

South River District Interviews, Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 4:00 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Michael Shull, Chairman
Jeffrey Slaven, Vice-Chair
Butch Wells
Gerald Garber
Pam Carter
Scott Seaton
Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator
Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 247th year of the Commonwealth....

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Chairman Shull called the special meeting to order. This meeting is to go through the interview process for the South River District Supervisor position.

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Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator, reviewed the interview process. Candidates include Randall Wolf, Carolyn Bragg and James Kindig. There is a list of questions that Mr. Shull will be asking. The questions will be asked similar to a candidate forum. The following questions were asked of each candidate:

1. Tell us about yourself and why do you want to serve on the Board of Supervisors?
2. What benefit would your appointment bring to the South River District; what benefit would your appointment bring to the Board?
3. What is the biggest challenge facing the South River District and how will you work to address it if appointed?
4. What is the biggest challenge facing Augusta County today and how will you work to address it if appointed?
5. What do you believe the County's main priorities in terms of economic development are?
6. What is your opinion regarding the County's real estate tax rate/tax structure in Augusta County?
7. What is the most important service Augusta County provides? What one service should Augusta County not provide?
8. Suppose the economy sours during your term and tax revenues dip considerably. Would you advocate cutting services or raising taxes?
9. The County is getting ready to start a Comprehensive Plan update. What do you believe is an essential element to the plan that needs to be reviewed?
10. Do you plan to run for election in November?
11. Board member questions?

Each candidate answered the questions and other questions from the Board.

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April 19, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Mr. Slaven, seconded by Mr. Garber, 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. Board of Supervisors

Dr. Seaton questioned what would be discussed in closed session. There should not be a decision made on the candidate until the next meeting.

Mr. Garber understood that the interviews would happen and then a decision would be made.

Dr. Seaton suggests looking at the video from the last meeting for clarification.

Dr. Seaton moved to adjourn until April 26, 2023.

Dr. Seaton amended his previous motion.

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board restrict closed session to discuss candidates and not appoint today.

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

Motion failed.

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board recess to look at the video of the last meeting from the previous meeting.

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

Motion failed.

Dr. Seaton moved to adjourn the meeting until April 26, 2023.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Garber, that the Board allow the video to be reviewed and reviewed and discussed by the Board after coming out of closed session.

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

Motion carried.

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CLOSED SESSION (CONT'D)

Mr. Shull stated that a vote is needed for the original motion of going into closed session.

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

Motion carried.

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

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Shull, Slaven, Garber, Wells, Carter, 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: Shull, Slaven, Garber, Wells, Carter, 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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Mr. Fitzgerald stated that after reviewing the meeting it was determined to be the March 22, 2023 meeting, not the April 12, 2023 meeting. The video will begin at the point that he starts talking about the process of the interviews.

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CLOSED SESSION (CONT'D)

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Carter to adjourn.

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

Motion failed.

Mr. Slaven moved, seconded by Mr. Garber, that the Board select the candidate today.

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. Wells, that the Board appoint Carolyn Bragg to serve the unexpired term for the South River District.

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

Motion carried.

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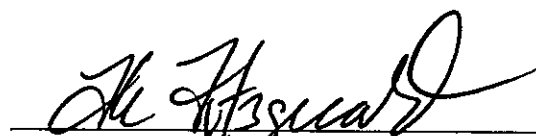
ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Motion carried.


Chairman


County Administrator