

Regular Meeting, Monday, November 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
Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development
Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, November 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 Riverheads Middle School led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance:

Helen Quebe is in 7th grade and enjoys Physical Education.

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Michael Shull, Riverheads District, delivered the invocation.

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FIRE-RESCUE FUND GRANT

The Board considered the Fire-Rescue Fund Grant Committee recommendation for a funding request from the Mt. Solon Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$10,054.52 to purchase open fire gear racks.

Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator, stated that this a grant for the Mount Solon Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$10,054.52. The Fire-Rescue Fund Grant Committee reviewed the request and recommends the funding. This is funding for open fire gear racks that would increase the safety and prevent future illness in volunteers by allowing gear to dry quicker and cut down on odors.

Dr. Seaton 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

Motion carried.

Howard Wilson, 1430 Mossy Creek Road, Bridgewater, VA, voiced concerns regarding All Points Broadband.

John Nalberczinski, 85 Briar Creek Circle, Weyers Cave, VA, voiced concerns regarding the reassessment process and its accuracy.

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The following was discussed:

- 1) A request from Delegate Runion's office to draft a letter regarding the I-81 project that will build an auxiliary lane between I64 and Route 262 on the southbound side. The letter is requesting that funding be considered for the northbound auxiliary lane as well. Mr. Fitzgerald will draft and send the letter.

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Mr. Shull mentioned concerns with the deer population in the County that was discussed during VACo. He also mentioned the issue with Hill Studio and the Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Carter addressed the false information being spread about her. She has no plans to resign from the Board.

Mr. Shull asked for a time schedule on the BEAD and VATI grants.

Ms. Whetzel stated that the state has opened up their letter of intent process, which will end at the end of November, and then the application process will open up. There is a timeline at the state level that she can share with the Board.

Ms. Carter stated that after reading the contract with All Points Broadband, it appears they have not complied with it. She questions what recourse the County has.

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Mr. Shull, seconded by Mr. Wells, 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