

Staff Briefing Meeting, Monday, April 20, 2026, 1:30 PM Government Center Main
Board Room

ROLE CALL:

Jeffrey Slaven
Chris Kincheloe
Michael Shull
Steve Grepps
Gerald Garber
Scott Seaton
Carolyn Bragg
Timothy K. Fitzgerald County Administrator
Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator
Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development
Julia Hensley, Planner II
Nicole Price, County Attorney
Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the
Augusta County Board of
Supervisors held on Monday,
April 20, 2026, at 1:30 PM at the
Government Center Main Board
Room, and in the 250th year of
the Commonwealth...

1. **VDOT**

- a. Don Komara, Residency Administrator, discussed the VDOT status report of April 20, 2026.

The Board accepted the report as information.

- b. Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development, discussed a street addition for Wilson Commerce Park, Section 2 (Travelers Terrace). He showed a map on the screen of the area.

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, April 22, 2026 consent agenda.

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2. **Fire-Rescue**

Greg Schacht, Fire Chief, discussed the monthly report.
The Board accepted the report as information.

The Board took a short break to view the new heavy rescue that was purchased.

3. **Extension Office Update**

John Benner, Extension Agent, introduced Kristen Ulmer as the new Crops and Soils Extension Agent.

Ms. Ulmer gave a brief introduction of what she has accomplished and what she hopes to accomplish in the future.

The Board accepted as information.

4. **Regional Industrial Facility Authority (RIFA)**

Jay Langston, Shenandoah Valley Partnership, discussed creating a RIFA, its organization and responsibilities as defined by Code, suggested initiatives moving forward, and Augusta's interest in participation. The Shenandoah Valley Partnership (SVP) would like to organize a Valley-wide RIFA to develop, own and operate one or more facilities/sites on a cooperative basis. Member localities would pay an annual administrative fee and then financially participate on developing properties as each member locality chooses. If the RIFA is formed, SVP is proposing the Blue Mountain site in Augusta be considered as its first property to develop.

The Board accepted the information and agreed to further the discussion on the matter and directed staff to bring it back to the worksession on May 26th.

5. **Economic Development**

Rebekah Castle, Director of Economic Development, discussed a Contribution Agreement for the Tourism Grant Program not to exceed \$50,000.00.

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, April 22, 2026 regular meeting agenda.

6. **Opioid Resolutions**

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, discussed the opioid resolutions. Ms.

Whetzel stated that a new proposed national opioids settlement (“Six Remnant Defendants Settlement”) has been reached with six regional distributors/dispenser defendants: Associated Pharmacies, Inc. (and American Associated Pharmacies); JM Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and United Natural Foods, Inc. (including its subsidiaries SuperValu and Advantage Logistics) (each individually, a “Remnant Defendant,” and, collectively, the “Six Remnant Defendants”). Augusta County is eligible to participate. A Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form must be executed, without alteration, and submitted on or before Monday, May 4, 2026, for the entity to be included in the initial participation calculations and payment eligibility under the Six Remnant Defendants Settlement. A resolution has been drafted that mirrors prior Opioid Settlement opportunities.

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, April 22, 2026 consent agenda.

7. **Real Estate Contract**

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, stated that the County procured Cottonwood Commercial Real Estate to market County owned properties. An addendum of the legal description is added for each property to be marketed. Currently, the contract includes 111/113 S. Augusta Street. It is before the Board to consider the addition of the parcel for the District Court House property.

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, April 22, 2026 regular meeting agenda.

8. **Augusta County Courthouse Moving**

Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator, discussed awarding the courthouse move to MG Moving Services in the amount of \$159,097.30.

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, April 22, 2026 regular meeting agenda.

9. **Augusta County Landfill**

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed updated fees for the Landfill that will take effect July 1, 2026. He stated that at the Augusta Regional Landfill Committee meeting held on February 23, 2026, the committee voted to increase tipping fees at the landfill. As part of the approval process, both City Councils will need to approve the rates as the fees are currently written in their code and changing them requires them to change their code.

The landfill fees are not in the County Code, so no changes are needed. No action is required from the Board at this time as this is for information only. The new fees will go into effect July 1st and notice will be sent out to citizens ahead of time.

The Board accepted as information.

10. **Proclamation**

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the Waynesboro/Augusta Women's Club GFWC 90th Anniversary proclamation.
The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, April 22, 2026 regular meeting agenda.

The Board took a five-minute break.

11. **FY2027 Budget**

Ms. Cook was available for questions or concerns regarding the budget.

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, April 22, 2026 regular meeting agenda.

12. **Planning Commission/Public Hearing**

Julia Hensley, Planner II, discussed the following:

1. A request to rezone approximately 60.593 acres from General Agriculture and General Business to Planned Unit Development. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, April 22, 2026 regular meeting agenda.

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

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

1. A letter was received from the AARP Tax Aide thanking the Board and County staff for their hospitality during tax time and allowing them to utilize the Government Center.

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

Dr. Seaton asked for an update on the Fishersville Library playground.

Ms. Whetzel stated that there is a meeting set up to review the features of the playground.

Mr. Shull stated that there is restoration work that needs to be evaluated at the Fishersville Library. He also mentioned the meeting rooms at the Fishersville Library and installing partitions in the meeting rooms.

Ms. Bragg pointed out that the new Waynesboro Fire Station is in operation. She thanked Animal Control and ECC for all they do. Spring Clean Up is April 25-May 2. The current budget book is at the Stuarts Draft Library if anyone would like to view it.

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15. **Closed Session**

On motion of Mr. Kincheloe, seconded by Mr. Shull, the Board went into closed session pursuant to:

(1) the real property exemption under Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(3)

[discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body]:

Potential acquisition of TMP#'s 034 A1 19 and 034 A1 22

(2) the legal counsel exemption under Virginia Code § 2.23711(A)(8)

[consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter]:

a. Potential acquisition of TMP#'s 034 A1 19 and 034 A1 22

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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

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

Nays: None

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

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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:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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

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Minutes approved by the Board on Wednesday, May 13, 2026. The signed minutes can be reviewed in the County Administrator's Office.

Chairman

County Administrator