Regular Meeting, Wednesday, September 25, 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

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 249th year of the Commonwealth....

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Chairman Slaven welcomed those present at the meeting.

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The following student from Stuarts Draft High School led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance:

JaDore Haliburton is a senior and plans to attend New York University and study business.

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Pam Carter, Pastures District, delivered the invocation.

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REZONING REQUEST – BLAKELY PROPERTIES, LLC

This being the day and time advertised to consider a request to rezone from General Business to General Agriculture approximately .268 acres owned by Blakely Properties, LLC.

Julia Hensley, Planner II, stated that the property is located within an Urban Service Overlay District in an Urban Service Area of the Comprehensive Plan, planned for business. The purpose of the rezoning is to be able to renovate an existing structure to be used as a residence. Staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of the rezoning.

The Chairman opened the public hearing.

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

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REZONING REQUEST – BLAKELY PROPERTIES, LLC
Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board approve the rezoning request as presented.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg And Seaton
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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REZONING REQUEST – JASON A. & DESTINY D. BARTLEY
This being the day and time advertised to consider a request to rezone from Single Family Residential 15 to General Agriculture with proffers approximately 61.678 acres owned by Jason A. & Destiny D. Bartley.

Ms. Hensley stated that the property is located in within an Urban Service Overlay District in an Urban Service Area of the Comprehensive Plan, planned for Medium Density Residential. The purpose of the rezoning is to locate a manufactured home on the property and to have a small hobby farm operation. The following proffers are included:

a. Intensive agriculture operations, which includes swine farming, large poultry operations, slaughterhouses, and concentrated animal feeding operations will not be permitted on the property.
b. The property will be prohibited from holding more than five pigs and one hundred chickens. All animal units, pigs, and chicken shall be fenced, and all pigs shall be set back at least 200 feet from all exterior boundaries of the property that adjoin any residentially zoned property.
c. No commercial farm vehicles will access this site through Augusta Street or any other roadway within the nearby subdivisions. Personal farm vehicles may be permitted.
d. Within 180 days of the rezoning, the property owner will dedicate up to 50 feet of right-of-way to VDOT to extend Augusta Street approximately 152.5 feet across the eastern portion of parcel 046A (4) 2D to provide access to parcel 046A (4) 2.

Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval of the rezoning.

Jason Bartley, Applicant, stated that the property has been zoned Single Family Residential since 1969. During that time period, there has been at least three feasibility studies done on the property and all have deemed the property not profitable for development.

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 rezoning request as presented.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg And Seaton
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT
The Board considered the following:

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, the Board received the County's year-end report for the financial statements for FY2023. As part of that report, there are two items that require Board consideration. The first is to consider infrastructure adds and deletes. These would be projects that the Board has previously allocated funding to and then the funding was no longer needed. The County has a fund balance policy. If you commit funds officially then you have to officially uncommit funds.

a. Infrastructure adds/deletes.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve the infrastructure adds and deletes.

Vote was as follows:	Yeas:	Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg And Seaton
	Nays:	None

Motion carried.

b. The School Board year-end fund balance request.

Ms. Whetzel stated that the second item is consider the School Board's year-end fund balance carry over request. The schools have closed out their fiscal year 2024 books with a carry-over of $896,985.00. They have requested that the funds be placed in their School Capital Improvement Program account.

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve the School Board's year-end fund balance request.

Vote was as follows:	Yeas:	Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg And Seaton
	Nays:	None

Motion carried.

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PARKS AND RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE
The Board considered funding for Mt. Sidney Ruritan playground in the amount of $36,464.00.

Funding Source:	North River Infrastructure	709105-480237	$18,232.00
	Middle River Infrastructure	709105-480227	$18,232.00

Ms. Whetzel stated that in July the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed a grant request from the Ruritan Charities of Mt. Sidney to assist in replacing the existing playground at Mt. Sidney Ruritan Park. The Commission recommends the grant be awarded based on the County's existing Recreation Matching Grant program. All

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required forms have been properly submitted. The total project is approximately $87,000.00. The amount requested in the grant is $36,464.00.

Elizabeth Williams and Linda Krause spoke on the project and thanked the Board for their consideration.

Mr. Garber 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.

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CONSENT AGENDA
Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve the consent agenda as presented.

MINUTES:
Consider minutes from the following meeting:

- Staff Briefing, Monday, August 26, 2024

CLAIMS:
Consider claims paid since August 1, 2024

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 PUBLIC -- NONE

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF
The following was discussed:

1) G.W. Wiseman is retiring and his last day is October 4, 2024. Ernie Sadler has been hired as the new Building Official.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Ms. Carter stated that one of the recommendations in the Fire-Rescue Strategic Plan was to look at the concept of a hub for certain areas of the County. After lengthy discussion, she would like to move forward with exploring the hub concept for Churchville and then move on to Riverheads.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board direct Staff to move forward with the hub system for Fire/Rescue.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg And Seaton
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board approve funding for solar speed signs in Greenville.

Funding Source: Riverheads Infrastructure 709105-480151 $6,850.00

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg And Seaton
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board approve funding for the Fishersville Library property survey.

Funding Source: Wayne Infrastructure 709105-480171 $8,500.00

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Shull, Garber, Wells, Bragg And Seaton
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Seaton, 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

County Administrator

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