



SOUTH HILL TOWN COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2025, 4:00 P.M.

A special meeting of the South Hill Town Council was held on Friday, January 3, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the temporary Council Chambers of the South Hill Town Hall located at 111 E. Danville Street, South Hill, Virginia 23970. The meeting was held to discuss the following matters: consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual litigation.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable Mayor Mike Moody called the special meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Moody called upon Interim Clerk Kristine Martin to call the roll, which was as follows:

A. Council Members

Lillie Feggins-Boone
Gavin Honeycutt
Michael Smith

Jenifer Freeman-Hite
Delores Luster

Ashley Hardee
Carl L. Sasser, Jr.

3. CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 A(7)

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 A(7) Legal, and on **motion of Councilor Honeycutt and second of Councilor Luster**, the South Hill Town Council entered into Closed Session to discuss the following matters: consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual litigation. The motion carried unanimously. The Mayor announced publicly in the meeting that the South Hill Town Council was now in Closed Session.

In addition to the Mayor and Town Council members, Town Manager Keli Reekes was present during Closed Session, and attorney Missy York, legal counsel assigned by Virginia Shared Risk Association, was present via conference call during the Closed Session.

4. OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Councilor Hardee, second by Councilor Luster, that the Closed Session be adjourned and that the South Hill Town Council reconvene its meeting in **Open Session**. The motion carried unanimously. The South Hill Town Council reconvened in Open Session.

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Councilor Honeycutt, second by Councilor Luster, that the minutes of this meeting reflect that no formal action was taken in the Closed Session and further moved that a

Resolution Certifying the Closed Session be adopted and reflected in the minutes of this meeting as follows:

WHEREAS, the South Hill Town Council convened in Closed Session on this date by an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Hill Town Council does hereby certify that to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act were discussed in the Closed Session to which this certification applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motions by which the said Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered by the South Hill Town Council. The motion passed via **roll call vote** as follows:

Councilor Feggins-Boone-Aye	Councilor Freeman-Hite-Aye
Councilor Hardee-Aye	Councilor Honeycutt-Aye
Councilor Luster-Aye	Councilor Sasser-Aye
Councilor Smith-Aye	

A motion was made by Councilor Honeycutt, second by Councilor Feggins-Boone, to appropriate \$65,000 from the FY25 undesignated general fund balance in settlement funds regarding the Hawkins vs. Town of South Hill case. The motion carried unanimously.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business matters before the South Hill Town Council, Mayor Moody adjourned the special meeting at 4:35 p.m.

VALIDATION

Minutes approved this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Kristine Martin, Interim Clerk of Council

W.M. Moody, Mayor