

**PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**October 12, 2021**

**VIRGINIA:** The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors' Legislative Committee met on October 12, 2021, in the Conference Room of the County Administration Building, 1 Center Street, Chatham, Virginia 24531.

**CALL TO ORDER (5:00)**

Miller Called the Meeting to Order at 5:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

The following Members were present:

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Charles H. Miller, Jr.	Chairman - Banister District	Present
Ronald S. Scearce	Supervisor - Westover District	Present
Joe B. Davis	Supervisor - Dan River District	Present

**AGENDA ITEMS TO BE ADDED**

None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve Agenda.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Potential County Facilities Naming/Renaming Policy Scope Expansion (Staff Contact: J. Vaden Hunt, Esq.)**

Hunt stated the Board adopted the County Facilities/Naming Policy on March 16, 2019. County Staff is seeking direction whether to broaden the Naming Committee's scope to include items such as bridges, roads, and other items that are not just buildings. Scearce stated he feels the need to broaden the scope. Davis stated he feels like it should be left the way it is now. Dudley agreed with broadening the policy, and he thinks this is a way to honor people who should be honored. Warren thinks it is a good idea to have the Committee, and there are a lot of qualified people that deserve recognition, and this would add some real consistency with the naming process. Miller stated he is appreciative of the decisions that have been made up to this point, and recognizes and appreciates the fact that the entire Board has been able to weigh in. He would like to expand the scope and put the recommendations and decisions on the Naming Committee.

Motion to direct County Staff to bring back a revised Naming Policy that expands its scope to the

Legislative Committee for review, prior to a recommendation to the full Board.

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

**b. Board of Supervisors' Policy on Recognitions (Staff Contact: Kaylyn M. McCluster)**

Hunt stated the Board has a policy on recognitions that was last updated in October 2019. County Staff is seeking the Committees' input regarding whether this chart is appropriate, or if there are too many presentations being made at the Board Meetings. There are certain localities that do presentations once every quarter. Scearce agreed on once every quarter for recognitions. Davis also agreed with Scearce. Warren stated he thinks this type of event should be held on a separate day from the Board Meetings at 6:00 pm, to allow families and students to attend after working/school hours. There was also mention of a possible social hour afterwards. Miller agreed with Warren's suggestion, as did Dudley. Ingram stated he has mixed emotions due to the number of events that could take place once a quarter, but also agrees with the logistics of it. Warren read a thank you letter that he just received to show the importance of these recognitions.

Motion to direct County Staff to bring back a plan for doing presentations once a quarter for the Legislative Committee's review.

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

**c. Potential PCC Chapter 10 (Music Festivals) Revisions (Staff Contact: Emily S. Ragsdale)**

Chapter 10, Music Festivals, of the Pittsylvania County Code ("PCC") regulates music or entertainment festivals conducted in open spaces, not within an enclosed structure, that continue for a period of time exceeding six (6) hours. This Ordinance was recently updated; however, County Staff believes additional regulations for events that are within enclosed structures and/or continue for less than six (6) hours are needed. Ragsdale stated when going through and trying to bring back something to close the hole that exists in the current Ordinance, there was little found, other than being related to Music Festivals. The section of the County Code that regulates Fire and EMS coverage requires anything over 2,000 people to have coverage at an event. County Staff realizes this number is an issue, and they do not want to overregulate events that would create unintended consequences. Scearce agrees that 2,000 seems a little low. There was consensus of the Legislative Committee to seek other options.

Motion for County Staff to meet with stakeholders and find a suitable number to try and regulate events with the least amount of unintended consequences

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**d. Stormwater Local Review and Administration (Staff Contact: Emily S. Ragsdale)**

Virginia Code, Article 2.3, Stormwater Management Act, requires localities to either establish a Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program (“VESMP”), or opt out and the Department of Environmental Quality (“DEQ”) will operate the Virginia Stormwater Program (“VSMP”) for the locality. The County has chosen to allow DEQ to operate the VSMP and to adopt and administer a Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Program internally, as required by Virginia Code § 62.1-44.15.1. County Staff was directed to gather information regarding the process for establishing a VESMP and the impact on County Community Development Staffing and Budget. After discussion regarding increased staffing and other liability and continuity issues this could cause, there was consensus for this to be kept as is.

Motion to keep the status quo, and to write a letter to the IDA explaining this item was thoroughly vetted and include the reasons why the Legislative Committee chose to keep as it.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Davis
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Scearce
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**e. Potential Removal of PCC Chapters 30 and 30.1 (Staff Contact: J. Vaden Hunt, Esq.)**

Chatmoss Cablevision’s (“Chatmoss”) has recently been sold to another cable entity. Currently, Chapters 30 (Cable Television; Chatmoss Cablevision Franchise) and 30.1 (Chatmoss Cable Franchise) of the Pittsylvania County Code (“PCC”) regulate Chatmoss Cable. With Chatmoss’ recent sale, these PCC Chapters are no longer needed in the PCC.

Motion to recommend the full Board approve the removal of PCC Chapters 30 and 30.1 from the PCC, following the legally advertised and conducted related Public Hearing at the Board’s October Business Meeting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Davis
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**f. Solar Project Limitations (Staff Contact: Emily S. Ragsdale)**

In 2021, the Virginia General Assembly passed legislation giving localities additional measures to further regulate the development of utility scale solar energy facilities. This legislation requires that any applicant for a solar project or an energy storage project give the host locality written

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notice of the applicant's intent to locate in the locality and request a meeting to discuss a Siting Agreement. Ragsdale presented information relating to Siting Agreements with the Committee and other potential measures to regulate/limit solar projects in the County.

Motion to recommend County Staff advertise appropriate revisions to the County Solar Ordinance for potential action, following the legally required Public Hearing, in November.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Davis
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**MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Miller adjourned the Meeting at 6:03 PM.