

Supervisors OK request for Conditional Use Permit

By Sylvia Allen
Editor

LAWRENCEVILLE – The Brunswick County Board of Supervisors approved a request for a Conditional Use Permit submitted by Mach 39 LLC, Jeffrey L. Davis to construct, operate and maintain a wedding and event venue in the Agricultural (A-1) Zoning District. A public hearing was held on the request on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021 and no one spoke in opposition. A total of 20 conditions are included.

According to information provided by George E. Morrison, III, Director of Planning, the subject property is located on the south side of Boydton Plank Road (State Route 1) at the intersection of Boydton Plank Road and Poor House Road (State Route 642), located in the

Sturgeon Election District and the Red Oak Magisterial District. The proposed event venue’s main use will be for weddings. The applicant will be on site for every event to monitor the success of each event.

The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the request on Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021. Morrison said the Planning Commission recommended approval.

At the October meeting Joe Whitby spoke in favor of granting the request and stated he had known Davis for some time. He further stated the business would be an asset to the county.

Supervisor Dr. Alfonzo Seward said he was in favor of granting the request but wanted clarification on the applicant’s intention of being at every event to monitor the success of each event. Morrison said the applicant added the offer to be in attendance.

Ebony rezoning appeal case in the news

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LAWRENCEVILLE – During the citizen comment period at the October meeting of the Brunswick County Board of Supervisors Irving Moore questioned the amount of money the county has spent on the rezoning of property in Ebony to make way for a new Dollar General.

Earlier the Brunswick County Board of Supervisors approved a request to rezone property from Agriculture (A-1) to Business (B-1) that will allow Dollar General to build a store in Ebony, a small rural community in the southern part of Brunswick County. The request pitted the interests of residents to keep the area rural against those who see this as an economic development opportunity.

The vote was 3 to 2 with Supervisor Dr. Barbara Jarrett Harris – Chair, breaking the tie vote. Supervisor John Zubrod, who represents the Meherrin District, made a motion to deny the rezoning request and Supervisor Bernard Jones seconded the motion and Supervisor Dr. Alfonzo Seward and Supervisor Welton Tyler voted against the motion setting the stage for Dr. Harris to break the tie. Tyler then made a motion to approve the request seconded by Seward and Zubrod and Jones voted against the motion and Dr. Harris voted in favor. The story ran in the Feb. 5, 2020 edition of the Brunswick Times-Gazette.

According to information provided by Director of Planning George E. Morrison,

III, the subject property is located on the east sides of Ebony Road (State Route 903), across from the intersection of Hendricks Mill Road (State Route 903) and Robinson Ferry Road (State Route 644) in the Meherrin Election and Magisterial Districts.

Anne and Al Hartley of Ebony are leading the campaign opposing the rezoning and filed an appeal. The court battle has been long and costly.

Moore said the county has spent approximately \$96,000 on lawyers to defend the decision. He said the supervisors didn’t listen to citizens who didn’t want Dollar General. Moore said that as far as he was concerned when the citizens said they didn’t want the company in Ebony that should have been the end of it.

Moore said a settlement has been offered and he suggested the supervisors take the offer and stop spending \$300 per hour on lawyer fees. He said citizens don’t want to see money thrown away.

Several supporters applauded Moore when he finished speaking.

Gene Wiley from Freeman said even though he likes Dollar General, the residents of Ebony don’t want a Dollar General in their neighborhood. He said the county needs to seek the right kind of business and expressed his concern that the court battle has gone on for so long. Wiley encouraged the supervisors to listen to the people and to stop trying to put square pegs into round holes. He also encouraged the supervisors to settle the case. Wiley also received applause from supporters.

Supervisors set tentative agenda

From staff reports

LAWRENCEVILLE – The Brunswick County Board of Supervisors will meet Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Brunswick County Government Building, 228 North Main Street.

According to information provide by County Administrator Leslie Weddington, there will be two public hearings: Ordinance to Amend Article II of Chapter 54 of the Code of the County of Brunswick, Taxation of Solar Energy Equipment and Energy Storage Systems at the Machinery and Tools Tax Rate; Conditional Use Permit Fees for Solar Facilities

Approval of Minutes: October 20, 2021, Regular Meeting and October 27, 2021, Solar Work Session

Virginia Department of Transportation: VDOT Monthly Report

Brunswick County Public School Monthly Report: FY22 School Budget Tracking Report, FY22 Grant Appropriations Report, Facilities Report on New School Construction and Renovation Presentations

Department /Agency Presentations: Enterprise Zone Amendment – Alfreda Jarrett Reynolds, Director of Economic Development, Virginia Outdoors Foundation Grant Award – Dixie Walker, Tourism Coordinator; James Solomon Russell/Saint Paul’s College Museum and Archives – National Trust Grant Application – Bobby Conner, Vice Chair; James Solomon Russell/Saint Paul’s College Museum and Archives – Smithsonian Space Needs – Bobby Conner, Vice Chair

Citizen Comments (Each citizen will be allotted three (3) minutes)

Consent Calendar of Reports: Brunswick County Industrial Development Authority Minutes, Southside Behavioral Health Executive Director’s Report

Finance Director’s Report: Approval of Disbursements

Planning Director’s Report: Schedule

Public Hearing: Zoning Ordinance Amendment Case #21-018. - Article 1. General Provisions, Subsection 1-15. Screening; Schedule Public Hearing: Zoning Ordinance Amendment to the Brunswick County Zoning Ordinance, Case #21-019. Amendments are to be considered for the following section: Article 16A, Manufactured/Mobile Home Parks; Schedule Public Hearing: Proposed Ordinance Amendment to the Brunswick County Zoning Ordinance, Case #21-020. Amendments are to be considered for the following section: Article 16B. Recreational Vehicle Parks; Schedule Public Hearing: Proposed Ordinance Amendment to the Brunswick County Zoning Ordinance, Case #21-021. Amendments are to be considered for the following section: Article 27. Site Plan Requirements, Subsection 27-1. When Required; Schedule Public Hearing: Zoning Ordinance Amendment Case #21-025 – Article 2: Definitions; Schedule Public Hearing: Zoning Ordinance Amendment Case #21-026 – Article 4. Agricultural District, A-1; Schedule Public Hearing: Zoning Ordinance Amendment Case #21-028 – Article 1. General Provisions, Subsection 1-5. Minimum off-street parking

County Administrator’s Report

County Attorney’s Report: Opioid Litigation Settlement Resolutions

Old Business

New Business: Ordinance Regulating Placement and Maintenance of “No Wake” Buoys; Emergency Medical Services - Operational Medical Director Approval

Personnel
Appointments: Brunswick County Board of Zoning Appeals, Brunswick County Planning Commission, Brunswick County Litter Control Council, Lake Country Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors, Local Board of Public Welfare, Tourism Advisory Committee, VASAP Board of Director

For more information about the agenda call the county administrator’s office at

Meherrin River Regional Jail Statement of Net Position as of June 30, 2021

ASSETS:	
Current assets	\$ 19,851,606
Noncurrent assets	59,306,754
Total assets	\$ 79,158,360
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:	
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension	\$ 895,373
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	138,774
Deferred charge on refunding	2,157,282
Total deferred outflows of resources	\$ 3,191,429
LIABILITIES:	
Current liabilities	\$ 3,948,067
Noncurrent liabilities	36,876,026
Total liabilities	\$ 40,824,093
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension	\$ 338,614
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	84,311
Total deferred inflows of resources	\$ 422,925
NET POSITION:	
Total net position	\$ 41,102,771

Meherrin River Regional Jail Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position for the year ended June 30, 2021

Total operating revenues	\$ 15,182,549
Total operating expenses	13,420,086
Net operating income (loss)	1,762,463
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)	1,321,703
Change in net position	3,084,166
Net position, beginning of year, as restated	38,018,605
Net position, end of year	\$ 41,102,771

For additional information regarding these statements please refer to our Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) on our website at www.mrrj.org or you may contact Jennifer Derrenbacher, Finance Director at (434) 949-6700.

AUCTION

Friday, December 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Auction conducted at
Brunswick County Public Schools Bus Garage
(224 School Days Drive, Lawrenceville, VA)

Brunswick County Public Schools
1718 Farmers Field RD. • Lawrenceville, VA 23868
Phone: (434) 848-3138 Ext. 4003

2002 International Bus #12	2005 International Bus #54
1998 International Bus #3	2005 International Bus #53
1995 International Bus #51	2006 International Bus #58
1995 Chevy Bus #59	2000 Chevy Lumina Car #1
1995 GMC Bus #5	1999 Ford Taurus Car #2
1995 GMC Bus #61	1998 Ford Taurus Car #12
1995 GMC Bus #73	2000 Chevy Lumina Car #20
1995 international Bus #55	2007 Ford Crown Victoria Car #22
1992 International Bus #20	Dodge Charger Car #24
1998 International Bus #4	2003 Ford Taurus Car #32
1997 Ford Bus #45	1985 Dodge Tuck #6
1998 International Bus #64	1990 Ford Truck #8
2008 International Bus #1	1987 Chevy S10 #42

TERMS: Cash* All Items Sold “As Is”

Sales Conducted by

Daniel Auction Service
“Sales That Satisfy”

1380 LAKE GASTRON DR. GASBURG, VA 23857

Alberta – 434-949-7565

Mobile –434-594-4400

Gasburg (Night) – 434-577-2971

George A. Daniel – VA License #2905000035 and NC License #290

Any announcement made on Auction day will take precedence over all advertisements.

*A storage charge will be assessed for items not removed within 7 days.



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