

At a regular meeting of the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors held in the Administration Building of said county on March 9, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Garland H. Hamlett, Jr. Chairman
Gary D. Walker, Vice Chairman
Robert L. Shook, Jr.
Kay M. Pierantoni
Tony Reeves
Donna Fore
Will Garnett

Absent:

Chairman Hamlett called the meeting to order.

Chairman Hamlett gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Kay M. Pierantoni, seconded by Donna Fore and carried with all other members present and voting yes to amend the agenda to include Kathy Liston for a citizen request.

Motion was made by Kay M. Pierantoni, seconded by Tony Reeves and carried with all other members present and voting yes to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion was made by Kay M. Pierantoni, seconded by Robert L. Shook, Jr. and carried with all other members present and voting yes to approve the minutes as presented.

Committee Reports:

Kay M. Pierantoni – Supervisor Pierantoni stated the next meeting for the Piedmont Area Prevention for Substance Abuse will be March 25th at 11:00 a.m. at SVCC. Supervisor Pierantoni stated March is Social Work appreciation month for Social Services. Supervisor Pierantoni stressed the important work Social Services does for our County.

Will Garnett – None

Robert L. Shook, Jr. – None

Gary D. Walker - Supervisor Walker stated the CRC staff is currently working with Drakes Branch Fire Department for grant funding. Supervisor Walker also stated the CRC is working with the Heartland Regional Authority for grant funding to help with a possible prospect in the park. The CRC is also working with the Keysville Fire Department on a grant from FEMA, and currently wrapping up the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Keysville. Mr. Walker stated the grant obtained thru the CRC for the sidewalk from Randolph Henry High School down Evergreen Road is currently under construction.

Tony Reeves – None

Donna Fore - None

Garland H. Hamlett, Jr. – Chairman Hamlett attended the Go Virginia Region 3 meeting in South Boston. Chairman Hamlett stated that numbers show there are more jobs in the region than workers. Chairman Hamlett feels there is shortage of skilled workers such as electricians, welders and carpenters and would like to see the School System implement vocational education in these fields.

Scott Frederick with VDOT addressed the Board. Mr. Frederick updated the Board on road work thru the winter. Crews are currently removing brush from behind guardrails and due to a light winter crews only put chemicals down on various roadways. Mr. Frederick reported Route 812 is now officially part of the VDOT

system for mowing and maintenance. Mr. Frederick reported Eureka Mill Road is currently being worked on for the Rural Rustic Program. Work will begin on Route 15 at the intersection where the Cruise Inn is located, the cement island will be removed and moved back to prevent the sign from being hit and Wards Fork Mill Road has had shoulder repairs as needed.

Public Comment:

George Toombs addressed the Board and requested any Board members receiving health benefits to cancel their benefits thru the County. Mr. Toombs stated if the school bus employees can not receive insurance the Board members should not have insurance thru the County.

Novella Saunders addressed the Board with concerns over the utility tax that was imposed on citizens in the 80's. Ms. Saunders stated the utility tax is still being applied to citizens on the Southside Electric bills. Ms. Saunders believes if those funds had been put into a school reserve account the financial outlook for the needed school repairs would be much better. Ms. Saunders is concerned Bacon District Elementary is not getting the attention and repairs needed.

Terry Tharpe addressed the Board and requested the polling locations in Saxe/Bacon not be relocated.

Hazel Bowman Smith addressed the Board. Ms. Smith asked the Board members not to decrease any funding to Social Services. Ms. Smith is a member of the Social Services Board and stated they do an excellent job providing services to the County. Ms. Smith also commended the gentlemen who attended last month's Board meeting and were willing to commit to an organized militia if needed. Ms. Smith urged the Board not to pass an ordinance banning guns from County property, she feels this is an infringement of her second amendment rights.

James Martin addressed the Board with concerns on building inspections.

Emma Webb with the Southside Center for Violence and Prevention addressed the Board. Ms. Webb provided information on the services provided by the Southside Center for Violence and Prevention. Due to the possibility of reduced State funding the Center made the decision to decrease their service area. As of July 1, 2021 Charlotte County will not be serviced. Ms. Webb stated they will continue to help individual who reach out from the County for their services.

Chris Russell, 911 Coordinator addressed the Board with the 2019 E911 quarterly report. Mr. Russell provided 911 call information and information on signs, markers or post replaced, installed or repaired. The E911 office is currently implementing a Next Generation E911 system. This will allow better communication and location tracking between the caller and the E911 center. Mr. Russell also provided information on the proposed Code Red emergency alert system. The Code Red system would provide quick notifications of time-sensitive information to mobile subscribers located within the jurisdiction. Mr. Russell reported Emergency Medical Dispatch will be required by 2024.

Motion was made by Will Garnett, seconded by Kay M. Pierantoni and carried with Donna Fore voting no and all other members present and voting yes to accept the recommendation of the Electoral Board to move the Bacon/Saxe polling location to New Hope Church.

Chairman Hamlett, with consensus from the Board, set a Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Commission for April 13, 2020 for public comment on a Conditional Use Permit Application from U. S. Cellular on a cell tower to be placed on Mapleton Road (Madisonville area).

Chairman Hamlett, with consensus from the Board, set a tentative Public Hearing on April 20, 2020 for the Charlotte County Public Schools Budget pending information from the School Board.

Chairman Hamlett, with consensus from the Board, set a work session for March 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. and March 30, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

March litter clean up update: Supervisor Pierantoni stated bags and vest are available at the Administration office and bags are available at all convenience centers.

Strategic Plan update: Mr. Witt updated the Board with information that Mr. Chandler was in the hospital but hopefully will be able to attend. Mr. Witt also stated the work session would be a good opportunity to discuss Board appointment guidelines and develop a policy.

Daniel Witt gave the Administrator's Report.

Public Comment:

Lawrence Clark expressed his appreciation to the Board for their decision to move the Saxe/Bacon polling location.

Being no further comments, the public comment period was closed.

Motion was made by Gary D. Walker, seconded by Robert L. Shook, Jr. and carried with all other members present and voting yes to approve the following appropriations for FY 2020;

		Expenditure	Revenue
10-8101-5819	TIC-Bee Grant #3229	3,076.45	
10-240512	TIC-Bee Grant (funds received)		3,076.45
10-3104-5811	Grants	60,000.00	
10-240202	E-911 Grants		60,000.00
10-1201-5824	FEMA-Storm Michael (food loss reimb. to schools)	2,661.77	
10-330209	FEMA-Storm Michael (funds received)		2,661.77
Total		65,738.22	65,738.22

Motion was made by Kay M. Pierantoni, seconded by Will Garnett and carried with all other members present and voting yes to approve the invoices for March 2020 in the amount of \$585,771.82.

Board Member Other Comments:

Donna Fore – Supervisor Fore respectfully requested if a Supervisor is running late for a meeting that voting issues be delayed until the Supervisor is present. Supervisor Fore stated the times and shifting of meeting times is unacceptable to her. She requested the meetings be moved from Monday to Thursday and the time be at night.

Tony Reeves – None

Gary D. Walker - None

Will Garnett – None

Robert L. Shook, Jr.-None

Kay M. Pierantoni- None

Garland H. Hamlett, Jr. – None

Kathy Liston addressed the Board and requested a letter of support from the Board to have a marker placed in the Courthouse Square for Joseph R. Holmes.

Motion was made by Donna Fore to approve a letter of support requested by Kathy Liston.

Motion failed for lack of second.

Chairman Hamlett called for a decision on the Budget process, option 1 being consolidated, option 2 being separate approvals;

Gary D. Walker	Option 1
Donna Fore	Option 2
Tony Reeves	Option 1
Kay M. Pierantoni	Option 1
Robert L. Shook, Jr.	Option 1
Will Garnett	Option 1
Garland H. Hamlett, Jr.	Option 1

By consensus of the Board the Budget will be adopted as a Consolidated Budget.

The meeting was recessed until 6:00 p.m., March 9, 2020.

BY:

Daniel N. Witt, Clerk

APPROVED:

Garland H. Hamlett, Jr. - Chairman