

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 4:00 PM Government Center Main
Board Room

ROLL CALL:

Jeffrey Slaven
Chris Kincheloe
Michael Shull
Gerald Garber
Scott Seaton
Carolyn Bragg
Timothy K. Fitzgerald County Administrator
Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator
Nicole Price, County Attorney
Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

ABSENT: Steve Grepps

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting
of the Augusta County
Board of Supervisors held
on Wednesday, January
28, 2026, at 4:00 PM at
the Government Center
Main Board Room, and in
the 250th year of the
Commonwealth...

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Dr. Seaton stated that he would like to join the meeting electronically. He is out of town visiting his new grandson.

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, to allow Dr. Seaton to join the meeting via Teams.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Slaven, Kincheloe, Garber, Grepps, Shull, and Bragg

Nays: None
Absent: Grepps and Seaton

Motion carried.

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1. **VDOT**

Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator, stated that the report was provided in the agenda package. If anyone has questions or concerns for VDOT, let him know and he will pass it along to Don Komara.

The Board accepted the report as information.

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2. **Fire-Rescue**

Greg Schacht, Fire Chief, stated that the feasibility study for the Churchville Fire station was presented to the Board in November. It was decided by the Board to put discussion on hold to allow for the two new Board members to have time to review the information. He is available to answer any questions and asks for Board direction on how to move forward.

The Board directed staff to postpone discussion to the February 23, 2026 Staff Briefing.

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3. **Emergency Operations Plan**

Patrick Lam, Emergency Coordinator, discussed the Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro 2026 Emergency Operations Plan. Mr. Lam stated that this a plan that is updated every four years. The plan establishes the policy level framework for responding to and recovering from emergencies and disasters that may affect Augusta County, Waynesboro and Staunton.

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, January 28, 2026 Consent Agenda.

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4. **Entrance Sign to Government Center Complex**

PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Candy Hensley, Assistant County Administrator, discussed a proposal from Moseley to develop construction bid documents for the new entrance sign to the Government Center in the amount of \$15,493.00.

Funding Source: Courthouse Project Budget

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, January 28, 2026 regular meeting agenda.

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5. **Circuit Court Statue**

Ms. Hensley discussed a proposal from Moseley to develop construction bid documents in order to move Lady Justice to the new courthouse in Verona.

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, January 28, 2026 regular meeting agenda.

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6. **Revenue Recovery Rate Update**

Misty Cook, Director of Finance, discussed the Revenue Recovery rate changes for 2026.

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, January 28, 2026 regular meeting agenda.

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7. **General Engineering/Architectural Services**

PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development, discussed awarding the contracts for General Engineering/Architectural Services.

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, January 28, 2026 regular meeting agenda.

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8. **Infrastructure Funding Request**

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed a funding request from Craigsville Little League for additional infield dirt for the upcoming season.

Funding Source: Pastures Parks & Recreation Infrastructure \$2,500.00

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, January 28, 2026 regular meeting agenda.

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9. **Planning Commission/Public Hearing**

Julia Hensley, Planner II, discussed the following:

- a. Rezoning Request – Shields Self Storage, LLC
- b. Rezoning Request – Leslie Ellison Properties, LLC
- c. Rezoning Request – Waynesboro Nurseries, Inc./Juniors Welding, Inc.

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, January 28, 2026 regular meeting agenda.

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

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

1. Due to the latest snow event, a Local State of Emergency was declared by the Chairman on January 24, 2026. It will be brought to the Board for approval at the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.
2. A visit to the General Assembly is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4th.
3. Ms. Hensley discussed the following ordinance amendments:
 1. Chapter 25, Section 25-4
 2. Chapter 25, Section 25-492
 3. Chapter 15, Section 15-21
 4. Chapter 25, Section 25-70.4
 5. Chapter 25, Section 25-70.6

The Board authorized to advertise for public hearing.

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

NONE

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The Board took a five minute break.

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12. **Closed Session**

On motion of Mr. Kincheloe, seconded by Mr. Shull, 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 prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body]:

A. Board and Commissions: CAP-SAW, Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission, Planning Commission

(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.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Slaven, Kincheloe, Garber, Grepps, Shull, and Bragg

Nays: None

Absent: Grepps and Seaton

Motion carried.

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On motion of Mr. Shull, seconded by Ms. Bragg, the Board came out of Closed Session.

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Vote was as follows: Yeas: Slaven, Kincheloe, Garber, Grepps, Shull, and Bragg

Nays: None

Absent: Grepps and Seaton

Motion carried.

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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:

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 Nays: None
 Absent: Grepps and Seaton

Motion carried.

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

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Chairman

County Administrator