

February 16, 2021  
Business Meeting

**Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors**  
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**VIRGINIA:** The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors' Business Meeting was held on February 16, 2021, in the Board Meeting Room, 39 Bank Street, SE, Chatham, Virginia 24531.

**CALL TO ORDER (7:00 PM)**

Warren Called the Meeting to Order at 4:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

A Roll Call was conducted. The following Board Members were present:

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Warren	Chairman - Chatham Blairs District	Present	6:51 PM
Scearce	Vice-Chairman - Westover District	Present	6:50 PM
Davis	Supervisor - Dan River District	Present	6:51 PM
Dudley	Supervisor - Staunton River District	Present	6:51 PM
Farmer	Supervisor - Callands-Gretna District	Present	6:47 PM
Ingram	Supervisor - Tunstall District	Present	6:49 PM
Miller	Supervisor - Banister District	Present	6:51 PM

**AGENDA ITEMS TO BE ADDED**

Motion to remove/add the following items to the Agenda:

1. Remove item 7e, 2021 Work Plan approval.
2. Add Resolution # 2021-02-05 Declaration of Local Emergency as item 7l.
3. Add revised 2021 Board Work Plan as item 7m.
4. Add Resolution # 2021-02-06 Resolution Granting County Employees that Exhaust all Earned Benefits due to COVID-19 an Additional Twelve (12) Weeks of Employer-Paid Health Insurance as item 7n.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Farmer
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Davis
<b>AYES:</b>	Warren, Scearce, Davis, Dudley, Farmer, Ingram, Miller

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve Agenda.

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**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Farmer  
**SECONDER:** Dudley  
**AYES:** Warren, Scearce, Davis, Dudley, Farmer, Ingram, Miller

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Scearce stated that item f on the Consent Agenda rescinds the previous Resolution that connects Bachelor's Hall Farm Road to the proposed S.R. 311 Berry Hill Connector Road. The new Resolution allows Bachelor's Hall Farm Road to remain a cul-de-sac.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
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**RESOLUTION # 2021-02-05**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the County Director of Emergency Management does/did hereby find:

1. That due to a severe winter weather event that occurred on February 13, 2021, and because of another forecasted severe weather event anticipated for February 18, 2021, the County is facing and will face dangerous conditions; and
2. That due to the above severe winter events conditions of extreme peril to life and property necessitates/necessitated the proclamation of the existence of a Local Emergency.

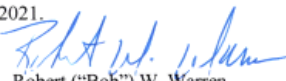
**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED/RESOLVED** that the Board formally proclaims a Local Emergency does now/or did exists throughout the County; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED/RESOLVED** that during the existence of said Local Emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the County Emergency Management Organization shall be/were those prescribed by State Law and the Ordinances, Resolutions, and approved plans of the County to mitigate the effects of said Emergency; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that, because of the amount of storm debris created from *inter alia* downed trees and limbs, the Board shall allow County citizens to deposit storm debris in the County's Landfill for a period of ninety (90) days from February 16, 2021, and waive all associated tipping fees.

Given under my hand this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.



  
Robert ("Bob") W. Warren  
Chairman  
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
  
David M. Smitherman  
Clerk  
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION # 2021-02-06**

**RESOLUTION GRANTING COUNTY EMPLOYEES THAT EXHAUST ALL EARNED BENEFITS AND ENTITLEMENTS ELIGIBLE FOR DUE TO COVID-19 AN ADDITIONAL TWELVE (12) WEEKS OF EMPLOYER-PAID HEALTH INSURANCE**

The following Resolution was adopted at the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors ("Board") Regular Business Meeting on February 16, 2021:

**WHEREAS**, long term impacts of COVID-19 on County employees are unknown; and

**WHEREAS**, many County employees have a higher instance of potential exposure due to working conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, it may be necessary for County employees to file a Worker's Compensation Claim due to contracting COVID-19 while at work; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia General Assembly has not adequately addressed Worker's Compensation rules relating to contracting COVID-19 while at work; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has extended use of the Employee Sick Bank for COVID-19 related illness; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has additionally extended eighty (80) hours of COVID-19 leave until March 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to provide extended health insurance benefits to County employees that have exhausted all earned leave and eligible entitlements eligible resulting from a COVID-19 related illness.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that any County employee that exhausts all earned benefits and eligible entitlements due to COVID-19 related illness is hereby granted an additional twelve (12) weeks of employer-paid health insurance; and

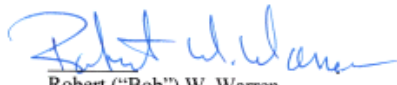
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution, and all the benefits contained herein, are only available to County employees that have filed a Worker's Compensation Claim resulting from a COVID-19 illness; and

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED** that this Resolution, and all benefits contained herein, will end on December 31, 2021; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this Resolution, and all benefits contained herein, is retroactively effective to February 1, 2021.

Given under my hand this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.



  
Robert ("Bob") W. Warren  
Chairman  
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
  
David M. Smideman  
Clerk  
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors

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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ben L. Farmer, Supervisor - Callands-Gretna District
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Timothy W. Dudley, Supervisor - Staunton River District
<b>AYES:</b>	Warren, Scearce, Davis, Dudley, Farmer, Ingram, Miller

- a. Minutes Approval (Staff Contact: Kaylyn M. McCluster)
- b. Bill List Approval (on-line); (Staff Contact: Kimberly G. Van Der Hyde)
- c. BOS Bylaws Revisions Approval (Staff Contact: Kaylyn M. McCluster)
- d. Letter of Support for HB 2322/SB 1469 (Creation of Opioid Abatement Authorize) Transmittal Authorize (Staff Contact: Kaylyn M. McCluster)
- e. 2021 Board Work Plan Approval (Staff Contact: David M. Smitherman)-**Item Removed from Agenda**
- f. Resolution # 2021-02-01 (Resolution Rescinding Resolution # 2020-09-03 and Supporting New Disposition of S.R. 1055 (Bachelor Hall Farm Road) Relating to the Proposed S.R. 311 Berry Hill Connector Road Project) Adoption (Contact: Supervisor Scearce)
- g. FRC Recommended Equipment and Apparatus Uniform CIP Standards Adoption (Staff Contact: Christopher C. Slemp)
- h. Resolution # 2021-02-02 (Support for Blairs Fire Department's Purchase of Ladder Truck Using County Tax Exemption Financing) Adoption (Staff Contact: Christopher C. Slemp)
- i. Resolution # 2021-02-03 (Resolution in Opposition to any Legislative Effort to Repeal/Revise the Judicial Doctrine of Qualified Immunity for Law Enforcement Officials) Adoption (Staff Contact: Kaylyn M. McCluster)
- j. Notice of Intent to Abandon a Portion of Ringgold Industrial Parkway (S.R. 1270) and Right-of-Way for Intertape Expansion Approval (Staff Contact: Matthew D. Rowe)
- k. Revised FY21 Volunteer CIP MOA Approval (Staff Contact: Christopher C. Slemp)
- l. Resolution # 2021-02-05 - Declaration of Local Emergency
- m. Revised 2021 Board Work Plan
- n. Resolution # 2021-02-06 - Resolution Granting County employees that Exhaust all Earned Benefits due to COVID-19 an Additional Twelve (12) Weeks of Employer-Paid Health Insurance

**PRESENTATIONS**

**HEARING OF THE CITIZENS**

Chuck Angier stated that he attended the Business Meeting of the Cool Branch Fire Department. Cool Branch would like to resolve the matter with Franklin County. He stated the Franklin County donors have ceased their donations due to not knowing if they will have coverage or not, and this is also affecting grants.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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**Rezoning Public Hearings**

**Case 1: Public Hearing: Rezoning Case R-21-001; City of Danville, Virginia; Dan River Election District; R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District, and A-1, Agricultural District, to B-2, Business District, General (Supervisor Davis)**

Warren opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 PM. Representatives from the City of Danville were present to represent the Petition. No one signed up to speak and Warren closed the Public Hearing at 7:11 PM.

Motion to rezone 0.50 acres from R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District, and A-1, Agricultural District, to B- 2, Business District, General (to consolidate with their adjacent parcel of land zoned B-2).

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Davis
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Dudley
<b>AYES:</b>	Warren, Scearce, Davis, Dudley, Farmer, Ingram, Miller

**Case 2: Public Hearing: Rezoning Case R-21-002; Sherry Scruggs; Tunstall Election District; R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District, to A-1, Agricultural District (Supervisor Ingram)**

Warren opened the Public Hearing at 7:12 PM. Robert Vaughn was present to represent the family. He stated this property does not have road frontage at this time. The family can purchase a small tract of property to allow a small area of road frontage. No one signed up to speak and Warren closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 PM.

Motion to rezone 0.062 acres from R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District, to A-1, Agricultural District (to consolidate with an adjacent property zoned A-1).

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ingram
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Davis
<b>AYES:</b>	Warren, Scearce, Davis, Dudley, Farmer, Ingram, Miller

**Case 3: Public Hearing: Rezoning Case R-21-003; Town of Gretna, Virginia; Callands-Gretna Election District; R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District, and A-1, Agricultural District, to A-1, Agricultural District (Supervisor Farmer)**

Warren opened the Public Hearing at 7:16 PM. The representative from the Solar company was unable to be present due to COVID travel restrictions with his company. No one signed up to speak and Warren closed the Public Hearing at 7:17 PM.

Motion to rezone 63.44 acres from R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District, and A-1, Agricultural District, to A-1, Agricultural District (for a utility scale solar energy facility).

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<b>MOVER:</b>	Farmer
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Dudley
<b>AYES:</b>	Warren, Searce, Davis, Dudley, Farmer, Ingram, Miller

**Other Public Hearings**

**1. Public Hearing: PCC Chapter 8 Potential Revisions (Related to Registrar's Office Move); (Staff Contact: Richard N. Hicks)**

The County's Registrar's Office is in the process of moving from its current location to the new Elections and Training Center. As such, revisions to Chapter 8 of the Pittsylvania County Code ("PCC") are required related to the change in location of the Chatham Voting Precinct and the Central Absentee Voting Election District.

Warren opened the Public Hearing at 7:19 PM. No one signed up to speak and Warren closed the Public Hearing at 7:21 PM.

Motion to adopt the revisions to Chapter 8 of the Pittsylvania County Code as presented.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Searce
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Davis
<b>AYES:</b>	Warren, Searce, Davis, Dudley, Farmer, Ingram, Miller

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**APPOINTMENTS**

None.

**MATTERS FROM WORK SESSION (IF ANY)**

None.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

- Ingram thanked all of the Fire and Rescue volunteers for the fabulous work they did during the ice storm. Requested for everyone to remember the lineman who was injured earlier in your prayers. In honor of Black History Month, he recognized Wendell Scott, Ferrell Edmunds, Tommy McMannon, Jerome Adams, and Ann Deering. He also recognized Mr. Hairston on his passing, as well as the passing of Judge Perdue.

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- Farmer recognized the Revitalization for Greater Gretna and stated they are having their handbag bingo again this year, but it will be virtual. He also thanked men and women who are putting in the time and efforts during these storms.
- Dudley thanked everyone who are working the storm. He also thanked Staff for their hard work.
- Miller stated his appreciation of the way the members of the Board and the public are coming to the point of recognizing many accomplishments of the African American society. He also recognized Dr. Carter G. Woodson for his accomplishments, and he was the originator of Black History Month.
- Davis thanked several in attendance at the Meeting as well as Staff. He also thanked Cherrystone Church for opening to the community, and he also thanked the VDH Staff, Averett University, Dominion, and VDOT. He requested Hunt to begin exploring farm tags and the possibility of them being abused.
- Scarce again urged citizens to contact the Governor's office and request that he reopen the State. He also responded to the personal comments from the *Danville Register and Bee*.
- Warren thanked the Fire and Rescue Departments for everything they have been dealing with, as well as the Utility workers and VDOT for responding so quickly to such a difficult situation with the storms. He thanked Ingram and Miller for their comments regarding Black History Month. Warren recognized Sherman Saunders for his leadership and long-standing membership of the City Council of Danville. He also remembered Charles Harris, Ruby Archie, Robert Wright, and Harry Johnson for the wonderful things they have done for our region. Warren also spoke on the Joint Meeting with the School Board earlier in the day and he stated his appreciation of the teamwork the Board and School Board have developed.

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

Smitherman acknowledged Public Safety employees, 911 operators, and all of those who have been assisting during this storm. He appreciates everyone bringing attention to Black History Month. He stated the number of animals at the Pet Center is reaching the lowest mark that it has been in the last twelve (12) months. This is due to the strong partnerships of getting these animals to communities that can adopt them. The County is assisting with spay and neutering and the vouchers can be found at the Pet Center.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Warren adjourned the Meeting at 7:50 PM.