

Staff Briefing Meeting, Monday, October 26, 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 Monday, October 26, 2020, at 1:30 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 245<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth....

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VDOT ROADS

Don Komara, Residency Administrator, discussed the VDOT status report of October 26, 2020.

The Board accepted the report as information.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Rebekah Castle, Director of Economic Development, discussed the following:

- 1) The Economic Development monthly report of September 2020.

The Board accepted the monthly report as information.

- 2) The Flow Beverage Inc. Performance Agreement

The Board authorized placing on the October 28, 2020 regular meeting agenda.

- 3) The Non-Profit Grant Program MOU – CARES Act Funding

The Board authorized placing on the October 28, 2020 regular meeting agenda.

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FIRE AND RESCUE

David Nichols, Fire Chief, discussed the Fire and Rescue monthly report of September 2020.

The Board accepted the report as information.

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GENERAL ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES 2020 RFP

Doug Wolfe, County Engineer, discussed the contracts for General Engineering Services.

The Board authorized placing on the October 28, 2020 regular meeting agenda.

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MEALS, LODGING, CIGARETTE TAX FAIR TAXATION SCHEDULE

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, discussed ordinance updates, timeline and budget estimates for Meals, Lodging & Cigarette Tax.

The Board accepted for information.

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TREASURER'S TAX REFUND

James Benkahla, County Attorney, discussed the State Code revision from \$2,500.00 to \$5,000.00 for tax refunds.

The Board authorized placing on the October 28, 2020 regular meeting agenda.

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SOLAR ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Leslie Tate, Senior Planner, discussed release of Ordinance Review Committee recommendation for amendments to the solar energy systems ordinance.

The Board authorized advertising for public hearing.

John Wilkinson, Director of Community Development discussed solar fees that need to be changed. These changes can be advertised along with the solar ordinance amendment.

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PLANNING COMMISSION/PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Tate discussed a request to rezone from General Agriculture with proffers to Single Family Residential approximately 1 acre owned by Jordan Enterprises, LLC located approximately 185 ft. west of the intersection of Village Green Drive and Misty Dawn Lane in Staunton in the Pastures District. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

The applicant withdrew the application.

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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)Staunton Historic Review Committee
- 2)Employee hazardous pay
- 3)CARES Funding
- 4)VACo Conference
- 5)Broadband projects

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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, Economic Development Authority, Ag & Forestal Dist., Planning Commission, , Ag Ind. Brd., Recycling,**
  
- (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**

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On motion of Mr. Shull, seconded by Ms. Carter, 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

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- 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.

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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 County Administrator