

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 7:00 p.m. Government Center, Verona, VA.

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

VIRGINIA: At a regular meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 245th year of the Commonwealth....

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Chairman Garber welcomed those present for the meeting.

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Mr. Morelli, Supervisor for the South River District, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

The Board received a presentation by staff on the Planning Commission's Annual Report.

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS ANNUAL REPORT

The Board received a presentation by staff on the Board of Zoning Appeals Annual Report.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

Kristen Jackson, 562 Churchmans Mill Road, Stuarts Draft, spoke in opposition of the Round Hill Solar Project.

Tanya Brenneman, 1289 White Hill Road, Stuarts Draft, spoke in opposition in the Round Hill Solar Project.

Leland Brenneman, 1289 White Hill Road, Stuarts Draft, spoke in opposition of the Round Hill Solar Project.

Charles Varner, 1204 White Hill Road, Stuarts Draft, spoke in opposition of the Round Hill Solar Project.

Teresa Brents, 713 churchman Mill Road, Stuarts Draft, spoke in opposition of the Round Hill Solar Project.

Kristin Donohue, 45 Brittany Lane, Stuarts Draft, spoke in opposition of the Round Hill Solar Project.

Rick Pfizenmayer, 30 Round Hill Drive, Stuarts Draft, spoke in opposition of the Round Hill Solar Project.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Ms. Carter expressed her condolences for Captain Mike Reid's passing. He was one of the first paid firefighters for the County.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

- 1) 2020 Census recognition certificate presented to the County.
- 2) A request to submit application for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$94,056.00. The AFG Grant requires a 10% local match from the County in the amount of \$9,405.60. The grant would cover installation of one additional gear washer/extractors and three gear dryers at Augusta County Fire-Rescue stations and eight thermal imaging cameras.

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Mr. Slaven, that the Board approve submitting application for the Assistance to Fire Fighter Grant.

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

Motion carried.

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- 3) A request to submit application for a SAFER Grant to increase staffing. The grant application period is open from February 8 to March 12, 2021. The hiring activity period for the program is for 36 months with no local match requirement. There is an immediate need for additional staffing to ensure minimum daily staffing without recurring vacancies. The request is to apply for 20 new positions using the SAFER grant process.

Mr. Shull suggests preparing the process, but make a decision after the Board's prioritization meeting.

Ms. Carter asked what the additional costs would be per fire fighter hired.

Mr. Fitzgerald will gather that information and bring it back to the Board.

Consensus of the Board is to proceed with compiling information for the grant application and have further discussion at the Board's prioritization meeting.

- 4) Ms. Tate updated the Board on the Solar Ordinance.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Ms. Carter that the Board adjourn subject to call of the Chairman.

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

Motion carried.


Chairman


County Administrator