

Staff Briefing Meeting, Monday, April 26, 2021, 1:30 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Gerald Garber, Chairman  
Butch Wells, Vice-Chair  
Pam Carter  
Michael L. Shull  
Jeffrey Slaven  
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

ABSENT: Scott Seaton

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, April 26, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 245<sup>th</sup> 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, Marketing Assistant, discussed the Economic Development monthly report of March 2021.

The Board accepted the monthly report as information.

- b. Ms. Castle discussed the Blue Mountain Marketing and Rezoning Agreement.

The Board authorized placing on the April 28, 2021 regular meeting agenda.

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FIRE AND RESCUE

- a. Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the Fire and Rescue monthly report.

The Board accepted the monthly report as information.

- b. Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the Fire-Rescue Fund Grant Review recommendations by the committee.

The Board authorized placing on the April 28, 2021 regular meeting agenda.

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INFRASTRUCTURE – VOLUNTEER F&R PAGING APP

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, discussed funding for a one-year trial of a paging app for Fire and Rescue. Funding will be from the Board's infrastructure accounts.

The Board authorized placing on the April 28, 2021 regular meeting agenda.

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BROADBAND

Ms. Whetzel discussed the VATI 2021 Grant

The Board authorized placing on the April 28, 2021 regular meeting agenda.

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PLANNING COMMISSION/PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Tate discussed the following:

- a. Rent Anytime Storage, LLC rezoning and proffer conditions amendment.

The Board authorized placing on the April 28, 2021 regular meeting agenda.

- b. Solar Comprehensive Plan Language

The Board authorized holding until the May 24, 2021 Staff Briefing.

- c. Village Mixed Use Presentation –request to authorize ordinance amendment and Board initiated rezoning of Mt. Sidney properties.

The Board authorized advertising for Public Hearing.

- d. Update of redistricting
- e. Recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding short-term rental ordinance amendment.

The Board accepted as information

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WAIVERS –NONE

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Mr. Garber informed the Board that Dr. Seaton may choose to attend the meeting on Wednesday electronically.

Ms. Carter has made a FOIA request on state responsible jail inmate numbers.

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**MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD (CONT'D)**

Mr. Shull reviewed the Market Animal Show attendance requirements.

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**MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF**

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

- 1) Chairman and Mayors meeting regarding the Middle River Regional Jail.
- 2) The Market Animal Show is Thursday and Friday with the sale on Saturday.
- 3) The budget will be on the agenda for Wednesday night.
- 4) A reminder that the VACo Supervisors Forum is April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> virtually.

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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 legal counsel exemption under Virginia Code § 2.2 3711(A) (7) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. 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) Mckee Foods Corp. vs Augusta County
  - a) Hershey Chocolate of Virginia, Inc. v. Augusta County

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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 and Morelli

Nays: None

Absent: Seaton

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.

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CLOSED SESSION (CONT'D)

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  
and Morelli

Nays: None

Absent: Seaton

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