

At a regular meeting of the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors held in the Administration Building of said county on April 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Tony Reeves

Chairman Hamlett called the meeting to order.

Gary D. Walker gave the invocation.

Motion was made by Gary D. Walker, seconded by Kay M. Pierantoni and carried with Tony Reeves absent all other members present and voting yes to amend and approve the agenda to include additional appropriations and to set a budget work session day and time.

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

Tony Reeves arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Committee Reports:

Kay M. Pierantoni – Supervisor Pierantoni participated in the Social Services Board meeting. Supervisor Pierantoni stated employees are still doing home visits and are in need of masks.

Will Garnett – None

Robert L. Shook, Jr. – None

Tony Reeves – None

Donna Fore - None

Gary D. Walker - Supervisor Walker stated the construction has started on the new sidewalk down from the bus shop at Randolph Henry. Supervisor Walker stated the CRC continues to work with the Town of Phenix on their water project and has finished the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Keysville.

Garland H. Hamlett, Jr. – Chairman Hamlett stated he continues to be in contact with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and the Virginia Department of Health concerning the Corona virus and the need for PPE supplies for the County, Emergency Management and First Responders.

Public Comment:

There being no Public Comment the Public Comment period was closed.

Per the Treasurer's request the Board tabled the tax payment deadline decision until the next meeting.

Motion was made by Robert L. Shook, Jr., seconded by Tony Reeves to approve the following Resolution for Confirmation of the Declaration of Local Emergency;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 44-146.21, by written Declaration of Local Emergency dated April 13, 2020 (“Declaration”), Garland H. Hamlett, Jr., as Charlotte County Director of Emergency Management, declared that as a result of the disaster caused by the outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus), a communicable disease which presents a significant health threat, there exists in Charlotte County an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors adopts this resolution to confirm the existence of the local emergency as set forth in the Declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors (“Board”) that as a result of the disaster cause by the outbreak of COVID-19, there exists in Charlotte County an emergency, as set forth in the Declaration;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that during the existence of this emergency and disaster, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Management, and functions of Charlotte County, shall be those prescribed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of Charlotte County, in order to mitigate the effects of the emergency created by said disaster.

Roll call vote as follows; Robert L. Shook, Jr.-Aye; Tony Reeves-Aye; Donna Fore-Aye; Will Garnett-Aye; Kay M. Pierantoni-Aye; Gary D. Walker-Aye; and Garland H. Hamlett, Jr.-Aye.

Motion was made by Gary D. Walker, seconded by Will Garnett to adopt the following resolution for an Emergency Ordinance for Effectuate Continuity of Government;

WHEREAS, for the reasons set forth in the Emergency Ordinance which is hereby adopted, the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors has determined that the ordinance should be adopted on an emergency basis, effective immediately.

IT IS, ACCORDINGLY, HEREBY RESOLVED by the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors that the following Emergency Ordinance effectuating the continuity of government is hereby adopted, effective immediately:

“**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the United States Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the healthcare community in responding to the novel coronavirus or ‘COVID-19’; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph S. Northam issued Executive Order Fifty-One declaring a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia arising from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order Fifty-One acknowledged the existence of a public health emergency which constitutes a disaster as defined by Virginia Code Section 44-146.16 arising from the public health threat presented by a communicable disease anticipated to spread; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order Fifty-One ordered implementation of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center to provide assistance to local governments, and authorization for executive branch agencies to waive ‘any state requirement or regulation’ as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency, beginning March 1, 2020, in response to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order Fifty-Three, which gave direction and guidance on public and private in-person gatherings; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2020, the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors ('Board') confirmed the Declaration of Local Emergency made by Garland H. Hamlett, Jr., as Director of Emergency Management on April 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that COVID-19 constitutes a real and substantial threat to public health and safety and constitutes a 'disaster' as defined by Virginia Code Section 44-146.16 being a 'communicable disease of public health threat;' and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code Section 15.2-1413 provides that, notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, a locality may, by ordinance, provide a method to assure continuity of government in the event of a disaster for a period not to exceed six months; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code Section 44-146.21(C) further provides that a local director of emergency management or any member of a governing body in his absence may upon the declaration of a local emergency 'protect the health and safety of persons . . . and proceed without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (except mandatory constitutional requirements) pertaining to performance of public work;' and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3) allows, under certain procedural requirements including public notice and access, that members of the Board may convene solely by electronic means 'to address the emergency;' and

WHEREAS, the open public meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act ('FOIA) are limited only by a properly claimed exemption provided under FOIA or 'any other statute;' and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Health Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the President of the United States have recommended suspension of public gatherings of more than ten (10) attendees, and that the attendees remain a minimum of six (6) feet apart; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General of Virginia issued an opinion dated March 20, 2020, stating that localities have the authority during disasters to adopt ordinances to ensure the continuity of government; and

WHEREAS, this Emergency Ordinance in response to the disaster caused by the COVID-19 pandemic promotes public health, safety and welfare and is consistent with the law of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Constitution of Virginia and the Constitution of the United States of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. That the COVID-19 pandemic makes it unsafe for groups of people to assemble in one location including groups of people assembling for purposes of conducting meetings of public bodies. Public bodies, for purposes of this Ordinance, include the Board of Supervisors, the School Board, the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Board of Equalization, Industrial Development Authority, public utility authorities, and all local and regional boards, commissions, committees

and authorities created by the Board or to which the Board appoints or nominates all or a portion of its members (collectively 'Public Entities' and individually 'Public Entity'). The COVID-19 pandemic makes it unsafe for Public Entities to conduct meetings in accordance with normal practices and procedures, including, at the discretion of each Public Entity, assembling a quorum together in one physical location.

2. That in accordance with Virginia Code Section 15.2-1413, and notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, general or special, the following emergency procedures are adopted to ensure the continuity of government during this emergency and disaster:
 - A. In the event a Public Entity determines it can safely assemble a quorum in one location, the Chair or Clerk, or designee, of the Public Entity shall cause the room in which it meets to be arranged and populated in a manner to best comply with social distancing guidelines set forth at the time of the meeting by responsible state and federal public health entities, and in consultation with and pursuant to the recommendations of the County's Director of Emergency Management. At the time of adoption of this Emergency Ordinance, those guidelines, as they are to be applied to public meetings, prefer a gathering of no more than ten (10) persons at any one time, but allow for, in various situations, no more than ten (10) persons from the public, with Public Entity members and minimally necessary staff not counting toward the total of ten (10), and in all cases maintaining to the greatest extent possible a separation of six (6) feet between people. Public Entities conducting meetings pursuant to the limited physical attendance anticipated in this subparagraph shall make arrangements with County Information Technology (IT) staff to provide for participation by real time electronic means, including participation in public hearings, as more fully described in the following subparagraphs that address meeting by electronic means only.
 - B. In the event a Public Entity determines assembling a quorum in one location is unsafe, any meeting or activities which require the physical presence of members of the Public Entities may be held through real-time electronic means (including audio, telephonic, video or other practical electronic medium) without a quorum physically present in one location; and
 1. Prior to holding any such electronic meeting, the Public Entity shall provide public notice of at least three (3) days in advance of the electronic meeting identifying how the public may participate or otherwise offer comment; and
 2. Any such electronic meeting of Public Entities shall state on its agenda and at the beginning of such meeting that it is being held pursuant to and in compliance with this Emergency Ordinance; note whether Public Entity members were physically or electronically present; identify the persons responsible for receiving public comment; and identify notice of the opportunities for the public to access and participate in such electronic meeting; and
 3. Any such electronic meeting of the Public Entities shall be open to electronic participation by the public and closed to in-person participation by the public; and
 4. For any matters requiring a public hearing, public comment may be solicited by electronic means in advance and shall also be solicited through telephonic or other electronic means during the course of the electronic meeting. All such public comments will be provided to members of the Public Entity at or before the

electronic meeting and made part of the record for such meeting;
and

5. The minutes of all electronic meetings shall conform to the requirements of law, identify how the meeting was conducted, members participating, and specify what actions were taken at the meeting. The Public Entities may approve minutes of an electronic meeting at a subsequent electronic meeting and shall later approve all such minutes at a regular or special meeting after the emergency and disaster has ended.
6. Meetings required, and agenda items scheduled or proposed to be considered by the Board of Supervisors and other County boards, commissions, committees, authorities and other public bodies, for the duration of the local COVID-19 emergency but not to exceed six (6) months, are deemed continued and extensions therefor are hereby ordered if the body does not meet as permitted herein or in other applicable law and take action during that time, including those items for which applicable law requires an affirmative action to be taken within a particular time and failure to act is deemed approval.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that Public Entities shall give all due consideration to postponing taking action on any matter that is not essential to providing for continuity in government until such time as normal procedures and practices may resume. What is essential to providing continuity shall be left to the reasonable determination of the Public Entity and, in the case of a Public Entity that acts as a legislative body, the determination of being essential shall be considered a legislative determination, as understood in Virginia law, and shall stand unless shown to be clearly unreasonable, arbitrary and capricious.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that notwithstanding any provision of law, regulation, policy, or contract to the contrary, any deadlines requiring action by a Public Entity, its officers (including Constitutional Officers) and employees of its organization shall be suspended during this emergency and disaster, however, the Public Entities, officers and employees thereof are encouraged to take such action as is practical and appropriate to meet those deadlines. Failure to meet any such deadlines shall not constitute a default, violation, approval, recommendation or otherwise.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that non-emergency and non-essential public hearings and action items of Public Entities may be postponed and that public notice shall be given so that the public are aware of how and when to present their views.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that each incorporated town within the boundaries of Charlotte County, is encouraged and authorized to declare its own state of local emergency and disaster or incorporate by reference the County's local state of emergency and disaster and to adopt an ordinance for the continuity of town government.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of this Emergency Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect for a period of sixty (60) days, unless amended, rescinded or readopted by the Board in conformity with the notice provisions set forth in Virginia Code Section 15.2-1427. Upon rescission by the Board or automatic expiration as set forth herein, this emergency ordinance shall terminate, and normal practices and procedures of government shall resume.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that nothing in this Emergency Ordinance shall prohibit Public Entities from holding in-person public meetings

provided that public health and safety measures as well as social distancing guidelines are taken into consideration, as set forth above.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that an emergency is deemed to exist, and this Emergency Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption.

Roll call vote as follows; Gary D. Walker-Aye; Will Garnett-Aye; Robert L. Shook, Jr.-Aye; Donna Fore-Aye; Kay M. Pierantoni-Aye; Tony Reeves-Aye; Garland H. Hamlett, Jr.-Aye.

Motion was made by Kay M. Pierantoni, seconded by Tony Reeves to adopt the following Emergency Ordinance to Effectuate Continuity of Government;

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Roll call vote as follows; Kay Pierantoni-Aye; Tony Reeves-Aye; Robert L. Shook, Jr.-Aye; Will Garnett-Aye; Donna Fore-Aye; Gary D. Walker-Aye; Garland H. Hamlett, Jr.-Aye.

Daniel Witt gave the Administrator's Report.

By consensus of the Board, the Planning Commission is requested to consider and review the one mile buffer for any utility scale Solar project and consider reducing it to a half mile buffer from a town boundary.

Daniel Witt continued his Administrator's Report.

Chairman Hamlett set a budget work session for the Board on May 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Daniel Witt continued his Administrator's Report.

Public Comment Period

Being no public comment, 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
10-2202-5413	CWA-State Asset Forfeiture Funds	245.78	
10-3106-5413	Sheriff-State Asset Forfeiture Funds	2,184.76	
10-230109	State Asset Forfeiture Funds		2,430.54
Total		2,430.54	2,430.54

Motion was made by Kay M. Pierantoni, seconded by Donna Fore and carried with all other members present and voting yes to approve the following appropriation for FY 2020;

		Expenditure	Revenue
10-5300-0250	Unclaimed Individual	900.00	
10-510030	Funds from General Fund Balance		900.00
Total		900.00	900.00

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 April 2020 in the amount of \$421,059.80.

Board Member Other Comments:

Tony Reeves – None

Will Garnett – Supervisor Garnett requested more information from Mr. Witt on the position currently on hold for the Administration Office. Mr. Witt stated there was a need for an employee to handle accounts payable and review all invoices before payment is made, ordinances and codes for the County need to be updated and digitized and general office duties.

Kay M. Pierantoni- Supervisor Pierantoni realizes the need for another staff member at the Administration Office but is concerned about the economic situation in County now. Supervisor Pierantoni stated she would like to find more funding available for Fire and Rescue and this should be discussed at the next budget work session.

Robert L. Shook, Jr.-None

Donna Fore – Supervisor Fore stated she would like to take her Board salary and donate it to the Fire & Rescue Department. Supervisor Fore requested a more detailed reporting on the Radio Communications Project and suggested requesting RCV to address the Board with an updated report. Supervisor Fore was concerned about the public receiving enough information in a timely manner concerning the change of tax payment. Supervisor Fore stated the Board is currently going forward with the Strategic Plan. Supervisor Fore requested an update at the May Board meeting on the Bacon/Saxe polling location. Supervisor Fore stated Broadband needs to continue to be a number one priority for the County.

Gary D. Walker - None

Garland H. Hamlett, Jr. – Chairman Hamlett stated the Virginia Department of Emergency Management has grants available to Fire and Rescue. To be eligible the departments must be a 5013C. Chairman Hamlett stated the farmer's market in Drakes Branch would be opening on Friday's from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. starting April 24th.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.