

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

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

VIRGINIA: At a regular meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 243<sup>rd</sup> year of the Commonwealth....

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Chairman Garber welcomed the citizens present.

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The following students from Beverley Manor Middle School led the Board of Supervisors in the Pledge of Allegiance:

Brylee Kennell is in the SCA and hopes to become a doctor.

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Pam Carter, Supervisor for the Pastures District, delivered the invocation.

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**BRADLEY ENTERPRISES, INC. – REZONING**

This being the day and time advertised to consider a request to rezone from General Agriculture to Rural Residential approximately 30.67 acres (TM 69-64 and 69-64A) owned by Bradley Enterprises, Inc., located directly south of Sandy Ridge (Route 621) approximately 0.2 miles southeast of the intersection of Gilbert Lane and Sandy Ridge (Route 621) in Dooms in the Wayne District. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

Leslie Tate, Planner, showed a map on the screen. The rezoning would be in a portion of the Beagle Gap Subdivision and would open up access for the already zoned portion to have a secondary access to Sandy Ridge. The proposed general usage of the property is residential and general use stated in the Comprehensive Plan is low density residential. This matches the zoning classification requested.

Brasil Hamrick stated that he represents the applicant, Kenneth Bradley. The purpose of the rezoning is to provide better access to the overall Beagle Gap development. Beagle Gap will be a great asset to the area. It will require extensive water line and water tank storage improvements to the Augusta County Service Authority system.





October 24, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

CIMORA-MADRID AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTAL DISTRICT (CON'T)

The Chairman declared the public hearing to be open.

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

Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Dr. Pattie, that the Board approve the request for renewal as presented.

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

Motion carried.

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MIDDLE RIBER AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTAL DISTRICT

This being the day and time advertised to consider a request to renew the Middle River Agricultural and Forestal District. The proposed district encompasses approximately 5,695 acres of land located in the Middle River District lying east of Interstate 81; both east and west sides of Route 778 (Knightly Mill Road), Route 774 (Broad Run Road), Route 774 (Cline River Road), and Route 865 (Rockfish Road); both north and south sides of Route 608 (Battlefield Road), Route 775 (Buttermilk Road), and Route 775 (Craig Shop Road); on the north side of Route 777 (Knightly Lane); both north and south sides of Route 728 (Patterson Mill Road); on the southwest side of Route 774 (Piedmont Road). The Planning Commission recommends approval.

Mr. Wilkinson pointed out the areas encompassing the Middle River Ag District. The Dam Town Road area is also included in this renewal. Six parcels withdrew and nine new ones were added. This resulted in a loss of acreage. Renewal would be effective November 24, 2018. At this time, two property owners have not responded.

The Chairman declared the public hearing to be open.

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Ms. Bragg moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve the request for renewal as presented.

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

Motion carried.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC --NONE

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October 24, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT

The Board considered submittal of application.

Funding Source: 80000-8057 \$65,000.00

Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator, stated that there is an opportunity to apply to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant. This is a federal grant that is 90% Federal and 10% locality. The grant deadline is October 26, 2018. The current application has it set at \$650,000.00 for the purchase of a Class A pumper. The grant would cover 90% at \$585,000 and the County's share would be \$65,000.00. Permission to apply is requested and to also accept the award if it is granted.

Mr. Kelley stated this is a good program.

Mr. Kelley moved, seconded by Mr. Shull that the Board approve submittal of application.

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

Motion carried.

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FLOOD CONTROL DAMES-HEARTHSTONE

The Board considered award of contract for construction.

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, stated the contract for construction of Hearthstone Dam is up for consideration. The design for this flood control structure has been worked on for approximately 18 months with Schnabel Engineering. They will continue with the construction management until completed. Three bids have been received from contractors. The bids were within \$259,000.00 of each other. This construction will be funded 65% by the Federal Government. The local funding will be split between the State and the County. The County's local funding is estimated to be \$540,000.00. That amount includes the entire project. Construction would be completed through September 2019. It is proposed to consider award of a contract for Hearthstone Dam construction to Howdyshell Excavating in the amount of \$3,687,650.00. This is within the budget that is proposed by the Federal Government.

Dr. Pattie moved, seconded by Mr. Shull that the Board approve award of contract for construction to Howdyshell Excavating.

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

Motion carried.

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October 24, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD (CONT'D)

Mr. Coleman attended a nice ribbon cutting for the Story Walk at the Augusta County Library.

Mr. Shull is anxious for the upcoming election. He was traveling to Craigsville and there is construction taking place on Route 254. Mr. Shull is concerned if there was an emergency. Would emergency vehicles be able to get through?

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that typically the pilot vehicles with construction sites have radios and are informed if an emergency vehicle needs to get through.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator discussed the following issue:

1) A new letter from ISO was received in regards to the County's fire rating. The County was previously a 5/8B and the County is now a 4/4Y. 4Y is a new classification. If you are within five miles of the fire station and you have water then you are rated as a 4. Anything outside of the five mile radius is classified as a 10.

2) Received a request for a letter of support for the Virginian Agriculture Cost-Sharing Program and the Virginia Stormwater Local Assistance Fund. This is a program that will help farmers with cost for fencing out the streams and doing work on their farms. A letter has been prepared and is ready to send with the Board's approval.

Dr. Pattie moved, seconded by Ms. Carter to approve sending the letter of support for SLAF.

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

Motion carried.

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CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Ms. Bragg, seconded by Mr. Shull, 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 and Commissions

(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.



