

Staff Briefing Meeting, Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 1:30 p.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Gerald Garber, Chairman
Pam L. Carter, Vice-Chair
Butch Wells
Michael L. Shull
Scott Seaton
Jeffrey Slaven
Steven Morelli
Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator
Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator
John Wilkinson, Director of Community Development
Leslie Tate, Senior Planner
Misty Cook, Finance Director
James Benkahla, County Attorney

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 1:30 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 244th year of the Commonwealth....

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VDOT ROADS

1) Josh Dunlap, Assistant Residency Administrator, discussed the VDOT status report of January 21, 2020.

The Board accepted the report as information.

2) Timothy Fitzgerald, County Administrator, discussed the Street Addition for Centerview Drive.

The Board authorized placing on the January 22, 2020 regular meeting consent agenda.

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BRITE TRANSIT

Bonnie Riedesel, Executive Director of the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission gave an overview of activities and functions of the CSPDC.

Nancy Gourley from Brite Transit discussed funding and a Letter of Commitment for the Afton Express Proposal.

The Board authorized placing on the January 22, 2020 regular meeting agenda.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Rebecca Castle, Marketing Assistant, discussed the Economic Development monthly report of December 2020.

The Board accepted the monthly report as information.

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FIRE AND RESCUE

- 1) David Nichols, Fire Chief, discussed the Fire and Rescue year-end report.

The Board accepted the monthly report as information.

- 2) Matt Lawler, Captain of Augusta County Fire recognized the following for life saving calls:

Stroke Recognition: Addison Knicely, Brandon McCown, Adam Morris and Justin Brown.

Life Saves: Rod Pierce, Addison Knicely, Marcus Maust, Jonathan Hallquist, Kert Wright, TJ Halsey, Brandon McCown, Gary Gibson, Charles Legg, Jeremy Gillespie and Justin Zullig

- 3) David Nichols discussed the committee recommendations for the 2019 Revolving Loan Request.

The Board authorized placing on the January 22, 2020 regular meeting agenda.

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QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Misty Cook, Director of Finance, presented the Board with the Quarterly Financial Report.

The Board accepted the report as information.

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INFRASTRUCTURE ACCOUNT STATUS

Ms. Cook discussed the additions and deletions to Infrastructure and Recreation Capital Accounts.

The Board authorized placing on the January 22, 2020 regular meeting agenda.

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AUGUSTA COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, discussed procurement of consultant.

The Board directed Staff to move forward with an RFP for services.

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AUGUSTA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Ms. Whetzel discussed the purchase agreement for 111/113 South Augusta Street.

The Board authorized placing on the January 22, 2020 regular meeting agenda.

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GO VIRGINIA SHENANDOAH VALLEY INDUSTRIAL HEMP PROJECT GRANT

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed funding and a Letter of Commitment for the GO Virginia Hemp Project Grant.

The Board authorized placing on the January 22, 2020 regular meeting agenda.

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DUPONT SETTLEMENT

John Wilkinson, Director of Community Development, gave an update on the boat ramp project and possible property acquisition.

The Board accepted the report as information.

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PLANNING COMMISSION/PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Tate discussed the following:

- 1) Discuss a request to rezone, with proffers, from General Agriculture to General Business approximately 0.5 acres (TMP 54D (1) 59A) owned by Patrick Lovegrove located at 328 Cedar Green Road in Staunton in the Pastures District. The proposed general use of the property is a dog kennel. The general use of the property stated in the Comprehensive Plan is Low Density Residential, which may include detached residential units at a density of between one-half and one dwelling unit per acre. The Planning Commission recommends denial.
- 2) Discuss a request to rezone from General Business to Multi-Family Residential approximately 4.9 acres (TMP 66E (6) 1 15) owned by Park Properties, Inc. located on the south side of Pinnacle Drive (Rt. 1289) approx. 700 ft. south of the intersection of Pinnacle Drive (Rt. 1289) and Life Core Drive (Rt. 636) in Fishersville in the Wayne District. The proposed general use of the property is apartments (8-20 units per acre). The general use of the property stated in the Comprehensive Plan is General Business where business uses varying scale and scope would be appropriate. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

The Board authorized placing on the January 22, 2020 regular meeting agenda.

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WAIVERS –NONE

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD -- NONE

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed the following:

- 1) The Lewis and Clark Trail resolution.
- 2) A resolution on SB188 Local Fiscal Impact Review Bill from Senator Peake.

The Board authorized a resolution to be presented at the meeting on January 22, 2020.

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CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Ms. Carter, 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- Youth Commission, Ag Industry Board, Economic Development Authority, Ag & Forestal Dist., Planning Commission, BZA and CSPDC

(4) **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.

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

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Carter, Wells, Shull, Slaven
 Seaton and Morelli
 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.

Hearing none, the Chairman called upon the County Administrator/ Clerk of the Board to call the roll noting members of the Board who approve the certification shall answer AYE and those who cannot shall answer NAY.

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CLOSED SESSION (CONT'D)

Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Garber, Carter, Wells, Shull, Slaven
Seaton and Morelli
Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Chairman authorized the County Administrator/Clerk of the Board to record this certification in the minutes.

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Chairman

County Administrator