

Staff Briefing Meeting, Monday, August 26, 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
Julia Hensley, Planner II

ABSENT: Gerald Garber

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, August 26, 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 August 26, 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 discussed the public hearing for amendments to Article II of Chapter 2 of the County Code.

The Board authorize placing on the August 28, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM-RESOLUTION

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, discussed a resolution establishing the rate of tax relief of qualifying vehicles for the Personal Property Tax Relief Act.

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

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August 26, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING REQUEST

Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator, discussed an infrastructure funding request from Wilson Volunteer Fire Department for rain suits in the amount of \$2,001.89.

Funding Source: South River Infrastructure \$2,001.89

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

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

- 1) I-81 closures Monday-Thursday are on the VDOT website.
- 2) VACo Annual Conference is November 10-12, 2024.
- 3) September Staff Briefing will be on September 25th at 4:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting. This is due to Mr. Fitzgerald and Ms. Whetzel attending a conference on September 23rd.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Ms. Bragg will be bringing information to the Board on the Heritage Chimney project signage in Grottoes.

Dr. Seaton questioned the status of the garbage issue on Long Meadow Road.

Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development, stated that their department has inspected the property and due to their findings, they will be contacting the Health Department regarding the issue.

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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 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. Carter, the Board came out of Closed Session.

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

CLOSED SESSION (CONT'D)

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:

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, 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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Chairman


County Administrator