

At a regular meeting of the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors held in the Administration Building of said county on May 11, 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.

Kay M. Pierantoni 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 approve the agenda as presented.

Motion was made by Tony Reeves, seconded by Gary D. Walker 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 Facilities Committee hasn't met in person but has been working thru emails with DHR and CRC with the potential for a grant to do repairs on the old Court House including guttering and roofing and HVAC for the old Clerk's Office. Playground equipment was purchased by STEPS for the Early Learning Center. Supervisor Pierantoni stated Social Services is continuing to serve the public and need more masks and cleaning supplies. Supervisor Pierantoni stated the Social Services Board meets on Thursday and they are waiting for guidance on reopening to the public.

Will Garnett – None

Robert L. Shook, Jr. – None

Tony Reeves – None

Donna Fore - None

Gary D. Walker - Supervisor Walker stated the CRC has been meeting and has been working with the EDA for the last 2 years to become a Comprehensive Economic Development Region and this was approved on April 15, 2020. This opens up the opportunity for infrastructure grants. Supervisor Walker stated the sidewalk on Evergreen Road has been completed. The CRC continues to work with the Town of Phenix on the water system project and the Town has initiated a contract with B&B Consultants.

Garland H. Hamlett, Jr. – Chairman Hamlett stated the PPE process is procured through the State of Virginia and the process has changed for ordering. Chairman Hamlett continues to work with VDEM on obtaining PPE.

Public Comment:

The following comments were submitted by Kathy Liston:

Ms. Liston is requesting the Board of Supervisor's support for the location of a Department of Historic Resources highway marker memorializing Joseph R. Holmes on the Court House green. Judge Kim White has given her approval for the marker to be located there.

Motion was made by Donna Fore, seconded by Tony Reeves to approve the Consolidated Budget as presented:

ESTIMATED REVENUES	
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	
Revenue from Local Sources	13,454,425
Revenue from the Commonwealth	3,007,125
Revenue from the Federal Government	102,795
Transfer from General Fund Balance	<u>0</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	16,564,345
<u>LIBRARY FUND</u>	
Revenue from Local Sources	221,704
Revenue from State Library Aid	<u>59,357</u>
TOTAL LIBRARY FUND	281,061
<u>SCHOOL FUND</u>	
Revenue from Local Sources	3,906,775
Revenue from the Commonwealth	13,575,571
Revenue from the Federal Government	2,561,710
Other Sources	634,745
Debt Service	143,750
Race To GED	49,602
Virtual Virginia	<u>5,682,987</u>
TOTAL SCHOOL FUND	26,555,140
COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FUND	
Revenue from Local Sources	327,200
Revenue from the Commonwealth	<u>948,400</u>
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FUND	1,275,600
VIRGINIA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND	
Revenue from Local Sources	472,207
Revenue from Commonwealth & Federal Government	<u>2,322,534</u>
TOTAL VIRGINIA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND	2,794,741
<u>CAPITAL PROJECT FUND</u>	8,159,431
VIRGINIA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD	2,377,610
AREA 8	
TOTAL REVENUE ALL FUNDS	58,007,928
LESS TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND BALANCE	(6,110)
LESS INTERFUND TRANSFERS	(5,071,636)
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE	<u>52,930,182</u>
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	
GENERAL FUND	
General Government Administration	1,479,194
Judicial Administration	674,252
Public Safety	4,897,930
Public Works	1,561,111
Health & Welfare	214,212
Community Colleges	5,886
Parks, Recreation, Cultural	27,000
Community Development	444,314
Non-Departmental	2,182,700
Transfers to Other Funds	<u>5,071,636</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	16,558,235
LIBRARY FUND	<u>281,061</u>
SCHOOL FUND	
School Fund	20,822,551
Virtual Virginia	5,682,987
Race To GED	<u>49,602</u>
TOTAL SCHOOL FUND	26,555,140
COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FUND	<u>1,275,600</u>
VIRGINIA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND	<u>2,794,741</u>
<u>CAPITAL PROJECT FUND</u>	<u>8,159,431</u>

VIRGINIA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD 2,377,610
AREA 8

TOTAL ALL FUNDS	58,001,818
LESS INTERFUND TRANSFERS	<u>(5,071,636)</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	<u>52,930,182</u>

Roll call vote as follows; Donna Fore-Aye; Tony Reeves-Aye; Will Garnett-Aye; Kay M. Pierantoni-Aye; Robert L. Shook, Jr.-Aye; Gary D. Walker-No; and Garland H. Hamlett, Jr.-Aye.

Motion was made by Gary D. Walker, seconded by Will Garnett to set the tax levies as presented:

Real Estate & Mobile Homes	.62	per \$100 assessed value
Personal Property	3.95	per \$100 assessed value
Machinery & Tools	3.00	per \$100 assessed value
Merchant's Capital	3.20	per \$100 assessed value
License Registration Fee	25.00	per vehicle

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

Daniel Witt gave an update on the Rural Solar Development Coalition with Advantus Strategies. The objective of the Rural Solar Development Coalition is to support rural counties as solar projects are introduced and developed and ensure that participating counties are knowledgeable about the legislation approved during the 2020 Session. Mr. Witt recommends the Board enter into agreement with Advantus Strategies for their services.

Motion was made by Tony Reeves, seconded by Robert L. Shook, Jr. and carried with all other members present and voting yes to authorize Mr. Witt to enter into agreement with Advantus Strategies.

Kyle Rosner with Commonwealth Connect provided an update on Broadband by phone. Mr. Rosner stated there are approximately 550,000 Virginians without broadband service. The primary problem is the economics of the infrastructure to serve these areas. Commonwealth Connect's plan is to direct grants to public private partnerships, policy changes and local planning support. Mr. Rosner stated grant programs are available thru VATI (Virginia Telecommunication Initiative) and TRRC LMB (Tobacco Commission's Last-Mile Broadband Program).

VATI consists of working with DHCD (Department of Housing and Community Development) grant program for public-private partnership to help supplement broadband deployment costs when extending service to areas that are presently unserved by any broadband provider. Level funding for FY2021 is proposed at \$19 million. Timeline for VATI, June 9th Webinar on how to apply, July 13th deadline for letter of intent, and August 17th application deadline.

TRRC LMB is a one-time financial assistance to supplement construction cost by private sector broadband service providers, in partnership with local units of government to extend service to areas that are presently unserved by any broadband provider.

In conclusion Mr. Rosner provided his information to the Board and offered his assistance with any questions they may have.

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 Uniform Guidance Policy as presented. This policy was recommended by the County Auditor and is necessary for localities accepting Federal grants.

Motion was made by Kay M. Pierantoni, seconded by Donna Fore and carried with Gary D. Walker voting no and all other members voting yes to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support for the Joseph R. Holmes Historic Marker.

By consensus of the Board the appointment to the Piedmont Senior Resources Board was tabled until June 2020.

Motion was made by Gary D. Walker, seconded by Donna Fore and carried with all other members present and voting yes to send the following letter to Governor Northam;

Dear Governor Northam:

On behalf of the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to request that restrictions associated with COVID-19 be lifted to allow businesses to reopen in the Southside Virginia region. We recognize the gravity of this pandemic and the necessity of implementing procedures to protect the health and well-being of all citizens. However, we feel that the limited caseload in Virginia's rural communities does not warrant the continuation of the current restrictions in the Southside region.

As is the case across the nation, COVID-19 restrictions have placed a tremendous burden on local businesses, the self-employed, non-profits who serve our community and the citizens we represent. Our businesses are waiting to open, our citizens are ready to return to work and our communities are eager to begin the recovery process in a reasonable and responsible manner.

I urge you to consider our petition to take a regional approach to lifting the restrictions associated with COVID-19, beginning with rural areas that have demonstrated a lower health risk, such as Southside Virginia. We are eager to reopen our economy and help lead Virginia's recovery process in a responsible manner.

Discuss Insurance for Board Members:

Supervisor Pierantoni stated members of the public have addressed the issue of Board Members receiving health insurance at Board meetings and with her in person. Supervisor Pierantoni stated the County does not provide health insurance to part time employees and it should not be provided to the Board members as part time employees. After much discussion by the Board members the following motion was made:

Motion was made by Kay M. Pierantoni, seconded by Donna Fore to discontinue offering health insurance to all Board Members as of August 1, 2020 except for Supervisor Shook. His insurance would expire the end of 2021.

Due to the objections from Supervisor Shook the following substitute motion was made:

Substitute motion was made by Kay M. Pierantoni, seconded by Donna Fore to discontinue offering health insurance to all Board members as of August 1, 2020.

Roll call vote as follow; Kay M. Pierantoni-Aye; Donna Fore-Aye; Tony Reeves-No; Will Garnett-No; Robert L. Shook, Jr.-No; Gary D. Walker -No; and Garland H. Hamlett, Jr.-Aye.

Motion failed 4-3.

Daniel Witt gave the Administrator's report.

Public Comment: None

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
10-8301-5811	VDACS Pesticide Container Grant	2,450.00	
10-240405	VDACS Pesticide Container Grant		1,875.00
10-510030	Funds from General Fund Balance		575.00
Total		2,450.00	2,450.00

Motion was made by Robert L. Shook, Jr., seconded by Will Garnett and carried with all other members present and voting yes to approve the invoices for May 2020 in the amount of \$245,505.20.

Board Member Other Comments:

Tony Reeves – None

Will Garnett – None

Donna Fore – Supervisor Fore suggested further discussion on the Strategic Plan with Mr. Chandler and making it available to the public.

Robert L. Shook, Jr.-None

Kay M. Pierantoni- Supervisor Pierantoni stated she would like to see better communication between the Board of Supervisors and the School Board. Supervisor Pierantoni thinks the Schools are doing a wonderful job with ADA compliance and repairs being made to the schools.

Gary D. Walker – Supervisor Walker stated he would like to see a tract of land in the Industrial Park that is unusable for economic development could be sold if possible, to bring in revenue for the County IDA.

Garland H. Hamlett, Jr. – None

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

BY: _____
Daniel N. Witt, Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Garland H. Hamlett, Jr. - Chairman