

Staff Briefing Meeting, Monday, April 24, 2023, 1:30 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

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

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 247th year of the Commonwealth....

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Rebekah Castle, Director of Economic Development, discussed a Contribution Agreement for the Tourism Grant Program.

The Board authorized placing on the April 26, 2023 regular meeting agenda.

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VDOT ROADS
Don Komara, Residency Administrator, discussed the VDOT status report of April 21, 2023.

The Board accepted the report as information.

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FIRE AND RESCUE
1. Greg Schacht, Fire Chief, discussed the month Fire-Rescue report.

The board accepted the report as information.

2. Chief Schacht discussed the Fire-Rescue Strategic Plan.

The Board authorized placing on the April 26, 2023 regular meeting agenda.

3. Chief Schacht discussed the committee's recommendations for the Fund Grant.

The Board authorized placing on the April 26, 2023 regular meeting agenda.

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COURTHOUSE PRESENTATION

Ted Cole, Davenport Public Finance, presented to the Board on Courthouse financing.

The Board accepted the presentation as information.

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OPIOID RESOLUTION

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

The Board authorized placing on the April 26, 2023 regular meeting agenda.

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REGIONAL RADIO PROJECT

The Board discussed a Memorandum of Understanding for the Regional Radio Project.

The Board authorized placing on the April 26, 2023 regular meeting agenda.

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ERP (FINANCIAL) SOFTWARE

The Board discussed a contract award to Tyler Technologies for ERP (financial) software.

The Board authorized placing on the April 26, 2023 regular meeting agenda.

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PLANNING COMMISSION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

Alidia Vane, Senior Planner II, discussed the following:

1. Hughes Boardwalk, LLC – Rezoning
2. Wilson Investments, LLC – Rezoning
3. F&P Homes, LLC – Rezoning
4. Stuarts Draft Ruritans Charities _ Rezoning

The Board authorized placing on the April 26, 2023 regular meeting agenda.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Ms. Carter questioned the status on the motion/no motion from the interview meeting.

Mr. Fitzgerald will discuss the situation with James Benkahla, County Attorney, prior to Wednesday's meeting.

Ms. Carter asked for a status of the procurement improvements and presentation.

Misty Cook, Director of Finance, stated that it is being worked on.

Dr. Seaton asked if there was a legal reason for the personal property tax forms to be mailed in or delivered in person?

Mr. Fitzgerald will get clarification from the Commissioner of the Revenue.

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Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following;

1. AARP Tax Aide Program has served 420 residents.
2. VACO Region meeting was an online webinar. Potential legislative issues were discussed.
3. Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development, stated that postings for Annex Road are ready to go out. With direction of the Board, this will be ready for a public hearing at the June 14, 2023 regular meeting.

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On motion of Mr. Slaven, seconded by Ms. Bragg, 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 & Commissions: Youth Commission, Ag & Forestal Dist., Recycling, Broadband Committee, 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.

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On motion of Mr. Garber, seconded by Ms. Bragg, the Board came out of Closed Session.

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

Motion carried.

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CLOSED SESSION (CONT'D)

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: Shull, Slaven, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg,
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