



**Board of Supervisors
County of Louisa
Monday, September 16, 2024
Louisa County Public Meeting Room
5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER - 5:00 P.M.

Chairman Adams called the September 16, 2024, meeting of the Louisa County Board of Supervisors to order at 5:00 p.m.

Board Member Name	District	Status	Arrived
Duane A. Adams, Chairman	Mineral District	Present	5:00 PM
Tommy J. Barlow, Vice Chairman	Mountain Road District	Present	5:00 PM
Fitzgerald A. Barnes	Patrick Henry District	Present	5:00 PM
Christopher C. McCotter	Cuckoo District	Present	5:00 PM
H. Manning Woodward, III	Louisa District	Present	5:00 PM
R.T. Williams	Jackson District	Present	5:00 PM
Rachel G. Jones	Green Springs District	Present	5:00 PM

Others Present: Christian Goodwin, County Administrator; Patricia Smith, County Attorney; Chris Coon, Deputy County Administrator; Wanda Colvin, Deputy County Administrator/Director of Finance; Alexandra Stanley, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk; Linda Buckler, Director of Community Development; Tom Egeland, Deputy Director of Community Development; Andy Wade, Director of Economic Development; Griff Carmichael, Director of Human Resources; and Scott Raettig, Director of Information Technology

CLOSED SESSION

On the motion of Mr. Barlow, seconded by Mr. Williams, 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., discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry, relating to the Mineral District, where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community; and
2. 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
3. In accordance with §2.2-3711 (A)(8), consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel; and
4. In accordance with §2.2-3711 (A)(39), discussion or consideration of information, subject to the exclusion in subdivision 3 of § 2.2-3705.6 (Exclusion to application of chapter; proprietary records and trade secrets), related to economic development.

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 16th day of September 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 16th day of September 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 September 16, 2024, agenda as presented.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Board of Supervisors (BOS) - Regular Meeting – September 3, 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 September 3, 2024, regular meeting.

BILLS APPROVAL**Resolution – To Approve the Bills for the First Half of September 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 September 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 September 16, 2024, as follows:

1. Resolution – Proclaiming October 6-12, 2024 as National 4-H Week in Louisa County
2. Resolution – Recognizing Beth N. Richardson on Her Years of Service to the County of Louisa
3. Resolution – Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation to Louisa County Public Schools for Additional Teachers at Louisa County Middle School
4. Resolution – To Approve and Award a Contract for Louisa County Airport Survey Services

RECOGNITIONS

(None)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**Presentation – VDOT Quarterly Update**

During the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) quarterly update to the Louisa County Board of Supervisors, several key topics were covered. Mr. Scott Thornton, Louisa Resident Engineer, provided an overview of ongoing and upcoming road projects, focusing on maintenance activities like road mowing, land development & permits, and repairs. The update also included updates on bridge and road projects, traffic studies, and the timeline of road improvements.

Presentation – Region Ten

Ms. Lisa Beitz and Shannon Wright with Region Ten provided an update on services for Louisa County residents. Region Ten provides a comprehensive range of behavioral health services to Louisa County residents, focusing on mental health, substance abuse, and developmental disabilities. Key services included outpatient therapy for individuals and families, crisis intervention, and case management for both adults and children. The Louisa Counseling Center, located in the Town of Louisa, offers therapy, psychiatric treatment, and medication management. Preventative efforts are another important component, involving partnerships with local organizations to help families before crisis arise.

In FY24, Region Ten provided services to 1,080 individuals in Louisa – 664 adults and 416 children. This represents 16% of the individuals served by all of Region Ten for the fiscal year. It was noted that the primary mental diagnoses of the individuals served by Region Ten were depressive, anxiety, and adjustment disorders. Additionally, for those diagnosed with substance use disorders, the primary substances were alcohol, marijuana, and cocaine/crack.

Despite not being able to hire a clinician during FY24, Regional Ten was able to direct 136 adults with substance use disorders connected to therapeutic counseling services, engaged 505 people in harm reduction outreach efforts, and distributed 109 Naloxone and 100 Fentanyl test kits to Louisa residents. More than 400 harm reduction kits were distributed in Louisa in FY24 through community outreach.

The Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA) Cooperative Agreement between Region Ten and Louisa County is a key initiative aimed at establishing a crisis receiving center to support individuals dealing with substance use and mental health crisis. The center provides critical service, including 23-hour care for individuals who may not need inpatient treatment but require immediate support and stabilization. The center is designed to alleviate pressure on emergency services and offer a safer place where individuals in crisis can receive professional care, with services including assessment, immediate treatment, and referrals to longer-term support if necessary. In FY24, Louisa County had over 250 psychiatric evaluations and seven (7) of those were sent to the crisis receiving center.

Ms. Wright stated the Louisa Clinic is well underway for completion in June 2025 and Friendly Oaks will be relocated to the new facility.

Several members of the Board expressed interest in having crisis counselors back in the school. Ms. Wright and Ms. Beitz shared the same sentiments and stated the importance of having that support back in the school system.

In conclusion, Region Ten thanked the Board for their continued support in helping them play a vital role in addressing behavioral health needs of Louisa County.

Presentation – Louisa County Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Tracy Hale Clark, Executive Director of the Louisa County Chamber of Commerce appeared before the Board to provide updates/progress for the Chamber and Louisa Forward Foundation.

The Chamber plays a crucial role in fostering economic growth, supporting local businesses, and building a strong community. It achieves this through various programs, events, and initiatives aimed at promoting business development and community engagement. The Chamber offers workshops on a range of topics, including business management, marketing, and financial planning. These sessions help local businesses improve operations and adapt to changing economic conditions.

The Chamber organizes several high-profile events throughout the year, providing networking opportunities and promoting local businesses. Signature events include Businessperson of the Year, Louisa Biz Expo, Spring Swing Invitational, and Mistletoe Mixer.

The Chamber also offers several impact programs designed to develop leadership skills, foster connections between businesses, and revitalize and promote local companies.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**Resolution – Authorizing the Department of Fire & EMS Department to Implement PulsePoint Software**

The Louisa County Volunteer Rescue Squad received a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from Rappahannock Electric Cooperative for the purchase of PulsePoint Software. PulsePoint is a mobile app that empowers citizens to provide life-saving assistance to victims of sudden cardiac arrest. When someone in a public place suffers a cardiac emergency, PulsePoint alerts trained individuals nearby, enabling them to begin CPR or apply an automated external defibrillator (AED) before professional responders arrive. The application also provides real-time information on emergency situations, increasing overall community engagement in emergency response efforts. The application would need to be interfaced with the County's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system software at a cost of \$5,220 for the interface software and Tyler Technologies Installation Services. The on-going annual maintenance cost of Pulsepoint Software in future years will be \$8,000 plus an additional \$315 for the ongoing Tyler maintenance costs for a total ongoing cost of \$8,315.

Louisa County Volunteer Rescue Squad is prepared to pay \$8,000 for the first year of PulsePoint annual maintenance costs since this was not included in the FY25 budget, but is requesting that the County pay the \$5,535 fee to interface the software to the CAD system and for the Tyler annual maintenance.

On the motion of Mr. Woodward, seconded by Mr. Barlow, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to authorize a budget supplement to the Louisa County Sheriff's Office Maintenance of Equipment (10031200-433202) in the amount of \$5,535 for the interface of PulsePoint to the County's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. The source of funding is Revenue Recovery Fund Balance.

The County of Louisa will deploy and maintain full administrative capacity for the Pulsepoint Software and implement the program for a two-year trial period.

Resolution – Authorizing the Department of Fire & EMS to Apply for a Rescue Squad Assistance Fund Grant for the Purchase of Two Drug Box Systems

The Department of Fire and EMS is requesting approval to apply for a Rescue Squad Assistance Fund Grant (RSAF) in the amount of \$21,000 to be used to purchase two drug box systems to be placed in stations in the eastern and western ends of the county, medication kits, and expected medication usage over the period of a year. The matching requirement for the grant is a 50/50 match, or \$21,000.

This would allow the Department of Fire & EMS to expand its drug box systems from one location to three locations, and off-set costs required for the purchase of equipment and medications.

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to authorize the Department of Fire & EMS to apply for a Rescue Squad Assistance Fund Grant in the amount of \$21,000 to be used to purchase two drug box systems, medication kits, and expected medication usage over the period of a year.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Reports

(None)

Board Appointments

(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 September 16, 2024, meeting at 6:57 p.m.

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