

Staff Briefing Meeting, Monday, November 21, 2022, 1:30 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Gerald Garber, Chairman
Butch Wells, Vice-Chair
Pam Carter
Michael L. Shull
Scott Seaton
Steven Morelli
Jeffrey Slaven
Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator
Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator
John Wilkinson, Director of Community Development
James Benkahla, County Attorney

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, November 21, 2022, at 1:30 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 247th year of the Commonwealth....

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Rebekah Castle, Director of Economic Development and Marketing, discussed the Economic Development monthly report of October 2022.

The Board accepted the monthly report as information.

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VDOT ROADS

Don Komara, Residency Administrator, discussed the VDOT monthly report.

The Board accepted the monthly 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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REASSESSMENT UPDATE

Wampler Eanes Appraisal Group updated the Board on the reassessment project.

The Board accepted as information.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board discussed the following:

- a. Draft from the October Strategic Plan Worksession.
- b. Board Committee status.

The Board accepted as information.

A list of Board committees will be provided at the November 22, 2022 regular meeting.

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LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, discussed draft updates for the legislative package.

The Board authorized holding for the November 22, 2022 regular meeting. It is suggested to have a representative from Augusta Health give a presentation at the November 21, 2022 Staff Briefing on the Certificate of Public Need.

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BOARDS & COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES

Ms. Whetzel discussed required Boards & Commissions and Committees.

The Board authorized holding for the November 22, 2022 regular meeting.

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PLANNING COMMISSION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

Elizabeth Goodloe, Planner, discussed the following:

- a. An ordinance to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division B. Agriculture Districts. Article VII. General Agriculture Districts. Section 25-74. Use permitted by special use permit. R. Short-term Rentals, bed and breakfast, and vacation rentals.
- b. An ordinance to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division C. Single-Family Residential Districts. Article XII. Rural Residential Districts. Section 25-123. Uses permitted by Administrative Permit E. Domestic Chickens.

The Board authorize placing on the November 22, 2022 regular meeting agenda.

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WAIVERS –NONE

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD – NONE

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

1. Reeds Gap through truck restriction expansion.
2. Board Rules of Order
3. Staunton Christmas Parade is Monday, November 28, 2022.
4. Verona Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 17, 2022.

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CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Slaven, the Board went into closed session pursuant to:

1. (1) 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.
2. the real property exemption under Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A) (3)
[discussion of the acquisition for a public purpose, or disposition, of real property]:
 - a. Augusta County Courthouse
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 matter.
 - a. Turley, et al. v. Holmes, et al.
 - b. Notice of intent to sue Augusta County, Turley, et al.
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. Turley, et al. v. Holmes, et al.
 - b. Notice of intent to sue Augusta County, Turley, et al.

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On motion of Dr. Seaton, seconded by Mr. Slaven, the Board came out of Closed Session.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Carter, Seaton, Slaven
and Morelli
Nays: None
Absent: Shull

Motion carried.

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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.

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.

Yeas: Garber, Wells, Carter, Seaton, Slaven
and Morelli
Nays: None
Absent: Shull

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


Chairman


County Administrator