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Regular Meeting, Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 7:00 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Jeffre

Jeffrey Slaven, Chairman Pam Carter, Vice-Chair

Michael Shull Butch Wells Gerald Garber Carolyn Bragg Scott Seaton

Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development

Julia Hensley, Planner II

James Benkahla, County Attorney Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

VIRGINIA:

At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 248th year of the Commonwealth....

Chairman Slaven welcomed those present at the meeting.

Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator, led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Michael Shull, Riverheads District, delivered the invocation.

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VDOT 6-YEAR PLAN

This being the day and time advertised to consider and receive public input in regard to the proposed Secondary System and receive input on the Secondary Road Construction Improvement budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

Don Komara, Resident Engineer for VDOT, introduced his staff that were present: Cody Huffman, Kay Vance and Josh Robson. He presented the secondary six-year plan for the County. A secondary road is a route six hundred or above. Route 11, Route 340 or Route 256 are all considered primary roads. The Secondary System primarily looks at improving gravel roadways. To qualify as a secondary gravel roadway, it has to have a green road sign with numbers over six hundred and the roads have to have fifty or more vehicles per day. Mr. Komara reviewed the routes included in the plan.

Dr. Seaton would like to move Patrick Mill Road up in the plan to have it completed sooner. He stated he is willing to use infrastructure funding from the Wayne District infrastructure account to help make Jhis happen.

VDQT 6-YEAR PLAN (CONT'D)

The Chairman opened the public hearing.

Stan Carter, 27 Jefferson Street, Verona, voiced concerns with Berry Lane being rural rustic.

Kim Arehart, 47 Seldom Seen Road, Staunton, advocated and respectfully asked the Board of Supervisors to move Sangers Lane up in the project. She asked that the neighbors present stand in favor of her request.

Rick Hayes, 1340 Sangers Road, Staunton, voiced concerns regarding Sangers Lane and would like to have it moved up on the list

Steven Wolf, 224 Berry Lane, Staunton, enjoys living on a country road and has concerns with the road being paved and the speed increasing.

Donna Petry, 169 Berry Lane, is in support of the work being done on Berry Lane.

Charles Burton would like to know the proposed plan for Berry Lane.

Mr. Komara explained the process.

Charles Moore lives on Berry Lane and supports having it paved to reduce dust.

Mary Beth Barbagallo submitted an e-comment stating that she requests VDOT to add Route 603 Cales Springs Road between Rt. 252 and Rt. 677 to the list.

There being no other speakers, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Dr. Seaton, that the Board adopt the 6-year plan as presented.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

And Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-CHAPTER 25, SECTION 25-54.1

This being the day and time advertised to consider an ordinance to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division A. Article I. General Provisions. Section 25-54.1. Uses accessory to single-family residences. Planning Commission recommends denial.

Julia Hensley, Planner II, stated this amendment would permit the keeping of companion pigs in single family residences. It would also add regulations including the type of companion pig that is permitted, the number of companion pigs that can be kept and the requirement for a licensed veterinarian certification to verify the pig's breed. The amendment includes language that ensures the restrictions would not be applicable in general agriculture districts.

The Chairman opened the public hearing.

There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-CHAPTER 25, SECTION 25-54.1 (CONT'D)

Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Dr. Seaton that the Board approve the ordinance amendment as presented.

Ms. Bragg has concerns with this being allowed in residential areas and is not supportive of the amendment.

Mr. Wells stated that dogs are very similar in behavior.

Dr. Seaton stated that this should be a property owner right.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Wells and Seaton

Nays: Slaven, Garber, Shull, Bragg and Carter

Motion failed.

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ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-CHAPTER 25, SECTION 25-4

This being the day and time advertised to consider an ordinance to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division A. In General. Article I. General Provisions. Section 25-4. Definitions. Companion pigs. The Planning Commission recommends denial.

Ms. Hensley stated that this amendment would add the definition of companion pigs as breeds of swine known as miniature pot bellied pigs, Vietnamese pot bellied pigs, Juliana pigs or veterinarian certified similar breeds.

Dr. Seaton questioned if there was a purpose in having this public hearing due to the previous action in the previous item.

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg that the Board approve cancelling the public hearing.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

And Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-CHAPTER 25, SECTION 25-382

Consider an ordinance to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division F. Industrial Districts. Article XXXVIII. General Industrial (GI) Districts. Section 25-382. Permitted uses. Planning Commission recommends approval.

Julia Hensley, Planner II, stated this amendment would add recycling plants without the use or storage of hazardous substances as a principal land use to the list of permitted uses in general industrial districts.

The Chairman opened the public hearing.

There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-CHAPTER 25, SECTION 25-382 (CONT'D)

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg that the Board approve the ordinance amendment as presented.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

And Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-CHAPTER 25, SECTION 25-384

Consider an ordinance to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division F. Industrial Districts. Article XXXVIII. General Industrial (GI) Districts. Section 25-384. Uses permitted by Special Use Permit. Planning Commission recommends approval.

Julia Hensley, Planner II, stated that this amendment would add recycling of explosive or hazardous substances to item c of uses allowed in general industrial districts with the issuance of a special use permit.

The Chairman opened the public hearing.

There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull that the Board approve the ordinance amendment as presented.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, and Bragg

Nays: Seaton

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-ARTICLE VII OF CHAPTER 22

Consider ordinance amendments to Augusta County Code Article VII of Chapter 22, Transient Occupancy Tax.

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, stated that this ordinance details the charge in collection of lodging tax on stays thirty days or less. Proposed changes to the ordinance are due to the state code undergoing some significant changes regarding localities and how they are to go about their transient occupancy tax administration and collection, primarily in response to the recent rise in use of accommodations. There was a question regarding the powers of the Commissioner of Revenue as it related to section 22-69 of the County code. State code 15.2-1636 is related to the Commissioner of the Revenue. It lays out that every county and city shall elect a Commissioner and they would have a four-year term. It also notes that the Commissioner of the Revenue shall exercise all the powers conferred and perform all the duties imposed upon such officer by general law. He may perform such other duties not inconsistent with his office as the governing body may request. In clarification of this section 22-69, it allows the Commissioner of the Revenue to enforce the duties as the governing body may request. The advertisement had a section that noted under 22-69, the carrying out and enforcing the payments collection and remittance of the tax here in levied, would not change.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-ARTICLE VII OF CHAPTER 22 (CONT'D)

Dr. Seaton stated that the Commissioner of the Revenue has the power to carry out his duties, however he does not have the power to adopt rules and regulations. He recommended changing the wording from rules and regulations to policies and procedures.

The Chairman opened the public hearing.

George Price, Commissioner of the Revenue, stated that in his office there is a manual of policies and procedures and is not opposed to changing the wording in the ordinance.

There being no other speakers, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Carter that the Board approve the ordinance amendment with changes to 22-69 to take out not inconsistent and make it consistent, and instead of rules and regulations make it policies and procedures.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

And Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

<u>CIGARETTE TAX ORDINANCE</u>

Consider an ordinance imposed by the County to excise tax on the sale of cigarettes equivalent to \$.30 on each package containing twenty-five or fewer cigarettes.

Ms. Whetzel stated that several years ago the County approved an ordinance to impose a cigarette tax. Currently, the rate is \$.15 per package and the proposed ordinance change would be to change the rate to \$.30 per package.

The Chairman opened the public hearing.

There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Dr. Seaton asked how much revenue was brought in with this tax.

Ms. Whetzel stated that it was approximately \$400,000.00.

Ms. Carter has heard from numerous citizens regarding this matter. She does not support this increase at this time.

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg that the Board approve the ordinance amendment as presented.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Slaven, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg and Seaton

Navs: Carter

Motion carried.

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ANIMAL SHELTER CONTRACT

Consider awarding renovation of the former Verona Elementary School into the new Staunton Augusta Waynesboro Animal Shelter to Harman Construction not to exceed \$5,500,000.00 and allocation of Augusta County's portion not to exceed \$3,735,304.00.

Candy Hensley, Assistant County Administrator, stated that renovation is a joint venture between the County, City of Staunton and the City of Waynesboro. Each will share in the cost of the renovation according to a four-year average of intake animals. Percentage for the County is 59.21, City of Staunton is 22.75 and City of Waynesboro is 18.04. The County is the fiscal agent and will be managing the project. Ms. Hensley reviewed the details of the project and what it will include. Bids were received in January and the low bid was with Harman Construction in the amount of \$6,809,271.50. This amount exceeded funds available from all the localities, so value engineering exercises were conducted resulting in a deduct of approximately \$1.3 million. Ms. Hensley reviewed the deductions of the project to meet the need. The cost to renovate includes other items than just the Harman Construction work. An additional \$808,569.00 has been added to this project, which includes a 10% contingency. The contract is close to being finalized with Harman Construction. Once complete, the project is not to exceed the cost of \$5.5 million. It is requested to authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract once it is final. It is also requested that the Board approve allocating the funding for the project on the County's portion only which is not to exceed \$3,735,304.00.

Tracy Pyles, 2665 Churchville Avenue, Churchville, is concerned that the actual cost of this project is substantially more than being discussed. The cost of the property is not being included and the County is giving away the property. The County needs to be smarter with the citizen's money.

Danny Link, 270 Leaport Road, Mt. Sidney, is in support of the project.

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg that the Board approve awarding contract to Harman Construction not to exceed \$5,500,000.00 and to authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract upon County Attorney approval.

Mr. Shull is concerned that the bid came in over budget and was not sent out for bids again. With the amount of deductions that took place to get the cost where it needed to be, there should have been another bidding opportunity. He is in support of the project, but he is not in support of how the bidding process was handled.

Dr. Seaton shares some of the same concerns. He questioned if the option of building new had been discussed.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that there was discussion regarding building a new facility. The Verona Elementary School was vacant, had been on the market for a lengthy amount of time with only one contract. The Animal Shelter Board discussed the options and determined that the vacant school would be a good location for the Animal Shelter.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Garber, Wells, Bragg

And Seaton

Nays: Shull

ANIMAL SHELTER CONTRACT (CONT'D)

Ms. Carter asked for clarification of where the funding would come from for this project.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that majority of the funding is coming from ARPA funding and the remainder will come from the County's capital budget.

Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board approve the allocation of Augusta County's portion not to exceed \$3,735,304.00.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Garber, Wells, Bragg

And Seaton

Nays: Shull

Motion carried.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Rhonda Howdyshell, 6287 Middlebrook Road, thanked the Board for adopting the Tick Awareness Proclamation and declaring May as Lyme disease awareness month in Augusta County.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF_

The following was discussed:

1) Mr. Fitzgerald stated that with the request from Augusta Water to increase the pay of their Board members, it is recommended that the Board consider increasing the pay rate for the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission would increase from \$75.00 to \$100.00 and the Board of Zoning Appeals would increase from \$100.00 to \$150.00.

Dr. Seaton suggests leaving the pay rate as is.

The Board agrees to leave the pay rate the same.

2) Mr. Fitzgerald stated that when Waynesboro was the fiscal agent for the animal shelter they had the animal shelter building insured by a different company than the County typically uses to insure the buildings. County buildings are insured by VaCorp and since the County is now the fiscal agent for the animal shelter the insurance will need to be switched to VaCorp. VaCorp has asked that the Board consider a resolution giving the right to switch it over.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board approve the resolution to adopt the Member Agreement to join the Virginia Association of Counties Group Self Insurance Risk Pool.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF (CONT'D)

3) Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development, stated that this is for a second entrance in the Woodrow Wilson Complex Long Term Access Improvements Project. The resolution shows the Board's support for the MPO's application for Smart Scale funding.

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Mr. Garber, that the Board approve the resolution in support of the Woodrow Wilson Complex Long-Term Access Improvements Project.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

4) Mr. Wolfe stated that this is for the three lane bridge at Route 256 in Weyers Cave at exit 235. The resolution shows the Board's support for the County's application for Smart Scale funding of the Route 256/1-81 Interchange Three Lane Bridge Improvement Project.

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board approve the resolution in support of the Route 256/1-81 Interchange Three Lane Bridge Improvement Project.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

- 5) Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board re-appoint the following to serve a term on the Blue Ridge Criminal Justice Board. Effective July 1, 2024 and to expire June 30, 2026:
 - Chris Kincheloe
 - Caleb Kramer
 - Donald Smith
 - Linda Jones
 - Eric Young

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

6) Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Mr. Wells, that the Board re-appoint Pam Carter to serve a term on the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission Executive Committee. Effective July 1,2024 and to expire June 30, 2027.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF (CONT'D)

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board re-appoint Michael Shull to serve a term on the Augusta Water Board. Effective July 1, 2024 and to expire June 30, 2028.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board re-appoint Carolyn Bragg to serve a term on the Planning Commission. Effective July 1, 2024 and to expire June 30, 2028.

Ms. Bragg commented that she anticipates her position on the Planning Commission to be temporary. She has talked to numerous people with no success in finding someone to fill the spot. Ms. Bragg's request of the Board is to appoint her to the Planning Commission until she can find someone to fill spot.

Dr. Seaton stated that Ms. Bragg did not follow the bylaws of the Planning Commission when remaining the Chair of the Planning Commission after being elected to the Board of Supervisors. The bylaws were eventually changed. Instead of following the rules, the rules were changed. He would like to see the appointment be made for six months instead of the four years.

Ms. Bragg reiterated that the actions of the Planning Commission are not controlled or regulated by the Board of Supervisors.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, and Wells

Nays: Seaton Abstain: Bragg

Motion carried.

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Mr. Garber, that the Board re-appoint Sally Williams to serve a term on the Parks & Recreation Commission. Effective July 1,2024 and to expire June 30, 2028.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board re-appoint William Cole Heizer to serve a term on the Ag Industry Board. Effective July 1, 2024 and to expire June 30, 2028.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD (CONT'D)

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Shull voiced a concern with VDOT getting the roads mowed.

Mr. Garber congratulated Mr. Wolfe on his 25 years of service with the County.

Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board re-appoint Harvey Almarode to serve a term on the Augusta Water Board. Effective July 1,2024 and to expire June 30, 2028.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Dr. Seaton reviewed the tour of a proposed solar farm that the Board participated in on Monday. He appreciates the opportunity this provided.

Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board approve an additional holiday for County employees on July 5, 2024.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board re-appoint the following to serve a term effective July 1,2024 and to expire June 30, 2024:

- Larry Howdyshell to the Planning Commission
- Andrew Middleton to the Augusta Water Board
- Amy Thacker to the Broadband Committee
- Andy Crummett to the Ag Industry Board

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Dr. Seaton, seconded by Ms. Bragg, moved that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Chairman

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Staff Briefing Meeting, Monday, June 24, 2024,1:30 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Jeffrey Slaven, Chairman

Pam Carter, Vice-Chair

Michael Shull Butch Wells Carolyn Bragg Scott Seaton

Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator

James Benkahla, County Attorney

Doug Wolf, Director of Community Development

Julia Hensley, Planner II

ABSENT: Gerald Garber

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 248^m year of the Commonwealth....

VDOT ROADS

Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator, discussed the VDOT 6-Year Plan Public Hearing.

The Board authorized placing on the June 26, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

PAY STUDY UPDATE

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, introduced Beth McDaniel and Jennifer Whistleman from the Berkley Group gave a presentation on the 2024 Pay Study Project Outline and Initial Results.

The Board accepted as information.

ANIMAL SHELTER CONTRACT

Candy Hensley, Assistant County Administrator, discussed awarding renovation of the former Verona Elementary School into the new Staunton Augusta Waynesboro Animal Shelter to Harman Construction not to exceed \$5,500,000.00 and allocation of Augusta County's portion not to exceed \$3,735,304.00.

The Board authorized placing on the June 26, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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June 24, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Ms. Whetzel discussed the ordinance amendments to the Augusta County Code Article VII of Chapter 22, Transient Occupancy Tax.

The Board authorized placing on the June 26, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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CIGARETTE TAX ORDINANCE

Ms. Whetzel discussed an ordinance imposed by the County to excise tax on the sale of cigarettes equivalent to \$0.30 on each package containing twenty-five or fewer cigaretts.

The Board authorized placing on the June 26, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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PLANNING COMMISSION/PUBL1C HEARINGS

Julia Hensley, Planner I, discussed the following:

- 1) An ordinance to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division A. In General. Article I. General Provisions. Section 25-4. Definitions. Companion pigs. The Planning Commission recommends denial.
- 2) An ordinance to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division A. Article I. General Provisions. Section 25-54.1. Uses accessory to single-family residences. Planning Commission recommends denial.
- 3) An ordinance to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division F. Industrial Districts. Article XXXVIII. General Industrial (GI) Districts. Section 25-382. Permitted uses. Planning Commission recommends approval.
- 4) An ordinance to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division F. Industrial Districts. Article XXXVIII. General Industrial (GI) Districts. Section 25-384. Uses permitted by Special Use Permit. Planning Commission recommends approval.

The Board authorized placing on the June 24, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

- 1) Reminder of the VACo County Officials Summit on August 15, 2024.
- 2) Reminder of the July 4th parade in Staunton.
- 3) Red Wing Roots Festival was huge success.
- 4) Boards and Commissions and Board of Supervisors recommendations on the rate of pay was provided to the Board.

June 24, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Mr. Shull questioned pigs running on the property of other people.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that Augusta County is a fenced in County and there should not be animals running on another person's property.

Mr. Wells recommends the Board considered giving County employees July 5, 2024 as a paid day off.



CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Ms. Carter, seconded by Mr. Shull, the Board went into closed session pursuant to:

- the personnel exemption under Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1)
 [discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body]:
 - a) Boards and Commissions: Library Board, Social Services Advisory Board, Broadband, Parks & Rec, Planning Commission, Augusta Water, Ag Industry Board, Recycling, Central Shenandoah Planning Commission, Blue Ridge Criminal Justice Board, Valley Community Services Board
- (2) the economic development exemption under Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A) (5) [discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of its interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the county]:
 - a) Proposed Office space, flex space, storage facilities, manufacturing facilities, utility and mixed-use development.



On motion of Mr. Shull, seconded by Ms. Bragg, the Board came out of Closed Session.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Wells and Bragg

Nays: None Absent: Garber

Motion carried.

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The Chairman advised that each member is required to certify that to the best of their knowledge during the closed session only the following was discussed:

- Public business matters lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting requirements, and
- 2. Only such public business matters identified in the motion to convene the executive session.

The Chairman asked if there is any Board member who cannot so certify.

Hearing none, the Chairman called upon the County Administrator/ Clerk of the Board to call the roll noting members of the Board who approve the certification shall answer AYE and those who cannot shall answer NAY.

June 24, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION (CONT'D)

Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Wells and Bragg

Nays: None Absent: Garber

Motion carried.

The Chairman authorized the County Administrator/Clerk of the Board to record this certification in the minutes.

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The Board toured the Augusta Solar site.

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Regular Meeting, Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Jeffrey Slaven, Chairman

Pam Carter, Vice-Chair

Michael Shull Butch Wells Gerald Garber Carolyn Bragg

Scott Seaton (Via Zoom)

Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator James Benkahla, County Attorney Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board

of Supervisors held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia,

and in the 248th year of the Commonwealth....

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Chairman Slaven welcomed those present at the meeting.

James Benkahla, County Attorney, led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Pam Carter, Pastures District, delivered the invocation.

Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Mr. Wells, that the Board allow Dr. Seaton to join the meeting via Zoom.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, and Bragg

Nays: None Absent: Seaton

Motion carried.

AUGUSTA WATER BOARD COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT

The Board considered a request to increase the compensation for the Augusta Water Board.

Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator, stated that this is a request from the Augusta Water Board for the Board of Supervisors to consider the rate in which they are paid for their board meetings and their committee meetings. The Board members are currently paid \$100.00 for each regular meeting they attend and \$50.00 for each committee meeting they attend. They are asking for the Board's consideration to increase the rate to \$200.00 per regular meeting and committee meeting. There is also a request to increase the Board's Chair position and the Vice-Chair position to \$250.00 per meeting, including the full board meetings and the committee meetings. It is requested that the

AUGUSTA WATER BOARD COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT (CONT'D)

payment be increased by \$10.00 per year for the next ten years to 2034. In 2035 the Board will reconsider the payment amount. The bylaws for Augusta Water states that the payment decision is made by the Board of Supervisors. The payments are made from the Augusta Water budget, not the County's budget. Also for consideration is the compensation for other Boards and Commissions within the County.

Mr. Wells asked when the last increase was awarded to the Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Augusta Water and the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Fitzgerald was uncertain of the exact timeframe, but it has been a very long since any compensation changes had been made.

Ms. Bragg stated that she would like to have further conversation and evaluation of the request.

Mr. Shull does not think this is time to consider this request.

Dr. Seaton is hesitant to increase the rate if there is not a problem filling the seats.

Ms. Carter stated that her representative is in favor of the increase. If the Augusta Water Board's compensation is increased then the rest of the Boards and Commissions need to be evaluated as well.

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board authorize staff to give recommendations on Boards and Commissions compensation and bring it back to the Board.

Dr. Seaton stated that he is not a Board member because he makes money. He is not interested in the Board getting a raise in compensation.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, and Bragg

Nays: Seaton

Motion carried.

INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING REQUEST

The Board considered the purchase of a circulation desk and garbage can for the Stuarts Draft Library from the South River Infrastructure.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the circulation desk was a request in the 2025 budget and was not able to be funded through the budget. The request for the garbage can is to try to eliminate garbage being thrown in areas not meant for garbage.

Funding Source: South River Infrastructure 8016-109 \$6,688.22

Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Ms. Carter that the Board approve the funding request as presented.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

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CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES:

Consider minutes from the following meetings:

- Regular Meeting, Wednesday, April 24, 2024
- Regular Meeting, Wednesday, May 8, 2024
- Staff Briefing, Monday, May 20, 2024

CLAIMS:

Consider claims paid since May 1,2024

Dr. Seaton requested that the May 8, 2024 minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately. The May 8th minutes do not contain questions that were asked of the potential Chair and Vice-Chair at the Organizational Meeting on January 3, 2024.

The May 8th minutes were removed from the consent agenda.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull that the Board approve the minutes from April $24,\,2024$ and May $20,\,2024$.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve the minutes from the May 8, 2024 meeting.

Dr. Seaton indicated that he could not vote for the minutes because the questions he asked the Chair and Vice-Chair at the January 3' 2024 meeting were not included.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, and Bragg

Nays: Seaton

Motion carried.

(END OF CONSENT AGENDA)

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Dave Zimmerman, 120 Lee Highway, Verona, paid honor to the veterans.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

- 1) August 15, 2024 is the VACo County Officials Summit.
- 2) The first regular Board of Supervisors meeting in July is typically cancelled each year to allow time for Board members vacations.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF (CONT'D)

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Wells, that the Board approve cancelling the July 10, 2024 regular Board of Supervisors meeting.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

3) State code 56-464.16:1 requires the County's ECC center to have all dispatchers complete the Emergency Medical Dispatch education program that complies with the minimum standards established by the Office of Emergency Medical Services. There are four approved dispatch EMD training programs; Association of Public Safety Officials, International EMD Program, International Academy of Emergency Dispatch Priority Dispatch Systems, NECI 911 and Powerphone EMD. Our dispatchers currently use cumbersome flip cards for this process. ECC staff recommends purchasing the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch Priority Dispatch System Software in order to be compliant with the state code regulation. Cost of the software package is \$91,493.00 and includes all training. Capital funds will be utilized for the purchase. A yearly subscription cost is also required and will be placed in the operating budget.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Mr. Garber, that the Board appoint Rebecca Lamb to serve a term on the Library Board. Effective July 1,2024 and to expire June 30, 2028.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board appoint Steve Bridge to serve a term on the Parks & Recreation Commission. Effective July 1, 2024 and to expire June 30, 2028.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Mr. Shull that the Board re-appoint Sonny Balsley to serve a term on the Ag Industry Board. Effective July 1, 2024 and to expire June 30, 2028.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Ms. Carter, seconded by Mr. Shull, moved that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Chairman

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County Administrator

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 7:00 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Jeffrey Slaven, Chairman

Pam Carter, Vice-Chair

Michael Shull Butch Wells Gerald Garber Carolyn Bragg

Scott Seaton (Via Zoom)

Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator

James Benkahla, County Attorney Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board

of Supervisors held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia,

and in the 248th year of the Commonwealth....

Chairman Slaven welcomed those present at the meeting.

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The following students from Wilson Middle School led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance:

Ruth Doyle finished the 8th grade and is grateful for the opportunity to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill Surrett delivered the invocation. He served in the Korean War as a second lieutenant and serves as Chaplain for the VFW #2216.

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board approve Dr. Seaton joining the meeting via Zoom.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, and Bragg

Nays: None Absent: Seaton

Motion carried.

LYME DISEASE AWARENESS PROCLAMATION

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board adopt the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, from 2004-2018, vector-borne diseases in humans have more than doubled in the US and while Lyme disease accounts for 82% of all reported tick-borne diseases; other tick-borne diseases including spotted fevers, babesiosis, and anaplasmosis/ehrlichiosis have become increasingly prevalent; and

LYME DISEASE AWARENESS PROCLAMATION (CONT'D)

WHEREAS, Lyme disease is the most commonly reported vector-borne disease in the US caused by bacterium Borrelia burgdorferi, and is transmitted primarily by the blacklegged tick found in 50% of US counties, concentrated in the Northeast, upper Midwest, and Western regions of the US; and

WHEREAS, in response to this growing problem and risk, US federal entities developed the National Public Health Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Vector-Borne Diseases in People (2024) to address the rising public health threat of VBDs; and

WHEREAS, ticks that carry Lyme disease can also carry several other pathogens, many of which are reported in Virginia and often co-infections (infection with more than one tick-borne pathogen) are reported, which complicates diagnosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, tick-borne diseases are a clinical diagnosis based on symptoms, physical findings and the potential of exposure to infected ticks or their habitat; and

WHEREAS, when Lyme disease and tick-borne diseases are not quickly and properly diagnosed or treated, it may result in severe illness, disability, or death; and the CDC has just added (2024) Lyme disease to the list of disease agents that have been linked to chronic symptoms; and

WHEREAS, while most tick-borne diseases can be treated successfully with a few weeks of antibiotics and by taking steps to prevent bites can help prevent tick-borne diseases, including using tick repellent, removing ticks promptly and properly, applying pesticides on the landscape and reducing tick habitat, every community has the responsibility to educate the public about the symptoms, the importance of seeking prompt medical treatment, and how to prevent tick-borne diseases; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Health coordinates various tick-borne disease activities including surveillance, education, and outreach initiatives, and works to advance workforce development and training to sustain and strengthen tick-borne disease public health practices; enhance tick-borne disease surveillance capacity; and perform and evaluate educational outreach to healthcare providers, public health partners, policy makers and the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Augusta County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim May 2024 as Lyme & Tick-Borne Disease Awareness Month in Augusta County and encourage all community members to help spread tick-borne disease awareness and prevention education.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Weils, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC USE OVERLAY-CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH

This being the day advertised to consider a request to add a Public Use Overlay over approximately 6.51 acres located at 31 crossroads lane in Fishersville in the Beverley Manor District. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the request.

Julia Hensley, Planner II, stated that this is a request to add a Public Use Overlay over an existing church in order for Augusta Christian Academy to add high school grades. Augusta Christian Academy currently operates their K-8th grade classes out of a building on Tinkling Spring Road. The property in this request is located at 31 Crossroads Lane in Fishersville in the Beverley Manor District. The proposed overlay would not change the current general business zoning of the property and is consistent with the future land use designation of the property.

PUBLIC USE OVERLAY-CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH (CONT'D)

The applicant, Harold Munson, is a member of the Christian Academy Board. The Academy has been open since August. He stated that the space at Crossroads Baptist Church may not be needed, but space is quickly becoming an issue so they want to be prepared.

The Chairman opened the public hearing.

There being no speakers, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg that the Board approve the request as presented.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

The Board obtained public feedback on a future application of the CBDG Grant.

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, reviewed the property effected by the block grant and the grant process. Prior to the application submittal, the County must allow the opportunity for the public to speak to the CDBG Grant application. The CDBG application would be for master planning services to establish a vision for the future redevelopment of the property. These efforts will review and analyze the existing site conditions, community and property owner desired uses for redevelopment, land use designations, zoning for Augusta and Nelson Counties, site layouts, and other data to inform potential redevelopment scenarios. Having a master plan for the property will open more grant opportunities as well as continue the relationship with the property owner as development options are proposed. If the grant is awarded, engagement with efforts would include а stakeholder committee regional representation. conversations with local property owners, state agencies and members of the development community. The public comment period is to comply with grant requirements, and if awarded, further feedback will be obtained in the master planning process. The property owners were present to show support of the application. Multiple inquiries related to the project have been received. The application has recently been opened and staff will continue to work on a submittal along with assistance from the CSPDC. Board approval is not required at this time.

Tim Kaus, President of the Property Owner Association of Swan Ridge Estates, is excited to see clean up happen with the property. He is slightly concerned with the future development and increased traffic in the area.

Greg Clemmer, lives in that area and agrees with Mr. Kaus.

The Board accepted as information.

WEYERS CAVE PUBLIC WATER EXTENSION

The Board considered authorization to execute an agreement with Augusta Water, Dominion Drilling, Shenandoah Valley Airport and Augusta County with the County committed to covering the actual costs of construction for Line A and acquire the easement from Blue Mountain, LLC.

Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator, stated that this agreement is for additional water line installation that would go with the airport's project. Dominion Drilling has a property in which they are planning to develop on that needs the water line. There are opportunities to increase the size of the line up from an eight inch to a twelve-inch line in certain areas in order to provide additional water supply to the Blue Mountain site, which is the County's major economic development site. The agreement shows Augusta County covering the cost to construct what was line A at an eight-inch size. Augusta Water will install the line and the County would reimburse them for the actual cost of the installation. The County would then acquire an easement from the Blue Mountain property. Blue Mountain Investments, LLC has verbally agreed to the easement and Dominion Drilling has verbally agreed to the proposal. Augusta County would contribute an estimated \$252,720.00 for Line A. Line B would be constructed by Drilling and dedicated for public use. Dominion Drilling's contribution would be \$249,960.00 for Line B. Augusta Water would contribute an estimated \$136,584.00 to upsize Lines A, B and C to 12 inches. Augusta Water has previously funded a sanitary sewer upgrade from a force main to a gravity main along Valley Church Road at a cost of \$52,553.24 and will also contribute costs to an additional 2-inch connection for Line C. Augusta Water's contribution would be an estimated \$210,377.24. Funding for the County's portion would be coming from the water and sewer capital account.

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board approve the agreement as presented and authorize the County Administrator to execute required documents.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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EARLY DETECTION SCREENING

The Board considered early detection screening for Fire-Rescue.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that this was discussed at length during the Staff Briefing. There was a question raised regarding insurance coverage and if the wellness component of the insurance policy would cover the screenings.

Misty Cook, Director of Finance, stated that these screenings are preventative and not billable. The insurance will not pay for the screenings unless there is a diagnosis.

Mr. Shull would like to postpone a decision until the insurance is negotiated and the Consortium to see if there is a way for this to be covered. This would have the potential to open the screenings up for other employees.

Ms. Cook stated that the County is on a five-year contract with the insurance carrier and is under a new Anthem policy as of January 1,2023.

EARLY DETECTION SCREENING

Mr. Wells does not agree with postponing this issue. The only question he has is if this could include the volunteers.

Dr. Seaton stated that typically with testing such as this there is a co-pay associated unless negotiated. The cost would be much higher if the test is run through the doctor's office. Using this organization would be more cost effective. He agrees with moving forward for this year and next year look into including the volunteers.

Dr. Seaton moved that the Board approve moving forward with the early detection screenings for Fire and Rescue.

Ms. Carter does not agree with the co-pay statement. Typically, with preventative testing there is not a co-pay associated with it. If this is done for the career staff it needs to be done for the volunteers as well.

Ms. Bragg sees this as being pushed very quickly. There are a lot of questions left to be answered and decisions to be made. All options need to be evaluated and a plan made from there.

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Mr. Garber, that the Board approve postponing the decision for 90 days to allow for further evaluation.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, and Bragg

Nays: Wells and Seaton

Motion carried.

INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING REQUEST-CRAIGSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

The Board considered a funding request from Craigsville Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that this is a request to fund an APEX 4 Point Deluxe Kit coming from the Pastures Infrastructure account.

Funding Source: Pastures Infrastructure 8014-123 \$6,964.74

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve the funding request as presented.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES:

Consider minutes from the following meetings:

- Budget Worksession, Monday, March 25, 2024
- Special Meeting, Wednesday, April 17, 2024
- Staff Briefing Meeting, Monday, April 22, 2024

CONSENT AGENDA (CONT'D)

CLAIMS

Consider claims paid since April 1,2024

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells. Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

(END OF CONSENT AGENDA)

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC - NONE

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF - NONE

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Dr. Seaton requested the status of applications for body camera grants. He questioned the fire flow limitations across the County.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that at this point there is not a plan in place to address the fire flow limitations, but areas could be evaluated and the Board would debide how to move forward.

Dr. Seaton asked for an update on Broadband service.

Ms. Whetzel stated that the State of Virginia has turned in their challenge process to NTIA. Once the State hears back, they will open the Bead process for providers to apply for that funding. It is expected to open in the summer and ttpen close near the end of the calendar year. The All Points project is in the Make Ready pole upgrade portion. They are working with SVEC and Dominion to upgrade poles in the area to begin actual construction.

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board appoint Tyler Ingram to serve a term on the Broadband Committee.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD (CONT'D)

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board re-appoint Richard Halterman to serve a term on the Economic Development Authority.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board re-appoint Randy Roller to serve a term on the Economic Development Authority.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the board re-appoint Lyle Moffett to serve a term on the Economic Development Authority.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board appoint Tonaly Pennington to serve a term on the Library Board.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Shull received a letter from the Middlebrook Ruritans thanking Morgan Shrewsbury for her leadership in clean up in the community.

Ms. Carter stated that Beverley Manor Middle School is now closed. She thanked the Governor and the General Assembly, especially Senator Obenshain and Delegate Runion, for getting the money approved for Craigsville to pay off their infrastructure debt left from closing the prison.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD (CONT'D)

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board appoint Andrea Journell to serve a term on the Youth Commission.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Board congratulated Dr. Seaton on his new marriage.

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ADJOURNMENT_

Mr. Shull, seconded by Ms. Bragg, moved that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

County Administrator

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Staff Briefing Meeting, Monday, April 22, 2024, 1:30 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Jeffrey Slaven, Chairman

Pam Carter, Vice-Chair

Michael Shull Butch Wells Gerald Garber Carolyn Bragg Scott Seaton

Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator

James Benkahla, County Attorney

Doug Wolf, Director of Community Development

Julia Hensley, Planner II Misty Cook, Finance Director

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board

of Supervisors held on Monday, April 22, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and

in the 248th year of the Commonwealth....

VDOT ROADS_

Don Komara, Residency Administrator, discussed the VDOT status report of April 26, 2024.

The Board accepted the report as information.

FIRE AND RESCUE

a. Greg Schacht, Fire Chief, discussed the Fire and Rescue monthly report.

The Board accepted the monthly report as information.

b. Chief Schacht discussed the Fire-Rescue Fund Grant committee's funding recommendations.

The Board authorized placing on the April 24, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FOR TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM

Rebekah Castle, Director of Economic Development, discussed the Tourism Grant Contribution Agreement.

The Board authorized placing on the April 24, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

April 22, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

SMART METER PRESENTATION

The Board heard a presentation from Dominion Energy and Shenandoah Valley Electric regarding Smart Meters.

The Board accepted the presentation as information.

MIDDLE RIVER REGIONAL JAIL REFUNDING

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, discussed a resolution for refinancing of MRRJ Bonds.

The Board authorized placing on the April 24, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

GOLF CART PETITION

Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development, discussed an application to allow the usage of golf carts or utility vehicles on the following:

- Cranberry Hill Drive (Route 1065)
- Foliage Circle (Route 1067)
- Sandy Court Route 1066)

The Board authorized placing on the April 24, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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FY2025 BUDGET

Misty Cook, Director of Finance, discussed the FY2025 proposed budget.

The Board authorized placing on the April 24, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Mr. Wolfe discussed the authorization to advertise for public hearing for the following ordinance amendments:

- a. Chapter 25, Section 25-54.1 amendment modifies item N. to prohibit rollbacks, wreckers, or similar commercial vehicles from storing an inoperable vehicle.
- b. Chapter 25, Section 25-73 amendment adds the provision to allow rollbacks, wreckers, or similar commercial vehicles to store an inoperable vehicle outside of a screened area for twelve continuous hours on general agriculture zoned lots greater than one acre.

The Board advised Staff to hold on advertising these two ordinance amendments.

- c. Chapter 25, Section 25-382 amendment adds item V. to allow for recycling plants without the use or storage of explosive or hazardous substances as a principal use.
- d. Chapter 25, Section 25-384 amendment adds recycling of explosive or hazardous substances to item C. of uses allowed in General Industrial with a special use permit.

April 22, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS (CONT'D)

- e. Chapter 25, Section 25-4 amendment adds the definition of companion pigs as breeds of swine known as Miniature Potbellied Pigs, Vietnamese Potbellied Pigs, Juliana Pigs, or veterinarian-certified similar breeds.
- f. Chapter 25, Section 25-54.1 amendment adds the keeping of companion pigs in single-family residences and regulations including the type of companion pig that is permitted, the number of companion pigs that can be kept, and the requirement for a licensed veterinarian certification to verify the type of pig that is allowed as a companion pig.
- g. Chapter 25, Section 25-55 amendment adds the keeping of companion pigs in multi-family residences and regulations including the type of companion pig that is permitted, the number of companion pigs that can be kept, and the requirement for a licensed veterinarian certification to verify the type of pig that is allowed as a companion pig.

The Board authorized advertising for public hearing for these ordinance amendments.

SOUTH RIVER INFRASTRUCTURE REQUEST

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed a request to fund a replacement air conditioner unit for the Sherando Community Center.

The Board authorized placing on the April 24, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

1) The State budget is scheduled for an approval date of May 15th.

2) A letter was received from the AARP Tax-Aide thanking the Board for hosting the program at the Government Center.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

The Board requests an update on the radio project, broadband, and the animal shelter.

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// H4-22sbmin.2024 Regular Meeting, Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 7:00 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Pam Carter, Vice-Chair

Michael Shull Butch Wells Gerald Garber Carolyn Bragg Scott Seaton

Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development

Julia Hensley, Planner II

James Benkahla, County Attorney Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

ABSENT: Jeffrey Slaven, Chairman

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 248th year of the Commonwealth....

Vice-Chair Carter welcomed those present at the meeting.

Pam Carter, Pastures District, led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Mike Lawson, Senior Pastor of Rejoicing Life and also a member of the Augusta County School Board, delivered the invocation.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK PROCLAMATION

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board adopt the following proclamation:

National Library Week 2024 Proclamation

WHEREAS, libraries provide the opportunity for everyone to pursue their passions and in lifelong learning, allowing them to live their WHEREAS, libraries strive to be trusted and welcoming institutions for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender or socio-economic WHEREAS, libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve and ensure equity of access for all; WHEREAS, libraries adapt to the ever-changing needs of their communities, continually and their collections, services, expanding WHEREAS, libraries play a critical role in the economic vitality of communities by providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for job seekers, entrepreneurs; small businesses, and WHEREAS, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that promote a sense of local connection, advancing understanding, civic engagement, and shared community goals;

April 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK PROCLAMATION (CONT'D)

WHEREAS, libraries are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all;

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, and library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the nation to celebrate National Library Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Jeffrey Slaven, Chairman of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors, proclaim National Library Week, April 7-13. During this week, I encourage all residents to visit their library to explore the wealth of resources available.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None Absent: Slaven

Motion carried.

Jennifer Brown, Director of Augusta County Library, thanked the Board for their support of the libraries.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-CHAPTER 22-TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED

This being the day and time advertised to consider an ordinance amendment to Chapter 22, Section 12.

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, stated that this is an ordinance amendment of the County Code Chapter 22 related to tax relief for the elderly and disabled. The Board received a presentation from the Commissioner of the Revenue at the last meeting regarding this benefit to the elderly in the community and as it relates to their taxes. There are three updates to the definitions to make them in in line with state code. As discussed with the Board at that presentation, there will be a change to the dollar amount for the total combined income during the preceding calendar year from \$40,000.00 to \$55,000.00. Also, the net combined financial worth would go from \$100,000.00 to \$125,000.00. Finally, the person claiming an exemption shall filE annually after January 1st, but not later than April 1st. The Commissioner's office has been taking applications all along and working through those. In the event of the general reassessment, the deadline would extend to April 19th, which applies to this year.

The Vice-Chair opened the public hearing.

There being no speakers, the Vice-Chair closed the public hearing.

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve the ordinance amendment as presented.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None Absent: Slaven

Motion carried.

April 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

FIRE/RESCUE STRATEGIC PLAN

Joe Pozzo, Senior Manger for Fire and EMS with the Center for Public Safety Management, LLC, presented the Board with the Fire and EMS Strategic Plan.

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WAIVER

The Board considered a request for a waiver in accordance with Section 21-1.8 water and sewer connections.

Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development, stated that Clint Shilling of Beverley T. Shilling Trust, is requesting a waiver in accordance with Section 21-1.8 Water and Sewer Connections, to not be required to connect to the public sewer in order to create a new lot located in the Urban Service Area. The new lot would be a division of TM66 Parcel 52, located at the corner of Ramsey Road and Jericho Road in the Beverley Manor District. Dwellings on new lots in minor subdivisions located within the Urban Service Area are required by Chapter 21 to connect to public water and sewer if available from the Augusta County Service Authority. The closest sewer (1,500 feet away) is inaccessible due to inability to obtain easements from the adjoining landowner. The applicant has provided an estimate of \$62,000.00 from a local contractor to connect to the next closest sewer, which would require the installation of a pump station and force main. The Augusta County Service Authority acknowledges this connection would be difficult and has no objection to this waiver request.

Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Dr. Seaton, that the Board approve the waiver request as presented.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None Absent: Slaven

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that there was one change on the minutes from February 14, 2024 on page 30 in regards to Matters from the Board. It was originally in your minutes that Mr. Shull moved and Ms. Bragg seconded to appoint Ms. Bragg to the SAW-MPO. The motion should read that Mr. Shull moved and seconded by Ms. Carter that the Board appoint Carolyn Bragg to the MPO.

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda with the change as follows:

MINUTES:

Consider minutes from the following meetings:

• Regular Meeting, Wednesday, February 14, 2024

April 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA (CONT'D)

CLAIMS:

Claims paid since March 1,2024.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None Absent: Slaven

Motion carried.

(END OF CONSENT AGENDA)

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Dave Zimmerman, Verona, 120 Lee Hwy, Verona, is concerned that the Fire/Rescue volunteers will be left out when it comes to the strategic plan.

Carson Holloway, 929 Patterson Mill Road, Grottoes, voiced concerns with the Fire/Rescue Strategic Plan and hopes the Board will do something with it.

Shea Lyda, 403 Winthrop Street, Staunton, is a volunteer at the Shenandoah Valley Animal Services Center. She is concerned about the shelter with staffing shortages, budget shortfalls and an aging insufficient facility. Ms. Lyda gave percentage facts regarding the animals at the shelter.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

- 1) Parks and Recreation staff have moved into their new space in the Government Center.
- 2) Demo and renovation have started in the new County Attorney and Human Resources space where Parks & Recreation vacated from. This should take six to eight weeks and then will move on to the ECC space for renovation.
- 3) The new courthouse construction has begun.
- 4) Next week is Emergency Telecommunications Week and Animal Control Officers Week.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Dr. Seaton would like the Board to consider adding the cancer screenings for Fire/Rescue into the FY2025 budget. The funding could possible be taken from each district's infrastructure.

Mr. Garber mentioned that Saturday evening there will be an 85th Anniversary

April 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD (CONT'D)

celebration honoring three ruritan clubs in Augusta County; Weyers Cave, Mount Sidney and New Hope.

Ms. Bragg reminded everyone of the Spring Clean-Up beginning on April 20th. She congratulated Wilson Volunteer Fire Department on their 30th Anniversary.

Mr. Shull reminded everyone of the Market Animal Show coming up.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shull, seconded by Dr. Seaton, moved that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None Absent: Slaven

Motion carried.

Chairman County Administrato

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, March 27,2024, 7:00 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Jeffrey Slaven, Chairman

Pam Carter, Vice-Chair

Michael Shull
Butch Wells
Gerald Garber
Carolyn Bragg
Scott Seaton

Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator Doug Wolf, Director of Community Development Kathleen Keffer, Assistant County Attorney Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board

of Supervisors held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 248th year of the Commonwealth....

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Chairman Slaven welcomed those present at the meeting.

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Josh Bailey, Augusta County Battalion Chief, led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Todd Latham, Senior Pastor at Memorial Baptist Church in Staunton, delivered the invocation.

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BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE UPDATE

Dr. John Downey, President of Blue Ridge Community College, presented the Board with an update on Blue Ridge Community College. He thanked the Board for their support throughout the years. Of all Augusta County residents that attended a higher education last fall, forty percent of them chose Blue Ridge Community College for their post-secondary education. Dr. Downey thanked Rebekah Castle and Gary Corder with the Augusta County Economic Development Department for their hard work on regional economic development projects. He reviewed various programs that the college offers. Based on a recent study by Lightcast, BRCC added over \$23.5 million in income to the regional economy last year. The college is also responsible for supporting one out of every fifty-four jobs that are in the region. The real impact for BRCC is the lives that are improved through the education and opportunities they provide. Dr. Downey introduced his Board members, Vermeil Grant and Debbie Callison, and presented the Board of Supervisors with a resolution thanking them, the administration and all staff for the thirty plus years of support the County provided the Blue Ridge Community College Truck Driving Program by providing the lot adjacent to this Government Center for training purposes.

LIBRARY ANNUAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Jennifer Brown, Director of Augusta County Library, updated the Board on Library accomplishments over the past year, where they see themselves currently and in the future. The Library's strategic priorities are community focused, accessible, capacity building, awareness and advocacy, sustainable and user focused. The library went through the strategic planning process and had seven community conversations across the County. A huge accomplishment was Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation have been merged so there is only one Board. Dr. Brown reviewed summer programs that the library offers and also budgeting for the library. Turnover and retirements are issues the library faces. Trends in library usage is changing. A big challenge coming up is the Board of Trustees. As of July 1, 2024, they will be down five positions and a quorum of four required. This could have a potential impact on how the library provides guidance for services offered. The library received two awards from the Virginia Public Library Association, one for innovative program for the Books on Wheels Program and one for Better Together for the partnership with neighboring bridges for the free food pantry at the Fishersville Library.

Ms. Carter thanked Dr. Brown for her help with the Craigsville prison closure.

Ms. Bragg thanked Dr. Brown for all they do.

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ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - CHAPTER 25. SECTION 25-74 PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

The Board considered an ordinance to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division B. Agriculture Districts. Article VII. General Agriculture Districts. Section 25-74. Uses permitted by Special Use Permit. D. Uses away from developed areas. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development, stated that there was a collaboration between many members the aggregate industry, interested citizens and Board members since the public hearing meeting in January. The consensus of the interested parties was that the County may be best served if the BZA would continue to pursue any greater setback beyond the existing two-hundred-foot setback on a case by case basis. The setback requirements were the only amendment presented for this public hearing so no changes are necessary if that is the Board's desire.

Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board withdrawal the proposed amendment and leave the ordinance as is.

Dr. Seaton verified with the Assistant County Attorney that withdrawal is the proper motion

Kathleen. Keffer, Assistant County Attorney, stated that withdrawing the amendment is the correct motion.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

TAX REFUND REQUEST

The Board considered a refund request from General Electric Credit Corp of Tennessee in the amount of \$29,788.33.

Ms. Keffer stated that this is a refund by General Electric Credit Corps of Tennessee who leases business personal property in Augusta County. The taxpayer provided a bill of sale for this equipment for 2020, 2021, and 2022 and asserts they were not in possession of this equipment during that time. The Commissioner has reviewed the original assessments and determined that the County owes the taxpayer a refund in the amount of \$29,788.33.

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board authorize the refund request as presented.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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COURTHOUSE FINANCING

The Board considered two borrowings for Courthouse Financing.

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, stated that at the last Board meeting the Board approved moving forward with courthouse financing through the Virginia Resources Authority. The next step in the process is to decide to borrow for the whole project cost upfront or borrow over the course of the project in two separate borrowings. Staff and the Finance Advisor recommend borrowing in two tranches. The main reason being that principal and interest on the second borrowing would be paid at a later date and any monies that are earned on the bond proceeds could be used towards the project. In order to avoid arbitrage, which is paying the IRS if you earn too much money on bond proceeds over what is being payed in debt service, the funds would need to be spent within an eighteen-month window and the total project is a little beyond the eighteen months. If done in the two tranches there is a guarantee that the first bond proceeds will be paid down timely and the second will be because it is not as long of a period.

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve borrowing in two different bond sales for the Courthouse financing.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

The Board considered authorization to advertise for public hearing.

Mr. Wolfe reviewed the following ordinance amendments:

- Chapter 25, Section 25-73.
- Chapter 25, Section 25-54.1.
- Chapter 25, Section 25-382.
- Chapter 25, Section 25-384.
- Chapter 25, Section 25-4
- Chapter 25, Section 25-54.1
- Chapter 25, Section 25-55

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Mr. Weils, that the Board approve postponing this request until April 22, 2024 to allow for further discussion.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda.

Dr. Seaton abstained from voting for the Staff Briefing, Monday, February 26, 2024 minutes due to not being present for that meeting and asked that the items be separated.

Ms. Carter amended her motion.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve the minutes from Monday, February 26, 2024.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, and Bragg

Nays: None Abstain: Seaton

Motion carried.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve the January 24, 2024 minutes and the street additions for Bobby's Way-Mountain Laurel Manor and Stone Valley Phase 3.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

(END OF CONSENT AGENDA)

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC - NONE

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

1) Action is needed from the Board regarding the Emergency Declaration Ordinance that was declared on March 20, 2024 for wildfires burning throughout the County and fire conditions expected to worsen over the next several days. Mr. Fitzgerald thanked all fire companies across the County and ECC for their hard work. The Director of Emergency Management, which is Mr. Slaven as the Chair and Mr. Fitzgerald as the Assistant, declared a local emergency that would allow the County to have access to state equipment, and state funds. The State code requires the Board of Supervisors to consider the declaration at the next regular meeting. Along with this declaration will be the end of the local emergency, which will be effective today, March 27, 2024.

DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, due to multiple wildfires burning throughout the county and fire conditions expected to worse over the next several days, the County of Augusta is facing conditions of extreme threat to the lives, safety, and property of the residents; and

WHEREAS, the conditions of extreme threat to life and property necessitate the declaration of a local emergency pursuant to the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Services and Disaster Law of 2000, codified at Code §§ 44-146.13 through 44-146.28.1. The Code authorizes the Director of Emergency Management to declare the existence of a local emergency, subject to confirmation by the governing body at its next regularly scheduled meeting or a special meeting within 45 days of the declaration; and

WHEREAS, the potential of such an emergency necessitated the Declaration of a Local Emergency by the Director of Emergency Management, effective March 20, 2024; and it is

FURTHER DECLARED, that the Augusta County Emergency Operations Plan is now in effect and that the powers, functions, and duties of the Emergency Management Coordinator and Emergency Services organization of Augusta County shall be those set forth in the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of Augusta County to mitigate the effects of this emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Augusta County

1. Confirms the declaration of a Local Emergency dated March 20, 2024; and

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF (CONT'D)

- 2. Approves and consents to all actions taken by the Emergency Management Coordinator and County staff pursuant to the Declaration of Local Emergency and the Augusta County Emergency Operations Plan; and
- 3. Confirms the termination of the local emergency effective March 27, 2024.

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Dr. Seaton, that the Board approve the Declaration of a Local Emergency for wildfires and close the local emergency as of March 27, 2024.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

2) Reminder of the Fire/Rescue Strategic Plan Worksession is Wednesday, April 10th at 4pm.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Mr. Wells was pleased with the Budget Worksession and thanked Misty Cook and Jennifer Whetzel fortheir hard work on the budget.

Dr. Seaton reiterated Mr. Wells' statement regarding the budget.

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board appoint Susan Thacker to serve a term on the Library Board.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Ms. Bragg thanked FFA for the dinner celebrating the ag community.

Mr. Shull thanked the career and volunteer fire/rescue for their hard work and efforts during the wild fires.

Ms. Carter refreshed the public's memory about the extensive discussion that was had on Monday concerning the budget. The proposed budget is on the website and available to citizens. Ms. Carter directed staff to create a report showing the requests that were made for this budget year and what effect that has on the tax rate. This will help individuals understand how the money is spent.

Mr. Slaven thanked the citizens for their respectful nature concerning the budget. He received a phone call from the Secretary of Agriculture offering assistance for the County from the department.

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<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Mr. Shull, seconded by Dr. Seaton, moved that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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County Administrator

Budget Work Session Meeting, Monday, March 25, 2024, 8:30 a.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Jeffrey Slaven, Chairman

Pam Carter, Vice-Chair

Michael Shull **Butch Wells**

Gerald Garber

Carolyn Bragg

Scott Seaton

Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator

Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator

Misty Cook, Finance Director

VIRGINIA:

At Budget Work Session Meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 8:30 a.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 248th year of the Commonwealth....

FY2024-25 BUDGET

The County Administrator, Deputy County Administrator and Finance Director presented an overview of the FY2024-25 Budget. The Board reviewed projected revenues, capital allocations and expenditures by Departments. The following amendments are to be advertised:

Recommended budget-General Fund

\$ 126,292,850

Work session revisions:

Expenditures

FY25 Budget:	

	change name of FOIA Tech to Admin Asst.	\$ -
21060-1100-2700	historical records archivist	57,275
31020-11-2700	Training sgt & evidence sgt (salary and fringe)	196,431
31020-8001	Position equipment-training sgt, and evidence sgt	210,000
31020 &22010	BWC & Fleet package(inclds personnel)	877,049
32010 &32030	F&R Strategic Plan 3 FF, 11 EMS, 2 Training	1,009,574
32010-3110	remove Ultrasound Comp. Screening	(44,500)
various	supplement Const. Officers	39,912
94000-045	Courthouse Debt Service	4,106,051
33050-7002	reinstate MRRJ funding	2,500,000
94000-070	reinstate Capital Funding	1,632,339
94000-070	consider allocation to Econ. Dev.	800,000
various	allocation for Pay & Reclass from Berkley Group	400,000
094000-044	additional allocation to buses	 615,869
		\$ 12.400.000

Revenues

increase cigarette tax to \$0.30/pack	\$	400,000
Reassessment	\$ 12,000,000	
	\$	12,400,000

Total Advertised budget-General Fund

\$ 138,692,850

March 25, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

FY2024-25 SCHOOL BUDGET

The Augusta County Board of Supervisors met with representatives of the Augusta County School Board including Dr. Eric Bond, School Superintendent; and Mark Lotts, Finance Director, who presented an overview of their FY2024-25 Budget. The School Board has a balanced budget to present and no additional requests were made. There was a discussion on the cost of new buses and how the School Board is no longer meeting their bus replacement plan due to rising costs.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Ms. Carter, seconded by Mr. Shull, the Board went into closed session pursuant to:

- (1) the personnel exemption under Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1) [discussion, consideration or interviews of (a) prospective candidates for employment, or (b) assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific employees]:
 - A) County Administrator
 - B) County Attorney

On motion of Ms. Carter, seconded by Mr. Shull, the Board came out of Closed Session.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Shull, Slaven, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Chairman advised that each member is required to certify that to the best of their knowledge during the closed session only the following was discussed:

- 1. Public business matters lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting requirements, and
- 2. Only such public business matters identified in the motion to convene the executive session.

The Chairman asked if there is any Board member who cannot so certify.

Hearing none, the Chairman called upon the County Administrator/ Clerk of the Board to call the roll noting members of the Board who approve the certification shall answer AYE and those who cannot shall answer NAY.

Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Shull, Slaven, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg and Seaton

Nays: None

March 25, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION (CONT'D)

The Chairman authorized the County Administrator/Clerk of the Board to record this certification in the minutes.

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ADJOURNMENT.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Weils moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, the Board adjourn subject to call of the Chairman.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Shull, Slaven, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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Jeffy Glan Chairman Regular Meeting, Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 7:00 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Jeffrey Slaven, Chairman

Pam Carter, Vice-Chair

Michael Shull Butch Wells Gerald Garber Carolyn Bragg

Scott Seaton (Via Zoom)

Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator Doug Wolf, Director of Community Development

Julia Hensley, Planner II

James Benkahla, County Attorney Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board

of Supervisors held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 248th year of the Commonwealth....

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Chairman Slaven welcomed those present at the meeting.

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The following students from Riverheads High School led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance:

Mackenzie Hinton plans to major in business in college and become a loan officer.

Audrey Wallace plans to major in exercise science and go into physical therapy.

Presley Hevener plans to attend a four year college and major in psychology.

Ella Galford plans to go to a college to be a dental hygienist.

Emily Modlin plans to take courses at Blue Ridge Community College to become a paramedic.

Sgt C.J. Aikens, member of Memorial Baptist Church in Staunton, delivered the invocation.

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board allow Dr. Seaton to join the meeting via Zoom.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter and Bragg

Nays: None Absent: Seaton

Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION FOR SENATOR EMMETT HANGER

Ms. Bragg read the following resolution:

Whereas, Emmett Wilson Hanger, Jr., bom in Augusta County, Virginia, with a very humble background, has led a principled life of public service benefiting generations of Virginians; and

Whereas, Emmett graduated from Fort Defiance High School and then James Madison University with a Master of Business Administration with concentration in Accounting, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Management and Economics; and

Whereas, Emmett began his career in public service in the U.S. Army as an Infantry Officer attaining rank of Captain. He served eleven years in the Virginia Army National Guard and six years as Commander of the Harrisonburg National Guard; and

Whereas, elected in 1979, Emmett served as Augusta County Commissioner of the Revenue, then in the Virginia House of Delegates for nine years, and then later returned to serve in the Senate of Virginia for 28 years. Emmett distinguishably served as the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee; co-Chair of the Senate Finance Subcommittee on Health and Human Resources; and as a long-time General Assembly budget conferee. His depth of institutional knowledge is profound and well demonstrated as he also served as past Chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources as well as past Chair of the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services; and

Whereas, Emmett has worked tirelessly on consequential and compelling statewide issues such as all budget matters of the Commonwealth, Medicaid Expansion to better serve the working poor and those with disabilities; mental health advocacy; preventing and treating substance abuse addictions; ensuring second chances to those who have served time in prison and can become contributing citizens again; the education of our youth and child safety issues; updating our tax code; providing support to our local governments, law enforcement and health care workers; and safety issues and the expansion of Interstate 81; and

Whereas, Emmett has promoted our environment and natural heritage with his work such as clean up and conservation of the Chesapeake Bay, improving agricultural best management practices to promote farming and protect our lands, and numerous conservation measures including bringing Natural Bridge into the State Park system and expanding, promoting, and protecting our Park system statewide; advancing solar initiatives; staving off sprawl; and other measures to insure our air, waters and land can be protected and enjoyed for future generations; and

Whereas, locally, Emmett has left an indelible mark with his guidance and support to bring the Frontier Culture Museum of America to fruition and is Chairman Emeritus of their Board of Trustees; he also championed efforts such as the American Shakespeare Center; the sale and reuse of the former Staunton Correctional Center that is now the Blackbum Inn and Conference Center and additional housing for the area; the land swap for Western State Hospital to bring about Staunton Crossing; securing funding and promoting a satellite museum in Waynesboro for the Virginia Museum of Natural History; and

Whereas, Emmett also assisted with the establishment and ongoing support of Mary Baldwin's Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership in Staunton and the transition of the Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center in Fishersville. He also was the past Chair of the Board of Visitors for the Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind and worked to consolidate a similar, historic Hampton school into today's more modem campus in Staunton. Emmett successfully patroned budget amendments to refurbish or construct multiple projects and support operations at James Madison University and the University of Virginia as well as numerous colleges, universities and community colleges across his Senate district and the Commonwealth over the years; and

RESOLUTION FOR SENATOR EMMETT HANGER (CONT'D)

Whereas, Emmett is active locally as a longtime Member at Emmanuel Church of the Brethren in Bridgewater and a Member of Sangerville-Towers Ruritan Club, he also has held national leadership positions at the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Southern Legislative Conference; and

Whereas, Emmett has had numerous awards bestowed on him for his efforts such as the Virginia Agribusiness Council "Distinguished Friend of Agribusiness" Award; the "Council for Rural Virginia Award" as founding member of the Center for Rural Virginia; VIRGINIAforever's "Bridge Builder" Award; FiscalNote's "One of the Top 10 Most Productive State Legislators In America"; Virginia Association of Area Agencies on Aging "Jane Haycock Woods Lifetime Achievement Award"; Virginia Commissioners of the Revenue "Jefferson Award for Lifetime Achievement"; Virginia Childhood Foundation & Virginia Chamber of Commerce "Early Education Lifetime Achievement Award"; the Arc of Virginia Lifetime Achievement Award for Advocacy; and the Chesapeake Bay Commission's Career Service Award as the Virginia delegation's longest serving member; and

Whereas, Emmett demonstrated exceptional dedication to Augusta County, Virginia, by sponsoring and championing HB902 in 2022, a pivotal piece of legislation that allowed Augusta County to hold a crucial referendum on the relocation of the courthouse. Hanger's leadership ensured that the referendum proceeded, resulting in its successful passage by voters in November 2022. This landmark decision empowered Augusta County to relocate its court systems to Verona where a new courthouse will be constructed near the Government Center, fulfilling a transformative vision set forth in the master plan for Augusta County conceived over 35 years ago.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Augusta County Board of Supervisors, That Senator Emmett W. Hanger, Jr. be commended for his service to the citizens of Augusta County and the Commonwealth of Virginia, and be it,

Resolved Further, That the Clerk of the Board prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Senator Emmett W. Hanger, Jr. as an expression of Augusta County's admiration for the Senator's years of public service and contributions to the County and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Mr. Wells, that the Board adopt the resolution as presented.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR DELEGATE JOHN AVOLI

Ms. Carter read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, John Avoli, a dedicated public servant, educator, and community leader, has exemplified the spirit of service throughout his remarkable career; and

WHEREAS, John Avoli was bom in Trivigliano, Italy in 1951 and immigrated to the United States with his family at the age of nine, settling in Weirton, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, John Avoli graduated from Madonna High School and earned a scholarship to the University of Richmond, where he majored in English and played football for the Richmond Spiders, later earning a Master's Degree in School Administration from the University of Virginia in 1978; and

RESOLUTION FOR DELEGATE JOHN AVOLI (CONT'D)

WHEREAS, John Avoli began his journey in education as a teacher and coach at Wilson Memorial High School in Fishersville, ascending to positions of increasing responsibility including assistant principal at Valley Vocational Technical Center in Fishersville, principal of Stuarts Draft High School, and later serving as principal at Valley Vocational Technical Center; and

WHEREAS, John Avoli's unwavering commitment to education has been a cornerstone of his career, shaping both his professional trajectory and personal ethos including his appointment as executive director of the Frontier Culture Museum in Staunton, where he continued to instill the values of learning and cultural enrichment in the community; and WHEREAS, John Avoli's commitment to education and civil service extended beyond the classroom as he served on the Staunton City Council for 16 years, including 14 years as Mayor, playing a pivotal role in fostering downtown Staunton's nationally-recognized renaissance and working tirelessly to improve the quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS, John Avoli's distinguished career in public service culminated in his election as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, representing the 20th district, where he served with distinction from 2020 through 2023, advocating for the interests of Augusta County, Staunton, and Waynesboro; and

WHEREAS, John Avoli's legislative endeavors were instrumental in advancing critical issues such as initiatives in public health emergency preparedness, comprehensive education reform, and the safeguarding of local waterways, embodying his unwavering commitment to the well-being of citizens throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, John Avoli demonstrated exceptional dedication to Augusta County, Virginia, by sponsoring and championing HB902 in 2022, a pivotal piece of legislation that allowed Augusta County to hold a crucial referendum on the relocation of the courthouse. Avoli's leadership ensured that the referendum proceeded, resulting in its successful passage by voters in November 2022. This landmark decision empowered Augusta County to relocate its court systems to Verona where a new courthouse will be constructed near the Government Center, fulfilling a transformative vision set forth in the master plan for Augusta County conceived over 35 years ago.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Augusta County Board of Supervisors hereby honors and recognizes John Avoli for his exemplary service, unwavering dedication, and profound impact on the citizens of Augusta County and the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be appropriately inscribed and presented to John Avoli as a token of the sincere gratitude and highest esteem in which he is held by the Board of Supervisors and the community he has served with such distinction.

Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board adopt the following resolution:

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

REZQNING - JRE FISHERSVILLE, LLC

This being the day and time advertised to consider a request to rezone from General Agriculture to General Industrial approximately 2.843 acres owned by JRE Fishersville, LLC located on Expo Road in the Beverley Manor District. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the request.

REZONING - JRE FISHERSVILLE, LLC (CONT'D)

Julia Hensley, Planner II, stated that the property is located on Expo Road directly across from James River Equipment in Fishersville. It is located in an Urban Service Area of the Comprehensive Plan planned for General Industrial. The purpose of the rezoning is to rezone to General Industrial in order to be in compliance for the display and storage of agricultural and construction equipment. The parcel is an extension of the James River Equipment business located at 94 Expo Road.

The Chairman opened the public hearing

There being no speakers the Chairman closed the public hearing

Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board approve the rezoning request as presented.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

REZONING - D&H PROPERTIES, LLC

This being the day and time advertised to consider a request to rezone from Single Family Residential 10 to General Agriculture with proffers approximately 60.635 acres owned by D&H Properties, LLC located in the South River District. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the request with proffers.

Ms. Hensley stated that the property is located near Lyndhurst Tract 3 Trench Land Farm in Lyndhurst. It is located in a Community Development Area of the Comprehensive Plan planned for Low Density Residential. The purpose of the rezoning is to rezone from Single Family Residential 10 to General Agriculture in order to grow crops on the land. The parcel adjoins a parcel to the south also owned by D&H Properties, LLC.

The Chairman opened the public hearing.

There being no speakers the Chairman closed the public hearing

Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve the rezoning request as presented.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

MOSELEY ARCHITECTS CONTRACT AMENDMENT

The Board considered an amendment to the current contract with Moseley Architects.

Candy Hensley, Assistant County Administrator, stated that this amendment is for design services for Dick Huff Lane, which is being called Dick Huff Lane West, from its intersection with Route 11 to its intersection with Government Center Lane. This connects to the part that where the new courthouse is being built. Mr. Wolf Is working on grant money to fund a portion of this. Easement plats were added to the contract for creation. This is the easement plat set for water and sewer and for the road connection between the jail and the courthouse. There is one additional amendment that is at no cost. There were incorrect values previously given and those are being corrected as shown in the documents. The total cost for the additional services is \$115,306.00. Ms. Hensley requests approval for the County Administrator to sign the necessary documents.

Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve the amendments as presented and add that Mr. Fitzgerald can sign as needed.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT.

The Board considered awarding contract for the Courthouse project.

The Chairman asked Delegate Avoli and Senator Hanger to join Ms. Hensley at the podium.

Ms. Hensley stated that this is the next step of the courthouse project. The County has been under court order to provide a safe and secure courthouse by February 11,2026. All milestones in the court order have been met and the construction contract is ready to be awarded. The invitation for Bids was issued for the new Augusta County Courthouse on November 29, 2023. Three bids were received on January 18, 2024. The low bid was from Branch Builds for \$62,995,000.00. A contract was vetted with Branch Builds and included value engineering exercises. Value engineering exercises resulted in \$665,516.00 being removed from the bid amount. For clarification, the approximate \$62 million for courthouse construction is the construction of the building and the site area. This is part of the overall total of \$80 million. Ms. Hensley request authorization for Mr. Fitzgerald to sign the contract once it is complete.

Mr. Slaven pointed out that this vote to build a new courts facility for this County has not been taken in one hundred twenty years. This is not something that happens everyday for a locality and certainly does not include the opportunity of a sitting Board to be part of it. As the longest sitting member of the Board, Mr. Slaven asked Mr. Shull if he would like to make the motion.

Mr. Shull stated that there is a lot of history in the current courthouse. Under the Judge's orders, in order to perform court duties in the County, we need to upgrade our courthouse. This is also part of history.

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Mr. Garber, that the Board approve awarding the contract for the Courthouse project to Branch Builds and authorize the County Administrator to execute the documents.

COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT (CONT'D)

Mr. Slaven asked the Board of Supervisors stand to show being in favor of the motion.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

DEED OF EASEMENT AND TEMPORARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT.

The Board considered a Deed of Permanent Access Easement and Temporary Road Construction Easement in order to connect the new Courthouse to Middle River Regional Jail via a new 50-foot road.

Ms. Hensley stated that this is the easement between the County and Middle River Regional Jail. This is the connector road that is going to run between the courthouse and the jail. The road will be built, fence will be built and the County will be maintaining it.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve the Deed of Easement as presented.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Slaven thanked Ms. Hensley for her hard work and dedication.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Seaton stated that the December 13, 2023 meeting minutes does not include the questions he asked of Phil Martin regarding the Solar Ordinance amendments and the January 3, 2024 meeting minutes did not include the questions he asked of the nominated Chair and Vice Chair. He requested that those two sets of minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve the minutes from the Consent Agenda for the Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 and the Staff Briefing on Monday, January 22, 2024.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

CONSENT AGENDA (CONT'D)

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve delaying adoption of the December 13, 2023 and the January 3, 2024 meeting minutes to allow time for review.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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(END OF CONSENT AGENDA)

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Dave Zimmerman, 120 Lee Highway, Verona, commends the Sheriff on his hard work and deputies. The Deputies are also to be commended for their dedication and protection provided for the citizens. All County employees do a great job and he is thankful.

John Nalberczinski, 85 Briar Creek Cir, Weyers Cave, is concerned with the reassessment group. There are numerous errors and accuracy is important.

Laura Hayes, 1340 Sangers Lane, Staunton, is concerned that Shenandoah Valley Electric and Dominion Energy are installing smart meters for their customers. There are many health problems that have been linked to smart meters.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF - NONE

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Mr. Garber reminded everyone that the Board of Supervisors does not set the reassessment number and cannot change the reassessment. The Board only sets a tax rate.

Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board appoint Kirk Barley to serve on the Broadband Committee.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD (CONT'D)

Ms. Bragg stated that there is low water bridge on Patton Farm Road that she would like to request VDOT to evaluate the bridge and determine whether an emergency gate would be a good option.

Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board direct VDOT to evaluate the bridge and determine if an emergency gate could be installed.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board direct the Finance Department to work with the Commissioner of the Revenue and explore the possibility of a COLA adjustment on the Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled Program.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Shull stated that as the Board reviews the budget. They will be mindful of the reassessment.

Ms. Carter encourages the citizens to appeal their reassessment if they feel it is not correct.

Mr. Slaven appreciates the phone calls and conversations he has had with citizens regarding the reassessment.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shull, seconded by Ms. Carter, moved that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Chairman :2-28min.24 County Administrator

Staff Briefing Meeting, Monday, February 26, 2024, 1:30 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Jeffrey Slaven, Chairman

Pam Carter, Vice-Chair

Michael Shull Gerald Garber Carolyn Bragg

Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator

Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator

James Benkahla, County Attorney

Doug Wolf, Director of Community Development

Julia Hensley, Planner II Elizabeth Goodloe, Planner I Misty Cook, Finance Director

ABSENT:

Scott Seaton Butch Wells

VIRGINIA:

At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia,

and in the 248 $^{\text{th}}$ year of the Commonwealth....

VDOT ROADS

Don Komara, Residency Administrator, discussed the VDOT status report of February 26, 2024.

The Board accepted the report as information.

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FIRE AND RESCUE

Greg Schacht, Fire Chief, discussed the Fire and Rescue monthly report.

The Board accepted the monthly report as information.

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VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Dr. Kimberly McClanahan, Director of Valley Community Services Board presented to the Board information concerning the proposed Crisis Stabilization Unit on land that the state owns in Fishersville.

The Board accepted the report as information.

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MOSELEY ARCHITECTS CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Candy Hensley, Assistant County Administrator, discussed an amendment to the current contract with Moseley Architects.

The Board authorized placing on the February 28, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Ms. Hensley discussed awarding contract for the courthouse project.

The Board authorized placing on the February 28, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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DEED OF EASEMENT AND TEMPORARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT.

Ms. Hensley discussed a Deed of Permanent Access Easement and Temporary Road Construction Easement in order to connect the new Courthouse to Middle River Regional Jail via a new 50-foot road.

The Board authorized placing on the February 28, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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BOARD RULES OF ORDER

Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator, discussed changes to the Board Rules of Order.

The Board instructed staff to delete number three under the current Rules of Order.

The Board authorized placing on the February 28, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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FY2025 ARTS GRANT

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, discussed the Arts Grant for FY2025.

Board directed staff that Oak Grove Theater should be the recipient of the grant funds for FY2025.

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PLANNING COMMISSION/PUBLIC HEARING

Julia Hensley, Planner II, discussed the following:

- A request to rezone from General Agriculture to General Industrial approximately
 2.843 acres owned by JRE Fishersville, LLC located on Expo Road in the Beverley Manor District. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the request.
- 2) A request to rezone from Single Family Residential 10 to General Agriculture with proffers approximately 60.635 acres owned by D&H Properties located in the South River District. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the request with proffers.

The Board authorized placing on the February 28, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

- 1) Courthouse ground breaking will be March 15th at 10:00 a.m.
- 2) The Code of Virginia changes several years ago to allow counties to do siting agreements and negotiate on large solar projects over five megawatts. Currently, Augusta County has not participated in siting agreements. AES Solar in Stuarts Draft has sent the County a siting agreement and has continued to ask for a meeting to discuss. Mr. Fitzgerald asked the Board for direction as to whether siting agreements is something they want to entertain.

Mr. Garber stated that it may be legal, but not ethical.

Mr. Shull agrees with Mr. Garber.

Ms. Bragg stated that this takes out the ability or one of the options for the public to weigh in on the matter.

Ms. Carter agrees and does not like that it would circumvent the public.

Mr. Slaven agrees and stated that it is hard to make some follow the rules for what they want to obtain and not others. Every one needs to go through the same process.

Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development, clarified that there would still be a public hearing for the siting agreement, however, it could remove the Planning Commission from the process.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Ms. Bragg plans to make a motion to appoint Kirk Barley to the Broadband Committee at the regular meeting on February 28. She also plans to bring up an issue with Patton Farm Road gates at a low water bridge.



CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Ms. Carter, seconded by Mr. Shull, the Board went into closed session pursuant to:

- (1) the personnel exemption under Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1) [discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body]:
 - a) Boards and Commissions- Economic Development Authority and CAPSAW
- (2) the economic development exemption under Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(5) [discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of its interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the county]:
 - a) Proposed Office space, flex space, storage facilities, manufacturing facilities, utility and mixed use development.

CLOSED SESSION (CONT'D)

- (3) the legal counsel exemption under Virginia Code § 2.2 3711(A) (7) [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 matterl:
 - a) Breaking Though Media, LLC, et al. vs. Scott Seaton and Augusta County
- (4) the legal counsel exemption under Virginia Code § 2.23711(A) (8) [consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. 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]:
 - a) Breaking Though Media, LLC, et al. vs. Scott Seaton and Augusta County

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On motion of Mr. Shull, seconded by Ms. Bragg, the Board came out of Closed Session.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Garber, Bragg and Shull

Nays: None

Absent: Seaton and Wells

Motion carried.

The Chairman advised that each member is required to certify that to the best of their knowledge during the closed session only the following was discussed:

- Public business matters lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting requirements, and
- 2. Only such public business matters identified in the motion to convene the executive session.

The Chairman asked if there is any Board member who cannot so certify.

Hearing none, the Chairman called upon the County Administrator/ Clerk of the Board to call the roll noting members of the Board who approve the certification shall answer AYE and those who cannot shall answer NAY.

Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Garber, Bragg and Shull

Nays: None

Absent: Seaton and Wells

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION (CONT'D)
The Chairman authorized the County Administrator/Clerk of the Board to record this certification in the minutes.

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Regular Meeting, Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 7:00 p.m., Government Center; Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Jeffrey Slaven, Chairman

Pam Carter, Vice-Chair

Michael Shull Butch Wells Carolyn Bragg Scott Seaton

Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development

Julia Hensley, Planner II

James Benkahla, County Attorney Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

ABSENT: Gerald Garber

Timothy K. Fitzgerald

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 248th year of the Commonwealth....

Chairman Slaven welcomed those present at the meeting.

The following students from Riverheads High School led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance:

Eli Marsh is a senior.

Clayton Davis is a senior.

Ms. Carter, Pastures District, delivered the invocation.

PARKS AND RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE REQUEST

The Board considered a funding request for three sets of soccer goals for Elementary School's Club use.

Funding Source: North River P&R Infrastructure 8023-54 \$2,000.00 Pastures P&R Infrastructure 8024-32 \$2,000.00

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, stated that the Parks & Recreation Commission is requesting funding for an after school soccer program that is operating at Churchville, Craigsville and North River Elementary Schools. The Buffalo Gap High School soccer team is providing mentoring to the children learning to play soccer. The request is for three sets of portable six by twelve soccer goals and the total cost is \$4,000.00. This would serve the Pastures and North River Districts.

PARKS AND RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE REQUEST (CONT'D)

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve the funding request as presented.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Wells, Bragg and Seaton

Nays: None Absent: Garber

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve the consent agenda as follows:

MINUTES:

Consider minutes from the following meetings:

Regular Meeting, Monday, November 20, 2023

CLAIMS:

Consider claims paid since January 1,2024.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Wells, Bragg and Seaton

Nays: None Absent: Garber

Motion carried.

(END OF CONSENT AGENDA)

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Scott Cline, Mt. Sidney, is concerned that the voices of citizens are not being heard. The six Board members that voted to appeal the court case, should pay the cost that is associated with appealing the court case, not the tax payers. He is concerned with the actions of the Board Chairman.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Ms. Whetzel discussed the following:

- Advertisement for public hearing for the ordinance related to the Board of Equalization, 22-8 of the County Code.
- 2) Reassessment notices will be going out soon and they will contain next steps for the appeal process.

Land Use values will be updated. Land Use values are based on the State Land Evaluation Advisory Council (SLEAC) and they offer two recommendations. One is

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF (CONT'D)

an income approach and one is a rental approach.

The values that will be used are the lower of those two methods and that will be the income values. After the initial notices go out, the individuals that are in land use will get a second notice relative to land use.

3) The Arts Grant was discussed at length last year and money was given to Oak Grove Theater, Wayne Theater and Stonewall Brigade Band. Board direction is needed for FY25's budget. Application is due April.

Dr. Seaton stated that Wayne Theater draws people from all over Augusta County and the Cities. Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra is a non-profit organization that draws people from the region. He would be open to switching from Wayne Theater to the Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra for the upcoming budget.

Mr. Slaven suggests half of the funds go to Oak Grove Theater since they are located in the County and the other half be divided among other organizations.

Ms. Whetzel will compile a list of organizations available and it can be discussed at the next worksession.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board appoint Butch Wells to serve on the CAP-SAW Board.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Wells, Carter and Bragg

Nays: Seaton Absent: Garber

Motion carried.

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board appoint Carolyn Bragg to serve on the SAW-MPO.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Wells, Carter and Bragg

Nays: Seaton Absent: Garber

Motion carried.

Dr. Seaton questions why we are paying outside council when the County is paying an Attorney and an Assistant Attorney regarding a simple FOIA case. Appealing the court case is frivolous and will add to the County's expenses billed by outside council. Dr. Seaton asked Mr. Benkahla if the FOIA law has changed or has the Virginia Constitution changed since the Cole versus Smythe case of 2020 that would precipitate overruling Cole versus Smythe?

Mr. Benkahla stated that it has probably changed, but is not sure if it will overrule Cole versus Smythe.

Dr. Seaton stated that the Board should not spend money that only benefits the Board and not the tax payers.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD (CONT'D)

Dr. Seaton moved to cancel the appealing the Judges January 11, 2024 order in the current FOIA case before the Circuit Court.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Seaton

Nays: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Wells, and Bragg

Absent: Garber

Motion failed.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Mr. Shull, seconded by Dr. Seaton, moved that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Wells, Bragg and Seaton

Nays: None Absent: Garber

Motion carried.

Chairman

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County Administrator

Staff Briefing Meeting, Monday, January 22, 2024, 1:30 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Jeffrey Slaven, Chairman

Pam Carter, Vice-Chair

Michael Shull Butch Wells Gerald Garber Carolyn Bragg

Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator

James Benkahla, County Attorney

Doug Wolf, Director of Community Development

Julia Hensley, Planner II Elizabeth Goodloe, Planner I Misty Cook, Finance Director

ABSENT: Scott Seaton

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VDOT ROADS

Don Komara, Residency Administrator, discussed the VDOT status report of January 22, 2024.

The Board accepted the report as information.

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SHENANDOAH VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Jason Carter with Shenandoah Valley Electric presented an infrastructure update to the Board.

The Board accepted the update as information.

FIRE AND RESCUE

a. Greg Schacht, Fire Chief, discussed the Fire and Rescue year-end report.

The Board accepted the monthly report as information.

January 22, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

REVENUE RECOVERY UPDATE

Misty Cook, Director of Finance, discussed a Revenue Recovery rate increase.

The Board authorized placing on the January 24, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Cook presented the Board with the Quarterly Financial Report.

The Board accepted the report as information.

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INFRASTRUCTURES ADDS/DELETES

Ms. Cook discussed the infrastructure account status.

The Board authorized placing on the January 24, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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COURTHOUSE BORROWING

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, discussed a resolution authorizing application to Virginia Resources Authority (VRA) for the courthouse project.

The Board authorized placing on the January 24, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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CHAPTER 5 - ANIMAL ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the public hearing for amendments to the Chapter 5 - Animal Ordinance.

The Board authorized placing on the January 24, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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PLANNING COMMISSION/PUBL1C HEARING

Julia Hensley, Planner II, discussed the following:

- 1) A request to rezone from Rural Residential to General Agriculture approximately 0.20 acres located at 45 Cedar Ridge Road in Waynesboro in the Wayne District. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the request.
- 2) A request to rezone from Single-Family Residential to General Agriculture with proffers approximately 12.56 acres owned by Eric and Jodie Whitson and located at 703 Scenic Highway in Churchville in the Pastures District. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the request with proffers.
- 3) An ordinance amendment to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division E. Business Districts. Article XXX. General Business Districts. Section 25-303. Uses permitted by Administrative Permit. K. limited outdoor storage. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

January 22, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION/PUBLIC HEARING

- 4) An ordinance amendment to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division A. Article I. General Provisions. Section 25-4. Definitions. Limited Outdoor Storage. The Planning Commission recommends approval.
- 5) An ordinance amendment to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division B. Agriculture Districts. Article VII. General Agriculture Districts. Section 25-74. Uses permitted by Special Use Permit. D. Uses away from developed areas. The Planning Commission recommends approval.
- 6) An ordinance amendment to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division F. Industrial Districts. Article VII. General Industrial Districts. Section 25-384. Uses permitted by Special Use Permit. E. Batching plants for asphalt, cement, or concrete. The Planning Commission recommends approval.
- 7) An ordinance amendment to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division I. Permits and Amendments. Section 25-603. Submission of petition for rezoning. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

The Board authorized placing on the January 24, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

- 1) Board Retreat is Friday, February 9th. Kim Payne would like to schedule phone calls January 29-31 with each Board member.
- 2) Go Virginia Planning Grant application on the Blue Mountain site.
- 3) Courthouse groundbreaking in March 15th.
- 4) The question has been raised regarding continuing the Broadband Committee.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD - NONE

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County Administrator

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 7:00 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Jeffrey Slaven, Chairman

Pam Carter, Vice-Chair

Michael Shull Butch Wells

Gerald Garber

Carolyn Bragg

Scott Seaton

Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator

Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator

James Benkahla, County Attorney

Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

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Chairman Slaven welcomed those present at the meeting.

Boy Scout Troop 33 from St. Francis led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Joel Tasey, Senior Patrol Leader for Troop 33, stated that the troop is working on two merit badges; citizenship in the community and communications.

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John Craft delivered the invocation.

COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS FOR 2024 APPOINTED BY THE BOARD

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board appoint the following:

- a. Chief Greg Schacht and Mr. Slaven (Chairman of the Board) to the Local Emergency Planning Commission.
- Richard Williams, W. Douglas Riley, B. Randolph Roller, Joseph Sapotoczny, Ashlie Howell and George Price (Commissioner of the Revenue), Gerald Garber (Board of Supervisor) to the Agriculture and Forestal District Committee.
- c. Jeff Slaven (Chairman of the Board) as Emergency Management Director
- d. Timothy Fitzgerald as Emergency Management Co-Director
- e. Patrick Lam as Emergency Management Coordinator
- f. Amanda Irvine as Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator
- g. Jeff Slaven (Chairman of the Board) and Pam Carter (Vice Chair of the Board) to the Audit Committee

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

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REASSESSMENT UPDATE

Wampler Eanes gave an update on the reassessment process.

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, stated this is a presentation by Wampler Eanes, which is the firm working on the County's reassessment. Presentation was given by Steven Wampler, Betsy Wampler and Mike Caiavecchio. Betsy Wampler gave an overview of the reassessment process.

Ms. Whetzel stated that notices will be going out to citizens and hearing dates to appeal to the assessors will start in approximately mid-February. The book will be finalized by March 31, 2024, including any changes that come of those hearings. The County will have a budget public hearing in mid-April. One of the ads related to the budget will be the equalized rate for that public hearing. There is a budget worksession the end of March and the Board will set a tax rate. Then, there will be a public hearing, the Board approves the budget and the tax tickets will go out immediately foilowing that.

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COURTHOUSE REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION

The Board considered reimbursement resolution for courthouse project borrowing.

Ms. Whetzel stated that this resolution will allow the Board to recoup any spending that they had sixty days prior to this resolution or right after until bond proceeds are received for the courthouse. There will be additional approvals necessary for the Board in order to borrow funds and go through all of the legal items related to the borrowing. This resolution is to allow the County to recoup funds that may have already been spent or will be spending before the proceeds are received. It will also cover if the County decides to borrow at two different times for the courthouse project due to it being an eighteen month to two-year project.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Wells, that the Board adopt the courthouse reimbursement resolution as presented.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

BROADBAND UPDATE

Tom Ennis with All Points Broadband gave an update on the VATI 2022 broadband project in the County.

CONSENTAGENDA

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board approve the consent agenda as follows:

MINUTES:

Consider minutes from the following meetings:

- Regular Meeting, Wednesday, October 11,2023
- Regular Meeting, Wednesday, October 25, 2023

CLAIMS:

Consider claims paid since December 1,2023.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Weils, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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(END OF CONSENT AGENDA)

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Dave Zimmerman, 120 Lee Highway, Verona, is concerned that the cost of body cameras for the Sheriff's Department will be a lot more than what some expect.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

- 1) Board Retreat will be held on Friday, February 9th from 9am-4pm.
- 2) Courthouse groundbreaking event will be held on March 15th.
- 3) A Pay and Compensation Study for the FY25 budget based on direction given at the 2022 strategic planning meeting was in the agenda package. The study will look at salaries, benefits and things that can be done to ensure high quality staff is retained and the County is paying staff the proper amount.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board approve funding for the Pay and Reclass Study with Berkley Group.

Funding Source: 4-70-80000-8199 \$57,876.00

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Garber, Wells, Carter, and Bragg

Nays: Shull and Seaton

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

- 4) Economic Development is preparing to apply for a VEDP DEQ Site Assessment and Planning Grant. This is a \$50,000.00 grant for work on Afton Mountain. There was previous grant work done to look at traffic through the MPO. This grant is to have funding to look at requirements to get water and sewer to the top of Afton Mountain. There are requirements on matching funds, however, they are allowing the use of MPO funds that are used for the traffic study. Therefore, there is no additional match required.
- 5) VACo Local Government Day is February 1st.
- 6) A list of grant opportunities for body and dash cameras was provided to the Board.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Mr. Slaven is excited about the upcoming projects that are taking place in the County.

Ms. Bragg suggested a resolution for Delegates John Avoli and Emmett Hanger to thank them for their many years of service to the County.

Mr. Shull does not want to move forward with changes in response times until the strategic plan is complete for Fire/Rescue. If not included in the strategic plan, he would like to have a study done on the active volunteers and how far they live from the station they volunteer for. Firefighters are on the same response time for downed trees as they are for a fire, wreck or emergency situation. The response time should not be the same for downed trees as it is for an emergency.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the volunteer committee is not looking to change the actual response time. It is being evaluated to determine when a response becomes a non-response.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve a funding request for Buffalo Gap High School weight room equipment.

Funding Source: Pastures Infrastructure 8014-121 \$5,000.00

Vote was as follows: Yeas:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve a funding request for Craigsville Volunteer Fire Department to replace an oil furnace.

Funding Source: Pastures Infrastructure 8014-122 \$7,500.00

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD (CONT'D)

Ms. Carter gave an update on the prison closure in Craigsville. She reiterated to the citizens that the County nor the Board of Supervisors knew that the prison was going to close until they were notified the morning of December 15th. The prison will close June 30, 2024. January 19th is the deadline for people to submit their request if they would like to be transferred. The water tank system was built in collaboration with the understanding that the prison would always be there to cover a large portion of those costs. The DOC will be maintaining the system and nothing will happen until after December 31, 2024. After that date, a decision will be made about how the infrastructure will be given back to the town. There are multiple openings at Middle River Jail and the training for the jail is very different from the prison training. The DOC has been working with DCJS to develop a training program to help transition from the prison to the jail.

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CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Ms. Carter, seconded by Mr. Shull, the Board went into closed session pursuant to:

- (1) the personnel exemption under Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A) (1)
 - [discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body]:
 - a) Boards and Commissions- Recycling, Library, Broadband, Planning Commission, Parks & Recreation, Youth Commission, Ag and Forestai Dist., Central Shenandoah Planning Dist. Commission, Social Services, Blue Ridge Committee, Board of Zoning Appeals
- Dr. Seaton questioned the County Attorney if Board members were allowed to take detailed notes of the closed session.
- Mr. Benkahla stated that it would be up to the Board. Currently, there is no rule regarding handwritten notes.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter, and Bragg

Nays: Seaton

Motion carried.

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On motion of Mr. Shull, seconded by Ms. Carter, the Board came out of Closed Session.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

And Seaton

Nays: None

CLOSED SESSION (CONT'D)

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The Chairman advised that each member is required to certify that to the best of their knowledge during the closed session only the following was discussed:

- 1. Public business matters lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting requirements, and
- 2. Only such public business matters identified in the motion to convene the executive session.

The Chairman asked if there is any Board member who cannot so certify.

Hearing none, the Chairman called upon the County Administrator/ Clerk of the Board to call the roll noting members of the Board who approve the certification shall answer AYE and those who cannot shall answer NAY.

Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter and Bragg

Nays: Seaton

Motion carried.

Dr. Seaton indicated that he was asked if he was recording the closed session and that was not in the motion to go to closed session. For this reason, he voted no to certify.

The Chairman authorized the County Administrator/Clerk of the Board to record this certification in the minutes.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board appoint Kristy McComas to serve and unexpired term on the Planning Commission. Effective immediately and to expire on June 30, 2026.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board appoint Monica Rutledge to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee for the Pastures District.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (CONT'D)

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board appoint Randy Hunter to serve on the Recycling Committee. Effective immediately and to expire June 30, 2028.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board appoint Kayden Hansbrough to serve on the Youth Commission. Effective immediately and to expire June 30, 2024.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board re-appoint Robert Thomas on the Planning Commission. Effective July 1, 2024 and to expire June 30, 2028.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Mr. Shull, seconded by Ms. Bragg, moved that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

County Administrator

Organizational Meeting, Wednesday, January 3, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT:

Michael Shull, Chairman

Jeffrey Slaven, Vice-Chair

Butch Wells Gerald Garber Pam Carter Scott Seaton Carolyn Bragg

Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator

Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator

James Benkahla, County Attorney Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

VIRGINIA:

At an organizational meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and

in the 248th year of the Commonwealth....

Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator, welcomed those present for the meeting.

Mr. Coleman, former Board of Supervisor member for the Wayne District, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Seaton, Supervisor for the Wayne District, delivered the invocation.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN - 2024

Mr. Wells nominated Jeff Slaven Chairman for 2024, seconded by Ms. Carter.

Dr. Seaton asked Mr. Slaven a list of questions.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Shull, Carter, Garber, Wells, and Bragg

Nays: Seaton Abstain: Slaven

Motion carried.

Mr. Slaven appointed Chairman for 2024.

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VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2024

Chairman Slaven called for nominations for Vice-Chairman for 2024.

Mr. Shull nominated Ms. Carter for Vice-Chair for 2024, seconded by Mr. Wells.

Dr. Seaton asked Ms. Carter a list of questions.

Ms. Bragg stated that she was surprised by this nomination.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Shull, Wells,

Nays: Garber, Bragg and Seaton

Abstain: Carter

Motion carried.

Since it was a tie vote with Ms. Carter abstaining she then voted for herself to make the vote as follows:

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Shull, Carter, Wells,

Nays: Garber, Bragg and Seaton

Motion carried.

Ms. Carter appointed Vice-Chairman for 2024.

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BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2024

The Board considered the Board Meeting Schedule for 2024.

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board adopt the schedule and resolution:

Regular Meetings	Staff Briefings						
	Wednesday		Monday				
	7:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.				
JANUARY	3 rd	5:00 p.m.					
(ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING)							
JANUARY	10 th	24 th	22 nd				
FEBRUARY	14 th	28 th	26 th				
MARCH	13 th	27 th	25 th				
APRIL	10 th	24 th	22 nd				
MAY	8 th	22 nd	20 th				
JUNE	12 th	26 th	24 th				
JULY	10 th	24 th	22^^				
AUGUST	14 th	28 th	26 th				
SEPTEMBER	11 th	25 th	23 rd				
OCTOBER	9 th	23 rd	21 st				
NOVEMBER	13 th	26th (Tues)	25 th				
DECEMBER	11 th						
Special Meetings:							
Budget Hearing	April 10. 2	2024 (or April 1	7 - Special Meeting)				

Budget Hearing April 10, 2024 (or April 17 - Special Meeting)
Budget Adoption April 24, 2024 (or May 1st - Special Meeting)

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2024 (CONT'D)

Organizational Meeting

January 2, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

- March 25th -Budget Briefing
- November 10-12-VACO Annua! Conference
- July 10th (previously cancelled -7/9/14; 7/8/15; 7/13/16; 7/12/17; 7/11/18; 7/10/19,7/8/20,7/14/21,7/13/22)

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, \$ 15.2-1416 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, requires that the Board of Supervisors of Augusta County} Virginia, at its organizational meeting, prescribe by resolution the daiys on which it will hold future meetings during the ensuing months.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors now desires to jestablish its schedule for regular meetings during calendar year 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

- 1. The Board of Supervisors shall hold regular meetings during calendar year 2024, in the Board Meeting Room at the Augusta County Government Center, on the dates and at the times set | forth on the schedule attached to this Resolution.
- 2. In the event the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, or the Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, if the Chairman is unable to act, finds and declares that weather or other conditions are such that it is hazardous for members of the Board of Supervisors to attend a regular meeting, such regular meeting shall be continued to the next business day. Such finding and declaration shall be communicated to the members of the Board of Supervisors and the press as promptly as possible. All hearings and other matters previously advertised shall be conducted at the continued meeting and no further advertisement is required.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

And Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

<u>TIEBREAKER</u>

The Board considered, in accordance with Section 15.2-1421, appointment of a tie- breaker, which is at the discretion of the governing body.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that traditionally a tiebreaker is not done. The tradition has been that ties fail on the Board.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board not adopt a tiebreaker for 2024.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg

And Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

RULES OF ORDER

The Board considered adoption of the Board Rules of Order for 2024.

Mr. Fitzgerald reviewed the Rules of Order from 2023 with no changes.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board add two rules; "no recording or transmission device will be allowed to be used in closed session and any violation of the rules may result in disciplinary action."

Dr. Seaton objected to consideration of the motion according to State Code.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, and Bragg

Nays: Seaton

Motion carried.

Dr. Seaton moved to adopt an addition to the rules stating "Board members must follow the bylaws of the Board or Commission they are appointed to serve on."

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Seaton

Nays: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, and Bragg

Motion failed.

ADJOURNMENT_

There being no other business to come before the Board, Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Mr. Wells that the Board adjourn subject to call of the Chairman.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Garber, Wells, Bragg

And Seaton

Nays: Shull

Motion carried.

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County Administrator