

Special Meeting, Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 6:00 p.m. Stuarts Draft High School, Stuarts Draft, VA

PRESENT: Gerald W. Garber, Chairman
Carolyn S. Bragg-Vice Chairman
G.L. "Butch" Wells
Michael L. Shull
Wendell L. Coleman
Pam L. Carter
Marshall W. Pattie
Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator
Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator
James R. Benkahla, County Attorney
Angela Michael, Executive Assistant

VIRGINIA: At a special meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, December 4, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Stuarts Draft High School, Stuarts Draft, Virginia, and in the 244th year of the Commonwealth....

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Chairman Garber welcomed the citizens present.

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Wendell Coleman led the Board of Supervisors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT-2ND AMENDMENT SANTUARY COUNTY

The following spoke in favor of Augusta County becoming a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County:

James Burnett, Charles Minix, Chris Smith, Seth Hower, Mike Piper, Bob Quinn, Kirk Barley, Chris Haskins, Phillip Martin, Bradley Houff, Jim Wood, Thomas Verga, Brandon Smithkin, Steve Troxell, Jeffrey Zvengrowski, Caleb Ballew, Tom Shumate, Dustin Wright, Keith Allen, Kevin Birt, Leonard Lantz, Joe Brookman, Kyle Heath, David Wiggins, Keith Willis, Alan Mayz, Alisha, Howard Bishop, Louise Painter, Matthew Whitaker, Renee Craig, Carl Danielson, Kevin Harris, Charles May, John Earhart, Joshua Bond, Cecil Moats, Ron Sprouse and Sheriff Donald Smith.

December 4, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT-2ND AMENDMENT SANTUARY COUNTY (CONT'D)

The following spoke in opposition of Augusta County becoming a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County:

Tom Engle, Bradley Houff, Mary Miller

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Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads: "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep

and bear Arms, shall not be infringed," and,

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 13, of the Constitution of Virginia provides "that a well-regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the proper, natural, and safe defense of a free state, therefore, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; that standing armies, in time of peace, should be avoided as dangerous to liberty; and that in all cases the military should be under strict subordination to, and governed by, the civil power;" and,

WHEREAS, certain legislation introduced in the 2019 session of the Virginia General Assembly, and certain legislation introduced in the current session of the United States Congress could have the effect of infringing on the rights of law abiding citizens, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, the current Governor of Virginia has stated that he intends to endorse and pass into law legislation that could be unconstitutional as it pertains to the rights enumerated in the US and Virginia Constitution, and;

WHEREAS, the Augusta County Board of Supervisors is concerned about the passage of any bill containing language which could be interpreted as infringing the rights of the citizens of Augusta County to keep and bear arms; and,

WHEREAS, the Augusta County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of Augusta County to keep and bear arms; and,

WHEREAS, the Augusta County Board of Supervisors wishes to express opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of Augusta County to bear arms; and,

WHEREAS, the Augusta County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its intent to stand for Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Augusta County Board of Supervisors hereby protects and expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Augusta County, Virginia and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Supervisors hereby declares its intent to oppose unconstitutional restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms, and;

