PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' BUSINESS MEETING

June 17, 2025

VIRGINIA: The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors' ("Board") Business Meeting was held on June 17, 2025, in the Chatham High School Auditorium, 100 Chatham Cavalier Circle, Chatham, Virginia 24531.

CALL TO ORDER

Tucker called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were present:

Robert M. Tucker, Jr. - Banister District
Eddie L. Hite, Jr. - Dan River District
Kenneth L. Bowman - Chatham-Blairs District
Darrell W. Dalton - Callands-Gretna District
Timothy W. Dudley - Staunton River District
William V. ("Vic") Ingram - Tunstall District
Murray W. Whittle - Westover District

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE ADDED

Motion to add the following items to the Agenda:

- Approval of filing of Petition of Writ of Special Election of Treasurer as item 7t;
- Remove item 10B(4) Cell Tower Lease Renewal Public Hearing;
- Add Resolution # 2025-06-05, Board Member Compensation, as item 13a; and
- Add Danville MPO Implementation Grant as item 13b

RESULT:	7-0 (Approve)
MOVER:	Hite
SECONDER:	Ingram
AYES:	Tucker, Hite, Bowman, Dalton, Dudley, Ingram, Whittle
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve Agenda.

RESULT:	7-0 (Approve)
MOVER:	Bowman
SECONDER:	Whittle
AYES:	Tucker, Hite, Bowman, Dalton, Dudley, Ingram, Whittle
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve Consent Agenda.

RESULT:	7-0 (Approve)
MOVER:	Dalton
SECONDER:	Ingram
AYES:	Tucker, Hite, Bowman, Dalton, Dudley, Ingram, Whittle
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

a. County's May 2025 Bill List Approval
b. Various FY2025 Budget Amendments-Next Gen 911 Grant Closeout, School Bus Lease, Soil & Water Conservation District, and Tyson Foods COF Grant
c. Resolution # 2025-06-01 Adoption (VDOT FY 26/27 - 30/31 Secondary Six (6)-Year Plan)
d. Resolution #2025-06-02 to approve the VRA-Tobacco Commission loan extension agreement for RealtyLink USA, LLC and VA Danville CC L6, LLC
e. Resolution # 2025-06-03 Resolution to Oppose Modifications to Products Eligible Under the Duty Drawback Program
f. Pittsylvania County Parks and Recreation-Pittsylvania County Schools Joint Usage Agreement
g. Parks and Recreation Facility Rental and Youth Sports Gate Fees for FY2026
h. Mutual Aid Agreement w/ Henry County for Inspection and Plan Review Services
i. VBAF Performance Agreement Approval
j. HVAC Preventive Maintenance Contract Award Approval
k. Fire and Rescue Property and Accidental/ Sickness Insurance Contract Award Approval
l. Service Weapon Purchase Approvals (Owens; Spencer; Walters; Warren)
m. Renaming of a Portion of Oak Ridge Farm Road (Harville-Saunders Parkway)
n. Re-appointments: Library Board (Chatham-Blairs & Town of Hurt)
o. Re-appointment: DPCS (Banister, Willie Fitzgerald)
p. Re-appointments: DSS (Banister & Callands-Gretna)
q. Appointment: Library Board (Callands-Gretna, Julie Ragsdale)
r. Appointment: DSS Board (Tunstall, Darrell Dunford)
s. Certificate of Appreciation Approval (Joey Bray, Department of Social Services Board)
t. Writ of Special Election

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

Chuck Angier, Callands-Gretna District, recommended that an ad-hoc committee of citizens be formed to work directly with County Staff and the contractor for consistent input for the Comprehensive Plan process.

Katie Whitehead, Chatham-Blairs District, spoke on behalf of the Coalition for Protection of Pittsylvania County and urged the Board of Supervisors to take seriously a rumor about a possible meeting with tech company xAI, cautioning against secrecy and lack of public input. She referenced past issues with Balico, LLC, and warned that xAI's recent development in Memphis involved unpermitted gas turbines and environmental violations. Whitehead encouraged the County to be proactive by updating its zoning plans and carefully vetting companies before deals are made.

Amy Davis, Banister District, thanked the Board for its "No" vote for the Balico Project and urged the Board to adopt a new Comprehensive Plan that will protect the land in the County.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Rezoning Public Hearings

1. Case R-25-011; Victor and Vicky Keatts; Requesting to rezone from R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District, to A-1, Agricultural District. The Planning Commission recommended by a 5-0 vote, with no opposition, that the petitioners' request be granted (Supervisor Ingram)

In Case R-25-011, Victor and Vicky Keatts (Petitioners) have petitioned to rezone property located on State Road 954/Plantation Drive in the Tunstall Election District and shown on the Tax Maps as GPIN # 1430-83-3038. The applicant is requesting to rezone 3.48 acres, from R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District, to A-1, Agricultural District, to allow a campground on the property. Once the property is rezoned to A-1, all uses listed under Pittsylvania County Code Section 35-178 are a Permitted Use. The Comprehensive Plan indicates the area is suitable for Agricultural and Rural Residential uses. Zoning conditions and Ordinance standards shall control the density of allowable development. On May 6, 2025, the Planning Commission recommended by a 5-0 vote, with no opposition, that the petitioners' request be granted.

Tucker opened the Public Hearing at 7:27 PM. No one signed up to speak, and Tucker closed the Public Hearing at 7:28 PM.

Motion to approve the rezoning of 3.48 acres, from R-1, Residential Suburban Subdivision District, to A-1, Agricultural District, to allow for a campground on the property.

RESULT:	7-0 (Approve)
MOVER:	Ingram
SECONDER:	Dudley
AYES:	Tucker, Hite, Bowman, Dalton, Dudley, Ingram, Whittle
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Other Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing: Dog Controlled Area *(Bridgewood Subdivision)*

County Staff received a Petition from Danielle Merricks, resident of Cobblestone Ct. in the County, requesting the Board consider amending Pittsylvania County Code ("PCC") § 2.2-22; Running At Large Restrictions in Designated Areas, to include the Bridgewood Subdivision in Danville, VA. Ms. Merricks has developed a Petition supporting a dog-controlled area defined as the Bridgewood Subdivision. County Staff has verified that there are seventy-six (26) property owners within this area. Ms. Merrick's Petition has fifty-seven (57) signatures, representing 75% of property owners in the proposed dog-controlled area. At the May 20, 2025, Business Meeting, the Board authorized County Staff to advertise for a Public Hearing for citizen input on amending PCC § 2.2-22 to include the aforementioned subdivision. The Public Hearing was advertised in the Chatham Star Tribune on May 28, 2025, and June 4, 2025.

Tucker opened the Public Hearing at 7:29 PM. No one signed up to speak and Tucker closed the Public Hearing at 7:30 PM.

Motion to amend Pittsylvania County Code 2.2-22, Dogs Running At Large Restrictions in Designated Areas, to include the Bridgewood Subdivision as presented.

RESULT:	7-0 (Approve)
MOVER:	Bowman
SECONDER:	Ingram
AYES:	Tucker, Hite, Bowman, Dalton, Dudley, Ingram, Whittle
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

2. Public Hearing: Ordinance # 2025-06-01 *(DSS One-time Bonus)*

The Virginia General Assembly approved a one-time bonus of 1.5% of base salary for all full-time employees of local departments of social services, effective July 1, 2025. In accordance with § 15.2-1508 of the Code of Virginia, localities must adopt an ordinance to authorize the payment of this bonus. This ordinance fulfills the requirement to allow eligible employees of the Pittsylvania County Department of Social Services to receive the bonus, which is fully funded by the Commonwealth of Virginia. There is no local financial impact. The 1.5% bonus is a state-supported expenditure, reimbursed by the Virginia Department of Social Services. The bonus must be paid in Fiscal Year 2026 and submitted through LASER using the appropriate account codes provided in the DSS Finance Guidelines Manual.

Tucker opened the Public Hearing at 7:31 PM. No one signed up to speak and Tucker closed the Public Hearing at 7:32 PM.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2025-06-01 authorizing the payment of a one-time 1.5% bonus to eligible full-time employees of the Pittsylvania County Department of Social Services, in accordance with § 15.2-1508 of the Code of Virginia and the FY2026 State budget allocation.

RESULT:	7-0 (Approve)
MOVER:	Dudley
SECONDER:	Ingram
AYES:	Tucker, Hite, Bowman, Dalton, Dudley, Ingram, Whittle
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

3. Public Hearing: Solar Siting Agreement & Extension Request

In 2021, the General Assembly passed legislation giving localities additional measures to further regulate the development of utility-scale solar energy facilities. This legislation requires that any solar project or an energy storage project applicant give the host locality written notice of the applicant's intent to locate in the locality and request a meeting to discuss a related Siting Agreement. Once a Siting Agreement has been negotiated with the County, a Public Hearing must be held before it can be executed. This Public Hearing has been duly and legally advertised/noticed. For the Board's review and
consideration, attached is a solar Siting Agreement for the Acton Solar, LLC, to be in the Tunstall

Election District. Said Siting Agreement has been successfully negotiated with the County. A Special Use Permit was previously approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals for Axton Solar, LLC, Case S-20-019, on December 8, 2020, and an amendment on December 13, 2021, Case S-21-012. Both SUPs
included a condition that the project commence construction within three (3) years of the approval of the SUP; however, this was automatically extended to July 1, 2025, by Va Code Section 15.2-2209. In addition to the proposed siting agreement, the applicant is also requesting a 2-year extension. If approved, this would extend the SUP to July 1, 2027.

Tucker opened the Public Hearing at 7:33 PM.

Chuck Angier, Callands-Gretna District, shared his concerns and requested the Board set the precedence and reject the extension and the siting agreement.

Mike Pyrtle, Tunstall District, shared his support for this extension request and the solar siting agreement.

Joe Torkelson, representing the Axton Solar Project, shared why the request was made and stated they need a little more time.

Tucker closed the Public Hearing at 7:52 PM.

Motion approving the execution of the attached Siting Agreement for the Axton Solar project and Resolution # 2025-06-04, granting an extension of the SUP until July 1, 2027.

RESULT:	6-1 (Approve)
MOVER:	Ingram
SECONDER:	Whittle
AYES:	Tucker, Hite, Dalton, Dudley, Ingram, Whittle
NAYS:	Bowman
ABSTAIN:	None

MATTERS FROM WORK SESSION

a. Resolution # 2025-06-05 Board Member Compensation

Motion to approve Resolution # 2025-06-05, setting the compensation for the Board of Supervisors, as drafted by Staff.

RESULT:	5-2 (Approve)
MOVER:	Bowman
SECONDER:	Hite
AYES:	Tucker, Dalton, Dudley, Ingram, Whittle
NAYS:	Hite, Bowman
ABSTAIN:	None

b. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant

Motion that the Board commit $75,000 from the grant local match/contingency line item for a 20% local match towards the Danville Metropolitan Planning Organization's implementation grant

based on recommendations in the recently adopted Safe Streets 4 All Action Plan, and that staff be authorized to work with the West Piedmont Planning District Commission/Danville Metropolitan Planning Organization and their consultants to identify the appropriate projects to prioritize for this implementation grant application, and that should time and the grant application process allow, that the Board be given a short list of projects to choose from for available funding.

RESULT:	7-0 (Approve)
MOVER:	Hite
SECONDER:	Ingram
AYES:	Tucker, Hite, Bowman, Dalton, Dudley, Ingram, Whittle
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

ADJOURNMENT

Tucker adjourned the Meeting at 8:13 PM.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM AGENDA

a. Public Hearing: Cell Tower Lease Renewal

Robert M. Tucker, Jr., Chairman
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors

Kaylyn M. McCluster, Clerk
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors