



**Board of Supervisors
County of Louisa
Monday, June 1, 2026
Louisa County Public Meeting Room
5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER - 5:00 P.M.

Vice Chairman Barlow called the June 1, 2026, meeting of the Louisa County Board of Supervisors to order at 5:00 p.m. Chairman Duane Adams participated remotely from South Dakota while on vacation, respectfully.

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	Remote	6:00 PM
Rachel G. Jones	Green Springs District Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM

Others Present: Christian Goodwin, County Administrator; Wanda Colvin, Deputy County Administrator; Chris Coon, Deputy County Administrator; Patricia Smith, County Attorney; William Newman, Assistant County Attorney; Alexandra Stanley, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk; Cindy King, Community Engagement/Tourism Manager; and Scott Raettig, Director of Information Technology

CLOSED SESSION

On the motion of Vice Chairman Barlow, seconded by Supervisor 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), discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property in the Louisa District, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body; and
2. In accordance with §2.2-3711(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 Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor McCotter, 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
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Tommy J. Barlow	Voter	Yes/Aye
Fitzgerald A. Barnes	Voter	Yes/Aye
R.T. Williams, Jr.	Mover	Yes/Aye
Christopher C. McCotter	Seconder	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 Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor McCotter, 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 1st day of June 2026, 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 1st day of June 2026, 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

Supervisor Barnes led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On the motion of Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the agenda, as presented, with no changes.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2026

On the motion of Supervisor Barnes, seconded by Supervisor Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2026, regular meeting.

BILLS APPROVAL

Resolution – To Approve the Bills for the Second Half of May 2026

On the motion of Supervisor Barnes, seconded by Supervisor Williams, which carried by

a vote of 7-0, the Board adopted a resolution approving the bills for second half of May 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

On the motion of Supervisor Barnes, seconded by Supervisor McCotter, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Resolution - Authorizing a Pass Through Appropriation to the Louisa County Airport for State Aviation Grant Funding
2. Resolution - Recognizing Lloyd Runnett for His Years of Service to Louisa County
3. Resolution - To Renew the Inglewood Agricultural and Forestal District
4. Resolution - To Approve and Award a Contract for Tile Floor Replacement at the Louisa County Airport
5. Resolution - To Approve and Award a Contract for Operational Medical Director
6. Resolution - To Approve and Award a Contract for Disposal of Recycled Materials
7. Resolution - Authorizing Holly Grove Volunteer Rescue Station to Proceed with their Asphalt Driveway Expansion and Repair Capital Project
8. Resolution- Authorizing a Pass-Through Appropriation to the Louisa County Airport for State Aviation Grants
9. Resolution - Rescinding the Power Provisioning and Related Services Agreement with the Town of Louisa

RECOGNITIONS

(None)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Technical difficulties affected the audio connection for Chairman Adams' remote participation during portions of the meeting. As a result, Chairman Adams' responses were not consistently audible on the recording, and staff was unable to verify his vote on certain agenda items. For those items, the recorded vote reflects only the six Board members whose votes could be confirmed from the meeting record. Accordingly, several actions are recorded as passing 6-0 rather than 7-0.

Vice Chairman Barlow opened the public comment period.

Ms. Amy Seay, Louisa District, thanked the Board for actions already taken regarding the Valley Link transmission project. She reported attending Valley Link meetings in both Culpeper and Goochland and expressed concern that information presented by Valley Link representatives differed between meetings. She noted that Louisa County's data center growth was cited as justification for the project at one meeting, while emphasis shifted to other localities at another meeting. Ms. Seay stated that residents had previously been told sufficient power infrastructure existed to support approved data center development and questioned how that information aligned with current assertions that major transmission infrastructure is needed. She described extensive citizen efforts to research the project, document potential impacts to farms, historic resources, and communities, and understand evolving route proposals. Ms. Seay urged the Board to continue questioning Valley Link representatives and to consider submitting a letter to PJM regarding recent route changes and newly affected communities. She emphasized that Louisa County residents deserve accurate information and meaningful participation before decisions are made that could affect the county for generations.

Mr. Gerald Harlow, Green Springs District, addressed the Board regarding several matters, including the County's Second Amendment Sanctuary status, data center development, and the Valley Link transmission project. He expressed concerns about the impacts of data centers and related infrastructure, questioned tax incentives provided to large corporations, and discussed recent Valley Link route changes that could affect his family's property. Mr. Harlow urged the Board to continue opposing the project, raised concerns about impacts to farmland and rural communities, and questioned the rationale behind the proposed routing through western Louisa County. After being granted additional time by the Board, Mr. Harlow reiterated concerns regarding property rights, farmland preservation, and potential environmental and health impacts associated with data center operations.

Ms. Ashley Michael, Louisa District (Town of Louisa), provided an update on several upcoming community events. She announced that the second Sunset Series event will be held on June 13 and will feature live music, more than 30 nonprofit organizations and vendors, multiple food vendors, and family-friendly activities, including a free bounce house for children. Ms. Michael expressed appreciation to Anderson Woolfolk, the Grounds Maintenance crew, and Parks and Recreation staff for their assistance and support in making the event possible. Ms. Michael also provided an update on preparations for the Town's Independence Day celebration. She reported that planning is progressing well, with more than 30 entries already registered for the parade. Featured attractions will include the Purple Heart Tank, a vendor fair, a food festival, and a 16-minute fireworks display. She noted that promotional materials have been distributed and thanked Tourism Director Cindy King for her assistance in coordinating marketing efforts for the event.

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

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

(None)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

Resolution – Authorizing a Budget Supplement to the Louisa County Airport for Fuel Sales

Mr. Goodwin presented a budget supplement request for the Louisa County Airport, explaining that fuel sales have significantly exceeded projections during the current fiscal year. He reported that the airport has sold nearly \$420,000 in fuel to date, including more than \$56,000 in sales during April alone. As a result of the increased sales volume, additional appropriations are needed to purchase fuel inventory.

Mr. Goodwin emphasized that the request was not the result of a budget shortfall, but rather reflected increased revenues and corresponding expenditures associated with the airport's successful fuel sales operations. Supervisor Williams asked for clarification that the supplement was needed solely to account for the increased business activity. Mr. Goodwin confirmed that the

airport operates as a profit center and that the budget adjustment simply aligns expenditures with the additional revenue being generated.

On the motion of Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Barnes, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to authorize a budget supplement to the Louisa County Airport for Additional Fuels Sales.

Resolution – Adding Tourism Advisory Committee Recommendations to the Annual Louisa County Budget Process

Tourism Manager, Cindy King, presented a proposal to streamline the process for reviewing requests from tourism-related outside agencies, including the Louisa Arts Center and Louisa County Historical Society. Ms. King explained that requests currently move first through the Finance Department and Board before being reviewed by the Tourism Advisory Committee (TAC). Under the proposed process, TAC would review requests earlier and provide recommendations before materials entered the County's budget process.

The Board agreed that the revised process would be more efficient and approved the change unanimously.

On the motion of Supervisor Williams, Seconded by Supervisor Jones, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to add Tourism Advisory Committee recommendations to the annual Louisa County budget process.

Resolution – Authorizing an Option and Lease Agreement with the Towers, LLC for a Communications Facility at the Zion Crossroads Fire Station

Mr. Goodwin presented an option and lease agreement with Towers LLC for the potential construction of a cellular communications tower at the Zion Crossroads Fire Station. He explained that the agreement would grant the company a two-year option period while it pursued the necessary approvals, including a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). Under the proposed agreement, the County would receive a \$2,000 option payment, monthly lease payments of \$1,500 if the project proceeds, annual rent increases of two percent, and a one-time payment of \$10,000 for site improvements.

During discussion, Board members sought clarification regarding the distinction between approving the option agreement and approving the construction of the tower itself. Staff explained that approval of the agreement would not authorize construction and that the proposed tower would still be required to obtain a Conditional Use Permit, which would return to the Board for consideration at a future public hearing.

On the motion of Supervisor Barnes, seconded by Supervisor Jones, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to authorize an option and lease agreement with The Towers, LLC for a communications facility at the Zion Crossroads Fire Station

Resolution – Authorizing a Lease Refinancing with the Virginia Resources Authority

Ms. Colvin presented a resolution authorizing the potential refinancing of the County's 2016 Virginia Resources Authority bonds. She reported that approximately \$30.1 million remains

outstanding and that preliminary analysis indicates the County could realize savings of approximately \$1.4 million through refinancing. Ms. Colvin further explained that if the entire bond issue qualifies, total savings could increase to approximately \$2.1 million.

Ms. Colvin noted that the refinancing would only move forward if it achieves a minimum savings of four percent on the outstanding principal. She also explained that the refinancing would establish a new ten-year call period while preserving the County's long-term financial flexibility.

On the motion of Supervisor Barnes, seconded by Supervisor Jones, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to authorize a lease agreement refinancing with the Virginia Resources Authority.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Jackson District

Supervisor Williams discussed recent Valley Link route changes affecting a property where a home was under construction. He stated that both citizens and supervisors often learn of route changes simultaneously and emphasized that the Board is doing everything within its authority to oppose the project and secure representation before regulatory agencies.

He expressed sympathy for affected landowners, noted that the Board had retained legal counsel, and explained that opposition efforts must be pursued through appropriate regulatory channels. He stressed that Board members share citizens' frustrations and uncertainty regarding the evolving project.

Green Springs District

Supervisor Jones thanked Amy Seay and other citizens for their advocacy regarding Valley Link. She noted that citizens attending meetings and gathering information have become critical partners in the County's efforts.

She also referenced Mr. Harlow's comments and questioned why transmission infrastructure justified by data center growth was not located near the actual data center developments. She reiterated that Dominion had previously indicated adequate electrical capacity existed to support approved projects.

Supervisor Jones additionally thanked VDOT and Fluvanna County officials for coordinating improvements to Zion Road, which had deteriorated due to heavy truck traffic.

Patrick Henry District

Supervisor Barnes reported that the Louisa Housing Foundation's affordable housing initiative near the Resource Center would soon welcome its first four families. He stated that the project had been a long-term effort and expressed satisfaction that occupancy was finally beginning.

Cuckoo District

Supervisor McCotter highlighted collaboration among Dominion Energy, Amazon Web Services, Clark Construction, and County officials to address traffic concerns near the Lake Anna Technology Campus entrance. He stated that citizen concerns had been heard and progress was being made.

He also reminded residents of the June 9 DEQ hearing regarding Amazon's discharge permit application and encouraged public participation. Additionally, he announced that Moodytown Road would be repaved during the week.

Louisa District

Supervisor Woodward thanked citizens engaged in Valley Link opposition efforts and emphasized the value of public involvement and information gathering.

He also referenced public comments and DEQ responses from a recent hearing regarding Amazon data centers. Supervisor Woodward highlighted information indicating that air cooling would be sufficient approximately 96% of the year, with water cooling needed only when temperatures exceed approximately 88 degrees. He encouraged citizens to review the publicly available materials.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Reports

Supervisor McCotter reported that LAAC met the previous Thursday and voted 5-1 against a request to remove wake surfing buoys in the Terry's Run area. He noted that LAAC serves only in an advisory capacity and that the Department of Wildlife Resources would make the final decision.

Board Appointments

(None)

County Administrator's Report

County Administrator Goodwin noted that several items he intended to discuss had already been covered during supervisor comments, including traffic concerns and LAAC actions.

He informed the Board that Columbia Gas is proposing upgrades to an existing east-west transmission line crossing portions of Louisa County. He stated that the project would cross County-owned property and that preliminary information suggests most work would occur within existing easements. A project map had been included in the Board packet for review

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(None)

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion Supervisor Barnes, seconded by Supervisor Williams, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to adjourn the June 1, 2026, meeting at 6:37 p.m.

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