

Staff Briefing Meeting, Monday, May 24, 2021, 1:30 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Gerald Garber, Chairman
Butch Wells, Vice-Chair
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
Leslie Tate, Senior Planner
Misty Cook, Finance Director
James Benkahla, County Attorney

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, May 24, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 245th year of the Commonwealth....

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VDOT
Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator, discussed the VDOT monthly report.

The Board accepted the monthly report as information.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
a. Rebekah Castle, Director of Economic Development and Marketing, discussed the Economic Development monthly report of April 2021.

The Board accepted the monthly report as information.

b. Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, gave an update on the Economic Development Incentives and discussed a resolution for local match incentives.

The Board authorized placing on the May 26, 2021 regular meeting agenda.

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FIRE AND RESCUE
Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the Fire and Rescue monthly report.

The Board accepted the monthly report as information.

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OUTDOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL

Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator, discussed an Outdoor Music Festival request from Sun Shenandoah Acres, RV, LLC.

The Board authorized placing on the May 26, 2021 regular meeting agenda.

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CIGARETTE TAX STUDY RESOLUTION

Ms. Whetzel discussed the resolution for participation in study regarding regional authority for management of cigarette tax.

The Board authorized placing on the May 26, 2021 regular meeting agenda.

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ORGAN DONOR RESOLUTION

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the resolution.

The Board authorized not placing on the May 26, 2021 regular meeting agenda.

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FEATHERSTONE MANOR SUBDIVISION FIRE HYDRANTS

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed a funding request from the South River Infrastructure account for two additional fire hydrants in the Featherstone Manor Subdivision.

Funding Source: South River Infrastructure \$10,000.00

The Board authorized placing on the May 26, 2021 regular meeting agenda.

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TAX REFUND

James Benkahla, County Attorney, discussed a refund request from the Commissioner of the Revenue for Sherman-Stoltz Law Group, PLLC in the amount of \$7,791.88.

The Board authorized placing on the May 26, 2021 regular meeting agenda.

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DOMINION ENERGY PRESENTATION

Julia Pilipenko gave a presentation to the Board regarding Solar RFP's.

The Board accepted the report as information.

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS FOR UTILITY SCALE.

Caroline Stoerker, Planner, discussed a request to release for public hearing.

The Board authorized releasing for public hearing.

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ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Ms. Stoerker discussed the recommendation on the Solar Ordinance and requested to release for public hearing.

The Board authorized releasing for public hearing.

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WAIVERS –NONE

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Mr. Shull would like a contact for BARC in regards to broadband. He questions whether ECC can track when a company is out on a call and go straight to the next due if another call comes in. He would like an update on the AVL project.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

- 1) Middlebrook Fire Department water fees to be paid from the Riverheads Infrastructure account in the amount of \$9,888.00.
- 2) Greenville Athletic Club water and sewer payment to be paid from the Riverheads Infrastructure account in the amount of \$393.34.

The Board authorized placing on the May 26, 2021 regular meeting agenda.

- 3) Augusta Regional Dental Clinic for dental equipment to be paid from the Wayne Infrastructure and the Pastures Infrastructure accounts in the amount \$492.00.

The Board authorized placing on the May 26, 2021 regular meeting agenda.

- 4) Dominion Power tower rebuild project is 14.6 miles and improves reliability for 2500 Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative customers that are also served on that line. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2022 and completed by late 2023.
- 5) Ladd Elementary School contract extension request for an additional thirty days.
- 6) VACo Region 9 meeting is Tuesday, May 25 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 7) The strategic plan work has been paid for up to date. Mr. Chandler has asked if the Board has plans for future work on the plan.

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, suggests doing it in person if there is an interest of continuing with the plan.

- 8) Verona Elementary pod for storage with the church lease.

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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 real property exemption under Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A) (3)
[discussion of the acquisition for a public purpose, or disposition, of real property]:
a) Augusta County Courthouse
b) Beverley Manor Elementary School
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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) Augusta County Courthouse

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

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

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CLOSED SESSION (CONT'D)

Roll Call Vote was as follows:

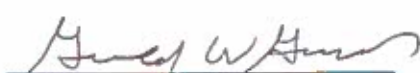
Yeas: Garber, Carter, Wells, Shull, Seaton, Slaven
and Morelli

Nays: None

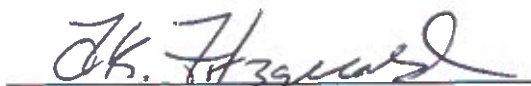
Motion carried.

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

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Chairman



County Administrator

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