

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, January 24, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT:

- Carolyn S. Bragg-Vice Chairman
- Terry L. Kelley, Jr.
- Michael L. Shull
- Wendell L. Coleman
- Marshall W. Pattie
- Pam L. Carter
- Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator
- Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator
- John Wilkinson, Director of Community Development
- Leslie Tate, Planner
- James R. Benkahla, County Attorney
- Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

ABSENT: Gerald W. Garber, Chairman

VIRGINIA: At a regular meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 242nd year of the Commonwealth....

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Vice Chairman Bragg welcomed the citizens present.

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The following students from the Shenandoah Valley Governor's School led us with the Pledge of Allegiance:

Max Elkins is a junior at Stuarts Draft High School. He is in the STEM Program at SVGS and hopes to join the Airforce after graduation.

Annabelle Mastrandea is in the STEM Program at SVGS and plans to attend the University of Virginia and study Pediatric Nursing.

Ali Keister goes to Fort Defiance High School and is in the STEM Program at SVGS. She would like to attend Bridgewater College and then transfer to Virginia Tech and study Veterinary Medicine.

Nikki Pettry goes to Buffalo Gap High School and is in the STEM Program and Robotics at SVGS. She plans to attend James Madison University and study Biology.

Emma Evans is a junior at Riverheads High School. She is in the STEM Program at SVGS and enjoys riding horses. Ms. Evans plans to study law.

Paige Pettry goes to Buffalo Gap High School and is in the STEM Program at SVGS. She plans to attend University of Virginia or CMU and study Chemistry.

Spencer Tuttle is in the STEM Program at SVGS. She plans to attend a four year college or university and study Biology.

Joseph Reilly is a senior. He plans to attend Virginia Tech after graduating high school. Mr. Reilly thanked the Board of Supervisors for allowing the group to participate in the meeting.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

- 1) Andrea Wasiewski of 3977 Lyndhurst Road, Stuarts Draft, stated that her home and son's school are both in very close proximity to the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline route. She is concerned about the safety of the roads and her family's safety in general if the ACP is built. Ms. Wasiewski is disappointed that some of the members of the Board have been speaking in terms of the pipeline as a done deal. This is not the case and is misleading. The ACP does not have all of the permits necessary to begin construction at this time, despite what the ACP and Dominion want people to think. Citizens must be proactive in addressing the concerns of the residents of our county about this massive project that will snake 55 miles through our county. The Board of Supervisors is expected, by their constituents, to hold ACP accountable to the highest standards if they propose to do business in our county for their corporation profit. The citizens of Augusta County need the Board to stand up for and with them to hold ACP accountable for the negative potential effects of their business practices in the county.
- 2) Kelly Haber of 1571 Duke Road, Waynesboro, is in opposition of the pipeline. It is not a done deal and would like any help to prevent this construction from happening.
- 3) Becci Harman of 3892 Morris Mill Road, Swoope, appreciates the past support of the Board of Supervisors on many issues. She feels the Board has decided to give in to the ACP and not fight it. The Board of Supervisors are elected officials and represent the people of Augusta County.
- 4) Jennifer Lewis of Waynesboro, serves as a representative on the Soil and Water Board. All permits that are needed for this construction project are not in place and can be stopped. She is concerned with staffing for the County and who will pay for the increase of staff needed. Ms. Lewis also questions emergency response times for our citizens.
- 5) Diane Korte of Churchville, is concerned about staffing to handle questions and the work load with the pipeline. Communications and coordination to deal with this size of a construction project is overwhelming. It is important for counties to work together in handling a project of this size.

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ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT 2017

The Board considered submitting the application for the AFG 80/20 Grant for 96 sets of turnout gear in the amount of \$172,344.00.

Carson Holloway, Fire Chief, stated that this is a grant offered through Homeland Security. It was made available December 26, 2017. The total amount of grants being offered is \$310,500,000.00, which is approximately 2500 grants. Over the past several years the County has been successful in receiving some grants. A grant team has been established which consists of Captain Bailey and Lt. Ramsey. A request has been made for a new proposal price on gear. The exact price is not known at this time. There has been a 10% contingency added to the request for consideration due to not having an exact cost for the gear. The total request is for \$172,344.00. The County's 20% would be \$34,468.00 with a 10% contingency of \$17,234.00 which is a total of \$51,702.00. We currently have a set of high quality gear, however, one set of gear becomes an issue if it becomes wet or contaminated with blood.

Mr. Coleman confirmed with Mr. Holloway that when people leave the fire department all equipment is returned and equipment has a life in regulations.

Mr. Holloway stated that equipment is returned and equipment has a 10 year life. Typically, the budget is set for 20 sets of gear per year.

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INFRASTRUCTURE ACCOUNT STATUS (CONT'D)

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Bragg, Kelley, Shull, Coleman, Pattie,
and Carter
Nays: None
Absent: Garber

Motion carried.

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WAIVERS— NONE

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve the consent agenda as follows:

MINUTES

Consider minutes of the following meetings:

- Regular Meeting, Wednesday, December 13, 2017
- Organizational Meeting, Wednesday, January 3, 2018
- Regular Meeting, Wednesday, January 10, 2018

STREET ADDITION

The Board considered Community Development's and VDOT'S recommendations to adopt resolution for acceptance of the following street into the secondary road system in accordance with VDOT requests (Wayne District)

1. Windward Point Section 4

FLOOD CONTROL DAMS

Consider the following:

1. South River Watershed closeout.
2. Lower North River Watershed closeout.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Bragg, Kelley, Shull, Coleman, Pattie,
and Carter
Nays: None
Absent: Garber

Motion carried.

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(END OF CONSENT AGENDA)

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Mr. Kelley is proud to announce that the Verona Business Association agreed to pay \$12,000.00 for the concrete pad and pavilion in Mill Place walking trail. He attended the Fire Chief meeting. Countywide there has been smoke detectors placed in trailers. There is \$40,000 additional funding available so this will be extended to homes that do not have smoke detectors. Each fire department will be able to provide the smoke

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detectors and will help install them if needed. This has been available for years, but is becoming more and more popular.

Mr. Shull suggested low income housing come first for the smoke detectors.

Ms. Bragg asked if there would be a public announcement made to make citizens aware of this being available.

Mr. Kelley stated that there is not an actual public announcement made, but will check with Minday Craun to see what could be done. Also, important for the Board to know, Air Care will accept Anthem Insurance. There is a \$55.00 insurance policy per household. This policy will cover air care transport for anyone living within the household. The cost for air care transport can be \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00.

Mr. Shull suggested putting this information on the County website and each fire department website.

Dr. Pattie questions whether all citizens can be covered for a flat fee.

The Board discussed in length the cost of Air Care.

Ms. Carter questioned whether the insurance should be promoted on the County's website and if it would pose a risk to the County.

Mr. Benkahla stated that it should not be posted on the County's website, but the volunteer stations could add it to their website.

Mr. Coleman reminded the Board that it was previously agreed upon that in terms of transport by ambulance, there would be no co-pay to the County. Whatever the insurance company pays is what will be accepted.

Dr. Pattie suggested having the audio system replaced.

Mr. Coleman asked Mr. Fitzgerald to contact the Sheriff's office regarding high speed chases within the County. He received a call from a concerned citizen on the matter and would like them reviewed. Mr. Coleman pointed out to the citizen that Constitutional Officers do not work for the Board of Supervisors. People need to understand and learn more about how Local Government is set up. The Board does not have the authority to make all decisions. In more than one instance the Board is just as frustrated as the citizen because there is nothing they as a Board can do to change it. A visiting Circuit Court Judge ruled in the County's favor on a reassessment issue with McKee Foods. The only authority the Board has been entrusted with regarding the reassessment is the scope of work so the assessors know what they are bidding on. The State gives a list of approved companies that are authorized to do that type of business in Virginia. The Board then hires an assessor based on that list. After the hiring is complete, the Board has nothing more to do with the reassessment.

Mr. Shull pointed out that Social Media is not always the truth. There was an article in the newspaper about blighted houses and buildings. The State can change ordinances and laws without the County agreeing with it.

Ms. Carter attended her first Department of Social Services meeting.

Ms. Bragg toured Stuarts Draft with Ms. Carter. She encouraged other Board members to take Ms. Carter on a tour of their district as well. On February 6 the Augusta County Middle School STEM Program will be at Expo beginning at 4:30 p.m. and awards will be given at 5:00 p.m.

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CLOSED SESSION (CONT'D)

- 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.

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: Bragg, Kelley, Shull, Coleman, Pattie,
and Carter
Nays: None
Absent: Garber

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

Mr. Kelley moved, seconded by Dr. Pattie, that the Board appoint the following to an unexpired term, effective immediately:

Miranda Ball	Valley Community Services Board	Expires 6/30/2018
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Vote was as follows: Yeas: Bragg, Kelley, Shull, Coleman, Pattie,
and Carter
Nays: None
Absent: Garber

Motion carried.

Mr. Kelley moved, seconded by Dr. Pattie, that the Board appoint the following, effective immediately:

Amber Martino	Youth Commission	Expires 1/24/2021
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Vote was as follows: Yeas: Bragg, Kelley, Shull, Coleman, Pattie,
and Carter
Nays: None
Absent: Garber

Motion carried.

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