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VIRGINIA: A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD REMOTELY ON THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. USING THE 'GOTOMEETING' PLATFORM:
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/447043917>

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR.
SUPERVISOR MICHAEL DREWRY
SUPERVISOR JUDY LYTTLE
SUPERVISOR KENNETH HOLMES
SUPERVISOR WILLIAM (TIM) CALHOUN

ALSO

PRESENT: MS. DANIELLE POWELL, COUNTY ATTORNEY
MS. MELISSA ROLLINS, ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MS. CAROL SWINDELL, FINANCE
MR. RAY PHELPS, EMERGENCY SERVICES
MR. WILLIAMS SAUNDERS, BUILDING AND PLANNING
MS. LINDA GHOLSTON, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
MS. LAJEUNE STONE, YOUTH AND FAMILY RESOURCES
MR. DELON BROWN, NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ AGENDA ADOPTION

Meeting called to order at 7:01 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Elliott who then led those present in a moment of silence followed by this evening's invocation. The invocation was given by Following the invocation, Chairperson Elliott asked Supervisor Calhoun to lead those present in the pledge of allegiance. The working agenda was adopted by roll call vote.

SUPERVISOR ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR.	AYE
SUPERVISOR MICHAEL DREWRY	AYE
SUPERVISOR JUDY S. LYTTLE	AYE
SUPERVISOR KENNETH R. HOLMES	UNAVAILABLE
SUPERVISOR WILLIAM CALHOUN	AYE

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approval of April Draft Meeting Minutes:
 - April 23, 2020 Draft Minutes
 - April 30, 2020 Draft Minutes

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Supervisor Calhoun made a motion to adopt the Consent Items as presented. Supervisor Lyttle seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the majority during roll call vote. **(Approved)**

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SUPERVISOR KENNETH R. HOLMES	UNAVAILABLE
SUPERVISOR WILLIAM CALHOUN	AYE

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Action is required on FY 20-21 Proposed Consolidated Budget and Capital Improvement Program. Resolution #2020-10 and Resolution #2020-11 if adopted by the Board, will establish the 2020 Tax Rates and the Personal Property Tax Relief Percentage and adopt the FY 20-21 Consolidated Budget and CIP as previously presented on May 14th and during the May 21st Public Hearing.

REQUIRED ACTIONS:

1. *Adopt Resolution 2020-10; setting the 2020 Tax Rates and PPTRA Percentage.*

Supervisor Holmes made a motion to adopt *Resolution 2020-10; setting the 2020 Tax Rates and PPTRA Percentage* as presented. Supervisor Lyttle seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote. **(Approved)**

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SUPERVISOR JUDY S. LYTTLE	AYE
SUPERVISOR KENNETH R. HOLMES	AYE
SUPERVISOR WILLIAM CALHOUN	AYE

2. *Adopt Resolution 2020-11; formally adopting the FY 2020-21 Consolidated Budget and CIP*

Supervisor Lyttle made a motion to adopt *Resolution 2020-11; formally adopting the FY 2020-21 Consolidated Budget and CIP* as presented. Supervisor Holmes seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote. **(Approved)**

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SUPERVISOR WILLIAM CALHOUN	AYE

REPORT

Mr. Ray Phelps, Emergency Services Director, advised on the COVID-19 Pandemic and the continued process for Surry County citizens to stay informed and receive updated information. This includes testing of COVID-19 suspected cases in Surry County to be done May 28, 2020 between the hours of 10am-12pm. (*PRESS RELEASE ATTACHED*) Mr. Phelps reminded citizens to utilize the email address provided to address COVID-19 Pandemic specific questions and concerns (covid19@surrycountyva.gov).

(Press release regarding COVID-19 Testing in Surry County is attached as an integral component of these minutes)

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Supervisor Elliott advised all public comments received are being forwarded and reviewed by all Board of Supervisors and the Acting County Administrator.

(Citizen Comments mailed into comments@surrycountyva.gov are attached as an integral component of these minutes.)

BOARD COMMENTS

Board Members expressed thanks to staff for continued efforts during the COVID-19 Pandemic and for efforts towards budget preparations and presentations.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Melissa Rollins, Acting County Administrator, provided a detailed report that is attached as an integral component of these minutes.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Supervisor Elliott entertained a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Holmes made a motion that the Board adjourns their meeting until the next regular scheduled meeting to be held Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Lyttle and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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SUPERVISOR KENNETH R. HOLMES	AYE
SUPERVISOR WILLIAM CALHOUN	AYE

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Date: May 19, 2020 at 12:59 pm

Surry County Department of Emergency Management
Contact: Ray Phelps, Chief of Emergency
Management, rphelps@surrycountyva.gov (757)294-5205
LaSonya White, Surry County Public Information Officer

COVID19 TESTING

Surry County Emergency Management has partnered with the Virginia Department of Health, Crater Health District and the Virginia Army National Guard to offer COVID19 testing. Please see the information below that has been provided by the Crater Health District.

Petersburg, VA – The Crater Health District is continuing COVID-19 community testing throughout the district during the week of May 23-30. Seven testing events are scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon at the following locations:

- Saturday, May 23 PETERSBURG- Petersburg Sports Complex 100 Ballpark Road, Petersburg
- Sunday, May 24, PRINCE GEORGE - JEJ Moore School 11455 Prince George Drive, Disputanta
- Tuesday, May 26, DINWIDDIE – Sports Complex - 5850 R. B. Pamplin Drive, Sutherland
- Wednesday, May 27, SUSSEX - Sussex Middle School 21356 Sussex Drive, Stony Creek
- Thursday, May 28, SURRY - Recreation Center 205 Enos Farm Drive, Surry
- Friday, May 29, EMPORIA /GREENSVILLE - Washington Park, 750 Dry Bread Road, Emporia
- Saturday, May 30, HOPEWELL - Hopewell High School, 400 South Mesa Drive, Hopewell

Testing will be conducted by appointment to facilitate safety and social distancing. To register, call the Crater Health District hotline starting four days prior to each test event date at **804.863.1652 option 1**.

Testing is for persons age 5 and older who have COVID-19 symptoms, have been in contact with someone with COVID-19, who are pregnant, have underlying medical conditions that put them at risk, are age 65 and older or work in a congregate setting.

In order to be prescreened for testing, you must call 804.863.1652 option 1 in advance for a screening interview. Those that meet prescreening requirements for testing will receive an appointment time. To avoid lengthy wait times, please come to the site at your appointed time.

Symptoms of COVID-19 may include fever, cough, shortness of breath, flu-like symptoms, muscle pain, and new loss of taste or smell.

County Administration Report: May 21, 2020

Sussex Surry Dispatch – Today Article

Our School System continues to be a big piece of the fabric that make up this community. Kudos to the good news article in yesterday's SSD; if you look at on-line, you are able to see the video that shows teachers "virtual I miss you" messages to their students.

Per Dr. Sims; Surry County School administrators and teachers came up with the innovative way to reach out to students isolated by the early school closing this year due to COVID-19. And she reminded us that Social/human connectivity is important during this crisis.

School divisions across the County are grapple with the changes of having to plan for not just the close of this year, but simply what ifs for the Fall School Year. This includes graduation exercises that will certainly have a social distance twist for parents and students on June 13th and with the blessing of the School Division, a social distancing parade that will garner community participation will also happen afterward on the 13th – coordinated by Parks and Recreation and the Sheriff. #UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

Tuesday was Town Election Day – While turn out was low as anticipated during May elections and likely the rain did not help – 23% of registered voters turned out in Claremont, 21% in Dendron and 28% in Surry. That includes absentee and in person voting. More importantly, Ms. White reported that it was a safe Tuesday's May Town Elections went very well, overall. We had PPE (masks, face shields, sanitizer, disinfectant) provided by the State for the Officers of Election and individual supplies (pens and file folders) provided by the State for every voter to avoid cross contamination. We thank the citizens who also wore face coverings, in an effort to prevent the spread of the virus. We had a power outage in the Surry Town precinct, but the Registrar office was well equipped on what to do with no disruption to the voting process.

Census 2020 Update: Board Members - nothing likely friendly competition amongst districts: 2020 Census Update will be reported by staff when we resume regular meetings however, I want to remind you and citizens that the County is lagging behind. Obviously, the pandemic with social distancing has slowed down the canvassing of census poll workers. But efforts are underway to ramp up the campaign. Today, the state representative was out at the FOOD Bank distribution pick up site to canvass residents, out of 100 reached a very small number who said they had not completed the form – which was good – VA Statewide Response – 64.2% - Surry response rate = 45.5%, Claremont = 43.4% and Dendron 44.1%. The state representative advised that she will go out next week to some businesses to bring flyers and banners.

Dominion Energy Pilot Program – we have been asked to give testimony to the State Corporation Commission in Dominion Energy's application to the SCC for its Pilot Broadband project. One testimony from the administrator and one from Economic Development Director that speaks to the economic development outcomes of having high speed reliable broadband in this County and the benefit of the partnership with PGEC as the service provider. If you recall in February PGEC and Dominion Energy signed a partnership agreement whereby thousands of

residents in rural parts of Surry County could receive access to high-speed internet. Discuss the current state of broadband, why is the project so important, the efforts that have gone into securing funding, the economic benefits, etc. – This is something that we need to raise the roof about. Speaking of that Partnership, more good news..... PGEC has announced that they are ready to establish a member contact center in Surry County. We will need to donate the space at an appropriate facility centrally located to the ruralband fiber to expedite the process and they will purchase the equipment and outfit the facility to showcase and educate Surry County residents on how BROADBAND can be used in our everyday lives. Think about Board members and residents, the challenge of COVID 19 – need to telework, student needs to access home-work, the need for tele-medicine, (not needing to travel to a doctor for simple on line services especially for an elderly growing population) – effective communication tools for public safety/first responders, digital learning, at home entertainment, higher property values, so much more! PGEC can only make it available using tax and other dollars, you have to sign up for it and see it to believe it!

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHTS – Reopening last Weekend – Some Restrictions lifted

It was great to have customers back at the winery this past weekend. It was busy, especially on Saturday. But not crazy busy like it would be on a "normal" May weekend. We're hoping this weekend will be even busier. We're bringing back one of our employees on Saturday, so that is a good thing. Looking for good weather for those businesses using the outdoors to have good days!

In speaking to Randy Pack the Seafood restaurant had a good weekend, folks were ready to get back and had no problems with the social distancing changes put in place.

We are absolutely adhering to guidelines we were set forth to reopen. A couple examples:

1. all tables are a minimum of 6 ft apart
2. all staff wears face masks when working with customers
3. enhanced sanitation procedures in all contact points
4. open for outdoor dining only at 50% of our stated capacity (Capacity is 140 people, we have seating for 70 outdoors)
5. no more than 10 people in the lobby at any time

Guests did a good job of following the rules as well so we were quite pleased. This weather this week – they were open from 4 - 8 for take- out service.

Farmers Market - Our staff will deliver. and we are practicing safe transactions, customers can pay online with a card or over the phone verification. If customers want to pick up, we will have a pick up table in the rear of the government center in the parking area near the Sheriff's department. All staff will be wearing face masks and gloves and will drop off ordered items. We ask that those requesting

delivery to place a chair or cooler on your porch for the delivery driver and a phone call will be made to the customer notifying you that your order has been delivered.

Call LaSonya at 757-376-3017

To place your order

Farmer's Market Order Form

Name: _____ Pickup or Delivery? _____

Address: _____ Phone and Email: _____

Slade Farms	Price	Quantity
Swiss Chard	\$2.00/bunch	
Spring Onions	\$2.00/bunch	
Garlic Scapes	\$2.00/bunch	
Head Lettuce	\$2.00/head	
Green Garlic	\$2.00/bunch	
Curly Kale	\$2.00/bunch	
Smoked Ham Slices (3 slices)	\$7.00/pack	
SheaBD Body Butter	\$20.00/6oz.	
Healing Balm	\$40.00	
Vapor Rub with Hemp Oil	\$15.00	
Hemp Oil Hair and Scalp Repair Oil	\$15.00	
Hemp Oil Lip Balm	\$3.00	
Cloth Mask/ July 4th print	\$5.00	
Free Range Eggs	\$3.00/dozen	

Yvette's Homemade Pork Rinds	Price	Quantity
Plain Pork Rinds (gal. size bag)	\$5.00/bag	
Bacon Pork Rinds (gal. size bag)	\$5.00/bag	

Lillie's Crocheted Masks	Price	Quantity
Choose a solid color: Black, Blue, Gray, White, Green, Yellow	\$10.00/each	
Choose a mixture of colors: Yellow and white, Pink and white, red, white and black, etc.	\$10.00/each	

Cooper Family Farms	Price	Quantity
Homemade Jams— Strawberry, Blueberry, & Country Apple	\$7.00/8oz jar \$9.00/12oz jar	
Fresh Baked Sweet Potato Bread w/ or w/o Pecans	\$5.00— mini \$8— regular	

Red Barn Berkshires	Price	Quantity
Smoked Link Sausage	\$9.00/pack	
Bratwurst	\$9.00/pack	
Mild Country Sausage	\$7.00/pack	
Picnic Shoulder	\$3.25/lb.	
Boston Butts	\$3.50/lb.	
Jowl Bacon	\$7.00/pack	
Fresh Ground Pork	\$5.00/pack	
Jalapeno Smoked Link Sausage	\$10.00/pack	
Italian Links	\$9.00/pack	
Mild Country Breakfast Links (3")	\$7.00/pack	

Crystal's Sweet Treat and Catering Price Quantity

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Homemade Rolls	\$5.00/dozen	
Sweet Potato/Apple Jacks	\$2.00/each	
Whole Pound Cake	\$15.00	
Mini Pound Cake	\$3.00	
Brownies (with or without nuts)	\$2—individuals \$12—pan	
Bread Pudding	\$3.00— sm. \$6.00— med.	
Corn Pudding	\$6.00— sm. \$12.00— med.	
Rice Pudding	\$3.00— sm. \$6.00— med. \$20.00— lg. \$40.00 x-L	
Layer Cakes—Chocolate, Strawberry, Lemon, German Chocolate, Double Chocolate, Coconut, Pineapple, Carrot, and Orange Cream.	\$15.00	