



**Board of Supervisors
County of Louisa
Monday, October 7, 2024
Louisa County Public Meeting Room
5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER - 5:00 P.M.

Chairman Adams called the October 7, 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	Absent	
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; Andy Wade, Director of Economic Development; Kris Hawk, Fire & EMS Chief; 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 6-0, the Board entered Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. pursuant to the following subsections of Virginia Code §2.2-3711:

1. In accordance with §2.3711(A)(1), discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals; and
2. In accordance with §2.3711(A)(5), discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry, relating to the Green Springs 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
3. In accordance with §2.3711(A)(7), 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
4. 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

5. 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 (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 6-0, 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	Absent	
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 6-0, the Board voted to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Louisa County Board of Supervisors has convened a Closed Meeting this 7th day of October 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 7th day of October 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. 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 6-0, the Board voted to adopt the October 7, 2024, agenda as presented.

MINUTES APPROVAL**Board of Supervisors (BOS) - Regular Meeting – September 16, 2024**

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2024, regular meeting.

BILLS APPROVAL**Resolution – To Approve the Bills for the Second Half of September 2024**

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board adopted a resolution approving the bills for the second half of September 2024.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to adopt the Consent Agenda items for October 7, 2024, as follows:

1. Resolution – Authorizing Steve Irving to Purchase his Service Handgun
2. Resolution – Authorizing Additional FY2024 Budget Reappropriations
3. Resolution – Pass Through Appropriation to the Louisa County Airport for Federal and State Aviation Grant Funding
4. Resolution – Authorizing a Pass Through Appropriation to the Registrar's Office for Costs Incurred with the Recount of the 5th Congressional District Republican Primary Election
5. Resolution – Allocating FY2025 Capital Funding to Fire & EMS Volunteer Stations
6. Resolution – To Authorize a Supplemental Appropriation to the FY2025 Budget for Fund 0210 Asset Forfeiture for the Sheriff's Office
7. Resolution – Authorizing a Budget Supplement to the Lake Anna Advisory Committee for Grant Funding from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
8. Resolution – To Approve Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Calendar
9. Resolution – To Amend Tourism Advisory Committee Bylaws, Incorporate Committee in Budget Process, and Formalize Marketing Plan Review in Meetings

RECOGNITIONS**Proclamation – October 6-12, 2024, as National 4-H Week in Louisa County**

Mr. Goodwin read the proclamation and Ms. Jones presented a framed copy to members and staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chairman Adams opened the public comment period.

Mr. Reese Patrick, Green Springs District, spoke in favor of improved sports facilities, highlighting the importance of consistent, reliable fields for practice and games, especially for inclement weather.

Ms. Brianna Sparrow, Mineral District, emphasized the need for better football facilities, stressing that youth football is crucial for building leadership, discipline, and teamwork among children.

Mr. Kevin McIntire, Patrick Henry District - President of Louisa Youth Football League, discussed the challenges faced by the league due to weather-related field closures and advocated for maintaining youth access to any new fields.

Mr. Matthew Townsend, Cuckoo District, spoke about the need for better sports facilities for multiple sports, highlighting how improved facilities could provide more opportunities for local youth athletes to stay in the county rather than seeking opportunities elsewhere.

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

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Presentation – Louisa County 4-H Update

Ms. Jenny Thompson, Senior Extension Agent 4-H Youth Development /Unit Coordinator, provided an update on the 4-H program, emphasizing its positive impact on youth development in the county. She introduced Kylie Hoffman, a 4-H program educator, and noted that Louisa County had 2,842 students participate in the 4-H program during the year, with over 263 volunteers contributing to its success.

Presentation – Louisa County Historical Society

Ms. Katelyn Coughlan, Executive Director, highlighted the historical society's recent activities, including partnerships with local schools and participation in community events such as the Ag Day. The Historical Society's Fiber Guild has been actively involved in local and regional demonstrations, showcasing traditional crafts.

Presentation – Firefly Fiber Broadband

Mr. Gary Wood, CEO of Firefly Fiber Broadband, provided an update on broadband expansion efforts in the county, noting significant progress, with over 7,000 connections completed out of the planned 17,000. The project is expected to provide universal broadband coverage in Louisa County by the end of 2024.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

Resolution – Approving the Fire & EMS Management Oversight Group's (MOG) Finance Committee Guidelines

The Fire & EMS Management Oversight Group's finance committee has developed guidelines in order to make capital project recommendations and to allocate funding provided to Fire & EMS Volunteer stations for capital projects in the most responsible way. The Fire & EMS Management Oversight Group's finance committee requests that the Louisa County Board of Supervisors reviews and approves the guidelines prior to their implementation during the FY2026 budget process.

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to approve the Fire & EMS MOG Finance Committee Guidelines.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Reports

Mr. Barnes provided an update on the turf field projects. He noted excavation work for the fields is set to begin soon, with construction expected to take place shortly after. He also noted a survey conducted among residents indicated strong support for both a sports complex and an indoor aquatic facility.

Ms. Jones noted that Marta Keen has recently retired, and JABA is actively seeking a new executive director. She commented on work happening at the Chamber of Commerce and Fluvanna/Louisa Housing Foundation.

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

Ordinance – (ORD2024-09) Amendments to the Louisa County Code, Chapter 38. Environment; Article II. Erosion and Sediment Control

Ms. Linda Buckler, went over the proposed amendments to Louisa County's Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance. The changes are intended to align the county's code with updates required by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), specifically related to stormwater and erosion management.

Key Points of the Proposed Amendments:

- **Compliance with State Law:** The amendments incorporate recent updates to state stormwater and erosion control regulations, which went into effect on July 1, 2024. These updates apply to residential, commercial, and agricultural land use.
- **Exemptions for Agricultural Buildings:** The amendments provide exemptions for agricultural buildings over 10,000 square feet, allowing farmers to use a simplified Erosion and Sediment Control Agreement rather than a detailed plan.
- **Clarifications and Definitions:** The amendments update definitions and clarify procedures for land-disturbing activities, particularly construction near water bodies.

Several Board members expressed concerns about the financial impact of the amendments on smaller landowners and individual residential projects. There was specific concern about the

potential costs for residents or small businesses who may need to comply with state regulations, particularly for projects near streams or other water bodies.

Staff clarified that the amendments align with the minimum requirements mandated by the DEQ and are not intended to add new burdens beyond state law. It was emphasized that these changes are necessary to ensure compliance with state guidelines and to avoid potential penalties from the DEQ.

The Board discussed the possibility of tailoring certain exemptions or clarifications to better accommodate smaller projects while still meeting state compliance requirements. Some members of the Board requested additional information regarding the cost implications of the amendments, especially for individual homeowners and small-scale agricultural projects.

After further deliberation, the Board agreed that more time was needed to review the potential impact of the proposed amendments.

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to table action on ORD2024-09 until the October 21, 2024, meeting, pending further review.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to adjourn the October 7, 2024, meeting at 7:36 p.m.

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