Regular Meeting, Wednesday, October 11, 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 11, 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 students from Wilson Memorial High School led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance:

Grace Edwards is a senior and is a part of the Stinger Squad group. This group mentors incoming freshman.

Lydia Daily is a senior and a mentor for the Stinger Squad.

Landon Fulks is a junior and a mentor for the Stinger Squad.

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Dr. Seaton, Wayne District, delivered the invocation.

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NORTH RIVER AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTAL DISTRICT
This being the day and time advertised to consider renewal for the North River Agricultural and Forestal District.

Julia Hensley, Planner II, stated that this is a request to renew the North River Agricultural and Forestal District. The proposed district currently encompasses approximately 4,321 acres, lying south of Reeves Road, east of North River Road, west of Spring Hill Road, and north of Moffett Branch Road in the North River District. Any land owner may withdraw their land from the district at the owner's discretion by filing a written notice with the Board of Supervisors at any time prior to the Board of

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NORTH RIVER AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTAL DISTRICT
Supervisors acting on this request. There are 3,806 acres confirmed for this renewal. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

The Chairman declared the public hearing open.

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

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

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

Motion carried.

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INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING REQUEST
The Board considered the following funding requests:

a. A funding request for a safety/solar speed sign in Middlebrook and Cherry Grove in the amount of $10,800.00.

Funding Source: Riverheads Infrastructure 8015-93

Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator, stated that this is for a solar speed sign in Middlebrook. The request is for two signs and VDOT has reviewed the area. A third sign is requested for Cherry Grove.

Mr. Slaven moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board approve the funding request for the solar speed signs.

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

Motion carried.

b. A funding request for school safety screening equipment in the amount of $17,985.00.

Funding Source:	Beverley Manor Infrastructure	8011-11	8,992.50
	Wayne Infrastructure	8017-115	8,992.50

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that this is request for additional school safety screening equipment. The schools currently have five units in use that are distributed/moved from school to school.

Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Dr. Seaton, that the Board approve funding for one school safety screening device from the infrastructure accounts.

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

Motion carried.

Ms. Carter requests the Board to approve funding the safety screening equipment for Beverley Manor Middle School from Pastures Infrastructure account.

Pastures Infrastructure 8014-120 17,985.00

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board approve funding for the school safety screening equipment for Beverley Manor Middle School from the Pastures infrastructure account.

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

Motion carried.

The Board directs staff to get pricing for all schools and the number needed to meet their needs.

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2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
The Board considered the 2024 holiday schedule.

Faith Duncan, Human Resources Director, stated that it has been traditional that the holiday schedule is brought before the Board each year. Over the years, there have been holidays added and removed. Ms. Duncan suggests following the state holiday schedule going forward. If there are any extra holidays granted by the Governor, she will come before the Board for approval for those additional holidays as needed.

Mr. Garber questioned what would be added as additional holidays by following the state schedule.

Ms. Duncan stated that Columbus Day & Yorktown Victory Day and Christmas Eve were added. Election Day was not included due to the Government Center being open as a polling location.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Garber, that the Board approve following the state holiday schedule 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, August 9, 2023

CLAIMS
Consider claims paid since September 1, 2023

STREET ADDITION
Consider Community Development's and VDOT's recommendations to adopt resolution for acceptance of the following into the secondary road system in accordance with VDOT requests:

1. Captain Hizer Lane (cul-de-sac extension)

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
Scott Cline, Mt. Sidney, is concerned with the actions and the operation of the Board.

Tracy Pyles, 3665 Churchville Ave, Churchville, voiced concerns with how personal property values were presented.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD
Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Mr. Garber, that the Board appoint Stephen Campbell to serve an unexpired term on the Economic Development Authority. Effective immediately and to expire on March 28, 2026.

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

Motion carried

Ms. Bragg stated that Virginia code 15.2-2232 gives a Planning Commission sixty days from submission to make a recommendation on a matter regarding conformance to the Comprehensive Plan, unless the time period is extended by the governing body. Last night, the Planning Commission tabled a request for a 2232

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

determination for the Wayne Avenue Two Solar Project until the Commission's November meeting. Ms. Bragg requests the Board's concurrence with the time extension to the December meeting just to cover the Planning Commission in the event of no quorum in November.

Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Mr. Wells, that the Board approve adding time to the Planning Commission for the Wayne Avenue II solar item.

Mr. Garber wishes to abstain from voting.

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

Motion carried

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. Slaven, that the Board approve amending a resolution previously adopted on July 12, 2023 and amended on August 9, 2023. The amendment will change the date from March 24, 2023 to March 22, 2023.

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

Motion carried.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development, stated that a draft to the Wireless Communications ordinance, section 303, was presented to the Board. The amendment would add a clause that would permit the Board of Zoning Appeals to reduce or waive the requirement for portions of a fall zone that lie on publicly owned property. Most communication towers in the County are designed to fall within the property themselves. In an abundance of caution, the County requires what is called the fall zone, which is 110% of the tower height. This ordinance amendment would give the Board of Zoning Appeals the legal authority to waive that requirement on publicly owned property based on the criteria that is listed in the draft ordinance. Board's authorization is requested to allow advertising this for public hearing and will be brought to the Planning Commission for consideration at their November meeting.

Dr. Seaton asked if a military facility or national forest would allow this.

Mr. Wolfe stated that the Forest Service has been contacted and informed that they would have an opportunity to voice concerns when it was brought to the Planning Commission.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Wells, that the Board approve advertising the Telecommunications Ordinance Amendments for public hearing.

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 (CONT'D)
Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Mr. Wells, that the Board re-appoint David Kirby to serve a term on the Building Board of Appeals. Effective November 1, 2023 and to expire October 31, 2028.

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Fitzgerald recognized Misty Cook and the Finance team for their Government Finance Officer's Association Distinguished Budget Award.

Mr. Fitzgerald recognized Kevin Lacey, ECC Dispatcher, for his 34 years of service.

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ADJOURNMENT
Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Mr. Slaven, 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

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