

Staff Briefing Meeting, Monday, March 20, 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
Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator
Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator
Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development
Alidia Vane, Planner II
Misty Cook, Finance Director
James Benkahla, County Attorney

ABSENT: Steven Morelli

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 247th year of the Commonwealth....

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VDOT ROADS

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

The Board accepted the report as information.

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FIRE AND RESCUE

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

The Board accepted the monthly report as information.

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

The Board authorized placing on the Wednesday, March 22, 2023 regular meeting agenda.

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PLANNING COMMISSION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

Alidia Vane, Planner II, discussed a rezoning request for National Developers of Virginia, LLC. The applicant requests a sixty-day deferral be granted from the Board of Supervisors.

The Board authorized accepting the 60-day deferral request.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Ms. Carter proposed that the first item discussed at the budget worksession is capital.

Mr. Wells proposed moving worksessions to the afternoon before the regular Board of Supervisors meeting.

Mr. Slaven stated that the School Board-Board of Supervisors joint meeting went well.

Dr. Seaton asked for clarification on the order of business and requests that the Board continue livestreaming after closed session. Dr. Seaton requested to enter into closed session.

The Board agrees to go into closed session.

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CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Mr. Slaven, seconded by Dr. Seaton, 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.
 - b. Board of Supervisors
- (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. Wells, seconded by Dr. Seaton, the Board came out of Closed Session.

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

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

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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.

CLOSED SESSION (CONT'D)

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
Absent: Morelli

Motion carried.

The Chairman authorized the County Administrator/Clerk of the Board to record this certification in the minutes.

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

Mr. Fitzgerald made the following statement:

Steve Morelli, South River District Supervisor, submitted a notice of resignation this morning. Mr. Morelli cited personal reasons for early resignation in his email. The South River Districts Supervisor's current term would have expired on December 31, 2023. On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I'd like to thank and express my sincere appreciation for Steve Morelli's service to Augusta County. Information on the process for filling the vacancy in the position will be forthcoming from County Administration.

Dr. Seaton verified that there are five open positions in ECC. He would like for the option to sign up to speak at a meeting be opened up sooner.

Mr. Garber would like to be forewarned if there is a computer training that needs to be completed.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

1. Recycling Committee Annual Report was provided for information.
2. Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, stated that included in the packet was information on the five organizations that have been considered. Three in the past and three moving forward. Oak Grove and Wayne Theater are willing to participate. A spreadsheet is included to show what is done currently, what the proposal is and what the difference is.

Dr. Seaton suggests talking to the Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra for future opportunity.

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3. County-wide Projects Update was presented to the Board. This will be included for the Board periodically to keep them informed of progress for County projects.
4. Board challenge coins was passed by. No action was taken.
5. Economic Development Report
6. Reminder of the Budget Worksession on Monday, March 27th at 8:30a.m.
7. Ms. Whetzel stated that the County was awarded a grant through the Department of Housing and Community Development for planning at Afton Mountain. It is \$31,600 and it would be for a compiled boundary survey, a topo survey and the protective species and historical screening work. They awarded approximately half of the tasks that were applied for. The first task deals with the land records research which is important due to the County line that is there. The total is \$7,800.00. Staff recommends to proceed with the grant and take the money from the Tourism operating funds which are already appropriated in the general fund budget.

The authorized staff to move forward with the project.

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Chairman



County Administrator