



**Board of Supervisors
County of Louisa
Monday, May 1, 2023
Louisa County Public Meeting Room
5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER - 5:00 P.M.

Chairman Adams called the May 1, 2023 regular meeting of the Louisa County Board of Supervisors to order at 5:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS - 6:00 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tommy J. Barlow	Mountain Road District Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM
Fitzgerald A. Barnes	Patrick Henry District Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM
Willie L. Gentry Jr.	Cuckoo District Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM
Eric F. Purcell	Louisa County Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM
R. T. Williams	Jackson District Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM
Duane A. Adams	Mineral District Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM
Rachel G. Jones	Green Springs District Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM

Others Present: Chris Coon, Assistant County Administrator; Kyle Eldridge, Assistant County Attorney; Wanda Colvin, Deputy County Administrator/Director of Community Development; Alexandra Stanley, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk; James Smith, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Tourism; Chief Hawk, Fire & EMS; and Scott Raettig, Director of Information Technology

CLOSED SESSION

On the motion of Mr. Barlow, seconded by Mr. Purcell, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to enter Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following:

1. In accordance with §2.2-3711 (A) (5) VA Code Ann., to discuss a prospective business in the Cuckoo District and the Mineral District where no previous announcement has been made of the business's intention in locating in the County.

REGULAR SESSION

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to return to Regular Session at 6:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION - CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Voter	Role	Vote
Tommy J. Barlow	Voter	Yes/Aye
Fitzgerald A. Barnes	Seconder	Yes/Aye
R.T. Williams, Jr.	Mover	Yes/Aye
Willie L. Gentry Jr.	Voter	Yes/Aye

Duane A. Adams	Voter	Yes/Aye
Rachel G. Jones	Voter	Yes/Aye
Eric F. Purcell	Voter	Yes/Aye

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Louisa County Board of Supervisors has convened a Closed Meeting this 1st day of May 2023, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, §2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Louisa County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with the Virginia Law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 1st day of May 2023, that the Louisa County Board of Supervisors does hereby certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting was heard, discussed or considered by the Louisa County Board of Supervisors.

INVOCATION

Mr. Adams led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the May 1, 2023 agenda, as presented, with no changes.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Board of Supervisors (BOS) - Regular Meeting - Apr 17, 2023 5:00 PM

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 6-0-1, with Mr. Barlow abstaining, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2023 regular meeting.

BILLS APPROVAL

Resolution – To Approve the Bills for the Second Half of April 2023

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board adopted a resolution approving the bills for the second half of April 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the Consent Agenda items for May 1, 2023, as follows:

- Resolution – Proclaiming May 20-26, 2023 as National Safe Boating Week
- Resolution – Authorizing a Pass through Appropriation for K-9 Donations and Training Fees
- Resolution – Authorizing a Pass through Appropriation for Insurance Proceeds
- Resolution – Authorizing a Pass through Appropriation for Sheriff for Security for Special Event Proceeds
- Resolution – Authorizing a Pass through Appropriation to Louisa Fire and Rescue for Donations Received
- Resolution – Authorizing a Pass through Appropriation for Vending Machine Commissions
- Resolution – Approving a Right of Way Easement Agreement with Rappahannock Electric Cooperative for Landfill Access Gate
- Resolution – To Authorize a Supplemental Appropriation in the Amount Not-To-Exceed \$5,000 for the Installation of (11) Ag/Forestal District Signs
- Resolution – Authorization to Participate in Region Ten Community Services Board Regional Application for Opioid Abatement Authority Grant Funds with Albemarle County Serving as Lead Applicant and Fiscal Agent

RECOGNITIONS

Presentation – Proclaiming May of 2023 as Older Americans Month

Mr. Coon read the resolution and Mr. Gentry presented a framed copy to Ms. Ginger Dillard with JABA.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chairman Adams opened the public comment period.

Ms. Vicky Harte, Louisa District, encouraged the Board to create stricter regulations on stormwater measures in the County.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chairman Adams closed the public comment period.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Presentation – Tourism Update

Mr. James Smith, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Tourism, provided an update on tourism and the value it holds in the County. He explained the department's approach to marketing strategies and tools used to create a more holistic picture of Louisa's offerings. He also went over advertising methods and campaign models used to help promote tourism. Ms. Smith indicated that online platforms such as YouTube, Facebook, Google Search, and in-App advertising has helped increase exposure on events, programs, and venues. Additional exposure includes radio and NBC12 interviews, a no-cost bonus for advertising.

Discussion – Emergency Water Supply Ordinance

Ms. Pam Baughman, General Manager of the Louisa County Water Authority, explained at its last meeting, the Water Authority approved a request that the Board of Supervisors adopt a water

supply emergency ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance is to provide for the necessary curtailment of water usage through voluntary and mandatory restrictions or prohibitions during a water supply shortage situation affecting the County and any adjacent areas that are served in whole or in part by potable and non-potable public water systems operated by Louisa County Water Authority. Additionally, the intent is to provide for a progressive water supply conservation program, including the declaration of a water supply watch, warning or emergency and the implementation of voluntary and mandatory water conservation measures throughout the areas that are served by the public water systems operated by the Louisa County Water Authority in the event such a watch, warning or emergency is declared by the Board of Supervisors.

Ms. Baughman stated certain events constitutes a water supply emergency such as equipment failure, natural disaster, manmade disaster, breaks or failures in the distribution system, outbreak of water borne diseases, and treatment system process breakdown. She noted the Louisa County Water Authority Board of Directors approved mandatory water restrictions at their October 11, 2017, meeting. A request was made to the Louisa County Board of Supervisors to declare an emergency at their meeting held on October 16, 2017. The Board of Supervisors approved the authorities request for an emergency declaration at which point the Louisa County Water Authority began implementing mandatory water restrictions.

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to advertise a public hearing on the proposed emergency water supply ordinance.

Discussion – Virtual Building Inspection Policy

Mr. Coon appeared before the Board to provide an overview of the proposed virtual building inspection policy. He explained virtual inspections, an efficient alternative to in-person inspections, enable prompt service, productive follow-ups, and more specific scheduling. Virtual inspections are conducted between a customer and a Louisa County inspector by using a video call on a smartphone or tablet. He noted the Community Development Department has seen significant growth in workload from 2018 to 2021. Building Inspections, rising 139% from 5,967 to 14,289 inspections. Virtual inspections will increase the level of service to residents and contractors.

Virtual building inspections have become increasingly popular in recent years, especially with the advent of new technology that makes it possible to conduct inspections remotely. These inspections can be done using video conferencing tools or through mobile apps that allow inspectors to view and assess buildings from a remote location.

Back and forth discussion occurred between the Board and Mr. Coon. The Board outlined the benefits of Virtual inspections and how it can help improve the safety, efficiency, and accessibility of the County's inspection process, and improve customer service to its citizens.

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to give the Community Development Department the latitude to implement a virtual building inspection policy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**Resolution – Authorizing Application for CDBG Housing Production, Construction Ready Sewer and Water, and Housing Rehabilitation Grants**

The Fluvanna-Louisa Housing Foundation is committed to building affordable and workforce housing in our community. The Louisa County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of affordable and workforce housing in our community and has supported the efforts of the Fluvanna-Louisa Housing Foundation.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program provides funding for affordable housing production, construction ready sewer and water, and housing rehabilitation projects.

The Fluvanna-Louisa Housing Foundation has identified the need for additional funding to support their affordable housing production and rehabilitation efforts.

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to support the Fluvanna-Louisa Housing Foundation's application for CDBG Housing Production, Construction Ready Sewer and Water, and Housing Rehabilitation Grants and authorizes the Louisa County Staff to submit an application for CDBG Housing Production, Construction Ready Sewer and Water, and Housing Rehabilitation Grants on behalf of the Fluvanna-Louisa Housing Foundation.

Resolution – Waiving All Development Fees for Fluvanna-Louisa Housing Foundation for Building Affordable and Workforce Housing

The Fluvanna-Louisa Housing Foundation is committed to building affordable and workforce housing in our community. The Community Development Department has the authority to issue development fees for rezoning application, zoning permit, building permits, and other associated development costs.

The Fluvanna-Louisa Housing Foundation has requested a waiver of all development fees associated with building affordable and workforce housing at 140 Resource Lane Louisa, VA 23093.

The Louisa County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of affordable and workforce housing in our community and wishes to support this project.

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to waive all rezoning and development fees issued by the Community Development Department for the Fluvanna-Louisa Housing Foundation for building affordable and workforce housing at 140 Resource Lane Louisa, VA 23093. The waiver of development fees shall only apply to the Fluvanna-Louisa Housing Foundation and shall not apply to any other organization or individual.

Resolution – Authorizing a Budget Supplement to Louisa County Public Schools for Multiple Capital Projects

Ms. Colvin, Deputy County Administrator/Director of Finance, stated the Louisa County Public

Schools Superintendent has requested approval to move forward with several capital projects that were requested as part of the fiscal year 2024 budget process during fiscal year 2023 due to the lead time needed and scheduling concerns in order to complete the projects.

In order to have projects completed before the 2023-2024 school year begins, it is necessary to begin the procurement process at this time versus waiting until the new fiscal year.

Funding in the amount of \$296,000, which is needed for these projects, is available in the Long Term LCPS Capital Reserves.

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to authorize a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$216,000 to Louisa County Public Schools Capital projects as follows:

LCHS Tennis Courts (30161000-484130) - \$60,000
LCHS Trade Storage (301610000-482425) - \$15,000
LCHS Stadium Bleachers (30161000-482405) - \$15,000
Electronic Marquees (30161000-482430) - \$81,000
MNES Swing Set (30161000-483090) - \$30,000
MNES Sun Canopy (30161000-482410) - \$15,000
LED Lighting (30161000-482502)- \$80,000

Total = \$296,000

The source of funding is Long Term LCPS Capital Reserves.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Reports

(None)

Board Appointments

(None)

County Administrator's Report

(None)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Resolution – Approving the Six-Year Plan for Secondary Road System Construction in Louisa County, Virginia

Section 33.2-331 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, provides the opportunity for each county to work with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) in developing a Six-Year Plan for Secondary Roads.

VDOT representatives appeared before the Board and recommended approval of the Six-Year Plan for Secondary Roads (2023/2024 through 2028/2029) and the Construction Priority List

(2023/2024) for Louisa County.

The Board of Supervisors has carefully weighed the comments of VDOT and Louisa County citizens as to the condition and importance of various secondary roads in the County.

The said Plan appears to be in the best interest of the Secondary Road System in Louisa County and of the citizens residing on the Secondary System.

Chairman Adams opened the public hearing. With no one wishing to speak, Chairman Adams closed the public hearing and brought it back to the Board for discussion.

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to approve the Six-Year Plan for Secondary Roads (2023/2024 through 2028/2029) and the Construction Priority List (2023/2024) for Louisa County.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adjourn the May 1, 2023 regular meeting at 6:45 p.m.

BY ORDER OF:
DUANE A. ADAMS, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
LOUISA COUNTY, VIRGINIA