

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 7:00 PM Government Center Main Board Room

ROLE CALL:

Gerald Garber
Butch Wells
Jeffrey Slaven
Pam Carter
Michael Shull
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, May 14, 2025, at 7:00 PM at the Government Center Main Board Room, and in the 249th year of the Commonwealth...

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Chairman Garber welcomed those present at the meeting.

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The following students from Stewart Middle School led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance:

Juliet Martin is in the 7th grade. She plays travel softball and is the 7th grade Student Council President.

Stella Harper is in 7th grade. She plays middle school basketball, travel basketball and is the Reporter for TSA Middle School Officer Team.

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Mike Shull, Riverheads District, delivered the invocation.

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Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board allow Mr. Wells to join the meeting via Zoom.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Slaven, Bragg, Shull, Seaton and Carter

Nays: None

Absent: Wells

Motion carried.

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1. Disposition of County Property

This being the date and time advertised to consider a request to rezone from General Agriculture to General Business with proffers approximately 33.11 acres (TMP 077 30D) owned by H2 Holdings, LLC. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator, stated that this is a public hearing for disposition of County-owned properties and is required by Virginia Code. This is County-owned courthouse property in downtown Staunton, which includes the Circuit Court, the General District Court and a residential structure behind the General District Court. As the completion of the courts facility in Verona is near, the time will come to address the sale or lease of the buildings in downtown Staunton.

The Chairman opened the public hearing.

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

There is no action required by the Board. If consideration is needed for lease or other consideration of individual properties it be brought before the Board of Supervisors for consideration at that time.

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2. Revised Budget for 2024-2025

The Board considered the revised budget for FY2024-2025.

Misty Cook, Director of Finance, stated that the FY2024-2025 Revised Budget appropriations total \$327,502,963.00. There is an additional \$94.8 million in transfers between funds, total appropriations for the revised FY25 budget are \$422,370,068. A

public hearing was held on this matter on April 23, 2025 with no speakers from the public.

APPROPRIATIONS

On the motion of Ms. Carter, seconded by Ms. Bragg, the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Augusta, Virginia, that the following appropriation be made for the fiscal year 2024-2025 from the funds and for the functions or purposes indicated:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to transfer to other funds from the GENERAL OPERATING FUND from time to time as money becomes available, sums equal to, but not in excess of the appropriations made to these funds from GENERAL OPERATING FUND for the period covered by the appropriation.

BE IT STILL RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized, pursuant to a resolution adopted by this Board of Supervisors on November, 11, 1959, to pay all normal and routine claims, when presented for which appropriations are hereinafter made, with his own warrant.

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

111101	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	176,749
111201	COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR	1,231,969
111203	HUMAN RESOURCES	387,873
111204	LEGAL SERVICES	612,240
111207	REASSESSMENT	21,847
111208	BOARD OF EQUALIZATION	19,292
111209	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	1,249,654
111213	TREASURER	704,803
111215	FINANCE	556,110
111251	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	1,362,343
111301	BOARD OF ELECTIONS	620,787
112101	CIRCUIT COURT	233,910
112102	GENERAL DISTRICT COURT	20,038
112103	MAGISTRATE	8,950
112106	CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT	1,349,760
112201	COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY	2,159,313
112202	CASSAP GRANT	207,295
113102	SHERIFF	12,817,928
113104	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	2,621,398
113201	FIRE DEPARTMENT	14,206,653
113202	EMERGENCY SERVICES - VOLUNTEERS	2,098,787
113203	FIRE & EMS TRAINING	849,262

113303	J&D COURT	39,990
113304	COURT SERVICES	5,512
113305	JUVENILE & PROBATION	5,762,729
113401	BUILDING INSPECTIONS	703,650
113501	ANIMAL CONTROL	850,371
113505	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	132,833
114102	HIGHWAYS & ROADS	20,000
114104	STREET LIGHTS	127,000
114201	SANITATION & WASTE	3,113,322
114202	RECYCLING	184,100
114301	FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	2,479,711
115101	HEALTH DEPARTMENT	762,837
115102	TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY	542,377
117101	PARKS & REC INCL. NATURAL CHIMNEYS	1,209,064
117301	LIBRARY	2,112,571
118101	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	1,326,313
118102	TOURISM	654,554
118105	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	375,299
118301	EXTENSION OFFICE	178,098
118305	AGRICULTURAL OUTREACH	6,760
119102	OTHER OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS	1,297,810
119103	CONTRIBUTIONS	604,314
119204	CONTINGENCIES	48,654
119400	TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	<u>86,740,020</u>

GRAND TOTAL - GENERAL OPERATING FUND (11)

152,794,850

FROM: Fire Revolving Loan Fund (12)

TO: Fire Revolving Loan Fund (12)

123000 - Disbursement of Loans & Gear Purchases 605,000

Grand Total - Fire Revolving Loan Fund (12)

605,000

FROM: Asset Forfeiture Fund (13)

TO: Asset Forfeiture Fund (13)

133000 - Operations

48,000

Grand Total - Asset Forfeiture Fund (13)

48,000

FROM: Economic Development Fund (14)

TO: Economic Development Fund (14)

148000 - Payments to E.D.A.

2,450

Grand Total - Economic Development Fund (14)

2,450

FROM: Revenue Recovery Fund (15)

TO: Revenue Recovery Fund (15)

153306 - Payments to Agencies

654,100

153307 - Service Fees

489,453

159104 - Contingencies

160,000

94000 -	Transfers to Other Funds <u>1,705,144</u>	
Grand Total - Revenue Recovery Fund (15)		3,008,697

FROM: ARPA Fund (20)

TO: ARPA Fund (20)

203102	Sheriff	18,612
201201	Special Projects	375,664
209103	Broadband <u>1,680,000</u>	
Grand Total - ARPA Relief Fund (20)		2,074,276

FROM: Virginia Public Assistance Fund (23)

TO: Virginia Public Assistance Fund (23)

For the operation of the Augusta County Department of Public Welfare, Virginia Public Assistance Fund and to be expended only on order of the Board of Welfare for the functions and objects as outlined in the budget requests as presented to the Board of Supervisors for informative and fiscal purposes only:

235301 -	Administration	12,803,994
235302 -	Public Assistance	<u>3,323,005</u>
Grand Total - Virginia Public Assistance Fund (23)		16,126,999

FROM: Children's Services Act Fund (24)

TO: Children's Services Act Fund (24)

245000 -	Children's Services Act	<u>5,800,000</u>
Grand Total - Children's Services Act Fund (24)		5,800,000

FROM: School Operating Fund (41)

TO: School Operating Fund (41)

For the operation of the Public Schools of the School Operating Fund (41) and to be expended only on order of the Augusta County School Board of Augusta County, Virginia, for the functions and objects a contained in their budget requests as presented to the Board of Supervisors for financial and fiscal purposes:

411100 -	Instruction	
118,923,907		
412000 -	Admin/Attend/Health	
6,776,284		
413000 -	Pupil Transportation	
9,291,763		
414000 -	Operation/Maintenance	
13,505,857		
419400-	School Capital	
<u>1,582,903</u>		

Grand Total - School Operating Fund (41)	150,080,714
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FROM: School Cafeteria Fund (43)

TO: School Cafeteria Fund (43)

To be expended on order of the Augusta County School Board for the operation of the School Cafeteria Fund:

4351090 - School Food Services	<u>7,697,671</u>	
Grand Total - School Cafeteria Fund (43)		7,697,671

FROM: School Capital Improvement Fund (44)

TO: School Capital Improvement Fund (44)

44810900 - Technology	534,362
44350900 - Transportation	1,743,836
44620900 - Building/Facility Services	1,812,650
44620900 - Valley Career & Technical Center	528,771
44650900 - Buffalo Gap Middle School Wing	2,037,802
44650900 - Riverheads Middle School Wing	3,830,046
44660900 Building Improvements	<u>881,222</u>
Grand Total - School Capital Improvement Fund (44)	11,368,689

FROM: School Debt Fund (45)

TO: School Debt Fund (45)

459204 - Debt Service - County	2,497,347
459205 - Debt Service - School	<u>11,388,002</u>
Grand Total - School Debt Service (45)	13,885,349

FROM: Head Start Fund (47)

TO: Head Start Fund (47)

471000 - Instruction	3,254,626
472000 - Admin/Attend/Health	510,174
473000 - Pupil Transportation	105,177
474000 - Maintenance Services	<u>83,473</u>

Grand Total - Head Start Fund (47)	3,953,450
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FROM: Governor's School Fund (48)

TO: Governor's School Fund (48)

481100 - Instruction	2,019,377
472000 - Health Services	41,287
484000 - Operations/Maintenance	62,200
486600 - Building Improvements	<u>100,000</u>

Grand Total - Governor's School Fund (48)

2,222,864

FROM: County Capital Improvement Fund (70)

TO: County Capital Improvement Fund (70)

480054 -	Landfill	2,852,373
480111 -	Infrastructure - Beverley Manor	50,000
480121 -	Infrastructure - Middle River	50,000
480131 -	Infrastructure - North River	50,000
480141 -	Infrastructure - Pastures	50,000
480151 -	Infrastructure - Riverheads	50,000
480161 -	Infrastructure - South River	50,000
480171 -	Infrastructure - Wayne (includes VDOT project)	50,000
480217 -	Matching Grants - Beverley Manor	15,000
480227 -	Matching Grants - Middle River	15,000
480237 -	Matching Grants - North River	15,000
480247 -	Matching Grants - Pastures	15,000
480257 -	Matching Grants - Riverheads	15,000
480267 -	Matching Grants - South River	15,000
480277 -	Matching Grants - Wayne	15,000
480491 -	Electoral Board - Voting Machines	25,000
480537 -	Library - Automation	50,000
480573 -	Fire Apparatus & Equipment	1,250,000
480583 -	Emergency Communications	2,000,000
480593 -	Fire Training Center	50,000
480603 -	Sheriff/K-9	50,000
481398 -	Tourist Information Center	10,000
481427 -	Parks & Recreation/Community Center	100,000
481411 -	Information Technology	850,000
481458 -	Economic Development	800,000
481463 -	Firing Range	8,000
481471 -	Government Center Expansion	50,000
481481 -	County Courthouse	37,000,000
481494 -	A.C.S.A. Contribution	100,000
481523 -	Fire & Rescue Equipment	200,000
481533 -	Haz Mat Grant	10,000
481558 -	Dupont Settlement Grant	50,000
481616 -	Blue Ridge Community College	89,104
481624 -	Secondary Roads - Revenue Sharing	100,000
481644 -	Storm Water Management	47,229
481651 -	Government Center Security	75,000
481661 -	Vehicle Sinking Fund	700,000
481981 -	Building Sinking Fund	261,460

481991-	Contingencies	678,855
709400 -	Transfers To Other Funds <u>4,839,038</u>	
Grand Total - Capital Improvement Fund (70)		52,701,059

GRAND TOTAL - APPROPRIATIONS (All Funds) 422,370,068

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board approve the revised budget.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Slaven, Bragg, Shull, Seaton and Carter

Nays: None

Motion carried.

3. 2025 Tax Rates

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2025 TAX RATES

The Board considered the real and personal property tax rates for 2025.

Real Estate: Current: \$0.52 Proposed: \$0.52

Personal Property-auto,motorcycle,campers
boats,boat trailers,horse trailers

airplane trailers: Current: \$2.60 Proposed: \$2.60

Personal Property-business,large trucks and
trailers, machinery and tools: Current: \$2.00 Proposed: \$2.00

Ms. Cook stated that the advertised budget included a real estate tax rate of \$0.52 per \$100.00. This is the same rate as the 2024 tax rate. Personal property for all categories would remain unchanged. The current rate of \$2.60 per \$100.00 for vehicles, campers, boats and trailers. The rate would be \$2.00 per \$100.00 for business personal property. It is important to note that the advertised rate is the highest rate that this Board can adopt for 2025, but it can be lower. A public hearing was on held April 23, 2025 with one speaker concerning the 2025 tax rate.

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board approve the 2025 tax rates as presented.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Slaven, Bragg, Shull, Seaton and Carter

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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4. **Cigarette Tax**

CIGARETTE TAX

The Board considered an ordinance that would increase the excise tax on the sale of cigarettes equivalent from \$.30 to \$.40 on each package containing twenty-five or fewer cigarettes to be effective July 1, 2025.

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, stated that there was a public hearing held at the same time as the budget public hearings on changing the cigarette tax rate per pack from \$.30 to \$.40. This is revenue that is included in the FY26 budget.

Mr. Slaven moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board approve the new rate on cigarette tax.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Slaven, Bragg, Shull and Carter
 Nays: Seaton

Motion carried.

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5. **Proposed Budget for FY2025-2026**

The Board considered the proposed budget for FY2025-2026.

Ms. Cook stated that the FY26 Budget appropriations total \$311,374,130.00. There are approximately \$82.8 million in transfers between funds. Total appropriations are \$394,242,697 Revisions from the Board of Supervisors worksession on March 31, 2025 were included in the advertised budget. A public hearing was held on April 23, 2025 and there were eight speakers from the public.

APPROPRIATIONS

On the motion of Ms. Carter, seconded by Mr. Slaven, the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Augusta, Virginia, that the following appropriation be made for the fiscal year 2025-2026 from the funds and for the functions or purposes indicated:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to transfer to other funds from the GENERAL OPERATING FUND from time to time as money becomes available, sums equal to, but not in excess of the appropriations made to these funds from GENERAL OPERATING FUND for the period covered by the appropriation.

BE IT STILL RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized, pursuant to a

resolution adopted by this Board of Supervisors on November, 11, 1959, to pay all normal and routine claims, when presented for which appropriations are hereinafter made, with his own warrant.

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

111101	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	180,050
111201	COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR	1,262,439
111203	HUMAN RESOURCES	466,744
111204	LEGAL SERVICES	557,374
111209	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	1,302,662
111213	TREASURER	723,112
111215	FINANCE	559,189
111251	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	1,351,117
111301	BOARD OF ELECTIONS	625,320
112101	CIRCUIT COURT	255,204
112102	GENERAL DISTRICT COURT	21,464
112103	MAGISTRATE	4,900
112106	CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT	1,360,843
112201	COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY	2,240,575
112202	COSSAP GRANT	296,865
113102	SHERIFF	12,913,972
113104	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	2,857,871
113201	FIRE DEPARTMENT	14,434,242
113202	EMERGENCY SERVICES - VOLUNTEERS	2,252,924
113203	FIRE & EMS TRAINING	950,284
113303	J&D COURT	38,555
113304	COURT SERVICES	4,848
113305	JUVENILE & PROBATION	5,550,421
113401	BUILDING INSPECTIONS	639,996
113501	ANIMAL CONTROL	792,735
113505	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	162,036
114102	HIGHWAYS & ROADS	20,000
114104	STREET LIGHTS	127,000
114201	SANITATION & WASTE	3,293,653
114202	RECYCLING	184,100
114301	FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	2,565,162
115101	HEALTH DEPARTMENT	817,900
115102	TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY	542,377
117101	PARKS & REC INCL. NATURAL CHIMNEYS	1,218,091
117301	LIBRARY	2,218,497
118101	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	1,394,221
118102	TOURISM	563,869
118105	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	452,548
118301	EXTENSION OFFICE	190,703
118305	AGRICULTURAL OUTREACH	6,760

119102	OTHER OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS	1,696,328
119103	CONTRIBUTIONS	673,898
119204	CONTINGENCIES	19,017
119400	TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	<u>77,519,280</u>
	GRAND TOTAL - GENERAL OPERATING FUND (11)	145,309,145

FROM: Fire Revolving Loan Fund (12)

TO: Fire Revolving Loan Fund (12)

50000 -	Disbursement of Loans & Gear Purchases	<u>605,000</u>	
	Grand Total - Fire Revolving Loan Fund (12)		605,000

FROM: Asset Forfeiture Fund (13)

TO: Asset Forfeiture Fund (13)

31030 -	Operations	<u>48,000</u>
	Grand Total - Asset Forfeiture Fund (13)	48,000

FROM: Economic Development Fund (14)

TO: Economic Development Fund (14)

148000 -	Payments to E.D.A.	<u>362,450</u>
	Grand Total - Economic Development Fund (14)	362,450

FROM: Revenue Recovery Fund (15)

TO: Revenue Recovery Fund (15)

153306 -	Payments to Agencies	578,950
153307 -	Service Fees	150,971
159104 -	Contingencies	160,000
94000 -	Transfers to Other Funds	<u>1,758,369</u>
	Grand Total - Revenue Recovery Fund (15)	2,648,290

FROM: ARPA Fund (20)

TO: ARPA Fund (20)

203102 -	Sheriff	30,647
203201 -	Fire Department	103,125
201201 -	Special Projects	<u>727,760</u>
	Grand Total - ARPA Fund (20)	861,532

FROM: Virginia Public Assistance Fund (23)

TO: Virginia Public Assistance Fund (23)

For the operation of the Augusta County Department of Public Welfare, Virginia Public Assistance Fund and to be expended only on order of the Board of Welfare for the functions and objects as outlined in the budget requests as presented to the Board of Supervisors for informative and fiscal purposes only:

235301 -	Administration	13,847,030
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235302 - Public Assistance	<u>3,171,005</u>	
Grand Total - Virginia Public Assistance Fund (23)		17,018,035

FROM: Children's Services Act Fund (24)

TO: Children's Services Act Fund (24)

53060 - Children's Services Act	<u>6,825,000</u>	
Grand Total - Children's Services Act Fund (24)		6,825,000

FROM: School Operating Fund (41)

TO: School Operating Fund (41)

For the operation of the Public Schools of the School Operating Fund (41) and to be expended only on order of the Augusta County School Board of Augusta County, Virginia, for the functions and objects contained in their budget requests as presented to the Board of Supervisors for financial and fiscal purposes:

411100 - Instruction		
120,331,855		
412000 - Admin/Attend/Health		
7,019,509		
413000 - Pupil Transportation		
9,607,295		
414000 - Operation/Maintenance		14,327,842
419400 - School Capital	<u>625,000</u>	
Grand Total - School Operating Fund (41)		151,911,501

FROM: School Cafeteria Fund (43)

TO: School Cafeteria Fund (43)

To be expended on order of the Augusta County School Board for the operation of the School Cafeteria Fund:

4351090 - School Food Services	<u>6,768,772</u>	
Grand Total - School Cafeteria Fund (43)		6,768,772

FROM: School Capital Improvement Fund (44)

TO: School Capital Improvement Fund (44)

44810900 - Technology		601,301
44350900 - Transportation	<u>1,695,869</u>	
Grand Total - School Capital Improvement Fund (44)		2,297,170

FROM: School Debt Fund (45)

TO: School Debt Fund (45)

459204 - Debt Service - County		4,630,494
459205 - Debt Service - School	<u>10,646,976</u>	
Grand Total - School Debt Service (45)		15,277,469

FROM: Head Start Fund (47)

TO: Head Start Fund (47)

471000 -	Instruction	3,184,215
472000 -	Admin/Attend/Health	472,483
473000 -	Pupil Transportation	92,681
474000 -	Maintenance Services	<u>14,624</u>

Grand Total - Head Start Fund (47)	3,764,003
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FROM: Governor's School Fund (48)

TO: Governor's School Fund (48)

481100 -	Instruction	2,117,234
482000 -	Health Services	43,157
484000 -	Operations/Maintenance	62,200
486600 -	Building Improvement	<u>100,000</u>

Grand Total - Governor's School Fund (48)	2,322,591
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FROM: County Capital Improvement Fund (70)

TO: County Capital Improvement Fund (70)

480054 -	Landfill	2,327,673
480111 -	Infrastructure - Beverley Manor	50,000
480121 -	Infrastructure - Middle River	50,000
480131 -	Infrastructure - North River	50,000
480141 -	Infrastructure - Pastures	50,000
480151 -	Infrastructure - Riverheads	50,000
480161 -	Infrastructure - South River	50,000
480171 -	Infrastructure - Wayne (includes VDOT project)	50,000
480217 -	Matching Grants - Beverley Manor	15,000
480227 -	Matching Grants - Middle River	15,000
480237 -	Matching Grants - North River	15,000
480247 -	Matching Grants - Pastures	15,000
480257 -	Matching Grants - Riverheads	15,000
480267 -	Matching Grants - South River	15,000
480277 -	Matching Grants - Wayne	15,000
480491 -	Electoral Board - Voting Machines	25,000
480537 -	Library - Automation	50,000
480573 -	Fire Apparatus & Equipment	550,000
480583 -	Emergency Communications	2,750,000
480593 -	Fire Training Center	50,000
480603 -	Sheriff/K-9	50,000

481398 -	Tourist Information Center	10,000
481427 -	Parks & Recreation/Community Center	150,000
481411 -	Information Technology	145,000
481458 -	Economic Development	500,000
481463 -	Firing Range	8,000
481471 -	Government Center Expansion	50,000
481481 -	County Courthouse	27,000,000
481494 -	A.C.S.A. Contribution	100,000
481523 -	Fire & Rescue Equipment	200,000
481533 -	Haz Mat Grant	10,000
481616 -	Blue Ridge Community College	89,104
481624 -	Secondary Roads - Revenue Sharing	100,000
481644 -	Storm Water Management	47,229
481651 -	Government Center Security	75,000
481661 -	Vehicle Sinking Fund	200,500
481981 -	Building Sinking Fund	261,460
481991 -	Contingencies	53,855
709400 -	Transfers To Other Funds <u>2,965,918</u>	
Grand Total - Capital Improvement Fund (70)		38,223,739

GRAND TOTAL - APPROPRIATIONS (All Funds)**394,242,697**

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Slaven, that the Board approve the FY26 budget as presented.

Dr. Seaton reviewed the items of the proposed budget that he agreed and disagreed with.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Slaven, Bragg, Shull, Seaton and Carter

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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6. Tax Deadline Resolution

The Board considered the following resolution:

Ms. Whetzel stated that there is an ordinance in place that shows the first installment payment of Real Estate tax due on June 5th. Pursuant to State Code, the Board may further provide by resolution reasonable extensions of time, not to exceed ninety days.

The extension would allow adequate time to process and distribute tax bills and provide more time to tax payers to pay the first half of real estate upon receipt of the bill. The

resolution will change the date from June 5 to June 18, 2025.

RESOLUTION TO EXTEND FIRST HALF OF 2025 REAL PROPERTY TAX DEADLINE

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Augusta County, Virginia (the "Board"), held in the Board Meeting Room in the Government Center at 18 Government Center Lane, Verona, Virginia on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors will consider the 2025 real estate tax rate at the May 14, 2025 meeting; and,

WHEREAS, due to late consideration of the 2025 real estate tax rate and the time required to process and distribute tax bills, the issuance of first half of 2025 real property tax bills to Augusta County taxpayers has understandably been delayed; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority granted by Section 58.1-3916 of the Virginia Code, the Board has established by ordinance a due date of June 5 for the first of two equal installment payments of real property taxes, and pursuant to that same code section, the Board may further provide by resolution for reasonable extensions of time, not to exceed 90 days, for the payment of such taxes whenever good cause exists; and
WHEREAS, for this good cause shown, the Board wishes to afford adequate time to process and distribute tax bills and thereafter, provide Augusta County taxpayers more time to pay the first half real estate tax payment after the issuance of the first half real property tax bills; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with Section 58.1-3916 of the Virginia Code, it is hereby **RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of Augusta County, Virginia, that the June 5, 2024 due date otherwise set by ordinance for the first installment payment of real property taxes is hereby reasonably extended until June 18, 2025.

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board approve the resolution extending the tax deadline from June 5 to June 18, 2025.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Slaven, Bragg, Shull, Seaton and Carter

Nays: None

Motion carried.

7. Infrastructure Funding Request

The Board considered the following requests:

- a. A funding request from the Wayne Infrastructure District Infrastructure account for Doms Volunteer Fire Company.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that this a funding request of \$20,667.93 for the following:

- 12x24 storage building with electrical and lighting for a total of \$12,570.05
- A stackable washer and dryer for a total of \$1,698.00
- Four bunk bed and eight mattresses for a total of \$6,399.88

Mr. Garber and Ms. Bragg stated that they would be willing to split the cost of the funding request from their infrastructure accounts.

Funding Source:	Wayne Infrastructure	\$6,889.31
	Middle River Infrastructure	\$6,889.31
	South River Infrastructure	\$6,889.31

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve the funding request as presented.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Slaven, Bragg, Shull, Seaton and Carter

Nays: None

Motion carried.

- b. A funding request from the Wayne District Infrastructure account for the Augusta Regional Dental Clinic.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that this a request of \$18,924.83 for the following:

- Computers for their facility for a total of \$11,685.00
- Detector sensor kit for the x-ray machines for a total of \$7,239.83

Funding Source:	Wayne Infrastructure	\$18,924.83
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Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board approve the funding request as presented.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Slaven, Bragg, Shull, Seaton and Carter

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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8. **Consent Agenda**

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve the consent agenda as follows:

MINUTES:

Consider minutes from the following meetings:

- Regular Meeting, Wednesday, February 26, 2025
- Regular Meeting, Wednesday, March 12, 2025
- Regular Meeting, Wednesday, March 26, 2025
- Budget Worksession, Monday, March 31, 2025
- Regular Meeting, Wednesday, April 9, 2025
- Staff Briefing, Monday, April 21, 2025

CLAIMS:

Consider claims paid since April 1, 2025

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Slaven, Bragg, Shull, Seaton and Carter

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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(END OF CONSENT AGENDA)

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9. **Matters to Be Presented by the Public**

Molly Harper is the PTA President for Clymore Elementary School. She thanked the Board for their help with funding the new Clymore Elementary Playground.

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10. **Matters to Be Presented by Staff**

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that a request for a letter of support has been submitted. This letter of support is for the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation's grant application. The project is called "The Hill Across the River Preserving Greenville, VA's Newly Freed African American Community" located in Greenville. No matching funds are required from the County.

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board approve sending the letter of support for the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation grant application.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Slaven, Bragg, Shull, Seaton and Carter

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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11. **Matters to Be Presented by the Board**

Mr. Slaven is thankful for the much needed rain.

Dr. Seaton congratulated all of the upcoming graduates.

Ms. Carter stated that she has received a request from Swoope Volunteer Fire Department to purchase garage doors on their building.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Dr. Seaton, that the Board approve a funding request for Swoope Volunteer Fire Department for garage doors.

Funding Source: Pastures Infrastructure \$19,672.14

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Slaven, Bragg, Shull, Seaton and Carter

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Ms. Carter stated that Swoope Volunteer Fire Department requested funding to cover the cost of a UTV (Utility Task Vehicle) that can also be used in other areas of the county if needed.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Dr. Seaton, that the Board approve a funding request for Swoope Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of a UTV.

Funding Source: Pastures Infrastructure \$27,436.00

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Dr. Seaton, that the Board approve the hub station concept in Churchville at the current location.

Ms. Bragg suggests that this item needs to be placed on an agenda for discussion and the Fire Chief should be present.

Mr. Wells asked for clarification from Mr. Shull on what his intentions were when he suggested waiting for Ms. Carter to return.

Mr. Shull stated that the Fire Chief has deemed Churchville the suitable location for the hub station. He is uncertain that discussion would change the direction of the Board's vote.

Ms. Bragg is not opposed to the concept; however, she is concerned that there has been no discussion on cost or what it will look like. If voted on, she would vote no due to lack of information.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Shull, Seaton and Carter
 Nays: Slaven and Bragg

Motion carried.

Mr. Slaven stated that he is not against the Churchville location, but was under the understanding that other locations were to be analyzed and then determine the best fit for the hub station.

Ms. Bragg reiterated that her opposition is not Churchville, it is that the Board voted on something without knowing the cost to the citizens.

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12. **Adjournment**

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried.

Minutes approved by the Board on Wednesday, July 23, 2025. The signed minutes can be reviewed in the County Administrator's Office.

Chairman

County Administrator