



**Board of Supervisors
County of Louisa
Monday, October 4, 2021
Louisa County Public Meeting Room
5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER - 5:00 P.M.

Chairman Babyok called the October 4, 2021 regular 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; Alexandra Stanley, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk; Wanda Colvin, Finance Director; Scott Raettig, Information Technology Manager; Andy Wade, Economic Development Director; Griff Carmichael, and Human Resources Director

CLOSED SESSION

On the motion of Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. 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) (1) VA Code Ann., to discuss compensation of specific staff in various functions;
2. Pursuant to Va. Code Section 2.2-3711(A) (5) 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;
3. Pursuant to Va. Code Section 2.2-3711(A) (7) to discuss litigation regarding Chickahominy Pipeline where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating posture of the County; and
4. Pursuant to Va. Code Section 2.2-3771(A) (8) for consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters pertaining to solar facilities requiring the provision of legal advice.

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 4th day of October 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 4th day of October 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. BARNES

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 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the October 4, 2021 agenda, as presented, with no changes:

MINUTES APPROVAL

Board of Supervisors (BOS) - Regular Meeting - Sep 20, 2021 5:00 PM

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Adams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2021 meeting.

BILLS APPROVAL

Resolution – To Approve the Bills for the Second Half of September 2021

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board adopted a resolution approving the bills for the second 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 October 4, 2021, as follows:

- Resolution – Authorizing a Pass-Through Appropriation for FY 2022 State Fire Programs Funding
- Resolution – Proclaiming the Month of October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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- Resolution – To Approve and Award a Contract for Plumbing Services
- Resolution – To Approve and Award a Contract for Fire Apparatus and Ambulance Preventative Maintenance and Repair Services
- Resolution – Authorizing an Amendment to Resolution 2021-198
- Resolution – To Proceed with the Phone System Upgrade Capital Improvement Plan Project
- Resolution – To Approve the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Calendar
- Resolution – Authorizing an Extension of Four Additional Months to the Waiver Request on Agricultural and Forestal District Application Fees

RECOGNITIONS

Presentation – VACo Achievement Award

Mr. Jeremy Bennett, Virginia Association of Counties, appeared before the Board to present a VACo Achievement Award to the County for Louisa County Public School's Wireless on Wheels program.

Louisa County Public Schools has created unique new approach to help make high-speed internet more accessible for its community. The school division constructed what it calls Wireless on Wheels (WOW) units. The units are solar-powered, Wi-Fi hot spots that operate based off of cell phone signals.

WOW provides a WiFi signal to a 200ft radius that can support multiple devices at once. The internet service is provided by Louisa County Public Schools and has a content filter to ensure appropriate use. When remote schooling efforts were compelled in March 2020 by the COVID-19 pandemic, County school leaders wrestled with ways to help more students and families get online for class. Being able to connect students and families to digital resources and online learning opportunities is imperative during these difficult and uncertain times. Louisa is a rural County, and its many unserved and underserved broadband areas made access a challenge. After exploring the costs of adding Wi-Fi hotspots to school buses, Information Technology and Career and Technical Education collaborated to design and build 12 trailers equipped with solar-powered Wi-Fi hotspots themselves. The mobile hotspot serves as a way to make sure no Louisa student misses an assignment. The solar-powered unit is available 24 hours a day and serves as a convenient way to stay connected for families unable to access the Internet at home. The hotspots are now situated across the county, many in church parking lots and other public areas. Every County resident is now less than 20 minutes' drive from a

hotspot, and most families are much closer. Each of the County's six school parking lots are also hotspots, so families can park and access the internet in those locations as well. The WOW program has taken an exciting new turn since the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Louisa County High School Career & Technical Education students are now building WOW units as part of their class, bolstering their engineering skills while providing a valuable service to the community at the same time.

Superintendent Straley took a moment to express his appreciation on receiving the award and acknowledged LCPS staff members, David Childress, Director of Technology; and Kenny Bouwens Director of CTE STEAM and Innovation on their hard work and dedication to the project.

Presentation – John Thomasson Memorial Resolution

Senator Bryce Reeves appeared before the Board to present Senate Joint Resolution No. 320 approved by the Senate on January 28, 2021 and House of Delegates on February 1, 2021 to the members of John Thomasson's family for his leadership and contributions to the State of Virginia:

WHEREAS, Dr. John E. Thomasson, an esteemed mortician who made history as the first African American elected to public office in Louisa County, died on July 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, John Thomasson founded Thomasson Funeral Service in Louisa County in 1951 and lovingly supported his community by caring for its mortuary and funeral needs for more than 53 years; and

WHEREAS, John Thomasson became the first African American elected official to serve Louisa County when he won a seat on the Louisa County Board of Supervisors in 1979; after losing his seat in 1981, he would be re-elected in 1985 and ultimately serve a total of six years on the board as the Patrick Henry District representative; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Louisa County Board of Supervisors, John Thomasson helped the county achieve fiscal stability, plan for responsible growth, and develop and implement crucial infrastructure projects; he also gave generously of his time and talents by serving on various committees, boards, and organizations; and

WHEREAS, John Thomasson will be remembered as a leader who built consensus through his kind and compassionate nature and with his unique insights and approaches to Louisa County's most complex challenges; and

WHEREAS, John Thomasson was dedicated to the academic development and well-being of young people and was a generous supporter of Louisa County High School and Saint Paul's College; and

WHEREAS, both the Virginia Morticians' Association and Saint Paul's College have bestowed John E. Thomasson Scholarships upon an untold number of students, helping many pursue their academic dreams; and

WHEREAS, to recognize John Thomasson's achievements and many contributions to the Saint Paul's College community, the school established the John E. Thomasson Student Center in his honor; and

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2020, the Louisa County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously in favor of a resolution recognizing John Thomasson's service and his contributions to the Louisa County community; and

WHEREAS, John Thomasson will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his wife, Christine; his daughter, Lynne; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Dr. John E. Thomasson, a respected mortician and community leader who had a profound and lasting impact on innumerable lives in Louisa County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Dr. John E. Thomasson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Babyok opened the public comment period.

Mr. Williams David Keller, Louisa District, spoke in opposition to the Chickahominy Pipeline project. He said they should not be building more pipelines. He stressed what the damage fracking has done to the environment and mentioned that clean energy is well within our grasp and urged they stop building pipelines.

Mr. Jim Wilth, Patrick Henry District, spoke in opposition to the Chickahominy Pipeline project. He said he does not think there should be another pipeline for fossil fuel. He stated the pipeline should not be approved because of the danger to the environment caused by fossil fuels.

Dr. Ester Nuckols, Louisa District, spoke in opposition to the Chickahominy Pipeline project. She pointed out fracking causes instability in the earth and as an older person living in Louisa she feels there are already enough dangers here. She said this area is prone to earthquakes and a nuclear power plant is located here.

Ms. Tammy Purcell, Patrick Henry District, spoke in opposition to the Chickahominy Pipeline project. She pointed out many residents of Louisa County are very concerned about this project. She noted the Pipeline appears eager to avoid regulation and oversight. She said this proposed pipeline is located near her home and it cuts through an area already impacted by a project with inadequate environmental regulation. She quoted Supervisor Adams when he said the seven Board Members are chosen to represent the citizens. She said she hoped the Board would do all it can to protect the citizens, rural farmland, streams, and forests. She urged the Board to ask the hard questions of the Chickahominy representative on behalf of all the citizens of Louisa County.

Mr. Joshua Vanna, Neighboring Albemarle County, said he wished to share a cautionary tale. He stated for the last few years he has been an activist with an organization that connect artists and activists. He said he worked to oppose the Mountain Valley Pipeline and companies like these bring in promises of what they can deliver that are not supported by facts. He warned that the negative effects of pipeline will be dumped on local citizens and the localities. He said he would not trust this small LLC with no employees, no website and no statement of purpose. He said the power plant will be obsolete as soon as it's built. It will become a stranded asset because it is not in line with the finite future of fossil fuels as determined by the General Assembly. He said the Pipeline works for industry front groups that get developing companies hooked on fossil fuels. He urged the Board keep asking questions, performing due diligence.

Ms. Sue Frankelstraight wanted to echo what others said. She thanked the Board for being cautious. She runs a nature camp near Transco line where this pipeline is supposed to start. Three written documents have been received to date from citizens concerned about the proposed pipeline:

- Barb Adams email - Opposition to the pipeline project
- Mary Krantz email - Opposition to the pipeline project
- Letter from President of Historic Green Springs - Opposition to the pipeline project

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

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Presentation – Freedom of Choice Marker

Resolution – Authorizing a Budget Supplement to General Services Department for a Freedom Choice Marker

Mr. Vernon Fleming, Member on the Board of Directors - Louisa County Historical Society, appeared before the Board to talk briefly about the Freedom of Choice Remembrance Project. He noted the purpose of the project is to capture the State, Federal, and local decisions that led to the partial integration at Louisa County High School in 1965. He said the objective is to educate the community and surrounding areas of the significance of this event and capture this as a historical milestone for the County.

Mr. Fleming shared a PowerPoint slide that included a picture from the Louisa County High School Yearbook of 1966, that resonated what it was like for an African American to attend public school during that time. He pointed out that in the sea of faces, one face in particular stood out and that face was of Annette West. Annette was captured standing in the hallway with her peers and appeared to be the only African American in the crowd of white students. Mr. Fleming noted it was a different experience for both African Americans and White students at that time, but it was something that is a part of history and holds great significance.

Mr. Fleming shared a picture of the proposed Freedom of Choice Marker that explained what took place in 1965 that led to the partial integration at Louisa County High School. The sign included the 13 students who were enrolled at the all-black A.G. Richardson High School or all-black elementary schools and integrated Louisa County High School in 1965.

Those students were: Veta Scott - 12th grade; Marjorie Lucas - 11th grade; William Mason - 11th grade; Joseph Morris - 11th grade; Steve Wright - 11th grade; Carolyn McGhee - 10th grade; Beulah Perkins - 9th grade; Joan Quarles - 9th grade; Clina Taylor - 9th grade; Earl Burton - 8th grade; Vernon Fleming - 8th grade; Walter Scott, Jr. - 8th grade; and Annette West - 8th grade.

Mr. Fleming stated the Louisa County Historical Society has received approval from VDOT, the Louisa County School Board, and Louisa County Public Schools for the marker to be installed at the entrance of the Louisa County High School. Mr. Fleming provided a project timeline that included the host ceremony for installation of the marker in February of 2022, during Black History month. He noted the cost for the marker is \$3,055 and the Louisa County Historical Society is seeking the Board's approval.

Mr. Babyok asked what initiated the Freedom of Choice Remembrance Project at this time.

Mr. Fleming stated the Louisa County Historical Society received funding to perform research on several African American history projects and the society recognized the integration of

Louisa County High School as a highly significant event to commemorate. He noted the society interviewed 11 of the 13 students, white students, and teachers who were at Louisa County High School to capture the essence of what integration was like at that time. He said the history of integration will not end with the marker, but will continue to leave a legacy as the community celebrates a major milestone in Louisa County.

Mr. Adams said he serves on a committee called Louisa County Community Strong that works with the community to try and improve relations between the Sheriff's department and young African American men. He said he reached out to Sheriff Lowe and the Sheriff's Office Foundation and mentioned the Freedom of Choice Remembrance Project and marker and notified them of the Historical Society's request for the Board to fund the marker. Mr. Adams asked for Sheriff Lowe to come forward and say a few words.

Sheriff Lowe said he talked about the request with Mr. Adams and he is so impressed with the project and the importance it holds in regard to the history of Louisa County. He said he wanted to get involved as it meets the goals of the Community Strong Committee and Louisa County Sheriff's Office in bridging gaps in the community. He said the Sheriff's Office Foundation would like to pay for half of the Freedom of Choice Marker and couldn't think of a better way to spend their money.

Mr. Adams said one of the reasons, and most likely the catalyst for the reformation and reinvigorated of the Louisa County Community Strong Committee was George Floyd's murder. He said the Sheriff's Office and certain members of the community have been extraordinarily active in trying to make Louisa a better place.

Mr. Barnes thanked the Sheriff's Office's participation with the project.

Mr. Barlow said Mr. Fleming had been in contact with him about the project and he thought it was a fantastic idea and deserved the Board's support.

On the motion of Mr. Barlow, seconded by Mr. Gentry, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to authorize a budget supplement in the amount of \$3,055 to General Services Building Enhancements (10043100-482500) for a Freedom Choice Marker. The source of funding is as follows:

Donation - Louisa County Sheriff's Office Foundation (0100R18-318930) -	\$1,500
Contingency Reserves (10091000-410010)	- \$1,555

Presentation – Louisa County Water Authority Quarterly Update

Ms. Pam Baughman, Louisa County Water Authority General Manager, provided the LCWA quarterly report, which included updates on review of safety manual and policies; COVID-19 relief funding to help residents on past due utility bills; promotions and position shifts within the department; on site auditor reviews; evaluating the liability for offering automatic draft payments for customers; realignment of Chalklevel Road and School Bus Road; improvements at North/East Creek Water Treatment Plant; OSHA requirements; nutrient reallocations; and resiliency planning as part of the American Water Infrastructure Act.

Ms. Baughman noted the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) would like to reassign nitrogen and phosphorus loading limits and reallocate what is not being used to localities who

need additional limits.

Mr. Williams noted that if limits are reassigned, the opportunity for expansion and growth for localities like Louisa will not occur.

Ms. Baughman said that is correct and that is why Louisa, along with other localities across the Commonwealth need to fight the proposal.

Ms. Baughman stated the Water Authority is now being required to locate and replace lead and copper services lines where the point of transference is indicated which is identified as the meter to the house.

Mr. Adams asked who installed the lines to begin with.

Ms. Baughman said homeowners and utility companies, aside from the Water Authority.

Mr. Adams who will be responsible for paying for the line replacement.

Ms. Baughman answered the Water Authority.

Ms. Baughman said there is a proposal to reduce ammonia nitrogen numbers by 85% causing the Louisa County Water Authority to produce no more than .15 mg per liter. She said this proposal will have a huge effect on the operation at the regional plant, without having to do another significant upgrade.

She further noted last year, House Joint Resolution No 538 was passed to ensure no person in the Commonwealth of Virginia is denied access to water. She said the resolution identifies the access to clean, affordable water as a human right. She stated this approach is considered a slippery slope.

Ms. Baughman said she was asked to serve on a DEQ Advisory Panel, specifically for House Bill (HB) 582, and discussions are already underway on water supply planning.

Discussion further ensued regarding nutrient reallocations, quantities, and credits and the impact it will on rural localities like Louisa County.

Mr. Williams said the proposal to reallocate limits appear to be a power grab from the state and will only benefit larger localities in Northern Virginia.

Ms. Baughman said that is exactly who will benefit from the reallocations. She said she even asked the question about communities that have not seen their full economic development potential. She said the response received was that they can no longer squeeze anymore blood from the turnip out of the Northern Virginia Potomac and Rappahannock river basins so they will need to take from the James River and York River basin and reallocate those limits to cities and counties in Northern Virginia.

Mr. Purcell asked if the nutrient reallocations took into consideration each localities comprehensive plans and future development.

Ms. Baughman replied no.

Mr. Adams said he would like to see the proposal on nutrient reallocations added to the Board's Legislative Priorities for the upcoming General Assembly.

The Board agreed to Mr. Adams' statement.

Presentation – Update on Chickahominy Pipeline

Mr. Chuck Akers, a representative of Encompass, a company contracted by Chickahominy Pipeline LLC, appeared before the Board to provide a PowerPoint presentation on the Chickahominy Pipeline project. The pipeline project is planned to transport natural gas from Transco's existing pipeline near Charlottesville to the Chickahominy Power project in Charles City County. The Chickahominy Power project is fully permitted and shovel-ready it also has the built in ability to transition to 100% Hydrogen when that becomes available. The majority of the 392 parcels are in Louisa (180) and Hanover (167) Counties.

Mr. Babyok stated Chickahominy has made contradictory remarks in terms to support local government. He said it's been amusing to see the company trying to gain the support of the Board, after the citizens were notified of the project. He said it is the Board's responsibility to represent the citizens of Louisa County and to protect their property. He said by going to the residents first, without even having the courtesy to come to the Board beforehand, presents issues with the ability to explain the project and to answer the questions and concerns of the community.

Mr. Akers said the order in which Chickahominy Pipeline notified the community is how they generally operate. He said the company typically informs the landowners first, but it is always a coordinated effort with the local government. He noted that he understands the form of communication may have gotten flipped around.

Mr. Barnes stated in his 24-years on the Board, he has seen a lot of presentations, and what he saw this evening was poor, at best. He told Mr. Akers he understands he has a job to do, but how the presentation was handled was not becoming for an elected body. He said the manner in which the presentation was conducted insults him as a Board member. He stated he does not think Chickahominy Pipeline took into consideration who they are as a Board and the community they represent. He said in regards to what was presented and how it was presented, Chickahominy Pipeline could have put the information in the mail and gotten the same reaction.

Mr. Adams said he has been in business for 42-years and a member on the Board for four and the presentation was the worst he has ever seen. He said he does not direct those comments to Mr. Akers because he understands that is Chickahominy's doing. Mr. Adams said he knows Mr. Ali forgot to put the Board meeting on his calendar the last time they met, but where is he now. Mr. Adams read off an email that was written by Mr. Ali to the County Administrator. In the email, Mr. Ali blamed the County Administrator for not sending a reminder about the upcoming Board meeting and noted that if one was sent, it would have resulted in someone from the company coming to the meeting. Mr. Adams said Mr. Ali is in charge of a natural gas pipeline yet he does not take any responsibility and shifted blame instead. He said Mr. Ali sent Mr. Akers because he obviously does not want to be here. Mr. Adams said none of the concerns of the Board and the community have been addressed. He noted that Mr. Ali must not think the Board is important, nor the 180 parcels in Louisa the pipeline crosses. He said it is Mr. Ali's responsibility to be

here.

Mr. Babyok asked Mr. Akers what message he was meant to give to the Board and what he is to take back to Chickahominy Pipeline.

Mr. Akers said he was asked to update the Board on the field activity and the progress on making contact with the effected landowners.

Mr. Babyok asked if Chickahominy will be able to translate what was expressed this evening and have an understanding of the Board's position.

Mr. Akers said there will need to be more meetings and more discussions with the landowners.

Mr. Adams said also with the Board.

Mr. Purcell said what is concerning to him is the same information that has been received as a local governing body, is the same level of information that is being disseminated to the people they represent. He said the Board would be dare locked in their jobs if they didn't express these concerns and hold this company to a much, much higher standard. He asked Mr. Akers to tell his employer that if they have any desires in doing business in Louisa County, they need to understand the approach they took is unacceptable to the Board and the community. He said the lack of specificity and detail is unreal to him.

Mr. Gentry said he does not feel he has enough information about the project in order to make a decision to support it or not. He said this is not how you do business knowing up front that pipeline projects are a very controversial issue.

On the motion of Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to direct the County Attorney to file a response for Louisa County that reports the concerns expressed tonight by Louisa County residents and reserves the right in Louisa County to file further arguments before the SCC at a later date if necessary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

(None)

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Reports

Mr. Babyok said the Broadband Authority was created by the Board to devise a plan to improve deployable internet service in Louisa County. He said while this seemed like a daunting task, a group of qualified citizens came forward to meet the challenge. He stated the County allocated \$1M to the broadband project, which was the exact amount the state allocated for broadband expansion across the commonwealth. He said this task was complicated with obstacles and seemingly unsurmountable issues, but the commitment and dedication of these professionals

helped navigate the course. He said the team has changed over the years, but would like to, on behalf of the Board and residents, express their deepest gratitude for setting the foundation for which is now the future of Louisa County's broadband implementation.

Board Appointments

There were no Board Appointments made.

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. He stated he received a letter from DEQ offering to take over reviews of erosion and sediment control plans for utility scale solar projects. He said they would like a decision made later this month, specifically after the Board's next meeting. He said currently the local Thomas Jefferson Soil and Conservation District inspects those plans and the applicant pays a fee that is associated with those reviews. He said there will be a fee associated with DEQ taking over those reviews and they are estimating it will be comparable to the fees that are charged for stormwater reviews, which is under \$10,000 for anything over 100 acres. He said it is not an irreversible decision and it is an all or nothing approach. He said any solar development over 5 megawatt's would be reviewed by DEQ.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance – Adding to the Louisa County Code Chapter 70, Taxation Article I-In General Section 70-16- Personal Property Tax Returns

Mr. Goodwin explained each owner of tangible personal property, such as a motor vehicle, trailer or boat, located within the County must file a return on forms prescribed by the Commissioner of Revenue each year in accordance with Virginia Code §§ 58.1-3518 and 3518.1, subject to the following:

- A. New return required when status changes for owner of motor vehicle, trailer, or boat. The owner of a motor vehicle, trailer, or boat must file a new personal property tax return within 30 days after:
 - 1. Any change in the name or address of the owner.
 - 2. Any change in the situs of the motor vehicle, trailer, or boat.
 - 3. Any other change affecting the assessment or personal property tax levied on a motor vehicle, trailer, or boats for which a tax return has been filed previously.
 - 4. Any change in which a person acquires one or more motor vehicles, trailers, or boats and for which no personal property tax return has been filed.
- B. If the owner's name or address has not changed since the previous return was filed and there has been no change in status or situs of the owner's motor vehicle, trailer, or boat, the assessment and taxation of that tangible personal property may be based on a personal property tax return previously filed with the County.

State law reference(s)-Va. Code §§ 58.1-3518, 58.1-3518.1.

Comments and questions were addressed regarding the proposed amendment, which were answered by Ms. Stacey Fletcher, Commission of the Revenue.

Ms. Fletcher noted the change in personal property filing by exception would provide a cost savings in the amount of \$30,000. She explained any changes to personal property within the

county will need to be filed within 30 days after. She said if this proposal gets adopted by the Board, there will be no more annual filing starting in 2022, unless there was a change for owner of motor vehicle, trailer, or boat.

Mr. Williams said this sounds like a new way of business and it will have a rather steep learning curve and a comfortable level citizens will have to get familiar with. He suggested a notification by mailing so that citizens are prepared of the new filing changes.

Ms. Fletcher said if this gets approved, a notification will be sent out outlining the new filing system.

Mr. Babyok suggested additional avenues to notify the residents such as social media and the newspaper.

Further discussion ensued regarding the proposed amendment and ways to notify the public.

Mr. Babyok opened the public hearing.

Mr. Steve Lucas, Patrick Henry District, spoke in support of the proposed amendment as long as there is a logical approach.

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

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Purcell, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board approved an amendment to Chapter 70, Taxation-Article I- In General to add Section 70-16-Personal property tax returns to the existing ordinance, with the caveat that staff offer a blended method or phase over a period of time.

Ordinance – Amending Louisa County Code Chapter 70, Taxation Article II-In Real Estate Tax Relief for the Elderly or Totally Disabled § 70-35

Ms. Fletcher stated Louisa County Code Chapter 70- Taxation-Article II- Real Estate Tax Relief for the Elderly or Totally Disabled Section 70-35- Same-Amount, Tax Relief Sliding Scale-The person qualifying for and claiming exemption shall be relieved on the qualifying dwelling and land in an amount as specified in the amended sliding scale. The proposed amendment will modify the Tax Relief Sliding Scale.

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.

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to approve an amendment to Chapter 70, Taxation-Article II- Real Estate Tax Relief for the Elderly or Totally Disabled Section 70-35 modifying the Tax Relief Sliding Scale

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 4, 2021 meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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