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Regular Meeting, Wednesday, October 8, 2008, 7:00 p.m. Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: David R. Beyeler, Chairman  
Tracy C. Pyles, Jr., Vice-Chairman  
Wendell L. Coleman  
Gerald W. Garber  
Larry C. Howdyshell  
Jeremy L. Shifflett  
Nancy Taylor Sorrells  
Patrick J. Morgan, County Attorney  
Jennifer M. Whetzel, Director of Finance  
John C. McGehee, Assistant County Administrator  
Patrick J. Coffield, County Administrator  
Linda Hughes, Administrative Secretary

VIRGINIA: At a regular meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, October 8, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 233<sup>rd</sup> year of the Commonwealth....

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Chairman Beyeler welcomed the citizens present.

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The following five Riverheads High School students led the Pledge of Allegiance: Aubree Armstrong; Kevin Chambers; Katelin Fletcher; Cheyenne Dollarhite; and Stephen Murphy. County Attorney, Patrick Morgan, delivered the invocation.

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**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH – PROCLAMATION**

Chairman Beyeler presented a proclamation to Rita Handley, Secretary of the Board of Directors, Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation, and Meg Shrader, President, of the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation, Blue Ridge Chapter.

Nancy Sorrells moved, seconded by Wendell Coleman, that the Board adopt the following proclamation:

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, this year nearly 182,460 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in the United States and approximately 40,480 women in the U.S. die from the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that 4,680 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in Virginia and that 1,140 Virginia women will die of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, one in eight women born today will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some time in their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 450 men in the U.S. will die from the disease this year; and

**WHEREAS**, every woman is at risk as nearly ninety percent of all women diagnosed with breast cancer have no family history or known risk factors; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no known cause of non-inherited breast cancer and there is no prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, Caucasian women are more likely to develop breast cancer than African-American women, however, African-American women are more likely to die of breast cancer than Caucasian women; and

**WHEREAS**, mammography does not prevent or cure breast cancer – it can only detect it earlier. Earlier detection followed by treatment increases the odds of living longer and when breast cancer is not diagnosed earlier, it is more deadly and expensive to treat; and

**WHEREAS**, breast cancer costs this country more than \$6 billion each year in medical costs and lost productivity and it costs families much more; and

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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH – PROCLAMATION (cont'd)

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation, founded in 1992, is the only statewide grassroots organization in Virginia committed solely to the eradication of breast cancer through education and advocacy, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Augusta hereby proclaims the month of October 2008 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and call upon our citizens to join the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation in its quest to eradicate this devastating disease.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Howdysshell, Sorrells, Garber, Beyeler, Shifflett, Pyles and Coleman  
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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Rita Handley spoke on behalf of the Foundation and thanked the Board for the recognition.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC – NONE

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

The Board discussed the following issues:

Mr. Coleman commended the Board of Assessors for their public informational meetings yesterday.

Mr. Coleman moved, seconded by Ms. Sorrells, that the Board reappoint James Curd to serve a four-year term on the Planning Commission, effective January 1, 2009, to expire December 31, 2012.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Howdysshell, Sorrells, Garber, Beyeler, Shifflett, Pyles and Coleman  
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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Mr. Howdysshell discussed several officer positions within the Fire-Rescue Department and NIMS training requirements.

Mr. Howdysshell moved, seconded by Mr. Shifflett, that the following standard operation guidelines be adopted:

Officer Standards - Rescue  
Rescue Chief/Captain

Minimum of:

- Three years EMS service experience;
- Minimum qualification of a current EMT-B certification;
- Serve one year as an operational officer in Augusta County;
- 15 hours of officer training annually (if offered);
- Vehicle extrication awareness;
- NIMS (ICS 100, 200, 300, and 700)

Comments:

- There should be no application of these standards to a newly organized company for the first three years of operation.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD (cont'd)

- Officer training from outside the County may be substituted if approved by the Augusta County Fire-Rescue Chief for the 15 hours required.

Exception:

- If these qualifications cannot be met, exceptions can be presented to the Augusta County Fire-Rescue Chief for consideration.

Officer Standards - Fire  
Fire Chief/Assistant Fire Chief

Minimum of:

- Three years fire service experience;
- Minimum qualification of a current Firefighter 1 certification;
- Serve one year as an operational officer in Augusta County;
- 15 hours of officer training annually (if offered);
- Vehicle extrication awareness;
- NIMS (ICS 100, 200, 300, and 700)

Comments:

- There should be no application of these standards to a newly organized company for the first three years of operation.
- Officer training from outside the County may be substituted if approved by the Augusta County Fire-Rescue Chief for the 15 hours required.

Exception:

- If these qualifications cannot be met, exceptions can be presented to the Augusta County Fire-Rescue Chief for consideration.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Howdyshell, Sorrells, Garber, Beyeler, Shifflett, Pyles and Coleman  
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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Mr. Howdyshell also indicated that Rockingham County will be staffing Grottoes and Bridgewater 24/7 and charging the County on a pro-rata basis. He wanted the Board to keep this in mind when considering various emergency services issues.

Mr. Pyles discussed the financial hardships that County citizens are experiencing in the current economy, the composite index, and property values.

Mr. Pyles moved that the general reassessment be postponed for two years.

Mr. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. Pyles, that the Board table the discussion regarding postponing the general reassessment until October 20, 2008.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Howdyshell, Sorrells, Garber, Beyeler, Shifflett, Pyles and Coleman  
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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Mr. Howdyshell had questions about the legality of holding the reassessment for two years and whether current property values will be honored. The Chairman asked the County Attorney to look into the matter.



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### ARTS AND HISTORY ALLIANCE (cont'd)

Mr. Browning, of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library Foundation, also thanked the Board.

Mr. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Garber, that the Board approve the agreements with the changes as noted.

Vote was as follows:        Yeas: Howdysshell, Garber, Beyeler,  
   Shifflett, and Coleman  
   Nays: None  
   Absent: Pyles  
   Abstained: Sorrells

Motion carried.

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### CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Howdysshell moved, seconded by Mr. Shifflett, that the Board approve the consent agenda as follows:

#### MINUTES

Approved minutes of the following meetings:

- Staff Briefing Meeting, Monday, September 22, 2008

#### CLAIMS

Approved claims paid since September 10, 2008

Vote was as follows:        Yeas: Howdysshell, Sorrells, Garber, Beyeler,  
   Shifflett, and Coleman  
   Nays: None  
   Absent: Pyles

Motion carried.

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### MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Staff discussed the following:

1. The 2009 holiday schedule was presented to the Board.

Mr. Howdysshell moved, seconded by Ms. Sorrells, that the Board adopt the following holiday schedule for 2009:

#### Holiday Schedule 2009

<b>Holidays</b>	<b>Observed</b>
New Year's Day	January 1
Day after New Year's Day (Extra)	January 2
President's Day	February 16
Memorial Day	May 25
Fourth of July	July 3
Labor Day	September 7
Columbus Day	October 12

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF (cont'd)

Thanksgiving Day	November 26
Day after Thanksgiving Day	November 27
Day before Christmas (Extra)	December 24
Christmas Day	December 25
Personal Day (King Day-Lee-Jackson, Veterans Day)	
Total Days	(12) Twelve

Vote was as follows:       Yeas: Howdysshell, Sorrells, Garber, Beyeler,  
   Shifflett, and Coleman  
   Nays: None  
   Absent: Pyles

Motion carried.

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2. Delinquent tax collection briefing on future Staff Briefing
3. Drought relief – no response to date from Governor
4. FFA donations – Board may be receiving requests
5. Verona Park grant awarded for trail
6. Health insurance rates for 2009; revenue recovery impact; percentage rate of increases; flu shots; “wellness fairs” discussed
7. Thank-you letter from Judge Wood
8. E&S report from State distributed
9. School Board joint meeting with Board of Supervisors – Board proposed November 6, 2008, at 4:30pm

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ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote was as follows:       Yeas: Howdysshell, Sorrells, Garber, Beyeler,  
   Shifflett, and Coleman  
   Nays: None  
   Absent: Pyles

Motion carried.

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Chairman

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County Administrator