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Special Meeting, Monday, March 21, 2016, 11:00 a.m. Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Carolyn S. Bragg, Chairman  
Tracy C. Pyles, Jr., Vice-Chairman  
Gerald W. Garber  
Terry Lee Kelley, Jr.  
Wendell L. Coleman  
Marshall W. Pattie  
Michael L. Shull  
John R. Wilkinson, Community Development Director  
Melissa Meyerhoeffer, Finance Director  
Carson Holloway, Fire Chief  
Amanda Glover, Economic Development Director  
Timmy Fitzgerald, County Administrator  
Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator  
Patrick J. Morgan, County Attorney

VIRGINIA: At a special meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, March 21, 2016, at 11:00 a.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 240<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth....

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Chairman Bragg called the meeting to order.

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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT PRIORITIES – 2016

WAYNE:

1. Drainage issues-Kensington Birchwood Road
2. Ordinance Process: trash-Calf Mountain Road and Dooms Crossing; Industrial zone permitting; discharge firearms in residential district; animal cruelty
3. Shared path at Woodrow Wilson Rehab Center and Lifecore
4. Fishersville Trail at Lifecore (cooperative agreement)
5. Traffic signal-Wellington and Airport Drive and Phase II Bridgeport
6. Volunteer Model (PLY)
7. Funding for safer positions in the future

BEVERLEY MANOR:

1. Mill Place Walking Trail and Pavilion
2. BRIGHT bus stop at Community Center (Rite Aid Shopping Center)
3. Drainage-Skyview Subdivision
4. Would like emergency access built from Green Hills through the south end of the Government Center
5. VDOT Acceptance-Spring Lakes
6. Traffic Study-Barterbrook Road Subdivision
7. Phase III Scholastic Way Timeline
8. Small Area Plan-Stuarts Draft

MIDDLE RIVER:

1. Weyers Cave Rezoning (Blue Mountain Property)

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**PASTURES:**

- 1. Infrastructure Funding
- 2. Broadband/Cell Service in Rural Areas
- 3. Brownfield Remediation-Bad Property to Better Property; Rural Renewal of Houses
- 4. Possibility of a Blight Ordinance

**MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT PRIORITIES – 2016 (cont'd)**

**NORTH RIVER:**

- 1. Broadband (Awareness Economic Development)
- 2. Natural Chimneys Master Plan
- 3. Berry Farm PUO (walking trails, horses, hunting policy adjustments)
- 4. Exit 235 turn lanes (current Federal money prep)
- 5. Route 262/613 Intersection-short term improvement
- 6. Non-Hard Surfaced Roads
- 7. Chicken Ordinance

**RIVERHEADS:**

- 1. Funding for non-hard surface roads
- 2. Drainage issues
- 3. Riverheads School Walnut Ridge Subdivision-what are the Counties commitments (road, water tank)
- 4. Roads-Mailbox Placement
- 5. Fire and Rescue Policy-First Responders (Fire) on rescue call (rural areas)

**SOUTH RIVER:**

- 1. Small Area Plan-Stuarts Draft
- 2. Library Branch-Stuarts Draft area
- 3. Stuarts Draft Park upgrades-electric/stage
- 4. Drainage Route 340-Wayne Avenue
- 5. Lyndhurst Sewer Extension

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**COMMON ITEMS**

- 1. Roads (9)
- 2. Planning (14)
- 3. Drainage (4)
- 4. Parks and Recreation (5)
- 5. Fire and Rescue (2)

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**COUNTYWIDE ISSUES**

Board members presented their thoughts on countywide issues. The following issues were presented:

- 1. Court House to Government Center
- 2. Workforce Development (Robotics)
- 3. Grow Economy/Create Jobs (Economic Development)
- 4. Westgate
- 5. Consolidate Fire and Rescue Stations
- 6. Zero based budgeting

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COUNTYWIDE ISSUES (cont'd)

- 7. Executive Summary-Department Reports
- 8. Evaluate reassessment options
- 9. Financial Plan (debt on projects)
- 10. Fire and Rescue Employee Retention and Volunteer Retention
- 11. County-Beautification
- 12. Education-Technical and Better Partnerships (BRCC/School Board)-Get information to students
- 13. Equality of Education among all high schools; partner to have college credits in high school
- 14. Consider moving the Governors School and Vo-Tech to BRCC-This share would allow for credits (savings to County and parents)
- 15. Mill Place priorities
- 16. Water Monitoring Plan
- 17. Facilitating Development; consider the use of Electronic-Plans Software
- 18. Pipeline

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DEPARTMENT HEAD PRIORITIES

- 1. Finance Software (HR/TR/COR/BI/SCH)-website/transparency
- 2. Library-technology needs of citizens (more locations, more computers, more staff)
- 3. Aging population: Health and Fitness, Technology Awareness
- 4. Mill Place-sign, road
- 5. E911 Radio System (Law Enforcement and Fire & Rescue)
- 6. Federal Regulations/ADA, polling sites (set-up, staff time/contractor)
- 7. Government Center 25+ years old-HVAC and general maintenance
- 8. Replace UPS
- 9. Pay and Class studies (DSS-lose 42% staff 5 years ;lose experience)
- 10. Regional Building DSS-Relocation
- 11. Relocate School Bus Garage
- 12. Focus on Real Estate collections (20 years delinquent). Staffing with focus on collections; ACSA collections
- 13. IT-Power distribution dates back to Smith's Transfer
- 14. Parks & Recreation Master Plan ideas
- 15. Park maintenance requirements
- 16. Review shared use facilities-cost to use and number
- 17. School-routine maintenance and depreciation funding
- 18. School Digital Initiative (1/1 ratio student/computer)
- 19. School Recruit and retain quality employees (salary study)
- 20. Fire and Rescue Infrastructure Stations
- 21. Trained Fire and Rescue employee pool; recruit volunteers, focus on school population and number of stations to staff

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NATIONAL PRIORITIES

Mr. Fitzgerald discussed a report from the Alliance for Innovation regarding the next big things in local government. The list included four major trends.

RESOURCE TRENDS:

- 1. Water Shortages and Access
- 2. Energy Grid Disruption
- 3. Mining

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NATIONAL PRIORITIES (cont'd)

**TECHNOLOGY TRENDS:**

- 1. Digital Citizens
- 2. Sharing Economy
- 3. Unmanning

**DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS:**

- 1. Elder Expense
- 2. Rural v. Urban

**GOVERNANCE:**

- 1. Declining Federal Government Effectiveness
- 2. City-City Collaboration
- 3. Citizen Engagement

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Mr. Fitzgerald thanked the Board for providing input in the priorities presented today. Their thoughts will help staff focus on what the Board feels important and provides a basis in which budget decisions going forward can be made.

Chairman Bragg also thanked the Board for their participation. She felt the meeting was very beneficial and provided guidance moving forward.

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County Administrator