

Organizational Meeting, Wednesday, January 3, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Michael Shull, Chairman
Jeffrey Slaven, Vice-Chair
Butch Wells
Gerald Garber
Pam Carter
Scott Seaton
Carolyn Bragg
Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator
Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator
James Benkahla, County Attorney
Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

VIRGINIA: At an organizational meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 248th year of the Commonwealth....

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Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator, welcomed those present for the meeting.

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Mr. Coleman, former Board of Supervisor member for the Wayne District, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN – 2024
Mr. Wells nominated Jeff Slaven Chairman for 2024, seconded by Ms. Carter.

Dr. Seaton asked Mr. Slaven a list of questions.

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Slaven appointed Chairman for 2024.

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VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2024

Chairman Slaven called for nominations for Vice-Chairman for 2024.

Mr. Shull nominated Ms. Carter for Vice-Chair for 2024, seconded by Mr. Wells.

Dr. Seaton asked Ms. Carter a list of questions.

Ms. Bragg stated that she was surprised by this nomination.

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

Motion carried.

Since it was a tie vote with Ms. Carter abstaining she then voted for herself to make the vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Ms. Carter appointed Vice-Chairman for 2024.

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BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2024

The Board considered the Board Meeting Schedule for 2024.

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board adopt the schedule and resolution:

Regular Meetings	Staff Briefings		
	Wednesday	Monday	
	7:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
JANUARY	3 rd	5:00 p.m.	
(ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING)			
JANUARY	10 th	24 th	22 nd
FEBRUARY	14 th	28 th	26 th
MARCH	13 th	27 th	25 th
APRIL	10 th	24 th	22 nd
MAY	8 th	22 nd	20 th
JUNE	12 th	26 th	24 th
JULY	10 th	24 th	22 nd
AUGUST	14 th	28 th	26 th
SEPTEMBER	11 th	25 th	23 rd
OCTOBER	9 th	23 rd	21 st
NOVEMBER	13 th	26 th (Tues)	25 th
DECEMBER	11 th		
Special Meetings:			
Budget Hearing	April 10, 2024 (or April 17 -- Special Meeting)		
Budget Adoption	April 24, 2024 (or May 1 st – Special Meeting)		

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BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2024 (CONT'D)

Organizational Meeting

January 2, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

- **March 25th –Budget Briefing**
- **November 10-12 – VACO Annual Conference**
- **July 10th (previously cancelled –7/9/14; 7/8/15; 7/13/16; 7/12/17; 7/11/18; 7/10/19,7/8/20,7/14/21,7/13/22)**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, § 15.2-1416 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, requires that the Board of Supervisors of Augusta County, Virginia, at its organizational meeting, prescribe by resolution the days on which it will hold future meetings during the ensuing months.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors now desires to establish its schedule for regular meetings during calendar year 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY,
VIRGINIA:

1. The Board of Supervisors shall hold regular meetings during calendar year 2024, in the Board Meeting Room at the Augusta County Government Center, on the dates and at the times set forth on the schedule attached to this Resolution.

2. In the event the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, or the Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, if the Chairman is unable to act, finds and declares that weather or other conditions are such that it is hazardous for members of the Board of Supervisors to attend a regular meeting, such regular meeting shall be continued to the next business day. Such finding and declaration shall be communicated to the members of the Board of Supervisors and the press as promptly as possible. All hearings and other matters previously advertised shall be conducted at the continued meeting and no further advertisement is required.

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

Motion carried.

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TIEBREAKER

The Board considered, in accordance with Section 15.2-1421, appointment of a tie- breaker, which is at the discretion of the governing body.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that traditionally a tiebreaker is not done. The tradition has been that ties fail on the Board.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board not adopt a tiebreaker for 2024.

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

Motion carried.

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RULES OF ORDER

The Board considered adoption of the Board Rules of Order for 2024.

Mr. Fitzgerald reviewed the Rules of Order from 2023 with no changes.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board add two rules; "no recording or transmission device will be allowed to be used in closed session and any violation of the rules may result in disciplinary action."

Dr. Seaton objected to consideration of the motion according to State Code.

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

Motion carried.

Dr. Seaton moved to adopt an addition to the rules stating "Board members must follow the bylaws of the Board or Commission they are appointed to serve on."

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

Motion failed.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Mr. Wells that the Board adjourn subject to call of the Chairman.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Slaven, Carter, Garber, Wells, Bragg
 And Seaton
 Nays: Shull

Motion carried.


Chairman


County Administrator