

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 7:00 p.m. Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Gerald Garber, Chairman
 Butch Wells, Vice-Chair
 Pam Carter
 Michael Shull
 Scott Seaton
 Steve Morelli
 Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator
 Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator
 John Wilkinson, Director of Community Development
 Kathleen Keffer, Assistant County Attorney
 Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

ABSENT: Jeffrey Slaven

VIRGINIA: At a regular meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 246th year of the Commonwealth....

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Chairman Garber welcomed those present for the meeting.

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The following students from the Beverley Manor Middle School FFA led the Pledge of Allegiance:

Kaitlyn Kiser is the Beverley Manor Middle School Chapter FFA President. She is in the 8th grade and enjoys doing livestock judging.

Justin Grady is in the 7th grade and enjoys some of the contests involved with FFA.

Ben Riley is in the 7th grade and enjoys working calves.

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Dr. Seaton, Supervisor for the Wayne District, delivered the invocation.

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CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board adopt the following proclamation.

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CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION (CONT'D)

Dr. Seaton stated that he would like to fully fund the Children's Advocacy Center's requested amount. In previous years, the County has funded \$5,000.00. They are requesting \$11,613.00.

Ms. Carter abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest.

Dr. Seaton moved that the Board approve fully funding the prorated portion for the Children's Advocacy Center in the amount of \$11,613.00.

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Mr. Morelli to table the funding request until the April 25, 2022 Staff Briefing to allow for further discussion.

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

Motion carried.

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AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTAL DISTRICT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

This being the day and time advertised to consider an ordinance amendment to remove approximately 93 acres of land from the Crimora-Madrid Agricultural and Forestal District owned by Phyllis R. Fretwell, located on both sides of New Hope and Crimora Road in the immediate vicinity of the intersection of Barnhart Road and New Hope Crimora Road in the Middle River District. The withdraw request has been filed Pursuant to Section 15.2-4314 (D) of the Code of Virginia.

John Wilkinson, Director of Community Development, showed a map on the screen of the property.

The Chairman declared the public hearing open.

There being no speakers the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Mr. Morelli, that the Board approve amendment as presented.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Carter, Shull, Morelli
 And Seaton
 Nays: None
 Absent: Slaven

Motion carried.

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PROPOSED TAX RATES FOR 2022 (CONT'D)

The Chairman declared the public hearing open.

Tracy Pyles, 3665 Churchville Avenue, Churchville, would like to see the tax rates lowered back down to \$0.58 for real estate and \$2.50 on personal property.

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

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PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2022-23

This being the day and time advertised to consider public input on the proposed budget for 2022-23.

Budget Advertisement Summary:

Recommended budget	\$112,357,269
Work session revisions:	

Expenditures

FY23 Budget:		
94000-70	Restore Capital Funding	\$1,078,571
012110-3320	Reassessment	\$ 529,185
083010-1100	FT 4-H Technician	\$ 18,241
31020	2-School Resource Officers	\$ 290,000
092040-9999	Contingency	\$ 454,324
		\$2,370,321

Revenues

Increase in PP Values	\$2,370,321
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Total Advertised budget	\$114,727,590
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Total revenue in the FY23 Budget: \$274,928,291

Property Taxes	\$ 75,428,193
Local Revenue	\$ 89,903,326
State Revenue	\$ 92,844,495
Federal Rev.	\$ 15,906,091
Other ⁽¹⁾	\$ 846,186
⁽¹⁾ non-revenue receipts	

Expenditures for the FY23 Budget: \$271,086,872

General Govt	\$ 6,381,012
Judicial	\$ 3,201,400
Public Safety	\$ 38,170,259
Public Works	\$ 4,933,151
Health & Welfare	\$ 20,911,007
Cultural	\$ 2,609,622

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AUGUSTA COUNTY SERVICE AUTHORITY EASEMENT

The Board considered an Augusta County Service Authority waterline easement.

William Monroe, ACSA Director of Engineering, stated that the Augusta County Service Authority owns and operates a water main along the western boundary of the Government Center property. The Shenandoah Valley Railroad will be constructing a new track immediately adjacent to its existing track along this western boundary line of the Government Center. The new track would be located over the existing water main, which could cause damage to the main during construction and use and make maintenance and repairs difficult and costly. The Service Authority is working to install new water mains allowing for the line located under the proposed track to be removed from service. In order for the project to move forward into the construction phase, easements are needed from the Board of Supervisors for the installation of the new mains and to formally transfer the existing mains into the public water system.

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board approve the easement as presented.

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

Motion carried.

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CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FOR TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM

The Board considered the agreement for the Tourism Grant Program.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that in order for the Tourism department to offer its' tourism Expanded Facilities and Marketing Grant program, the funds will need to flow from the County to the Economic Development Authority before being distributing to recipients. The funding is already budgeted for in the tourism Budget. This agreement is a formal contribution agreement to outline the disbursement of funds. The EDA will consider the contribution agreement at its April 21, 2022 meeting.

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Mr. Morelli, that the Board authorize the Chair of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors to execute the Contribution Agreement between the County of Augusta and the Economic Development Authority of the County of Augusta.

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

Motion carried.

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WAIVERS --NONE

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

- 1) Animal Shelter Board met last week and the budget has been approved. Eleven Director applications have been received. An RFP has been put out for veterinary services at the shelter.
- 2) This week is ECC Appreciation Week and Animal Control Appreciation Week. Thank you for all you do.
- 3) Hershey 40th year resolution will be on the agenda at the next Board of Supervisors regular meeting.
- 4) Spotted Lantern Fly investigation and treatment on the Government Center property. Treated the Mt. Sidney rest area last season, found additional egg masses in Waynesboro and near the truck stop in Greenville. A letter will be signed authorizing a complete investigation of the Government Center property.
- 5) Mr. Slaven, Lifetime Achievement Award, Virginia Cattleman's Association
- 6) Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator updated the Board on the 2022 VATI Regional Grant. The commission that wrote the grant is working on compliance for DHCD and the deadline for that is in May. A Fiscal Agent Agreement will be before the Board for consideration on April 27, 2022.
- 7) John Wilkinson stated that Michele Astarb, Subdivision Agent, celebrated 25 years of service with the County.

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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 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 and Commissions: Youth Commission, Ag & Forestal Dist., Ag Ind. Brd, Recycling, Library, Broadband Committee, Library Board, Augusta County Service Authority, Valley Community Services Board, Shenandoah Valley Partnership, Planning Commission, Parks & Recreation, Community Policy Management Team

On motion of Mr. Shull, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board came out of Closed Session.

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

Motion carried.

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