Regular Meeting, Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 7:00 PM Government Center Main Board Room

ROLE CALL:

Butch Wells
Jeffrey Slaven
Pam Carter (VIA Microsoft Teams)
Michael Shull
Carolyn Bragg
Timothy K. Fitzgerald County Administrator
Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator
Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development
Nicole Price, County Attorney
Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

Gerald Garber, Chair
Scott Seaton

ABSENT:

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 7:00 PM at the Government Center Main Board Room, and in the 250th year of the Commonwealth...

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Vice Chairman Wells welcomed those present at the meeting.

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The following students from Riverheads High School Virginia and U.S. Government Classes led the Board of Supervisors in the Pledge of Allegiance:

Jonathan Talbot plans to graduate in December and go to work in factory welding.

Gabe Lloyd plans to go into a work release program for a lineman.

Tucker Harlow plans to graduate in December and then go into lineman school in Georgia.

Colton Stewart plans to go to Virginia Military Institute to study ROTC and go into the Airforce after graduation.

Cole Kaufman plans to attend a two-year technical school after graduation.

Trey Payseur plans to either go to college for wrestling or enlist in the military after graduation.

Storm Parker plans to attend Blue Ridge Community College and study in their Auto Mechanic Program after graduation.

Cheyenne Miller plans to graduate in December and go to college to become a Dental Hygienist.

Grayson Ward plans to attend Virginia Tech and study mechanical engineering after graduation.
Kayden Harris plans to graduate in December and go to Virginia Tech for the two-year Ag Program.

Brody Phillips plans to attend a four-year college for baseball or enlist in the military after graduation.

Jackson Moran is currently employed with Williams Brothers Tree and Lawn as an excavator. He plans to own his own small excavation business in the future and plans to graduate in December.

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Michael Shull, Riverheads District, delivered the invocation.

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Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board allow Ms. Carter to join the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

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

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1. **Resolutions for TAP and Revenue Sharing**

The Board considered the following:

a. A resolution in support of the County's application for VDOT's Revenue Sharing Program for improvements to Route 940 (Dick Huff Lane) from US 11 to 0.16m E of US11.

Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development, stated that this resolution is for Dick Huff Lane at the Government Center. There will be an additional inbound lane to the Government Center with dual left-hand turns going out of the Government Center. This is a supplemental funding application that was first applied for in 2023. Since that time, the highway department is requiring some additional work at a signal light at US11 and some additional work at the railroad crossing which requires additional funding. The estimated cost of the entire project is $3,072,000.00. The funding gap is $748,494.00 with fifty/fifty VDOT funding. The County match will be $374,247 and the Courthouse Capital Account will be used for funding.

Mr. Slaven moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve the Rt 940 (Dick Huff Lane) resolution.

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

Motion carried.

b. A resolution in support of the County's application for VDOT's Revenue Sharing Program for improvements at the intersection of Route 256 (Weyers Cave Road) and Triangle Drive.

Mr. Wolfe stated that the second project is Route 256, Weyers Cave Road at Triangle Drive. The County is working with development partners to add a fourth leg to the Triangle Drive intersection. The current configuration would be a roundabout. Traffic engineers have studied it and the signal is too close to the interstate ramp and it does not work. The only configuration that currently works is what is called a two by one turbo roundabout. It has two lanes on Route 256 and one lane for each of the receiving legs on the outside. This would be a fifty/fifty VDOT funding and work is in process to figure out what the percentages on those would be. The price range for the total project is eight to twelve million. The County is working with VDOT and the development partners to get a total amount for the project. At this point, the Board is not asked to dedicate funding.

Mr. Slaven moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board approve the Route 256 (Weyers Cave Road) resolution.

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

Motion carried.

c. A resolution in support of the County's application for VDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to extend sidewalk along Route 612 (Quicks Mill Road) from US 11 west to Charlottes Ct.

Mr. Wolfe stated that this program is eighty/twenty funding. Eighty percent of the funding is federal flow through and twenty percent is local funding. This request is for an extension of the Verona Pedestrian Project. The extension would go from Burger King to Charlotte's Court and on both sides of the road for a small portion. Project costs are estimated at $1,366,440.00 and VDOT responsibility will be $1,077,152.00. The County match will be $289,288.00. This resolution states the dedication of funding from the County.

Funding Source:	North River Infrastructure	$144,644.00
	Beverley Manor Infrastructure	$144,644.00

Mr. Slaven moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board approve the Verona Pedestrian Project-Quicks Mill Road Extension resolution.

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

Motion carried.

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2. **<u>Matching Grant-Weyers Cave Recreation Association</u>**

The Board considered a funding request from the Weyers Cave Recreation Association to assist in funding the installation of two pickleball courts at Weyers Cave Park.

Funding Source: Middle River Parks & Recreation Infrastructure $36,464.00

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, stated that the Augusta County Parks & Recreation Commission considered an application from the Weyers Cave Recreation Association to assist with funding the installation of two pickleball courts at the current Weyers Cave Park. This was approved by the Parks & Recreation Commission and recommended moving forward with a grant of $36,464.00 from the Middle River Parks & Recreation Infrastructure account.

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

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

Nays: None
Absent: Garber and Seaton

Motion carried.

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3. **Consent Agenda**

Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Ms. Carter stated that there is an error on page 38 of the June 25th minutes. Mr. Garber left the meeting so it needs to state that the Vice Chair opened and closed the public hearing.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the correction would be made.

MINUTES:
Consider minutes from the following meeting:

- Regular Meeting, Wednesday, June 25, 2025
- Staff Briefing, Monday, July 21, 2025
- Regular Meeting, Wednesday, July 23, 2025
- Regular Meeting, Wednesday, August 13, 2025
- Staff Briefing, Monday, August 25, 2025

CLAIMS:
Consider claims paid since August 1, 2025

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

Motion carried.

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(END OF CONSENT AGENDA)

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

David Zimmerman, 120 Lee Highway, Verona, honored those that passed on 9/11. He also pointed out that the diagram for the Augusta County Military Memorial has been sent to the landscape architect for a drawing and a 3D overview. He hopes to have it available for review by staff and the Board and get approval at the next regular meeting. The goal is to hold a dedication of the memorial in July 2026.

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

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

1. Ms. Carter received a request from the Churchville Diamond Club to fund roof repair on their dugouts and the concession stand. The total quote received from Baber Enterprises was $11,400.00. Baber Enterprises is donating $6,100.00 back to the club so they are asking for $5,300.00 to complete the necessary work.

Ms. Carter pointed out that there were three bids received.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board approve a funding request from the Churchville Diamond Club in the amount of $5,300.00 from the Pastures Infrastructure account.

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

Motion carried.

2. Draft three of the Comprehensive Plan was presented to the Board. A summary of the community engagement and feedback that has been received, along with the updated draft will be posted on the website. The Comprehensive Plan Joint Worksession between the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors will be Wednesday, September 17th from 5:30p.m. to 7:30p.m.

3. Nicole Price, County Attorney, stated that per Ms. Carter's request she has a report on the delinquent real estate taxes. According to the Treasurer's Office, the delinquent amount is $4,798,142.94 and the amount collected from the office of James Elliott in this calendar year if $57,037.11.

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6. Matters to Be Presented by the Board

Mr. Shull stated that the 24-hour staffing for fire stations should start after the first of the year. Vacations for this year are already planned so it would be better to implement the new 24-hour shift schedule at the beginning of the new year. Mr. Shull also informed the Board of a racetrack travel center meeting taking place at Riverheads High School on Thursday.

Mr. Shull stated that the current Comprehensive Plan was voted on and approved at the April 25, 2007 meeting so we are not at the twenty years yet. In order to have a complete plan, the small area plans need to be completed first.

Mr. Slaven attended the Augusta Military Academy's reunion event.

Mr. Shull thanked the Riverheads students that were in attendance for the meeting.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried.

Chairman

County Administrator