At a regular monthly meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held on 
Wednesday, November 13, 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; Robert C. Jones; Don Matthews; E. 
Morgan Dunnivant; Joe N. Chambers, Jr., and Danny R. Allen. 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 in the beginning of 
the meeting. Supervisor Matthews came in later to make seven of seven members present.

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

There were none.

Re: Approval of Agenda

Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the 
Board to approve the agenda with addendums.

Re: Approval of Minutes

Supervisor Jones moved, Vice Chairman Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the 
Board to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2019 meeting.

Re: Approval of Claims

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

Christine Burnley, District 6: My name is Christine Burnley. I’m in District 6. It came to my attention today that Campbell County resolution that they adopted for 2nd Amendment gun rights. I wanted to see or would like to see our county do a similar resolution so that we can show we protect and want our rights as well. I have a copy if you need one. Ok. Yall already have it. That’s all. I just want to let them know that we do value our rights.

Cam Edwards, District 2: My name is Cam Edwards. I’m a resident of District 2 and I too am here to ask the council to adopt a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary Resolution. After the election this last week and the comments by the Governor we know that coming up very shortly there are going to be a number of almost certainly an act of gun control laws that are going to infringe on the individuals rights to keep and bear arms. We’ve seen over the last 18 months or so around the country hundreds of counties and communities adopt similar resolutions. Even earlier today a county in Wisconsin adopted a 2nd Amendment resolution. The language may vary but the intent is clear to ensure the right to keep and bear arms of the residents of the county will not be infringed and the Sheriff does have the discretion to not enforce unconstitutional gun control laws. Thank you very much for your time.

Franz Bailey, District 5: Thank you for your time. My name is Franz Bailey and I’m in District 5. I have a question about the rumble strips on Rt. 20 and the Amish signs. Whether it would be better to have the rumble strips in the center so that it doesn’t affect the horses, the carriages, and possible people who cycle like myself. The other thing is I’m concerned with the recent turnover of the General Assembly about legislators and national government, state government, and the view of the freedom fighter or terrorist all depends of one’s person of that particular governing power. Their personal view. It seems that national legislators and some progressives our naming our founding fathers as terrorists. So it makes me wonder if they are concerned about their view and our protection of my constitutional rights. I’m concerned about the tolerance that they preach is only acceptable if you agree with them. Freedom of speech, the constitution and Bill of Rights should be determined by the federalist papers which was a memorandum of understanding to the States. Not by EUR, not by communism or socialism, of which many of the legislators are praising. You see legislators praise Stalin, Pol Pot, Hugo Chavez, socialism, Marxism, and communism. I would like Buckingham County to do some kind of resolution to reserve our constitutional rights as guided by the Constitution, Bill of Rights and be determined and interpreted by the federalist papers. Thank you.

Elizabeth Grant, District 1: Good evening. My name is Elizabeth Grant. I’m the Senior Patrol Leader for Troop 1817. I want to start off by saying thank you for the use of Gold Hill Elementary where we are enabling Scouts to become the future leaders of our community. We currently have 62 youth involved in the program and are continuing to grow. We are the leading pack in the Huguenot trail district for the recruitment of new scouts this year. We also have Troop 1818 and 1817. For more than 100 years scouting has been instilled by youths in the scouts. Todays these values are just as relevant in helping us to grow to our full potential. Scouting helps us to develop our academic skills, self-confidence, affects leadership skills and citizenship skills we will need as
future leaders of our community. I have brought Scout for Food bags, a campaign in the County, we will come by and pick up your bags. The food we collect goes to the food pantry at Maysville Presbyterian Church. There is a number on the bag for pickup. We've also had two fundraising events this fall. Popcorn and peanut sales. If you are interested in peanuts you have until December 5th. Please contact Mrs. Grigg and she will get you the information and thank you for your time.

**Judy Grigg, District 3:** As you know I have passed you all bags and these really awesome fundraiser things. Knowing that the Board cannot do that. The bags are actually for our local food pantry at Maysville Presbyterian Church. We had 972 pounds of food last year that we brought to the food pantry. We are actually shooting for 1200-1500 pounds this year because as everyone knows we are in a community where there is always a need. The other fundraising thing that you have on there is we are actually going through the community to individuals and businesses. This year the Scouting program has raised our membership fees to $70 per child. Last year when I rechartered the pack it cost me around $1800. This year it’s going to cost me $3500 to recharter the pack. They told us that at the end of October so we are scrambling to do fundraising and things like this. We have the popcorn and peanut sales and I do have an abundance of popcorn and peanuts at my house if anyone wants to give me a call. I have lots at my house. The other fundraiser is sort of a fun fundraiser. It is a Holiday nonevent. We are asking you to participate in a holiday nonevent to not come and see us and not get dressed up and not put on good clothes and find babysitters and just trying to find a way to raise some funds in small increments. The last line where it says I just want to participate, that’s if you want to give $5, that’s $5 that we have for a child. I have some parents now that have up to 4 kids in Scouts. So if you have 4 kids in scouting, that’s $280. It is a lot. If you will take the bags, we have lots of bags if you want to take them home, take them to churches. I have a whole trunk load in my car and we will be more than happy to pick them up. We appreciate everything you have done for us. Our kids are growing. Our leaders are growing and we are really enjoying scouts.

**Allen:** The Gold Hill School, how often do you use that?

**Grigg:** The cubs are meeting on Thursdays, one of the troops are meeting on Thursdays and one is meeting on Tuesdays. So we are meeting 3 times. The girls actually officially started the first of August. We are excited for the first girl troop. There is an article that went into the Beacon, basically I promised my God-Daughter that I would let her be the first Eagle Scout in Buckingham County and I am determined to keep that promise and that’s why we have a girl troop in Buckingham County now.

**Allen:** How many rooms do you normally use down there?

**Grigg:** 11

**Allen:** You use 11 rooms?

**Grigg:** I’ve got 8 cub units and some of the cub units are actually doubling up right now. Then the troops have 2.
Allen: Ok. Thank you.

Karen Brown, District 7: I’m Karen Brown, District 7. I thank the Board, thank you, for addressing the noise ordinance and for addressing the safety of Buffalo Road. It’s pretty scary at how fast those cars are driving and how many kids are coming out of that baseball park now. I wanted to start by just reminding everybody about what our current policy is about the ordinance. It says, and I’m quoting: “At certain levels noise can be detrimental to the health, welfare and safety and quality of life of inhabitants of the county. In the public interest, noise should be restricted. It is therefore the policy of the county to reduce and eliminate where possible excessive noise and related adverse conditions in the community and to prohibit unnecessary, excessive, harmful and annoying noises from all sources subject to this police power. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to limit, hinder or in any way interfere with the normal conduct of daily work activity either commercial or residential.” I raise this issue because of the excessively barking dogs next door to my house that I’ve been struggling to get some address about. I just wanted to play this so you can hear. This is 3:00 in the morning inside my bedroom. Inside my bedroom. (she played a recording of dogs barking) I can give you many other videos. It’s day and night. I am disabled. I cannot tell you, sleep is so important for me and I cannot tell you how heartbreaking this has been and how detrimental it’s been to my health when I can’t sleep at night. I can’t sleep during the day because of the barking dogs. It’s absurd. One of the things I’ve been doing is talking with Sheriff Kidd to find out why we cannot enforce the noise ordinance and he’s had conversations with the Commonwealth’s Attorney. My understanding the issue was how to measure the excessive noise so it can be enforced. I have not spoken with the Commonwealth Attorney myself but the Environmental Protection Agency has a noise pollution guidance and it says outside noises shouldn’t be more than 55 decibels and they have rules on how it’s measured and what kind of tools we use to measure it. I believe the Sheriff’s office will probably need to have those tools are we are going to enforce this. I would like the Board…

Bryan: Time is up Mrs. Brown. Thank you.

Jones: What was that decibel?

Brown: 55 decibels.

Quinn Robinson, District 4: Good evening gentlemen. Quinn Robinson, District 4 out in Andersonville. Again, I would like to raise some issues with the Dominion Pipeline. The Atlantic Coast Pipeline. There was a report in the financial papers about Duke Energy having to float over $2 billion for stock in order to keep their involvement in this thing. So it means they are in some sort of financial crisis to me. Earlier this year, earlier this month I think it was a statement from 11,000 environmental scientist to the United Nations about an admission to one sense that they were wrong about climate change. They corrected it to say that things are happening much faster than they anticipated. There is sort of a Domino effect of things falling in a bad way. Natalia and several other major cities in India, people can’t go outside. They can’t breathe. So much pollution. Then the whole thing here in Buckingham, we’ve had one or two bad seasons but if there’s another summer like this one where there is no hay or corn to be harvested or it’s diminished, it’s going to
have a real impact. I think it’s time to realize that this whole thing about fossil fuels is not in our interest. I wanted to mention a couple really quick things about the compressor station. There is still no clarification about where that cell tower is going to be, one, in relationship with the compressor station itself. I know it’s supposed to collapse if it falls but if it falls into the station itself it would be a major problem. Another thing, we’ve witnessed from situations in Arabia with the drone going in and destroying half of the production material for the oil, there’s nothing to prevent that from happening here in Buckingham. It would be perhaps a small nuisance. Someone trying to get attention for some case that they have. But I don’t see how the compressor station is protected from that. Thank you very much.

**Re: VDOT Road Matters**

**Bryan:** Mrs. Brown, we do have the speed limit review of traffic on the agenda. We also have on the agenda for other board matters we are going to consider two board members, the county administrator and county attorney to review the noise ordinance too.

**Brown:** I appreciate that very much.

**Bryan:** Just to touch base on some of your concerns on the second amendment, resolution that was signed by Campbell County, we just got hit with it today. We received emails. Some other board members have received some input on it too. We briefly discussed it. We are going to look at that and swing it by the county attorney as well to make sure that we are not getting in over our head and that what we are doing is well within our rights. We certainly can’t pass a law or anything like that but we can urge those in Richmond to protect our second amendment rights. I share the concern of the people here. I own guns. I certainly don’t want them taken away from me as well. If you can just be patient with us. We are going to get the county attorney to look at this resolution as well. Hopefully we will have some further input.

If we can take a 5 minute recess. We have one board member not here. I spoke with him on the phone. He does have some VDOT matters he wants to talk to you about Scott. If we can take a 5 minute recess. He said he would be here about 10-15 minutes late. So just a short 5 minute recess.

**Allen:** Why don’t we skip down?

**Chambers:** Why don’t we skip down and come back.

**Bryan:** We can do that as well. Very good point, Mr. Chambers. Let’s go to I-2. Scott we are going to skip you for a second.

**Re: Letter from James Branch regarding speed limit on Warminster Church Road**

**Carter:** I think Mr. Fredrick is going to look to see when the last study was done.
Re: Consider a review of the traffic and speed limit for Buffalo Road from Rt. 15 to Cotton Alley Road that leads to Gene Dixon Sr. Park

Bryan: I guess someone has talked to you about the review of traffic and speed limit on Buffalo Road?

Fredrick: Yes, Buffalo Road, I talked to Mr. Allen about a month ago. That’s been submitted to our traffic and engineering office. Its small staffed and covers ten counties so it’s typically a two month turn around for requests that go there. So I feel in a month or so from now we’ll have an update.

Bryan: There was a question earlier about the rumble strips on Rt. 20.

Fredrick: Yeah, I wrote that down. So those rumble strips are going in statewide. There are some in Prince Edward, Charlotte. They study it before we start implementing stuff like that and we have done both types, center line and edge line. If they are installed on the outsides, then typically in the area is where there were a lot of road departures like single car run off the road. I’m sure they looked at geometry what the shoulders were like. Kind of strategically placed them. If they are in the middle, they had a problem with people crossing the center lines. It wasn’t done haphazardly. It was strategically. It’s a statewide effort to bring the crash rate down.

Bryan: We just did the ones on 20 last year.

Fredrick: Yes, we widened the shoulders and installed them. If I’m not mistaken.

Allen: That’s not something you can go back and change very easily either.

Fredrick: Once they are in they are in for a while.

Carter: If I can just clear up Mr. Branch’s letter. I had on there that VDOT referred him to us, I don’t think, because since he’s not been here that long, he’s not familiar with that. So you are going to look to see if there has been a study done and if not request to do it.

Fredrick: On that one, I’ll look to see if it has been studied and if it has been a long time, I’ll submit it to be restudied.

Re: Zoning Matters: Consider scheduling a public hearing for the Trans Tech Alliance Ordinance

Edmondston: On Zoning Matters, I submitted to the Board last month to review the Trans Tech as doing business under VGA ByLaws and resolution acceptance of agreement. There is an ordinance that would need to be adopted but a public hearing would need to be held prior to the decision on the ordinance for the ordinance to include Buckingham as one of the counties in the alliance. Would you like to move forward with a hearing for next month’s meeting?
Bryan: If we take no action on this as a Board to say no we don’t agree with this, what’s the kickback for us?

Edmondston: It would be two-fold. What’s going to happen is if you wish to stay in VGA and make no decision, I’m sure the vote that was taken in June or August of this year, signified that you agree with it and will move forward and have the public hearing or get ready to. The flip side is if you decide not to stay a member of VGA then we would have to notify VGA by December 30th that effective June 30th we will no longer participate to avoid paying any further fees. Because July 1st would be the deadline. Hearing nothing from us would be assumed that we would continue our membership.

Bryant: What’s the cost on that?

Carter: $17,000. We are in our fourth year. I would suggest that you schedule the hearing and perhaps if you care to invite Mr. Reid to come and answer your questions. We don’t know all the answers. Everything…she’s answered your question if we do nothing but we do have to give 6 months’ notice.

Bryan: So we can still have the public hearing in December and if it was the consensus of the Board if we still want to withdraw, we could withdraw as of December 30th to give the 6 months’ notice?

Carter: I talked to Prince Edward over the weekend and they have withdrawn and may go back in. Nottoway has withdrawn and Amelia has withdrawn.

Bryan: Did you find out why Nottoway and Amelia had withdrawn?

Carter: I’m not sure.

Allen: You say Prince Edward is trying to get back in now?

Carter: Prince Edward may vote to go back in. They are not sure yet.

Allen: I make a motion that we have a public hearing on the Trans Tech Alliance next month.

Bryant: I second that.

Bryan: Motion and a seconded to schedule a public on the Trans Tech Alliance ordinance as presented. Any further discussion? Call for the vote. 7 yes.

*Supervisor Allen moved, Vice Chairman Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to schedule a public hearing for the Trans Tech Alliance for December 9, 2019 meeting.*
Re: VDOT Road Matters

**Carter:** If we could back up, Mr. Fredrick does have a presentation.

**Bryan:** Ok. We will do the presentation and if Don’s not here, then he just won’t make it.

**Fredrick:** I guess I’ll set the stage and welcome everybody. In 2007 the Federal Highway changed the requirements on bridge design if I’m not mistaken. Due to the special hauling vehicles that are becoming more popular and those are the trucks with more axles. You will see that in the presentation. The short of it, because of those trucks we’ve had to go back and review all of our bridges that are in use today. After that review we found that all them either needed different weight limits posted or revisions to the weight limits in place already. That has effected a lot of structures statewide and there are 6 in Buckingham County. So the whole point of this is to give you guys awareness of what’s coming in the next few months and we kind of need your help that if it affects local businesses that we don’t know about. We would hate to have structures on either side of a business have a weight limit that they can’t deal with. We don’t want to impact anyone like that. It will give us a little time between when I present to you and when the signs hit the ground. That will be critical to communicate in that time period.

**Jones:** Can you give us the 6?

**Fredrick:** Yes, sir. That’s in the presentation and I think Mrs. Carter…

**Carter:** You have a copy before you.

**Fredrick:** Yeah, so these are the two trucks in the left most pictures that’s what trucks looked like for years and years. About 10 years ago the one’s in the middle are the ones you see more and more of. I actually followed one, 7 axle today in Charlotte County. Before I came here I was in Charlotte County. They are so frequent, it’s not abnormal to see them. These vehicles are designed to carry heavier loads. That’s the whole point of this. Like I said it’s federally mandated through the Federal Highway Administration. There’s 21,213 bridges in Virginia and they range in age from over 100 years old to under a year old. So this is a pretty big thing. Safety is what’s driving this. It’s always our #1 thing at VDOT is to have the people’s safety in mind. If the bridge is posted, it’s illegal to travel across it with a heavier load. A white and black sign is a regulatory sign. Then one thing I like to mention is if the truck is one of those special vehicles and it has seven axles they only actually count the number of axles that are down on the ground. If he’s driving with those axles up, he’s actually a 3 axle truck when he’s crossing that bridge. I think that’s something that is good knowledge. So, the next couple slides are examples of the signs. This is what the sign looked like for years and years. Just simple. I’d like to make the joke when I was a little kid, when we go along and see one of these signs, we’d say so and so needs to get out and walk because the bridge won’t hold. This is becoming more popular and you will start seeing where the truck in the middle portion of this sign is what we call a single unit truck, it’s a truck and box part that’s one piece, it’s a single unit. The truck in the bottom is a combination. It’s what most people refer to as a tractor and trailer style truck. So, the commercial vehicle drivers need to be aware of what type of truck they have and what the load is. This effects everybody.
DOT trucks, Fire and EMS, school buses. Nobody is exempt from those weight limits. This is sort of more the route we are going with these signs, in the single unit category, you could have this example shows where the traditional style tandem dump truck with 3 axles could carry 22 tons across this bridge. Then if you have 4 or 5 axles you could carry 25 tons. 6 or more axles you could carry 27 tons. The special hauling vehicles, the one’s with 7 axles, I think they can actually haul like 34 tons. They are actually limiting them, I trying to say. They can still haul a traditional truck across this bridge for example. It’s a serious impact to small businesses and haulers. We are trying to do as much outreach as we can in the front end. So to go along with that, when we start posting and people start bringing questions to you, as this slide shows, on VDOT’s website and also Department of Motor Vehicles website, there is an information flyer that you can print out and have available that tells all about the types of vehicles and signs that you see in place. So if there are bridges where circumstance where there is a business with bridges on either side of it or something, there is things that can be done to mitigate impacts. We could do a project to improve the structure where we can bring it up to where the business won’t be affected. We do work with a limited budget and the state of good repairs is a pretty good program but its limited and we are doing through that the bridges that are prioritized to get the worst ones first. We do have some flexibility if there extenuating circumstances out there. Then the slides are pretty informational here and it mentions the VDOT website and DMV’s website. DOT put together a tool on our website that’s called truck web. It has every bridge that has a weight limit on that website and a map tool that will show you where they are at in the state and counties. So, that’s what this slide is all about. This is what it looks like if you look it up online. It has this format. So, what everybody is excited to know is where the bridges are at in Buckingham County. So this side shows that the top four on the list are new postings. Those are probably the most controversial when that happens. So I’m just going to read through them to make them part of the public record.

602, Howardsville Road at Walton Fork Creek newly posted at 26 tons
623, Chellowe Road at Whispering Creek newly posted at 27 tons
628, High Rock Road at Little Buffalo Creek newly posted at 27 tons
641, Garrett Mill Road at Pitman Creek newly posted at 25 tons

The next two are the ones that are already posted that’s going to be reduced:
717, Randolph Creek Road at Randolph Creek now posted at 19 tons (old posting was 24 tons)
721, Sharps Creek Road at Sharps Creek now posted at 19 tons (old posting was 22 tons)

As of today, they are either not posted or old posting but sometime in the month of December or January is when we feel like the signs will be installed for new postings. If there are any questions, I’d be the best local contact. In our district office Dale Totten is District Maintenance Engineer and he oversees the bridge and structures so he’s the district subject matter expert on this. There is a Charlie Williams, is our State Assistant Bridge and Structure Engineer. He’s a contact that can be reached out to. Is there any questions regarding the new postings?

Bryant: That posted limit includes the weight of the truck isn’t it?

Fredrick: Yes sir. It’s the gross.

Bryant: Some trucks weight, I don’t know, 30,000 pounds.
Fredrick: An unloaded tractor and trailer.

Bryant: You can’t haul nothing on it.

Fredrick: Yeah. There are some structures are 6 tons so you guys are somewhat lucky in that regard. None of your bridges are rated that low. Please in the next coming weeks if there is anything we need to know about, please make us aware of it.

Bryan: The only one I can think of Scott is the one on Chellowe. It would be Kyanite if they go out that way.

Fredrick: Ok. There’s a business there?

Bryan: There’s East Ridge right there.

Dunnavant: That’s on the active mine side of the mountain. Kyanite Mining Corporation. They definitely need to utilize that bridge as much as possible.

Bryan: Not to mention there are people that haul sand out of there as well.

Fredrick: That’s the stuff I need. I don’t know because I’m not native to this area.

Matthews: Then the ACP that’s going to be traveling that road too.

Dunnavant: That’s Cumberland Rt. 600 too.

Brown: (from audience) There is also one on Buffalo Road.

Fredrick: That one is not posted.

Brown: I know but there is big trucks going across it all the time.

Fredrick: These are the only ones that posted. If it’s not posted there is no restriction.

Chambers: That’s a new bridge on 631. They haven’t been too long putting a bridge in there.

Dunnavant: That one would have the H20 grading on it. That’s not affected by this. These are the older bridges that have already gotten a weight reduction on them. What Scott is saying is they are going to have to further since they don’t have the money to fix the bridges they are going to spend a little money and lower the weight limits on the signs.

Fredrick: If we had unlimited funds we would just go ahead and upgrade them all. It’s a safety thing.
Dunnivant: Considering how many we have back in the bushes, this is not as bad as it could be.

Bryan: Any road matters?

Allen: 622, you know where the road was started to be worked on a few years back and then they stopped. I’d like to see that be continued. 617 there’s a lot of tractor and trailers meeting people and they are still complaining. It’s a very narrow road to meet a tractor and trailer on.

Fredrick: What was the second one?

Allen: 617.

Fredrick: That’s where the dumpster site is getting built. 617.

Allen: Go all the way through there. It’s a very narrow road. If there is anything we can do to make it wider. I know it’s easy to talk about.

Chambers: What’s your phone number? I’m going to give it to the guy with the tree.

Fredrick: 434-505-3431.

Chambers: He said he was coming tonight but I don’t see him.

Fredrick: Please give it to him if you don’t mind.

Bryant: Would you check on the road sign or speed limit sign at Yogaville?

Fredrick: With it being such a short area I don’t really see the need to post another speed limit sign in the middle.

Bryant: It was requested. That’s all I can say.

Fredrick: Going back to that limited budget, it just doesn’t make any sense to add more signage to something that is already plain as day posted.

Matthews: I’ve got a couple issues on State Route 608 which is Deer Run goes east and 608 that goes to the north or west. 608 to the east I’ve had several citizens complain about the speed limit and excessive speed by traffic through there. The number one issue is with David and Beverly Ann Klein about 2 miles towards the county line once you turn off 636. It’s a long straight stretch there. They tell me it’s a bunch of trucks at night that have been speeding and racing out there. I don’t know if a speed study is going to do any good if they are not going to be there when the speed study is done but either way.

Fredrick: If it’s a secondary route and it’s not posted its 55 mph.
Matthews: That’s right. It’s a bad curve after you go past their piece of property. Ronnie Car lives on the right hand side of the road. The road kind of turns and takes a bank to the left and if somebody does speed in there it could be a pretty dangerous situation. Anyway. On the other side of 608, off 636 which is to the north, I’ve had a couple citizens talk about the dust this summer. It was just unbearable. They would like to get on the 6 year plan about possibly surface treating that road. It’s quite a bit more traffic than it used to be on that road because it starting to be built up on that road.

Fredrick: This was a bad year for dust. It was dry for so many weeks in a row. What was that road number?

Matthews: 608

Fredrick: For the dust as well?

Matthews: See, one side of 608 is surface treated and the other side is not. So, they want to put their name in a hat.

Fredrick: The non-surface treated side, if its gravel the speed limit is 35.

Matthews: I don’t think it’s posted.

Fredrick: About two years ago there was legislation passed. It used to be anything that’s not posted is 55. Now if it’s gravel it’s 35.

Matthews: Ok. I’ll tell them that. The other thing is on Holland Road, I don’t know the road number but that’s off of 15 you guys went in there and cut some undergrowth and cleared a sight path for that road, there is a big curve at the end of that road and I appreciate you doing that. They are still having issues with speeding and several farmers on that road moving equipment and stuff like that. They are really nervous about an accident waiting to happen. A lot of small children playing around the edge of the road too. We want to make sure we keep an eye on that.

Fredrick: What was the route number on that one?

Matthews: I don’t know the Route number. The name is Holland. About a mile north of Shephards. Then I have a lady that lives on 636, her name is Betty Kidd. She lives right in the curve before you get to New Store Church on the right hand side of the road. These are some photographs. The road kind of takes a bank as you are going west on 636. It kind of banks to the right a little bit. It’s not level there. It’s super elevated. The shoulder of the road is just deteriorating. By the time yall put the dirt and gravel in there it starts to deteriorate and it’s about that much difference in the shoulder of the road. They had a car run off the road last year and ended up in the field. I don’t know if we need to do something with the ditch area there or build up the shoulder. If you would take a look at that.
Fredrick: Yeah, I think I’ll take a look at this personally. Do you mind if I keep these photos? You said New Store Church is the name of the road?

Matthews: No, its 636 the roads that goes beside Shephards Country Corner going west on 636. Go on past Concord Church and then the next church is New Store Baptist on the right. It’s before you get there in the curve before you get to New Store Baptist Church.

Fredrick: Ok.

Matthews: I don’t know the address. I can probably get that for you. The name is Betty Kidd. Sam and Betty Kidd. They live on the left hand side of the road.

Fredrick: I think you gave me enough to go off of here. If I can’t find it I’ll reach out to you. The pictures are good but sometimes you don’t really know until you look at it.

Matthews: It looks worse in person.

Re: Technology Department, Jamie Shumaker: Report of 911 Services Board increased Grant Money

Shumaker: Good evening. About a year ago we presented to you guys a grant award of approximately $268,000 to upgrade the 911 Center. The Board approved that grant and since then we have upgraded all the call handling equipment and we are very close to having text to 911 finished in Buckingham. So that’s a big accomplishment for us. During the process of doing this we have worked with Century Link and AT&T and we are now able to create a diversity path. A diversity path will allow two circuits to come into the courthouse area and will carry 911 calls. The reason or idea behind this is if one path gets cut the second path can get utilized immediately to alleviate any calls getting lost coming to the 911 center. I’ve worked with the State on that and they awarded us additional funding to cover the cost of the diversity path. So the new grant award letter that you have is $437,918.74. So that $437,000 I ask that you guys to approve that grant so we can continue moving forward with our 911 project.

Allen: I make a motion that we approve the $437,918.74 grant.

Matthews: Outstanding. Good job Jamie.

Bryan: Thank you Jamie. Motion made and seconded to approve the increased grant as presented by Mr. Shumaker. Any further discussion? Call for the vote.

**Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the increased grant of $437,918.74 for the 911 Center.**
Re: Animal Control Facility: Consider request from the Animal Control Facility Committee

Jones: The committee that has been formed to study the fact about using the Gold Hill School for the Animal Control Facility I recommend that we use that school and proceed with it to make our new dog pound out of it. It is close by. It shouldn’t be any problems with it. I think we can save money by utilizing that building for it with additions to it. We do have a grant that will help us out. I would like us to entertain a motion that we do go forward utilizing that school as the new pound.

Allen: Second.

Bryan: Motion made and seconded from the recommendation of the Animal Control Facility to go ahead and look at renovating the old Gold Hill School as the new Animal Control Facility. Any discussion? Call for the vote. 7 yes.

Supervisor Jones moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to look into renovating the old Gold Hill School as the new Animal Control Facility.

Re: Finance Department /IDA: Karl Carter, Report of Action of the IDA regarding the Hotel Tax Incentive Package

K. Carter: The IDA met last night. The Industrial Development Authority met and they decided to accept the tax incentive package for the Hotel. Of all members present it was unanimous. In talking to them all, they were in support of the hotel and thought it was a great idea. They approved the same tax incentive package that Mrs. Carter gave to you guys last month.

Re: Reassessment: Consider request of Commissioner of Revenue regarding Board of Equalization hearing schedule

Carter: The Commissioner of Revenue has advised that it looks like the reassessment is going to be pretty level. It doesn’t look like there’s going to be a lot of change at all. This is reflected by not needing a lot of review by the Board of Assessors. So based on that, she is asking if you all would consider lowering the amount of time that the Board of Equalization sits from 1 year to 6 months. It would save money with paying them and not having the Board of Assessors on call for those meetings. She feels like 6 months would certainly do it because she is not seeing a lot of change in the reassessment. But to do that you do have to have a public hearing. She asked if you would consider that matter.

Bryant: I make a motion that we have a public hearing on it and schedule it for December.

Allen: Second.

Bryan: Motion made and seconded as presented by the County administrator to hold a public hearing to decrease the time for the hearings for the reassessment. Any discussion on the matter?
**Allen:** I have a little discussion. It’s not really about this, but kind of about it. The people on the Board asked me not to long ago is there any training. No one has called them and they don’t know what they are supposed to do.

**Carter:** The judge, you all nominated them and the judge has actually appointed them this week. The Commissioner of Revenue will set that us. They don’t meet until after the notices go out and everyone gets their assessment and everything. We have time for that. I think the judge did appoint them Mr. Wright said this week. So, Commissioner of Revenue will be getting in contact with them.

**Bryan:** Call for the vote. 7 yes.

*Vice Chairman Bryant moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to schedule a public hearing for December 9, 2019 meeting to reduce the time for the hearings for the reassessment.*

**Re:** Registrar: Abstract of votes for the November 5, 2019 General Election

The abstract of votes for the November 5, 2019 General Election was handed out to the Board members for their information.

**Re:** Consider a committee of two board members, the County Administrator and the County Attorney to review the Noise Control Ordinance

**Chambers:** I’d like to serve on this Mr. Chairman.

**Bryan:** Ok. Mr. Chambers. I don’t mind serving on it with you. Do you want that in a motion Mrs. Carter?

**Carter:** Yes, please.

**Allen:** I make a motion that Supervisor Chambers and Supervisor Bryan be on the Noise Control Ordinance Board.

**Bryan:** Any further discussion? Call for the vote.

*Supervisor Allen moved, Vice Chairman Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to form a committee consisting of Supervisor Chambers and Chairman Bryant to review the Noise Control Ordinance.*

**Re:** County Attorney Matters

There were none.
Re: County Administrator’s Report

Carter: Yes, I’ve given you a personnel committee report that was provided under separate cover. Also you have the advertisement there for the 29th Annual Tree Lighting program and we also had that put in the paper and on our website.

Also, this is an addendum because we just got back from the Virginia Association of Counties conference yesterday, so I provided you the information that we got there. The first is VACO’s Preliminary 2020 Legislative Program and Priorities and Reports and this was voted on yesterday at the Annual Business meeting. This is a preliminary so if you have any issues with it or want to add anything you certainly can. But the committee did vote on this as a preliminary. Also VACO’s Financial Report is provided. The State Budget report. Chairman Bryan was in that meeting with me. There is some good news and not so good news and a lot of unknowns. I can say what they call their rainy day fund had increased for the State of Virginia. Unfortunately it’s like some of our accounts. Its accumulated money and not annual revenue that they can budget out into annual expenditures. But that’s something like us you have to watch from now to the end of the year as things come in and go out.

Also I provided you the Committee Interest Forms that are coming up. If anyone is interested in being nominated to any of these VACO committees you can turn that in or give me the information and we will get it to them for you.

I also provided you information on the 2020 Finance Forum, the 2020 Rural Caucus Reception, and the 2020 Local Government Legislative Day. There is also a Supervisor’s Forum but I don’t have that information. I didn’t have it with me when I came back. I’ll keep you posted on that. I’ve provided you copies of those so if you are interested in going, let Jenn know and she will get you registered.

That concludes my report Mr. Chairman.

Re: Other Board Matters

Chambers: Mr. Chairman, I’ve got a couple. A young man graduated from high school this year, Trevor Agee. He went to the Virginia State Fair and came in 3rd place down there. Also went to Indianapolis and came in 2nd place over there. I’d like to pass a resolution to honor him.

Bryan: I spoke to his father on that. That was pretty tremendous to finish 3rd in Indianapolis considering the amount of people that were there.

Chambers: 2nd.

Bryan: It was tremendous for him to finish that way. Motion made by Supervisor Chambers and seconded by Supervisor Bryant for, you want a resolution, ok, honoring Trevor Agee for his accomplishments with the FFA. Any further discussion? Call for the vote. 7 yes.
Supervisor Chambers moved, Vice Chairman Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to pass a resolution honoring Trevor Agee for his accomplishments with FFA.

Chambers: I’ve got one more thing. His father also did a big part in helping us with the trash business. He did a lot of work on our old dumpsters and you know. He did a great job helping the county over the years. I’d like to pass a resolution honoring him. Pete Agee.

Bryan: Motion made and seconded for a resolution honoring Pete Agee and the work that he’s put forth for the County as well. Any further discussion? Call for the vote. 7 yes.

Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to pass a resolution honoring Pete Agee the work that he put forth for the County.

Dunnavant: Mr. Wright, have you had an opportunity to review the specification for the Rt. 617 site.

Wright: It appears to be fine. I’m not a contractor but it appears to be fine.

Dunnavant: Mr. Chairman, I’m on the Utility Committee, I move that we request bids for the construction of the recycling site at Rt. 617.

Bryan: Motion made and seconded to put out a Request for Proposal for bids to refurbish 617 across from the chipping mill. Any further discussion? Call for the vote. 7 yes.

Supervisor Dunnavant moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to put out a Request for Proposal for the solid waste site at Rt. 617.

Dunnavant: Mr. Chairman, I have one more item I’d like to bring to our attention. Gentlemen I’d like to call your attention to the October issue of the National Association of Counties magazine front page article, “Feds award nearly $1 billion in airport infrastructure grants” with $3.18 billion yet to go for FY2019. Now we have a unique opportunity before us. There is an economic engine that is currently asleep but it’s getting ready to wake up. The Farmville Regional Airport actually adjoins Buckingham County in its western property line. The Town of Farmville who currently administers oversight of the airport individually has had a recent change in its own management and is now interested with partnering with all three counties, Buckingham, Cumberland and Prince Edward to enter into an Airport Authority which would be very similar to the partnership that we are currently involved in with the Piedmont Regional Jail. Now getting back to that $3.18 billion. Farmville has thus far this year received almost $4 million in Federal Aviation Administration Infrastructure Improvement grants this year thus far. Many more millions of dollars are on the slate to come to the Farmville Regional Airport with a local match of only 2%. Myself being a pilot and visiting most of the airports in Virginia and a great many in the eastern half of the US, I have seen them ranging from what appeared to be abandoned ghost towns like Crewe and Gordonsville where you can’t even buy a gallon of gas unless you are lucky enough for the guy with the key to the pump to happen to be there. The East Coasts largest Atlanta, Hartsville in
Jacksonville in Georgia, to what we could be a part of with Farmville similar to what Chesterfield, Hanover, our industrial park and Dinwiddie County which are relatively close by have. They have built out. They have run out of room to keep growing. They just don’t have any room for their industries to continue coming in there. Our local airport, Farmville Regional, is poorest for development. So we should join them to help them grow and we would grow with them. I have been working for this potential for many years, long before I was elected to this Board. It just so happens that as the stars came into alignment, that this economic development ground floor opportunity has opened up that I didn’t get the votes to come back for another term. But I have truly always had the best interest of the Buckingham County Citizens in mind in every decision I’ve made. The opportunity for this economic growth for all who can recognize the potential for partnership in regional projects such as this is boundless, restricted only by the short sightedness of those who do not realize the potential or understand the opportunity. An old saying is very true, “Opportunity knocks softly and only once”. The question is are we going to answer the door because it’s knocking now. So I ask would this Board be interested in establishing an investigative committee to investigate the possibility of entering in to such a regional partnership and what the other potential parties positions of such a partnership would be and report back to the Board at the December meeting. Is there any question in what I’m talking about? Farmville Airport is growing by leaps and bounds. They are redoing the runway to be able to handle larger jets. That piece of infrastructure adjoins our county in the south eastern corner. It touches us. Right now with the management change that’s happening in the Town of Farmville they are willing for other people to come into the airport with them. It will not cost much to administer it but the people and industries that have money to invest in our communities, they don’t drive here. They fly here.

**Chambers:** Ok. I’d like to make a motion that we form a committee to do a feasibility study and report back to the Board. Do you want to serve on that committee Mr. Dunnavant?

**Dunnavant:** Yes, sir. I’d be glad to.

**Bryan:** Motion made and seconded to go ahead and explore the options for a regional airport authority as presented by Supervisor Dunnavant. Any further discussion? Call for the vote. 7 yes.

*Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to explore the options for a regional airport authority as presented by Supervisor Dunnavant.*

**Re:** Executive Closed Session

*Supervisor Dunnavant moved, Supervisor Allen 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 certify 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: Adjournment

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

ATTEST:

Rebecca S. Carter                          Donald E. Bryan
County Administrator                      Chairman