



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

File #: 20-406, **Version:** 1

AGENDA DATE: 9/2/2020

TITLE:

Schedule a public hearing to consider Appalachian Power's request for easements

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Request the Board of Supervisors schedule a public hearing to consider Appalachian Power's request for easements across County owned property

ITEM TYPE: Consent Action Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Henry, Kamptner, Herrick, Stewart, Freitas

PRESENTER (S): Michael Freitas

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson

BACKGROUND: Appalachian Power has requested easements (Attachments A and B) on County-owned property, parcels 128A2-00-00-01800 and 128A2-00-00-02200, commonly referred to as the Yancey School Community Center. Appalachian Power is planning to upgrade the local power grid by rebuilding approximately six (6) miles of transmission line and upgrading one of its substations located in Albemarle County. Appalachian Power is seeking to supplement existing easements to meet updated standards for the safe construction, operation, and maintenance of the new transmission line. The supplemental easements would update the existing "blanket" easements by defining a specific right-of way width (Attachment C). Appalachian Power is offering a payment of \$1,500.00 for each of the two easements.

Virginia Code § 15.2-1800 (B) requires a public hearing for this proposed disposal of County Property.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Mission: To enhance the well-being and quality of life for all citizens through the provision of the highest level of public service consistent with the prudent use of public funds.

DISCUSSION: These two parcels, totaling 11.57 acres, are the site of the Yancey School Community Center and associated waste-water treatment facility. The proposed easements follow the general course of an existing overhead transmission line and would not further impact the use of the property. The \$3,000.00 (total) payment by Appalachian Power is deemed fair and reasonable

BUDGET IMPACT: Approving the easements would result in \$3,000.00 in total revenue.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board schedule a public hearing to receive comments from the public regarding Appalachian Power's request for easements on County owned properties (TMPs 128A-00-00-01800 and 128A2-00-00-02200)

ATTACHMENTS:

A - Appalachian Power's Request for Easement TMP 128A2-00-00-01800

B - Appalachian Power's Request for Easement TMP 128A2-00-00-02200

C - Aerial Map Detailing Proposed Easements and Current and Replacement Transmission Lines