

Staff Briefing Meeting, Monday, April 22, 2024, 1:30 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

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

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, April 22, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 248th year of the Commonwealth....

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VDOT ROADS

Don Komara, Residency Administrator, discussed the VDOT status report of April 26, 2024.

The Board accepted the report as information.

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FIRE AND RESCUE

a. Greg Schacht, Fire Chief, discussed the Fire and Rescue monthly report.

The Board accepted the monthly report as information.

b. Chief Schacht discussed the Fire-Rescue Fund Grant committee's funding recommendations.

The Board authorized placing on the April 24, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FOR TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM

Rebekah Castle, Director of Economic Development, discussed the Tourism Grant Contribution Agreement.

The Board authorized placing on the April 24, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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SMART METER PRESENTATION

The Board heard a presentation from Dominion Energy and Shenandoah Valley Electric regarding Smart Meters.

The Board accepted the presentation as information.

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MIDDLE RIVER REGIONAL JAIL REFUNDING

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, discussed a resolution for refinancing of MRRJ Bonds.

The Board authorized placing on the April 24, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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GOLF CART PETITION

Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development, discussed an application to allow the usage of golf carts or utility vehicles on the following:

- Cranberry Hill Drive (Route 1065)
- Foliage Circle (Route 1067)
- Sandy Court Route 1066)

The Board authorized placing on the April 24, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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FY2025 BUDGET

Misty Cook, Director of Finance, discussed the FY2025 proposed budget.

The Board authorized placing on the April 24, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Mr. Wolfe discussed the authorization to advertise for public hearing for the following ordinance amendments:

- a. Chapter 25, Section 25-54.1 – amendment modifies item N. to prohibit rollbacks, wreckers, or similar commercial vehicles from storing an inoperable vehicle.
- b. Chapter 25, Section 25-73 – amendment adds the provision to allow rollbacks, wreckers, or similar commercial vehicles to store an inoperable vehicle outside of a screened area for twelve continuous hours on general agriculture zoned lots greater than one acre.

The Board advised Staff to hold on advertising these two ordinance amendments.

- c. Chapter 25, Section 25-382 – amendment adds item V. to allow for recycling plants without the use or storage of explosive or hazardous substances as a principal use.
- d. Chapter 25, Section 25-384 – amendment adds recycling of explosive or hazardous substances to item C. of uses allowed in General Industrial with a special use permit.

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ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS (CONT'D)

- e. Chapter 25, Section 25-4 – amendment adds the definition of companion pigs as breeds of swine known as Miniature Potbellied Pigs, Vietnamese Potbellied Pigs, Juliana Pigs, or veterinarian-certified similar breeds.
- f. Chapter 25, Section 25-54.1 – amendment adds the keeping of companion pigs in single-family residences and regulations including the type of companion pig that is permitted, the number of companion pigs that can be kept, and the requirement for a licensed veterinarian certification to verify the type of pig that is allowed as a companion pig.
- g. Chapter 25, Section 25-55 – amendment adds the keeping of companion pigs in multi-family residences and regulations including the type of companion pig that is permitted, the number of companion pigs that can be kept, and the requirement for a licensed veterinarian certification to verify the type of pig that is allowed as a companion pig.

The Board authorized advertising for public hearing for these ordinance amendments.

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SOUTH RIVER INFRASTRUCTURE REQUEST

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed a request to fund a replacement air conditioner unit for the Sherando Community Center.

The Board authorized placing on the April 24, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

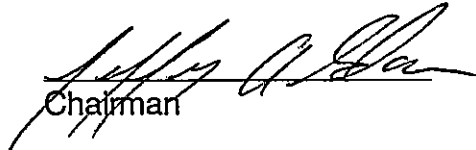
- 1) The State budget is scheduled for an approval date of May 15th.
- 2) A letter was received from the AARP Tax-Aide thanking the Board for hosting the program at the Government Center.

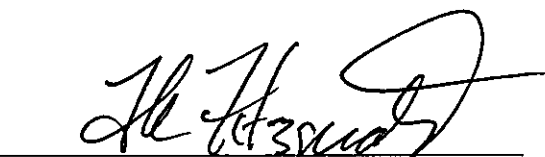
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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

The Board requests an update on the radio project, broadband, and the animal shelter.

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Chairman


County Administrator