



**Board of Supervisors
County of Louisa
Monday, September 20, 2021
Louisa County Public Meeting Room
5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER - 5:00 P.M.

Chairman Babyok called the September 20, 2021 meeting of the Louisa County Board of Supervisors to order at 5:00 p.m.

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; Jeff Ferrel, Assistant County Administrator; Alexandra Stanley, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk; Wanda Colvin, Finance Director; Scott Reattig, Information Technology; and Robert Dube, Fire & EMS Chief

CLOSED SESSION

On the motion of Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Barnes, 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) (1) VA Code Ann., to discuss assignment of and consideration of prospective candidates for employment in administration and the Commonwealth Attorney's Office; and to discuss compensation for Fire and EMS employees; and
2. In accordance with §2.2-3711 (A) (3) VA Code Ann., to discuss the potential acquisition of real property in the Mineral District, where discussion in open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position of the County; and
3. In accordance with §2.2-3711 (A) (4) VA Code Ann., for discussion involving the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business; and
4. In accordance with §2.2-3711 (A) (5) VA Code Ann., to discuss a prospective business in the Green Springs District where no previous announcement has been made of the business's interest in locating in the County.

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
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. 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 20th day of September 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 20th day of September 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. Purcell, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the September 20, 2021 agenda, as presented.

MINUTES APPROVAL**Board of Supervisors (BOS) - Regular Meeting - Sep 7, 2021 5:00 PM**

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 7, 2021 meeting.

BILLS APPROVAL**Resolution – To Approve the Bills for the First Half of September 2021**

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 2021.

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 20, 2021, as follows:

- Resolution – Authorizing Louisa County Public Schools FY 2021 Budget Re-Appropriation for US National Rural Tech Project Grant
- Resolution – Authorizing Louisa County Public Schools FY 2021 Budget Re-Appropriation for CARES Act Funding
- Resolution – Authorizing a Pass through Appropriation for the Commonwealth Attorney's Office for the Victim Witness Grant
- Resolution – To Approve and Award a Contract for Consulting on Telecommunications Ordinance and Telecommunications Facility Applications
- Resolution – Authorizing a Budget Supplement for Go Virginia Grant Funding
- Resolution – Authorizing a Budget Supplement for Virginia Department of Transportation Grant Funding
- Resolution – A Resolution Recognizing Jeffrey Ferrel for His Service and Contributions to the County of Louisa
- Resolution – Recognizing Robert "Bob" Hardy for His Service and Contributions to the County of Louisa

RECOGNITIONS

(None)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Presentation – Virginia Department of Transportation Quarterly Report

Mr. Alan Saunders, Louisa Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), presented the VDOT quarterly update, which included an update of projects, construction and maintenance activities, traffic engineering studies, Smart Scale Projects and roads located in the County.

Mr. Williams asked if Windyknicht Road (Route 631) is on the resurface schedule.

Mr. Saunders replied yes.

Mr. Williams said he wants to make sure that the center line is painted back on the road.

Mr. Adams mentioned he appreciates VDOT's help with additional litter pickup around Mineral and Route 522. He stated he had a constituent call about speeding on Chopping Road and he immediately addressed those concerns with VDOT and the Louisa County Sheriff's Office. He

noted that VDOT installed a traffic counting trailer that also records the speed of vehicles, and in a five day period, 19,900 individual trips were registered going up and down Chopping Road. Mr. Adams explained out of the almost 20,000 trips, 2.2% of those vehicles registered speeding 10 mph over the speed limit. He said local law enforcement has increased their surveillance on Chopping Road, but he understands that is not a permanent solution to the increase in traffic traveling Chopping Road. He expressed his concerns with through truck traffic permitted to use Chopping Road as a pass through. He said he understands that VDOT is working on a plan and he would like to continue to work with VDOT on eliminating through truck traffic on Chopping Road.

Mr. Babyok thanked Mr. Saunders for always being responsive the citizens of Louisa, especially those in his district who had questions regarding the repaving project.

Mr. Barnes asked for Mr. Saunders to continue look at improvements at the intersection of Route 208/250 at Ferncliff and to ensure they are on the right path as development increases in that area.

Mr. Saunders provided a PowerPoint presentation on Through Truck Traffic, which included the regulation of truck traffic and the process that is involved with redirecting traffic to an alternate location. He noted the requirements are very specific and are regulated by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) and it applies to any “through” truck, truck and trailer, or semitrailer combination. He explained in order to consider proposed through truck traffic or to establish an alternate route, the local governing body must hold a public hearing and make a formal request to the CTB. He said the reasonable alternate route will be evaluated for traffic and safety related impacts and to be considered “reasonable”, the alternate route(s) must be engineered to a standard sufficient for truck travel. He explained VDOT’s evaluation will include safety issues, accident history, engineering of the roadway, vehicle composition, and other traffic engineering related issues and they will evaluate and respond to the locality’s request within 9 months.

Mr. Saunders briefly went over Route 623 (Chopping Road) statistics, DMV crash history, and through truck traffic history. He said if the County would like to move forward with a public hearing to propose an alternate route for through truck traffic for Route 623 (Chopping Road), VDOT is willing to work with staff with the process. He noted that Route 522 is already identified in the Surface Transportation Assistance Act highway system where some trucks are prohibited a mile outside of Route 522. He said the restrictions are very specific in that triple trailers and semi-trucks hauling trailers, boats, or cars are restricted for use on the road.

Mr. Adams brought up that tractor trailers often deliver boats to the boat shop at the corner of Route 522 and Route 623 and wanted to know how that should be addressed.

Mr. Saunders said he would have to look into that before providing an opinion.

Mr. Williams asked what would keep tractor trailers from traveling Route 625 (Chalklevel Road) if restrictions were to be placed on Route 623 (Chopping Road).

Discussion ensued regarding proposed restrictions and alternative routes for through truck traffic on Chopping Road and Chalklevel Road.

Mr. Saunders stated that by passing truck traffic to the North would require acquisition of right-of-ways and coordination with the railroad, but they are not insurmountable, however funding is a challenge.

Mr. Gentry noted there is a master plan that shows the proposals that have been discussed.

On the motion of Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to direct staff to advertise a public hearing on alternate through truck traffic route evaluation for Route 623 (Chopping Road) and Route 625 (Chalklevel Road).

Presentation – Update on Chickahominy Pipeline

Mr. Goodwin stated the County prepared for representatives from Chickahominy Pipeline to be present at tonight's meeting to speak on behalf of the proposed pipeline project, however, staff was notified that those representatives were unable to attend. He said staff has been continually researching the proposed pipeline efforts and have been doing that in concert with two out of the five localities who are also impacted by the potential routing of the pipeline. He noted that Ms. Phillips had emailed some additional information out the Board and asked that she provide her prepared remarks regarding this matter.

Ms. Phillips said she was notified on Friday, September 17th that the pipeline has filed an application with the State Corporation Commission (SCC) asking to determine if they are not subject to the jurisdiction of the Virginia Utilities Facilities Act. She said the County was given notice because Louisa County is an interested party. She noted the deadline for response from the County was Friday, September 24th, however, the council for the pipeline has agreed to give the County until October 8th to provide a response. Ms. Phillips said she is not sure if there are people in the audience that came specifically for the pipeline discussion, but the Board regrets that they cannot move forward on this matter.

Mr. Adams asked why the representatives from Chickahominy Pipeline could not attend tonight's meeting

Ms. Phillips said it was her understanding they had forgotten to add this meeting to their calendar.

Mr. Williams said he would be in favor of opening the floor up to those who came to speak on this project.

The Board agreed.

Mr. Babyok asked if there was anyone that would like to come forward and speak.

Mr. Steve Lucas, Patrick Henry District, expressed his concerns with the proposed project.

Ms. Heidi Shalloway, Patrick Henry District, talked briefly about the background on Chickahominy Pipeline and their connections with coal companies in the United States and abroad.

Mr. Barnes said he does not have any problems saying that if Chickahominy Pipeline does not show up on October 4th, the Board will be prepared to render their position and forward their

comments on.

Mr. Williams said he believes the Board's position should be to keep Chickahominy Pipeline under the State Corporation Commission.

Mr. Barnes and Mr. Adams agreed to Mr. Barnes' statement.

Mr. Barlow stated they have to go through a public hearing process regardless.

Ms. Phillips said that is to be determined depending on the status of their request to be removed from the jurisdiction of the Virginia Utilities Facilities Act.

Mr. Purcell said he echoes his colleague's comments and he is disappointed with the representatives from the pipeline and that they chose not to show up tonight. He said the thought of not having a public hearing so our citizens could be informed, let alone this Board, is a little scary.

Presentation – TC Energy Project - Virginia Electrification Project and Changes to the Boswell Tavern Compressor Station

Mr. Aaron Thompson, TC Energy Manager for State Government and Community Relations, appeared before the Board to talk briefly about the Virginia Electrification Project (VEP). The proposed VEP is an expansion and reliability project that will provide much-needed natural gas supply to meet the increasing market demand of residential, commercial and industrial consumers in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as well as reduce net greenhouse gas emissions on Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC's pipeline system. Upon completion, VEP will provide an additional 35 million cubic feet per day to serve growing energy needs in Virginia in a safe, reliable and sustainable manner.

Mr. Thompson explained TC Energy's Columbia Gas Transmission is in the process of filing an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) proposing the Virginia Electrification Project (VEP). VEP, as proposed, includes modifications to the Goochland Compressor Station in Goochland County and the Boswells Tavern Compressor Station and Meter Station in Louisa County. He noted they are hosting an informational open house about the proposed VEP and it will be held virtually by visiting www.TCEnergyOpenHouse.com/VEP <<http://www.TCEnergyOpenHouse.com/VEP>> The virtual open house will allow landowners, stakeholders, and the general public and solicit feedback during the FERC process.

Back and forth discussion ensued regarding the proposed project, project details and components, and the installation process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

Resolution – Approving the County's 2022 Legislative Platform

Mr. Goodwin briefly went over the County's Legislative Priorities for 2022, which included:

- **Broadband** - The County supports state (and federal) efforts to offset further funding requirements and to bolster cooperative efforts (among utility providers and other entities) and concerns such as easement usage associated with deployment
- **Overtime Requirements** - It is requested that the General Assembly allow the use of a notarized waiver, which would allow volunteer in person to state that they were willing to provide volunteer services and waiving any associated compensation
- **Compensation Board/Related State Funding Flexibility** - It is requested that the state allow flexibility in the application of state revenues (Compensation Board and otherwise) for compensation increases across all position. Local governing bodies would have the choice (and therefore bear the responsibility for their decision) to either match the state amount for all positions or to spread state funding across all positions.
- **Census Delays/Election Funding** - Localities have yet to receive final census data from the state so that local redistricting efforts can be finalized. This may have the consequence of requiring additional elections in 2022, and elections are costly from a staffing, resources and funding standpoint. It is requested that the state bear its fair share of funding for additional elections caused by this situation, and that local officials who have been elected under existing data in 2021 be allowed to service out their terms.
- **Freshwater Harmful Algae Blooms** - The County is home to Lake Anna, the third largest freshwater lake in Virginia. The lake has experienced Harmful Algae Blooms (HAB) over the past two years. HAB alerts have a material impact on public usage of our natural assets and this in turn impacts economic assets which rely thereon. The County is grateful for the state-mandated study of the situation, and looks forward to the continuation of efforts stemming from the study which will aid in the mitigation of future blooms.
- **Equal Revenue Authority** - The County of Louisa gratefully acknowledges prior efforts by the General Assembly to address revenue generation inequalities, and fully supports further county rights to raise the same revenues as cities.
- **Jail Costs** - The County request that jail per diem funding be increased to levels that better represent the costs of housing inmates, state included, and be adjusted for inflation in the future so that payments keep pace with rising costs. According to the Virginia Association of Counties, 2019 funding requirements for jails in the Commonwealth totaled over \$1 billion, with localities contributing nearly \$600 million of these costs.

Comments were addressed regarding jail costs; increased parole requirements; and equal taxing authority (cigarette tax).

Mr. Barnes asked for Mr. Goodwin to research if other localities have implemented a cigarette tax and what their revenue stream looks like.

On the motion of Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to approve the County's legislative platform with the understanding that further modification may be required.

Resolution – Authorizing a Budget Supplement for Fire and Emergency Services for Fiscal Year 2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program - Hiring of Firefighters

The Louisa County Department of Fire and Emergency Services (FEMS) has received a grant award from the 2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program in the amount of \$1,897,410 (\$632,470 per year) for the period of February 27, 2022 to February 26, 2025 for the hiring of firefighters. The matching/cost share requirement and non-supplanting requirement for the grant period have been waived. This funding was not included in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget and needs to be appropriated at this time.

Mr. Barnes asked how many positions the grant will pay for.

Chief Dube stated 10.

Mr. Barlow said the resolution should include EMS positions, since majority of the calls are EMS related.

Chief Dube explained how it is written in the federal grant, but they will allow the County to hire EMS positions.

Mr. Barlow stated the grants are good for three years, but after that, the County is responsible for fully funding those 10 positions. He said the Board will need to consider where they want to County to be from a Fire/EMS staffing standpoint and how far they are willing to go. He said as the population increases, the residents will have the expectation to receive services like those in Fairfax and Alexandria.

Mr. Adams asked if all of the hired firefighters are crossed trained in EMT as well.

Chief Dube said yes. He stated they do not hire anyone unless they can do both.

Mr. Gentry said he is always apprehensive when it comes to grant funded positions, however, the grant provides the opportunity for training and equipment, which is needed at this time. He added that four years down the road, the County may lose 10 firefighters/EMT which means it could stay pretty consistent from a staffing standpoint.

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Adams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to authorize a budget supplement to Fire and Emergency Services Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant (20232300-411000-C3212) in the amount of \$1,897,410. The source of funding is 2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) (0202R32-332010-C3212) in the amount of \$1,897,410.

Resolution – Authorizing a Budget Supplement for Fire and Emergency Services for Fiscal Year 2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program - Recruitment and Retention

The Louisa County Department of Fire and Emergency Services (FEMS) has received a grant award from the 2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program in the amount of \$494,875.84 (\$128,593.96 first year and \$122,093.96 for the following three years) for the period of November 25, 2021 to November 24, 2025 for Recruitment and

Retention. There is no matching/cost share requirement for the grant. This funding was not included in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget and needs to be appropriated at this time.

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 Fire and Emergency Services Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant (20232300-458426-C3213) in the amount of \$494,875.84. The source of funding is 2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) (0202R32-332010-C3213).

Chief Dube took a moment to thank the Board for their continued support and noted that in the last three months, the Fire and EMS Department has received over \$2.3 million in grant funding. He said if it was not for the efforts of Deputy Chief Hawk and Wanda Colvin, who sought out these grants, he would not be requesting the Board's approval.

The Board took a moment to acknowledge the hard work that went into the County's 9/11 ceremony and thanked Chief Dube and his staff for their efforts.

Mr. Barlow said as he read through the above mentioned resolution approved by the Board, he was under the impression that specific grant funding could also be applied to the recruitment and retention of volunteers, as well as career staff.

Chief Dube said that grant funding is for 100% recruitment and retention of volunteers.

Resolution – Authorizing a Budget Supplement to Louisa County Public Schools DEQ Funding of Two Electric School Buses

The Louisa County Public School Division was selected by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to receive funding in the amount of \$530,000 to assist with the purchase of two electric diesel school buses through the Clean School Bus Program (CSBP). These funds were not included in the FY2022 Budget and the Louisa County School Board requests a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$530,000 to be used towards the purchase of the two electric diesel school buses.

Superintendent Straley stated DEQ authorized several school divisions across the Commonwealth to receive grant funding to purchase electric school buses. He said Ms. Coles and Mr. Baker took on the process to apply for those grants and the schools were recently awarded \$530,000, along with 19 other school divisions. He said the grant funding will allow the Louisa County Public Schools to purchase two more electric school buses.

The Board thanked the schools for taking the time to apply for those grants.

Mr. Babyok asked how many miles can an electric school bus go on a full charge.

Superintendent Straley said it's about 140 miles.

Mr. Adams said from what he has read, Louisa County Schools are among the few schools with a full staff of bus drivers, but noticed there is a bus in front of the CTE building that says "Were Hiring." He asked if Superintendent Straley could provide an update on the status of bus drivers and how close to the edge they are before they will experience a school bus driver shortage.

Superintendent Straley said they are looking over the cliff that is how close they are to the edge. He said he is very proud of Ms. Coles and the work she and her staff have done to acquire and retain the drivers to cover the schools' routes. He stated that some drivers are running two routes to make sure all routes are covered. He said they are putting together a recruitment and retention plan to bring back to the Board since one of their concerns are that surrounding localities are doing things to recruit new drivers so they want to make sure they are able to retain their own. He noted that because of how rural the County is, most of the parents drive a distant to get to and from work and rely heavily on school bus transportation to get their kids to and from school. He said he believes the reason that most localities lost their bus drivers last year was because most schools only had virtual learning so those drivers sought employment elsewhere.

Ms. Coles said the routes are covered, but the substitutes are slim pickings. She said she is trying to enter into an agreement with the County to hire part-time staff to substitute when available. She noted they have acquired several new drivers from neighboring localities in the last few weeks and they have had some of their drivers with shorter routes take on additional routes to get the kids to and from school. She said they currently have six drivers coming out of training and will be ready to take on the school bus routes.

Mr. Adams asked for the bus routes' daily combined mileage.

Ms. Coles said she does not know off the top of her head, but could provide that information first thing tomorrow morning.

Mr. Adams said that was fine, but he would imagine it is several hundred miles.

Ms. Coles replied it is.

On the motion of Mr. Purcell, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board approved a budget supplement to the Louisa County Public Schools in the amount of \$530,000 for the purchase of two electric diesel school buses. The source of funding is the Department of Environmental Quality Clean School Bus Program Grant.

Resolution – Authorizing a Budget Supplement to Louisa County Public Schools for Coronavirus Response and Relief and Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief II Funds

The Louisa County School Board received a grant for the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) and Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II Fund in FY21 for the addressing unfinished learning and extended school/year-round school competitive grant programs. Louisa County Public Schools expects to receive additional funds from the aforementioned programs in the amount of \$2,467,500 in FY2022. These funds were not included in the FY 2022 Budget and the Louisa County School Board requests a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$2,467,500 to be used addressing unfinished learning and extended school/year-round school initiatives as per the grant program.

Members of the Board took a moment to acknowledge the hard work and tireless efforts of Superintendent Straley and his staff and noted the Board is looking forward to providing their continued support.

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 in the amount of \$2,467,500 to the Louisa County Public Schools for addressing unfinished learning and extended school/year-round school initiatives as per the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) and Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II grant programs.

Resolution – Authorizing a Budget Supplement to Louisa County Public Schools for Coronavirus Response and Relief and Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief II Funding

The Louisa County Public Schools received funding allocations for Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) and Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II in FY2021. Additional funds are available in the amount of \$1,601,823 in FY 2022 for allowable uses under the CARES Act and CRRSA Act. These funds were not included in the FY 2022 Budget and the Louisa County School Board requests that these funds be appropriated at this time.

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 Louisa County Public Schools in the amount of \$1,601,823 for funding received in FY 2022 from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) and Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II programs for allowable uses under these programs.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Reports

Mr. Barnes provided a report from the Workforce Housing Development Committee. He stated the committee concluded that the Ferncliff site will not be suitable for workforce housing development and has recommended a location closer to the Town of Louisa be identified.

Mr. Barnes provided a report from the Utility Scale Solar Development Committee. He stated the committee recommends against the future approval of any utility scale solar development that does not demonstrate a significant commitment to thoughtful development and enhanced protection of downstream, land, and resources.

Mr. Adams requested the Board allow the committee to continue to work with staff and come back with specific recommendations on the future solar ordinances for consideration at their first December meeting. The Board agreed.

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Adams, which carried by a vote of 6-0-1, with Mr. Purcell abstaining, the Board approved the Committee's recommendation against the future approval of any utility scale solar development that does not demonstrate a significant commitment to thoughtful development and enhanced protection of downstreams, land, and resources.

Board Appointments

On the motion of Mr. Gentry, seconded by Mr. Adams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to appoint Ms. Florence Reece, to the Commission on Aging to represent the Louisa District.

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**Resolution – To Amend Louisa County Code of Ordinances to Add § 58-4 to Chapter 58- Personnel**

Virginia's budget amendment, HB 7001 signed by the Governor of Virginia on August 10, 2021 provides for a \$3,000 bonus to be paid to funded fulltime deputies. Code of Virginia §15.2-1508 requires payment of said bonuses must be authorized by ordinance. The Board of Supervisors has considered adding Sec. 58-4 - Bonuses for sworn deputies employed October 1, 2021 to Chapter 58- Personnel of the Louisa County Code in order to grant a one-time bonus of \$3,000 to be paid to every sworn full-time deputy employed by the Louisa County Sheriff's Office as of October 1, 2021, in response to HB 7001. This bonus shall be paid on or before November 30, 2021.

Mr. Babyok opened the public hearing. With no one wishing to speak, Mr. Babyok closed the public hearing and brought it back to the Board for discussion.

Mr. Gentry motioned for approval and Mr. Williams seconded.

Mr. Adams asked if the bonus applied to part-time sworn in deputies.

Mr. Goodwin said no.

Mr. Adams asked if Mr. Gentry and Mr. Williams would be interested in amending their motion to include a one-time bonus in the amount of \$1,500 to every part-time sworn in deputy. Mr. Gentry and Mr. Williams agreed to amend their motion.

Discussion ensued regarding the one-time bonus

On the motion of Mr. Gentry, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to add Chapter 58- Personnel § 58-4- Bonuses for sworn deputies employed October 1, 2021 in order to grant a one-time bonus of \$3,000 to be paid to every sworn full-time deputy and \$1,500 to every part-time deputy employed by the Louisa County Sheriff's Office as of October 1, 2021, in response to HB 7001. Additionally, the funding source of the aforementioned bonuses will be from State Shared Expenses - Sheriff (0100R23-323020) in the amount of \$83,967 and Federal American Rescue Funding (0202R32-332010-COVD7) in the amount of \$119,492 to Sheriff's Salaries (10031200-411000) in the amount of \$189,000 and Sheriff's FICA (10031200-421000) in the amount of \$14,459 for a total cost of \$203,459.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Adams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adjourn the September 20, 2021 meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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