Regular Meeting, Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 7:00 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Michael Shull, Chairman
Jeffrey Slaven, Vice-Chair
Butch Wells
Gerald Garber
Carolyn Bragg
Pam Carter
Scott Seaton
Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator
Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator
Misty Cook, Director of Finance
Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development
James Benkahla, County Attorney
Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 247th year of the Commonwealth....

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

Chairman Shull welcomed those present at the meeting.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * *

The Board of Supervisors led the Pledge of Allegiance:

* * * * * * * * * * * * * *

Ms. Carter, Pastures District, delivered the invocation.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

Before the Public Hearings, Chairman Shull spoke on the matter voted on by the Board on July 27,2022 concerning time limits on the public comments. The vote was 5-2 in favor of limiting public speakers to 3 minutes for individuals and 5 minutes for groups. He pointed out that other localities have time limits as well as the state committees while Rockingham County does not have any public comments.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

<u>HUGHES BOARDWALK, LLC</u>
This being the day and time advertised to consider a request to add a Public Use Overlay (PUO) for a school on approximately 1.93 acres (TMP 036A4 1 8) owned by Hughes Boardwalk LLC located at 81 Quicks Mill Rd in Verona in the North River Magisterial District. The property is located within an Urban Service Overlay District, in an Urban Service Area of the Comprehensive Plan, planned for Medium Density Residential. The proposed usage of the property is to add a Public Use Overlay over the current Single Family Residential (SF-15) zoning in order to relocate a school for up to 27 students. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

April 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

HUGHES BOARDWALK, LLC (CONT'D)
Alidia Vane, Planner II, presented the public hearing for a request made by Keys Academy-Augusta to add a Public Use Overlay (PUO) on approximately 1.93 acres (TMP036A4 1 8) owned by Hughes Boardwalk, LLC located at 81 Quicks Mill Road in Verona in the North River Magisterial District. The proposed usage of the property is to add a Public Use Overlay over the current Single Family Residential (SF-15) zoning in order to relocate a school. The property is located in an Urban Service Area of the Comprehensive Plan, planned for Medium Density Residential. Slides showing pictures of the location and zoning were provided. The request would not change the zone of the land but add another use on top of the existing zoning.

The Chairman declared the public hearing open.

Robyn Puryear, Vice President of Educational Services for Keys Academy Schools, requested to move their school from Stuarts Draft to the Verona property. She offered to answer any questions. She informed that Keys Academy serves K-12th Grade special education students and public schools in the area such as Augusta, Staunton, Waynesboro, Nelson, and Charlottesville.

There being no other speakers, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed.

Mr. Slaven moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board approve the request as presented.

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

Motion carried.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

WILSON INVESTMENT, LLC
This being the day and time advertised to consider a request to amend previously adopted proffers on approximately 2.38 acres owned by Wilson Investments, LLC (TMP 067N 3 31 and 067N 3 32) located on the corner of Tinkling Spring Rd. and Goose Creek Rd. in Fishersville in the Wayne Magisterial District. The property is located within an Urban Service Overlay, in an Urban Service Area of the Comprehensive Plan, planned for Business. The purpose of the request is to amend proffers to allow one additional right-in-right-out entrance onto Tinkling Spring Rd. (Rte. 285). The Planning Commission recommends approval.

Ms. Vane presented the public hearing for a request made by Wilson Investment, LLC to amend previously-adopted proffers on approximately 2.38 acres owned by Wilson Investments, LLC (TMP 067N 3 31 & 067N 3 32) located on the corner of Tinkling Spring Road and Goose Creek Road in Fishersville in the Wayne Magisterial District. The purpose of the request is to amend proffers to allow one additional right-in-right-out entrance onto Tinkling Spring Road. The property is located in an Urban Service Area of the Comprehensive Plan planned for General Business. Slides showing the proposed concept plan and the comprehensive plan were provided. The current proffer #1 was that there will be no more than one entrance on to Route 285 and one entrance on to Route 640 from the 244.729-acre tract. The proposed proffer #1 is that there will be no more than two entrances on to Route 285 and one entrance on to Route 640 from the 244.729-acre tract. The two entrances on to Route 285 includes the existing full movement entrance at Wilson Boulevard and one right-in-right-out entrance between Wilson Boulevard and Goose Creek Road. Proffers #2-#8 remain

April 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

WILSON INVESTMENT, LLC (CONT'D)
as approved in 2001. The planning commission unanimously recommended approval of this request. She asked if there were further questions from the Board.

Derek Reardon represented the applicant and volunteered to answer any questions from the Board.

The Chairman declared the public hearing open.

There being no speakers, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed.

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Mr. Garber, that the Board approve the request as presented.

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

Motion carried.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

F&P HOMES, INC.
This being the day and time to consider approximately 0.21 acres owned by F&P Homes Inc. (TMP 084A 1 1 14) located at 15 West High St. Lot B in Stuarts Draft in the South River Magisterial District. The property is located within an Urban Service Overlay, in an Urban Service Area of the Comprehensive Plan, planned for Village Mixed Use. The purpose of the request is to rezone the property in order to build an approximately 1,300 sq. ft. single family dwelling on the vacant lot. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

Ms. Vane presented the public hearing for a request made by F&P Homes, Inc. to rezone from General Business to Single Family Residential approximately 0.21 acres owned by F&P Homes Inc. (TMP 084A 1 1 14) located at 15 West High Street Lot B in Stuarts Draft in the South River Magisterial District. The purpose of the request is to build an approximately 1,300 sq. ft. single family dwelling on the vacant lot. The property is located in an Urban Service Area of the Comprehensive Plan, planned for Village Mixed Use. There is currently a house being renovated on the lot next to the property, so this is a request to construct a house adjacent to that one. Slides showing the property and the comprehensive plan were provided. The planning commission unanimously recommended approval of this request. She asked if there were further questions from the Board.

The Chairman declared the public hearing open.

There being no other speakers, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed.

Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board approve the request as presented.

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

Motion Carried.

April 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

STUARTS DRAFT RURITAN CHARITIES
This being the day and time advertised to consider a request to rezone from Single Family Residential to General Business approximately 2.42 acres owned by the Stuarts Draft Ruritan Charities Club (TMP 084 99B) located at Schneider Park on Wayne Ave. in Stuarts Draft in the South River Magisterial District. The property is located within an Urban Service Overlay, in an Urban Service Area of the Comprehensive Plan, planned for Urban Open Space. The purpose of the request is to rezone the portion of TMP 084 99B to match the rest of the park, which is zoned General Business, and in order for pickleball courts or other recreational uses to be built. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

Ms. Vane presented the public hearing for a request made by the Stuarts Draft Ruritan Charities to rezone from Single Family residential to General Business approximately 2.42 acres owned by the Stuarts Draft Ruritan Charities Club (TMP 084 99B portion) located at Schneider Park on Wayne Avenue in Stuarts Draft in the South River Magisterial District. The propose of the request is to rezone the portion to match the rest of the park, and for pickleball courts or other recreational uses to be built. The property is located in and Urban Service Area of the Comprehensive Plan planned for Urban Open Space. Slides showing the property and the comprehensive plan were provided. She asked if there were further questions from the Board.

Mr. Gauge, President of Stuarts Draft Ruritan Club, was available to answer any questions from the Board.

The Chairman declared the public hearing open.

There being no other speakers, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed.

Mr. Slaven moved, seconded by Mr. Garber, that the Board approve the request as presented.

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

Motion carried.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FOR TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM
The Board considered a Contribution Agreement for Tourism Grant Program.

Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator, presented the contribution agreement for the Tourism Grant Program from the tourism budget. The agreement stipulates that the program distribution of the funds will not exceed $50,000 total. The grants are awarded to business at varying amounts based on their applications. The EDA had considered the agreement at their meeting on April 21st and passed it.

Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Mr. Slaven, that the Board approve the agreement as presented.

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

Motion carried.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

April 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

OPIOID RESOLUTION

The Board considered a resolution for regional grant to access state opioid funds.

Misty Cook, Director of Finance, presented the opioid resolution, which is the gold standard resolution. The County received funds from the opioid settlements. The Opioid Abatement Authority invited the counties and cities in Virginia to participate in adopting the gold standard. In return, the County will see a 25% increase in funding for FY 2023-2024.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Wells, that the Board approve the resolution as presented.

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

Motion carried.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

ERP (FINANCIAL) SOFTWARE

The Board considered a contract award to Tyler Technologies for ERP (Financial) software.

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, presented the procurement of a new financial software and building permitting software through a contract with Tyler Technologies for an enterprise resource planning solution. There was an RFP to find a vendor. The County received proposals, had demonstrations, and visited other users of the vendor. The software will be used by Finance, HR & Payroll, Community Development, and Facilities Maintenance. The contract includes one-time implementation and training fees as well as 10 years of software as a subscription annual fee. The IT Director and Project Manager were present if the Board had questions.

Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Mr. Slaven, that the Board approve the contract award to Tyler Technologies.

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

Motion carried.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

FIRE-RESCUE FUND GRANT REVIEW

The Board considered committee's recommendation for funding.

Weyers Cave Volunteer Fire Company	$ 25,000.00
Swoope Volunteer Fire Department	$ 5,220.00
Riverheads Volunteer Fire Department	$ 7,630.00
Craigsville Volunteer Fire Department	$ 8,076.00
Wilson Volunteer Fire Department	$ 4,074.00

April 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

FIRE-RESCUE FUND GRANT REVIEW (CONT'D)
Minday Craun, Fire-Rescue Lt. Volunteer Coordinator, presented the approval of the Fire-Rescue Fund Grant. It had five requests totaling to a lit over $84,000. With only $50,000 to award, the amount was split between the five agencies. She asked if the Board had questions since reviewing it on Monday.

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. Slaven, that the Board approve the committee's request.

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

Motion carried.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

FIRE-RESCUE STRATEGIC PLAN
PREVIOUSLY TABLED-The Board considered the Fire-Rescue Strategic Plan.

Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Mr. Slaven, that the Board remove item from the table.

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

Motion carried.

Chief Schacht presented the request to move forward with Central Center of Public Safety matters LLC to create the Fire-Rescue Strategic Plan, which has a 10-year framework. He asked if the Board had questions since reviewing it on Monday.

Ms. Carter stated that she is hesitant to identify the money to the strategic plan since nothing changes and she did not realize it was so expensive. She also did not think the timing was not good.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Dr. Seaton, that the Board approve holding off on the plan for further review.

Dr. Seaton added that he would like to see a strategic plan but since there have been seven plans over 20 years and this plan will cost around $90,000 he was not confident that this plan will be worth the money or will be carried out. He thinks it should be revisited in a year.

Mr. Wells disagreed with Dr. Seaton and said that this matter was discussed at the staff retreat a couple months ago. He said he would be willing to fund the study with his infrastructure account. He understands the predicament of Fire-Rescue since he had a similar situation in law enforcement. There is a lack of staffing and experience in those departments, so the study is necessary. Mr. Wells did agree with Dr. Seaton that this plan should be carried out and that is where the old plans had failed. He personally has concerns with the Fire-Rescue coverage in the western part of the County.

FIRE-RESCUE STRATEGIC PLAN (CONT'D)

April 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Chief Schacht commented that the failure to enact the previous strategic plans has not been due to a lack of investment from the department staff but from the decisions of past boards.

Mr. Slaven agreed with Mr. Wells about his concerns with the coverage of the Fire-Rescue. He commented that the volunteer agencies are priceless but their staffing is an issue. He believes the Board should make changes before a crisis occurs. The price is high, but the project is valuable.

Mr. Shull said he was against the plan from the beginning. While he is not against strategic planning, he is against spending $93,000. He has seen past strategic plans, but they all involve spending money. He does not think that the future projects within this plan will be able to be funded if the other necessary projects need to be completed. He adds that the residents of the County are not concerned with the statistics but with the results of the Fire-Rescue department. He believes the department needs an operation plan more than a strategic plan. He thinks there might be people skilled in house to create a strategic plan or just ask local companies. He does not think studying the departments would benefit it.

Mr. Garber thinks the discussion has ballooned to talk about several different things. He is against doing planning in house since that plan was never used. He says the last person who made a plan got fired and that cost the County more. He asks if the Board is paying for the plan or taking Mr. Well's infrastructure money. He agrees that there is not a point in doing the plan if it is not agreed upon and is saddened by the fact that the Fire-Rescue staff knows what needs to be done. He agrees that they do have limited resources and the Board needs to spend it in the right place in the right order. He adds that the will to follow the plan might be greater if the Board pays for it.

Mr. Wells said even though he will not be on the Board in future years he will be asking the Board why they are not following the plan if he paid for it out of his infrastructure account. He said that it might be better for him to pay it so he will bug the Board about following the plan.

Ms. Carter remarked that she does not want people to think she does not care about the Western part of the County.

Ms. Bragg said she thinks the inside method is always riddled with issues. She thinks a plan from the outside is important and there should be a roadmap for how to spend the money in the future for the Fire-Rescue.

Chief Schacht commented the volunteer agencies will be involved in the plans. He agrees that if the Board follows the plan it is worth it but if not, it is a waste of money.

Mr. Slaven agreed with Chief Schacht and replied that he thinks this is a good place to start on improving the department. He also thinks that Mr. Wells should not have to pay for a public safety concern since the money is there.

Chairman Shull said no matter the outcome of the vote the Fire-Rescue department will still keep doing their jobs. He adds that the infrastructure accounts are still from all the tax-payers funds. He also thinks people need to understand that the size of the County is large so the response time is long because of the travel time. He also thinks the County needs to find a way to retain volunteers.

FIRE-RESCUE STRATEGIC PLAN (CONT'D)
Dr. Seaton asked if it will solve the fire flow issues.

Chief Schacht said it would be looked at but mostly go through the Service Authority. The 911 center would be the only other service involved in the study. The issues of fire flow are known by the Service Authority but it has not been acted upon.

Dr. Seaton said he has tried to make fire flow an issue to be fixed by the Board but has not had needed support.

Chief Schacht said there are things in place for fire flow using different methods.

Mr. Fitzgerald said there would be other plans and organizations to look over the issue. The comprehensive plan for the County would be where such issues would be identified.

Mr. Shull said the $90,000 is small compared to the water line replacements. He then continued with the motion to postpone the study till after assessments for next year.

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

Motion failed.

Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board approve moving forward with utilizing the Center for Public Safety Management, LLC to complete the Fire-Rescue Strategic Plan.

Chairman Shull asked for clarification on the motion and the funding source of the plan.

Mr. Fitzgerald clarified that the motion was to approve moving forward as presented in the amount of $93,550 coming from the capital budget.

Ms. Carter again stated that it is the approval of the hiring of the developers for the plan not the plan itself.

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

Motion carried.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

REGIONAL RADIO PROJECT
The Board considered a Memorandum of Understanding for the Regional Radio Project.

Ms. Whetzel reviewed the procurement of a regional radio system in partnership with the two cities. The next step is the creation of a MOU to establish a structure of management for the radio system. 56% of total cost would be from Augusta. The lifespan of the system would be 15 years. The agreement had several revisions to be added:

REGIONAL RADIO PROJECT (CONT'D)

- Requested, two members would be from Augusta. Policy Team will remain at three members, similar to the Animal Shelter, DSS or the Jail. It would need three members, one from each locality. Chairman will rotate through each locality with Staunton being first due to being procurement lead.
- Quorum updated to show all three members must be present.
- Management review before decision is official
- Coverage is part of the infrastructure contract with City of Staunton being procurer.

Ms. Whetzel referenced RFP items that mitigate this issue and if the vendor does not pass coverage test then vendor will make adjustments.

The Board is asked to approve the project with the adjustments to move forward.

Ms. Carter stated that she had many questions on Monday and has talked to many people since then about this project. She supports the project but wanted to clarify the MOU is not about the vendor selection but concerning how the localities will work together. She said she would like to see Augusta County as the chairman of the quorum but is fine if Staunton is better suited.

Mr. Slaven was also concerned that the County be represented. He mentions that it will be addressed through the contract with the vendor and the County.

Mr. Wells is also supportive of the project and adds that he would be very comfortable if the chairman serving currently be the one due to the quorum change.

Dr. Seaton wished the project go through even though the price is high, and is concerned with how broadband not covering the whole County.

Mr. Slaven moved, seconded by Mr. Garber, that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding as presented.

Mr. Shull stated that he was concerned with all of the vendors hired that guaranteed 95% coverage but the actions to make that possible have in the past not been made. He believes that the past attorneys have missed things in the contracts, though he does clarify Mr. Benkahla is not to blame.

Mr. Wells asked Mr. Fitzgerald if the Board will be able to meet with the consultant of all three areas of concern before the plan is finalized.
Mr. Fitzgerald said he would look into it.
Mr. Wells said that would be beneficial to hear comments from all of the areas.
Mr. Shull thought it should be part of the contract.

Dr. Seaton asked Ms. Whetzel for the timeline of completion.
Ms. Whetzel answered it would be two years and finish building by Christmas of 2025.
Ms. Carter wanted to make the finish date part of the contract.
Mr. Shull suggested making the contract like other businesses where if the date is not fulfilled the vendor pays the County back.
Ms. Whetzel explained the date is dependent on the timeline of other steps that need to be approved.

April 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

REGIONAL RADIO PROJECT (CONT'D)

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

Motion carried.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

Dr. Seaton moved seconded by Ms. Carter that the Board reorder the meeting's financial agenda items to have Revised Budget for FY2022-2023 (11), Proposed Budget for FY 2023-2024 (12), then 2023 Tax Rates (13).

Ms. Carter added that she is for the motion because the tax rates could be set according to the need of the approved budget which if done the other way would be the cart before the horse.

Mr. Fitzgerald clarified to the Board that the motion is to have Revised Budget for FY2022-2023 (11), Proposed Budget for FY 2023-2024 (12), then 2023 Tax Rates (13).

Ms. Cook said she was clear on the motion and would present the items accordingly.

Mr. Garber is not for or against the motion but does want to understand the implications of the item position change.
Dr. Seaton explains how the order will benefit being swapped. He thinks seeing the two budgets right after each other will better orient the Board to make a good decision.

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

Motion carried.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

REVISED BUDGET FOR FY2022-2023

The Board considered the revised budget for FY2022-2023.

APPROPRIATIONS

On the motion of Mr. Garber, seconded by Mr. Wells, the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Augusta, Virginia, that the following appropriation be made for the fiscal year 2022-2023 from the funds and for the functions or purposes indicated:
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to transfer to other funds from the GENERAL OPERATING FUND from time to time as money becomes available, sums equal to, but not in excess of the appropriations made to these funds from GENERAL OPERATING FUND for the period covered by the appropriation.
BE IT STILL RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized, pursuant to a resolution adopted by this Board of Supervisors on November, 11, 1959, to pay all normal and routine claims, when presented for which appropriations are hereinafter made, with his own warrant.

April 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

REVISED BUDGET FOR FY2022-2023 (CONT'D)
GENERAL OPERATING FUND

11010	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	175,910
12010	COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR	1,096,170
12030	HUMAN RESOURCES	338,030
12040	LEGAL SERVICES	457,082
12090	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	1,179,616
12100	REASSESSMENT	996,835
12130	TREASURER	652,064
12150	FINANCE	443,342
12200	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	1,163,678
13010	BOARD OF ELECTIONS	510,827
21010	CIRCUIT COURT	204,265
21020	GENERAL DISTRICT COURT	21,697
21030	MAGISTRATE	4,461
21060	CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT	1,188,155
22010	COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY	1,706,913
31020	SHERIFF	9,591,201
31040	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	2,456,261
32010	FIRE DEPARTMENT	11,048,809
32020	EMERGENCY SERVICES - VOLUNTEERS	1,952,919
32030	FIRE & EMS TRAINING	643,969
33030	J&D COURT	39,981
33040	COURT SERVICES	5,552
33050	JUVENILE & PROBATION	5,405,413
34010	BUILDING INSPECTIONS	450,887
35010	ANIMAL CONTROL	800,559
35050	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	105,977
41020	HIGHWAYS & ROADS	20,000
41040	STREET LIGHTS	121,000
42010	SANITATION & WASTE	2,450,423
42020	RECYCLING	172,900
43010	FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	2,284,642
51010	HEALTH DEPARTMENT	628,127
51020	TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY	363,115
71010	PARKS & REC INCL. NATURAL CHIMNEYS	908,870
73010	LIBRARY	1,765,655
81010	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	1,143,618
81020	TOURISM	655,689
81050	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	330,811
83010	EXTENSION OFFICE	141,194
83050	AGRICULTURAL OUTREACH	6,760
92020	OTHER OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS	1,216,611
92030	CONTRIBUTIONS	509,618
92040	CONTINGENCIES	55,000
94000	TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	74,600,355
	GRAND TOTAL - GENERAL OPERATING FUND (11)	130,014,961

FROM: Fire Revolving Loan Fund (12)
TO: Fire Revolving Loan Fund (12)

50000 -	Disbursement of Loans & Gear Purchases	1,105,000
	Grand Total - Fire Revolving Loan Fund (12)	1,105,000

FROM: Asset Forfeiture Fund (13)
TO: Asset Forfeiture Fund (13)

31030 -	Operations	69,092

April 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

REVISED BUDGET FOR FY2022-2023 (CONT'D)

Grand Total - Asset Forfeiture Fund (13)		69,092

FROM: Economic Development Fund (14)
TO: Economic Development Fund (14)

53000 -	Payments to E.D.A.	832,450
Grand Total - Economic Development Fund (14)		832,450

FROM: Revenue Recovery Fund (15)
TO: Revenue Recovery Fund (15)

32020 -	Payments to Agencies	839,102
94000 -	Transfers to Other Funds	1,307,698
Grand Total - Revenue Recovery Fund (15)		2,146,800

FROM: ARPA Fund (20)
TO: ARPA Fund (20)

12010 Stormwater	32,675
12010 Renovation Project	3,180,504
31020-Sheriff	109,075
32010 Fire Department	103,125
43010 Facilities Management	14,110
80000 Special Projects	869,349
81020 VTC Funds	85,000
92030 Broadband	3,360,000
Grand Total - ARPA Fund (20)	7,753,838

FROM: Virginia Public Assistance Fund (23)
TO: Virginia Public Assistance Fund (23)

For the operation of the Augusta County Department of Public Welfare, Virginia Public Assistance Fund and to be expended only on order of the Board of Welfare for the functions and objects asoutlined in the budget requests as presented to the Board of Supervisors for informative and fiscal purposes only:

53010 -	Administration	11,517,060
53020 -	Public Assistance	2,902,705
Grand Total - Virginia Public Assistance Fund (23)		14,419,765

FROM: Children's Services Act Fund (24)
TO: Children's Services Act Fund (24)

53060 -	Children's Services Act	5,189,024
Grand Total - Children's Services Act Fund (24)		5,189,024

FROM: School Operating Fund (41)
TO: School Operating Fund (41)

For the operation of the Public Schools of the School Operating Fund (41) and to be expended only on order of the Augusta County School Board of Augusta County, Virginia, for the functions and objects a contained in their budget requests as presented to the Board of Supervisors foR financial and fiscal purposes:

11000 -	Instruction	108,016,852
20000 -	Admin/Attend/Health	5,654,186
30000 -	Pupil Transportation	8,279,071
40000 -	Operation/Maintenance	12,108,413
50000- School Food Service		819,121
Grand Total - School Operating Fund (41)		134,877,643

April 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

REVISED BUDGET FOR FY2022-2023 (CONT'D)
FROM: School Cafeteria Fund (43)
TO: School Cafeteria Fund (43)

To be expended on order of the Augusta County School Board for the operation of the School Cafeteria Fund:

50000 -	School Food Services	6,939,815
Grand Total - School Cafeteria Fund (43)		6,939,815

FROM: School Capital Improvement Fund (44)
TO: School Capital Improvement Fund (44)

13800 -	Technology	475,226
34000 -	Transportation	1,626,073
62020-	Valley Career & Technical Center	764,428
62400 -	Buffalo Gap Middle School Wing	11,696,482
62410 -	Riverheads Middle School Wing	13,737,758
94000	Transfer to Other Funds	2,913,596
99999	Bond Issuance Cost	251,809
Grand Total - School Capital Improvement Fund (44)		32,330,372

FROM: School Debt Fund (45)
TO: School Debt Fund (45)

92040 -	Debt Service - County	732,946
92050 -	Debt Service - School	6,983,495
Grand Total - School Debt Service (45)		7,716,441

FROM: Head Start Fund (47)
TO: Head Start Fund (47)

10000 -	Instruction	3,123,596
20000 -	Admin/Attend/Health	494,887
30000 -	Pupil Transportation	97,497
40000 -	Maintenance Services	44,107
Grand Total - Head Start Fund (47)		3,760,077

FROM: Governor's School Fund (48)
TO: Governor's School Fund (48)

11000 -	Instruction	1,855,853
20000 -	Health Services	31,982
40000 -	Operations/Maintenance	62,200
66000 -	Building Improvement	135,000
Grand Total - Governor's School Fund (48)		2,085,035

FROM: County Capital Improvement Fund (70)
TO: County Capital Improvement Fund (70)

8005 - Landfill	400,000
8011 - Infrastructure - Beverley Manor	50,000
8012 - Infrastructure - Middle River	50,000
8013 - Infrastructure - North River	50,000
8014 - Infrastructure - Pastures	50,000

April 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

REVISED BUDGET FOR FY2022-2023 (CONT'D)

8015 - Infrastructure - Riverheads	50,000
8016 - Infrastructure - South River	50,000
8017 - Infrastructure - Wayne (includes VDOT project)	50,000
8021 - Matching Grants - Beverley Manor	15,000
8022 - Matching Grants - Middle River	15,000
8023 - Matching Grants - North River	15,000
8024 - Matching Grants - Pastures	15,000
8025 - Matching Grants - Riverheads	15,000
8026 - Matching Grants - South River	15,000
8027 - Matching Grants - Wayne	15,000
8049 - Electoral Board - Voting Machines	139,000
8053 - Library - Automation	117,775
8057 - Fire Apparatus & Equipment	1,470,500
8058 - Emergency Communications	2,495,500
8060 - Sheriff/K-9	340,001
8134 – County School	4,544,094
8135 - Regional Correction Center	1,544,124
8139 - Tourist Information Center	10,000
8142 - Parks & Recreation/Community Center	500,000
8144 - Information Technology	895,562
8145 - Economic Development	1,870,624
8146 - Firing Range	40,000
8147 – Government Center Expansion	250,000
8148 - County Courthouse	3,100,000
8149 - A.C.S.A.Contribution	100,000
8152 - Fire & Rescue Equipment	200,000
8153 - Haz Mat Grant	10,000
8155 - Dupont Settlement Grant	48,000
8161 - Blue Ridge Community College	137,585
8162 - Secondary Roads - Revenue Sharing	149,287
8164 - Storm Water Management	47,229
8165 - Government Center Security	125,000
8166 - Vehicle Sinking Fund	972,490
8198 - Building Sinking Fund	259,373
8199- Contingencies	(1,965)
94000 - Transfers To Other Funds	723,188
Grand Total - Capital Improvement Fund (70)	20,942,367
GRAND TOTAL - APPROPRIATIONS (All Funds)	**370,182,680**

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Dr. Seaton, that the Board approve the revised budget as presented.

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

Motion carried.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

April 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY2023-2024
The Board considered the proposed budget for FY2023-2024.

APPROPRIATIONS

On the motion of Mr. Garber, seconded by Mr. Wells, the following Resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Augusta, Virginia, that the following appropriation be made for the fiscal year 2023-2024 from the funds and for the functions or purposes indicated:
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to transfer to other funds from the GENERAL OPERATING FUND from time to time as money becomes available, sums equal to, but not in excess of the appropriations made to these funds from GENERAL OPERATING FUND for the period covered by the appropriation.
BE IT STILL RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized, pursuant to a resolution adopted by this Board of Supervisors on November, 11, 1959, to pay all normal and routine claims, when presented for which appropriations are hereinafter made, with his own warrant.

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

11010	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	180,344
12010	COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR	1,126,908
12030	HUMAN RESOURCES	367,813
12040	LEGAL SERVICES	451,018
12090	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	1,212,796
12100	REASSESSMENT	579,109
12110	BOARD OF EQUALIZATION	4,300
12130	TREASURER	662,841
12150	FINANCE	511,406
12200	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	1,147,978
13010	BOARD OF ELECTIONS	496,416
21010	CIRCUIT COURT	208,355
21020	GENERAL DISTRICT COURT	18,744
21030	MAGISTRATE	4,771
21060	CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT	1,214,214
22010	COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY	1,698,059
31020	SHERIFF	10,136,525
31040	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	2,741,983
32010	FIRE DEPARTMENT	11,122,676
32020	EMERGENCY SERVICES - VOLUNTEERS	1,986,730
32030	FIRE & EMS TRAINING	686,052
33030	J&D COURT	40,075
33040	COURT SERVICES	4,800
33050	JUVENILE & PROBATION	2,928,620
34010	BUILDING INSPECTIONS	516,680
35010	ANIMAL CONTROL	766,187
35050	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	107,285
41020	HIGHWAYS & ROADS	20,000
41040	STREET LIGHTS	121,000
42010	SANITATION & WASTE	2,630,274
42020	RECYCLING	176,300
43010	FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	2,225,311
51010	HEALTH DEPARTMENT	719,687
51020	TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY	360,833
71010	PARKS & REC INCL. NATURAL CHIMNEYS	926,627

April 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY2023-2024 (CONT'D)

73010 LIBRARY	1,776,836
81010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	1,217,002
81020 TOURISM	469,443
81050 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	338,152
83010 EXTENSION OFFICE	158,418
83050 AGRICULTURAL OUTREACH	6,760
92020 OTHER OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS	1,525,268
92030 CONTRIBUTIONS	539,014
92040 CONTINGENCIES	55,000
94000 TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	64,792,117
GRAND TOTAL - GENERAL OPERATING FUND (11)	118,980,727

FROM: Fire Revolving Loan Fund (12)
TO: Fire Revolving Loan Fund (12)

50000 -	Disbursement of Loans & Gear Purchases	605,000
Grand Total - Fire Revolving Loan Fund (12)		605,000

FROM: Asset Forfeiture Fund (13)
TO: Asset Forfeiture Fund (13)

31030 -	Operations	48,000
Grand Total - Asset Forfeiture Fund (13)		48,000

FROM: Economic Development Fund (14)
TO: Economic Development Fund (14)

53000 -	Payments to E.D.A.	802,450
Grand Total - Economic Development Fund (14)		802,450

FROM: Revenue Recovery Fund (15)
TO: Revenue Recovery Fund (15)

32020 -	Payments to Agencies	1,121,422
94000 -	Transfers to Other Funds	1,280,012
Grand Total - Revenue Recovery Fund (15)		2,401,434

FROM: ARPA Fund (20)
TO: ARPA Fund (20)

12010 Stormwater	453,000
12010 Renovation Project	2,120,338
31020-Sheriff	271,025
32010 Fire Department	103,125
80000 Special Projects	334,651
81020 VTC Funds	60,004
92030 Broadband	3,360,000
Grand Total - ARPA Fund (20)	6,702,143

FROM: Virginia Public Assistance Fund (23)
TO: Virginia Public Assistance Fund (23)

For the operation of the Augusta County Department of Public Welfare, Virginia Public Assistance Fund and to be expended only on order of the Board of Welfare for the functions and objects asoutlined in the budget requests as presented to the Board of Supervisors for informative and fiscal purposes only:

53010 -	Administration	12,286,634
53020 -	Public Assistance	3,312,574
Grand Total - Virginia Public Assistance Fund (23)		15,599,208

April 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY2023-2024 (CONT'D)

FROM: Children's Services Act Fund (24)
TO: Children's Services Act Fund (24)

53060 -	Children's Services Act	5,500,000
Grand Total - Children's Services Act Fund (24)		5,500,000

FROM: School Operating Fund (41)
TO: School Operating Fund (41)
For the operation of the Public Schools of the School Operating Fund (41) and to be expended only on order of the Augusta County School Board of Augusta County, Virginia, for the functions and objects a contained in their budget requests as presented to the Board of Supervisors for financial and fiscal purposes:

11000 -	Instruction	109,789,740
20000 -	Admin/Attend/Health	5,852,832
30000 -	Pupil Transportation	8,091,268
40000 -	Operation/Maintenance	12,717,694
50000-	School Food Service	2,455,500
Grand Total - School Operating Fund (41)		138,907,034

FROM: School Cafeteria Fund (43)
TO: School Cafeteria Fund (43)

To be expended on order of the Augusta County School Board for the operation of the School Cafeteria Fund:

50000 -	School Food Services	6,484,386
Grand Total - School Cafeteria Fund (43)		6,484,386

FROM: School Capital Improvement Fund (44)
TO: School Capital Improvement Fund (44)

13800 -	Technology	754,763
34000 -	Transportation	1,080,000
42000 -	Building/Facility Services	765,000
62020-	Valley Career & Technical Center	3,260,000
62400 -	Buffalo Gap Middle School Wing	17,880,831
62410 -	Riverheads Middle School Wing	21,215,397
94000	Transfer to Other Funds	414,933
Grand Total - School Capital Improvement Fund (44)		45,370,924

FROM: School Debt Fund (45)
TO: School Debt Fund (45)

92040 -	Debt Service - County	732,092
92050 -	Debt Service - School	9,978,062
Grand Total - School Debt Service (45)		10,710,154

FROM: Head Start Fund (47)
TO: Head Start Fund (47)

10000 -	Instruction	3,159,514
20000 -	Admin/Attend/Health	438,022
30000 -	Pupil Transportation	102,674
40000 -	Maintenance Services	46,197
Grand Total - Head Start Fund (47)		3,746,407

April 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY2023-2024 (CONT'D)
FROM: Governor's School Fund (48)
TO: Governor's School Fund (48)

11000 -	Instruction	2,003,596
20000 -	Health Services	32,838
40000 -	Operations/Maintenance	62,200
66000 -	Building Improvement	100,000
	Grand Total - Governor's School Fund (48)	2,198,634

FROM: County Capital Improvement Fund (70)
TO: County Capital Improvement Fund (70)

8005 -	Landfill	400,000
8011 -	Infrastructure - Beverley Manor	50,000
8012 -	Infrastructure - Middle River	50,000
8013 -	Infrastructure - North River	50,000
8014 -	Infrastructure - Pastures	50,000
8015 -	Infrastructure - Riverheads	50,000
8016 -	Infrastructure - South River	50,000
8017 -	Infrastructure - Wayne (includes VDOT project)	50,000
8021 -	Matching Grants - Beverley Manor	15,000
8022 -	Matching Grants - Middle River	15,000
8023 -	Matching Grants - North River	15,000
8024 -	Matching Grants - Pastures	15,000
8025 -	Matching Grants - Riverheads	15,000
8026 -	Matching Grants - South River	15,000
8027 -	Matching Grants - Wayne	15,000
8049 -	Electoral Board - Voting Machines	25,000
8053 -	Library - Automation	17,000
8057 -	Fire Apparatus & Equipment	570,500
8058 -	Emergency Communications	495,500
8060 -	Sheriff/K-9	50,000
8135 -	Regional Correction Center	1,064,124
8139 -	Tourist Information Center	10,000
8142 -	Parks & Recreation/Community Center	100,000
8144 -	Information Technology	245,562
8145 -	Economic Development	200,000
8146 -	Firing Range	40,000
8148 -	County Courthouse	600,000
8149 -	A.C.S.A.Contribution	100,000
8152 -	Fire & Rescue Equipment	200,000
8153 -	Haz Mat Grant	10,000
8155 -	Dupont Settlement Grant	700,000
8161 -	Blue Ridge Community College	137,585
8162 -	Secondary Roads - Revenue Sharing	1,185,506
8164 -	Storm Water Management	973,554
8165 -	Government Center Security	25,000
8166 -	Vehicle Sinking Fund	275,500
8198 -	Building Sinking Fund	261,460
8199-	Contingencies	(1,965)
94000 -	Transfers To Other Funds	3,736,851
	Grand Total - Capital Improvement Fund (70)	11,876,177

GRAND TOTAL - APPROPRIATIONS (All Funds) **369,932,678**

April 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY2023-2024 (CONT'D)
Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board approve proposed budget as advertised with body cameras.

Dr. Seaton highlighted that the Revised Budget includes increases for Valley Children's Advocacy Center, Brite Transit to improve services there, increased funding for Valley Community Server Board, Health Department, Shenandoah Valley Animal Service Center and Body & Dash Cameras. The topic of Body & Dash Cameras has been discussed for the past two years. Since May 2021 there were two shootings that occurred, and the County has seen excellent work of the police. The Board need only look at Nashville where they have cameras and see the police officers who risk their lives going into a school there to see why cameras are important to protect our sheriff and deputies here. The Board had a poll of 801 individuals on the internet that returned 90% favorable for cameras and those who wanted to pay for it 80% even the majority on the budget poll that was released which wasn't quite scientific because it could be answered twice or more. It also showed a majority approve of the budget. He thinks the Board has a plan to approve this and should proceed to approve the cameras. He thinks it will help the deputies. Back in June of 2022 the Sheriff came to the Board and had seven items, on his list of priorities. Since the Board proceeded with the MOU of the Regional Radio Project, which was the seventh item on the Sheriff's list, and one item on the list the Board could not improve because there is not capacity for it as it is a state-wide issue, which dealt with deputies being at the emergency room. He believes the Board took care of other items on the list and the Sheriff has in the past advocated for the cameras in multiple places such as newspapers, TV, and social media. Dr. Seaton thinks the Board should go ahead with the cameras.

Ms. Braggs asked if the Advertised Budget was the balanced budget or the balance budget plus the consideration of the additions for Body Camera package.

Ms. Cook answered that the Advertised Budget was the work that came out of the work session of March 27 and was not the original recommended balanced budget that the County Administration originally presented to the Board. It does include the changes that the Board did with the Body Cameras and would include the $0.01 tax increase to fund them.

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

Motion failed.

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. Wells, that the Board approve the proposed balanced budget as presented by staff without the tax increase to fund cameras.

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

Motion carried.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

April 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

2023 TAX RATES
The Board considered the real and personal property tax rates for 2023.

Real Estate:	Current: $0.63 Proposed: $0.64
Personal Property-auto,motorcycle,campers, boats,boat trailers,horse trailers, airplanes,trailers:	Current: $2.60 Proposed: $2.60
Personal Property-business,large trucks and trailers, machinery and tools	Current: $2.00 Proposed: $ 2.00

Ms. Cook presented the 2023 Tax Rates. The advertised real estate tax rate was $0.64 per 100, which was an increase of $0.01 from 2022 rates. She continues stating that the current personal property rate of $2.60 per 100 remained unchanged, which includes vehicles, campers, boats, and trailers. The business rate for personal property would be $2.00 for thing such as large trucks and trailers. She added that it is important to note that the advertised rate is the highest that this Board can adopt for 2023 but it can be lowered. A public hearing was held on April 12, 2023 and there were 15 speakers about the 2023 tax rate.

Chairman Shull asked the Board if there were any questions commenting that the tax rates were a moot point since the Board already approved the Budget.

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board approve the 2023 tax rates and keep the current tax rate of $0.63 for real estate.
Ms. Carter asked what Mr. Garber's motion was.

Mr. Garber stated that the increase of $0.01 for something specifically which was not approved in the budget. So, keeping the increase would be disingenuous at best. and the Board voted against the specific item.

Ms. Carter clarified then that there would not be tax increases.

Mr. Garber confirmed that his motion would not increase the tax rates.

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

Motion carried.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC
Judy Desetti, 160 Carrier Lane, spoke in favor of body cameras.

Joel Desetti, 160 Carrier Lane, agreed with Mr. Shull's idea on the radio project. He spoke in favor of body cameras.

Dave Zimmerman, Verona, apologized for going over his time limit at the last meeting.

Randall Wolf, Stuarts Draft, stated that he is disappointed that the proposed budget was not approved.

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

April 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Ms. Carter thanked all the people who participated in the survey about the tax rate and body cameras, which she was told was about 185 people. She said the Board strives to keep the public informed about the actions of the Board, but the people need more information since it seemed there was not enough communication. She thinks the Board has more work to do on that matter. Ms. Carter thinks the people were not informed that the radio system is being funded, and they also did not know that the departments are getting funded by the Board. She understands why the Craigsville request for equipment was denied the grant but would like to take $7,277 out of the Pastures infrastructure account to fund the request they made for equipment.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Dr. Seaton, that the Board approve funding for Craigsville Fire Department to purchase electric vehicle blankets.

Funding Source:	Pastures Infrastructure	8014-117	$3,638.76
	Beverley Manor Infrastructure	8011-107	$3,638.76

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

Motion carried

Ms. Carter said she had two more things. First, she wished to recognize that April is Child Abuse Protection Month. She thanked those who work in that area to prevent child abuse. Then, she asked who the parliamentarian was for the Board.

Mr. Benkahla said under Robert's Rules the Chairman is the parliamentarian, but with by laws it could be changed to be the Attorney assisting. He said it could change if the Board wished.

Mr. Shull said it was whatever the Board decided, but he is human and relies on the members and Attorney to correct any of his errors. He told Mr. Benkahla to step up and call the Board out if they cannot do something.

Mr. Slaven believed that last week the members of the Board did not respect Mr. Fitzgerald. He praised Mr. Fitzgerald for his hard work. He heard a lot of feedback from the incident by the public and apologized on behalf of the Board to Mr. Fitzgerald for the way he was treated and said he would not make the mistake of not intervening on Mr. Fitzgerald's behalf again.

Dr. Seaton asked if he could get a copy of the Administrators notes on 3-22.

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board approve livestreaming the Planning Commission meetings.

Ms. Bragg said that it should be held off since there is no one to operate the equipment. They need a plan first.

Dr. Seaton replied that there would be effort such as teaching people to work the technology to make a livestream after the motion even though it might not come to be in the meeting in May.

April 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD (CONT'D)
Ms. Bragg said she still thinks there would be a person that the Board would need to pay for the task.

Dr. Seaton asked if there was not a paid secretary for the meeting already.

Mr. Fitzgerald said there was but the person was not able to work the equipment. He added that there would be more costs to consider so he is not sure the total the additional livestream would be. He said he would be able to look into the matter more but it would likely require another staff member.

Mr. Shull was not in favor of this right now and it is hard enough to get people to be on the committees but livestreaming it would make it more unappealing.

Dr. Seaton thinks the transparency is more important than feelings.

Mr. Shull added that the decision of the planning commission goes through the Board so there is transparency that way.

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

Motion failed.

Ms. Carter asked if it would be permitted to still look into the process. She then attempted to make a motion

Ms. Bragg asked the Chairman if a motion was needed.

Chairman Shull said it was not needed and said that Mr. Fitzgerald would look into it.

Dr. Seaton said the BZA should also be looked into since it was an important part of the County and would be good to have transparency there.

Mr. Benkahla said the Board cannot make the BZA have a livestream but the Board could ask.

Chairman Shull asked if the judge would have to give permission.

Mr. Benkahla said he thinks BZA would have to be the one to give the permission.

Dr. Seaton commented that he and Ms. Carter had a two-hour meeting with Mr. Fitzgerald and the meeting was very productive. He said Mr. Fitzgerald is good at getting answers and was encouraged by the improvement on the animal shelter.

Ms. Bragg congratulated the Stuarts Draft FFA team who won the FFA state championship and will be going nationals this fall. This is national library week and there are other things the library provides other than books.

Mr. Garber addressed one question he received. He voted to send something to public hearing and wants to represent the people. 187 responses to a survey is not the entire story. He has talked to 20 people, heard 20 reasons for and against. It is not a simple issue on the body cameras and it is not just about the money. He listens to the people he represented. People heard the list Dr. Seaton gave on things included in the

April 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD (CONT'D)
Budget. While certain items were not in it. If you don't vote for the budget you do not vote for anything.

Chairman Shull said the businesses in the city need to support the kids in the upcoming Market Animal Show who work with the animals since it teaches the kids to run a business and have a skill. Some people want to have the Board not question everything but he thinks the people elected him to be a good steward of the people's money. If the people do not want him then they will not elect him as his term is coming up. The Board will not get it perfect but the members try their best for the good of the County. He is a majority people and changes his mind if the people wish it. He got calls on broadband and is concerned with people not getting coverage He would like the companies to hear the concerns of the county

* * * * * * * * * * * * * *

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF
Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

1) Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board re-appoint Stephen Grepps to serve on the Youth Commission. Effective immediately and to expire on January 30, 2026.

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

Motion carried

* * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

ADJOURNMENT
Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried

Chairman

County Administrator

h:4-26min.23