

Staff Briefing Meeting, Monday, September 20, 2021, 1:30 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Gerald Garber, Chairman
Pam Carter
Michael L. Shull
Jeffrey Slaven
Scott Seaton
Steven Morelli
Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator
Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator
John Wilkinson, Director of Community Development
Caroline Stoerker, Planner
Misty Cook, Finance Director
Kathleen Keffer, Assistant County Attorney

ABSENT: Butch Wells, Vice-Chair

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, September 20, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 246th year of the Commonwealth....

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Rebekah Castle, Director of Economic Development and Marketing, discussed the Economic Development monthly report of August 2021.

The Board accepted the monthly report as information.

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VDOT

Don Komara, Residency Administrator, discussed the VDOT monthly report.

The Board accepted the monthly report as information.

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FIRE AND RESCUE

1. Dave Nichols, Fire Chief, discussed the Fire and Rescue monthly report.

The Board accepted the monthly report as information.

2. Dr. Asher Brand discussed the Early Activation Policy.

The Board authorized placing on the September 22, 2021 regular meeting agenda.

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2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Faith Duncan, Director of Human Resources, discussed the 2022 Holiday Schedule.

The Board authorized placing on the September 22, 2021 regular meeting agenda.

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NATURAL CHIMNEYS PROJECT UPDATE

Andy Wells, Director of Parks and Recreation, updated the Board on projects taking place at Natural Chimneys Campground.

The Board accepted as information.

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AG RECYCLING PROJECT UPDATE

Morgan Shrewsbury, MS4/Stormwater Programs Coordinator, updated the Board on the AG Recycling Project.

The Board accepted as information.

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LEGISLATIVE CONTRACT

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, discussed the annual contract renewal with Eldon James & Associates for a total of \$29,762.00..

The Board authorized placing on the September 22, 2021 regular meeting agenda.

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PLANNING COMMISSION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

Caroline Stoerker, Planner, discussed the following:

- a) An amendment to the definition of bunkhouses to define such uses as accessory quarters for temporary stays of workers or customers at stables or riding academies and to create a new definition for temporary seasonal farm worker housing.
- b) An amendment to allow bunkhouses as an accessory use o agriculture with an Administrative Permit provided the lot or parcel contains at least six acres and the number of guests to be housed at any point in time does not exceed six.
- c) An amendment to allow farm worker housing in General Agriculture districts with a Special Use Permit provided the lot or parcel contains at least six acres and there are no more two farm worker housing structures on a singular parcel. Amendment to allow bunkhouses in General Agriculture districts with a Special Use Permit provided the lot or parcel contains at least six acres and the number of guests to be housed at any singular point in time is greater than six.

The Board authorized placing on the September 20, 2021 regular meeting agenda.

- d) A request to authorize the advertisement of various amendments to Chapter 25 of the Augusta County Code for public hearings in October.

The Board authorized advertising all amendments for Public Hearings.

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WAIVERS -- NONE

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD -- NONE

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

- 1) VACo voting member
- 2) Census data update
- 3) K9 Cara bridge dedication is Wednesday, September 22 at 10:00 a.m.
- 4) Augusta Health update
- 5) Middle River Regional Jail inmate transfers were 44 this week.
- 6) Animal Shelter RFP for services.
- 7) Open Space Ordinance

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CLOSED SESSION

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On motion of Dr. Seaton, seconded by Ms. Carter, the Board went into closed session pursuant to:

- (1) **the personnel exemption under Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A) (1)**
[discussion, consideration or interviews of (a) prospective candidates for employment, or (b) assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific employees]:
- a) Boards and Commissions: Youth Commission, Ag & Forestal Dist., Ag Ind. Brd., Recycling, Valley Community Services Board, CAP-SAW, Library
- (2) **the economic development exemption under Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A) (5)**
[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]:
- a) Proposed Office space, flex space, storage facilities, manufacturing facilities, utility and mixed use development.

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On motion of Dr. Seaton, seconded by Ms. Carter, the Board came out of Closed Session.

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

Motion carried.

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CLOSED SESSION (CONT'D)

The Chairman advised that each member is required to certify that to the best of their knowledge during the closed session only the following was discussed:

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: Garber, Carter, Shull, Seaton, Slaven
and Morelli
Nays: None
Absent: Wells

Motion carried.

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

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Chairman


County Administrator