TOWN OF HURT 2026
MEETING MINUTES

2ND JOINT COUNTY PUBLIC MEETING

Date: July 01, 2026	Location: TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 533 POCKET RD. HURT, VA
Time: 6 pm	Adjournment: 6:35 pm
Meeting called to order by:	MAYOR GARY HODNETT

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE ESTABLISHING A QUORUM

Vice Mayor Bob Majure
Alice Bond
Gary Poindexter
Jimmy Harding
Steve Worley

Council Members Absent:

Paul Johnson

TOWN STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Shannon Race, clerk
John Eller, attorney
Bob Williamson, Water Plant Operator

COUNTY SPEAKERS

Rachel del Campo Gatewood, Pittsylvania County
Hollie Adams, Pittsylvania County

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hodnett called meeting to order at 6:05 pm and presided.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilman Worley leads the invocation.

Welcome/ Opening Remarks - Mayor

PRESENTATION:

Pittsylvania County CDBG Public Comments Meeting – Water Treatment Plant

Slides presented

Project Overview & Need

Presenters: Rachel del Campo, Hollie Adams

Key points:

- Purpose of hearing: Second and final public hearing for Virginia CDBG Economic Development Project Grant supporting the Town of Hurt Water Treatment Plant Project.
- **Project scope:**
  - New 2,500 sq. ft. water treatment facility
  - Located at site of existing non-operational plant at SBMP
  - Initial capacity: 0.5 MGD; expandable; intended as long-term solution for town water.
- **Service area:**
  - Will serve all existing town customers
  - Approximately 77 households outside town could be served
  - Will serve industrial users, including ABIO at SBMP.
- **Ownership structure:**
  - Town of Hurt: majority owner
  - Pittsylvania County: ~10% owner (for long-term protection; residents overlap).
- **Eligibility / LMI justification:**
  - ABIO has agreed to make hiring accessible to local residents, requiring only high school diploma; additional training to be provided by ABIO.
  - Target: At least 51% of jobs for low- to moderate-income (LMI) individuals.
  - Approx. 58% of individuals served by the plant are LMI, based on census area.

Funding Plan

- EDA grant: Approx. $8.2 million – applied, pending (decision overdue; originally told ~3 months, now close to a year).
- SCRC grant: $500,000 – awarded.
- CDBG request (this grant): $1.5 million.
- County commitment: Pittsylvania County has committed to providing remaining funds needed for the project.
- Total project supported by combination of federal, state, and local funding.

Site & Environmental

- Displacement: None anticipated; project is on existing municipal infrastructure site.
- Property: Town already owns the site; transfer completed January 2026.
- Easements: No new easements anticipated.
- Environmental reviews:
  - Already completed for:
    - Initial project development,
    - SCRC grant,
    - EDA grant.
  - Includes:

        - US Fish & Wildlife review,
        - Department of Historic Resources (DHR) certification,
        - Confirmation of no wetlands.
    - Those materials are being reused in this CDBG application; expectation is faster review.

Public Participation & Process

- Written comments:
    - Public invited to submit written comments; town or county will respond within 15 days.
- Accessibility:
    - Special accommodations available; right to review the grant before submission.
- Timeline:
    - This is the last public hearing for the application.
    - Application submission deadline: By 11:59 p.m. tonight (July 1, 2026).
    - After submission: moves through DHCD/HUD review.
    - Estimated DHCD decision: Presenters "like to think" ~6 months, but note EDA delays.
    - Estimated construction duration: About 28 months after all funding is secured.

Council Questions / Discussion

- Processing time question by Councilman Poindexter.
    - Response from consultants: hopeful for ~6 months, but no guarantees; environmental work already done should help expedite.
- Likelihood of award:
    - Presenters believe it is a strong grant with clear need and historic economic development (ABIO) backing it.
    - Note that if not funded, it would likely be due to competition, not project merit.
- Acknowledgements:
    - Thanks exchanged between council, consultants, and Pittsylvania County for partnership.

Resolution – CDBG Application Authorization

Resolution Read into the Record

- Reader: Vice Mayor Bob Majure.
- Subject:
  "Resolution supporting the application to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Project Grant – Town of Hurt Water Treatment Plant Project."

Key provisions:

- Intent: Town of Hurt will apply to DHCD for Virginia CDBG Economic Development Project Grant for the Town of Hurt Water Treatment Plant Project.
- Requested CDBG amount: $1.5 million.
- Project purpose: Assist with construction of new water treatment plant to improve public water infrastructure and support economic development.
- Matching funds: Town will provide the state, federal, and local funding mix as laid out in the grant application.
- Citizen participation: Town has conducted required public hearings per Virginia CDBG program rules.
- National objective: Project will benefit LMI persons through job creation.
    - Job creation: Expected >1,500 permanent jobs.
    - At least 51% of jobs to be made available to or held by LMI persons.
- Authorization:
    - Town Council authorizes submission of the CDBG application.
    - Mayor of Town of Hurt (chief administrative official for this application) is authorized to:
        - Complete, sign, and submit the CDBG application, and
        - Execute all related documents, certifications, agreements, amendments, and administrative paperwork if awarded.

Motion and Vote

- Motion: To adopt the resolution as presented.
    - Made by: Councilman Gary Poindexter.
    - Seconded by: Vice Mayor Bob Majure.
- Roll-call vote recorded by Shannon Race:
    - Steve Worley: Yes
    - Jimmy Harding: Yes
    - Alice Bond: Yes
    - Bob Majure: Yes
    - Gary Poindexter: Yes
- Result: Resolution ADOPTED unanimously.

Follow-up / Documentation

- Next steps:
    - Certified copy of resolution needed tonight for submission packet.
    - Gary (Mayor) to sign multiple documents this evening.
    - Shannon Race to provide certification and town seal; town has a notary and official stamp.
    - Consultants will take signed documents with them after meeting.

Mobile Restaurant / Zoning Ordinance – Advertising Correction

Background

Prior council action:

- Council previously adopted a town code amendment adding a mobile restaurant provision.
- Later determined:
    - It is actually a zoning ordinance amendment, which requires two newspaper advertisements.

        - Prior action only authorized one advertisement for the July 21, 2026, public hearing.
    - Town Attorney/Administrator (John Eller) explains need to correct the advertisement plan to comply with zoning ordinance requirements.

New Motion

- Motion (restated formally by Poindexter):
    - "Move that we authorize a second advertisement for the public hearing on the mobile restaurant ordinance to be in the Altavista Journal on July 15, 2026."
- Second: Vice Mayor Majure.

Vote

Roll-call by Shannon Race:

- Jimmy Harding: Yes
- Steve Worley: Yes
- Alice Bond: Yes
- Bob Majure: Yes
- Gary Poindexter: Yes

Result: Motion ADOPTED – second advertisement authorized for July 15, 2026, in the Altavista Journal.

Effect:

- Public hearing on mobile restaurant zoning amendment will proceed July 21, 2026, with two required ads (July 8 and July 15).

Other Updates & Discussions

Darden / UVA – Tandler Fellows Partnership

- **Reported by: Vice Mayor Majure.**
- Update:
    - Meeting scheduled tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. with Nancy Jones, a UVA Darden MBA / Master of Public Policy candidate.
    - Purpose: Discuss potential project support for the Town of Hurt.
    - Areas of interest:
        - Possible help with Comprehensive Plan.
        - Strong interest in plaza redevelopment, especially strategies to bring in private funding for the plaza.
- Vice Mayor will provide an update to council after the meeting.

Master List of Rates and Fees

Lead: Councilman Poindexter.

- Discussion:
    - Poindexter asks Mayor and Clerk if any further additions are needed on the master list of rates and fees, so a final draft can be ready for next Tuesday.
    - Response: Joe is the best person to answer; no additional items immediately identified from those present.
    - Clarification: Need to ensure inclusion of:
        - Mobile Food Truck fee: Council confirms it was previously set at $25.

Time Capsule / "Restore" Project Content

- **Lead: Councilman Jimmy Harding.**
- Request:
    - Harding asks members to provide items or information related to "Restore" and town history for inclusion before Saturday deadline.
    - He is willing to pick up materials and arrange them on a display table.
- Ideas discussed:
    - Photographs:
        - Hurt Elementary School,
        - Town Hall,
        - The plaza (current condition),
        - Historical marker at the Post Office,
        - Mr. Hurt memorial, bridge area, and old mill building associated with Hurt properties.
    - Preservation:
        - Suggestion that paper photos should be laminated to protect against humidity.
        - Use Walmart same-day photo printing for quick turnaround.
        - Staunton River Memorial Library can laminate photos.
    - General concern that the project is not drawing much public interest, but council notes they can still promote it and contribute items.

Budget Status & Fiscal Concerns

Presented by: Mayor Hodnett

- Key points:
    - Although the budget has been passed, the actuals show significant deficits:
        - Current year (this fiscal year):
            - Town had "a lot more expenditures than incoming cash."
            - Total shortfall (combined funds): $157,564 under-budgeted.
        - Last year (prior fiscal year):
            - Combined shortfall: about $68,000.
    - Verification:
        - Mayor had Evelyn (described as a "numbers person") review and "pick apart" the numbers; she confirmed the figures are correct.

    - **Concern:**
        - "History is proven, we're going to probably have a problem with next year's [budget]. The point is, we've got to do something different."

Data Access

- Request by: Vice Mayor Majure
    - Asked to see the budget numbers; requested they be emailed.

- **Response:**
    - Mayor agrees to provide the numbers; indicates Vice Mayor can come to Town Hall and he will "run your budget" and that he can email the totals as well

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Hodnett adjourned this meeting at 6:35 pm.