

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, October 10, 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  
James R. Benkahla, County Attorney

ABSENT: Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

VIRGINIA: At a regular meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, October 10, 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 Wilson Memorial High School led the Board of Supervisors in the Pledge of Allegiance:

Reed Jones is a senior. He runs cross country, is on the wrestling team and plays soccer. He is a member of the debate and forensics team and President of the Chess Club. Mr. Jones hopes to double major in Statistics and Computer Science at University of Virginia or Ohio State.

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Terry Kelley, Supervisor for the Beverley Manor District, delivered the invocation.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC --NONE

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LEGISLATIVE LIAISON CONTRACT

The Board considered contract renewal.

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, stated that a contract renewal for the Legislative Liaison is before the Board for consideration. Eldon James and Associates has been the liaison for several years. An official solicitation was performed last year and the contract was awarded to Eldon James. This contract is reviewed annually in October. The new contract is for \$28,430.00 which is a 3% increase from last year.





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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Mr. Kelley is excited about Mill Place Park Walking Trail being officially open. The Greater Verona Business Association is having a fall festival at Ironwood on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Pattie was pleased with the first Broadband Committee meeting. He is impressed with the committee that has been formed. Delegate Stanley has created a bill to build new schools. It is primarily for districts such as Richmond. Dr. Pattie suggests for the Board to take a position against this bill because it will never happen in Augusta County.

Ms. Bragg stated that Middlebrook Library celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. The Volunteer Rescue and Fire Appreciation dinners are going well. The Legislative Breakfast was successful. Ms. Bragg and Ms. Carter attended the disaster drill held at the Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport. The Hazardous Waste Day is October 13<sup>th</sup>. The VDOT I-81 hearing will be next Wednesday.

Mr. Shull asked what the issue was with truck 11. He also asked what the status was on the letter being drafted concerning the issues with truck 11.

Mr. Fitzgerald has a list of the issues and is working with the County Attorney on the next steps.

Mr. Shull reiterated how important it is for the Board to attend the Volunteer Rescue and Fire Appreciation dinners. The volunteers are appreciative of the Board showing interest. Mr. Shull would like to see a dinner provided for the outside agencies as well. The Broadband Committee needs to be placed on the website.

Ms. Carter would like for Staff to review the possibility of FEMA reimbursement and what it means.

Mr. Garber reminded everyone that life is very precious.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF (CONT'D)

Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator discussed the following issue:

- 1) An email will be sent to the Board regarding the Valley ASAP Annual Report.
- 2) The Emergency Officers committee voting rights have been reviewed. The voting rights have not been lost. The bylaws are clear in stating that if they run calls in Augusta County they have a right to vote on that committee.

Mr. Kelley suggested that Staff use one email for volunteers that should take care of the question of being a member or not.

Mr. Coleman stated that personal responsibility is also important.

- 3) Cost for Hurricane Florence for Augusta County was approximately \$25,000.00. The County is eligible for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program. This is a grant program that requires a 25% local match on projects that qualify. Community Development is reviewing potential projects that may meet the requirements.
- 4) The AFG grant is in the preliminary stages and will likely be brought to the Board at the end of the month meeting.
- 5) Ms. Whetzel updated the Board on the process of the reassessment. Notices went out in the mail on September 28, 2018. The contractor is holding the hearings in lieu of

