

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 7:00 p.m. Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Gerald W. Garber, Chairman  
Carolyn S. Bragg-Vice Chairman  
G.L. "Butch" Wells  
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, January 9, 2019, 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 the Shenandoah Valley Governors School led us with the Pledge of Allegiance:

Emily Hamrick is a junior at Riverheads High School and is in the STEM Program at SVGS. She hopes to become a Software Engineer.

Nicholas Whitmer attends Buffalo Gap High School and is in the STEM Program at SVGS. He hopes to become a Nuclear Engineer.

Hannah Diamond attends Buffalo Gap High School and is a part of the Visual Arts Program with SVGS. Ms. Diamond hopes to be a children's illustrator.

Kirsten Foltz is a junior at Fort Defiance High School and is in the Humanities Program at SVGS. She plans to pursue a career in pharmacy.

Rhiannon Fultz is a junior at Fort Defiance High School. She is a part of the Humanities Program with SVGS. Ms. Fultz plans to become a registered nurse.

Garrett Mongold is a junior at Wilson Memorial High School and is in the STEM Program at SVGS. Plans to pursue engineering such as aeronautical or mechanical.

Hannah Chatterton is a senior at Stuarts Draft High School. She plans to attend college in Tennessee at Milligan and major in mechanical engineering.

Max Elkins is in the STEM Program at SVGS. He plans to attend Virginia Tech and study Air Space Engineering. Mr. Elkins plans on an NRTC scholarship and fly for the navy after college. He thanked the Board for inviting everyone to the meeting.

Mr. Garber thanked each one for coming and stated that they have restored his faith in the youth of Augusta County.

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COMMITTEES FOR 2019 - APPOINTED BY THE CHAIRMAN (CONT'D)

Board & Commission Liaison:	Carolyn S. Bragg
General Assembly/VACo Liaison:	Gerald W. Garber
Governmental Opportunities Committee with Cities of Staunton and Waynesboro Liaisons:	Gerald W. Garber
Rockingham/Augusta Liaisons:	Marshall W. Pattie and Gerald W. Garber
Audit Committee:	Wendell L. Coleman and Marshall W. Pattie
Ordinance Review Committee:	Michael L. Shull and Carolyn S. Bragg
Agriculture Industry Board Liaison:	Michael L. Shull
Community Action Program – Staunton/ Augusta/Waynesboro (CAP-SAW):	Wendell L. Coleman and Pam L. Carter
School Liaisons:	Gerald W. Garber and Carolyn S. Bragg
Economic Development Committee:	Carolyn S. Bragg and Gerald Garber
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)	Wendell L. Coleman and Pam L. Carter (Alt)
Broadband Committee:	Pam Carter and Marshall Pattie
Shenandoah Workforce Development:	Carolyn Bragg

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC -- NONE

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REFUND REQUESTS

The Board considered the following refund request from the Commissioner of Revenue:

James Benkahla, County Attorney, stated that the Commissioner of Revenue is requesting a refund for two individuals. The first is for John C. Groome. He has qualified for 100% disabilities through the Department of Veterans Affairs. The County previously refunded the 2018 taxes due to disabilities. Mr. Groome provided a letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs stating he was 100% disabled for the years 2015-2017. Mr. Benkahla has reviewed the paperwork.

1. John C. Groome, Jr. in the amount of \$4,061.16



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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Dr. Pattie had a person contact him about starting a bed and breakfast in his district. He is from Pennsylvania, but his business partner has agreed to run the bed and breakfast and live on the property. In the bed and breakfast ordinance it doesn't require the landowner to live on the premises, but because this is zoned agriculture, the rules are slightly different. Dr. Pattie requests the Ordinance Committee look into getting the wording changed regarding an agricultural zoned property for bed and breakfast.

Mr. Wilkinson stated that the change was made last year to state the owner of the property must live on the premises if zoned agriculture, but with Board direction, the Ordinance Committee can draft the change.

Ms. Bragg stated that Snyder Park in Stuarts Draft is operated by the Stuarts Draft Ruritan Club. The deed is written to say if the ruritan club no longer chooses to operate it as a park then it reverts back to Hollister. The County has no ownership of the park. The County could operate the park, however if the County decides to not operate it then the park would revert back to Hollister.

Mr. Benkahla stated that the park is deeded to the ruritans, but there is a reversionary clause. As long as it is used for public purpose and if at any time they choose not to use the park for that purpose then the property reverts back to Hollister. Hollister is okay with the County taking it over if the ruritans don't want it, but the reversionary clause remains. The purpose in this being brought up, is under the Parks & Recreation grant policy. In order to be eligible for funding, the County typically has a first right of refusal on the property.

Ms. Bragg asked the Board if they are in agreeance to the park reverting back to Hollister should the County have control of the property and decide not to keep it running as a park.

After a discussion of what the agreement means, the Board agreed to accept the terms if the opportunity is given.

Ms. Bragg informed the Board that she has scheduled town hall meetings in her district.

Ms. Carter did a presentation to Craigsville Town Council regarding the Comcast reduced fees for students who receive free or reduced lunches. Eighty-three percent of the students in Craigsville are on the national program for the lunches. This qualifies the entire school to be eligible for the Comcast reduction.

Mr. Garber would like an updated copy of the Employee Directory with pictures. He also requests the spreadsheet with infrastructure information from other districts.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator discussed the following issues:

1. The Augusta County Job Fair is February 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Expo.
2. VACo Legislative Day is January 31. Per discussions with the Board, it is recommended to choose a different day to meet with Legislators. Mr. Fitzgerald will make sure the date will work with Legislators.
3. Board Prioritization meeting is January 23 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.



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RECONVENE

Dr. Pattie moved, seconded by Mr. Wells, that the Board reconvene for student questions.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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Chase Reed from Riverheads High School asked the Board if there was a problem with the ruritans running Snyder Park in Stuarts Draft.

Ms. Bragg stated that the ruritans are doing a terrific job and will continue to do a terrific job. Augusta County has a matching grant program through Parks and Recreation. In order to use funding from that matching grant program, the County must be in control of the property.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, Dr. Pattie moved, seconded by Ms. Bragg, the Board adjourn subject to call of the Chairman.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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Chairman

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County Administrator