going to make everybody do it with absolutely no indication that it would really make any difference whatsoever. I carried that legislation and it actually went through the senate 39-0 and the house and the Governor signed it right away and it was like \( \frac{1}{2} \) billion dollars for localities across the Commonwealth and some private schools or whatever that had these water treatment facilities if they had to do it all at once it’s going to cost them...$3-6 million for Fluvanna, $3-6 million Louisa, and $500 million across the state. That’s that kind of thing and it’s probably coming down from the Feds and I suspect the Feds changed it which hit DEQ and then when yall go to apply and they look at it again and that’s what happens and so that’s when we can do something. You know, we are not going to implement it until such time it shows that it shows an impact on something.

**Dunnavant:** Getting back to the dam issue…

**Peake:** Same thing with the dams.

**Dunnavant:** It could be some knee jerk reaction from Timberlake…

**Peake:** That’s exactly where it came from.

**Dunnavant:** When Timberlake hit the fan so to speak. If you look at Timberlake, Timberlake was not monitored. It was a private dam.

**Peake:** It was old.

**Dunnavant:** It was old and it was questionably built and very questionably maintained and it had trees growing on the backside and it was…

**Peake:** They weren’t spending the money to keep it up.

**Dunnavant:** It was in very poor shape. The spillway was deteriorated. Did it need attention? Yes it did. But because…it was a tragic event, but it bears no reflection on these other facilities that have been adequately maintained since their construction.

**Bryant:** The dams should be looked at individually. One or two may need maintenance some that needs nothing. The one’s I’m familiar with is in fine shape. Beautiful shape.

**Dunnavant:** But because they are in our jurisdiction, they are going to look to us to pony up funding.

**Peake:** They’ve done it all the way across the Commonwealth so every localities that has these dams have been told to upgrade them and it’s expensive. The one at Ivy Lake, no one can afford to do it and it’s a huge disaster.

**Dunnavant:** We can’t afford to do it either.
**Peake:** I know. That’s what they are finding out and there is no indication that these dams will fail or any problem with them.

**Dunnavant:** There is no indication. It’s an I say so vote.

**Peake:** Something bad happens so we pass stuff that’s…goes overboard where it makes it hard for everybody.

**Matthews:** Going back to the SmartScale stuff. I’m just speaking for Shephards, not speaking for Duck’s Corner, but the property owner of the store is the person giving up everything. It’s 3 other sides to that intersection. Right of way could have been used to widen that area to do whatever they need to do and there is money in the budget for that and they chose not to do...that’s the other thing, they chose not to do that. This is going to cost that gentleman quite a bit of money to renovate his parking lot knowing how hard it is to make a living in a small business like that, you know, it just sits wrong with me that we are sending the wrong message. I don’t know if the guy at Duck’s Corner, it’s only affecting your land isn’t it? It’s not affecting anybody else’s property is it?

**Whittington:** To my knowledge no.

**Matthews:** Right. So, you are going to be out not the neighbor. That’s really wrong.

**Whittington:** Like Shephards, there is no other business in that area.

**Matthews:** But there is another side of that road over there they could use to gain some right of way other than your property.

**Dunnavant:** On his it’s not the right of way issue, it’s the closing of the access that they’ve enjoyed since, God knows when that was built, I’m sure late 50’s early 60’s. It’s enjoyed that access ever since and now all of a sudden they are going to take it away.

**Whittington:** 2 out of 5 (inaudible) Basically taking away any tractor trailer traffic.

**Matthews:** Are they going to give you any additional widening of the entrance so a tractor and trailer could get in there?

**Whittington:** They’ve already surveyed 60. (speaking from audience. Little mic access so voice cuts in and out- inaudible) The other end of the entrance is actually in the middle of the building on the Rt. 60 side. Basically where it is now is where it’s going to stay and give us another 10-15 feet.

**Peake:** Where does that project stand? When are they going to start?

**Dunnavant:** That’s a copy of it. I’ve got another copy of that Mark. But he’s not ok with it. He’s not happy with it.
Peake: When are they supposed to start?

Dunnavant: You know the turning lanes that are affecting the traffic turning into 56 off of 60, whether its east bound or west bound is a good thing. That would be an improvement. But the fact that to get an improvement they have to deny his access. They have no record of those entrances being a participant in an accident, it’s just…

Peake: Arbitrary.

Dunnavant: Arbitrary and heavy handed on their part.

Matthews: Both places.

Dunnavant: Very similar to the same scenario we’ve been encountering with our dumpster site at Gold Hill which I wish Supervisor Allen was here to hear about that but he couldn’t make it this evening.

Peake: Has DEQ given you any written things on the dam? Do you have emails or correspondence?

Dunnavant: I’m sure there is an initial one that set up the utilities meeting for them to come out and meet. We can get you a copy of what…

Peake: Find out, have they told you what you have to do to spell that out and who did they meet with.

Dunnavant: Recently it wasn’t too long ago, E.M. could put out the exact points but we had a dam policy come through with FEMA whereas they wanted us to deny all building permits in the FEMA flood plain. What I remember us doing was saying no, we are not going to take somebody’s property or use of their property without compensating them. But what we will do in the Zoning Office and Building Inspection office, we will notify them that they are in a location that could be potentially inundated and let it go at that. Do you fellows remember it going the same way? If E.M. is sitting around the corner, he can chime in on that too.

Wright: There was some concern about people building in innovation zones and so there was some discussion as to whether the zoning ordinance should be amended for flood zones in those areas that may be affected by that overflow. The Board chose not to do or take the action. That has come back around for some discussion and will probably have to be looked at again. That is the jest of it from my understanding. Have I answered what you want me to talk about?

Dunnavant: I think you did. We addressed that by saying if you want to build there, we don’t think it’s a very smart idea but we are not going to stop you. It’s you land.
Bryant: Engineering is expensive. It could cost up to $100,000 to get it engineered.

Dunnavant: Our consensus was pretty much if you are going to live in a shack, that’s your choice.

Bryant: Exactly.

Dunnavant: We will tell you on this written paper that we don’t think it’s a very good idea but you are a big boy, we are not going to hold your hand.

Peake: They can build their house out of straw if they want to.

Dunnavant: That’s right. Come on Joe, you’ve got to have something you need to let him know about.

Chambers: You’ve done enough talking for me.

Peake: I’d like to hear from you Mr. Chambers.

Jones: The only thing that I have to add to these conversations today is its mute but anyway I’m going to tell you. We need more funds for the highway department allocated to us.

Peake: Has Mr. Burt Dodson been out to talk to yall?

Carter: He hasn’t been to our Board meetings.

Peake: He wouldn’t come to the Board, he’d come to a special session. I tell you I was VDOT or CTV representative for about 4 years and I know and I heard it Cumberland and Buckingham, very little, very little funding. So we brought that up and they are aware of it. Then you get the projects and they won’t work with you and turn out to be a hindrance rather than a benefit and I hate to see that happen. VDOT money is limited. Severely limited. They had a CTV meeting in Lynchburg and we talked about that and there’s $8 billion worth of projects and $1 billion to spend each year and each six year cycle and I may not have the numbers exactly right, we are so far off on the numbers but I am aware of the situation and will do what I can. I was here for the Rt. 60 study last month and see what we can do on things like that. I know you have projects that you need money on and you are not getting a big chunk.

Matthews: It’s not like we are not growing. We are not growing at the rate of Northern Virginia and some of those other larger places but we had another community starting to move in and filtrate our community which is the Amish people and they don’t use vehicles and cars and stuff so we’ve already had two accidents in the county with those horse and buggies so you know any additional safety stuff, they need to start looking at us a little differently I think.

Peake: Concerns I’ve heard from a number of people is the buggy and afraid there was going to be injuries or accidents and were there deaths in that last one? Somewhere…
Matthews: A horse got killed.

Peake: Somewhere recently there were some deaths. I don’t know if it was Cumberland or anyway it’s definitely a problem when you have vehicles going 55 mph and buggies and you don’t see them. Widen some roads and things like that.

Matthews: I know they just passed a law with cell phones use in vehicles. Have you seen any numbers from the state police? What kind of numbers are we looking at on tickets?

Peake: It just went into effect July 1st and I think it just went in for work zones. So I think it’s just that you can’t have it in your hand in work zones right now. We’ve talked about…it has not gone hands free statewide on our roads yet. That’s one of the things, when I first went in I was against a lot of these and we’ve got laws to address it if they are not paying attention and charge them but the deaths just keep mounting. When you are out there you see it. People are out there just looking down at their phones on every road. It’s shocking.

Matthews: It’s not just drivers its pedestrians also. You see people walking down the sidewalk looking down at their cell phone.

Peake: I hate to see government addressing all these issues but when you see innocent highway workers that’s what did it for me, out there working in construction zones building our roads and bridges get killed by drivers not paying attention, you have to do something. But July 1st, we’ll start seeing numbers next year.

Dunnavant: It may be rumor but what about the snake killing law? What is the grounds behind that?

Peake: Snake killing?

Dunnavant: Wasn’t there a Virginia law that passed that’s illegal to kill snakes in Virginia?

Peake: I’m not aware of that one.

Jones: That’s been on the books for a long time.

Dunnavant: I had a reiteration that it was passed again. Were you aware of it?

Peake: I was not aware of it. It didn’t come through courts. I don’t know if it would have come through DGIF or wildlife.

Matthews: They passed a law here recently there is no more baiting on deer which you know you could bait when season, you couldn’t open bait on deer. Do you know how much money is lost in hitting deer on the roads and stuff?
Peake: I’ve hit my share of them. I’ll tell you what I hit one between Farmville and Appomattox. That’s my biggest concern.

Matthews: We need to get control over these herds and it’s not just that its coyotes and things.

Peake: Coyotes are coming in. We’ve got those all over.

Matthews: Not baiting deer, I agree not shooting at the bait, but come on now.

Peake: They need to up the limits on does. They are just, I mean I’m driving these roads a lot at night and just today they are all over the roadside.

Dunnavant: I haven’t done any research on it but it was posed by not our sheriff but another sheriff I’m acquainted with locally was sharing that with me.

Peake: What’s that the snakes? I have to look up the snake law. I’m telling you I don’t recall it being discussed.

Edmondston: It’s illegal to kill a snake in Virginia unless it poses a safety threat. It’s a Class II misdemeanor with a fine up to $1000.

Peake: What’s the code section?

Edmondston: Let’s see this is from the Times Dispatch.

Dunnavant: For some reason it has come to light recently.

Peake: Someone must have gotten in trouble.

Dunnavant: But anyways what do we need stuff like that for polluting the books?

Peake: I don’t know who brought it or what the purpose was. I guess someone was worried about the snake population.

Bryan: It says don’t go out just to kill one but if it’s a nuisance you can kill it. If it’s in chicken coop you can kill it. If it’s in your house you can kill it.

Peake: If it’s a rattlesnake out there. On Facebook today or something there was a blacksnake chocking a rattlesnake. That’s why you don’t kill a black snake. I’m not aware of it and I’ve never seen anyone charged with it.

Dunnavant: It seemed like a question to inquire about. We’ve had so much serious stuff I put out a little bit of levity.

Bryan: We do need help with VDOT.
Peake: Yes, yes.

Dunnavant: I don’t know that the problem is a local issue. It’s their policy issue. I don’t believe it’s necessarily a local issue. I believe our local guy really wants to help us but I believe they’ve got him painted in such a narrow corner to work in that he doesn’t have any latitude.

Peake: I know Chris Winstead is the head of the Lynchburg District.

Matthews: We’ve met with both of them and that’s the other thing too. The beginning of these two projects they were atimate about not affecting the business and that did not transpire as far as I’m concerned.

Peake: There is something in Lynchburg tomorrow with some VDOT people and I’ll bring it up. Chris is very responsive. He will get back in touch with you. It could be, they have their road drawings. I’ll see what I can come up with.

Matthews: We’ve already settled it and we are moving forward but it’s just the fact that it didn’t sit well with me or the business owner and you know especially being there as long as it’s been there.

Bryan: We still have more work to do with Brett. It says here “I’ve met with the store owner twice and I believe these most recent changes have satisfied his concerns”. It’s evident that’s not true.

Chambers: Are they twisting your arm about the gun ordinance?

Peake: Well, we are going back in November to address it and I guess in August the Crime Commission is going to hold some hearings. I’ve been a supporter our Second Amendment and not infringe on those rights but we cannot have people getting shot up every weekend. Without...something has to be done. These folks that are mentally deranged should not be able to buy firearms. If you published a rape list, and a murder list at your high school and you’ve had to undergo mental health treatment for that, you ought to have to be cleared before you can go out and buy some kind of firearm. I don’t know what’s going to happen and it may happen at the federal level but safety, public safety is our #1 obligation.

Chambers: I don’t think a guy needs to go out and buy an AK47. I used those things in Vietnam when I was over there. Why do you need an assault rifle?

Peake: It’s the Constitution and the right to protect the Constitution but if you have an AK47 do you need unlimited rounds of fast shooting ammo. I don’t know what I’m going to do on those. We will see.

Chambers: I don’t mean to put you on the spot.
**Peake:** I understand and I’m happy to address it. If you are not willing to talk about it you shouldn’t run for office. I’m going to talk about it. I’ve been against those but you can’t allow people to get shot up at Walmart on a Friday night and people going down town to have fun and get shot up by crazy people who have threatened people who have made threats, whose parents know he’s a danger, who call the police and say my kids got a AK47 and I’m afraid that he’s going to kill people and nothing happens and a guy with a rape list and murder list and he gets a weapon. We’ve got to do a better job getting all of our organizations together and making sure that those people don’t have guns.

**Chambers:** I may be wrong in saying this but if anybody gets an AK47 it should be reported right then. The person selling it to them and have it in their hands.

**Peake:** I’m not going to go along with you on that one just yet, Mr. Chambers but I understand the thought.

**Bryan:** When the Constitution was written we didn’t have AK’s.

**Peake:** I understand. There is also a process to amend the Constitution. But right now we’ve got to do something, Federal or State, whatever it takes to make sure mentally deranged people are not allowed to buy guns.

**Matthews:** You hit the nail on the head. It’s the mentally deranged people. The guns is not doing the work, well it is doing the work but someone is pulling the trigger.

**Peake:** We’ve got to make sure they can’t go buy them.

**Dunnavant:** Believe it or not, last weekend I have his name written down in the truck, I don’t have it with me, but I met the gentleman whose son was murdered by the mentally deranged guy in Richmond here and they just had the trial last week.

**Peake:** The one at the gas station?

**Dunnavant:** Yes. That shooter had already murdered a prior individual and got off because they were found mentally incompetent and pulled their mental thing and got put right back out. That is a point where the system is broken.

**Peake:** A lot of military guys have been convicted of something that shot up some people and shouldn’t have. But we’ve got to make sure we are putting these checks in place so no matter who it is or how strong you are on gun rights, you should not want mentally ill people being able to buy guns.

**Bryan:** Anything else?

**Bryant:** Putting restrictions on guns is not going to do it. It’s got to be on the mental health. If there is a red flag, something’s got to be done with that person. You can go out here and buy
them any time you want. If a person wants a gun, I don’t care how much of an outlaw he is or whatever, he can get a gun.

Peake: We have to make sure the people we know are crazy don’t get a gun.

Bryan: We appreciate you coming.

Peake: I’m always happy to. We have an election in November, should I be going back in January I’d be happy to come back out in November or December if you have something pacific.

Bryan: Which way you going home?

Peake: I’m going 60 to 24 to Appomattox.

Bryan: You need to go by Duck’s Corner.

Peake: I go by it every time I come this way. I do stop there and get pork rinds. I stop on the other end when I go to Cumberland and Goochland. I’m very familiar. I don’t go by Shephards as much although I did come by it today coming from Farmville. Thank you.

Bryan: Recess to reconvene at 6:00 p.m.

Bryan: I’d like to reconvene the August 12th Board meeting.

Re: Announcements

Bryan: I have one. Due to numerous requests the Buckingham County Farm Bureau Board of Directors will be hosting a Candidates Forum for the County Board of Supervisors. Letters containing an outline and formal invitation with location will follow. The location is actually going to be here Saturday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m. Thank you Mr. Davis.

Re: Approval of Agenda

Supervisor Matthews moved, Vice Chairman Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the agenda for the August 12, 2019 Board of Supervisors Meeting as presented.

Re: Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman Bryant moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2019 Board of Supervisors meeting as presented.
Re: Approval of Claims

*Supervisor Matthews moved, Supervisor Dunnavant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the claims as presented.*

Re: Public Comment

**Brett Whittington:** Good evening. As we discussed before I’m here to speak about the intersection of 56 and 60. Mainly because I am a little frustrated by the words that I’ve used being misrepresented. I am in no way in favor of this intersection. I am no way in favor of the proposed intersection. Particularly with the closing of the two entrances at 56 and 60. It’s going to severely impact my business, probably a minimum of 30%. I don’t know if anybody in this room can afford to lose 30% of their income. I know I can’t. I realize there has been some correspondence between VDOT and the Board that has me being ok with this and it’s not true. That’s the main reason I’m here. I’ve spoken to numerous tractor trailer drivers that come into my store. They have said if this project goes through, they will not be stopping there any longer. That can’t happen. I know a few of you gentlemen on the Board have driven tractor and trailers. They want to create a hairpin turn from Rt. 60 into the parking lot. The comment I received from someone was if they are good enough they can do it. So, that is a direct quote. For that to be said sounds condescending but again, I’m not here to cause a ruckus I just want to have my voice heard. From the beginning of this project, it’s been I guess told to you that everyone involved, Mrs. Carter, that everyone involved is ok with it and at no point from the beginning when the first VDOT representative showed up at the store with the plans have I ever said that I’m ok with this. I told him then that it was going to cut my business 30% and I explained to him the traffic pattern. You and I must have spoken about the traffic pattern in and out the store. The minute I explained to him the traffic off of 60 continues on to Riverville heading west, a tractor and trailer came in and parked in that exact spot. As he came in the store I asked him, if that entrance was closed, and this was in front of a VDOT rep, if that entrance was closed would you stop here and I said no, I would keep on going. I have spoken to, just today alone, five different truck drivers that stopped in the store, every single one of them said I would give it one shot, if I can’t get in and out of here, I won’t stop back. I would hate to think that $3 million would be wasted in this fashion but it will not…those two entrances to my knowledge has not caused a single accident at that intersection. Thank you. I appreciate your time.

**David Ball, District 3:** Good evening, David Ball, District 3. I think a brief comment to VDOT, they go through these periodic changes. If you travel around the state in different areas you are going to see they are putting in round abouts. If you go to Zion’s Crossroads the criss cross thing that they’ve got is absolutely ridiculous. I don’t think its improved traffic. I think it’s caused traffic. But the reason I’m coming is I looked at the packet for tonight and I saw this thing about permitted conduct. I think some of the stuff in that tends to go to censorship. It’s restricting people’s right to free speech, the First Amendment right to address the elected officials to address them with our issues. I think this needs to be really be scrutinized by the Supreme Court for free speech, a lot of things, free speech. But they do say that someone can’t sit in a crowded movie theatre and yell fire when there is no fire. It all includes free speech but some of this is just over the top. Thank you.
**Marie Flowers, District 3:** Hi. Marie Flowers. Third district. The first thing I wasn’t to say is that there is going to be a forum for the candidates for Supervisor on Thursday, 15th at the Curdsville Community Center from 6:30 to 8:00. Anybody’s welcome but we are trying to encourage the voters from the 3rd District to come and meet the candidates and get to know them. The second thing I want to mention is there was a pipeline explosion in Kentucky. I’m never going to let that go. Also there’s been more killings and massacres in this country. It seems we have more freedom to buy guns than to feel we are safe in this country. In my opinion band aids don’t help. I think we need the have a very comprehensive restrictions on guns. They don’t have near as many shootings in Europe and you know New Zealand, had one little massacre and they outlawed the AK7’s or whatever they are. Those horrible guns. I don’t see any reason why our country…I come here because I hope that you all will look…open your minds a little bit and look at what’s it like to be part of a family that has experienced massacres. You know, I guess the important thing is it doesn’t happen to you but I just feel like that you need a gun if there is a rabid fox in your yard but I really think, I don’t find a problem with more control over firearm. It’s not necessary. We have lots of regulations for driving, for almost everything. Thank you. I had a discussion with Mr. Matthews and we disagree but that’s ok.

**Chambers:** Mrs. Flowers, what kind of security are you going to have over there? Thursday night, you are going to have three candidates over there? You already going to have a problem with Mr. Matthews. I’d be scared to come over there unless the Sheriff’s going to be there.

(Laughter)

**Flowers:** It’s my thought that if the Christian Heroes of Charlottesville had been members of the NAACP, you know Trump would have sent the Marine’s out there. So I have a feeling for all people.

**Quinn Robinson, District 4:** Gentlemen, good evening. Quinn Robinson, live out in Andersonville, District 4. Just a couple brief comments. Welcome back, Mrs. Carter. A little update on the ACP. There’s been another court decision to vacate the permit. That sets it back and I’m sure you are aware that some of the people in this county get their power through Dominion and all the costs of the pipeline is going to increase the rates. So whatever comes in taxes it’s going to be paid for again by citizens who cannot afford another rate increase. I initially wanted to say something about the difficulty I have with the County’s website. I’m not going to be critical about it but I think it needs to be viewed or audited to see if it’s doing the best for what it’s supposed to be intended. If people are signed on to look at certain things, they are going to say what is going on here. I couldn’t find, I admit I have a significant technical deficit but I couldn’t find the comprehensive plan. I couldn’t find the ordinances. They might be there but it has to be more apparent. You shouldn’t have to search for these things or it you search for them let them be more clearly labeled. All this is kind of lost with the new prohibitions. I think they are counterproductive. I know it’s going to escalate. I know what you think about the pipeline and those that oppose it but that’s the way the system works. Hear us out and let it go. I don’t think anybody has behaved so poorly that these rules are necessary. You just spent a couple minutes talking about VDOT regulations and now you are trying to regulate the public by
some rather unnecessary regulations. I urge you and hope that you see that you can handle it by yourselves without any escalation of the rules. Thank you very much.

**Ivan “Chip” Davis, District 4 and Dillwyn Volunteer Fire Department:** I guess you folks are getting tired of looking at me. Anyway, I’m here to bring you up to where we stood on the recent truck and tractor pull we had in Dillwyn. We are just thrilled to death. We were hoping to get 2,000 people and we don’t know how many we got. We know of 2,500 we know. The workers, we had 123 shirts and we ran out. We had people actually working that were members of the fire departments across the county. We had some people there helping with the rescue squad. It got to be more than just Dillwyn could do, Arvonia, Glenmore, Toga all came to our aid. We are the mother fire department in the county. We are the ones that started and all our children came to help us. It was truly a countywide event. I think it was something that we really need to be proud of. When Buckingham wants to do something, we do it. We did it and pulled it off. It wasn’t perfect. We’ve got plans for next year and we’ve gone through and seen what we are going to improve and change around. But we are really excited to do everything. We had different sponsors that told us that they saw a difference in their businesses because of the sponsorship they did with this event. We really feel that this was something that was good for the county. It was good for emergency services in our county, fire and rescue in the county. We really look forward to doing this again. Some wanted us to do again next month, we said we need a break. It’s no way. But anyway we are hoping it’s something that can be an annual event and we truly appreciate everybody. We had the county sheriff’s department and they had I believe every policeman they had there helping us. Everybody that was available that night was helping. We saw a lot of you there and those of you that didn’t make it you missed something and you need to come next year. We truly appreciate it and thank you and we couldn’t have done it without your help and support. Thank you.

**Bryant:** Thank you for all you did.

**Re: VDOT Road Matters, Scott Frederick, VDOT Resident Engineer**

**Frederick:** I want to start off with some updates on the issues that were brought up last month at the Board of Supervisors meeting. Texas School House Road, 661, there was a few areas that failed. I think there was some recent logging operations in there. We actually dug out the bad spots and put some stone in that area. We are waiting for that to kind of…we dug it down to where we think we got past the bad subgrade material and put the stone in there and are kind of waiting to see if it settles at all and then we will come in and resurface treat those spots.

Rt. 652 Bridgeport Road. You guys brought up the large oak tree near the church. Let me know if any of this sounds like its not correct but from what I was told the tree is far enough off the road where it’s actually on the church property and we talked to the church and they are telling us not to cut it down.

**Chambers:** Ok. Thank you.

**Frederick:** If it can be worked out we are willing to participate but we were told not to touch it.
There was a small pine tree brought up on Rt. 20. I believe that’s been taken care of at this point. It had leaned out over the woods and was more of an eye sore than anything.

The skid steer track, to my knowledge it’s been removed. When we went out there to get it it was gone.

Current updates, Rt. 678, Rock Island Creek that project that we’ve been doing replacing the bridge is supposed to be done in mid-September. Right now they are building some containment around pier #2. When they get done with that they can pour some concrete on that pier and then they will rebuild the superstructure. Mid-September is coming quick and they’ve got a good amount of work to do. They are telling us they are still going to complete on time. We have a contractor doing that for us. For our plant mix resurfacing that we have going on on State Route 60, 600 and 652, we are down to where we just have a little bit of corrective work left to do. I think on 652 we had a little bit of poor bonding to the underlying surface that came apart and then some log trucks were turning there hard and they are kind of revving it out so they filled it like six inches deep and got a good base patch there. So, we think we are going to be ok on that. For the surface treatment schedule, our contractor is doing four counties and he starts Buckingham next week. VDOT crews are doing some patching on 633 and trying to do that ahead of surface treatment schedule so if you see that, it’s not the finished product. It will look uniform when we are done. Then, Rt. 669 I think it’s called Rocky Mount. It’s our last rural rustic that’s getting stone put on it and I think we are finishing that this week. Then we are going to start first of next week putting down the surface treatment on our rural rustics. We are hoping to be done by the first week of September to have them all done surface treatment. We are about to start primary mowing again probably this week once we get some other things done we are going to mow 15 and 60 again. When we get done with those, we are going to drop back on secondaries again. We are doing brush and tree work on 633 and 60. When we are done doing brush and tree on those we are going to start on Rt. 24. We are also on Rt. 60 at Hall Road we are scheduling some brush and trim work there to fix some sight distance issues. There’s a bank there with some Johnson grass and pine tree. Even when its cut it seems to be…

**Dunnavant:** That bank is always going to be there but the vegetation growing off the bank is what is really making the obstruction.

**Frederick:** We are going to take care of the vegetation. On Rt. 725 we’ve got two spots and 609 we’ve got one spot. It seems logging operations have moved in in that area. There are some weaker spots in the road that showed up so we are going to take care of that. That’s all the major updates that I’ve prepared for you guys.

**Matthews:** I do, Mr. Frederick, you were sitting there while ago when the guy from Duck’s Corner made his statement.

**Frederick:** I was one of the people who met with him.

**Matthews:** Ok. Not just there but Shephards too. We just don’t feel like we’ve been friendly enough to the businesses in Buckingham County that have been here for a very long time. I
know we resolved it and finally bit the bullet and accepted your proposal but Brett’s evidently not satisfied. What can we do…I know do we go back to the drawing board or what do we do?

Frederick: The SmartScale application had access management as one of the project, so if you take access management out of the equation they have to rescore the project and you stand to lose the project.

Dunnavant: What is the proposed benefit for the access management? If no accidents are attributed to those entrances then what’s the benefit of denying them access management program?

Frederick: Any time you reduce the amount of conflict points, anywhere a car can came in or out across the lane you reduce the conflict points you overall reduce…

Dunnavant: So you are looking at being proactive.

Frederick: Yeah, that’s one to put it I guess. If you reduce the amount of conflict points, you reduce the chance of an accident. I haven’t personally pulled the accident data and I haven’t lived around here my whole life so I don’t know if there’s not been accidents.

Matthews: The thing is with the Shephards site, the loss of business to successful businesses that have been here a lot time, 30% is a pretty big bite. Is VDOT going to compensate him for that?

Frederick: No, sir.

Matthews: I didn’t think so.

Dunnavant: They were compensated at Sprouse’s Corner back in the 70’s and you know what happened there. We got a limited access line.

Matthews: Anyway…

Frederick: I’ve visited the site several times now and there is a lot of truck traffic.

Matthews: I don’t see how VDOT or whoever is in charge at VDOT misinterpreted what Brett has said. He’s been dissatisfied since day one and I have too about the Shephards thing. Like I said we’ve swallowed that pill. If you make some adjustments, we are trying to work through that. Brett is evidently not satisfied.

Frederick: I met with Brett last time. I asked him if he was happy. He said I’m still unhappy overall about the project and said he was glad we were working with him on the entrance. Maybe, I misinterpreted that when I was communicating with you guys.

Dunnavant: I think he was expecting more resolve.
**Frederick:** We opened that entrance all the way up to...in the parking lot there appears to be some underground tank or something. I don’t think it would be advantageous to cross that.

**Dunnavant:** They are driving over them now. They are holding up. They are not going to increase the weight limits on the traffic so...you know. We’ve had a great deal of discussion on this away from the podium. I believe that more consideration needs to be given to the business owners of the businesses before they proceed. I don’t want the County to lose the improvement of the turning lanes for the through traffic on the primary roads but I do believe that substantially more consideration needs to be given to the business operator’s location before these projects go to construction.

**Matthews:** That’s on the record for both of them and I don’t know about the rest of the Board members.

**Frederick:** The Smart Scale process is something that VDOT works hand in hand with the county.

**Dunnavant:** It’s a new process.

**Frederick:** This is the fourth round...

**Dunnavant:** I don’t think we should, our locality should suffer the consequences of the imperfections of a new program.

**Bryan:** I think we just need more dialogue.

**Dunnavant:** More dialogue before it gets cast in stone.

**Frederick:** An outreach with local citizens....

**Dunnavant:** And the individual that was looking out for that for the county, is no longer here. Those were issues we don’t need to revisit. But you know since it’s gone the way it has I think we need to continue the dialogue civilly to come to a solution that won’t damage the businesses but continue to give yall the comfort level you need to administer the highways for us. I can’t think of more to say on that.

**Matthews:** I’ve got a couple other things. On 636 going west, there is a pothole before you get to Todd Morris’ chicken houses on the left hand side. If you hit that pothole either you are going to lose your front end or it’s going to be an accident. Something has swallowed up the asphalt and the gravel on that shoulder. That roads needs to be taken a look at. I had a citizen call me and said they probably would have been killed but they actually got off the road and straddled the hole instead of...when they were meeting a tractor and trailer on that road. That needs to be taken care of.
Frederick: Do you have an address close to there?

Dunnavant: It will be just down from Route 612. 636, the nearest crossroads would be 612.

Matthews: You will see the chicken houses on the right. The hole is on the left across from the chicken houses. That road goes into the State Forest right there. Is that Cole Road?

Dunnavant: Old Forest Road.

Matthews: Old Forest Road is the name of the…the hole is across from the Cole Road. On Holland Road, I had a citizen ask about the site distance there. Two curves in that road. The second curve the brush has grown up and you can’t see around the curve. That’s on Holland Road. The other thing is on Rt. 20, there is a dead tree about ½ mile traveling west right past Maxey’s Creek on the left. It’s a dead tree and it’s on the pavement, the edge of it.

Frederick: Ok. Do you know if there are power lines there?

Matthews: I think they are across the road.

Frederick: We’ll take a look at it.

Bryant: I want to thank you for the job you did on the two potholes in Glenmore. They pulled out some pipe and did a fine job on that.

Frederick: Thank you. I’ll let the guys know that there work was noticed.

Bryant: On 602 north of Walton’s Fork Bridge, that’s the bridge we were talking about the guardrail needed to be put up. Toward Glenmore, about ½ mile there’s a bad place in the road right there. If you are driving a truck it throws you out the seat. It needs to be looked at.

Frederick: It’s amazing how much bumpier it is in a tractor and trailer.

Bryant: Yes, absolutely but it still needs to be fixed.

Frederick: I agree. ½ mile towards Glenmore after the bridge.

Bryant: After you cross that bridge. That’s all I have right now.

Frederick: Ok. Thank you Mr. Bryant.

Bryan: School Zone signs. You cover those?

Frederick: We do those through the school. The school submits the request to us…
Bryan: You had one up at the end of school zone on Dillwyn side of the complex. Someone didn’t like that sign anymore.

Frederick: They absconded.

Bryan: I think it’s laying in the woods.

Frederick: We can get that put back up. No problem.

Bryan: The end of school zone.

Frederick: On 60?


Frederick: Ok. Thank you guys. Have a great night.

Re: Public Hearing: Consideration of Buckingham County Parking Ordinance

Bryan: No one signed up to speak. What’s the pleasure of the Board? No since opening a public hearing when no one signed up to speak.

Wright: You need to open and close it.

Bryan: Public Hearing is open. No one wishes to speak. Public Hearing is closed.

Dunnavant: Do you want to take action now or give it month to rest and come back.

Bryant: Let’s do it now.

Dunnavant: If you want to do it now, the only problem I have on it is where it authorizes the handicap locations. Of course, all county owned lands and public owned lands, state owned or what have you, you know we want to enforce that period. But private property like private stores or should we get other private enterprises in here that has public parking for the benefit of that private business like the one that’s the catalyst for this. I believe it should be complaint driven by the business operator for enforcement rather just uniformly enforced everywhere. That’s my two cents on the matter. That private parking at private stores that are open to the public should be enforced on a requested basis instead of the we are going to enforce it anyways basis.

Jones: Does the private individuals have to have permit from the state to put up a sign that says private parking, no parking?

Dunnavant: I’m not exactly sure how that goes. I know they are supposed to have by law places noted for handicap people to park and in no way am I advocating that handicap people need to park in the street and walk. But some places have issues with it and some places don’t.
Before we come in enforcing additional rules on private property, I think the private property landowner should want that rule enforced on their property. That’s all I’m saying Mr. Jones.

**Bryan:** Any other comments? Is there a motion?

**Bryant:** I move.

**Bryan:** Motion made and seconded to adopt the ordinance as written. Sheriff Kidd, you said you will be procuring the appropriate summons.

**Kidd:** Yes.

**Bryan:** If there is no further discussion, call for the vote.

**Dunnavant:** So can we, I would like to discuss before we get finished.

**Bryan:** I asked for further discussion.

**Dunnavant:** Do you want to enforce it on any business in the county without their request?

**Chambers:** It’s as written.

**Dunnavant:** That’s how it is, as written. Ok.

**Bryan:** Five yes, one no.

*Vice Chairman Bryant moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded to approve the Buckingham County Parking Ordinance as written. This motion passed with a 5-1-1 vote. Supervisor Dunnavant opposed and Supervisor Allen absent.*

**Re:** Presentations: Michael Womack, Forest Manager, Virginia Department of Forestry, Presentation of County Portion of Forestry Funds

**Womack:** Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, I’m Michael Womack, Forest Manager, Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest. This is a special year for the Department of Forestry. We are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Virginia State Forest System this year. The Virginia State Forest began in 1919 when Emmett Gallion bequeathed 588 acres in Prince Edward County to advance the course of Forestry in the southern Piedmont of Virginia. Then a few years later in the 1930’s the US Resediment Administration which was in the middle of a project taken over by the Soil and Water Conservation Service started acquiring mines in Central Virginia under the Resediment Project LUGA2. In 1939 the bulk of this land was leased to the State of Virginia Conservation Commission and then deeded in 1954 to the Virginia Division of Forestry solidifying the 20,000 acre Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest as it’s now known by the Virginia Department of Forestry along with the Prince Edward State Forest and the Cumberland State Forest. Not all of the Resediment Project became state forest. Some 2400
acres was transferred to US Forest Service as the lead experimental forest near Buckingham Courthouse and later became Horsepen Lake Wildlife Management Area. Then 1000 more or less lining the detached group to the west was transferred to US Department of the Interior National Park Service and became Appomattox National Historic Monument now known as the Appomattox Courthouse National Historic Park. This is a pretty big project going from Buckingham Courthouse all the way to Appomattox. Where additional land was purchased for the new state forest improvements were initiated. A dam was constructed off Holiday Creek and beaches were constructed. This area is now what we know as Holiday Lake State Park. On the south end of the lake a group camp was constructed and subsequently leased to the 4-H club for use as summer camp. Other improvements including the fire tower, road, picnic shelters and forest headquarters on Francisco Road. Additional trees were planted, timber was salvaged and wildlife work initiated and these improvements and management work continue to improve today. Additional state forests have been added over the years from both gift and purchase from various funding sources and as we celebrate 100 years of state forest management in 2019 we’ve added one more forest, first mountain state forest in Rockingham County bringing the current total to 25 state forests for 69,441 acres. To give you a little bit of history of county payment that I’m here for, in 1938 Forester Jim Andrews with Virginia Forest Service was assigned to manage these newly acquired federal lands in Central Virginia consisting of Cumberland, Prince Edward, and Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest. Its first task was to provide a report on the condition of this land to State Forester Ted Patterson. The report he provided was short and to the point. No trees of any pushable size and the poorest soil. These forests were to be self-supporting and the primary objective was to support local communities by providing a payment of 25% of the gross revenue generated by the forest through the sale of forest products. The lack of merchantable timber in the early days of the state forest system made for lean times and limited payments. The first payment was made in 1940 to Cumberland, Appomattox, Buckingham and Prince Edward County’s for the sale of poplar, pine, yellow corn, wheat, crops, fuel, old lumbar, and tin. They were selling anything they could find. For a total sum of $602.00 was added to these counties. So it’s gone up since then. As forest management was implemented from these forests and the payments to counties continued to increase. Payments did not exceed $20,000 until 1960 and short leaf pine, the primary species in this Central Virginia Forests became merchantable. The merchantability of these trees on the forest increased so did county payments reaching $100,000 in 1970. For the next 20 years, under stopped stands of hardwood and stands of short leaf pine was infected with disease and converted to loblolly pine and hardwoods received an improvement cutting to enhance quality and growth. The results of this forest management came to fruition the county payments exceeded $200,000 in 1991. These payments peaked in 2014 at $290,000 and coincided with loblolly pine with stable rotation. At this point the General Assembly enacted legislation which involved Cumberland, Appomattox and Buckingham state forests to retain a portion of the county payment to enhance recreation on these forests. So for the past fiscal year ending on June 30, 2019, the state forested paid up $228,742 to 11 counties that had state forests generating revenue during the past fiscal year. So since that first payment in 1940 state forests have paid $8,575,477 in payments to counties with the revenue generated by state forests. So for this year, 2019, Buckingham County’s portion is $28,236.01. So here you go.

Bryan: Thank you sir.
Re: Zoning Matters

There were none at this time.

Re: Finance Committee: Consider release of funding to the Rescue Squad

K. Carter: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. I’ll take that one. The Rescue Squad Committee met on Monday, July 29. The committee was provided a copy of the squad's revised Article of Incorporation. Per the request of the committee this amendment will distribute all assets on dissolution of the Buckingham County Volunteer Rescue Squad Inc. as the sole property to the County of Buckingham for the purpose of furthering the Emergency Medical Services Program in the County. The committee also discussed the information that Mr. Kerry Flippen provided stating that the squad volunteers, beginning September, will provide volunteer services for a twelve hour shift on Sundays instead of paying for the paid DRT services. Mr. Flippen stated this would be a $2600 monthly savings approximately. Last fiscal year the Board of Supervisors allowed the Finance Committee to distribute the budgeted rescue squad funding as deemed necessary. The committee is asking your direction on this matter for this fiscal year. At this point and time the Committee is recommending that $50,000 of the $200,000 budgeted funding be released to the Rescue Squad currently. The squad is making some improvements but the Committee is not ready to release the entire funds and feel $50,000 is appropriate.

Bryan: Do I hear a motion?

Matthews: I’m going to give some discussion with that too. The rescue squad is making some improvements and headway but we are still strapped for volunteers across the county. They are caught between a rock and a hard spot. We’ve gone the last two years looking at their financials on an almost monthly basis and you know, things were supposed to get better with the new billing company but we’ve seen that to be a slow process. They are showing some improvements and I just wanted everybody on the Board to know that. There is still a long way to go. I’m going to make a motion to approve this $50,000 and we are going to continue to watch financials on a monthly basis and hopefully at some point and time we are going to get this thing turned around but it doesn’t look to promising right now. So moved.

Bryant: I second.

Bryan: Motion made and seconded to release $50,000 of the $200,000 to the rescue squad. Any further comments? If none, call for the vote. 6 yes.

Supervisor Matthews moved, Vice Chairman Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to release $50,000 of the $200,000 appropriation to the Buckingham County Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Carter: Mr. Chairman, another issue with that is last year you all gave the Finance Committee authority as necessary. We were wondering if you wanted to do that again or if every time, come
back to the Board. This will leave $150,000. Last year it was $200,000 and only $100,000 was released so they certainly have been financially responsible with the money. How do you want to do that? Do you want to give authority to the finance committee or do you want each release to come back to you? Probably the reason we ask that is there may be a time that they may need the money to pay for their contractual group that runs their calls.

**Dunnavant:** I don’t have an issue with the committee turning it lose as they see fit.

**Bryan:** Joe?

**Chambers:** I don’t have a problem with it.

**Bryan:** Bobby?

**Jones:** I don’t have any problem with it.

**Bryan:** Harry?

**Bryant:** I think its fine.

**Bryan:** Do you want a motion for that Mrs. Carter?

**Carter:** We would need that to give the authority.

**Bryan:** Need a motion for the Finance Committee to release funds. Motion made by Mr. Chambers, seconded by Mr. Bryant to allow the Finance Committee to release funds as necessary for the Rescue Squad. Any discussion? Call for the vote. 6 yes.

*Supervisor Chambers moved, Vice Chairman Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to authorize the Finance Committee to release funds as necessary to the Rescue Squad.*

**Re: Circuit Court Clerk, Request for Appropriation of Funds**

**Mr. Carter:** In your packet you should have a letter from Circuit Court Clerk Justin Midkiff. He’s asking for an additional appropriation for his budget and it’s basically two parts. The first part is we adopted the budget back in the spring. His department was no fully staffed at the time so we do it based on the actual number of employees. Since the budget was passed, he is fully staffed so he has more employees that he needs to ask for additional money for in his budget. The second piece of this was after the election, he was short staffed again and he got some money from the state to help his staff to pay overtime and pay temporary people. He received $12,654.18 from the state back then. He’s asking for the remaining balance to be carried over to this new fiscal year to spend it all down. The amount his has remaining is $8,991.68. So if I add this right, he’s asking for a total of $14,317 to be appropriated to his budget and if you do approve this I’d say to take it out of Ending Year Balance.
Bryan: Is there a motion to allow the Clerk’s office to carryover money?

Chambers: I move that we approve.

Jones: Second.

Bryan: Motion by Mr. Chambers, second by Mr. Jones to allow the Circuit Court Clerk to carry over money as presented by Mr. Carter. Any further discussion? Call for the vote.

Dunnavant: Is there any new money in this, Karl? Is there any new money in this?

K. Carter: Yes, part of it is. The health insurance is. The $8,992 is not. He had that money approved from the state.

Dunnavant: So it’s $14,000 new money?

K. Carter: No, sir. $5325 is money.

Dunnavant: Ok. I thought there was some new money in it.

Bryan: 6 yes.

Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Jones seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve to appropriate $14,317 to the Circuit Court Clerk’s budget.

Re: Law Enforcement: Request to Approve $3,000 from the Sheriff Fund-Asset Forfeiture-State for the County’s contribution to the Piedmont Regional Narcotic and Gang Enforcement Task Force

Kidd: Yes, this is the annual dues. It’s gone up from two years ago when it was $2500, now its $3,000 to be a member of this task force which is greatly improved the drug problem in the three county area. I ask that you take the $3,000 out of the Drug Fund-Forfeitures that the state has and make a check to the task force.

Bryan: This is money that people have graciously forfeited to the State.

Dunnavant: I move that we release the money, Mr. Kidd’s task force money.

Bryan: Motion made and seconded to release the $3,000 as presented by Sheriff Kidd. Any further discussion? Call for the vote. 6 yes.

Supervisor Dunnavant moved, Vice Chairman Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the $3,000 to the Piedmont Regional Narcotic and Gang Enforcement Task Force.
Re: Law Enforcement: Consider Appropriation for Budget Overage, Transfers and Appropriation of Reimbursements in the Total Amount of $55,562 for FY2018-19 Fiscal Year

Kidd: As anticipated and corrected in last year’s budget request that I made, my biggest shortfall this past year was in salary, specifically in 1300, Part Time Salary and Wages. This item supports our part-time employees that contribute to my operational duties at a value to the County. After applying all available offsets, like the Courthouse Security Fund, I still remain $38,250 over budget. The budget that yall just passed for this fiscal year will solve that and correct it so it should be alright this year. Likewise the vehicle and powered equipment supplies, 6010, I remain $17,313 over budget after applying all available offsets. This makes a total of $55,562 in the past budget that I need to zero it out.

Bryan: You are asking for $55,562?

Kidd: Correct.

Chambers: We have to fund it.

Dunnavant: I’m not saying no yet but it wasn’t that long ago that we helped with a big budget shortfall for this year wasn’t it?

Kidd: Yes, sir.

Dunnavant: I forget the figure.

Carter: A few months ago.

Dunnavant: What’s happening with the math? What’s happening to make these shortfalls keep cropping up on us?

Kidd: Continuing need for the part time people to work for ECO’s and such as this. We have to go out of state and pick up people and come back.

Dunnavant: We’ve got to fund you. Like Mr. Chambers said, I don’t think we can tell you no. But we need a responsible budget number in the beginning because I think this is putting us substantially over…close to $200,000 this year and that’s a good chunk.

Carter: When an employee left and we had to pay accumulated leave. That is part of that.

Kidd: I’ve had two others leave also.

Carter: In this budget that you are asking for this money for…so this will cover those two leaving.
Kidd: Yes, ma'am.

Matthews: Have you hired two new staff as far as full time employee?

Kidd: Correct.

Matthews: So our part time people should…we should see some decrease in those funds.

Kidd: We hope so.

Matthews: Ok. I'm just asking.

Chambers: I make a motion that we fund it.

Carter: Y'all did appropriate more money in that category for the year that we are in right now.

Kidd: We foresaw what was coming and ask for it for this new budget and y'all put it in there.

Bryan: We just ask that you be very tight with the budget.

Dunnavant: I’m going to second this. We need to…this is just August. We’ve got about a year left coming out.

Carter: This is for the past year.

Dunnavant: I know. Like I say, we’ve been hit with a lot of unexpected stuff from the office and anyway we can hold the line tighter than what’s anticipated we kind of need to do.

Kidd: Understood.

Matthews: What is that $3,000 that we just paid or approved to pay for the State Police Task Force, what are we getting out of that $3,000 really?

Kidd: Basically the three county area, Buckingham, Prince Edward and Cumberland, Town of Farmville and Longwood College contribute one officer that concentrate solely on drugs. They’ve been able to do quite good work. Recently $10,000 from a drug dealer. Hopefully that’s going to filter back to us. It takes a while to get through the court system.

Bryan: Motion made and seconded to approve the $55,562 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for the Sheriff’s office. Any further discussion? Call for the vote. 6 yes.

Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Dunnavant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve to appropriate $55,562 to the Sheriff’s budget for FY2018-19 to cover budget shortfall.
Re: Animal Control Facility Committee: Consider Recommendation of the Animal Control Facility Committee to Accept a Grant of $230,000 from Petco for the Construction of the New Animal Control Facility and Salary for Animal Control Facility Personnel

Carter: As some of you may be aware, we applied for a grant from Petco. We applied for $200,000 and word came back that we were approved for $230,000 toward construction of a new Animal Control Facility that the state is saying we need to build. $15,000 of that money can be used toward staff and our budget did approve for a part time person for the pound. So, this will get us more money to put into that. The Animal Control Facility Committee is asking for authority for me to sign that agreement after review and conditions by the County Attorney. He has been looking at it but we’d like for him to further look at to make sure we are not further obligating our self to anything through this. It is a grant for $230,000.

Bryan: This is through Petco?

Carter: Yes, sir.

Jones: There’s a whole lot of paperwork involved in assuming a grant or taking this grant. If we do vote to accept the grant we are going to have to ensure that we stay within what they request that we have to do.

Carter: The main thing, there were some things in there that we found out that we won’t have to do but the main thing they are looking at is publicity. They’d like to have their logo on our website and announcement of the award. Just today I got an email where there is another big lump sum of money coming up. It is for publicity and of course care of animals.

Dunnavant: They are looking for the publicity. I think they want their logo say on the sign, in the facility or maybe website and then when you go down to the Animal Control Area, have a Petco thing in the corner there.

Bryan: If you buy a vehicle the Petco foundation will be recognized with a prominent logo placement on three sides of the vehicle used or purchased.

Dunnavant: We are not doing that. This is for the new facility and I also read that we’ve got to give them an annual report. Animals in and out.

Carter: We’ve got to have that for the state now anyway.

Dunnavant: That’s just another sending out of information we have to gather anyways. I don’t see much of any negative with this.

Carter: They are allowing $15,000 toward someone to be there helping with this paperwork. So, you are right, Supervisor Jones, there is a lot of paperwork to it.
Dunnavant: Having the funding for some part time people should keep us out of the bad report writing of the State person that always shows up on the hot days and shows up on abnormally cold days.

Carter: We’ve already approved that.

Jones: I move that we accept the grant as stated.

Dunnavant: Push the button Mr. Jones and I’ll second it.

Bryan: Do you see where 45 days from the date written above to return the signed copy to the Petco Foundation?

Carter: Yes.

Bryan: Motion made and second to accept the grant from the Petco Foundation. Any further discussion? Call for the vote. 6 yes.

*Supervisor Jones moved, Supervisor Dunnavant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to accept the $230,000 grant from the Petco Foundation.*

Re: Emergency Management: Consider Resolution to Adopt the Buckingham County Debris Management Plan

Carter: Yes, sir. This is a Debris Management Plan that is required by FEMA in order to get funds or to qualify for any funds to help with debris after any emergency event. Cody Davis, our Emergency Manager worked with Commonwealth Regional Council on this plan. The full plan is about 115 pages. As I told you last week, if you wish to review it we can either give you a copy or I have it available in the office. We ask that you consider adopting this Debris Management Plan.

Dunnavant: Mrs. Carter, how much trouble would it cause if we deferred this another because I am our representative on the Commonwealth Regional Council and during the time they were working on it, I hadn’t heard a word about it. I hadn’t had a time to read it and I don’t know what kind of details are in it and I’d like to read it before I vote on it or negatively on it. Would it hurt anything to defer it to next meeting?

Carter: That will be fine.

Bryan: Table this to next month. Ok.
Re: Utilities Committee: Consider Utilities Committee Recommendation Regarding Cleaning and Painting of Water Storage Tanks

Carter: This is in order to continue to maintain our water distribution system it is important that we clean and paint the two elevated water storage tanks. One of these tanks is located at Sprouse’s Corner and the other is beside the Dillwyn Primary School. After these tanks are cleaned and painted we will be installing mixers, the addition of these mixers will help with the THM’s that we are currently having problems with. There are also two storage tanks at the water treatment plant that need to be cleaned, disinfected and put back in service. The funds to complete these projects would come from the water enterprise funds. At this time we are asking you to approve the recommendation of the Utilities Committee that the Board consider advertising to receive bids to complete these project.

Dunnavant: I move that we advertise for bids to do the maintenance on the storage tanks.

Matthews: Second.

Bryan: We have a motion and a second to approve to advertise for bids for the cleaning and painting of water storage tanks. Any further discussion? Call for the vote. 6 yes.

Supervisor Dunnavant moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve to advertise for bids for the cleaning and painting of the water storage tanks at Sprouse’s Corner and beside the old Dillwyn Primary School and clean and disinfect the two storage tanks at the Water Treatment Plant.

Re: Library/Community Center Committee: Consider Appropriation of Funds from the Library/Community Center Reserve to Pay Architect and Engineering for the Library/Community Center

K. Carter: Yes sir Mr. Chairman, in our 2019 budget that just ended there was a reserve for a library/community center debt service payment. For all the reserves, we need Board approval before spending any of these funds. We did not have a library debt service payment in 2019 so the committee wants to use those funds, the appropriated funds, the reserve funds to pay the architect and engineering fees for the project because we didn’t have that debt service last year. This will allow us to borrow less money and use those funds we have in the budget to pay those fees. Because this is a reserve, I need you guys to approve it.

Bryan: You hit it right on the head. It’s going to be less money that we have to borrow.

Bryan: I so move.

Matthews: Second.

Bryan: Motion made and seconded to use the funds that were not used in last year’s budget to pay for the architect fees. Any further discussion? Call for the vote. 6 yes.
Vice Chairman Bryant moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve to pay the architect and engineering fees for the Library/Community Center Project from the reserve funds in the FY19 budget that were not spent.

Re: Library/Community Center Committee: Consider Recommendation of the Library/Community Center Committee Regarding Awarding the Contract for the Construction of this Project

Matthews: Do you want any discussion on this?

Bryan: I understand that you guys got it down within 9%.

Matthews: Yes, sir.

Dunnivant: 9% of the original Crabtree, Rohrbaugh estimate. That’s a pretty good deal fellows.

Bryan: That’s a real good deal.

Matthews: I’d like to move, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors accept the bid of $5,026,000 from Jamerson, Lewis Construction Inc. for the repurposing of the Dillwyn Primary School to a Library and Community Center subject to the terms of the agreement AIA Document A101-2017 provided by Crabtree, Rohrbaugh and Associates and to be approved by the County Attorney and (2) the County Administrator is hereby authorized to sign the agreement of the County of Buckingham as the owner acting through its Board of Supervisors and Lewis and Jamerson Construction Company Inc. as the Contractor for the said repurposing upon approval of the County Attorney as to form of the agreement.

Bryan: Motion made and seconded to approve the recommendation from the Library Committee for the award of the contract and have the County Administrator sign the agreement. Any further discussion? Call for the vote. 6 yes.

Supervisor Matthews moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to accept the bid of $5,026,000 from Jamerson, Lewis Construction Inc. for the repurposing of the Dillwyn Primary School to a Library and Community Center subject to the terms of the agreement AIA Document A101-2017 provided by Crabtree, Rohrbaugh and Associates and to be approved by the County Attorney and (2) the County Administrator is hereby authorized to sign the agreement between the County of Buckingham as the owner acting through its Board of Supervisors and Lewis and Jamerson Construction Company Inc. as the Contractor for the said repurposing upon approval of the County Attorney as to form of the agreement.
Re: Appointment/Reappointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals

Bryan: It looks like Frank Braxton and Rev. Lawing have agreed to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Wine no longer lives in the county, so Supervisor Dunnavant is going to seek someone to find someone to this Board. They have to be nominated by us and appointed by the Judge of the Circuit Court.

Dunnavant: I found a lady that is quite responsible and is willing to do the duty. Mrs. Martha Brochard on Andersonville Road. She was married to…she’s Claud Anderson’s widow who was one of our State Delegates at one time. She certainly understands the process. So she is quite qualified to do it if called upon. I move that we recommend her.

Matthews: Second.

Carter: We also need the other two too.

Bryan: Would you amend your motion to include the others?

Dunnavant: And to include Frank Braxton and Rev. Raymond Q. Lawing as well. Yes.

Bryan: Motion made and seconded to include all three as listed for recommendation for appointment by the Judge of the Circuit Court. Any further discussion? Call for the vote. 6 yes.

Supervisor Dunnavant moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to nominate Frank Braxton, Raymond Q. Lawing and Martha Brochard to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Re: Virginia Crossroads, Inc. By-Laws

Carter: They came in while I was out to my email. They would like to take those to the Crossroads Board in September. I sent those out to you today and I hate that I threw it out to you but I hope you would consider them so they can be approved by the Crossroads Board at their September meeting. It’s Amelia, Lunenburg, Prince Edward, and I think Cumberland have all approved. I think we are the last ones. It came in my mailbox while I was out. There is nothing in here that obligates us to anything.

Dunnavant: This is just the rules…

Carter: The way they operate their meeting.

Dunnavant: The way they operate their business. We are acknowledging it and we still have the opportunity to argue their money at budget time.

Carter: I guess you do.
Bryan: Is there a motion? A motion made and seconded to approve the By-Laws of the Virginia Crossroad. Any further discussion? Call for the vote. 6 yes.

Vice Chairman Bryant moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the By-Laws of the Virginia Crossroads.

Re: Consider Request from Browns Chapel United Methodist Church for Use of Gold Hill School Track for a Bike-A-Thon benefit for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital

Carter: Brown’s United Methodist Church is asking use of the Gold Hill School Track to host a community bike-a-thon for the benefit of St. Jude’s Hospital. So this is a non-profit requesting to use it for another non-profit. I would say that my recommendation is that it would be appropriate for the church to have a liability insurance policy for this event or if they make sure that every participant signs a release form holding the county not liable for anything on county property.

Dunnavant: I move that we make the facility available to them with the condition that the insurance and/or liability release form is reviewed and approved by Mr. Wright.

Bryan: A motion and second as presented by Mrs. Carter and amended by Mr. Dunnavant. Any further discussion? Call for the vote. 6 yes.

Supervisor Dunnavant moved, Vice Chairman Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the request for Brown’s Chapel United Methodist Church to use the track at the Gold Hill School for a Bike-A-Thon benefit for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital with the condition that insurance and/or liability release form is provided and approved by Mr. Wright.

Re: County Attorney Matters

There were none at this time.

Re: County Administrator’s Report

Virginia War Memorial: The first item I have is Virginia War Memorial release for Buckingham County. Also with this they ask that we say their name of the Fallen Hero’s. I put this out here in case anyone wanted to individually make a donation. I know the county generally doesn’t do such as this. But I think it would be good to do as other areas are doing and speak their names. Mr. Chairman, if you would.

Chairman Bryan read the names of each Fallen Hero:
Notice of Accreditation of the Treasurer’s Office: Next item is for your information, a Notice of Accreditation for our treasurer’s office. This certification was presented to the Treasurer, Christy Christian, as part of the Treasurer’s Association Annual Conference in Arlington.

Buckingham Branch Railroad Rail Preservation Grant: Next item is Buckingham Branch Railroad Rail Preservation Grant and is also a notification that they apparently have been notified of receipt of a grant for a Buckingham Transload, a project to expand the existing transload site located in Buckingham and presently serves the Butane transload operation. The expansion will allow for the location of other transload operations. It consists of constructing track, drainage improvements, and installing switches. Estimated project cost of $2 million. The Preservation Grant will be 70% of the costs and Buckingham Branch will pay the 30% of matching funds.

New Retail Business: I don’t have a name to tell you but you may have seen some site work going on in Dillwyn beside Dr. Saxon’s office. There is going to be an office supply company coming there. Where they are right now, they have their E&S and they are working on their site work and their entrance application to VDOT is in. So we’ve been trying to work with them on that. Otherwise they are coming along. It is zoned B-1 so they didn’t have to come before you all for approval. I just wanted to let you all know that we have a new business coming to town.
Possible Amendments to the By-Laws and Rules of Procedure: You have heard a few comments tonight about the possible changes to the 2019-20 By-Laws and Rules of Procedure. These are something for your review. They are something that other counties have them incorporated into their By-Laws but this is just for you to look at and think about.

That concludes my report Mr. Chairman.

Bryan: You needed a motion for confirmation of nomination and appointment of the County Administrator to the GO Virginia Executive Board?

Carter: No, sir. I was nominated and approved through the state. I forgot about that.

Re: Other Board Matters

There were none.

Re: Executive Closed Session

Supervisor Dunnivant moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to enter into Executive Closed Session for 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.

Re: Return to Regular Session and Certification

Supervisor Dunnivant moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to return to Open 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.

Re: Action as a Result of Executive Closed Session

Carter: I had received a request from someone that wants to use our Animal Control Pound and landfill road as an access to get in to harvest some timber. We had discussed that and now I ask your pleasure on that.

Dunnivant: Since it’s in my district I’ll make the announcement. We chose not to because the piece of land from what we looked at has available access directly to Rt. 640 and the perspective person can make their own arrangements rather than damage or potentially damage the county’s property.

Bryan: Once we grant access one time anyone else that wants to use county property we will have to grant access as well.

Carter: Set a precedence.
Bryan: That would be a very bad precedence for the county. The consensus of the Board is that we are not going to grant access at this time. It’s unanimous.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Bryan declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Rebecca S. Carter
County Administrator

Donald E. Bryan
Chairman