

Staff Briefing Meeting, Tuesday, May 26, 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
Nicole Price, County Attorney
Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development
Julia Hensley, Planner II

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the
Augusta County Board of
Supervisors held on Tuesday,
May 26, 2026, at 1:30 PM at the
Government Center Main Board
Room, and in the 250th year of
the Commonwealth...

1. **VDOT**

- a. Timothy Fitzgerald stated that the VDOT monthly report was included in the agenda package and asked if the Board had any questions.

The Board accepted the report as information.

- b. VDOT 6-Year Plan Public Hearing

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, May 27, 2026 regular meeting agenda.

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2. **Valley Community Services Board Annual Update**

Dr. Kimberly McClanahan presented the VCSB's annual report.

The Board accepted as information.

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3. **Fire-Rescue**

Greg Schacht, Fire Chief discussed the following:

- a. The Fire-Rescue monthly report.

The Board accepted the report as information.

- b. There is a need for nine additional recruit staff.

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, May 27, 2026 regular meeting agenda.

- c. Truck 106 and Squad 10 are ready to be sold.

The Board authorized moving forward with the sale.

- d. Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the Fire-Rescue Fund Grant Committee recommendations for Dooms Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$25,000.00. This item was postponed from a previous meeting.

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, May 27, 2026 regular meeting agenda.

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4. **Infrastructure Funding Request**

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed a funding request from Dooms Volunteer Fire Company. This item was postponed from a previous meeting.

Funding Source: Wayne Infrastructure

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, May 27, 2026 regular meeting agenda.

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5. **Waynesboro First Aid Crew**

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed a funding request of \$40,000.00 from Waynesboro First Aid.

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, May 27, 2026 regular meeting

agenda.

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6. Mill Place Commerce Park - VA Business Ready Sites Program Grant Application

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed moving forward with submittal of the application and include a letter of support.

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, May 27, 2026 regular meeting agenda.

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7. Planning Commission/Public Hearing

Julia Hensley, Planner II, discussed the following:

1. A request to amend the Public Use Overlay on approximately 27.466 acres owned by County of Augusta located on the north side of Technology Drive in Verona in the Beverley Manor District. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, May 27, 2026 regular meeting agenda.

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8. Matters to Be Presented by Staff

1. Mr. Fitzgerald discussed a funding request from Middlebrook Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$24,499.70 to come from the Riverheads Infrastructure account to include the following:
 - a. Restroom renovations \$16,000.00
 - b. Chimney renovations \$ 1,107.26
 - c. Office renovations \$ 3,392.44
 - d. Paving the parking lot \$ 4,000.00

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, May 27, 2026 regular meeting agenda.

2. Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development, discussed the Livestock Market Ordinance and advertising for public hearing. Staff has been asked to

consider requirements to permit a livestock market in general industrial ordinance. Various options were considered and Staff recommends adding a Special Use Permit option for the livestock market in general industry. It is suggested that the livestock market would not need as much of a setback as some of the other uses that were in the section.

The Board authorized advertising the public hearing.

3. Mr. Wolfe received the Above and Beyond Award from the employer support of the National Guard Reserve Committee. He appreciates the County's support.
4. Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, stated that the Compensation Board has issued a memo relative to bonuses that came out of the FY2026 state budget. At the meeting in June, more information will be given for consideration for the five Compensation Board offices as well as any bonuses that are proposed for Social Services and potentially the school system that were included in the state budget. In the past, there has been a public hearing before those bonuses could be paid out.
5. Ms. Whetzel gave a broadband update and asked if there was any longer a need for the Broadband Committee.

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9. Matters to Be Presented by the Board

Dr. Seaton asked for the status of the old animal shelter building and the General District Court building. He also asked for an update on the playground at the Fishersville Library.

Ms. Whetzel stated that the keys to the old animal shelter building have been turned over to the realtor. There is a meeting set up to discuss the marketing of the General District building. A draft layout has been received from the vendor for the Fishersville playground. There is a pending grant that should be announced at the end of the month.

Mr. Shull asked for an update on broadband mapping. He questioned what the status was regarding data centers.

At this point with the current status of the zoning ordinance, there is no application for a permit or otherwise. It is by right use in that zoning district.

Mr. Garber stated that he does not see a need for a Broadband Committee at this point.

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The Board took a five-minute break.

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10. **Closed Session**

On motion of Mr. Kincheloe, seconded by Ms. Bragg, 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. Boards and Commissions: Library Board, Recycling, Ag Industry Board, Parks & Rec Commission, Planning Commission, Service Authority, Broadband, Blue Ridge Criminal Justice

(2) 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]:

- a. Zapton Building in downtown Staunton – 111/113 S. Augusta Street

3. 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. Zapton Building in downtown Staunton – 111/113 S. Augusta Street

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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:

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.

Minutes approved by the Board on Wednesday, July 22, 2026. The signed minutes can be reviewed in the County Administrator's Office.

Chairman

County Administrator