
Organizational Meeting, Wednesday, January 5, 2011, 5:00 p.m. Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Jeremy L. Shifflett, Chairman
Wendell L. Coleman, Vice Chairman
Gerald W. Garber
Larry C. Howdyshell
David R. Beyeler
Nancy Taylor Sorrells
Timmy Fitzgerald, Director of Community Development
Jennifer M. Whetzel, Director of Finance
Patrick J. Morgan, County Attorney
John C. McGehee, Assistant County Administrator
Patrick J. Coffield, County Administrator
Rita R. Austin, CMC, Executive Secretary

ABSENT: Tracy C. Pyles, Jr.

VIRGINIA: At an organizational meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, January 5, 2011, at 5:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 235th year of the Commonwealth....

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RIVERHEADS FIRE AND RESCUE STATION

The Board considered leases and operational agreements for Fire and Rescue. **This item was tabled at the December 8, 2010 meeting.**

Patrick J. Morgan, County Attorney, reported that the final drafts of the lease agreement between SARS and Riverheads Fire Company for the new building have been completed. A few minor modifications were made to the agreements. In regards to SARS, three areas needed to be addressed: 1) Security system; 2) Second tone in with the new fire stations – no longer a concern; and 3) Wording as to cleaning responsibility. SARS requested that all requests go to the Emergency Services Committee instead of the County Administrator. SARS also asked that a statement that building improvements will not be done without County approval and that approval will not be unreasonably withheld.

Mr. Howdyshell moved, seconded by Ms. Sorrells, that the Board remove this item from the table.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Howdyshell, Sorrells, Garber, Beyeler, Shifflett and Coleman

Nays: None

Absent: Pyles

Motion carried.

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Ms. Sorrells thanked the County Attorney on his diligent work on these documents. She mentioned the following concerns:

- 1) On the lease agreements (which is identical to SARS and Riverheads), No. 15 should be deleted. (“Nothing in this lease shall be interpreted as preventing the Lessor from assigning professional fire or rescue personnel to use or occupy the leased premises from time to time on an as-needed basis.”)

Ms. Sorrells moved, seconded by Mr. Beyeler, that the Board approve the deletion of the last sentence in paragraph No. 15 in the Lease Agreement and only be included in the Operational Agreement.

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REASSESSMENT (cont'd)

Mr. Coleman added that this would be considered next year to determine if the 5-year term was appropriated or if it needed to be extended to six years. He also mentioned that this idea was introduced by Mr. Pyles the other year when we asked General Assembly delegation to approach the General Assembly about allowing the flexibility to do this.

Mr. Howdysshell felt that the \$600,000 that would have been needed next year could be better used elsewhere.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Howdysshell, Sorrells, Garber, Beyeler, Shifflett and Coleman

Nays: None

Absent: Pyles

Motion carried.

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ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN – 2011

Chairman Garber called for nominations for Chairman for 2011.

Mr. Beyeler nominated Jeremy L. Shifflett, seconded by Mr. Coleman, Chairman for 2011.

The Chairman called for a vote for Jeremy L. Shifflett, Chairman for 2011.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Howdysshell, Sorrells, Garber, Beyeler, Shifflett and Coleman

Nays: None

Absent: Pyles

Motion carried.

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Chairman Shifflett presented the gavel to Mr. Garber and expressed his appreciation for Mr. Garber's service as Chairman in 2010. "It took 20 years for you to get a pair of gavels!"

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CHAIRMAN SHIFFLETT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION

Chairman Shifflett made the following statement:

I want to thank the citizens and the Board for giving me the opportunity of being Chairman for 2011. As Chairman, I want to have several areas of focus. One that we have discussed here and over the past several months has been for the Fire and Rescue services. This is an area that we have to look at to find solutions for and to address. When we do this, we cannot overlook the volunteers. I have said before it is time to get serious with a more aggressive incentive program for the retention and recruitment of our volunteers. I have not given up on our volunteers. I've said it before and I will say it again they will remain the backbone to Fire and Rescue.

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CHAIRMAN SHIFFLETT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION (cont'd)

Another area is to make our meetings more accessible for our citizens. I had a proposal that was put forth back in November, I believe. In working with staff, that will be coming our way here, hopefully, by the end of this month that will allow our citizens the opportunity to submit for the record the comments on agenda items by means of the County's website and, also, to provide an on-line budget survey so that our citizens can weigh in on the budget. When I proposed this, unbeknownst to me, the School Board has done something similar—and they did it in December, and they had a very good response with those who took the survey and gave their thoughts on the budget.

Of course, Economic Development, job retention and creation will remain important until the economy is in full recovery and our citizens are back in the workplace. We have to continue to be open to all prospects, big or small, and to continue to provide a business-friendly environment.

This year will not be without its challenges. We have to put aside our differences and work together in overcoming these challenges. I am confident that we can do that.

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VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2011

Ms. Sorrells nominated Wendell L. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Beyeler, for Vice-Chairman for 2011. Mr. Beyeler moved that Mr. Coleman be elected by acclamation.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Howdysshell, Sorrells, Garber, Beyeler, Shifflett and Coleman

Nays: None

Absent: Pyles

Motion carried.

Mr. Coleman made the following comment:

I will follow-up on what Chairman Shifflett said. He and I, at this point, will touch base here very shortly. Following the election, I appreciate the vote of confidence from the Board. I certainly look forward to working with Chairman Shifflett. I got a call back over the holidays from Bob Stuart. Bob was doing an article about New Year's resolutions and if I had given some thought to that in terms of 2011. Of course, right on the top of that, was something that you just heard and Chairman Shifflett and I, at this point, have not compared notes, was Fire Emergency Services, the work that we have done, the work that we are planning on doing with the Fire Services Board, that I understand, have already begun their work and certainly look forward to working with them to provide them an opportunity to help us even be better and stronger and more effective and efficient in what we do.

On the heels of that, being a Board appointee, in terms of Economic Development, in working with our new Economic Development Director, we have continued to work diligently and will continue to position this county as this economy begins to turn around that we will be at the table. We have not just kind of been sitting back. I know Dennis has been working very diligently and we have, as a Board, including Mr. Beyeler and myself and Mr. Williams, who is the Chair of IDA, have been working diligently to position us in as good a position as we can possibly be in, and to be at the table when we're looking for expansions in the County from existing businesses and we're looking for business from other parts of the country in the world that might be looking to relocate their operation in Augusta County.

Of course, I am excited over the fact we gave the schools authority to proceed with doubling the capacity of Wilson Elementary. Of course, Fishersville continues to grow. There has been a lot of activity that has already being implemented and there is more being planned. I thank this Board and look forward to working with the School Board as we move ahead with that.

Lastly, and I really give a lot of credit to our past leader for his vision and the work with the rest of us with making this County more business-friendly—a place where people

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really want to do business and they want to stay and grow their business and things of that sort. I've been very encouraged in some of my travels recently where Augusta County has been singled out by the State as a place that is clearly a front leader in some of those areas.

We were at an event not long ago where that, and I certainly appreciated, the people from Richmond taking the opportunity to say good things about Augusta County in terms of what we have done through our Ordinance Committee. Again, thank you so much and looking for great things in Augusta County in 2011.

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BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2011

Rita Austin, Executive Secretary, advised that the Board meeting schedule and resolution had been enclosed with the last meeting agenda package, noting that the Board had reviewed the schedule earlier with no comments.

Mr. Coleman commented that the July meeting has been cancelled the previous four years and felt that it should be cancelled now to eliminate additional work at a later date to cancel the meeting. Mr. Beyeler felt that the July cancellation should be considered at a later date after determining the work load.

Mr. Beyeler moved, seconded by Mr. Howdysshell, that the Board adopt the schedule as submitted and resolution:

SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE
AUGUSTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FOR THE YEAR 2011

LOCATION: GOVERNMENT CENTER, VERONA, VA

DATES - 2010	Regular Meetings		Staff Briefings
	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Monday
	7:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
JANUARY (ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING)	5 th	5:00 p.m.	
JANUARY	12 th	26 th	24 th
FEBRUARY	9 th	23 rd	22 nd (Tues.)
MARCH	9 th	23 rd	21 st
APRIL	13 th	27 th	25 th
MAY	11 th	25 th	23 rd
JUNE	8 th	22 nd	20 th
JULY	13 th	27 th	25 th
AUGUST	10 th	24 th	22 nd
SEPTEMBER	14 th	28 th	26 th
OCTOBER	12 th	26 th	24 th
NOVEMBER	9 th ***	22 nd (Tues)	21 st
DECEMBER	14 th		

Special Meetings:

Budget Hearing April 20, 2011
Budget Adoption May 4, 2011
Organizational Meeting January 4, 2012 **5:00 p.m.**

- **February 21st - Presidents' Day**
- **March 28th & 29th -Budget Briefing**
- **November 13th through 15th - Annual VACo Conference**
- **July 13 (previously cancelled - 7/11/07; 7/9/08; 7/8/09; 7/14/10)**

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BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2011 (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 2011.

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

1. The Board of Supervisors shall hold regular meetings during calendar year 2011, 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: Howdysshell, Sorrells, Garber, Beyeler, Shifflett and Coleman

Nays: None

Absent: Pyles

Motion carried.

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TIE BREAKER

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. Morgan advised that the State Code provides the Board to appoint a tie breaker. The purpose of a tie breaker is if the Board is deadlocked on an issue, this would be a person who would come in at the next available Board meeting and vote to break the tie. Traditionally, the Board has voted not to have a tie breaker and Mr. Morgan suggested that the same procedure be used as has been used in the past.

Ms. Sorrells moved, seconded by Mr. Howdysshell, that the Board not appoint a tie breaker for 2011.

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 THE BOARD (cont'd)

- 2. Thank you, Mr. Garber, for the job you did in 2010.

Chairman Shifflett: Thank you to Board “for giving me this opportunity. I look forward to working with you all throughout the year—2011.”

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

- 1. FOIA workshop – excellent program provided by County Attorney.
- 2. Mill Place Commerce Park – current agreement has been terminated. Not proceeding with formal lease for the next year – will be working with Chairman Shifflett and Supervisor Garber to arrange farming operations this year.
- 3. Rockingham and Highland Counties – shared with them Augusta County’s opposition relating to expansion of Wilderness areas in George Washington National Forest.
- 4. Extension Service – Requesting VACo to participate on a committee in the restructuring process.
- 5. Fire and Rescue tones – reallocated due to new Riverheads station and Preston Yancey acceptance of Rescue function.
- 6. Fireworks brochure distributed to Board. Is available on the internet.
- 7. Greenville Sewer - State Water Control Board - \$2.5 million at 0% interest. Still working with State regarding the \$250,000 grant (possibly \$200,000 vs. \$250,000). Federal grant also pending.
- 8. Riverheads area - \$7.6 million for the reconstruction of I-81 (South) between Mile Marker 214 and 217 has been awarded.
- 9. ACSA – policy amendments (bonding/letters of credit) discussed at last meeting have been resolved.
- 10. I-64/Exit 91 – good possibility for right-of-way funding; may be construction funding also.
- 11. HIPPA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) – Notice of Privacy Practices distributed to the Board.
- 12. Fire Revolving Loans – possible changes being considered by Board Committee.
- 13. Recycling revenues – revenues are up!
- 14. Fire Study – conference call – site visits on February 3rd and 4th with Fire & Rescue agencies by Study Team. Possible public meeting on February 2nd.
- 15. ACSA Ordinance Review – Source Water will be considered at January 26th meeting
- 16. Alley Abandonment – Cost for advertisement has increased. Currently charging applicants \$100. Actual cost: \$385 to \$472. It was the consensus of the Board to authorize the County Attorney to review and revise policy.

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