

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, January 25, 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
 John Wilkinson, 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, January 25, 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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Dr. Seaton, Wayne District, led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Mr. Shull, Riverheads District, delivered the invocation.

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**127 INVESTMENTS, LLC 9JEFFERSON HIGHWAY) - REZONING
 WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT**

Previously Postponed-Consider a request to rezone from Single-Family Residential to Attached Residential approximately 3 acres of a 4.5 acres parcel owned by 127 Investments, LLC located on 1357 Jefferson Highway in Fishersville in the Beverley Manor District.

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REVENUE RECOVERY RATE

The Board considered a Revenue Recovery Rate increase.

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, stated that in 2020 the Board requested that rates be reviewed yearly and provide a recommendation on the ambulance billing rates compared to Medicare allowable rates. Medicare releases the upcoming calendar year rates in November/December and this year they issued an amended fee schedule on January 9, 2023. For 2023, there was an increase over the rates for the prior year, approximately 8%. Revenue Recovery rates are set at 125% of the Medicare allowable rate.

Vote was as follows:

Nays: Slaven, Wells, Garber and Morelli

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Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Mr. Morelli, that the Board approve proceeding with the purchase as presented with an expiration date of February 3, 2023 based on the email received during the meeting.

Vote was as follows:

Nays: Shull

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The Board considered the Board Rules of Order.

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Mr. Wells, that the Board adopt the original Rules of Order.

Yeas: Shull, Slaven, Garber, Wells, Carter, Seaton
and Morelli

Motion carried.

The Board considered a funding request of \$16,175.93 from Mount Solon Volunteer Fire Department.

Funding Source: North River Infrastructure 8013-71 \$16,175.93

Mr. Slaven stated that Mount Solon Volunteer Fire/Rescue has requested funding for vehicle stabilization equipment.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

- 1) Will be in Richmond on Thursday to discuss HB1818 with the General Assembly. This bill involves the establishment of fire districts. The Board of Supervisors has not decided to implement a fire tax. This just gives the Board options in the future if it is needed.
- 2) The Verona Pedestrian Project bids went out today. The due date is March 1, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

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CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Mr. Slaven, seconded by Ms. Carter, 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]:
 - a. Proposed Office space, flex space, storage facilities, manufacturing facilities, utility and mixed use development.

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On motion of Mr. Slaven, seconded by Mr. Wells, 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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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Mr. Garber, that the Board appoint Alidia Vane to serve an unexpired term on the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission. Effective immediately and to expire June 30, 2023.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Seaton, moved 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