

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County, Virginia, and the Town Council of the Town of Scottsville, Virginia, was held on October 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. This meeting was held by electronic communication means using Zoom and a telephonic connection due to the COVID-19 state of emergency.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Ned Gallaway, Ms. Beatrice (Bea) J. S. LaPisto-Kirtley, Ms. Ann H. Mallek, Ms. Diantha H. McKeel, Ms. Liz A. Palmer, and Ms. Donna P. Price.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Smith, Laura Mellusi, Zachary Bullock, Dan Gritsko, Stuart Munson, Edward Payne

ABSENT: None.

COUNTY OFFICERS PRESENT: County Executive, Jeffrey B. Richardson, Deputy County Executive, Doug Walker, County Attorney, Greg Kamptner, and Senior Deputy Clerk, Travis O. Morris.

TOWN OFFICERS PRESENT: Town Clerk, Thomas Unsworth.

Agenda Item No. 1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m., by the Chair, Mr. Gallaway.

Mr. Gallaway said the meeting was being held pursuant to and in compliance with Ordinance No. 20-A(14), "An Ordinance to Ensure the Continuity of Government During the COVID-19 Disaster."

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Agenda Item No. 2. Welcome & Introductions

Mr. Gallaway handed the meeting over to Scottsville Town Mayor Ron Smith to call the Town Council to order.

Mr. Ron Smith, Mayor of the Town of Scottsville, noted that all Town Council members were present. He said unfortunately, they have a vacancy on the council. He said one of the councilors, who had been doing a great job with the Planning Commission, had to relocate and therefore leave his seat vacant.

Mr. Smith said the Town Council appreciated having the Board of Supervisors with them that day. He said seated to his left was Former Mayor Nancy Gill, who is responsible for the joint meeting happening. He said she was able to make the joint meeting happen and that they had hoped to hold it in earlier in the year, but the pandemic then came. He thanked Former Mayor Gill to help make this historic event possible.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Thomas Unsworth, Town Clerk, to do the roll call.

Councilors Zachary Bullock, Laura Mellusi, Edward Payne announced their attendance.

Mr. Unsworth said there were some councilors who would be arriving late, but that Mr. Smith did have a quorum.

Mr. Smith said some attending already knew him while others did not. He said he moved to Scottsville in 2007 to purchase an existing business. He said after the deal fell apart, he started his own business. He said in his first six months there, streetscape was going on and the place was not in the best condition. He said Ms. Gill invited him to look at becoming active in the community, which was something he had always done no matter where he lived.

Mr. Smith said he volunteered to serve on the Government Services Committee and was then appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals, where he worked for some time. He said after that, a vacancy came up on Town Council, and he was selected to fill the vacancy, then winning three consecutive two-year terms.

Mr. Smith said during his time as a councilperson, he was the liaison with the Planning Commission and so when Ms. Gill became mayor, she allowed him to stay on that body, and he ended up being Chairman of the Planning Commission. He said when Ms. Gill decided not to seek another term as mayor, he applied and was elected.

Mr. Smith said he has been in Scottsville 13 years and that for most of those years, he has been involved with the town government in some shape or form. He said he has interacted with some Supervisors before and has not with others.

Mr. Smith said there was a presentation to make, with people whose responsibilities fall not only on town government, but on committees and other aspects of the community, designated to handle each portion of the presentation. He said he would turn the meeting over to Vice-Mayor Mellusi.

Ms. Mellusi said before starting, she wanted to check with the Board of Supervisors to see if they had any other actions to take care of first.

Mr. Gallaway said no, other than it being a pleasure and privilege to have the Town Council there.

He said he believed it may be the first time the Scottsville Town Council and Board of Supervisors have met together in a joint meeting.

Ms. Mellusi said yes. She said this was certain as far as the past 25 years.

Mr. Gallaway said he understood the Town Council had a presentation to make and that there would be time for discussion.

Mr. Gallaway announced that the County Executive, Mr. Jeff Richardson, County Attorney, Mr. Greg Kamptner, and Senior Deputy Clerk, Mr. Travis Morris, were also present in the meeting.

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Agenda Item No. 3. Presentation from the Town of Scottsville.

Agenda Item No. 4. Joint Discussion.

Agenda Item No. 5. Wrap-up/Next Steps

Ms. Mellusi said as Chairman Gallaway mentioned, this was the first time to her knowledge that both bodies have met, and that Town Council was excited to meet with the Board that evening.

Ms. Mellusi said this was just the beginning and the first step in a long collaboration that they hope encourages discussion and actions between the governing bodies. She said the goal that evening was to discuss specific ways to improve how the County of Albemarle and the Town of Scottsville can better serve their residents. She said they are seeking ongoing, proactive steps that include thoughtful planning, funding, and community engagement. She said all of the proposals have no initial cost other than time and communication.

Ms. Mellusi said they understand that the work that needs to take place, however, will not be accomplished in one annual meeting, but in a series of projects and committee conversations throughout the year.

Ms. Mellusi said each of her colleagues had 1-2 topics to focus on that evening. She said she and Mr. Matt Lawless, Town Administrator, would begin with discussing representation suggestions. She said Mr. Payne will speak on a few infrastructure topics, followed by a discussion with Councilors Bullock and Stuart Munson on economic development. She said Councilor Dan Gritsko will discuss topics on the shared environments and afterwards, they hope to open the meeting to discussion and questions. She asked everyone to take notes and then join the open discussion following the presentation.

Ms. Mellusi said she would begin with four steps to improve representation of area residents both within the town limits as well as within Southern Albemarle. She said Step 1 is to resume monthly reports from the Board representative and/or County staff liaisons. She said the Town Council very much appreciates Ms. Price joining their meetings when she is able. She said they know how busy everyone is on the Board of Supervisors and thus, they seek additional staff liaison updates on a variety of updates that impact residents within the entire Scottsville District and Southern Albemarle, as well as updates on projects that may have been put on hold so that they can better respond to their constituents' inquiries.

Ms. Mellusi said Step 2 is that they ask to schedule one joint Board of Supervisors and Town Council meeting annually, with October being the preference. She said this is the time when they are both gearing up to talk about capital projects, looking at their budgets, planning for long-term investments, and potentially looking at their plans.

Ms. Mellusi said the Board already promotes its collaboration with the City of Charlottesville; with 62 boards, commissions, and advisory committees within the County; and with UVA being part of the Planning and Coordination Council. She said currently, the Town of Scottsville is the only governing body within Albemarle County, until now, that has not met regularly with the Board to discuss shared goals and planning efforts.

Ms. Mellusi said additionally, she knows the Board has ongoing partnerships with the Esmont area and the Yancey Advisory Panel, yet they remain unnamed under Community Development effort. She encouraged meeting again.

Ms. Mellusi said Step 3 is that they would like to coordinate Town Council whenever possible, as if they were a Community Advisory Committee (CAC), on County processes, plans, and budget priority discussions.

Ms. Mellusi said based on the Community Development page and advisory councils, all CACs receive the following. She said they meet monthly with County staff and a Board of Supervisors representative, with those meetings informing and supporting the development of the County's master plans. She said Scottsville has several master plans that impact the County infrastructures under discussion such as roads, schools, and basic utilities. She said at those CAC meetings, there is a designated staff liaison that helps support and shape budget priorities, and they ensure ongoing community engagements.

Ms. Mellusi said the Town Council is not asking to become a CAC, but they are asking to have a dedicated liaison from the Planning Commission, reports from the Board of Supervisors that reflect the same content that a CAC would receive at a monthly meeting, a dedicated liaison from the County staff, and to be a formal body that ensures collaborative planning and ongoing community engagement on

behalf of the greater Scottsville area.

Ms. Mellusi said finally, for Step 4, she would ask her colleague and Town Administrator Mr. Matt Lawless to speak to how incorporating Scottsville's existing planning documents can help inform County staff and area committee residents.

Mr. Matt Lawless, Scottsville Town Administrator, said the Scottsville Town Charter provides for the same basic structure of government as Charlottesville and Albemarle County. He said the elected governing body hires a full-time nonpartisan professional public administrator to achieve their goals, which is the role he serves.

Mr. Lawless said he is a Virginia native and William & Mary graduate, and that his previous government work experience includes the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County. He said the collegial staff-level relationships with his peers in both of those neighboring governments means a lot to him and helps him do good work in Scottsville. He said when he is not at work, one might see him running around the backroads in Scottsville or acting in community theatre.

Mr. Lawless said part of his work is to lead the community outreach and draft the long-range plans for Scottsville. He said their staff is too small for a dedicated planner, so he wears that hat.

Mr. Lawless said in the past two years, Town Council has completed several notable planning efforts and adopted guiding documents. He said these align very well with Albemarle County organizational goals, and so their recommended action for the Board is to incorporate town planning documents on County websites and include appropriate references to town plans in their County plans.

Mr. Lawless said the first and most important of these is the Scottsville Comprehensive Plan. He said the Comprehensive Plan sets a long-range vision for land use and development and connects to many of the local government's services and projects. He said Scottsville's 2018 Comprehensive Plan update describes healthy growth. He said they can say "yes" to new homes and businesses, invest in public spaces, and enhance their quality of life. He said their Comprehensive Plan is in many ways equivalent to one of Albemarle County's Development Area master plans, and so the Board may wish to afford it a similar status.

Mr. Lawless said the primary goal of Scottsville's Comprehensive Plan is to focus more attention on the redevelopment of the former Hyosung tire factory, a 60-acre site that shut its operations in 2009. He said the town won a state planning grant to complete the West Downtown Small Area Plan. He said after expensive public outreach, the draft plan is ready for Planning Commission vote on November 2.

Mr. Lawless said the small area plan calls for mixed-use, mixed-income redevelopment of the factory site to create small business and workforce housing opportunities while protecting wetlands and enhancing parks. He said the redevelopment may include Habitat for Humanity or Piedmont Housing Alliance, and they may need financing support thorough historic tax credits or a Community Development Block Grant for which the town is an eligible applicant authority.

Mr. Lawless said supporting Scottsville's Comprehensive Plan and Small Area Plan are several other niche studies, all completed with grant funding support from state agencies and intern expertise from UVA. He said in 2018, they completed a mixed-use, mixed-income market study, which showed strong demand for homes in the area, especially at a purchase price below \$300,000 and monthly rent below \$1,000. He said this reenforces the median statistics they have in the community already. He said they found strong business demand for restaurants, pharmacies, and outdoor equipment, so they followed up the market study with an economic development study focused on the Hyosung tire factory site.

Mr. Lawless said an experienced developer from the Richmond and Petersburg market completed a financing pro forma and architectural sketches. He said renovation there is feasible, but to ensure a market-affordable housing, state and federal assistance will be needed.

Mr. Lawless said in 2018, the town adopted the Van Clief Nature Area Plan. He said this is an assessment of conditions and a program of goals for the town's largest park, which is about 60 acres and includes a 5-acre lake with stocked fishing. He said the park started as a flood control project, and the dam at Scottsville Lake is critical infrastructure. He said they also have about 2 miles of trails, picnic areas, and excellent fishing.

Mr. Lawless said in all of these planning areas, the town is well-aligned with Albemarle County's strategic goals. He said if they formalize their planning linkages, he believes they can ensure many years of effective partnership. He said he looks forward to working more closely together with County staff. He thanked the Board for its consideration of town-level planning and said he would yield to Mr. Payne to discuss public safety cooperation and emergency operations.

Mr. Edward Payne said the most important structure Scottsville has in its infrastructure is the town levy. He said it was built after the floods of 1969 and 1972, and even 1985. He said it has been a success. He said it takes yearly maintenance and care to maintain, and it is maintained by the volunteers of the Scottsville Volunteer Fire Department and other individuals. He said it is also inspected by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Payne said this is in order to protect the assets, which the town considers to be \$16 million

within its town limits, from the James River, and that the levy is very important to the town. He said the lifespan of the pumps and equipment is only about 10 more years, and that this was just an estimate. He said sometime within the next 10 years, it will cost one-quarter of \$1 million to revamp this and continue to protect the town.

Mr. Payne said the town would like to see the County assist them in any way they can. He said he knows there is an annual fee that Scottsville receives, which is around \$17,000. He said in 5-7 years' time, however, they are talking about \$250,000.

Mr. Payne said infrastructure is a big word in a small town. He said they have the same issues and problems with infrastructure as Albemarle County, but on a smaller scale. He said they are lucky to have a good relationship with VDOT through the Town Council, Administrator, clerks, and all the people who make sure that the roads are safe in Scottsville. He said they have 8,000 vehicles per day that pass through their small community. He said their roads are vital, and everything associated with the roads are vital as well. He said they appreciate any help the County can provide, as well as recognizing that this is a part of the County that needs this kind of help.

Mr. Payne said infrastructure includes everything from buildings to broadband. He said he thinks they are behind on their broadband and internet access in Scottsville, which is a detriment because they cannot invite people or businesses to be there if they do not have that access. He said there are other counties around them and even parts of those are far ahead. He said Scottsville would like to be included in any types of proposals that could strengthen and bring viable internet access or broadband into Scottsville.

Mr. Payne said he wanted to thank Albemarle County for their cooperation with the Scottsville Police Department. He said the police, headed by Chief Jeff Vohwinkel, has a good working relationship with both the police department and the sheriff's department. He said Scottsville's fire department works with ACFR. He said the old rescue squad was disbanded, and they have a new paid, professional staff at the location in Scottsville that experienced a few bumps when they started but have caught up and are serving the community.

Mr. Payne said police, fire, and rescue are vital to Scottsville. He said they have mutual aid agreements with the police department with Albemarle County and vice-versa. He said the fire department works with ACFR at any location they are called to.

Mr. Payne thanked the County for the cooperation they have had and urged them to continue to get better to serve the community in Southern Albemarle County.

Mr. Stuart Munson thanked the Board for taking the time to engage with the Town Council. He said at one point, Scottsville was one of the largest inland ports in the United States. He said over the course of its history due to forces beyond their control, the size of the town has waxed and waned. He said they are now at a point where they are very interested in growing the town responsibly, and in a way that preserves their historic heritage and small-town character.

Mr. Munson said there is a lot of opportunity to grow in Scottsville. He said there are about 200 acres of land on the northeast side of town that is already platted and ready for building. He said they would appreciate some help from the County and them keeping the town in mind as they hear about developers who are interested in building affordable housing and rentals. He said the town is very interested in hearing those proposals, and the Town Council is very open to consider rezoning if a developer is interested in working with them while maintaining the character of the town.

Mr. Munson said as Mr. Payne already mentioned, they have a wonderful facility in town, the factory, that could be used for many things. He said it could be an IX Park, skatepark park, or zoned industrial, and the town is very interested in rezoning it to open it up for other uses. He said they have a small area plan that has been provided to the Board to give them an idea of what the town would like and the kinds of things they are open to. He said they are very interested in working with a developer who would like to do something with the property.

Mr. Munson thanked Ms. Price for helping him get on the Albemarle County Economic Development Commission, which has been a great help to him in understanding the big picture of what is going on in Albemarle County. He said it has come to his attention, however, that the people in the Economic Development Office look at Scottsville as a sleepy small town that no longer wants to grow. He said this may, in part, come from Scottsville's lack of interest in becoming a large area of development like Crozet. He said they do not want to become Crozet, but they do want to grow to more than what they are now.

Mr. Munson said what he would very much appreciate from the Board is to keep Scottsville in mind as they are exposed to ideas from people who are interested in developing in the County. He asked for Scottsville to be included in any recommendations the Board may give in terms of directions to go.

Mr. Munson said they would probably start to see more of those, in part because of COVID-19. He said they are already starting to see more interest in Scottsville as a place to live, as it is more affordable there. He said if one is working from home, they only have to go into Charlottesville once or twice a week, with the commute not being bad at all. He said in many ways, it does not take much longer to get to Scottsville than it does to get to some of the new developments on 29 North. He said he appreciated the Board keeping them in mind and to let him know if there is anything he can do to work with them to further

that goal.

Mr. Zachary Bullock said he has lived in Scottsville since 2016 and filled a vacancy on the Council in 2017. He said since that time, he has primarily spent his efforts working on the Architectural Review Board as well as talking about the river. He added that Ms. Mellusi told him he was the only person who received an unattractive picture in the slideshow, a view of the river, and jokingly said that he felt honored.

Mr. Bullock said Scottsville has an Architectural Review Board that certifies renovation and new construction within the Historic Overlay District of the town, which are the historic town limits. He said they have an ordinance that oversees this as well as professional design guidelines. He said the County also has an ARB and they both do similar work. He said they both value the history of their historic County and town. He said although they have different areas of influence with those boards, they share a common history in Scottsville, and there are some features of their history in which they may seek joint interest in preserving.

Mr. Bullock said currently, the town is in the process of applying to be a Certified Local Government, which certifies the work they do at the state level with the additional training and potential funding, both for training and for renovation. He said Canal Basin Square highlights the history of the town, and one of the buildings associated with it, the oldest and largest in town, is the Canal Basin Warehouse, which is an important piece of shared history as well as tourism. He said he is interested in possibilities in networking between the boards for both shared expertise and where they can find common cause in their historic preservation in town limits.

Mr. Bullock said the second part of his proposal was about the James River. He said the James River is the southern border of Albemarle County, and the Board is the primary governing body for a substantial stretch of that river. He said the town basically has authority up to the riverbank, but the County goes to the middle of the river. He said although one may not live there, the James River is an important piece of the County's history, as Scottsville had been one of the largest inland ports.

Mr. Bullock said the town's efforts have involved cleanup. He said what was shown in the picture on the screen was the CSX laydown yard. He said as Mr. Payne mentioned, there is a levy system in Scottsville that protects them from the river, but it also means that they are a river town without much river access. He said the laydown yard is what one sees when they are looking at the river from the only street-level view of the river in town, which is on East Main Street. He said over the last three years, the town has made some progress to clean this up. He said they have made progress, but they need to do more.

Mr. Bullock said the river access is also limited at the public boat launch. He said the town is interested in opportunities with the Board to see how they can improve access to the river by networking with DGIF (Department of Game and Inland Fisheries) at their boat launch, and are also considering the laydown yard area, which is about 500 feet of land as one comes into town, which is one's view when entering Scottsville and Albemarle County. He said it limits access to the river for tourism because CSX owns the northern bank of the James River from Lynchburg to Richmond. He said in order to access the river, one needs to lease and contend with CSX.

Mr. Bullock said there is popular demand for access to the river, and that he sees people trespassing on CSX land all the time with their fishing rods, which tells him that people want access to the river. He said it could be a real boon for the town and the County to take advantage of this natural asset for both its economic and scenic potential.

Mr. Bullock said in closing, the town and County have already shared a common interest in this by attempting to certify the James as a Scenic River, which everyone signed off on in the last year. He said they are interested in seeing other ways in which they can work together to further preserve and protect the James River.

Mr. Dan Gritsko said he wanted to thank the Supervisors for the service they have given to the County in this very difficult time of COVID-19. He said as all governing bodies have tried to do many things with restricted budgets, he could only imagine what the challenges, in terms of Scottsville being a small town compared to the largeness of the County, have meant to the Board.

Mr. Gritsko said he would talk about the uniqueness of the Town of Scottsville, partnerships, and getting on the map in the context of the environment and parks.

Mr. Gritsko said in 2010, he had lived in Scottsville for 10 years and finally decided to join the Council. He said in 2012, he was speaking to the Town Administrator and learned about the 63-acre park called the Van Clief Nature Area and started a committee to look into opening it up to the public, as it had not had much access. He said the Former Mayor Barry Grove, who passed away a couple years ago and is missed and remembered fondly, was skeptical at the time about how this would work. He said when over 60 people showed up to a public meeting about it, Mr. Grove started to realize the interest in this. He said quickly, Mr. Grove became a huge advocate and remained so for the rest of his life.

Mr. Gritsko said there are many parks in the County, which is wonderful, and he is thankful for what the Supervisors do. He said what is unique about Scottsville is that they have not only the James River, but Pine Knot, which is an underknown historic site that has the opportunity to be a corridor in the area. He said if looking at the map of Scottsville, one will also notice the greenspace in the middle of the

town, which is the 63-acre Van Clief Nature Area. He said this area has been a focus of his while on Town Council.

Mr. Gritsko said in terms of partnerships, the Board may be familiar with Mr. Dan Mahon, who has been with the County for a number of years. He said many times, he has called Mr. Mahon for advice and that he has come to meetings. He said he has met with Mr. Mahon at his office, and that Mr. Mahon has come to visit the town staff several times. He said in almost every conversation he will have with Mr. Mahon, Mr. Mahon will say it is a good thing he is being involved because it reminds him to focus on Southern Albemarle. He said Mr. Mahon's focus is drawn to various places.

Mr. Gritsko said he was honored for the opportunity overall that the Supervisors have a chance to focus on Scottsville and to recognize that, like Mr. Mahon, they are one of many parts of the County, but they look forward to a closer partnership with the Board as they make their needs known and as they try to find ways to support things going on in the County.

Mr. Gritsko said the last story he wanted to tell the Board was about his granddaughter, Georgia. He said all six of his children grew up in Scottsville, and now he is a grandfather. He said his oldest granddaughter in the area plays soccer in the Scottsville Soccer League. He added that perhaps saying she is "on the team" was a better way to describe it. He mentioned he coached for 13 years in the Scottsville Soccer League. He said he mentioned Georgia to the Board because when he thinks of Scottsville and the County, he thinks of his kids who grew up there and about the opportunities they had. He said all his kids went to PVCC and that his youngest is taking classes there now. He said they all got their first jobs in Scottsville and now, he has six grandchildren, with three who live just outside the town.

Mr. Gritsko said to him, the children and grandchildren are why the local governments do what they do. He said he has hopes for the parks, creating maps that people can understand, and getting what they know is going on in sync with what is going on in the County. He said they want to be sure they pass on this amazing legacy they have been given to not only one generation, but many generations.

Mr. Gritsko said he hopes that in partnering with the Board, they make sure that their resources are more incorporated with the County. He said Scottsville did something simple years ago and changed the name of their lake from the Mint Creek Impoundment to Scottsville Lake. He said the lake now is a place that is stocked with trout and catfish, and people use it. He said the town wants to get more of their resources in line with the County.

Mr. Gritsko thanked the Board for a moment to explain to them the uniqueness of the town. He said he hoped those simple vignettes into the town would remind them of something that someone else said to him. He said some years ago as they were developing the park, he was walking there, and someone was taking pictures. He said the person told him it was a great place that no one knew about, and he responded that he hoped they would change this. He said the same is true for the town, which is lovely and amazing. He said they do not want it to remain a secret.

Ms. Mellusi gave a recap. She said Town Council is asking for consistent reports from County staff and Supervisors and would love to have an annual meeting on the books and calendar before they leave that night to meet again in October. She said they would like to fit within County staff structures not necessarily as a named board or commission, but to certainly use the structures they have in place so that they can connect on all these projects.

Ms. Mellusi said with regard to infrastructure, the Town Council acknowledges the Board and all of their staff's commitment to supporting projects like Scottsville Elementary School, Totier Creek Bridge, the Emergency Communications radio improvements, the library, JAUNT, JABA, and the outstanding parks care. She said there is still work to be done, however, to include the Emergency Response Team and the Regional Operations Plan, and to think about the levy in the next 10 years and what happens with that cost, as well as the possible infrastructure breakdown if it is not supported.

Ms. Mellusi said in economic development, Scottsville has a lot to offer, with much of the infrastructure already in place. She said currently, the County plans do not necessarily reach to include or think about the Town of Scottsville or their area. She said they would like to change that, and they hope tonight is just the first step in working together to make those improvements. She said this includes not only businesses and housing development, but also tourism aspects, including the river.

Ms. Mellusi said within the environment, the town has done a lot of positive work and maintaining their parks and trails. She said there are always opportunities to continue to partner in those, however. She said as Mr. Gritsko said, they no longer want to be kept a secret, and are ready and willing to work with the Board.

Mr. Smith thanked the Board of Supervisors for the historic meeting. He said he hoped this was not the last, and that they could do this on a somewhat regular basis. He said they have seen the different areas where they have worked together and heard about areas where they can work together better. He said the people of Scottsville are proud of their town and look at it as the southern entrance to Albemarle County, so they want to make sure that people coming up from the south have a good first impression.

Mr. Smith said there are a number of people in Scottsville who have moved there from other areas. He said when he talks with them, they find out that Town Council, the Mayor, and everyone is a volunteer and do not get paid. He said they do this because they have a strong feeling for the community, fellow citizens, and town. He said their paid staff are the Town Administrator, Town Clerk, and police

department, and everyone else is volunteer, including the fire department and government. He said they wouldn't do it if they didn't think it was the right thing to do.

Mr. Smith said the Town Council would be glad to answer any questions from the Supervisors.

Mr. Gallaway said the Supervisors would go through the speaking order, starting with Ms. Price, Scottsville Supervisor.

Ms. Price said she wanted to first thank Former Mayor Gill, who initiated this joint meeting. She said it has taken awhile for a variety of reasons, but that she was so excited they did this. She said secondly, she wanted to thank everyone for their positive attitude in the meeting, which was refreshing in an era where so many people find difficulty in reaching common ground. She said this is one of the most positive meetings she has attended since the time she started on the Board in January, and each person contributed to that.

Ms. Price said she will commit to doing a better job with representation than she has thus far in 2020. She said she would offer to Mr. Smith, on the Thursdays after the regularly scheduled Board meetings, an opportunity for him, herself, and whoever else from the Town of Scottsville to attend. She said she is happy to come to Scottsville as well.

Ms. Price said she also wants to commit to making sure the agendas for the regular Board meetings are sent to the Town Council in advance to help make sure they are aware of things that are coming up. She added these are available online as well. She said this will be the first way for her, as their Supervisor, to improve communications.

Ms. Price said she took many notes during the presentation. She said she appreciates each Town Councilor for everything they did. She said Mr. Bullock had joked about getting the award for the "ugliest picture," and that she thought this was important because it showed an area that they do want to continue to work on. She told Mr. Gritsko she was thinking to the times she coached soccer, and they always hope that the group chasing the ball didn't run over the kids looking at the flowers in the middle of the field.

Ms. Price said she thought this was a very positive presentation and agreed that she would like to see it in an annual basis. She said she would defer to the Chair in terms of the timing for looking to schedule that meeting. She said she had some good notes for some things that she would take forward from this meeting. She thanked everyone again for one of the most positive meetings she has been a part of.

Ms. LaPisto Kirtley thanked Mr. Smith and everyone who participated. She said once again, Ms. Price said everything she wanted to say. She said she agrees with everything she said and would be very much in favor of having a yearly meeting with the Town Council. She said she applauds Town Council for being succinct and telling the Board what they want. She said now, it will be up to the Board to see what they can do with the constraints they have. She said she is all in favor of working together, and they could perhaps have yearly or twice-yearly meetings. She said Ms. Price will meet with them after every monthly meeting the Board has.

Ms. LaPisto Kirtley said she had one question about internet, as Ms. Mellusi requested additional internet for business reasons. She asked if this were for a specific area.

Ms. Mellusi replied that it was not just within the Town of Scottsville. She said there is fiber in town, but it is currently limited to businesses and not to residents. She said as they all know with COVID-19, the working environment has changed. She said she would reach out on behalf of the entire rural area, those working from home, and families with schoolchildren who are trying to access the internet, to say that they quickly need to adjust the scope of what the Albemarle Broadband Authority is doing to include these different interests and needs. She said currently, they are left unsupported.

Ms. LaPisto Kirtley said what Ms. Mellusi was saying echoed what the entire County is facing, especially rural areas. She said CenturyLink is working on additional grants and that they are finding out about the grant funding. She said some of it will be in November, while some will be in December or January. She said they will want to know where they can put the improvements, and so it is important to work together.

Ms. Mellusi said one thing that is unique about the Town of Scottsville is that they are at a juncture of Fluvanna, Nelson, and Buckingham County. She said they literally cross boundaries, meaning that they have access to internet options outside of CenturyLink. She said perhaps there are opportunities that may not have been considered with Appalachian Power and other companies.

Ms. LaPisto Kirtley agreed, adding that CVEC is doing a lot regarding getting internet through those lines. She said the landscape is changing, and that she had mentioned CenturyLink since she knows they are working on some grants. She agreed there are other companies as well.

Ms. LaPisto Kirtley said the 63-acre park surrounded by the river is a gem.

Mr. Gritsko said it was funny that Ms. LaPisto Kirtley referred to it this way, as he always refers to it as the hidden gem in the town. He said it is a huge piece to the future.

Ms. LaPisto Kirtley asked about Mr. Bullock's "ugly photo" in the slideshow.

Mr. Bullock said "laydown yard" is the technical term for it.

Ms. LaPisto Kirtley asked if this was continuing or if it had ended. She asked who put it there and who was responsible for cleaning it up.

Mr. Bullock replied that it is CSX, which is the railroad that runs through there. He said they have an office in Scottsville, and that this is their midpoint between Lynchburg and Richmond. He said in the conversations the town has had with CSX representatives, it has been expressed that the laydown yard is not moving because it is convenient for them.

Mr. Bullock said the most recent conversation the Town Council had with CSX a few months ago was with their regional operations, hazmat, public relations person, and local roadmaster. He said the local roadmaster has been much more committed to keeping the site tidy, but if the river gets up to 19-20 feet, and it has gotten up to 18-19 feet five times or so in the last year, there is still plenty of railroad equipment that will go into the river, such as railroad ties and buckets.

Mr. Payne added that the laydown yard is a storage yard for barrels, materials, railroad spikes and ties, or anything the railroad needs to use to maintain their line. He said everything had been stored on a rented woodyard, but that lease ceased to exist, and CSX started using the area as a storage yard for the materials they need to maintain their tracks.

Mr. Gritsko said one thing he would add is that being on the Town Council for some time, one thing that happened was that the town has had the laydown yard there for a while and to the credit of Mr. Bullock, he has pushed this to the forefront. He said the sad part about it is that there are not many ways to view the James River from the town. He said by juxtaposition, the railroad is unfortunately exactly at the one spot where one can see the river. He said it is probably in the worst location it could be, which is why it has come to the town's special attention. He said it is helpful for the Board to be aware of this.

Ms. LaPisto Kirtley said she supposed it was not a junkyard because the railroad uses the equipment. She asked if it could be put elsewhere or screened.

Ms. Mellusi said it can be.

Mr. Payne replied that the proper location for it would be Columbia, Virginia, which is 12 miles away.

Ms. Mellusi said in their discussions, CSX has expressed that if the town can find an alternate location, they are interested in considering that. She said they have not found a location that they are agreeable to at this time, however.

Ms. LaPisto Kirtley asked if CSX did not like Columbia.

Mr. Payne said 20-30 years ago that material was elsewhere, and the railroad hasn't moved. He said they could put it back where it came from and give Scottsville a scenic view where the people can enjoy the river, which is the town's greatest asset.

Ms. Mellusi said she did some research with regard to partnerships CSX has done with other communities, and they have completely transformed areas on the railroad and river in Lynchburg and Richmond. She said they have taken sites that used to look like Scottsville's site and made them into immaculate, incredible tourism parks, and so she knows this can be done.

Mr. Payne added that he worked for the railroad for 32 years and has been to many railroad yards. He said he has seen these things and knows that it can be better kept than it is in Scottsville, and that it can also be relocated.

Mr. Munson said the sense he gets from listening to CSX is that it is more about inertia than anything else. He said there are not enough people complaining about it to make it worth their moving it. He said there is not any structural reason why they shouldn't, but it will cost them some money and until there is enough motivation for them to do it, they are not going to. He said any opportunity the Board has to make some noise about it would be appreciated.

Ms. LaPisto Kirtley agreed. She expressed the site's ugliness.

Ms. Mellusi said it is also one of the last remaining homes of a train depot in Albemarle County's history, or in Virginia's history for that matter. She said CSX also controls that, and so those who have a heart for history and preservation should be aware.

Ms. LaPisto Kirtley said this has been a great discussion, and she likes what Town Council is doing. She said she likes their positive attitude and forwardness in tackling these problems. She said she looks forward to working with them.

Ms. Palmer said she had two short questions with regard to the laydown area. She asked how large it was and if it was CSX that had taken care of other laydown areas, or if it was other railroads.

Mr. Bullock replied that the laydown yard is about 500 feet long. He said it is a fairly narrow strip of



land that runs alongside the railroad.

Ms. Mellusi said she did believe it was CSX who did what she had mentioned with the partnerships, but that she would verify again.

Ms. Palmer said Mr. Lawless explained that the Town of Scottsville was not eligible for a DHCD (Department of Housing and Community Development) grant. She asked if she heard this correctly and if so, why. She said she also heard something about becoming a Certified Government and wondered if this would solve the problem.

Mr. Lawless clarified that Scottsville is an eligible applicant for Community Development Block Grants as a local government. He said the Certified Local Government program is a small one related to historic preservation.

Ms. Palmer said with respect to Mr. Gritsko's presentation, he took her on a tour years ago before the park even opened, and she thought it was wonderful. She said she sends people there all the time, and even people from Esmont have no idea it is there. She said just two weeks earlier, an Esmont resident was looking for places to walk in Southern Albemarle, and she suggested going to the park in Scottsville to walk. She said the resident had no idea about it.

Ms. Palmer said she didn't know how they could get the word out, but that with the new Yancey Community Center, the new director has a wonderful email list, and they are making a trail behind Simpson Park that many people in that community are interested in. She said perhaps Town Council can email Mr. Ed Brooks, as he may be able to put an announcement on his mailer about this to at least get more people in Southern Albemarle knowing it exists.

Ms. Palmer said there was mention of a corridor that few people knew about, and she did not quite hear what was said. She asked for clarification.

Mr. Gritsko said he believed he was referring to the fact that there are different sites around Scottsville that go from the Van Clief Nature Area and the connections with the levy walk and other parts of the downtown park's system in Scottsville that will link into the James River and hopefully into a place like Pine Knot.

Ms. Palmer said the part about Pine Knot was the part she had missed. She said she also wanted to say that there are several fiber-to-the-home projects that have received grant money, right around the Town of Scottsville going through the Hatton Ferry and Langhorne areas. She said they do have some projects in the works that should be coming on board in the next year. She said these are CenturyLink projects, but there are quite a few coming online on that corridor along the James River, from Scottsville over towards Howardsville. She said there are many other projects they are trying to apply for as well.

Ms. Palmer said Scottsville is also receiving an electrical upgrade with Appalachian Power, and perhaps they will come to the forefront like CVEC has after they improve some of their infrastructure.

Ms. Palmer said the Broadband Authority is very much focusing on Southern Albemarle, as they know it has been a problem. She agreed that they hadn't done enough all over the County, but it was definitely a focus.

Ms. Palmer said she is perfectly willing to meet once a year, in October. She said it sounded like a very good idea, and she heard nothing she disagreed with.

Mr. Munson added that if they are to take a look at all of the walking options in Scottsville, there is enough to keep one busy all day. He said there is Van Clief, the levy walk, and the historic walking tour that they offer that is self-guided. He said they are very close to Totier State Park as well, which offers additional boating and walking options. He said thinking about all of those together, one could spend all day in Scottsville getting exercise.

Ms. Mellusi said she wanted to add a very specific suggestion in terms of getting the word out. She said currently on the County website under both "Parks" and "Trails," it would be helpful if the Van Clief Nature Area was added.

Ms. Palmer said she would think this would be easy to do.

Ms. McKeel said it was great to see everyone from Scottsville. She said she used to spend more time socially there, as well as when she was on the School Board when she was in and out of Scottsville and Yancey. She said the town has a real treasure and a great community.

Ms. McKeel said she was seeing a change in the desire of Scottsville Town Council to work in partnership with the Board of Supervisors and applauded them for this. She said as they all know, partnerships are two-way streets, and for the Town Council to be the first to reach out to the Board is appreciated.

Ms. McKeel said some of the requests from Town Council were basically "no-brainers." She said she would absolutely be interested in meeting with them annually, as this is a great idea. She said the County should update its brand-new website and post Scottsville's information to help them shine.

Ms. McKeel said it will be great for Ms. Price to connect more with the Town Council. She said she used to attend the Town Council meetings with Mr. Rick Randolph once a year. She asked if the Town Council is signed up for the County's A-mail. She encouraged them to sign up, as this would increase the communication on top of one-on-one and Board-to-Council communication. She said A-mail goes directly to the inbox and is sent to many people in the community. She said signing up is a simple, quick thing to do. She said they will receive the agendas automatically and ahead of time.

Ms. McKeel said she agrees about the access and connectivity. She said this is a struggle all over the County, and she wants to make sure to say that it is not just a lack of connectivity in the Rural Area, but that it happens in the Urban Ring. She said this must be solved. She said if nothing else, the pandemic has brought out the need for increasing connectivity and making sure that everyone has good access, whether they live in the Rural Area, in a town like Scottsville, or in the Jack Jouett Urban Ring.

Ms. McKeel said she had a question about economic development. She said as the liaison for the County's Economic Development Authority, she has heard and been involved in conversations where Mr. Roger Johnson and Mr. Doug Walker have talked about working with Scottsville on economic development. She said perhaps Mr. Walker could speak to this, as her understanding was that they were working and trying their best around economic development. She said obviously, things can always be improved and focuses can always be tighter.

Mr. Doug Walker, Deputy County Executive, agreed that things can always be improved. He said having Mr. Munson on the EDA brings a very valuable perspective in the interest of not just the Town of Scottsville, but of Southern Albemarle more broadly, which has been helpful to the overall interest. He said the EDA is also changing and new members are coming on, which will contribute to the EDA's work in understanding its opportunities in supporting the work of the Economic Development Office, going forward.

Mr. Walker said he could not speak for Mr. Johnson or Mr. J.T. Newberry, but they have worked with Mr. Lawless specifically on the Hyosung Plant and will continue to want to make sure they are doing what is reasonable and responsible to try to advocate for the shared economic interests, presenting their best face forward on what supports the town and the County. He said it would be a significant reinvestment and adaptive reuse of a critical property there. He said he does not know what this looks like, but that Mr. Lawless has been working hard to make sure they are working together to take advantage of any opportunities that come along.

Mr. Walker said otherwise, he thinks they are completely open from an Economic Development standpoint, both from a staff level and from EDA, to see how they can continue to partner going forward. He said he hoped this answered Ms. McKeel's question.

Ms. McKeel said she does think Scottsville is a diamond in the rough, and that she did not mean this pejoratively at all. She said they are a gem, and she does think that economic development is in their future. She said she was sure the County would be happy to help with that.

Ms. McKeel said she had a couple of other thoughts. She said she knows JAUNT runs a commuter transit service from Buckingham County. She said as Ms. Palmer is invested in broadband, she herself is invested in transit and transportation. She said she never heard anything from Scottsville about transit or the need for more transit. She said she would be interested in having that conversation, although not necessarily that day, if there is some interest in that.

Mr. Munson said this was a good point. He said there are 6,000-7,000 cars per day in Scottsville, and that they are a bottleneck for people coming up from Buckingham to work at UVA. He said they have looked into rideshare and vanpool types of options. He said they have looked into having someone like JAUNT expanding the number of trips they have coming down there. He said they really sync it up to the work schedules of the hospital, since many people are working on shift work, and the JAUNT schedules do not match up to those well.

Mr. Munson said they are also very interested in seeing if they can provide some kind of daycare in the area as well so that people can come up through Buckingham, drop off their kids, jump on the vanpool, go to work, come back and pick them up, and hopefully stop for dinner somewhere, too. He said they would love to look for other options along with the Board.

Ms. McKeel suggested putting this on the parking lot list. She said in the past, JAUNT's commuter service from Buckingham was not allowed to stop and discharge passengers at the CAT Transit Station in Downtown Charlottesville, based on what the CAT director at the time was allowing. She said with the new Regional Transit Partnership, Albemarle County now has it in their contract that the CAT Transit Station and all their infrastructure has to allow any transit service that Albemarle County works with to be able to use those stops.

Ms. McKeel said in the past, this very well could have been a barrier, as there was no way to stop and let people off. She said this barrier was now gone. She said she would be very interested in having the discussion with Town Council around transit.

Ms. McKeel said she and Ms. Mallek just attended a Charlottesville Albemarle Convention and Visitors Bureau (CACVB) meeting that day, and while she hears Scottsville or the southern part of the County referenced, she was not sure what their connection was with CACVB. She said this should be something the Board could connect the Town Council with.

Mr. Munson said this would be great.

Ms. Mellusi said this was on her list. She said she is part of the Events and Tourism Committee, and one of her committee member's task was to reach out to the CACVB and take steps to improve it. She said they need to do much more and would absolutely like to be folded into that group.

Ms. McKeel said that CACVB is investing in two mobile visitor center buses and this connection needed to be made.

Ms. Mellusi said Scottsville is one of their destinations, but it happens to be on a weekday rather than the weekend. She said their museum is open on the weekend, and their busy river time is typically on a summer weekend.

Ms. McKeel said schedules can be flexible at times, too.

Ms. Mellusi mentioned once a month.

Ms. McKeel said in her 22 years in the area, because she has been around Scottsville and knows that the Town Council is in town, and she is aware they have a meals tax and a certain amount of taxing authority for their jurisdiction, she wanted to know if anyone has ever looked at how Scottsville compares with other towns their size as far as operating budget or tax burden. She said this may be helpful for the Board of Supervisors to understand capacity.

Ms. McKeel said she thinks they understand Scottsville's challenges, at least on the surface, but she has often wondered what their financial capacity is. She said one way to get at that might be if they had a comparison they could look at. She said obviously, they would have to find communities that are very much like them. She said this might be a starting point in the future for partnership negotiations around cost sharing and working together. She said it might be helpful to both Town Council and the Board.

Ms. McKeel said she was thrilled to have met with the Town Council and looked forward to meeting again soon.

Ms. Mallek said it was fun to see some of the photographs and hear some of the updated stories of such an authentic, historic town. She said she looks forward to hearing responses from other Board members and staff regarding the suggestions about integrating the documents and where the processes may and may not be the same. She said they will learn all about what is possible there.

Ms. Mallek said her direct question is about the Hyosung Plant because in 2010, when they gave a very abrupt notice and did not even let the workforce board in to meet with the staff before they scattered, there was a big scramble to try to find all the employees, without any help or transfer for new jobs, for any number of counseling opportunities that the Workforce Department was ready to provide.

Ms. Mallek said there was a lot of discussion back then about getting an Environmental Phase 1 Study done, and also thinking about ways to maintain or improve the actual rail access to the property in case that kind of modern industrial manufacturing would be able to use the rail. She said there are so few places, likely five or fewer in all of Albemarle, who actually have available acreage and the rail. She said she did not know if that solution was ever found, but it was something she would be interested in learning more about.

Ms. Mallek said she did not need answers that day, but it was something that would be nice to get feedback about later on where Scottsville is on upgrading the study information so that a potential buyer might have a head start on what is going to be involved. She recalled there were many good discussions about how the traffic would come out, and Town Council may have found solutions in the ensuing 10 years. She said there was much that may be unknown to the Board. She said this had been an interesting conversation and thanked Town Council for all they have been doing.

Mr. Gallaway said he had not known what the Scottsville annual budget looked like as far as size or what it entailed, but he did review this prior to the meeting. He asked if the town keeps a reserve on hand. He said the budget did show some funds being expended from it, though it didn't seem like a lot. He said when the Town Council was talking about the levy, he wondered if there was a reserve there for planning purposes.

Mr. Lawless replied that the town's fund reserve, in two investment accounts, are about \$500,000. He said proportionally, it is the better part of 80% of one year's budget in the bank. He said for major capital projects, however, \$500,000 goes fast.

Mr. Gallaway said he recalled this number from earlier in the meeting but hadn't connected it to a reserve. He said he presumed the federal money that came through was for COVID-related funding, as Scottsville usually does not receive federal money.

Mr. Lawless said this was correct, noting that he respected and appreciated the support from the County on CARES Act assistance. He said the town has \$100,000 of CARES funds that they are working with and using for emergency programs, including everything from small business grants to food bank assistance. He said this is critical in this declared emergency.

Mr. Lawless said as Ms. McKeel mentioned, the town's revenue base relies heavily on meals tax, which is their single largest source. He said this has taken a major hit in the current adopted budget. He said only one of the town's meals taxpayers has gone out of business so far, with regulars and tourists supporting the others. He said it is a threat to the budget, and the CARES funding that they have contracted with the County is vital towards delivering emergency aid.

Mr. Gallaway commented that he did not hear any objections to having an annual meeting set, moving forward. He said he thought it would be proper to have a conversation with the two bodies' leadership to see if the timing of October is the best time. He said 2020 is different than a normal year, especially if their thoughts are to get ahead of some budget matters, and so it may be pertinent to do it even sooner than that. He said perhaps the Mayor, Vice-Mayor, Chair, Vice-Chair, County Executive, and Mr. Lawless can meet to discuss some ways on how this could happen and follow up to the current meeting to perhaps get an annual meeting date on the books for both bodies to consider.

Mr. Gallaway said the idea or picking up of how the CACs work is a smart one. He said he would make a recommendation along the lines of how the CACs work. He said the CACs each have a chair, and one of the things he hears sometimes is information from the County of how things are going on, including details. He said for example, the CAC he is liaison to just had its meeting a few days earlier, and staff from the County came to go over the Climate Action Plan. He said separate staff came and went over the Rio-29 Small Area Plan and Form-Based Code.

Mr. Gallaway said how this works is that each individual CAC chair reaches out to those areas, then schedules them into their meeting. He said he did not mean to speak for the County Executive, but if Mr. Richardson were agreeable, he would think that areas such as the Economic Development Office, Transportation Planners, or others would be happy to come to Town Council, as they do with CACs, and make a presentation.

Mr. Gallaway said he would think it would be beyond informational to the Council and would be pertinent to whatever particular items or areas they are considering. He said they can talk about how staff can interact more and be helpful throughout the year, perhaps in a follow-up meeting, which will be good information for the Board's next meeting. He said perhaps some of this could be put in place between the Town Administrator and County Executive.

Mr. Gallaway asked if Mr. Richardson was in attendance.

Mr. Jeff Richardson, County Executive, said that what Mr. Gallaway suggested seemed logical and feasible to work with the staff to work these things in. He said they are happy to do this in any way they can.

Mr. Gallaway said in hearing some of the topics being discussed, such as when Ms. McKeel was discussing JAUNT, he thought about how Ms. McKeel is Chair of the Regional Transit Partnership and how the regional bodies run through TJPDC, as he was sure the Town Council was aware. He said he serves on the Regional Housing Partnership, and that this could also be a place where, when the Board is aware that those types of meetings are happening, they can get the word out so that the Councilors know when those partnerships are meeting.

Mr. Gallaway said the Regional Housing Partnership includes people from Nelson and areas that are facing many of the same challenges Scottsville is. He said the way this is being discussed there could be useful as well.

Mr. Gallaway suggested they send a follow-up email after the meeting with possible dates for a follow-up meeting in the coming weeks, if it was agreeable to everyone.

Ms. McKeel added that perhaps someone in the County could sign up the Town Councilors for A-mail if they are not already on the list. She said this shoots out the Board's agendas and information for everyone. She said someone from Town Council may notice a topic in those emails and request a presentation on it.

Mr. Gallaway asked Mr. Lawless if there was a collective Town Council email, they could set this up for.

Mr. Lawless replied yes.

Mr. Gallaway addressed Mr. Smith, noting that the Supervisors had gone through individually to discuss their questions and reactions. He said he would defer to Mr. Smith on what would be best for the discussion or comment portion for the Town Councilors.

Mr. Smith said the Town Council appreciated the meeting and that it meant a lot to everyone to realize that the Board is interested in what they are doing in Scottsville. He said communication is key. He asked the Councilors if they had any questions, comments, or closing statements they wanted to make.

Mr. Payne said he was in his third year of being a Town Councilor, was born and raised in Scottsville, and was educated in Albemarle County both at the high school and community college level. He said he could remember when Barracks Road was a cow path and Route 29 was a two-lane road, and so he has seen many things in the County in his lifetime.

Mr. Payne said what he wanted to say was not directed at anyone personally because it was such a positive meeting, and that he hoped everyone would take his comment as positive. He said there are some people in Southern Albemarle County and the Scottsville area that are not seeing that they are getting much bang for the buck.

Mr. Payne said he would use himself as an example. He said he pays property taxes on his vehicles and home, but he does not use the school system, as he has no grandchildren there. He said they have their own police department, and he does not use the County's water and sewer. He said he does use many of the offices and agencies in Albemarle County that the County provides that the Town of Scottsville cannot staff nor afford, and so he does appreciate that. He said he almost feels like asking for an a la carte tax.

Mr. Payne said there are many people in the area who feel as if over the years Southern Albemarle has been left out. He said he is an advocate for those people and hopes that meetings like this will move them forward. He said there was a statement made last year by one of the higher-ranking Albemarle County employees that the Rural Areas should not expect the same level of services as the more urbanized areas of the County. He said he took great exception to that because their tax rate is the same. He said if the services are being provided, they'll pay for what they get, but this is not the way the County Government works, though it should work.

Mr. Payne said Scottsville needs more attention. He said he reads in the paper that Claudius Crozet Park is going to expand their pool, but that Scottsville doesn't have a swimming pool. He said Scottsville appreciates their parks and recreation, but recently, when he was in town and saw kids playing soccer, he imagined them using a swimming pool. He said they would like to have some level of services that equate to the rest of the County. He said he understands why Crozet needs those services and wanted to let the Board know that Scottsville would like those, too.

Mr. Gallaway said he would like to respond. He told Mr. Payne he appreciated his comments. He said it would be fair to say, at least representing his urban district, that Mr. Payne's sentiment and questions are good and are ones that are shared by people around the County. He said it is contingent upon the Board of Supervisors to make sure they are communicating what the return on the tax investment is, regardless of the level of services or where they are coming. He said this part of it has to be clear.

Mr. Gallaway said he was thrilled that the Town Council picked up on the structure of the CAC Committee and connection for partnership because many of those citizen members serving on those committees are starting to understand the ins and outs of government and how it impacts the very localized areas. He said those citizens are starting to have a better understanding for their own informational purposes as well as how to sway, impact, and talk with those making decisions on budget-related items.

Mr. Gallaway said Mr. Payne mentioned that he hoped his comments are received in a positive light. He said to him, it certainly felt positive as to why he would be asking that question, as he thinks it is a fair question that every citizen in the County should ask. He said the County should do their part in working on their budget to explain why they are expending the resources the way that they are.

Ms. Price pointed out that at the present time, there are \$14 million worth of County-funded programs and projects that are being developed in the Scottsville District, and \$20 million in the other five districts combined. She said what is currently funded by the County in the Scottsville District is twice that of the closest other district, and the total for the other districts is about \$4-5 million. She said at present time, they can clearly say that Albemarle County is funding down in the Scottsville District. She said there have been other projects in the past as well, but that just in the last week or two, they received a report showing what they are actually funding in the district currently.

Mr. Payne said that the Scottsville District goes from the Charlottesville City limits down to the James River.

Ms. Price agreed this was true.

Mr. Payne said he would like to see how much of it ends up in Southern Albemarle County.

Ms. Price said there was \$11.8 million currently for the Scottsville Elementary School.

Mr. Payne agreed and said he understood that.

Mr. Bullock said he wanted to thank everyone for their conscientiousness and thoughtfulness in their responses to what the Town Council said. He said he felt that they shared something with the Board and that the Board heard them. He said he looked forward to getting committees and shared documents addressed, particularly comments about the river and greenspace, which is a real asset that they can hopefully get some collective movement on.

Ms. Mellusi said she wanted to thank Ms. McKeel for her recommendation of looking at past towns. She said they have done some of that work and will continue to do that, knowing that it is a critical piece of information to make informed decisions and is helpful.

Ms. Mellusi told Mr. Gallaway she appreciated him picking up on the CAC structure. She said one question for Mr. Gallaway and staff was that in addition to the follow-up meeting where they will schedule the annual meeting, who the appropriate conduit is or what the appropriate process is for the Town Council to start reaching out to staff within the County to get the reports and updates. She said if there is a topic or questions that come up, she wants to make sure they do this in an appropriate way.

Mr. Gallaway said he would defer to Mr. Richardson.

Mr. Richardson said he would follow up with staff in his office the following day. He said someone will reach out to Mr. Lawless to be able to give him some direction so that it is not fragmented in any way, and Mr. Lawless can get what he needs. He said he would imagine that Ms. Emily Kilroy, Director of Communications and Public Engagement, will want to follow up with Mr. Lawless on some of the things discussed that evening. He said from there, they can work with Mr. Lawless and someone from the County Executive's Office.

Mr. Smith thanked the Board for their time.

Mr. Gallaway thanked the Town Council for their time, acknowledging that the meeting had been a long time coming and happened later than what they had expected. He said he appreciated the fact that they were able to have the meeting.

At 6:35 p.m. the Scottsville Town Council adjourned their meeting.

Agenda Item No. 6. Closed Meeting.

At 6:35 p.m., Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley moved that the Board go into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A) of the Code of Virginia:

- Under Subsection (1), to discuss and consider the future assignment and performance of the Clerk of the Board

The motion was seconded by Ms. Mallek. Roll was called and the motion carried by the following recorded vote:

AYES: Mr. Gallaway, Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley, Ms. Mallek, Ms. McKeel, Ms. Palmer, and Ms. Price  
NAYS: None

Agenda Item No. 7. Certify Closed Meeting.

At 7:19 p.m., Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley moved that the Board of Supervisors certify by a recorded vote that, to the best of each supervisor's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion authorizing the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed meeting.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Palmer. Roll was called and the motion carried by the following recorded vote:

AYES: Mr. Gallaway, Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley, Ms. Mallek, Ms. McKeel, Ms. Palmer, and Ms. Price  
NAYS: None

Agenda Item No. 8. Adjourn.

At 7:21 p.m., Mr. Gallaway adjourned the meeting to a joint meeting with the City of Charlottesville and UVA on October 28, 2020, 2:00 p.m., an electronic meeting pursuant to Ordinance 20-A(14), "An Ordinance to Ensure the Continuity of Government During the COVID-19 Disaster."

Approved by Board
Date 07/20/2022
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