



**Board of Supervisors
County of Louisa
Monday, February 20, 2024
Louisa County Public Meeting Room
5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER - 5:00 P.M.

Chairman Adams called the February 20, 2024, meeting of the Louisa County Board of Supervisors to order at 5:00 p.m.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tommy J. Barlow	Mountain Road District Supervisor	Present	5:45 PM
Fitzgerald A. Barnes	Patrick Henry District Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM
Christopher C. McCotter	Cuckoo District Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM
H. Manning Woodward, III	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: Christian Goodwin, County Administrator; Zanus Talley, Interim County Attorney; Chris Coon, Assistance County Administrator; Wanda Colvin, Deputy County Administration/Director of Finance; Alexandra Stanley, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk; Griff Carmichael, Director of Human Resources; Josh Gillespie, Director of Community Development; and Scott Raettig, Manager of Information Technology

CLOSED SESSION

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 6-0, 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)(3) VA Code Ann., discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and, or, the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

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
Christopher C. McCotter	Voter	Yes/Aye

Duane A. Adams	Voter	Yes/Aye
Rachel G. Jones	Voter	Yes/Aye
H. Manning Woodward, III	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 20th day of February 2024, 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 20th day of February 2024, 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS - 6:00 P.M.

INVOCATION

Mr. Williams 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 February 20, 2024, agenda, as amended, with the following changes:

- Added a Presentation Proclaiming the Week of February 17-24, 2024, as National FFA Week to Recognitions
- Removed a Presented Recognizing Mr. Willie Harper for His Years of Service on The Industrial Development Authority from Recognitions
- Added a Resolution Accepting Responsibility of the Airport from the Industrial Development Authority to New Business/Action Items

MINUTES APPROVAL

Board of Supervisors (BOS) – Budget Worksession – February 5, 2024

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024, Budget Worksession.

Board of Supervisors (BOS) - Regular Meeting – February 5, 2024

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0,

the Board voted to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024, meeting.

BILLS APPROVAL

Resolution – To Approve the Bills for the First Half of February 2024

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 first half of February 2024.

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 February 20, 2024, as follows:

1. Resolution – To Approve a Pass-Through Appropriation for the Violence Against Women (V-Stop) Grant
2. Resolution – To Approve a Pass-Through Appropriation for Insurance Proceeds
3. Resolution – To Approve and Award a Contract for Refrigerant Recovery Services
4. Resolution – Approving an Easement Agreement Between the County of Louisa (“Grantor”) and Rappahannock electric Cooperative (“Grantee”)
5. Resolution – Authorizing a Supplement Appropriation to the Louisa County Public Schools Nutrition Program
6. Resolution – Opposing Budget Amendment Which Would Require Permits for Dog Hunting

RECOGNITIONS

Presentation – Recognizing Maxwell Mackie for Winning the 2024 Louisa County Spelling Bee

Mr. Goodwin read the resolution and Chairman Adams presented a framed copy to Maxwell Mackie.

Presentation – Commending and Honoring Willie L. Gentry for His Distinguished Service as Cuckoo District Representative of the Louisa County Board of Supervisors

Mr. Goodwin read the resolution and Chairman Adams and Mr. McCotter presented a framed copy to Willie Gentry.

Presentation – Proclaiming the Week of February 17-24, 2024, as National FFA Week to Recognitions

Mr. Goodwin read the resolution and Mr. Adams presented a framed copy to several Louisa FFA members.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chairman Adams opened the public comment period.

Ms. Pam Hamrick, Mineral District, spoke in support of the proposed multi-use recreational facility.

Ms. Anna Jones, Cuckoo District, spoke in support of the proposed multi-use recreational facility.

Mr. Curtis Haymore, Mineral District, spoke in support of the proposed multi-use recreational facility.

Mr. Dan Kerestes, Green Springs District, spoke in support of the proposed multi-use recreational facility.

Ms. Sheila Bernard, Green Springs District, expressed their concerns with the current Dogs Running at Large ordinance.

Ms. Bonnie Boulton-Fisher, Green Springs District, expressed their concerns with the current Dogs Running at Large ordinance.

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

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Presentation – Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

Mr. Curtis Scarpignato, Regional Planner – Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, explained the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) and the purpose for developing a comprehensive safety action plan on behalf of participating localities in the region.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program, providing \$5-\$6 billion in grants over the next 5 years. The goal of this funding is to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. To be eligible to receive project implementation funding, applicants must first have developed an approved Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. Since none of the localities within the Thomas Jefferson Planning District have such a plan in place, the Planning District Commission applied for and was awarded funding through the SS4A program to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan on behalf of participating localities in the region.

The Notice of Funding Opportunity states that “the purpose of SS4A grants is to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through safety action plan development and implementation focused on all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance and micromobility users, and commercial vehicle operators. The program provides funding to develop the tools to help strengthen a community’s approach to roadway safety and save lives.”

Safety Action plans developed through the SS4A program are required to take a systems approach, identifying larger trends contributing to safety issues and developing comprehensive strategies to resolve these concerns that may include considerations beyond roadway improvements.

To satisfy these requirements, the Planning District Commission will administer the grant and coordinate the overall development of the Safety Action Plan. Localities will benefit from the economies of scale of regional data collection and analysis and cross-jurisdictional information sharing and stakeholder engagement, while maintaining autonomy over the development of the specific elements of the action plan based on local needs and resources. Once the Safety Action Plan is adopted, localities will be eligible to apply for additional funding for implementation of priority projects identified in the plan.

The TJPDC is asking local governments to commit to a letter of resolution re-affirming their jurisdiction's commitment to actively participate in the planning process with the aim of reducing and eliminating deaths and serious injuries on the roadway network. This letter of commitment will serve to satisfy SS4A requirements for leadership commitment to the plan and the goals on the SS4A program.

For Louisa County, the resolution would include a commitment to the Virginia Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP)'s vision of zero deaths and serious injuries and its goal to reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries by fifty percent (50%) by 2045.

Comments and questions were addressed by the Board regarding TJPDC's plan for Louisa County and its proposal to reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries by fifty percent, which were answered by Mr. Scarpignato and Ms. Shackelford.

Presentation – Virginia Department of Health

Mr. Ryan McKay, Blue Ridge Health Department Health Director, appeared before the Board to provide a quick update and brief overview of the public health infrastructure and Health Department services for Louisa County. His update also included data on clinical and environmental health services and resources provided to residents of Louisa County.

Presentation – Kinetic Endeavors Triathlon

Mr. Josh Gillespie, Director of Community Development, briefly updated the Board on the Kinetic Endeavors CUP request. He noted as part of the approval of the CUP request by the Board in April of 2021, the Board approved the CUP request with changes to Condition #2:

“This permit is valid for ~~one fall event in 2019~~ one spring and one fall event in 2021, following the fall event, the event holder will meet with the neighbors and Director of Community Development to assess the impact of these amended conditions on the events operations. This CUP and its conditions will be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors prior to the extension or approval of a permit for any additional event. The approved use and the related events shall be in conformity with the Plan of Operation and Course Routes submitted February 12, 2016.”

Mr. Gillespie provided a timeline of events leading up to the next event scheduled for April 20, 2024.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(Noe)

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**Resolution – To Approve/Deny CPA2024-01, Add a Public Facilities Section to the Adopted Comprehensive Plan (2040 Plan)**

The Board of Supervisors adopted the 2040 Comprehensive Plan in August of 2019. The code of Virginia requires the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to review the Comprehensive Plan at least once every five (5) years.

At a regular meeting of the Louisa County Planning Commission held January 11, 2024, the Planning Commission voted that the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, or good zoning practice compels it to make a recommendation of approval to the Louisa County Board of Supervisors to add to a Public Facilities Section to the Adopted Comprehensive Plan (2040 Plan).

The following guidelines are intended to help direct public facilities' development and operation now and in the future. They provide thresholds for measuring growth impacts with respect to creating new facilities, maintaining and improving the quality-of-service delivery to the public, and providing a practical way for citizens to balance performance with fiscal limitations. Ultimately, facility and service guidelines are a statement of residents' expectations for their government services.

The public facility and service guidelines are derived from a combination of sources. Many of the guidelines were established after reviewing standards set by Federal, State, and other local plans. Each individual County department and public agency directly affected by these standards was consulted regarding the relevance and effectiveness of the existing service guidelines. These community guidelines are unique to Louisa County and are a product of research and analysis by the department heads, Planning Division staff, and administration.

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to approve the adoption of the Public Facilities Section to the Adopted Comprehensive Plan (2040 Plan).

Resolution – Authorizing a Budget Supplement to the Lake Anna advisory Committee for Grant Funding From the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) was authorized to provide \$1,000,000 to support cyanobacteria mitigation and remediation efforts at Lake Anna, per the language in HB6001 (Chapter 1) Item 374.U. Funding has been received by the County of Louisa, who will serve as fiscal agent for the Lake Anna Advisory Committee, for the aforementioned purpose. This funding was not included in the FY2024 budget and needs to be appropriated at this time.

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to authorize a budget supplement to the Lake Anna Advisory Committee DCR Cyanobacteria Mitigation Grant (20282200-456471-C8204). The Source of funding is Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Cyanobacteria Mitigation Grant Revenue (0202R24-324040-C8204).

Resolution – Accepting Responsibility of the Airport from the Industrial Development Authority

On February 15, 2024, the Industrial Development Authority of the County of Louisa, Virginia (the “IDA”), resolved and approved that the IDA shall do all that is necessary or required to convey, transfer, assign, or otherwise dedicate any and all of its interests in the ownership, operation, fiscal responsibility, and regulation of the Louisa County Airport, Freeman Field (the “Airport”) to the County of Louisa, Virginia (the “County”). Board of Supervisors of the County of Louisa, Virginia (the “Board”), has duly considered and determined that it is advisable and in the best interest of the County to accept and approve of the transfer of any and all of the IDA’s interests in the ownership, operation, and regulation of the Airport to the County.

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to resolve and approve the full transfer of the IDA’s interests in the Airport as described herein, and that the County shall do all that is necessary or required to accept and consummate the conveyance, transference, assignation, or dedication of any and all of the IDA’s interests in the ownership, operation, and regulation of the Airport to the County. Additionally, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Louisa, Virginia (the “Chairman”), or his/her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to, on behalf of the County, execute, acknowledge and deliver, and file where may be required, any and all agreements, exhibits, schedules, certificates, instruments and documents contemplated and required to consummate the conveyance, transference, assignation, or dedication of any and all of the IDA’s interests in the ownership, operation, and regulation of the Airport to the County.

Be it resolved that any and all actions taken by the Chairman or his/her designee in furtherance of the resolutions contained herein are hereby approved, affirmed, and ratified and shall be binding on the County and have the same force and effect as if said actions had been specifically approved by the Board.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES**Committee Reports**

Ms. Jones reported on the Parks and Recreation Workgroup and their efforts in trying to find options for future pickleball play in the afternoon and evening time. She also reported on the litter pickup workgroup.

Chairman Adams asked Mr. Goodwin if he had an update from the jails regarding litter pickup by the inmates.

Mr. Goodwin noted that Superintendent Dyer with the Central Virginian Regional Jail (CVRJ) indicated that they do not have inmates who are eligible for litter pickup. He said he asked for a meeting to more fully understand if those are CVRJ standards, or if those are standards set by the state.

Chairman Adams suggested there be a conversation with the Commonwealth Attorney about trash pickup being a designated service for those who are assigned community service by the judge.

Mr. McCotter provided a brief update on LAAC.

Board Appointments

There were none.

County Administrator's Report

Mr. Goodwin reported that there were several reports and items of correspondence in the Board packet and reminded the Board of several upcoming events.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(None)

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 February 20, 2024, meeting at 7:38 p.m.

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