



**Board of Supervisors
County of Louisa
Monday, April 8, 2024
Louisa County Public Meeting Room
5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER - 5:00 P.M.

Chairman Adams called the April 8, 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	5:00 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; Dale Mullen, 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; and Scott Raettig, Manager of Information Technology

CLOSED SESSION

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McCotter, 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)(1) VA Code Ann., discussion and consideration of prospective candidate for employment of a public body, in particular, for the position of County Attorney of Louisa County;
2. In accordance with §2.2-3711(A)(5) VA Code Ann., discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community;
3. In accordance with §2.2-3711(A)(7) VA Code Ann., consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and

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	Seconded	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 8th day of April 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 8th day of April 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. Barnes 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 April 8, 2024, agenda, as amended, with the following changes:

1. Removed discussion on Transportation Project Applications for Smartscale Funding from Information/Discussion Items

MINUTES APPROVAL

Board of Supervisors (BOS) - Regular Meeting – March 18, 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 March 18, 2024, meeting.

BILLS APPROVAL

Resolution – To Approve the Bills for the Second Half of March 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 second half of March 2024.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. McCotter, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the Consent Agenda items for April 8, 2024, as follows:

1. Resolution - Authorizing Mark A. Stanton to Purchase his Service Handgun
2. Resolution - Ratifying the Declaration of a Local State of Emergency
3. Resolution - To Appoint the Proxy for the JAUNT, INC. Annual Stockholder's Meeting
4. Resolution - Budget Transfer from Industrial Development Authority to Louisa County Airport
5. Resolution - Proclaiming May 18 - 24, 2024 as National Safe Boating Week

RECOGNITIONS**Presentation – Proclaiming April 13-20, 2024, as Clean Louisa Week**

Mr. Goodwin read the proclamation and Mr. McCotter presented a framed copy to the members of the Louisa Clean organization.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chairman Adams opened the public comment period.

Mr. Jack Cantu, Mountain Road District, encouraged the Board to reenact the livestock running at large ordinance.

Mr. Brad Altman, Jackson District, addressed the Board about the pellet plant in proximity to Equestrian Shores subdivision.

Ms. Bonnie Shiflett, Louisa District, expressed her concerns with future development of the County and how it will impact growth and taxes.

Mr. Fred Vanderburgh, Patrick Henry District, talked about litter and litter prevention in the County.

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

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**Presentation – Louisa Arts Center**

Ms. Karen Welch, Executive Director for the Louisa Arts Center, provided an update on the Arts Center to the Board. Their presentation included strategic plan goals and the impacts the Arts Center has on the community culturally, economically, and socially. The presentation also included budget highlights for the upcoming fiscal year. She also provided the Board with a copy of their Summer Playbill.

Discussion – Triathlon Update

Mr. Greg Hawkins, applicant for Kinetic Endeavors, LLC – CUP2016-01 appeared before the Board to provide a brief update on the upcoming triathlon in Bumpass, VA. Mr. Hawkins noted there are no changes to the existing Conditional Use Permit (CUP2016-01). He also stated he has notified residents, businesses and others likely affected by the route of the spring triathlon.

Discussion ensued between the Board and applicant regarding the event requirements and went over the statements and list of approvals required for the event held at Pleasants Landing.

After discussions, the Board authorized the applicant to proceed with the event as outlined in the CUP.

Discussion – Litter Prevention

Chairman Adams said he would like to establish a litter advisory workgroup where Ms. Jones and Mr. McCotter are the Board representatives and members of the Board are to appoint a citizen representative for each district.

The Board of Supervisors has tasked the Litter Advisory Workgroup to provide a comprehensive recommendation at their May 20, 2024, regular meeting, and should include the following:

- Working with the courts system, Louisa County Commonwealth’s Attorney, and Louisa County Sheriff’s Office on court-ordered community service to clean up litter and illegal dump sites.
- Have VDOT (Virginia Department of Transportation) identify safe roads for litter cleanup and to address secondary roads in the County by ranking them in order of highest traveled to least traveled.
- Working with law enforcement and County Attorney to consider amendments to the Louisa County Code of Ordinances on litter mitigation, such as:
 - Restrictions on covered loads;
 - Fines;
 - Impose license taxes upon and otherwise regulate the services rendered by any business engaged in the pickup and disposal of garbage, trash, and refuse; and
 - Ensuring that all garbage and refuse disposal service businesses are registered to do work in Louisa County.
- Establishing a timeline for “on-the-ground” litter pickup with a start date of July 2024.
- To come up with funding options for annual litter cleanup.
- Providing a permanent solution and ongoing litter mitigation efforts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

Resolution – To Approve/deny the Renewal of Beaverdam Creek Agricultural and Forestal District

The existing Beaverdam Creek Agricultural and Forestal District is scheduled to expire on April 18, 2024. In accordance with Section 15.2-4311 of the State Code of Virginia, the Louisa County Community Development Department contacted the current property owners of parcels identified in the Beaverdam Creek Agricultural and Forestal District. By action of no response from the property owners within the existing district, all existing parcels are recommended to remain in the district.

The Agricultural, Forestal and Rural Preservation Committee met on February 28, 2024, and voted to forward a recommendation for renewal of the Beaverdam Creek Agricultural and Forestal District to the Planning Commission. The Louisa County Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 14, 2024, and voted unanimously to forward a recommendation of approval to the Board of Supervisors to renew the Beaverdam Creek Agricultural and Forestal District for an additional ten-year period to expire on April 18, 2034.

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board approved the renewal of Beaverdam Creek Agricultural and Forestal District.

Resolution – Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation to Children's Services Act Funding

The Children's Services Act (CSA) for at-risk youth and families is a law enacted in 1993 that establishes a single state pool of funds to purchase services for at-risk youth and their families. The state funds, combined with local community funds, are managed by local interagency teams who plan and oversee services to youth. The mission of CSA is to create a collaborative system of services and funding that is child-centered, family-focused, and community-based when addressing the strengths and needs of troubled and at-risk youth and their families in the Commonwealth. The services provided under CSA are mandated services as prescribed in the Act. The Fiscal Year 2024 CSA case load projections within contractual services are exceeding budgeted expectations by an additional \$255,000 with the County's local portion being \$112,200, therefore, a budget supplement will be needed.

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Jones, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to authorize a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$255,000 to the CSA fund for Contractual Services (20553500-430020).

The source of funds is \$142,800 from State Revenue (0205R23-323090) and \$112,200 from General Fund Balance (0100R99-399011).

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

Mr. Williams said the TOD committee has recommended amendments to the ordinance to remove all TOD's in the County, excluding Cooke Rail Park and AWS locations.

Mr. Barnes reported the Solar committee has recommended amendments to the ordinance for the Planning Commission's consideration.

The Board agreed to forward amendments to the TOD and Solar Ordinance for the Planning Commission's consideration and recommendation.

Mr. McCotter reported on LAAC regarding Harmful Algae Bloom mitigation efforts.

Mr. Woodward reported on Commission on Aging vacancies and encouraged the Board to make their respective appointments.

Board Appointments

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to reappoint Ms. Barbara Hollins to the Commission on Aging to represent the Jackson District.

On the motion of Mr. McCotter, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to reappoint Ms. Willa "Kathy" Swarthout to the Commission on Aging to represent the Cuckoo District.

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

Presentation – Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

Ms. Colvin, Deputy County Administrator/Director of Finance, presented the draft FY25 budget to the Board for discussion. She reviewed the projects included in the CIP that were new and projects there were included in the first year of the CIP. Ms. Colvin indicated the plan included debt service payments and projects that were aligned with the Finance Committee's recommendation. She reminded the Board of its previous action authorizing the advertising of this public hearing for the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2025. She reviewed a PowerPoint Presentation highlighting the proposed budget, as advertised.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: fund balance details, changes since the published public hearing, revenue and expenditure highlights, and current tax rates.

Chairman Adams opened the public hearing.

Mr. Bob Babyok, Green Springs District, appeared before the Board to talk about the proposed budget for FY25.

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

No further action required at this time.

Ordinance – To Amend Chapter 70, Section 70-225 of the Lousia County Code to Exempt Certain Property Owned by Trevilian Station Battlefield Foundation, Inc. from Real Property Tax

Pursuant to Section 6(a)(6) of the Constitution of Virginia, and Va. Code ANN. §58.1-3651, a county may be designation or classification exempt a nonprofit from real estate or personal property taxes, provided such property is used for religious, charitable, patriotic, historical, benevolent, cultural, or public playground purposes.

The Trevilian Station Battlefield Foundation Inc. is a nonprofit organization owning property now subject to real estate property taxation. The Foundation has petitioned the Board of Supervisors to exempt real property it now owns to preserve a Civil War battle site, from taxation.

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 amendment of Chapter 70 by adding language to section 70-225 Article VII. Exemptions from property tax for nonprofit organizations, Sec. 70-225 Trevilian Station Battlefield Foundation, Inc. The following real properties, identified by tax map parcel number, shall be exempt from real estate taxation for any taxes due on or after the purchase date, so long as the property is used only for purposes identified in Code of Virginia §58.1-3651.

Map	Lot	Acres
23	133	1
23	134	1
24	21	1.0365
25	82	1
25	84	1

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 April 8, 2024, meeting at 7:42 p.m.

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