At a regular monthly meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Peter Francisco Auditorium of the Buckingham County Administration Complex, the following members were present: Robert C. Jones; Don Matthews; Harry W. Bryant; Donald E. Bryan; E. Morgan Dunnavant; Joe N. Chambers, Jr.; and Danny R. Allen. Also present were Rebecca S. Carter, County Administrator; Karl Carter, Asst. County Administrator; Rebecca S. Cobb, Zoning Administrator; and E.M. Wright, Jr., County Attorney.

Re: Call to Order

County Administrator Rebecca S. Carter called the meeting to order.

Re: Establishment of a Quorum

County Administrator Rebecca S. Carter certified there was a quorum. Seven of seven members were present and the meeting could continue.

Re: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Re: Official Vote for Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2019

Carter: The first order of business will be for the Chairman and Vice Chairman for the 2019 Calendar Year. The Board of Supervisors, according to our By-Laws, is on a rotation. However the Board will still need to vote to appoint those. The rotation will have Supervisor Bryan as Chairman and Supervisor Bryant as Vice-Chairman. Is there a motion on the floor to…

Chambers: So moved. Motion that Supervisor Bryan be the Chairman and Brother Bryant be the Vice.

Allen: Second.

Carter: All those in favor. Seven votes. At this time I will turn the meeting over to Chairman Bryan. Congratulations and best of luck.

Bryan: Thank you maam.
Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Supervisor Bryan as Chairman for 2019 and Supervisor Bryant as Vice Chairman for 2019.

Re: Approval of 2019 By-Laws and Rules of Procedures with Amendments

Chambers: So moved

Allen: Second.

Bryan: Motion made by Supervisor Chambers, seconded by Supervisor Allen. Any discussion on the matter?

Allen: The only thing I had to change has already been changed.

Bryan: Call for the vote. Unanimous.

Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the By-Laws and Rules of Procedures for 2019 with the changes presented.

Re: Announcements

Chairman Bryan called for any announcements.

Carter: Mr. Chairman, due to the change in the By-Laws that will affect the audience, it may be good for someone to read that change regarding the videoing of the meeting.

Matthews: Do you want me to read it?

Bryan: Yes, sir. Do you have it?

Matthews: Yes, sir. ATTENDEES PHOTOGRAPHING, FILMING, RECORDING OR OTHERWISE REPRODUCING A MEETING Any attendee may photograph, film, record or otherwise reproduce any portion of a meeting. The placement and use of equipment necessary for broadcasting, photographing, filming or recording a meeting shall not interfere with the meeting’s proceedings and shall not block or obstruct passage in the aisles. Any attendee photographing, filming, recording or otherwise reproducing any portion of a meeting shall remain stationary while anyone is speaking or business is being conducted. This recommendation has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney.

Bryan: Thank you Supervisor Matthews.
Re: Approval of Agenda

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

Re: Approval of Minutes

Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Dunnivant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes as presented.

Re: Approval of Claims

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

Re: Public Comments

Bryan: Public comments are limited to three minutes.

Sammy Smith, District 5: Good evening gentlemen. My mama always told me it wasn’t polite to wear your hat in the house but I’ve got to put on my Farm Bureau hat. I’m your liaison between the Farm Bureau and the Board of Supervisors. So, as a public service announcement I’m going to bring your attention to the questionnaire that was left out front. What it concerns is and I’m going to read it for you. Buckingham Farm Bureau along with other participating agencies have always been interested in community and safety issues. With so much happening in our world today of shootings, bombings and other threatening situations we are considering planning an active shooter/self-defense/road rage training event for the county. We are seeking to find out the public’s interest in this and to give input into specific areas you would be interested in having addressed in this program. We have questionnaires out front and would like to have them in by January 26th and I’d appreciate it if every one of you would pick up a copy and spread it around to your churches. That’s who most of us are getting a lot of positive reaction from. Now I’m going to take off my Farm Bureau hat. You have something coming up tonight about mileage. Well, since I’m active in your mileage program, I’m going to tell you that I back that 100%. Now I’m going to change hats again, and I’m going to tell you, our county is a wonderful place to live. But I’m afraid there are some folks that don’t know the definition of a democratic socialist. There is no such thing as a democratic socialist. You are either a democrat or a socialist. I wanted to say that from the Dias tonight because with the fake news law in effect, I’m standing by it 100%. If anybody wants to know what a democrat is, they need to look it up or what a socialist is, they can look at the history of Europe and see exactly what happens when you turn into a socialist government. Thank you very much.
**Marie Flowers, District 3**: Marie Flowers, Third District. This is my amplifier. I can hear what you all are saying now. Very apropos, Mr. Smith is bringing up the subject of guns and I was wondering if you all…had any of you thought about making establishments that sell guns and ammunition more secure. You remember last month the Millbrook Country Store was robbed of many guns. I know there are things that could make those guns more secure like a safe to put the guns in at night. Also, I’m concerned about the floodplain with Dominion. Do you all have somebody that is qualified to monitor what goes on when they go through the floodplain or are you going to have to hire somebody? I’m sure they have the technology to do it properly. My concern is there are so many instances in our country where we’ve had disasters where companies do not care about safety. They care more about the money. You know the opioid crisis. What does that have to do with the pipeline? It has to do with big business and not caring about people. The Massey Mine disaster, there were many, many violations and the government did not shut it down until those men died in there. There are many other things. Flint, Michigan. Anyway that’s a real concern of mine and I’m hoping that you all would be concerned about having qualified people monitor what goes on. Thank you.

**Joyce Gooden, District 6**: Good evening. My name is Joyce Gooden. I live at 1779 Shelton Store Road. My family has been in Buckingham County for generations. Thank you for allowing me to express myself in this forum. Buckingham, Virginia has always been my home and my heart. Whatever path I’ve taken in life, it’s always brought me back to Buckingham County. I left Buckingham to join the Air Force. During my 20 years of military service, Buckingham County remained my home of record. When I retired from the Air Force, I moved back with my son to Buckingham County. When I worked for VCU Health Systems I lived in Midlothian and Fredericksburg, Virginia. January 2018, I moved back to my childhood home. A home that is within 300 feet of the Transco Williams pipeline and about 1 ¼ mile from the proposed compressor station. My family raised Black Angus cattle on the property over this pipeline. This property is also a wetland and a host for wild geese that fly over. I give you this background because there is a lot of misinformation about my community in the news media also misrepresentation. The media, including the Farmville Herald, has labeled my community as historic and African American. Neither are true. Historic is the New Canton birth site of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the father of Black History Month. Historic is Alexander Hill Church and Historic Village. A slave cemetery does not make a community historic. I want to tell you what I saw at the Air Board meeting last week. There are two groups of people representing my community. My group of about 30 people talked among their selves and quietly waited for the Board’s decision. That other group that was representing my community loudly sang songs based on hymns, then yelled, shouted and hurled F* bombs at the Air Board members when the vote did not go as they desired. This group flipped over the chairs at the Double Tree and yelled at the State Troopers. They resisted their removal from the meeting room by the State Troopers. They stood and turned their backs on the speakers when they did not express their views. I had to ask those standing in front of me to move because they were blocking my view. I tell you this, because that disruptive behavior does not represent the community that I know. The media soft pedaled these acts but gave the mic to anyone who would say something shady and inaccurate about the group that I was in. I have been referred to as not living in Buckingham. I do. Not willing to speak the truth to power. Oh, I will. My personal favorite is that I’m being paid off by Dominion Energy. I am not. Thank you.
**Quinn Robinson, District 4:** Good evening gentlemen. My name is Quinn Robinson and I live in Andersonville. District 4. I just have a couple of brief comments tonight. I speak for myself and no other group. In March it will be 5 years that we’ve been dealing with Dominion and there’s been questions that have not been appropriately answered and I hope that we can reexamine things. As far as I’m concerned I thought the first line of defense would be the elected representatives of this county. That’s not proven to be the case. At every juncture, Dominion’s been given a waiver or exception to do whatever they want in violation of our constitution and the county ordinances. That’s not a good way to advance the county’s interest. Anyway, it makes no sense to me. We heard Governor Northam give the State of the Commonwealth from which he talked about Virginia being very business friendly. I think it’s a little too business friendly and the laws are being ignored left and right. In contrast, talking about incoherence, the Attorney General has filed suit against the Federal Government to roll back emissions standards to keep them on schedule to minimize the impact of the environment and he’s also sued the Mountain Valley Pipeline which is smaller and probably less involved with the violation of laws than Dominion and has not yet proceeded against Dominion. The whole issue that one of the previous speakers spoke of in reference to commitment to the community, that’s a bad joke as far as I’m concerned. It’s more or less a bribe and shouldn’t be entertained. If it’s going to be part of the discussion of how it’s going to change and impact this county’s first responders and fire safety and all that, then it should come before the planning commission and come before the board. No more back room deals and mischief of that nature. Everything should be out in the open including the floodplain ordinance being on line. The Conflict of Interest Statements being online. Last month we witnessed the excusal of a staff member. Is Dominion going to systematically come in and hire people to complicate their participation in the county structure? That’s unfortunate. Please think this through. The county has in its environment what might equate to the golden goose. If we don’t preserve it and protect it we are going to lose it and don’t let Dominion do that. Thank you.

**David Ball, District 3:** Good evening Supervisors. David Ball. District 3. Happy New Year to everybody and I hope a very prosperous New Year for all. To touch on fake news just a quick bit, and what was said by a previous speaker, I believe that that organization did not appear until July of last year when the announcement of $5 million, $5.1 million from Dominion became known and that a political insider was going to head that group. I think that in itself speaks volumes. Rev. William, Union Hill Church and Union Grove Church were ahead for years on this project. So, I think somebody stepped in because Dominion provided ample funding is very suspect. Also, I noticed a lot last year, that there were errors, omissions, and run on sentences in the minutes. I don’t think anybody has been reading the minutes. Proofreading. Making sure that statements and everything were correct and complete. So, I’d like to address that. Also, I believe that Mr. Quinn mentioned, or Mr. Robinson mentioned, the fact that SOEI, we need to have those statements in place and public to show where your interest are and what your financial holdings are. Things that are relevant according to state code and according to law especially in these times moving forward. I provided you a letter to which that is addressed in advance now of the hearing for Dominions Stormwater Crossings. In particular the five rivers and two crossings of the North River. You will note in the letter that everything is on hold because the government is on hold and that’s going to continue throughout this year, I can pretty much be assured of that because of the political climate. Also know that the Supreme Court is
looking at the issue of right of eminent domain and the number of properties listed in the list that’s not provided to the public unless you use a FOIA shows that a number of properties were condemned and that condemnation has not been held publicly to my knowledge. Finally I want to address the fact that the state constitution which is before you which you have an obligation to read and understand, you are committed to uphold and protect the state constitution, the natural resources according to that law. Thank you.

Re: VDOT Road Matters

Carrie Shepheard: Good evening Mr. Chairman and members of the Board. We are currently continuing our storm response efforts to include tree debris clean up, cleaning our equipment and repairing potholes. Then we will continue machining our gravel roads, answering work orders and spot trimming brush. Do you have any questions or concerns for me tonight?

Jones: I do. In District 1, on Rt. 672 which is Blinky’s Road where it comes in to the end of that road at a stop sign. Ever since that road has been topped, there is a ditch as you turn right from the road that comes in from New Canton. It’s been open. It’s probably a foot to foot and half deep. I would appreciate if you would put something in it that would stay so that when you turn, your wheel doesn’t drop in that hole. Thank you.

Matthews: I was glad to see that you guys got ahead of the storm this time and treated the major primary roads. I appreciate that. It was a lot better than the previous several storms. So thank you.

Allen: Down my way you did a real good job. Do you have a phone number that we can contact you?

Shepheard: I do, I do actually. I’ll give you my updated contact information. I don’t think I have enough copies, if I leave you one, can you make sure they get it? So she will have a copy. Anyone else?

Bryan: Yes, potholes at the intersection of 650 and 632 right there by the Chuck Stop. Also, I guess you guys remove branches that are broken and hanging over the road?

Shepheard: Yes.

Bryan: I hoped that somebody would see it. There’s one that’s been at 20841 on Rt. 60, what’s that, James Anderson Hwy. Mrs. Carter saw that one. That one if it breaks finally it’s going to hurt someone. There’s another one just up from that in the 1900 block and they are hanging. They are big and huge and they are hanging over the road. There was one at 7900, 7925, 8337 and 8112 on Bell Road.

Shepheard: All four of those last one’s on Bell Road? You said 7900, 7925…
**Bryan:** 8112 and 8337. The one on I believe right after you turn off 60 to get on Bell Road, there is a tree that’s leaning that’s caught in another tree. If that breaks and somebody is going by, it will do some damage.

**Allen:** How far off the road can they mess with trees? Talking about a tree, if it’s beyond...

**Shepheard:** If it’s beyond our right of way then we will have to get a property owner agreement and then we will usually maintain clearance up to 20 feet but those hanging branches, we will look into those.

**Bryan:** What about trees leaning? What degree…

**Shepheard:** It’s kind of a judgement call. If it’s dead then it’s high priority. We do our best to catch them. We do keep an eye on them.

**Bryan:** Ok. Thank you.

**Shepheard:** Anybody else? Ok. Thank you.

**Re: Public Hearings**

There are no public hearings scheduled.

**Re: Presentations:** Josh Bower, CRA Architects, Inc. Presentation of Proposed Library/Community Center Design

**Bower:** Good evening everyone. I’m Josh Bower with Crabtree Rohrbaugh and Associates Architects. We are going to be discussing where we are with the library and community center project that will be occupying the retired Dillwyn Primary School. So this evening we are going to be reviewing the existing conditions. Looking at the proposed library floor plans. Looking at the construction costs of the library and then moving to the community center, looking at the floor plans and also the costs. We will finalize with the design and construction schedule.

This is the existing floor plan of the schools as it stands. You see on your screen this is the current design of the library. Over the last few months we’ve been meeting with select committees including Mr. Ewing, the Executive Director of the Library and the floor plans as it’s been designed so far has consensus of the committees. So if you look at the center of the plan, this should be the front entrance of the building. In a few minutes we will do a visual walk through of the space and also a fly around of the entire building. This is the front entrance coming into the service desk, often known as the circulation desk of the library. As we move to the plan left, the purple area will be the children’s area. Coming down into the green, which is the community room where they have programs and presentations along with two large storage rooms. As we move into the pink or reddish color known as the teen area. This is the staff area along with the office for the manager of the library. Keep moving on the plan, the blue is the adult area. This is the book area along with the history and genealogy. This is the computers.
and the area of the fireplace. Wrapping up we have a small group study room. What’s important is that in each area of the library we have computer stations. There will be computer stations exclusively for the children’s area, exclusively for the teens and exclusively for the adults in each section. As we move out into the community center, these are the shared toilets. They will be for both the library and community center side. Some initial interior renderings. As you come through the front door this is the service desk. What we are looking to do is introduce materials that are obviously to Buckingham County including slate, introducing different types of hardwoods, along some Kyanite into the space when you first enter the space there are materials that are Buckingham County materials. This is Buckingham County’s library so we will have a large sign there announcing that. This is the service desk. They will be servicing all the adults, teens and youth. This is the proposed entrance to the children’s area. What you see is we have a little nook here for children to climb through or walk through coming into the space along with the adult entrance. This is the elevation of the fireplace. This is in the adult area. There will be some soft seating in this space along with charging stations. There are charging stations not only in the adult space, there are also charging stations throughout the library for community use along with Wi-Fi throughout the library. As you can see there will be some stone along with hardwood and slate there at the hearth. If all goes well, we will see a digital walk-through. So we are entering at the main entrance. We will have a sliding door. You will see the service desk, we are going to make a right hand turn and we are in the children’s area. On the left hand side are computer stations and on the right hand side are the bookshelves then around to the seating area and there is a decorative tree on one of the columns. Now we are going to enter into the programing room. There is seating for about 30 for presentations and activities. Go through this door on the right hand side you will see the teen area with the computer stations along with soft seating. Then we come back out to the service desk, off to the left is the main entrance and a small group study room to your left and now we are entering into the adult area with bookshelves on the right hand side including the history and genealogy. Left is the computer stations and now we are going to wrap around the area with the fireplace and soft seating. So talking about finishes, we want long term, cost effective finishes. So in the bookshelf areas we will have carpet. This is a carpet tile so that way it has a vinyl back so if any spills happen in the space it doesn’t go down to the concrete and is easy to clean. In the walking surface where the areas in between the different stations, adult, teen and children, is going to be a tile plank, a vinyl tile plank so that way it’s cleanable and very durable for the walking surface. So on the exterior, what we are going to be doing is putting up new trusses and a metal panel roof overtop the existing roof. So we are going from a flat roof to a gable with hips on the end with louvers that are all throughout the building. Those are actual vents because the mechanical units are going to be placed in between the existing room and the new roof. That will help protect them from weather and also make them easier to be serviced which you can see on this elevation. Our goal is to make the building 100% accessible so we will have an accessible parking along with a ramp to get up to the rear entrance. For those who are familiar with the building, the new entrance is actually going to be on the back side of the building based on where the parking is. So parking lot A & B which are on the north and east side is where everyone will park so they will not be parking and walking around to the rear of the building. Let me go to the next slide, this is going to be the new library front entrance. As you are coming up the sidewalk which will be fully accessible, the new community center entrance is going to be located right here. Again, if all goes well, we will see a fly around. This is if you were driving in a car coming off of 15, you
can see on the right hand side we have placed bars which are removable bars for access for service only. We are going to have some select metal screening on the face of the building. Let me see if I can stop it right here. One thing that is important is that the existing building we have large 15’ windows. What we are going to be doing for both energy efficiency and to make it the most functional space is going to be placing both windows and wall pieces to enclose a portion of that. On the existing building the large openings, we are going to be condensing those down to small window openings. As you go around that same language comes on the building where the openings are being closed. This is the multipurpose room that we are going around now. We are removing the large window and putting perhaps fiberglass or more solid material so that from a multipurpose standpoint it could be sports, it could be dining events in there. As we come around the front of the building facing 15, you see those gables that comes all the way down in the same language of infill of large opening of the windows. Again back around and pause at the new library front entrance.

Matthews: Outstanding.

Bowers: As much as I would love to take all the credit, really the large portion of the credit is due to everybody whose been volunteering to help us make this successful to this point. That includes the library group, Mrs. Carter, Mr. Carter, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Dunnavant, Mr. Ewing have all been…Mr. Wright, everyone has been taking a lot of time out of their busy schedule to help us come up with a design and not only has our goal been to make this a re-adaptive building for the community and make it a beautiful building, but also make it a cost effective building for the community and long term for maintenance. So in regards to costs. We separated this not only in presentation but also in costs, to the library portion and to the community center side. We are going to give it to you in two separate pieces. Right now the library portion of the building, and this includes everything from the roof to the windows, the front entrance, the foundations, the structure, carpeting, all the walls, the interior walls, and this includes contingency during construction, all design fees, right now we have a total costs of just a little over $2 million for this portion of the building. What I want to emphasis is this is the total costs for this portion. There are no additional pieces of the puzzle that we are withholding. We try to make sure you fully understand all of your costs, not just construction. Because it you look at construction costs, it’s only about $1.5 million for the construction piece itself. Feel free if anybody has any questions to interrupt me. I want to keep this as a dialog as much as possible. On the community center side, what we are doing is trying to maintain flexibility on the community center side. So on this portion we are keeping a similar language as to what is there with the classrooms. So if you see the blue spaces, we have essentially eight classrooms. Actually the top left space is the old library. Not only are we going to renovate them to keep them as a flex space, but also looking to remove a couple of the interior nonbearing walls, putting a folding partition there so that we have the ability for not just one classroom but multiple classrooms open at one time so if you want to have a larger group meeting in any of those spaces. What type of spaces? It can be anything from athletics to different community groups that want to meet. The idea of this is to make a flexible classroomsque space. If you want to have CPR training. There’s a whole variety of uses that you can have and it can be a matter of management by a person or group that is managing the facility. So we are showing eight rooms along with four offices that are going to be utilized for multipurpose events along
with the renovation of the large toilet rooms which will be used by not only the library but also the community center. As we move to the back of the building, the old cafeteria/gymnasium is going to be converted to a multipurpose room. It can be used as similar function. You can have it there for dining events, little kids floor hockey inside the space, for seniors that want to get out of the weather we’ve been having, as an opportunity for folks to be able to drive here and be able to walk in a safe environment. So we are showing here is a seating venue for dining event. We are looking at renovating the existing full service elementary kitchen into a catering kitchen. Designed where a catering company can bring food in and have warming ovens and ability for overhead door to serve from the kitchen but taking it from a full service kitchen to a catering kitchen for this venue. Adjacent to that is a small storage room and a toilet for the folks that are serving the event. We are going to keep the stage. The stage is going to become a more storage but still have the ability for events to happen on the stage and the two existing storage rooms are going to remain in place. So costs. Costs for this portion of the building, now this portion includes the metal roof, the insulation, gable trusses, foundations and suring, the floating partitions we talked about, the painting, the flooring finishes and full renovation and food service equipment. We have the construction costs at about $2.2 million and the total project cost of this portion of the building at $2.9 million, almost $3 million for the community center side of this building. So design schedule. At this point we are wrapping up construction documents. We are looking to finish them in February or March. Putting them out to bid in the March/April timeframe. Looking to bring this back to the Supervisors once we receive bids. If it’s approved then we can move to contracts and start construction in the May 2019 timeframe which is very, very close, with a goal to wrap up the entire project in February 2020. We are looking at different options of phasing but we believe that the best way to manage this project is all in one phase with the library and community center being demolition and construction happening at the same time. That’s what I have for an update. Are there any questions or comments that anybody has?

Matthews: I’m just going to be the first one. I’m just so proud of what you’ve done. It’s just outstanding. I mean our county has needed this for a long time and I’m glad to be a part of it. Can you do that fly around one more time? It just incorporates so much stuff and just the history of the building. I mean, I’d like to see a show of hands, how many people in this auditorium actually went to this school at one point and time. Here it is for you. This has got to bring back a lot of memories. It brings back a lot of memories for me that we are using a building that has existed in the county for a long time and it’s something that I’m proud of. Morgan did a tremendous job of keeping us on task along with Mr. Wright and Mrs. Carter. The whole team was just tremendous. It’s a great feeling. It really is.

Flowers: May I say something?

Matthews: Yes, maam. Did you ever consider solar panels on the roof?

Bowers: The solar panels are preferably…we try to keep those on the ground as opposed to on the roof. It’s easier to maintain and it actually lasts longer on the ground than it does placing them on the roof. If we were to look at doing them we have plenty of ground. Does that answer your question?
Bryan: Does anyone else have any questions?

Matthews: We’d like to have some input from the community if you have something you’d like to say or add, don’t be shy, let’s get it out on the table right now. I just want to tell you I take my hat off to Josh and his firm for doing a tremendous job on a building that was going downhill very, very fast. We were able to rescue it and put it to good use. Mr. Ewing, you have something you want to say?

Ewing: (not totally verbatim due to speaking from the audience and not picking up well on tape. Louder voices pick up some but quiet voices do not pick up well at all) I would just like to say thank you to the Board and Mrs. Carter. (inaudible) I’d also like to say thank you to the staff of the library. It’s not just me…(inaudible) This has been needed for a long time.

Will Dean: (not totally verbatim due to speaking from the audience and not picking up well on tape) I’m particularly fond of your comment that you went to school there and the memories it brings back. But at Ellis Acres Park where I went to school, that school was demolished and pushed down the hill. We are trying to bring back those memories that some of us with places like that. I appreciate the support that I’ve gotten from the county to help do that. But I think we should keep that in perspective too. The county as a whole (inaudible)

Gooden: (not totally verbatim due to speaking from the audience and not picking up well on tape) I have a question. I noticed the fireplace. I was just concerned about the safety because of the children and since pediatrics is my background, is that going to be hot and what’s going to prevent somebody from putting their hands on that.

Bowers: Yes, it will be hot. It is a fireplace. This will be a gas fireplace. The good news is that we can put the screens on there and fans blow the heat as opposed to heat coming from the fireplace. The gas fireplace are more safe and less hot to the touch compared to a wood or coal fireplace. So, fireplaces are typically hot. I absolutely agree. Having children of my own, and having a fireplace, it is something that we need to make them aware of.

Matthews: There is a threshold there from the outside edge to the fireplace so they can’t actually walk up and actually touch it without a little effort from a child and hopefully there’s going to be a lot of adult interaction in that area. That is more of the adult area. It’s not adjacent to the children’s area.

Gooden: I understand but over the years I have seen kids that have put their hands down in food grinders, and shot with a gun that was supposed to be up and kids will get through any kind of barrier and there are people that do not watch their children. I was just curious about that. I love the ascetics of a fireplace. I love a fireplace.

Matthews: That’s going to be Mr. Ewing’s job so we will touch base with him.
Bryan: Mrs. Gooden, are you speaking of the grates that come out? They are probably about 3 or 4 feet high that usually sit in front. You can still get it and I think that’s what you are talking about too, they won’t allow you access to it.

Gooden: It looks pretty. I just wanted to know what’s going to prevent children getting to it. That’s all.

Dunnavant: It will have a screen in front of it and the child may be able to get to where it’s really warm but they are not going to be able to get to where it will burn them. It’s not going to have red hot coals in it like a wood fireplace. It will be a vented propane gas fireplace which will basically from the hearth area forward, it’s not going to put out a lot of heat directly but it will be incorporated in the building heating system. It’s more for ascetics and the primary reason we included it in the design is the original design of the free standing library had the fireplace element designed around it and its part of what we did to appease some of the original library committee to make this a workable solution for everybody. It’s a design feature that’s a holdover from the standalone building.

Sammy Smith: (not totally verbatim due to speaking from the audience and not picking up well on tape) You are right. It has come a long way. When the library first came before the Planning Commission, it was supposed to be $1.3 million. Money was going to be raised by private individuals. The library was going to be built and dedicated to the county. Reality set in. You can’t sell that many tickets to wine and cheese parties. I admit, I was the one that stood up and held my cell phone and said this is going to be your new library. Do I still hold to that? Yes, I do. You are right. It’s come a long way from $1.3 million to $5.5 million. That is if I can add. I didn’t go to school in Buckingham so I might not have those figures correct. You’re right. It’s come a long way. It’s beautiful. If you can make it work without raising my taxes, I think it’s going to be a grand thing.

Matthews: That’s the plan.

Carter: If I can make a comment on that. The most recent numbers, estimates, that were given to you all was $3 million. We have reserved in our budget money to pay for a $3 million project. It will still take about $60,000 a million usually is what the annual payment would be. So I think we are prepared that it can work within the budget without raising taxes. We still have that. We’ve been putting that money in there every year reserving it so it doesn’t get lost with the other money.

Dunnavant: In that same spirit, with the original library money that Mrs. Carter eluded to, the balance of it is basically the maintenance and upkeep that we need to do to this building to keep it serviceable which is currently serving as a quazy Community Center now. The senior’s program uses it. The youth use it. The recreation department uses it and that square footage, interior square footage with a modern roof on it that’s going to outlast everybody in the auditorium today. HVAC system in it that’s going to last, how many years is it projected to last, Josh?
Bowers: It will last about 30 years.

Dunnavant: A 30 year lift on that. I think we are getting a good value for our expenditure.

Matthews: Plus we are saving a building.

Bryant: That’s right. We are saving a building that would go to nothing sitting there.

Bryan: Any more comments?

Ball: (not totally verbatim due to speaking from the audience and not picking up well on tape) Yes, first off I’d like to give a lot of thanks to Rick Ewing. I think the county is very fortunate that we got Rick when we did and that he became ingenious to that project and the fact that he has years of experience with these kinds of projects... (inaudible) I know this was put out as a private venture and this was going to remain a private library. I was told (inaudible) was going to be engaged in this and it was going to be county property. So I’m hoping that this will be something the county takes over and county will maintain. I want to know too if this project will be fully funded and make sure it gets done and gets done correctly. (inaudible) I don’t want taxes to necessarily go up (inaudible)

Bowers: Thank you. I know everybody couldn't be at the meeting this evening so what I will do is work with your IT Administrator and make this presentation available so other folks can see it that couldn’t make it tonight.

Carter: I guess as a result of this, the next step would be for the Board of Supervisors to accept this design and proposal and vote to move forward with the project. You can do it this evening or give it more time but that would be the next step.

Matthews: I would like to make a motion that we do proceed with this project with all the work and time that we have invested in it so far. I think it’s a spectacular project and it’s going to help a lot of people. Not just a few. I make a motion that we continue with this project and have it on task and move forward.

Bryant: I second.

Bryan: Motion made and seconded to move forward with the library project as presented tonight by Mr. Bowers from CRA Architects. Further discussion? Call for the vote. 7 yes.

Supervisor Matthews moved, Vice Chairman Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to move forward with the Library/Community Center project as presented.
Re: Stephanie Coleman, Executive Director Buckingham Department of Social Services regarding Medicaid Expansion

Coleman: If I might Mr. Chairman and Board of Supervisor’s members, I have some brochures. These might have been provided in your packet but I think sometimes it’s easier to look at it. We have some extras if someone wants to take some home to hand out to constituents within the community. We have these available for you. First of all though, for those of you who don’t know me, I’m Stephanie Coleman and I’m a long time member of the Department of Social Services and have been serving as Director since June 2017. As you probably already know, Governor Northam signed Medicaid expansion into law on June 7 of this past year 2018, and Virginia began the implementation process of trying to access these medical services for over 400,000 new people in the State of Virginia. This program is designed to provide access to quality low cost health insurance and is primarily targeted to address population of childless adults, GAP which has typically been those with mental health disorders, SNAP which of course we typically know as food stamps, those that have not qualified for Medicaid, and Plan First, pregnant women, and incarcerated adults, and other eligible adults meeting household and income limits anywhere from 0 to 138% of the poverty level. It has been a whirlwind trying to implement this to be honest with you but I’m proud to say that the State of Virginia has stayed on track with this. As I said this came about in June. Communications started immediately with state and local agencies across the Commonwealth. Plans had to be made to try to fast track some of these applications with target populations that the State knew would be eligible for the program. Policies had to be written. Changes to our computer system to accommodate this program had to be completed. Of course, staff had to be hired and trained for the scheduled start date accepting applications on November 1, 2018. We have stayed on course, as I said, but the actual benefits did not begin until January 2019. So that’s just been recently. Across the Commonwealth and here in Buckingham locally, applications had been relatively slow coming in for the months of November and December. We have seen quite an increase since January 1st of this year but this is not unusual and of course a lot of time recipients know that their eligibility will go back to the first of the month so I think we will continue to see more applications as the month moves on. At this time, Buckingham has received over 120 Medicaid expansion applications and these are applications of recipients that do not qualify for any other services. Just Medicaid only. At this point we are having difficulty putting exact numbers of how many rolled over from other programs. Given time we should be able to provide a more definitive count for you. Initial estimates though, indicated that there would probably be about 900 eligible county residents for this program. So far there has been no cost to the locality. This has all been paid out of federal and state funding. However, for the upcoming budget year, potentially we will have to provide a match for these monies. If that occurs and we have the numbers of our initial estimates, it will probably take a match of about $16,000 to be able to continue to receive ongoing applications and also to do required annual determinations to keep this program moving. As I said though we will keep our eyes on the situation and be glad to keep you posted as the exact number of eligible recipients unfolds. Do any of you have any questions or comments?
Chambers: With the government being shut down like it is, will that affect your department down the road?

Coleman: Is that going to affect the program, the Medicaid expansion program? I would think since it comes from federal funding, it potentially would. We do know that it has impacted our SNAP program for the upcoming month. In fact workers have been processing over the weekend trying to get the information in the computer systems so they can run those programs and receive the money onto their EBT cards on January 20th in order to ensure they get their benefits for February. So it likely could involve some impact there.

Dunnavant: Did I hear you right, 120 people have already put in applications for this expansion? 120?

Coleman: Yes, sir.

Dunnavant: And you anticipate that there is 900 additional…

Coleman: Not 900 additional but in total.

Dunnavant: In total 900.

Coleman: Yes, sir.

Dunnavant: The $16,000 match will cover the 900 or the 120?

Coleman: No, that would cover the employees to process applications and do ongoing annual determinations to manage those caseloads.

Dunnavant: So it’s going to take $16,000 additional employee dollars to keep up with them.

Coleman: Local dollars.

Dunnavant: Any additional local dollars to administer the program and benefits?

Coleman: No sir. That is all going to come from federal funds. This is mainly for staff.

Dunnavant: So the most we are potentially looking at $16,000 for additional staff.

Allen: That’s ½ of a salary.

Dunnavant: Yes, that’s ½ of a salary.
Coleman: No, that is not for the current year. This is for the upcoming budget year, potentially. As I said I’m just throwing those figures out there for you to think about because I know you will be going into the budget season very soon. I don’t know for certain right now. As I said some of these figures are coming in and we are weighing that out. I just wanted you to be prepared with that information. Good questions? Anything else I can answer? Ok. I thank you for allowing me to come forward and speak with you tonight. If I can be of any help in any way with any of the programs, I’m happy to do that. Feel free to contact me at any time. Thank you.

Re: ACP Flood Plain Ordinance Variance Request

Carter: Yes, due to us having a late December meeting, December 18th, in trying to get together with the committee, and with Dominion and ACP folks, we are not prepared to make a recommendation on this request at this time. We hope to be prepared to make a presentation to you with a recommendation at the February meeting.

Bryan: Ok. Thank you.

Re: Appointment of County Finance Committee

Bryan: Currently Mr. Allen, who was the Chairman and Mr. Matthews were serving on that committee. Usually the chairman serves on it.

Carter: Usually the Chairman and Mr. Matthews.

Chambers: Make a motion we stick to the same procedure. Chairman, Matthews and Sister Carter.

Bryan: Your motion is for the Chairman and Mr. Matthews to stay on the finance committee. Any discussion? Call for the vote. 7 yes.

Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Chairman Bryan and Supervisor Matthews to the Finance Committee for 2019 Calendar Year.

Re: Appointment of County Personnel Committee

Bryan: Currently, Vice Chairman Bryant and Supervisor Chambers are on that committee. Any changes to that committee?

Chambers: We’ll stay.

Bryan: Motion made and second for Personnel to stay as is. Any discussion? Call for the vote.
Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Supervisor Chambers and Vice Chairman Bryant to the Personnel Committee for the 2019 Calendar Year.

Re: Appointment of County Utilities Committee

Bryan: Currently it’s Mr. Dunnivant and myself. It’s part of our district. Any changes?

Chambers: I make a motion for it to stay.

Bryan: Motion and a second for Utilities Committee to stay as is. Any discussion? Call for the vote. 7 yes.

Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Supervisor Dunnivant and Chairman Bryan to the Utilities Committee for the 2019 Calendar Year.

Re: Consider appointments/reappointments to the Industrial Development Authority

Bryan: It looks like Mr. Christian’s term is expiring at the end of this month. Mr. Bradshaw’s term is expiring at the end of this month. Mr. James Tyree, I spoke with him tonight and he is willing to go another term. We have Nancy Dragovich will expire in April.

Chambers: I would like to reappoint Tommy Bradshaw and James Tyree.

Jones: Mr. Chairman, I’ll talk to Randy Christian. I’ll put this off until the next meeting.

Bryan: Ok. Motion by Mr. Chambers, second by Mr. Allen to put Mr. Bradshaw and Mr. Tyree to serve another term.

Dunnivant: Do we need to check on…Mr. Jones, you are going to check on Mr. Christian.

Bryan: Mr. Jones is going to check with Mr. Christian and Mr. Allen will check on Mrs. Dragovich. Call for the vote. 7 yes.

Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to reappoint Thomas Bradshaw and James Tyree to the Industrial Development Authority for another term.
Re: Consider appointment/reappointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals

Allen: I haven’t talked to her but we can leave her on there.

Carter: It doesn’t expire until the end of February. I just wanted to make you aware so you’d have some time if needed to talk to her.

Re: Consider 2019 Tentative Budget Calendar

K. Carter: Yes, Mr. Chairman. You have in your packet a tentative budget calendar for FY2020 budget that’s about to come up. The budget calendar is attached and it’s essentially the same calendar as in the past with exception of the April meeting will be the third Monday so we will have time to get in the paper for the public hearing. I ask you to approve this calendar tonight.

Bryan: You need a motion to approve?

K. Carter: Yes.

Allen: So moved.

Bryan: Motion made and seconded to approve the budget calendar as presented by Mr. Carter. Any discussion on the matter? Call for the vote. 7 yes.

Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Dunnavant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the 2020 Tentative Budget Calendar as presented.

Re: Consider appropriation of $1200 donation from Kyanite Mining Office Staff to the Animal Control Department

Allen: So moved.

Bryan: Motion made and seconded to approve the $1,200 donation from Kyanite Mining to Animal Control. Any discussion?

K. Carter: I’d just make for the record that this was the employees that did that. The employees got together and donated that money. It was a great gesture.

Carter: Instead of exchanging Christmas gifts.

Bryan: Wow. Thank you very much. Call for the vote. 7 yes.

Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appropriate the $1,200 donation given by Kyanite Mining Office Staff to Animal Control Department.
Re: Virginia Crossroads Update

Cobb: Yes, this is to let you know what Virginia Crossroads has been doing for the past year or so, or little less than a year. They’ve kind of rebranded. They were Virginia’s Retreat and now they are Virginia’s Crossroads. I included some pages from the brochure. This is what the actual brochure looks like. Sometimes it hard to tell when you are copying pages. It’s a really nice brochure that was put together for Virginia’s Crossroads if you want to take a look at it. There’s also a website and we are currently working on some commercials. One will be strictly Buckingham and then they will put one together for the entire group as well.

Bryan: Ok. Thank you.

Re: Sheriff’s Department: Consider supplemental appropriation to salary budget

Kidd: Good evening. Last budget cycle I requested additional appropriations at the end of the fiscal year to cover shortfalls suffered throughout the year. You honored my request at that time but also expressed that future shortfalls should be reported at the time of occurrence rather than at the end. I have lost two deputies for various reasons. The vacancies have been filled but with the exiting of these employees, I had the legal obligation to settle outstanding accumulated leave, annual, sick and compensatory time. As such we did not anticipate nor did we expect to absorb these additional costs in our current salaries and wages budget. As a result of these payouts, a shortfall of $28,196 is anticipated at the end of the year in my salary and wages budget. I respectfully request that the board approve additional appropriation to this line item to cover this expense.

Chambers: I make a motion that we approve to cover this expense.

Bryan: Motion made and seconded to appropriate the money for the sheriff’s office salary budget shortfall.

Matthews: How many years of service did those two individuals collectively have?

Kidd: The first one had 10, right at 10. The other one I would say 4 altogether. The one that had the highest amount mostly worked the night shift and a lot of his time is spent waiting on court after his shift was over. We try to pay them down when we can at the end of the year but we can’t pay them all we owe.

Bryan: You will look again at comp time for this upcoming budget and try to get it back down?

Kidd: Yes, sir.

Bryan: Anyone else? Call for the vote. 7 yes.
Supervisor Chambers moved, Vice Chairman Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appropriate $28,196 to the Sheriff’s Department Salary and Wages budget line item.

Re: County Attorney Matters

Wright: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board, I bring to you the information tonight that one of the suits that was pending against the County relating to the Conditional Use Permit granted to Atlantic Coast Pipeline for the construction of the compressor station was argued before the Supreme Court on December 4 of the past year and on December 13 they issued an order dismissing the case against the county so that matter is no longer pending and is now out of court. I just wanted to advise you that that matter is gone.

Re: Consider approval of the IRS Mileage Reimbursement Rate

Carter: Regarding the mileage reimbursement formula, the federal government has changed it from $0.525 per mile to $0.58 per mile. I ask you to consider amending our formula to come into compliance with the Internal Revenue Service Regulations.

Allen: I make a motion to change to the new regulations.

Bryan: Motion made and seconded to amend the mileage reimbursement in accordance with the IRS regulations. Any further discussion? Call for the vote. 7 yes.

Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to amend the mileage formula to $0.58 per mile in accordance with IRS.

Re: County Administrator’s Report

Carter: I’ve provided you with the Auditor of Public Accounts turnover audit for Clerk of Court. Everything appeared to be in good order.

Buckingham Water System, there is information there where they have received 2016 and 2017 Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. We are glad to see that.

I have one other comment that I would like to make so that maybe you all can talk to the legislators and somehow help to influence but Supervisor Bryan and myself did attend the Governor’s Finance Forum which had some other information that was very informative but the most important thing that stuck out to me is where you say the Governor is proposing in his budget a 5% increase for school personnel according to what they determine as needed. We found though that in little parenthesis it says 3 to 5% but that the county will be responsible for 60% of that. I know that some school systems are going to Richmond and lobbying. A lot realize that local government’s especially rural governments can’t pick up 60% if they were to give a 5%. I know Alleghany County School is looking at shutting down on that day to take all
the teachers down there. If you talk to your legislators we need to encourage them to look at that percentage because they will probably say if you don’t do this we won’t give the raise. So I think that was a little misleading. I want you all to know that that is part of the formula, 60% to the local government.

That concludes my report.

**Bryan:** Thank you Mrs. Carter. Yes, I’ve received an email asking if I was going to attend to argue the same point.

**Carter:** Legislative Day is the 31st. If anyone is interested in going, let myself or Jennifer know and we will register you. At that time a lot of minds are already made up so I encourage you that any of the Bills you are interested in to…I understand they like the emails because they can, like I do, at night, look at it. Legislative Day is you don’t really get a lot of time to talk to them but we do try to go over and try to arrange at least a few minutes with our legislators.

**Dunnavant:** Do we know what the Bill # is for that 60%?

**Carter:** I don’t know that it is a Bill #. It’s in the budget.

**Bryan:** It’s in the amended budget. I’m sure there is probably a Bill being introduced about that as well.

**Re: Other Board Matters**

**There were none.**

Seeing there are no other Board matters and there is no Closed Session, we are adjourned until February 11, 2019.

**ATTEST:**

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Rebecca S. Carter                                      Donald E. Bryan
County Administrator                                Chairman