

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 7:00 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Michael Shull, Chairman
 Jeffrey Slaven, Vice-Chair
 Butch Wells
 Gerald Garber
 Pam Carter
 Scott Seaton
 Steven Morelli
 Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator
 Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator
 Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development
 James Benkahla, County Attorney
 Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 247th year of the Commonwealth....

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Chairman Shull welcomed those present at the meeting.

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The following students from Riverheads High School led the Board of Supervisors in the Pledge of Allegiance:

Paige Buchanan plans to study dentistry.
 Kaylee Davis plans to study to be a veterinarian.
 Kyle plans to study occupational therapy.
 Alison Tolley plans to be a hairdresser.
 Amber Clem plans to study to be a meteorologist.

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Ms. Carter, Pastures District, delivered the invocation.

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LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

Doran Stegura, Chair of the Board of Trustees and Jennifer Brown, Library Director, presented the Board with a report on activities during fiscal year 2022.

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OVERLOOK RIDGE MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

The Board considered a revitalization resolution.

Doug Wolfe, Director of Community Development, stated that the County has received a request from Overlook Ridge VA, LLC for the Board of Supervisors to consider passing a resolution designating TMP 075-45, on the west side of White Hill Road (Rt. 654) approximately 0.3 miles north of the intersection of White Hill Road and Stuarts Draft Highway (U.S. Rt. 340) in Stuarts Draft, in the Riverheads magisterial district, as a revitalization area to improve the grant scoring process for VHDA low income tax credits. The proposed development would be a 90-unit affordable housing property. The property has been zoned for multi-family residential development since 1974. No site plan has been provided at this time, though the applicant has indicated that the property would include 90 units. The developer would like the parcel designated as a revitalization area to improve the grant scoring process for affordable housing tax credits.

Jen Surber, Applicant, was available for questions. She clarified that this would be 80 units. Ms. Surber explained that this is not a grant. These are tax credits that come from the IRS to every state based on a per capita basis. Virginia receives the credits to the Virginia Housing Development Authority, who then allocates the credits to developers in a competitive application process. The credits are then sold through a syndication process to big banks and insurance companies. The deadline to submit is March 16, 2023. Final rankings are due out in June and that's when the Virginia Housing Authority's Board will vote on who will be receiving the tax credits. Allocations of the credits are typically received in November. Construction would not begin until Spring 2024 with a twelve to fourteen-month construction period.

Mr. Garber stated that people need a place to live of all income levels.

Dr. Seaton stated that he thinks this is a great project for the County.

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board approve the resolution of support.

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

Motion carried.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Slaven moved, seconded by Dr. Seaton, that the Board approve the consent agenda as follows:

MINUTES

Consider minutes from the following meeting:

- Regular Meeting, Wednesday, January 11, 2023
- Staff Briefing, Monday, January 23, 2023

STREET ADDITIONS:

Consider Community Development's and VDOT's recommendations to adopt resolution for acceptance of the following into the secondary road system in accordance with VDOT requests:

1. Bridgeport Phase 2, Section 2
2. Spring Lakes Phase 2, Section 7

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

- 1) Board Budget Worksession is on Monday, March 27th beginning at 8:30 a.m.
- 2) This is National FFA Week. The first FFA Chapter originated in Weyers Cave in 1927. There are 8,995 chapters over the United States and has 850,823 members.
- 3) Barry Lotts of Riverheads Volunteer Fire Department Chief has been awarded the Virginia Volunteer Chief of the Year.

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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., Ag Ind. Brd, Recycling, Broadband Committee, Parks & Recreation, Planning Commission.
- (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]:
 - b) 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, Seaton and Morelli
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.

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CLOSED SESSION (CONT'D)

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, Seaton
and Morelli
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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ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Mr. Morelli, that the Board adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried.


Chairman


County Administrator