

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Gerald W. Garber, Chairman
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
James R. Benkahla, County Attorney
Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

VIRGINIA: At a regular meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 242nd year of the Commonwealth....

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Chairman Garber welcomed the citizens present.

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The following student from Stewart Middle School led the Board of Supervisors in the Pledge of Allegiance:

Joel Whitecotton is in 7th grade and plays football. He is interested in Information Technology and is active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

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Wendell Coleman, Supervisor for the Wayne District, delivered the invocation.

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DOMINION RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT FOR CHURCHVILLE LIBRARY SIGN

This being the day and time advertised to consider a request for a 30 foot right-of-way along the property line of Churchville Avenue in order to provide power to the Churchville Library sign.

Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator, stated that in April 2018 there were various ways reviewed to find the best way of providing power to the new Churchville Library sign. The cheapest option was to install a utility pole along Route 250. The cost is \$1,325.00 and the easement is ready to be signed.

The Chairman declared the public hearing open.

There being no other speakers, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed.

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DOMINION RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT FOR CHURCHVILLE LIBRARY SIGN (CONT'D)

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Dr. Pattie that the Board accept the easement request.

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

Motion carried.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

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AUGUSTA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The Board considered additional improvements.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that there was a request to have additional improvements considered while the scaffolding was in place. Additional work proposed was repair of decorative and metal cornice, cornice painting, window painting and glazing, brick repair/repainting, and cleaning of existing paint overspray. After reviewing, the current contractor determined that the scaffolding already in place would not be used to complete the projects listed. With long-term renovations, some of the work needed could change.

The Board's direction was to not move forward with the additional improvements until the long-term project is completed.

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SURPLUS VEHICLES

The Board considered assignment of surplus vehicles.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that as Departments get new vehicles the old ones are phased out. The old vehicles are typically offered to the School Board first then offered to Departments within the County. If there is no interest in the vehicle or it is not in good condition then it is put on Gov Deals to be sold. Animal Control purchased a new truck so the old one is being phased out. The Riverheads Fire Department has made a request for a truck. Riverheads Fire Department only has one truck and most other departments have two or three. This is outside of the normal process and Board's direction is needed.

Ms. Bragg stated that she is concerned about what other departments and what needs they may have.

Ms. Whetzel pointed out that each department knows to make a request if they have a need or want.

The Board's direction was to put the offer out to all departments.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Ms. Bragg stated that the Market Animal Show was a huge success. She reminded everyone of the Sumitomo Ribbon Cutting coming up on May 17th, the SVP Spring Connect is May 22 and Sweet Dreams is June 2.

Mr. Shull thanked all of the participants and buyers in the Market Animal Show. Businesses spend a lot of money on the youth in the County and that needs to be recognized. He received a letter from Lewis Manhart with the ruritans thanking the Board for having the Annual Spring Clean-up event. The Riverheads Fire Department had their fire banquet and presented the Board of Supervisors with a picture of the new fire truck in front of the Government Center.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator discussed the following issues:

1) The Buffalo Gap Music Boosters host an annual rabies clinic which requires Board approval along with the Health Department. The event will be held on Saturday, May 12 at the High School and Dr. Joseph Malcolm, a local licenses veterinarian, will be in charge of the clinic.

Dr. Pattie moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, that the Board approve the rabies clinic to be held at Buffalo Gap High School.

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

Motion carried.

2) A letter was received from AARP thanking the Board for the use of the Government Center. They processed 828 Federal tax returns, 797 State tax returns and assisted 1,079 citizens.

Mr. Garber suggested sending AARP a letter thanking them for the services they provide.

Mr. Fitzgerald will draft a letter to be sent.

3) Ms. Whetzel stated that the walking trail in Mill Place Commerce Park has been paved. An RFP for the bridge construction will go out and construction is scheduled to be completed by July 31, 2018. The next step will be naming the trail.

4) The Historical Society prepared a letter to be sent to Dominion regarding the treatment of historic rock walls. The letter requests a donation be made to the Historical Society. The wording of the letter has been changed to clarify that the request for the donation is coming from the Historical Society and not from Augusta County.

5) Mr. Wilkinson stated that the Litter Program is doing well. If a citizen has a request for roads to be added to the list, refer them to Mr. Wilkinson.

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CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Ms. Bragg, seconded by Mr. Shull, the Board went into closed session pursuant to:

(1) (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) Board and Commissions

(2) the real property exemption under Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(3)
[discussion of the acquisition for a public purpose, or disposition, of real property]:

a) Augusta County Courthouse

(3) the legal counsel exemption under Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(7)
[consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, and consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, as permitted under subsection (A) (7)]:

a) Augusta County Courthouse

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On motion of Mr. Shull, seconded by Dr. Pattie, the Board came out of Closed Session.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Shull, Garber, Coleman, Kelley, Bragg and Carter, Pattie
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.

The Chairman asked if there is any Board member who cannot so certify.

