

Staff Briefing Meeting, Monday, July 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
 Julia Hensley, Planner II

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, July 22, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 249th year of the Commonwealth....

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VDOT ROADS

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

The Board accepted as information.

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FIRE AND RESCUE

a. Greg Schacht discussed the Fire/Rescue monthly report.

The Board accepted as information.

b. Chief Schacht gave a Fire/Rescue Strategic Plan update and asked for authorization to advertise for public hearing on August 28, 2024.

The Board authorized to advertise for public hearing on August 28, 2024.

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OPIOID SETTLEMENT

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, discussed inclusion in the opioid settlement and authorizing the County Administrator to sign the documents.

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

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CROZET TUNNEL SMART SCALE RESOLUTION

Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development, discussed the Crozet Tunnel Smart Scale Resolution

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

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DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DROUGHT 2024

Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator, discussed a resolution declaring a local emergency.

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

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PLANNING COMMISSION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

Julia Hensley, Planner II, discussed the following:

- a) A request to rezone from General Agriculture to General Business approximately 2.515 acres owned by Zachary Dean located at 3840 East Side Highway near Harriston in the Middle River Magisterial District. The Planning Commission recommends denial of the request.
- b) Appeal of Planning Commission Substantial Accord Determination (Augusta Solar Project)
- c) A request by Augusta Solar LLC to construct and operate a large solar energy system (90 MWac) on property owned by the following landowners: Waynesboro Nurseries, Inc. (TMPs 076-44A, 085-8, 085-9, 085-24, 085-25, 085-34, 085-35, 085-58, 085-58A); East, Robert E. Jr. Revocable Trust (TMP 084-87); Martin, Gary E. 50% & Dale L. 50% (TMPs 084-106, 084-107, 084-108, 084-108A, 084-108B, 084-108E, 084-108J); Boxley, Alphonso P. III Trustee & Dale S. Boxley, Trustee (TMP 085-61); Hunter, Lyle Walton (TMP 085-4); Kiser, Orvin H., Jr., & Trustee (TMP 085-62); Brenneman, James & Magdalene F. (TMPs 085-63D and 085-63E).

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

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

- 1) VACo County Officials Summit is August 15th in Richmond. Committee meetings will occur in the afternoon.
- 2) The Central Shenandoah Health Department Annual Report was provided to the Board. The new Health Director is Dr. Allison Baroco.
- 3) The Mill Place parkway right-of-way donation for VDOT will be added to the regular meeting consent agenda for consideration.
- 4) Administration will be transitioning to Civic Plus software program in August. Citizens will be able to access the meeting and watch and follow along with the agenda on the same page. The meeting will be broadcast on Web-TV and no longer on Facebook.
- 5) Augusta County fair starts on Tuesday.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Mr. Garber requests that staff evaluate the ordinance for shipping containers and how they can be used.

Mr. Wells questions whether a property maintenance ordinance should be considered.

Mr. Shull would like to add a Riverheads Infrastructure funding request for Riverheads Volunteer Fire Department \$15,500.00 and a request for Middlebrook Ruritans for stone for approximately \$1,000.00 be added to the agenda for Board's consideration. He would also like to have links for recordings of different committee meetings such as the Fire Association sent to the Board for their review.

Mr. Shull would like to add funding request from infrastructure accounts for netting at Stuarts Draft Park \$12,470.00.

The Board authorized placing the above funding requests on the Wednesday, July 24, 2024 regular meeting consent agenda.

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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: Library Board, Social Services Advisory Board, Broadband, Parks & Rec, Augusta Water, Recycling, Central Shenandoah Planning Commission, 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.

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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, Shull, Garber, Wells and Bragg
 Nays: None

Motion carried.

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CLOSED SESSION (CONT'D)

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 and Bragg
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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

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Chairman


County Administrator