At a regular monthly meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 6:00 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; Don Matthews; E. Morgan Dunnavant; Joe N. Chambers, Jr.; and Danny R. Allen. Robert C. Jones was absent. Also present were Rebecca S. Carter, County Administrator; Karl Carter, Asst. County Administrator; Nicci Edmondston, Zoning Administrator; and E.M. Wright, Jr., County Attorney.

**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 present. 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: Announcements**

**Bryan:** I have one. Mr. Dunnavant. I have here a plaque from the Buckingham Board of Supervisors presented to E. Morgan Dunnavant, District 4 Supervisor for your dedicated service of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2019.

**Re: Approval of Agenda**

**Bryan:** Before we approve the agenda, I’d like to consider a change in the agenda and suspend the rules of the By-Laws so we can change the agenda as it’s written.

**Allen:** Agreed.

**Chambers:** Agreed.

**Dunnavant:** Yes, sir.
Bryan: I agree.

Bryant: I agree.

Matthews: I agree.

Bryan: Thank you.

Re: Approval of Minutes

*Supervisor Matthews moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2019 meeting as presented.*

Re: Approval of Claims

*Vice Chairman Bryant moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the claims as presented.*

Re: Approval of Third Quarter Appropriations

*Supervisor Matthews moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Third Quarter Appropriations as presented.*

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Re: Consideration of a Resolution of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors in Support of Second Amendment Rights

Bryan: Before that, there was a nice article by Matt Farris in the Farmville Herald about all the sanctuaries that…the 2nd Amendment Sanctuaries that are adopting this resolution. That being said, Matt said that it is important to realize that Virginia is a Dillon Rule State. If you don’t know what that is, it means that local governments cannot override State laws. It makes resolutions like these symbolic but no less important. What we are doing now is sending a very clear message to the Democrats in Richmond that the public has no appetite for overreaching regarding our 2nd Amendment Rights. At the same time everyone should realize that these resolutions are nonbinding. Virginia invests the powers to enforce the laws in our county with our elected Sheriff and Commonwealth Attorney. Seeing we have a packed house tonight, thank you for coming out. I do encourage you since you are here to contact the people in Richmond including the Governor to let them know how you stand on the 2nd Amendment Rights. That being said. The Resolution of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors.
Chambers: Mr. Chairman, I think we should support our citizens. I am in favor of this and we should send a strong letter to the Governor that we oppose what they are doing. I make a motion.
Allen: Second.

Bryan: There has been a motion made and properly seconded to support the Resolution of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors in support of the 2nd Amendment Rights. Any further discussion? Call for the vote. 6 yes. It’s unanimous.

You are welcome to stay and hear the rest of the agenda, but if you want to leave, I’ll take a short recess and you guys can depart.

Re: Public Comment

Jason Gwatowsky, District 6: Not exactly sure how this works, but honestly I don’t make it to many meetings but I appreciate yall following through on the 2nd Amendment Sanctuary. I want to be the first to thank yall for doing that. Unfortunately, I don’t think this is the end of it by no means. I’m reasonably sure when the bills go through it will get watered down and it will be another compromise here and another compromise there. For myself, I’m not compromising. I’m done compromising. Shall not be infringed is very specific. We are done compromising. The games have been played from federal, not it’s come to our state. I hope it doesn’t come to our local. We cannot stress enough while this resolution may not be a binding thing of such that has any teeth that people are calling it. It does send a very clear message that we are done playing and we are not putting up with it anymore. I’ll be honest with you, as it stands right now, I will not comply with any further legislation on firearms period. To me it’s unconstitutional. That’s all I wanted to say. Thank you very much.

Woody Wood, District 3: Once again I want to thank yall for what you are doing. The more I look at what’s going on in the state right now, there is a bigger question going on. We sent out a resolution but there’s something much greater, much bigger than what we have addressed tonight. The 2nd Amendment means too much to Virginia that most Virginians don’t realize. I don’t take light to the problems, I don’t take light to the Constitution being torn apart. We all have family members that are fighting for us right now in the military that have sworn to uphold that Constitution. The great land that we all live in comes under the Constitution of the United States. It doesn’t say separated states. We are all under that Constitution which includes the Bill of Rights. It does not include a Bill of Privileges, or a Bill of Nice Things to have, it is the Bill of Rights. Why is the 2nd Amendment so important to Virginians? I broke out a book I hadn’t seen since college a couple years ago. My wife found it for me in my study. I opened it up and found the paragraph I wanted and let me read it to you.

“Opposition to the Constitution was generally weakest in the small states, which would have more than their share of power in the new government. But the Federalists, as the supporters of the Constitution called themselves, knew that it was imperative to win over the four largest states: Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New York, and Virginia. For anyone of them to abstain would imperil the success of the new government. Pennsylvania, in spite of determined opposition, fell in line first, on December 12, 1787. Massachusetts ratified on February 6, 1788, by a narrow majority, which included several anti-Federalist delegates. They had been persuaded after John Hancock proposed that a recommendation for a bill of rights accompany ratification.”
It wasn’t going to be ratified by anybody. That’s how important the Bill of Rights was in the forming of the Constitution. It’s a well-regulated militia is what we are discussing. I want to acknowledge that we just had our 78th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, did we not? A devastating attack on our country. It crippled the west coast Navy. It crippled them. It made the west coast vulnerable. But most people did not understand why the Japanese did not attack the mainland. One reason. It’s written in the history books. The citizens were armed. They were not going to do that. Wise on their part, but they were not going to do that. I ask again, why are we still here? What did our forefathers see that we are not catching or seeing right now? They had to fight a tyranny government. They gave up a lot of things. They gave up a lot of stuff for us to sit here and bicker over this. They gave it up and to my view the definition of tyranny and looking at the Constitution, Richmond is getting ready to place a tyranny on us.

**Quinn Robinson, District 4:** Good evening gentlemen and fellow Virginians. My name is Quinn Robinson. I reside in District 4 in Buckingham. This has been a real revelation this evening. Not one that I’m really comfortable with. The last speaker spoke of tyranny’s and so forth. I don’t know what people are afraid of. As we’ve learned and we’ve learned every four years or so, elections has consequences and the consequences are change. You may not be able to keep up with it or agree with it but that’s the way it works. It’s not a matter of rebelling and swearing not to obey, we allow the courts to make those interpretation. And it’s unfortunate to me that we went ahead and this county passed this which is according to what Mr. Farris said it’s just a gesture more or less and it’s not enforceable. He knows that. You put your County Attorney and you put your Sheriff who you did elect at risk and they may have some clause to ignore these rules and laws. It’s not right. I don’t know what people are afraid of. Attorney General Herring failed to issue a clear statement about it. That’s unfortunate. It’s misleading. Bringing this back home a bit, this whole meeting has been extraordinary. Ignoring the basic patterns and rules that govern the conduct of this board were set aside to allow this demonstration. Did the people of Buckingham ask for this? Thank you.

**Cam Edwards, District 5:** My name Cam Edwards. I’m the Editor of Bearing Arms.com. I’m a resident here in Buckingham County. I moved here almost seven years ago after living in the DC suburbs for nearly a decade and by the time I left Fairfax County I was miserable from the Northern Virginia traffic, high cost of living and the increasingly repressive politics. Buckingham County was like a breath of fresh air with a whiff of gun powder in the air. This is not just where I live now. It is my home. I love the fact that any given weekend I can hear two or three of my neighbors engaged in target practice on their property just as I am on mine. This way of life and the Constitution protected rights that make it possible are going to be under direct assault in Richmond starting in January. There are a number of Bills already pre-filed that would violate our rights as Virginians and Americans including Senate Bill 16 which bans the continued possession of legally owned semi-automatic long guns and some pistols. Senate Bill 22 which criminalize the common transfers of firearms between family and friends here in Buckingham as well as making it a crime for any parent to allow their 17 year old to hunt by themselves or even have access to firearms for self-defense. I know the Board may not have wanted to pass a resolution for something that hasn’t happened yet, but I do believe now is the time to send a message to lawmakers in Richmond that the right to bear arms will be acknowledged and protected here in Buckingham County. Back in the spring of 1776, a few months before the Declaration of
Independence was even drafted, county officials here in Buckingham passed a resolution directing their delegates in the 5th Virginia Convention to support a separation from Great Brittan. Those of us who turned up tonight are not asking you to make nearly as momentous a step, but we were asking you and are asking you to join the many counties that have declared that they will use every tool at their disposal to protect and secure the individual rights of residents from infringement on part by the State. Gun control activist are trying to compare the 2nd amendment sanctuary movement to massive resistance. The movement of the 1950’s and early 60’s here in Virginia to keep schools segregated is a sign of their desperation that they would make such an odious comparison and nothing could be further from the truth. Just as here in Buckingham County, the peacefully integrated Brown vs Board of Education decision today’s residents are not interested in trying to deprive people of their rights but to ensure free exercise. As Martin Luther King Jr. said in his letter from a Birmingham jail cell, one is not only a legal but a moral responsibility to obey just laws, conversely one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws. Is it a law, is the law just, if it can bar people from having the most commonly sold rifle in the country today and ban the continued possession of lawfully acquired firearms? Is a law just to criminalize a parent who allows their 17 year old daughter access to a firearm when she’s home alone in a remote part of Buckingham County? Is the law just to require our sheriff and deputies of Buckingham County to seize firearms under court order even though the individual subjected to that order hasn’t been given their day in court or even accused of a crime? Is a law just is someone is declared a danger to themselves or others and is treated by taking their guns away and leaving their knives, car keys, gasoline and matches? Is the law just if it turns a right into a privilege? I say no. I think the people who showed up here tonight say no. I thank you for passing the 2nd Amendment Sanctuary Resolution and taking a stand against the unjust laws that are most definitely headed our way. Thank you.

Marie Flowers, District 3: I’m back again. Marie Flowers. Third District. I want to tell you that I am very disappointed that you all passed this. I saw absolutely nothing in the proposals by the Governor that would restrict guns from law abiding citizens. It seems to me that certain people will have freedom. All those children that have been murdered by people who had guns. They didn’t have the freedom of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I think it doesn’t take a gun to make a man. It takes integrity. I think a lot of people have…I think the NRA has sold the John Wayne syndrome. We don’t need to have guns anymore. The only thing we need a gun for is if you have a rabid fox in your yard. But when I was in Europe, somebody walked in the police station in Paris and stabbed three policeman to death. So, I just don’t see what everybody is so darn afraid of. This issue of freedom. Nobody’s freedom is being taken away except these people that are being murdered. Their freedom is taken away. Every law abiding citizen if he or she wants a gun has the opportunity to get one. I don’t see where any restrictions on that. It’s a dangerous thing. A gun is a very dangerous thing. You have to have a license to drive a car. Do you think that’s amusing Mr. Matthews? I don’t think it’s amusing. There is too much hate and not enough compassion for other people. You don’t think so. Well, I can’t make you…I knew you would do this but I still felt that as a citizen I have a responsibility to come up and give my opinion. It’s an emotional thing. People become emotionally attached to the idea that if they don’t have a gun they are not free. Thank you. I’m sure I’ll see you again.
Sammy Smith, District 5: Good evening. My name is Sammy Smith and I live in the James River District. Two part comments tonight. One as your liaison for Farm Bureau I’m really impressed that you signed the resolution. So is Farm Bureau. Secondly, now I have my citizen hat on, I’m very pleased that you completed the resolution. There are many folks that don’t understand what it’s like to be shot, or stabbed, or choked or beat with a baseball bat. If they have a problem with that, I would be willing to sit down for a one on one interview. If they don’t have a problem with that and don’t believe it happens here in America, they can go back to Disney World because that’s what it is. Thank you very much for your time.

Frank Howe, District 4: I’m Frank Howe, District 4. Over a year ago I first approached this Board and requested consideration of a motion for support for sensible gun control legislation. Beginning January 1, 2019 through November 15 of this year, there have been 368 additional mass shootings in this country resulting in 408 deaths, 1,477 injuries. Of course we all know that since November 15th, the shooting and killing has continued. When I first read the motion that you passed this evening I resolved to attend the meeting and acknowledge you for bringing forward such a motion. But there are in fact people in this room tonight who will berate you for the motion and who will praise you for the motion. Have you permitted public feedback before the voting we likely would have had a meeting here tonight that was reflective of the lanker that impacts almost all public discourse in our country? You have passed the motion but there is no procedural or parliamentary prohibition that prevents you from bringing the motion forward again for further consideration this evening. This is what I’m about to suggest to you. I would like to suggest to you, members of the Board, and to all who are present here, that we here in Buckingham, behave differently. I would like to suggest that we set an example for the rest of the State and the rest of the country. It’s clear that many are concerned and afraid that their rights may be in jeopardy. It is also clear that many are deeply troubled by the persistent occurrence of mass shootings in our country. What might not be clear and I have no doubt is true, is that many people here feel strongly about both issues. Tonight we have an opportunity to bridge the divide and find a common ground on which we can all stand. I am asking that the resolution in support of the 2nd Amendment Rights keep all its current wording and add a section which acknowledges the seriousness of the gun issue, violence issue in our country and advocate for a reasonable remedy. The two suggested additions that I want to bring forward to you are, the first section of expiatory statement I suggest we add, “Whereas, the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors likewise recognizes the serious concerns our community, our state and our nation faces regarding the saddening and dangerous trend of mass shootings within our society”. Under the second section of resolutions I suggest we add “Be it Further Resolved that the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors hereby calls upon the General Assembly of Virginia to enact sensible, effective and constitutionally consistent legislation to address the dangers of gun violence within our society and to ensure as much as possible the safety of all our citizens.” With these two additions we can show all that it is possible to work collaboratively even on a difficult issue. We can serve as a model for other of what a community can do if we stand together. I ask you to please read that and I’ll be happy to hear your comments. So no questions for me? No intention to bring this forward?
Mike Payne, District 4: Hello. My name is Mike Payne and I’m from District 4. I’d like to thank you for the resolution and unanimous decision. One thing I’d like to say is the 2nd Amendment guarantees all of our other amendments. Without the 2nd Amendment none of the other amendments will survive. I’m not a very good public speaker. The people here tonight have talked about what we are afraid of. All you’ve got to do is watch the news worldwide and you will figure out what we are afraid of. Look at Iran. People are being killed by the hundreds, by the thousands because they are unarmed. They have no defense from their own government. That’s what I’m afraid of. Venezuela is another one. To go back in history, Hitler. He was not, he did not seize power. He was elected. The first thing he did was disarm his citizens. Think about that. Thank you.

Donna McRae-Jones, District 3: My name is Donna McRae-Jones and I’m a member of District 3. I too want to thank you for passing the amendment. I am not recently a widow. I live by myself. I praise Sheriff Kidd and his department for when my alarm goes off accidentally they are there. Even the Virginia State Police. They are there. I praise the previous speakers that went through and announced the history for which our country was founded and from which the 2nd Amendment was birthed. My husband told me that the unloaded gun in the house was nothing more than a piece of pipe. I have my concealed weapon. I’ve been trained by my husband and I’ve also had other training. The very fact that I’m a female and not a male, but I take great pride in the fact that I know how to use my firearm and given that I’m by myself, I went to the Farm Bureaus Civil Active Shooting. I have a plan for my house. If I’m upstairs in my bedroom, an assailant comes to my door, then I go out my window and slide down the front porch. If I happen to be in my bathroom upstairs, I can slide down the family room metal roof and drop and roll. If I happen to be in my office working upstairs, I can do the same. Downstairs I have a judge, at my backdoor I have a shotgun. If someone comes to my house without any knowledge of me knowing they are coming, I’m going to answer the door with my judge. I also have sensor lights and you have two legs instead of four, and I’m not expecting you, then I’m going to be prepared to be armed. Yes, guns kill people but people use guns. The very fact that when the glocks came out, our police force didn’t have the budget so they could get their glocks. Now the crooks, they are going to have their guns and they don’t have a budget. Again, I thank Buckingham County for being there when I need them. I thank you wholeheartedly for passing the resolution and as it goes we each have our own opinions and I’m glad I’m able to speak my own. Thank you.

Judy Grigg, District 3: Good evening guys. I’m Judy Grigg. I take care of Troop 6535, Troop 1818 and Troop 1817 here in the county. I want to thank the members for entertaining me. Please keep me informed of what’s going on at Gold Hill. I’m getting the information I get from Jamie. He’s keeping me up on that. We finished our food drive. We collected 857 lbs. of food that we took to the local food bank. We are really excited with that. Tomorrow evening at 6:00 at Ennon if you are not busy, we are doing our first girls Court of Honor. It’s going to be a big thing. The girls have worked really hard to get to where they are at. This is Buckingham’s first girl troop Court of Honor. So we would appreciate anyone that’s available to attend 6:00 at Ennon. Thank you.
Jacob Eubanks, District 3: Good evening guys. My name is Jacob Eubanks. I’m from District 3. I’m here tonight to let you guys know that I appreciate you guys passing the resolution. I believe it’s very important that we keep the right to bear arms. Like that gentleman said, that amendment assures us that other amendments stand. If you have no enforcement, look at all the other countries. Adolph Hitler, I use Adolph Hitler as an example, he told the German people give me control of your firearms, and your military and I’ll turn this country around and look what happened. Defenseless people, it happens all over the world. Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, that’s not what I want in our country. People made the comments, “What are people afraid of”. You turn on the news. They are not just using firearms, they are using knives. They are using vehicles. They are using chemicals. The problem isn’t the firearms, the problem is the people behind the firearms. Not just the firearms, look at the knives. If you look at the facts. On average, you can look at the U.S. Board of Statistics or get on the Center for Disease Control. You can look and see in the United States of America, there is on average three times the people killed with knives than “assault rifles” every year. Three times the people are killed with knives than “assault rifles”. You go a little further, in the United States of America, there are 33,000 fatalities a year with firearms. That sounds pretty massive. Unless you do some digging, and like I said it’s all right there on the U.S. Board of Statistics, 2/3 of the 33,000 deaths are suicides. There again, mental health issues. People that have access to firearms that shouldn’t. Now, you take all that together, 33,000 fatalities a year, 2/3 of those being suicide and of course there are other forms of that as well, 33,000 people. There are 480,000 tied deaths in America every year to smoking. I’m not trying to throw anybody under that bus that smoke, I smoked for 15 years, believe me the toughest habit to kick. But 1 in 5 deaths in America come from smoking or related illnesses and disease. 480,000 deaths a year from smoking and I don’t see smoking getting nearly the amount of attention as I do firearms. Why? Look at the opioid epidemic. More people die in America from opioids right now than firearms in a long shot. That 480,000 deaths a year from smoking and related illnesses that’s more deaths than Vietnam and World War II put together. Thank you guys for your time.

Re: Public Hearing Consideration of Lessing the Board of Equalization setting time for hearings

Carter: The Commissioner of Revenue being advised by the Assessors that land values were not showing very much of an increase. She did ask for you to consider holding a public hearing to lessen the time they set from 1 year to 6 months. However, a few days after you approved to schedule a hearing she said the assessors said it looked like more than a 10% increase. As we all know it could be more. My advice is since you have scheduled it that you open the public hearing and close it and my recommendation would be to leave it as is which would mean you take no action.

Bryan: I open the public hearing for consideration of lessening the Board of Equalization’s setting time for hearings.

Lann: No one signed up to speak.

Bryan: Since no one has signed up to speak, does any of the Board members have any comments? Since there’s none, I will close the public hearing and take no action to let it die.
Re: VDOT Road Matters: Scott Fredrick, VDOT Resident Engineer

Fredrick: Good evening gentlemen. Thanks for having me tonight. It’s been an interesting meeting. Just quick updates from our last meeting. Mr. Matthews you asked me to look into the speeding on 608, Deer Run, and I sent the speed study to traffic engineering. It’s like a two month turn around on those but when I get the results back I’ll let you know what they concluded from their study. The second thing, 10070 Francisco Road, there was a drainage problem brought to our attention. We are looking into that. We’ve done some minor investigations and we have to call in some utilities to do more digging and fix that ditch in front of that property there. Other than that, I’ll keep it short. Do you have anything to bring to my attention?

Matthews: Is Ronnie Palmore still here?

Audience member: He just walked out.

Matthews: Can you see if you can catch him?

Allen: Do you have anything else on 631 that you were looking at with the speed?

Fredrick: The one that leads into the ball field? No that hasn’t come back from traffic engineering yet.

Matthews: What I wanted to bring up, Ronnie is with the school bus transportation department and we talked the other day about three residences on Rt. 15 right before Saw Mill Road that we were concerned about traffic violations. I was going to get him as a school representative, but anyway I’ll get him to call you.

Fredrick: Ok. For the school bus stop ahead signs, we just take those requests from the school. Thank you for your time and for having me.

Re: Presentations

There are none.

Re: Zoning Matters: Public Hearing for the Trans Tech Alliance Ordinance

Edmondston: Tonight there is a public hearing for the Trans Tech Alliance Ordinance. This is something that I brought to you in October and in November we had to consider the public hearing. This ordinance, the proposed ordinance would amend the time requirement to become a member and to withdraw. We do have the public hearing and we have one individual signed up to speak and that’s Quinn Robinson.

Bryan: I will open the public hearing for the Trans Tech Alliance Ordinance.
Quinn Robinson, District 4: Hello again. Quinn Robinson, District 4. I was reading the rest of the documents and apparently two or three participants have dropped out of this Alliance. It’s pretty sketchy as far as I’m concerned and not worth the money. I don’t know the purpose of it. It was never sort of developed in any sense that I can understand. It’s just a public relation boosting industry in this area. That’s going to take a lot more than joining the Trans whatever Alliance or whatever the name is this week or next month. Thank you.

Bryan: Is there anyone else to speak? The public hearing is closed. What is the pleasure of the Board?

Carter: If I could make a comment, Nicci and I have been talking about this. She asked Mr. Reid to be here tonight but he’s out of the country. We are paid up for six months. We have to give six months’ notice. Mrs. Edmondston just came on board in June so she hasn’t had enough time to know the whole situation. So if you could approve the resolution and also approve to give your six months’ notice to get out. We don’t have to pay no money in that 6 months. But if between now and the six months, you could vote to stay in. This will give your notice to get out of the program. You have to give six months’ notice.

Allen: I make a motion to approve the ordinance and getting out of the thing.

Carter: We need a separate motion to give the six month’s notice.

Matthews: Can we do it at the same time?

Carter: Separate.

Bryan: Is there anything in here, I don’t see it and I’ve looked it over a couple times, there is no change to a member getting out?

Edmondston: The six months notice.

Bryan: Motion made and seconded to approve the Trans Tech Alliance Ordinance as written and presented in our Board packet. Any further discussion? Call for the vote. 6 yes.

Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Trans Tech Alliance Ordinance as presented.

Bryan: Is there anything else?

Matthews: I move to give our decision to get out of the VGA or Trans Tech Alliance in six months and if we see improvement in that six months, we can take a look at staying in. But now I think we need to get out.

Bryant: Second
Bryan: Motion made and seconded to notify Trans Tech Alliance also known as Virginia Growth Alliance that we are giving our six months notice and that our dues are paid up until then. Any further discussion on this matter? Call for the vote. 6 yes.

Supervisor Matthews moved, Vice Chairman Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to give Trans Tech also known as Virginia Growth Alliance six months notice to get out.

Re: Introduction of Zoning Application 19-ZTASUP268, Allen Perkins to add privately owned parks and playgrounds to the list of Special Use Permits in the Agricultural 1 Zoning District

Edmondston: Yes, 19-ZTASUP268 applicant is Allen Perkins. He is not able to be here due to a health issue tonight. Dennis Allen is the landowner. This has come before the Planning Commission and there are 17 conditions. Just a bit of background. This request is to add the Zoning Text Amendment under the A-1 zoning district for privately owned parks and playgrounds and also approve a Special Use Permit for that purpose. This property is located in the northeastern part of Buckingham on Highway 15. The property is zoned A-1 and the Comprehensive Plan lists it as a growth area or growth corridor. Its tax map 54 Lot 71 containing approximately 28 acres. It is in the Marshall magisterial district. The Planning Commission met on November 25th with regards to a public hearing that was held. We had 4 citizens that spoke during the hearing with two expressing concerns with regards to visitors and being close to their property line and possibly feeding their livestock and liability issues regarding such instances. Another citizen reiterated the same concerns but also wanted to ensure that support was given to business owners not to interfere with them being able to make a living. One citizen spoke in favor of this project. The Planning Commission added four conditions to the 13 originally suggested. It was recommended to move this forward and bring it to you for public hearing. A bit more background, not sure if you were able to read the application and the narrative by the applicant, but privately owned park and playground. This is not a campground. This is not an amusement park. This is a walking trail, berry picking farm, there is also a farm that has been inspected and there’s a little bit of work to allow for swimming in the near future. It also can be for activities. There will be a playground with commercial equipment like you see at our school systems. Mr. Perkins does plan to hire up to 20 people for this private business endeavor.
Bryant: So you just want to move it to public hearing?

Edmondston: Yes.

Bryant: Alright, I make a motion.

Bryan: Motion made and seconded to carry 19-ZTASUP268 schedule for public hearing for the 13th of January of the coming year. Any discussion? Call for the vote. 6 yes.

**Vice Chairman Bryant moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to move 19-ZTASUP268 to public hearing on January 13, 2020.**

Re: Sheriff Billy Kidd, Consider allowing retired officer to purchase duty weapon per the Code of Virginia

Kidd: Good evening. After 39 years and 8 months of service and many accomplishments as Deputy Sheriff of Buckingham County, Lt. Dan Senger III has retired. Dan was one of the first one’s in this whole area to push for the use of blood hounds during police work. He purchased his own bloodhound and paid for its care at his own expense. Over the years, he has been responsible for the apprehension of criminal suspects in Buckingham County as well as surrounding
jurisdictions. He was recognized internationally as an expert in instructing in the use of bloodhounds as a law enforcement tool and has made several trips to Europe for the sole purpose of mentoring foreign law enforcement agencies in the use. This officer used his vacation time to make these trips and did so at his own expense. Dan has a thick personnel file full of accommodations from citizens and state and foreign dignitaries. There is no doubt in my mind that Dan has fulfilled his oath of office and served the citizens without fear or favor. The Code of Virginia 59.148.3 allows that a Deputy Sheriff that retires with 10 years or more service with the approval of the Sheriff be able to purchase his duty weapon at a price of $1.00. I feel this is the least that I could let happen for this dedicated officer and I’m asking this Board’s blessing so I can make it happen.

Bryan: Motion made and seconded as requested by Sheriff Kidd to allow Deputy Senger, Lt. Senger to purchase his weapon. Any further discussion? Call for the vote. 6 yes. Thank you Sheriff.

Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve for Lt. Dan Senger to be allowed to purchase his duty weapon for $1.00.

Re: Rescue Squad Committee Recommendation to release $50,000 of the $195,000 appropriation to the Buckingham County Rescue Squad

Carter: The rescue squad committee did meet on December 2nd with representatives from the Rescue Squad. The Committee does recommend that we release $50,000 of the 2019/20 budget appropriation.

Allen: I make a motion that we give them $50,000.

Matthews: Second.

Bryan: Motion made and seconded to release $50,000 as presented by the Rescue Squad Committee. Any further discussion? 6 yes.

Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve to release $50,000 of the $195,000 budget allocation to the Rescue Squad per the Rescue Squad Committees recommendation.

Re: Consider Regional Airport Authority Concept Investigative Committee Appointees

Bryan: This came to our attention last month and we did not appoint anyone. As the Chairman, I can appoint a committee. Since Supervisor Dunnivant is no longer going to be on as a Board member, I’d like to see Supervisor Matthews, Nicci Edmondston, and Becky Carter look into this to see what the fiscal impact is going to be as a committee and talk to the partners to see if in fact the Airport Authority itself to see what the financial impact to the county is going to be and then we can look at setting up the committee using other members as well. Do you all agree? Mr. Matthews, Mrs. Carter?
Matthews: That’s fine.

Re: Consider 2020 Board of Supervisors Regular Board Meeting Schedule

Monday, January 13 @ 6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 10 @ 6:00 p.m.
Monday, March 9 @ 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 18 @ 6:00 p.m. Budget work session
Monday, April 13 @ 6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 20 @ 6:00 adopt the budget
Monday, May 11 @ 6:00 p.m.
Monday, June 8 @ 6:00 p.m.
Monday July 13 @ 6:00 p.m.
Monday, August 10 @ 6:00 p.m.
Monday, September 14 @ 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 13 @ 6:00 p.m. (change due to Columbus Day Holiday)
Tuesday, November 10 @ 6:00 p.m. (change due to VACO conference)
Monday, December 14 @ 6:00 p.m.

Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the 2020 Board of Supervisors Regular Board Meeting Schedule as presented.

Re: Consider recognition for the Buckingham County Veterans of Foreign War Post 8446 for winning the coveted title of All American Post

Bryan: Buckingham VFW has won the coveted title of All-American Post. This is the first time in the history of the post to achieve this national level recognition.

Chambers: Do you want to do a letter of recognition?
**Bryan:** We could.

**Carter:** Post Commander Moss may be here.

**Chambers:** We should send them a letter.

**Bryan:** Motion made and seconded to send a letter of recognition for the accomplishment of winning the All-American Post Award. Any discussion? Call for the vote. 6 yes.

*Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to send a letter of recognition to the Buckingham VFW Post 8446 for winning the coveted title of All-American Post.*

**Re:** Consider recognition of Trevor Agee for his achievements with the National FFA Convention and Expo

**Chairman Bryan presented the Resolution of Recognition to Trevor Agee.**

WHEREAS, Trevor Agee was an honor graduate from Buckingham County High School, was a member of FFA, BETA and The National Honor Society. He received The Prudential Spirit of Community Award for outstanding volunteering with the Fire Department and Volunteer of the Year Award from the Buckingham SCA;

WHEREAS, Trevor Agee worked summers and evenings at his family’s business where he developed a strong work ethic;

WHEREAS, Trevor Agee serves as a member of the Glenmore Volunteer Fire Department;

WHEREAS, Trevor Agee served as leader in the Buckingham FFA holding an officer position his last three years of High School, Historian in his Sophomore year, Vice President in his Junior year and President in his Senior year. He was nationally recognized for an award in FFA for Agricultural Repair and Maintenance, won State in his category at the 93rd Virginia FFA Convention at Virginia Tech which made him eligible to enter and compete on a national level. He received word that his application had been selected out of 50 other national finalists.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Trevor traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana to compete at the National FFA Convention and Expo where he received second place with a plaque and a monetary prize.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 9th day of December, 2019, the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors do hereby recognized Trevor Agee for his great achievements.
Re: Consider Resolution of Tribute to Willie Marshall Pete Agee and extending of sympathy to his family

Chairman Bryan presented this resolution to the Agee Family.

Resolution in Memoriam
Willie Marshall Pete Agee

Whereas, Willie Marshall Pete Agee departed this life on September 30, 2019 at the age of 71.

Whereas, Willie Marshall Pete Agee was born on July 7, 1948.

Whereas, Willie Marshall Pete Agee was the son of the late Willie Ford Agee and Florence “Virginia” Smith Agee.

Whereas, Willie Marshall Pete Agee is survived by his wife of 51 years, Vernelle Ragland Agee; a son, Keith Agee and a daughter, Beth Gibson and husband Jeremy; and grandchildren, Taylor Agee; Trevor Agee; Courtney Agee; Joshua Gibson; Abigail Gibson and Daniel Gibson and a great-grandson Bryson Wood. He is also survived by three sisters, Linda Starkey and husband Jim; Debra Goff and husband Lynn; and Carolyn Fitzgerald and many nieces and nephews.

Whereas, Willie Marshall Pete Agee was a member of the Glenmore United Methodist Church.

Whereas, Willie Marshall Pete Agee was the owner Dillwyn Repair Service; member of Glenmore Volunteer Fire Department for 50 years and Fire Chief for over 47 years; and a car restoration enthusiast;

Whereas, Willie Marshall Pete Agee was known for his generosity and kindness to all.

Whereas, Willie Marshall Pete Agee was a pillar to the community and was loved and respected by all who knew him and will be greatly missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors does, in memoriam on this 9th day of December, 2019, pay tribute to and express it’s highest esteem for Willie Marshall Pete Agee and extends its deepest sympathy to his family and loved ones.

Re: Consider Resolution to the Virginia General Assembly Petitioning for the Scenic River Designation of a segment of the James River

Carter: Mr. Lawless, the Town of Scottsville Manager, was going to try to be here tonight but also had their Scottsville meeting. I’ve provided you with the resolution and information. I believe Mr. Lawless came before you in June or July. So now it’s going to be introduced to Legislation in January so they ask that you approve this resolution to come on board with the other localities and designate a scenic river study.

A RESOLUTION TO THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
PETITIONING FOR THE SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATION OF A SEGMENT OF THE JAMES RIVER

WHEREAS, the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors enjoy a favorable relationship with their representatives in the General Assembly and thank them for their interest and support; and

WHEREAS, Buckingham County’s history and culture have as their foundation the James River,, which from Monacan roots to today’s fishing and tourism is the pride of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Scenic Rivers Act of 1970 establishes Virginia Scenic Rivers Program’s to identify, designate and help protect rivers and streams that possess outstanding scenic, recreational, historic and natural characteristics of statewide significance for future generations; and

WHEREAS, a 2019 survey effort by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, in partnership with the James River Association and initiated at the County’s request, found a 20-mile segment of the river, from one mile upstream of the Warren boat ramp down to New Canton, to qualify for Virginia Scenic River designation;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests the General Assembly to pass legislation amending the Code of Virginia §10.1, Chapter 4, the Scenic Rivers Act, to include as a component of the Virginia Scenic Rivers System that portion of the James River in Buckingham, Albemarle, and Fluvanna Counties including the Town of Scottsville, from one mile above Warren boat ramp and running approximately 20 miles southeastward to the New Canton Bridge.

This resolution shall become effective immediately. The County Administrator shall mail or deliver a copy of this resolution to the County’s representatives in the General Assembly, other selected members of the General Assembly, area local governments and to other interested persons, as appropriate.

I, Rebecca Carter, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is a true, correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors by a 5-1-1 vote at a duly called meeting held on December 9, 2019.

Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded to approve the above resolution to the Virginia General Assembly Petitioning for the Scenic River Designation of a Segment of the James River. This motion passed with a 5-1-1 vote. Supervisor Dunnavant opposed. Supervisor Jones absent.

Re: Consider Board of Assessor member to replace Pamela Waycaster

Matthews: I’d like to nominate Richard Harris from District 3 to take Mrs. Waycaster’s place.

Chambers: Is that your motion?

Matthews: Yes it is.
Bryan: Richard Harris. Been a motion made and seconded for Mr. Richard Harris to replace Pamela Waycaster. Any discussion? Call for the vote. 6 yes.

_Supervisor Matthews moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to nominate Richard Harris to the Board of Assessors to replace Pamela Waycaster._

_Re: County Attorney Matters_

There were none.

_Re: County Administrator Report_

**Personnel Committee Report:** I’ve provided you a Personnel Committee Report under separate cover.

**2019 By Laws:** I have also provided you with a copy of the 2019 ByLaws and Rules of Procedure that you will be considering at your January meeting. If you see any changes you’d like to make, additions, deletions or whatever if you want to let me know prior to that meeting so I can bring it before you all.

**Invitation to Farewell and Good Luck Reception for Margaret Thomas:** Also I have an invitation for the Farewell and Good Luck Reception for Margaret Thomas, our Registrar who will be retiring at the end of this year.

**Two Planning Commissioner’s terms will be expiring January 2020:** We have two Planning Commissioners whose terms will expire at the end of January 2020. That’s District 5 or District 6. You can make your appointment tonight or at the January meeting but they will have to be made at the January meeting.

That concludes my report Mr. Chairman.

Matthews: I’d like to make a resolution for Mrs. Thomas as her years of service to Buckingham County for her years of service. If we could give her a plaque and maybe present it to her at this meet and greet thing on the 16th.

Bryan: Motion made and seconded for a letter of recognition or plaque to Mrs. Thomas for her years of service. Any discussion? Call for the vote.

_Supervisor Matthews moved, Vice Chairman Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to send a letter of recognition or plaque to Mrs. Margaret Thomas for her years of service._
**Re: Other Board Matters**

**Chambers:** I want to wish Supervisor Dunnavant well. At first when he first came on the Board I felt like shooting him. I didn’t get along with him but now we’ve gotten to be good friends. We didn’t always see eye to eye but we respected one another. I hope you good luck and come check on us.

Dunnavant: Thank you Mr. Chambers.

Bryan: I’d also like to echo that. When you first came on the Board you and I were bumping heads and then we agreed to disagree and everything worked out. We were both on the Solid Waste and Water Committee. So we got that done as well. Thank you.

Dunnavant: Thank you and it was an honor to serve. If I can be of future assistance, I am here and willing to help with whatever I can do.

**Re: Adjournment**

Being no further business to discuss, Chairman Bryan declared the meeting adjourned.

**ATTEST:**

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Rebecca S. Carter                                  Donald E. Bryan
County Administrator                          Chairman