

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 7:00 p.m. Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Gerald Garber, Chairman
Butch Wells, Vice-Chair
Pam Carter (via electronically)
Michael Shull
Scott Seaton
Jeffrey Slaven
Steven Morelli
Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator
Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator
John Wilkinson, Director of Community Development
Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

VIRGINIA: At a regular meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 245th year of the Commonwealth....

* * * * *

Chairman Garber welcomed those present for the meeting.

* * * * *

Mr. Slaven, Supervisor for the North River District, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

* * * * *

Mr. Shull, Supervisor for the Riverheads District, delivered the invocation.

* * * * *

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Mr. Morelli, that the Board authorize for Ms. Carter join the meeting electronically.

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

Motion carried.

* * * * *

VDOT 6-YEAR PLAN

This being the day and time advertised to consider and receive input in regards to the proposed Secondary System and receive input on the Secondary Road Construction Improvement Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

Josh Dunlap, Assistant Residency Administrator, reviewed with the public the purpose for conducting the public hearing. Also present were Don Komara, Residency Administrator and Will Clark, Contract Administrator. There are three requirements that each road must meet to be considered for the Secondary Six Year Plan; a State

OUTDOOR MUSIC REQUEST NEWS/COMMENTS

The Board considered an Outdoor Music request from Sun Shenandoah Acres RV, LLC.

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

Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator, stated that this was first presented at the May 26, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting. All ordinance requirements have been met and the Special Use Permit for Sun Shenandoah Acres, LLC allows for one outdoor music event each week until 10:30 p.m. during the camping season. The outdoor music request follows along with those guidelines.

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

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

* * * * *

Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Dr. Seaton, that the Board approve the consent agenda as follows:

Consider minutes of the following meetings:

- Consider Claims paid since May 1, 2021**

Consider Claims paid since May 1, 2021

Motion carried.

* * * * *

June 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

David Zimmerman, 120 Lee Highway, Verona, spoke in opposition of the protestors in front of the Sheriff's Department. He requests that the Board take action and stop this from happening.

Timothy Shipe, 2609 Long Meadow Road, spoke in favor of providing body cameras for the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Shipe presented the Board with a resolution to consider helping restore trust lost by the residents of Augusta County after misleading and lying in public postings by Sheriff Donald Smith.

Cortez Nathan, 30 South Wind Song Court, spoke in favor of providing body cameras for the Sheriff's Department.

Josh Graves, Deputy with the Augusta County Sheriff's Department, spoke in favor of the Sheriff. He stated that everyone needs to come together and talk things out.

TeeAnn Johnson of Waynesboro stated that the black community fears Augusta County deputies and something needs to change. Everyone needs to be treated equal.

Bonnie Chapman, spoke in favor of providing body cameras for the Sheriff's Department. She does not feel protected by the Sheriff's Department.

Ellen Simpson from Staunton stated that she is a convicted felon and has been abused by the Augusta County Sheriff's Department. Corrupt things are happening and nothing is being done about it.

* * * * *

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Mr. Slaven made a request for the Ordinance Committee to add weddings for the Natural Chimneys Public Use Overlay. There is also outdated language within the ordinance that needs to be addressed. The heading refers to the ownership of Natural Chimneys being the Upper Valley Regional Park Authority and it should be Augusta County.

Dr. Seaton thanked everyone for the prayers during the difficult time of losing his wife.

* * * * *

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

- 1) Augusta County Fair is coming up and the Board agrees to move forward with booth.
- 2) August 19th is the VACo County Officials Summit.
- 3) The first meeting in July is typically cancelled. The meeting would be on Wednesday, July 14, 2021.

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Mr. Morelli, that the Board approve cancelling the July 14th 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting.

June 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF (CONT'D)

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

Motion carried.

4) An item up for consideration with the Solar Comprehensive Plan changes is that the land be no more than 200 acres under panel. It was discussed in length during the worksession and staff was directed to advertise as such for the public hearing. The question has been raised of was that 200 acres under panel or 200 acres for maximum size project. The Board agrees to stay with 200 acres under panel for solar projects.

* * * * *

CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Mr. Wells, 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 (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, Economic Development Authority

(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.

On motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Dr. Seaton, that the Board came out of Closed Session.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Carter, Wells, Shull, Slaven
Seaton and Morelli
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:

Public business matters lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting

1. 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.

Motion carried.

* * * * *

Sandi Thorpe	Valley Community Services Board	Exp. 6-30-2024
Steve Burnette	Shenandoah Valley Workforce Dev. Brd	Exp. 6-30-2025
Debbie Callison	Blue Ridge Community College Board	Exp. 6-30-2025
Andy Parr	Cap-SAW	Exp. 6-30-2025
Preston Hadley	Social Services	Exp. 6-30-2025

Motion carried.

* * * * *

Motion carried.


County Administrator