

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, JULY 2, 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  
MS. ROBIN FAULKS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATION  
MR. DAVID HARDY, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
MR. DELON BROWN, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OF OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE  
MR. HORACE WADE, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING  
MS. RENEE CHAPLIN, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
MR. JONATHAN JUDKINS, COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE  
MR. SPENCER LOGAN, CSA COORDINATOR  
MS. SHARNA WHITE, REGISTRAR

**Invocation**

The invocation was given by Bishop Spencer Logan, Hope Chapel Deliverance Center.

**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. Supervisor Hardy made a motion to accept the agenda and Supervisor Pierce seconded the motion. All present voted affirmative (Approved)*

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| SUPERVISOR ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR.   | AYE    |
| SUPERVISOR BREYON PIERCE         | AYE    |
| SUPERVISOR WILLIAM (TIM) CALHOUN | AYE    |
| SUPERVISOR WALTER HARDY          | AYE    |
| SUPERVISOR AMY DREWRY            | ABSENT |

**Consent Items**

1. Approval of Draft Minutes - 06/05/2025
2. Resolution - Skyla Gurganus - Adopt a resolution recognizing the outstanding achievement of Skyla Gurganus for her poem

Appointment of Student Representatives to the Highway Transportation Safety Commission: Tyler Haslam and Jasmin Flores. *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 Pierce seconded the motion.*

Vote (Approved):

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ms. Drewry

### **Public Comments**

- I. Gene Milburn, Surry District- spoke about the importance of doing what was right although not easy and be courageous despite outside pressure and asked for more information about how the construction of the new YMCA building would impact the existing debt of Surry County.

### **Public Hearings**

1. **Ordinance Amendment 2025-03 (PC Ordinance Amendment 2025-01)** The Surry County Board of Supervisors will consider and intends to take action on the adoption of amendments to the Surry County Zoning Ordinance by amending Article II - Definitions and Uses, Article III - Zoning Districts and Boundaries, and Article IV - Supplementary Regulations to amend, incorporate and add language regarding use type descriptions, district requirements, and performance standards for sewer pumping stations and water pumping stations to allow as a permitted uses in Agricultural Limited (A-L) Agricultural-Rural (A-R), Rural Village Center (RVC), Medium Density Residence (R-1), Vacation Residence (R-2), Local Business District (B-1), General Business (B-2), Light Industrial (M-1) and General Industrial (M-2).

- I. Call to Order
- II. Presentation by Staff- Horace Wade, Director of Planning and Zoning, presented the ordinance amendment.  
Mr. Wade discussed the staff's recommendations for allowing sewer pumping stations and water pumping stations as permitted uses in A-L, A-R, RVC, R-1, R-2, B-1, B-2, M-1, and M-2 Zoning Districts.
- III. Open Floor for Public Comments - Chairman Elliott opened the public hearing.  
There were no speakers.
- IV. Close Floor to Public Comments - Chairman Elliott closed the public hearing.
- V. Closing Staff Comments - There were no further comments from staff.
- VI. Board Discussion - There was no further discussion from the Board.

**Board Action:** Chairman Elliott asked for a motion on Ordinance Amendment 2025-03.

Supervisor Hardy moved for approval of the **2025-03/PC Ordinance Amendment 2025-01** and seconded by Supervisor Pierce.

Vote: 4:0 (Approved)

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

Nays:

Absent: Ms. Drewry

**2. Ordinance Amendment 2025-04** The Surry County Board of Supervisors will consider and intends to take action on the adoption of amendments to Surry County Code, Chapter 2 - Administration, Article III - Officers and Employees, Section 2-85 - Compensation of county officers, employees and agents; disposition of fees; to add language giving the Board of Supervisors authority, pursuant to § 15.2-1508 of the Code of Virginia, to provide bonuses to officers and employees following adoption of a resolution and subject to appropriation.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Presentation by Staff- Lola Perkins, County Attorney, presented the ordinance amendment.  
Ms. Perkins provided a brief summary of the recommended ordinance amendment, explaining that staff had included language that will allow the Board to adopt a resolution rather than a new ordinance when considering future bonuses for these employees.
- III. Open Floor for Public Comments - Chairman Elliott opened the public hearing.  
There were no speakers.
- IV. Close Floor to Public Comments - Chairman Elliott closed the public hearing.
- V. Closing Staff Comments - There were no further comments from staff.
- VI. Board Discussion - There was no further discussion from the Board.

**Board Action:** Chairman Elliott asked for a motion on Ordinance Amendment 2025-04. Supervisor Pierce moved for approval of the **2025-04 Ordinance Amendment** and seconded by Supervisor Hardy.

Vote: 4:0 (Approved)

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

Nays:

Absent: Ms. Drewry

### **New Business**

- 1. Tax-Exempt Lease Revenue Interim Financing (YMCA Building Project) - Melissa Rollins, County Administrator, introduced Mr. Kyle Laux, Senior Vice President with Davenport & Company and Mr. George Scruggs, Bond Counsel with Kutak Rock, LLP.  
Mr. Laux presented detailed information on the interim financing for the YMCA Recreation Center, including the recommended \$5 million loan bid from Huntington Bank at 4.25% fixed interest rate. He further explained how this project and its financing structure fit within the County's Capital Improvement Program (CIP).  
Supervisor Calhoun asked if this interim financing was being secured preemptively, considering they had not finalized the other financing aspects of this project with the YMCA. Mr. Laux replied no; this interim financing will be the first step in designing the building, and permanent financing for the long term will be determined in the next year in collaboration with the YMCA.  
Ms. Rollins noted that there was an appendix to the presentation that provided additional context to how the County budget and debt service would accommodate this new project's financing.  
Mr. Laux summarized that as the County paid off its debt service in future years, there was capacity to include this new YMCA project. Additionally, the FY26 budget had proactively

allocated the existing and future payments and the personal property tax collections could cover the debt service without requiring additional tax revenues.

Chairman Elliott clarified that this project's financing would not require any additional tax increases.

Mr. Scruggs provided a summary of the Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the bid from Huntington Bank for the interim financing for the YMCA Building Project.

**Board Action:** Chairman Elliott asked for motion on the Resolution to Accept the Tax-Exempt Lease Revenue Interim Financing (YMCA Building Project). Supervisor Hardy moved for **approval of the bid from Huntington Bank, acceptance of the terms of the lease financing, and authorized the County Administrator to proceed and execute all necessary documents in consideration with financial advisors and counsel as set out in the Resolution,** and Supervisor Pierce seconded the motion.

Vote: 3:1 (Approved)

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

Nays: Mr. Calhoun

Absent: Ms. Drewry

2. FY 26 Electoral Board, Department of Social Services, Constitutional Officers & Employees and Other Employee Bonuses - Melissa Rollins, County Administrator, provided background information on the item. She noted that while the state had mandated that localities compensate certain employees, including electoral board, registrar, and those that were state-supported, staff recommended providing all employees with these bonuses to maintain equity in the organization. The funding source to cover these bonuses will be the contingency fund. Mr. Calhoun acknowledged that covering the constitutional officers' bonuses with the contingency fund was acceptable because it was a state directive that the County had not planned for. However, he would prefer not to pay the rest of the employee bonuses out of the contingency fund and instead have staff look into adjusting their new budget to cover those bonuses. He asked if they could revise the resolution to keep the funding in the contingency fund.

Chairman Elliott suggested that they could fund all of the bonuses out of the contingency fund as written in the resolution and instead direct staff to replenish the contingency fund.

**Board Action:** Chairman Elliott asked for motion on the FY 26 Electoral Board, DSS, Constitutional Officers & Employees and Other Employee Bonuses. Supervisor Pierce moved for approval of **the Resolution authorizing and directing the County Administrator to award the bonus structure as outlined in the Resolution,** and Supervisor Calhoun seconded the motion.

Vote: 4:0 (Approved)

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

Nays:

Absent: Ms. Drewry

### **County Administrator's Report**

1. Ms. Rollins reported that Prince George County was notified of the approval of the grant by the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA) to support the creation of a Mobile Overdose Response Unit, which will also support Surry County.

2. NACO Achievement Award- Surry County received the first National Association of County Award for the Broadband project
3. Community Announcements -July 3rd Surry County Fireworks, First Fridays on the Lawn Resumes August 1st
4. County of Surry Audit Statement was read regarding revised anticipated timeline.

### **Board Comments**

Student Representative Zariah Harrell - reported on accomplishments made by students this year. Some of these accomplishments included the Technology Student Association (TSA), which competed and made the semifinals at the National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, and the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter, which would be representing Surry County at the National Conference in Orlando, Florida this upcoming weekend. She thanked the advisors of these students, whose commitment, support, and advocacy helped everyone achieve greatness.

Supervisor Hardy - expressed his appreciation for the important information presented at tonight's meeting, including the YMCA financials presented by Davenport. He said that he looked forward to seeing everyone tomorrow at the fireworks event.

Supervisor Calhoun - thanked everyone who attended tonight's meeting in person and online, and encouraged the public to participate in the Board's meetings as much as possible. He wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July.

Supervisor Pierce - thanked everyone for taking the time to attend tonight's meeting. He was grateful for the productive meeting tonight. He reported that Congresswoman Jennifer McClellan recently met with farmers in the 4th District of Surry County, which he also attended. He said that it was enlightening to learn about the concerns of their local farmers and how Ms. McClellan hoped to assist them from her position as a representative in Congress. He highlighted that the recent improvements in broadband service in the rural areas of their County had greatly assisted their local farmers. He added that the various summer camps offered in the County were greatly appreciated by their local youth, so he wanted to give kudos to everyone who helped organize those camps. He thanked staff on the recent TV commercials they had produced, which were already successfully informing the public of all the opportunities in Surry County.

Chairman Elliott - agreed with the comments made by his fellow Supervisors. He said that he was grateful for the comprehensive presentation given by their Davenport representatives tonight, and he hoped members of the public would review the video of this meeting if they were not here in person. He reiterated that the YMCA project would not require any increase in taxes on Surry County citizens. He congratulated the high school's TSA organization on their achievements and strength as a program. He thanked staff and Supervisor Hardy for submitting the County's broadband program for the NACo Award, which was an impressive national success and underscored the diligent and laudable progress being made in their County.

### **Reports**

1. Blackwater Regional Library Director's Report - May 2025

**For Your Information**

1. Surry County Fireworks Event

**Adjournment**

Chairman Elliott asked for a motion for adjournment to August 14, 2025, 6:00 p.m. for a regular meeting.

Supervisor Calhoun moved, and Supervisor Pierce seconded.

Vote (Approved):

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ms. Drewry

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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