

Staff Briefing Meeting, Monday, May 23, 2022, 1:30 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Gerald Garber, Chairman
Butch Wells, Vice-Chair
Pam Carter
Michael L. Shull
Scott Seaton
Jeffrey Slaven
Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator
Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator
John Wilkinson, Director of Community Development
James Benkahla, County Attorney

ABSENT: Steven Morelli

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, May 23, 2022, at 1:30 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 246th year of the Commonwealth....

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Rebekah Castle, Director of Economic Development and Marketing, discussed the Economic Development monthly report of April 2022.

The Board accepted the monthly report as information.

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VDOT ROADS
Don Komara, Residency Administrator, discussed the VDOT status report of May 23, 2022.

The Board accepted the report as information.

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FIRE AND RESCUE
Greg Schacht, Fire Chief, discussed the Fire and Rescue monthly report.

The Board accepted the monthly report as information.

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May 23, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

ARPA FUNDING

Candy Hensley, Assistant County Administrator, discussed the following:

- a) Government Center Renovations
- b) Government Center storm sewer.

The Board authorized placing on the May 25, 2022 regular meeting agenda.

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REASSESSMENT UPDATE

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, discussed the next steps for reassessment process, including re-bid of contract, potential delay for effective reassessment date to January 1, 2025 and future of in-house assessor's office.

The Board authorized placing on the May 25, 2022 regular meeting agenda.

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TAX REFUND REQUEST

James Benkahla, County Attorney, discussed a refund request from Mr. Paul Farmer in the amount of \$5,831.45.

The Board authorized placing on the May 25, 2022 regular meeting agenda.

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US BICYCLE ROUTE 211 THROUGH AUGUSTA COUNTY

Leslie Tate, Senior Planner, discussed a resolution.

The Board authorized placing on the May 25, 2022 regular meeting agenda.

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PLANNING COMMISSIONPUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Tate discussed the following:

- a. A request to rezone from General Industrial to General Industrial with a Public Use Overlay approximately 1.68 acres of an approximately 15.71 acres (TMP 027C1 1 17 portion) owned by Comsonics Properties LLC and located off of Keezletown Road (Route 750) opposite but between the intersections of Keezletown Road (Route 750) and Gentry Road and Keezletown Road (Route 750) and Lofton Drive in Weyers Cave in the Middle River district. Additional permitted uses of the property will be limited to: water storage tank and associated appurtenances, water booster station and associated appurtenances, and water storage tank/antennas, height regulated by Federal Aviation Administration.

The Board authorized placing on the May 25, 2022 regular meeting agenda.

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PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING (CONT'D)

b. An ordinance to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division C. Single Residential Dwelling Districts. Article XIII. Single Family Residential (SF) Districts. Section 25-133. Uses permitted by Administrative Permit. D. Domestic Chickens.

The Board authorized placing on the May 25, 2022 regular meeting agenda.

c. An ordinance to amend Chapter 25. Zoning. Division B. Agriculture Districts. Article VII. General Agriculture Districts. Request to advertise for public hearing.

The Board authorized advertising for public hearing.

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WAIVERS –NONE

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

The Board discussed the Board Rules of Order.

Mr. Shull gave an update on the Augusta County Service Authority construction office.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

- 1) The County Officials Summit is August 18, 2022 in Roanoke.
- 2) VACo region meeting is June 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at Valley Pike.
- 3) Asked for consensus from the Board on the Augusta County Fair booth. Should there be a separate booth for the courthouse?

The Board agreed there should be a separate booth.

- 4) Afton Grant
- 5) Mr. Fitzgerald is attending a VLGMA conference and will be absent from the June 8th regular Board of Supervisors meeting.
- 6) There is a special session for General Assembly next week.

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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, Library, Broadband Committee, Library Board, Augusta County Service Authority, Valley Community Services Board, Shenandoah Valley Partnership, Planning Commission, Parks & Recreation, Community Policy Management Team

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CLOSED SESSION (CONT'D)

(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.

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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, Slaven, Morelli 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
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:

Yeas: Garber, Carter, Wells, Shull, Slaven, Morelli 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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Chairman


County Administrator