

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
WORK SESSION

March 18, 2025

VIRGINIA: The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors' ("Board") Work Session was held on March 18, 2025, in the Board Meeting Room, 39 Bank Street, SE, Chatham, Virginia 24531.

CALL TO ORDER (4:30 PM)

Tucker called the Meeting to Order at 4:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were present:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve Agenda.

RESULT:	7-0 (Approved)
MOVER:	Ingram
SECONDER:	Dalton
AYES:	Tucker, Hite, Bowman, Dalton, Dudley, Ingram, Whittle
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
NOT PRESENT:	None

PRESENTATIONS

a. PJM Power Grid Presentation

Chuck Angier's presentation on the PJM power grid highlighted significant challenges in integrating renewable energy sources, particularly solar, into the electrical grid. He explained that PJM, the largest regional transmission organization in the United States, is struggling to adopt green energy due to several key factors. The organization currently generates over 90% of its power from traditional sources like natural gas (43.7%), nuclear (32.3%), and coal (14.5%), with solar contributing only 1.91% despite a 369% increase in recent years. Angier emphasized the unpredictability of solar energy, pointing out its low-capacity factor of 23.4% compared to nuclear's 92%, and the massive infrastructure challenges in connecting new renewable projects. He noted that PJM currently has 1,348 solar interconnection requests, with interconnection costs for solar projects skyrocketing to \$253 per kilowatt, compared to just \$24 for natural gas. The

presentation also critiqued government mandates, suggesting that renewable energy might be a temporary transition technology, with more promising alternatives like nuclear potentially emerging in the 2030s. Angier ultimately argued that the current renewable energy push is challenging, expensive, and potentially unsustainable given the grid's reliability requirements.

b. Haven of the Dan River Presentation

Sharon Hendricks, Executive Director, presented an overview of the Haven of the Dan River, a domestic and sexual abuse shelter serving Danville, Pittsylvania County, Chatham, and Gretna. The shelter currently has limited capacity, with only four bedrooms that can accommodate up to 10 people, including children. In the last six months, they've handled 486 hotline calls and sheltered 91 clients, with 30% coming from Pittsylvania County. The organization provides comprehensive services beyond shelter, including peer group sessions, life skills counseling, court accompaniment, housing assistance, and transitional support. They help clients with everything from Medicaid applications to job readiness and financial literacy. Notably, they've faced challenges with male victims, as they have no dedicated space for them, and they're dealing with a significant funding cut of \$80,000 from expiring COVID funds. Hendricks highlighted the diverse range of their clients, from a three-month-old to a 68-year-old, and noted an increase in cases related to human trafficking, particularly since the casino's arrival. She emphasized their commitment to treating the "whole person" and not just providing temporary shelter, and requested potential funding support from the county to continue their critical services.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to enter Closed Session.

The Board entered Closed Session at 5:16 PM.

RESULT:	7-0 (Approved)
MOVER:	Dalton
SECONDER:	Ingram
AYES:	Tucker, Hite, Bowman, Dalton, Dudley, Ingram, Whittle
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
NOT PRESENT:	None

a. Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

(1)	Legal Authority:	Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(5)
	Subject Matter:	Unannounced Prospective Businesses/Industries
	Purpose:	General Economic Development Projects Update

b. Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

(2) **Legal Authority:** **Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(8)**
 Subject Matter: **Solid Waste Contract & Rates/William’s Transco Pipeline**
 Purpose: **Legal Counsel Contract Consultation**

c. Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.

(3) **Legal Authority:** **Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(7)**
 Subject Matter: **Opioid Litigation Update**
 Purpose: **Legal Counsel Consultation**

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION & CLOSED SESSION CERTIFICATION

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:46 PM and the following Certification was recorded:

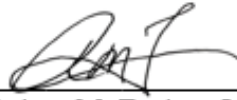
PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’
CLOSED MEETING CERTIFICATION

BE IT RESOLVED that at the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors’ (“Board”) Work Session on March 18, 2025, the Board hereby certifies by a recorded vote that to the best of each Board Member’s knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from the Open Meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (“Act”) and identified in the Motion authorizing the Closed Meeting were heard, discussed, or considered in the Closed Meeting. If any Board Member believes that there was a departure from the requirements of the Act, he shall so state prior to the vote indicating the substance of the departure. The Statement shall be recorded in the Board's Minutes.

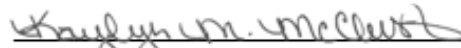
	<u>Vote</u>
Kenneth L. Bowman	Yes
Darrell W. Dalton	Yes
Timothy W. Dudley	Yes
William V. (“Vic”) Ingram	Yes
Murray W. Whittle	Yes
Eddie L. Hite, Jr.	Yes
Robert M. Tucker, Jr.	Yes

ADJOURNMENT

Tucker adjourned the Meeting at 6:47 PM.



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



Kaylyn M. McCluster, Clerk
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors