

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 1:30 PM Government Center Main Board Room

ROLE CALL:

Gerald Garber, Butch Wells, Jeffrey Slaven, Pam Carter, Michael Shull,
Scott Seaton, Carolyn Bragg
Timothy K. Fitzgerald County Administrator
Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator
James Benkahla, County Attorney
Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development
Julia Hensley, Planner II
Misty Cook, Director of Finance

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 1:30 PM at the Government Center Main Board Room, and in the 249th year of the Commonwealth...

Addition to Original Agenda

- a. Body Camera Update

Donald Smith, Augusta County Sheriff, provided the Board with an update on the status of the body and dash cameras for the county.

The Board accepted the report as information.

1. VDOT

- a. Report by VDOT.

Don Komara, Residency Administrator, discussed the VDOT status report of January 21, 2025.

The Board accepted the report as information.

2. Fire-Rescue

- a. Report by Staff.

Greg Schacht, Fire Chief, discussed the Fire and Rescue year-end report.

The Board accepted the monthly report as information.

3. **Greater Augusta Regional Tourism Agreement**

- a. Discuss authorizing the County Administrator to execute the updated agreement between GART jurisdictions.

Rebekah Castle, Director of Economic Development, discussed authorizing the County Administrator to execute the updated agreement between GART jurisdictions.

The Board authorized placing on the January 22, 2025 regular meeting agenda.

4. **Revenue Recovery Rate Updates**

- a. Discuss the Revenue Recovery billing rates.

Misty Cook discussed the Revenue Recovery billing rates.

The Board authorized placing on the January 22, 2025 regular meeting agenda.

5. **Tax Refund Request**

- a. Discuss a tax refund request from Crosby Leasing, Inc. in the amount of \$36,582.00.

James Benkahla, County Attorney, discussed a tax refund request from Crosby Leasing, Inc. in the amount of \$35,582.00.

The Board authorized placing on the January 22, 2025 regular meeting agenda.

6. **Planning Commission/Public Hearings**

Julia Hensley, Planner II, discussed the following:

- a. Discuss an ordinance to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division A. In General. Article I. General Provisions. Section 25-4. Definitions. Travel Plazas. The Planning Commission recommends approval.
- b. Discuss an ordinance to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division A. In General. Article I. General Provisions. Section 25-4. Definitions. Gasoline Retail Outlets. The Planning Commission recommends approval.
- c. Discuss an ordinance to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division A. In General. Article VI.D. Solar Energy Systems. Section 25-70.4. Uses permitted by Special Use Permit by the Board of Zoning Appeals. The Planning

Commission recommends approval.

- d. Discuss an ordinance to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division A. In General. Article VI.D. Solar Energy Systems. Section 25-70.8. Location, Appearance and Operation of a Project Site. The Planning Commission recommends approval.
- e. Discuss an ordinance to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division A. In General. Article VI.D. Solar Energy Systems. Section 25-70.10. Decommissioning. The Planning Commission recommends approval.
- f. Discuss a request to amend and restate proffers on approximately 86.473 acres (TMP 065-72) owned by Barterbrook Investment Co., LLC. The Planning Commission recommends approval.
- g. Discuss a request to rezone from General Business to Multi-family Residential approximately 3.057 acres (TMP 067 104B) of an approximately 4.557-acre parcel owned by Mansour Group, LLC. The Planning Commission recommends approval.
- h. Discuss a request to rezone from General Agriculture to Single Family Residential with proffers approximately 25.541 acres (TMP 084 102A) owned by RAE Enterprises, LLC. The Planning Commission recommends denial.

The Board authorized placing on the January 22, 2025 regular meeting agenda.

7. Matters to Be Presented by Staff

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

- 1. The I-81 bridge at Weyers Cave is included in the Smart Scale funding scenario.
 - 2. A plan to visit to the General Assembly on Monday, January 27th.
 - 3. Budget meeting with the Board of Supervisors to share budget priorities will be on Wednesday, February 26th before the regular meeting.
 - 4. Ipad replacement for each Board member.
 - 5. Would the Board have an interest in going back to doing viewings of planning items on Staff Briefing meeting days?
 - 6. Misty Cook, Director of Finance, updated the Board on the Courthouse financing.
 - 7. Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, discussed the Arts Grant and how the Board would like to proceed with the grant.
- a. December FOIA Log

8. Matters to Be Presented by the Board

Dr. Seaton asked if there would be a Board Retreat.

Dr. Seaton questioned if the Judge's bench change in the new courthouse can be stopped?

Ms. Carter asked if it is possible to have All Points come to a meeting once a month to give an update?

9. Closed Session

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

[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]:

- On motion of Mr. Shull, seconded by Ms. Bragg, the Board came out of Closed Session.

Motion carried.

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, Bragg
and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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

Minutes approved by the Board on Wednesday, February 26, 2025. The signed minutes can be reviewed in the County Administrator's Office.

Chairman

County Administrator