

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 7:00 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Michael Shull, Chairman
Jeffrey Slaven, Vice-Chair
Gerald Garber
Butch Wells
Carolyn Bragg
Pam Carter
Scott Seaton
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
Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 248th year of the Commonwealth....

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Chairman Shull welcomed those present at the meeting.

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The following student from Beverley Manor Middle School led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance:

Jordyn Hoffman is in 8th grade and plans to attend Valley Career and Technical Center for the Vet Tech Program. She then plans to transfer to Virginia Tech for 8 years and become a large animal veterinarian.

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Mr. Shull, Riverheads District, delivered the invocation.

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SHAMROCK AFID PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT EXTENSION

The Board considered the Shamrock Farm's AFID Performance Agreement extension.

Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator, stated that there is a need for an extension related to an AFID Grant that Shamrock Farms received for an expansion in Augusta County. Shamrock has officially requested an extension in order to include December 31, 2022 data to reduce the repayment of their Virginia Grown Ag Project products purchases metric. It is before the Board to consider a fifteen-month extension of the Shamrock Farms AFID Performance date to December 31, 2022 and authorize the County Administrator and Economic Development Director to execute and deliver the extension notification letter to Shamrock and VDAC. This extension is allowed related to funding protocols surrounding ARPA.

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board approve the extension as presented.

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

Motion carried.

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The Board considered adoption of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF AUGUSTA
RELATING TO THE SUPPORT OF THE VIRGINIA
AMERICAN 250 COMMISSION RECITALS**

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Augusta is dedicated to the furtherance of economic development and tourism in the County; and

WHEREAS, The Virginia American 250 Commission (VA250) was created in 2020 by the General Assembly for the purpose of preparing for and commemorating the 250th anniversary of Virginia's participation in American independence;

WHEREAS, VA250 has requested that each locality form a committee to aid in planning for the commemoration period:

WHEREAS, the County of Augusta intends to form a regional VA250 committee with the City of Staunton, and City of Waynesboro (Greater Augusta Regional Tourism);

WHEREAS, the committee will plan and coordinate programs occurring within the region and communicate regularly with VA250:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wishes to undertake this endeavor with VA250 to promote and commemorate this important historic milestone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AUGUSTA:

1. The Board of Supervisors hereby desires to support the Virginia American 250

Commission and their efforts to commemorate the 250th anniversary of Virginia's participation in American independence.

2. The County of Augusta will form a committee with the City of Staunton and the City of Waynesboro (Greater Augusta Regional Tourism) to aid in the planning for the commemoration period.

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VA250 REGIONAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION (CONT'D)

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that this is recognition of 250 years. The State has asked for local committees to be formed to do events leading up to the 250 years. The Greater Augusta Regional Tourism group would like to form a regional group including Staunton, Waynesboro and Augusta County. This would open up opportunities for grand funds from the State that can be used to do events and the recognition.

Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board adopt the resolution as presented.

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

Motion carried.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Slaven moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg that the Board approve the consent agenda as follows:

MINUTES

Consider minutes from the following meeting:

- Regular meeting, Wednesday, September 13, 2023
- Staff Briefing, Monday, September 25, 2023

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

Motion carried.

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(END OF CONSENT AGENDA)

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Sherry Helsel, Waynesboro, spoke on concerns with the Animal Ordinance amendment language and content.

Sheri Laubach, Waynesboro, is concerned with the Animal Ordinance amendments and believes it needs further review.

Scott Cline, Mt. Sidney, urged the Board to vote to give the money back to citizens regarding the dog fines that were being charged.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC (CONT'D)

Tracy Pyles, Churchville, voiced concerns regarding tax increases on personal property and real estate.

Dave Zimmerman, Verona, is concerned and frustrated with the actions of certain elected officials.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Dr. Seaton would like to have the solar ordinance public hearings on December 13, 2023 since the last November meeting falls during a holiday week.

Ms. Bragg congratulated the winners of the Dawbarn Award.

Ms. Carter researched what should or should not be apart of official Board minutes. Minutes are a record of actions taken during the meeting not what was said.

Mr. Slaven moved, seconded by Mr. Wells, that the Board authorize advertising the Solar Ordinance amendments for public hearing to be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023.

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

Motion carried.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the Comprehensive Plan Public Information meetings will be held on the following dates:

- Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at Clymore Elementary School
- Thursday, November 9, 2023 at Riverheads Elementary School
- Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at Stuarts Draft Elementary School
- Thursday, November 16, 2023 at Churchville Elementary School
- Monday, November 27, 2023 at Wilson Elementary School

Mr. Wolfe showed a picture of the Verona Sidewalk project progression.

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ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried.


Chairman


County Administrator