



VIRGINIA: A SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE GENERAL DISTRICT COURTROOM OF THE SURRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ON THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025 AT 6:00 PM.

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR., CHAIRMAN
SUPERVISOR BREYON PIERCE, VICE-CHAIR
SUPERVISOR WILLIAM T. CALHOUN
SUPERVISOR WALTER HARDY
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ZARIAH HARRELL

ABSENT: SUPERVISOR AMY DREWRY

ALSO PRESENT: MS. MELISSA ROLLINS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MS. LOLA PERKINS, COUNTY ATTORNEY
MR. DAVID HARRISON, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MR. DELON BROWN, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OF OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE
MS. RENEE CHAPLIN, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
MR. HORACE WADE, PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
MS. SHARNAE WHITE, REGISTRAR
MR. RAY PHELPS, CHIEF OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
SHERIFF CARLOS TURNER, SURRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Invocation

The invocation was given by Reverend Joan Brown.

Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance/Adopt Agenda

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Elliott, who then asked for a moment of silence. Following the moment of silence, he asked those present to stand and recite the pledge of allegiance. Chairman Elliott asked for Motion to accept the agenda, including an additional consent item to accept a Records Preservation Grant in the amount of \$47,304. Supervisor Calhoun made a motion to accept the agenda and Supervisor Hardy seconded the motion. All present voted affirmatively. (Approved)

SUPERVISOR ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR.	AYE
SUPERVISOR BREYON PIERCE	AYE
SUPERVISOR WILLIAM (TIM) CALHOUN	AYE

SUPERVISOR WALTER HARDY
SUPERVISOR AMY DREWRY

AYE
ABSENT

Consent Items

1. Approval of Draft Minutes – 4/3/2025
 2. Approval of Draft Minutes – 4/10/2025
 3. Approval of Draft Minutes – 5/01/2025
 4. Approval of Draft Minutes – 5/8/2025
 5. Approval of Draft Minutes – Work Session – 05/19/2025
 6. Approval of Work – Comp Plan Update
 7. May 2025 Accounts Payable - \$399,048.94
 8. Acceptance of Clerk of Circuit Court Records Preservation Grant - \$47,304
- Chairman Elliott read the items listed for consent and asked Board members if any items needed to be pulled for discussion. There being none, Supervisor Calhoun made a motion to approve the consent items as enumerated. Supervisor Hardy seconded the motion.*

Vote (Approved):

Ayes: Mr. Pierce, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Elliott

Nays: None

Absent: Ms. Drewry

Student Presentation

1. Skylar Gurganus 2025 Region I Contest Winner will read her poem – “Expressions of Freedom” – Ms. Gurganus presented her poem “Expressions of Freedom.”
The Board members thanked Ms. Gurganus for reading her poem and congratulated her on her achievement.

Public Comments

1. Charlome Pierce, Bacon’s Castle District – commended the County for a variety of initiatives and achievements in the community; recommended a formal resolution be adopted by the Board to recognize Ms. Gurganus’ literary achievement
2. Mike Eggleston, Dendron District – thanked the County for paving Jones Drive; expressed concern regarding government costs and loss of staff
3. Daniel Shaye, Surry District – concerns regarding social media comments
4. Helen Eggleston, Dendron District – concerns regarding reassessments and tax rates
5. Diane Cheek, Surry District – concerns regarding vague language in the YMCA agreement
6. Susan Corvello, Claremont District – concerns regarding the lack of public information on the YMCA project
7. Kimberly Bailey, Bacon’s Castle District – concerns regarding discharge of firearms in residential areas

New Business

1. Resolution – Change in Stipend for Members of the Social Services Board – Melissa Rollins, County Administrator, provided a summary of the request. The request would increase the stipend for members of the Social Services Board from \$75 per month to \$150 for the Board Chair, \$125 for the Vice Chair, and \$100 for the remaining four members.

Supervisor Hardy disclosed that he serves as the Board of Supervisors representative on the Social Services Board. Lola Perkins, County Attorney, stated that since Supervisor Hardy receives a stipend for his service on the Social Services Board, he should abstain from this vote.

Board Action: Chairman Elliott asked for motion on the Proposed Resolution, Change in Stipend for Members of the Social Services Board. Supervisor Pierce moved for approval of **the Resolution to Change in Stipend for Members of the Social Services Board**, and Supervisor Calhoun seconded the motion.

Vote: 3:0 (Approved)

Ayes: Mr. Pierce, Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Elliott

Nays:

Absent: Ms. Drewry

Abstain: Mr. Hardy

2. Resolution – YMCA Development and Operations Agreement – Lola Perkins, County Attorney, provided a brief summary of the proposed resolution and its key provisions, outlining the specific responsibilities of the County and those of YMCA. Supervisor Calhoun asked for confirmation that the Board of Supervisors would approve the costs associated with the future contracts with YMCA. Ms. Perkins confirmed that was correct; the Board must appropriate the funds and direct them for the uses outlined in those contracts.

Board Action: Chairman Elliott asked for motion on the Proposed Resolution 2025-10, YMCA Development and Operations Agreement. Supervisor Calhoun moved to table to a future work session **the Resolution 2025-10 YMCA Development and Operations Agreement**. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Supervisor Pierce moved for approval of **the Resolution 2025-10 YMCA Development and Operations Agreement**, and Supervisor Hardy seconded the motion.

Vote: 3:1 (Approved)

Ayes: Mr. Pierce, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Elliott

Nays: Mr. Calhoun

Absent: Ms. Drewry

County Administrator's Report

1. Ms. Rollins shared the minutes from the April 23, 2025 work session, which were recorded and scheduled to be considered for approval on the next meeting's agenda.

Board Action: Chairman Elliott asked for motion to approve tonight the minutes of the April 23, 2025 work session. Supervisor Hardy moved for approval of the **April 23, 2025 work session**, and Supervisor Pierce seconded the motion.

Vote: 4:0 (Approved)

Ayes: Mr. Pierce, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Elliott

Nays:

Absent: Ms. Drewry

2. Ms. Rollins reported that the Request for Proposal (RFP) had been issued for interim financing based on previous discussion of \$20-\$24 million project cost; however, after consultation with financial advisors, bond counsel, and staff recommended the RFP be issued for \$3 million or \$5 million to cover the first phase of the project. The proposal would be due by June 15, 2025 and would be subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors at their next meeting.
3. Ms. Rollins shared that she recently visited their local animal shelter and was impressed by the great work being done by the staff at that facility. She encouraged everyone to please visit the animal shelter.
4. Ms. Rollins announced that there would be a local event with fireworks on July 3, 2025
5. Ms. Rollins corrected some earlier remarks regarding staff payouts for silence; she clarified that pursuant to policy, staff members are paid out accrued leave when leaving employment. Additionally, a statement suggested a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request went unanswered, and she would like to clarify that that was inaccurate.

Reports

1. Surry County Building Official Monthly Report – April 2025
2. Surry County Inspection Performance By District and Pass/Fail Rate – April 2025
3. Surry County Building Official's Office Monthly Report – May 2025
4. Surry County Inspection Performance By District and Pass/Fail Rate – May 2025

Board Comments

Chairman Elliott – thanked the public for attending tonight's meeting and sharing their concerns. He emphasized that the Board of Supervisors is working diligently to improve the quality of life for all Surry County residents. He reminded the public that tomorrow night would be First Fridays, and he hoped to see everyone there.

Supervisor Pierce – expressed his appreciation for everyone's comments stated tonight. He reported that the Board of Supervisors attended their local high school's graduation this past Saturday. He reminded everyone to please take a moment to enjoy the new LOVE sign outside of the Government Building and reflect on how they all worked to amplify love throughout Surry County.

Board Action: Chairman Elliott asked for motion on a Proposed Resolution to Recognize Ms. Skylar Gurganus, 2025 Region I Contest Winner, and her poem "Expressions of Freedom." Supervisor Pierce moved for approval of a **Resolution to Recognize Ms. Skylar Gurganus, 2025 Region I Contest Winner, and her poem "Expressions of Freedom,"** and Supervisor Hardy seconded the motion.

Vote: 4:0 (Approved)

Ayes: Mr. Pierce, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Elliott

Nays:

Absent: Ms. Drewry

Supervisor Calhoun – thanked everyone who attended tonight's meeting and state their comments to the Board. He expressed his gratitude to Ms. Gurganus for sharing her beautiful poem with everyone and congratulated her on a job well done. He encouraged the public to attend First Fridays tomorrow night, weather permitting.

Supervisor Hardy – asked Ms. Bailey to please call 911 if she ever feels there is an eminent threat to anyone’s safety in her neighborhood. He asked the public to please drive cautiously around the County roads and obey the stop signs to prevent accidents. He thanked Ms. Gurganus for presenting her poem at tonight’s meeting. He thanked staff for their hard work on the YMCA project so far. He encouraged everyone to come to First Fridays tomorrow night and enjoy coming together with the community. He also recommended they visit with their seniors at the senior center, who were heartwarming and lively individuals that could make anyone’s day better. He acknowledged the various concerns voiced by the public, but he wanted to encourage everyone to only bring forward a problem if they could also bring forward a solution. Student Representative Zariah Harrell – congratulated Ms. Gurganus on her poetic achievement and expressed her pride in knowing her. She asked the community members of Surry County to please keep in mind that they all must put in the work and make sacrifices to allow the community to grow into an even more beautiful place.

For Your Information

1. Greater Reach Community Services Board By-Laws

Adjournment

Chairman Elliott asked for a motion for adjournment to July 2, 2025, 6:00 p.m. for a regular meeting.

Supervisor Calhoun moved, and Supervisor Hardy seconded.

Vote (Approved):

Ayes: Mr. Pierce, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Elliott

Nays: None

Absent: Ms. Drewry

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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<https://www.surrycountyva.gov/387/Watch-A-Meeting>