

Organizational Meeting, Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 5:00 p.m. Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Gerald Garber, Chairman
Pam L. Carter, Vice-Chair
Butch Wells
Michael 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
James Benkahla, County Attorney
Angie Michael, Executive Assistant

VIRGINIA: At an organizational meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 245th year of the Commonwealth....

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Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator, welcomed those present for the meeting.

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Mr. Morelli, Supervisor for the South River District, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Dr. Seaton, Supervisor for the Wayne District, delivered the invocation.

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Ms. Carter stated that she will be busy in the upcoming year with her re-election and would like to respectfully decline any nominations for Chair or Vice-Chair.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN -- 2021

Mr. Morelli nominated Gerald Garber, seconded by Mr. Slaven, Chairman for 2021.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Carter, Wells, Shull, Slaven
Seaton and Morelli
Nays: None
Abstain: Garber

Motion carried.

Mr. Garber appointed Chairman for 2021.

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VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2021

Chairman Garber called for nominations for Vice-Chairman for 2021.

Ms. Carter nominated Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Shull, Vice-Chairman for 2021.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Carter, Shull, Slaven
 Seaton and Morelli
 Nays: None
 Abstain: Wells

Motion carried.

Mr. Wells appointed Vice-Chair for 2021

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BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2021

The Board considered the Board Meeting Schedule for 2021.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Wells, that the Board adopt the schedule and resolution:

Regular Meetings	Staff Briefings		
	Wednesday	Monday	
	7:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
JANUARY (ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING)	6 nd	5:00 p.m.	
JANUARY	13 th	27 th	25 th
FEBRUARY	10 th	24 th	22 nd
MARCH	10 th	24 th	22 nd
APRIL	14 th	28 th	26 th
MAY	12 th	26 th	24 th
JUNE	9 th	23 rd	21 st
JULY	14 th	28 th	26 th
AUGUST	11 th	25 th	23 rd
SEPTEMBER	8 th	22 nd	20 th
OCTOBER	13 th	27 th	25 th
NOVEMBER	10 th	23 rd (Tues)	22 nd
DECEMBER	8 th		
Special Meetings:			
Budget Hearing		April 21, 2021 (Special Meeting)	
Budget Adoption		April 28, 2021 (or May 5 th –Special Meeting)	
Organizational Meeting		January 5, 2022, 5:00 p.m.	

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BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2021 (CONT'D)

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, § 15.2-1416 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, requires that the Board of Supervisors of Augusta County, Virginia, at its organizational meeting, prescribe by resolution the days on which it will hold future meetings during the ensuing months.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors now desires to establish its schedule for regular meetings during calendar year 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

1. The Board of Supervisors shall hold regular meetings during calendar year 2021, in the Board Meeting Room at the Augusta County Government Center, on the dates and at the times set forth on the schedule attached to this Resolution.

2. In the event the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, or the Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, if the Chairman is unable to act, finds and declares that weather or other conditions are such that it is hazardous for members of the Board of Supervisors to attend a regular meeting, such regular meeting shall be continued to the next business day. Such finding and declaration shall be communicated to the members of the Board of Supervisors and the press as promptly as possible. All hearings and other matters previously advertised shall be conducted at the continued meeting and no further advertisement is required.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Carter, Shull, Slaven
Seaton and Morelli
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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TIEBREAKER

The Board considered, in accordance with Section 15.2-1421, appointment of a tie- breaker, which is at the discretion of the governing body.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that traditionally a tiebreaker is not done. The tradition has been that ties fail on the Board.

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board not adopt a tiebreaker for 2021.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Shull, Carter, Seaton, Slaven
and Morelli
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Board considered adoption of Rules of Procedure.

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board adopt the Rules of Procedure, as presented.

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RULES OF PROCEDURE (CON'TD)

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Shull, Carter, Seaton, Slaven and Morelli
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC -- NONE

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Mr. Wells appreciates the opportunity to serve as Vice-Chair for the Board.

Dr. Seaton encouraged everyone to get the COVID-19 vaccinations when available to everyone.

Mr. Shull supports the nomination of Mr. Garber for Chairman, however there needs to be a rotation for the Chairman role.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF -- NONE

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CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Dr. Seaton, the Board went into closed session pursuant to:

(1) the real property exemption under Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A) (3) [discussion of the acquisition for a public purpose, or disposition, of real property]:

a) Augusta County Courthouse

(2) the legal counsel exemption under Virginia Code § 2.23711(A) (8) Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.

a) Augusta County Courthouse

On motion of Dr. Seaton, seconded by Ms. Carter, the Board came out of Closed Session.

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CLOSED SESSION (CONT'D)

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

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Shull, Carter, Seaton, Slaven
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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ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Wells that the Board adjourn subject to call of the Chairman.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Shull, Carter, Seaton, Slaven
and Morelli
Nays: None

Motion carried.



Chairman



County Administrator

