



**Board of Supervisors
County of Louisa
Tuesday, January 19, 2021
Louisa County Public Meeting Room
5:00 PM**

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS - 6:00 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
Willie L. Gentry Jr.	Cuckoo District Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM
Eric F. Purcell	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
Robert F. Babyok	Green Springs District Supervisors	Present	5:00 PM

Others Present" Christian Goodwin, County Administrator; Helen Phillips, County Attorney; Alexandra McKinley, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk; Griff Carmichael, Human Resources Director; Andy Wade, Economic Development Director; and Wanda Colvin, Finance Director.

CALL TO ORDER - 5:00 P.M.

Chairman Babyok called the January 19, 2021 regular meeting of the Louisa County Board of Supervisors to order at 5:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

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., for the purpose of discussing 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) facilities in the community.
2. In accordance with §2.2-3711 (A) (7) VA Code Ann., for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by counsel.

REGULAR SESSION

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, 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	Mover	Yes/Aye

R.T. Williams, Jr.	Seconder	Yes/Aye
Willie L. Gentry Jr.	Voter	Yes/Aye
Duane A. Adams	Voter	Yes/Aye
Bob F. Babyok, Jr.	Voter	Yes/Aye
Eric F. Purcell	Voter	Yes/Aye

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, 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 19th day of January 2021, 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 19th day of January 2021, 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.

INVOCATION - MR. BABYOK

Mr. Babyok led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On the motion of Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the January 19, 2021 agenda, as amended, with the following changes:

- Added a Discussion on the Comprehensive Plan to Action Items

MINUTES APPROVAL

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On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Gentry, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting.

BILLS APPROVAL

Resolution – To Approve the Bills for the First Half of January 2021

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Adams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board adopted a resolution approving the bills for the first half of January 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Adams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the Consent Agenda items for January 19, 2021, as follows:

- Resolution – Authorizing a Budget Supplement to Louisa County Public Schools for U. S. National Rural Tech Project Grant Funding
- Resolution – Authorizing a Budget Supplement from School Long Term Capital Project Reserves to the School Room Dividers and White Boards Capital Project
- Resolution – Authorizing a Budget Supplement for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Grant Funding for Licensed Daycare Centers
- Resolution – Condemning Recent Violence at the U.S. Capitol

RECOGNITIONS

Presentation – Recognizing Jolyn Bullock for Her Years of Services to Louisa County

Mr. Goodwin read the resolution and Mr. Gentry presented a framed copy to Ms. Bullock recognizing her for her years of service at the Louisa County Library.

Presentation – Presentation - Posthumous Appreciation for Gene Hess

Mr. Goodwin read the resolution and Mr. Barlow presented a framed copy to Mr. Hess posthumously recognizing his father for his years of service to Louisa County.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Babyok opened the public comment period.

Mr. Greg Shumaker, Vice President Louisa Arts Council, Mineral District, appeared before the Board to speak in support of Louisa Arts Center.

With no one else wishing to speak, Mr. Babyok closed the public comment period.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Presentation – Louisa Arts Center

Ms. Karen Welch, Executive Director, Louisa Arts Center, provided an update on the Arts Center to the Board. Her presentation included; strategic plan goals; the impacts the Arts Center has on the community culturally, economically, and socially, and budget highlights.

Presentation – Jaunt

Ms. Karen Davis, Acting CEO, JAUNT, Inc., provided the Board with a Power Point presentation regarding: total annual ridership for Louisa County; JAUNT'S overall operating statistics, cost performance and financial revenue; passengers per hour and hours of service in Louisa; and Local fund shares. She briefly went over ridership impacts due to COVID-19 and how they have been able to manage operations under the new restrictions.

Discussion – Fiscal Year 2022 Operational & Maintenance and Capital Improvement Plan Budget

Ms. Colvin provided a preliminary outlook for the FY2022 budget. She stated the budget is still a work in progress as requests are still being reviewed and revenues are incomplete at this time. She said the Finance Committee has met and will continue to meet to evaluate the preliminary budget data.

In summary, FY21 revenues and expenses are both higher than previously projected. Specifically, CIP project requests are \$2.7M more than FY21 projections. However, preliminary requests show that total revenues and operational expenses equal a \$3.3M operating surplus.

Ms. Colvin provided revenue and expenditure highlights for FY22. The budget includes additional staffing requests for Fire & EMS, General Services, and County Attorney's Office. Ms. Colvin concluded her remarks by going over the FY23 projections and future considerations as the County continues to grow.

Mr. Gentry asked why the pool project was not included in the budget presentation.

Ms. Colvin said that she is more than willing to place that item back in the budget as long as she receives support from majority of the Board.

Further Discussion ensued regarding the preliminary budget details.

Discussion – 2021 Redistricting Process

Mr. Goodwin provided estimated data analysis on the 2010-2011 census population and redistricting results that included occupants per dwelling in each magisterial district. He said for the 2020 census, they took the total number of addresses in the County and the estimated occupants per dwelling ratio, using the 2010 data, with assumptions regarding vacation dwellings. He noted the population percentage cannot deviate more than 5% in each of the permitted districts. He said the ideal population per district is 14.29%. He said if you break down the estimated population growth, the permitted deviation in population count should not exceed 278 in each district. He briefly went over maps of each district that show address points of each residential and non-residential building.

Ms. Phillips stated that redistricting of County districts is scheduled to occur this year and census data should be available from the Commonwealth of Virginia on or before May 1, 2021. She explained that any change to an ordinance regarding a voting precinct must be adopted at least 60 days before the election. She noted that early voting begins on September 18, 2021. She said the General Assembly session that begins January 13, 2021 may impact redistricting and there even could be legislation passed that allows the 2021 election to proceed using existing district boundaries. She noted that each precinct shall be wholly contained in each congressional district. Discussion ensued regarding the status of the legislation and the effects the General Assembly could have on the redistricting process for the County.

Mr. Williams asked if the County is wholly contained in each congressional district.

Ms. Watkins said the County is wholly contained in the 7th congressional district, but split in the state senate and state house.

Further discussion ensued regarding the timeline for advertising, if a redistricting should occur.

Discussion – To Consider a Supplemental Appropriation to the FY21 CIP Budget for the Louisa County Sheriff's Office to Purchase a New Patrol Boat

The Sheriff's Office has requested a new patrol boat due to the current boat's age and maintenance costs. The replacement unit would cost roughly \$100,000 and ordering it would involve a lead time of approximately 3 months.

Discussion ensued regarding the immediate need for a new patrol boat, and where the funds should come from to purchase the boat.

Sheriff Lowe offered insight on the deliberation and explained how the current boat has exceeded its life span and how it continues to cost the department time and money due to frequent maintenance.

Mr. Barnes said he does not have an issue with supporting the request, but would like to see a picture of the boat before taking a vote.

Mr. Adams said he takes responsibility for not enlightening the Board on this matter in a timely fashion. He said a decision will need to be made fairly soon given the lead time of approximately 3 months for orders.

Back and forth discussion took place regarding the funding for the boat. Several members expressed interest in having the funds come from the general fund balance.

Mr. Adams said he would like to motion to appropriate \$100,000 to come out of the general fund balance for the boat. Mr. Williams seconded.

On the motion of Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 6-0-1, with Mr. Barnes abstaining, the Board voted to appropriate \$100,000 so the Louisa County Sheriff's Office can purchase a new patrol boat.

Discussion – Compensation - Louisa County Board of Supervisors

Mr. Goodwin provided the Board with compensation data and legislation details regarding compensation for local governing bodies. This information was included in the board packet. He explained the most recent compensation increase approved by the Board went into effect in 2002.

Discussion ensued regarding the compensation increase in comparison to surrounding localities. It was noted that Louisa County has relatively competitive salaries compared to surrounding areas with the same demographics.

Mr. Barnes requested that the Finance Committee review the compensation data.

On the motion of Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Purcell, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to refer Board compensation and compensation of other boards and committees to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Adams stepped away from the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**Discussion – Amendment to County Code Regarding Panhandling Prohibition**

On the motion of Mr. Purcell, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 6-1, with Mr. Gentry voting against, the Board voted to direct staff to prepare a draft amendment for public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**Resolution – Authorizing a Budget Transfer for Additional Emergency Medical Services Personnel**

There is a need to increase the number of Fire / Emergency Medical Services (FEMS) staff to respond to emergency incidents both on a 24 hour basis and during times of peak incident volume. There is a need to improve immediate command and coordination of on-duty FEMS staff and on-duty volunteer duty crews.

The FEMS department also has critical needs for professional development and continuing education, supply and equipment coordination as well as coordination of fleet repairs and maintenance. In order to accomplish these goals, the FEMS department has identified there is a need for seven (7) additional positions within the department at an annual cost of \$545,663.

On the motion of Mr. Gentry, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to authorize a budget transfer of \$136,416 for the period of April to June 2021 for additional Emergency Medical Services Personnel. The source of Funding is budgeted savings within the Fire & Emergency Services department from the use of CARES Funding for Fire & Emergency Services personnel expenses.

Mr. Adams noted that he had to step away from the meeting and did not expect for the discussion of the previous item to go by so quickly. He said if he were present when the vote was taken, he would have voted in favor of the budget transfer.

UPDATE - COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to advertise a public hearing on the ordinances associated with the Comprehensive Plan update.

Mr. Adams returned to the meeting.

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

(None)

Board Appointments

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

- Reappointed Mr. Pat Hanley to the Management Oversight Group
- Appointed Ms. Wanda Colvin to the Rappahannock Juvenile Detention Center Board

County Administrator's Report

Mr. Goodwin reported that there were several monthly 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. Purcell, seconded by Mr. Adams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adjourn the January 19, 2021 meeting at 8:10 p.m.

BY ORDER OF:
ROBERT F. BABYOK, JR., CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
LOUISA COUNTY, VIRGINIA