



**Board of Supervisors  
County of Louisa  
Monday, October 21, 2024  
Louisa County Public Meeting Room  
5:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER - 5:00 P.M.**

Chairman Adams called the October 21, 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; Andy Wade, Director of Economic Development; Donald Lowe – Sheriff, LCSO; Ronnie Roberts – Major, LCSO; 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 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)(3), discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of 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; 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 Jackson 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.

**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**

| <b>Voter</b>             | <b>Role</b> | <b>Vote</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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. 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 6-0, the Board voted to adopt the October 21, 2024, agenda as amended with the following changes:

- Added a Discussion on Road Dedications to Information/Discussion Items.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

**Board of Supervisors (BOS) - Regular Meeting – October 7, 2024**

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

the Board voted to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2024, regular meeting.

### **BILLS APPROVAL**

#### **Resolution – To Approve the Bills for the First Half of October 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 October 2024.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. McCotter, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to adopt the Consent Agenda items for October 21, 2024, as follows:

1. Resolution – Bowler’s Mill Capacity Study and Shannon Hill Regional Business Park Wetlands Recertification/Confirmation.
2. Resolution – Approving a Memorandum of Understanding for the 2024 Virginia Telecommunications Initiative Fiber Deployment Grant.
3. Resolution – Authorizing a Budget Supplement for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Grant Funding.

### **RECOGNITIONS**

(None)

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chairman Adams opened the public comment period.

Ms. Carol Dezorzi, Cuckoo District, updated the Board on the success of the Louisa Clean event, where over 170 bags of trash were collected. She expressed gratitude to Mr. Goodwin, Supervisor Jones, the Sheriff's Office, and Amazon Web Services for their support.

Ms. Vicky Harte, Louisa District, voiced concerns regarding the increased injury rates on artificial turf fields, particularly for football and soccer players. She raised concerns about the proposed turf field project 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, presented a report highlighting a successful year at the Arts Center, which included eight sold-out shows. There were discussions on financial sustainability, partnerships, and upcoming projects with the Louisa County Public Schools and the Riverside Center.

#### **Discussion – Road Dedications**

There were discussions about dedicating a portion of road on Route 22 (Davis Highway). If approved, a portion of road would have an honorary road name sign for Colonel, Samuel Nelson Drew.

Drew graduated from Louisa County High School. He served as an operational intelligence officer in Virginia and abroad until 1980. From then until 1983, and again in 1989, he taught political science at the Air Force Academy. He was named a National Security Fellow at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government in 1989, leaving a year later to become U.S. Assistant for Defense Operations and Policy for NATO in Brussels. Drew became a professor of National Security Policy at the National War College in January 1994 and later moved to Herndon, VA, to serve as NATO Branch Chief in the Directorate for Strategic Plans and Policy of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Shortly before his death, he had been named the Director of European Affairs for the National Security Council. He was largely responsible for investing the military and diplomatic initiatives of the U.S. and Bosnia with a coherent design for peace. He was universally respected for his knowledge, his negotiating skills, his strategic thinking about the future of NATO and Europe after the Cold War.

Discussions ensued regarding road dedications in the County.

Chairman Adams appointed Supervisors Jones and Woodward to a committee to discuss parameters for road dedications in the county and to report back to the Board at their December 2nd meeting.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Ordinance (ORD2024-09) – Amendments to Louisa County Code, Chapter 38 (Erosion and Sediment Control)**

The purpose of these amendments is to update the County's regulations to incorporate recommended language in line with changes adopted by the Department of Environmental Quality for erosion and sediment control regulations and practices; and to comply with revised state law requirements, which took effect on July 1, 2024.

The proposed language incorporates requirements in the Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Act (VESMA), Erosion and Sediment Control Law (ESCL) for Localities Not Administering a Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program, and Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management (VESM) Regulation. Erosion and sediment control regulations are to prevent the unreasonable degradation of properties, stream channels, waters and other natural resources by establishing requirements for the effective control of soil erosion, sediment deposition and non-agricultural runoff and by establishing procedures whereby these requirements shall be administered and enforced.

The regulations are also intended to facilitate the submission and approval of plans, issuance of permits, payment of fees, and coordination of inspection and enforcement activities for land-disturbing activities into a more convenient and efficient manner for both Louisa County and those responsible for compliance with these programs.

This item was tabled at the previous meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Barlow, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to take the item off the table.

On the motion of Barlow, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to approve the proposed amendments to Chapter 38. Environment; Article II. Erosion and Sediment Control, to repeal Section 38-26 through Section 38-40; and adopt the amended regulations as Section 38-26 through 38-43.

### **NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Resolution – To Approve the County 2025 Legislative Platform**

The County adopts a legislative platform on an annual basis in an effort to inform and advocate on behalf of the citizens of Louisa during the upcoming session of the Virginia General Assembly. Working in conjunction with the Virginia Association of Counties, the Thomas Jefferson Planning District and similar entities, the attached platform has been developed for the 2025 session of the General Assembly.

It is anticipated that this platform will be presented to and discussed with the County's state representatives in the General Assembly, and that future modification may be necessary based on those activities occurring in session.

On the motion of Mr. McCotter, seconded by Mr. Woodward, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to approve its legislative platform with amendments to include Development Road Reviews.

#### **Resolution – Authorizing a Budget Supplement for the Louisa County Sheriff's Office to Address Compensation Compression**

The Sheriff's Department requests a budget supplement in the amount of \$340,000 in fiscal year 2025 in order to address salary compression issues within their department. Louisa County competes with surrounding localities for talented officers and dispatchers to fill vacancies as well as strives to retain its current employees. Many localities have increased their sheriff's department salaries higher than Louisa County, making it extremely difficult to hire or retain our employee base. Adjusting salaries within the sheriff's department would help address the aforementioned issues.

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to authorize a budget supplement to the Sheriff's department budgets (Court Services, Sheriff, Communications, and Animal Control) in the amount of \$340,000 to adjust staff compensation to address compression needs of the department. The source of funding is General Fund Balance.

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **Committee Reports**

**Comprehensive Plan Workgroup:** The Board directed staff and the Planning Commission to hold community meetings on the Comprehensive Plan, review current growth areas to ensure their size and locations remain appropriate, and review intensive by-right uses, providing recommendations based on development changes since 2021.

**Board Appointments**

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

- Reappointed Mr. Barbara Perkins to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission as an At-Large Member, with new term beginning December 1, 2024
- Reappointed Mr. D.D. Watson to the James River Water Authority as a Louisa Citizen Representative, with a new term beginning December 1, 2024
- Reappointed Mr. Tommy Barlow to the Thomas Jefferson Area Criminal Community Justice Board, with a new term beginning January 1, 2025

**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 October 21, 2024, meeting at approximately 6:52 p.m.

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