



VIRGINIA: A SCHEDULED WORKSESSION MEETING OF THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE AUXILLARY CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE GOVERNMENT CENTER ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025.

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR.
SUPERVISOR BREYON PIERCE
SUPERVISOR WILLIAM (TIM) CALHOUN
SUPERVISOR WALTER HARDY

ABSENT: SUPERVISOR AMY DREWERY

ALSO

PRESENT: MS. LOLA PERKINS, COUNTY ATTORNEY
MS. MELISSA ROLLINS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MR. DAVID HARRISON, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MR. HORACE WADE, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MR. JONATHAN JUDKINS, COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE
MR. CHRIS BENNETT, IT/RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT SPECIALIST
MR. RAY PHELPS, CHIEF OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Call to Order

Chairperson Elliott called the meeting to order.

Discussion Topics

1. **Real Estate Reassessment Update** - Don Thomas of Wingate Appraisal provided the Board with an update on the 2025 limited scope reassessment. Discussion ensued with staff and board members on the information that would be made available to citizens to best understand the process (FAQs, property reassessment notices and process for appeals). Mr. Judkins provided a brief recap of the need for the County to perform this reassessment based on the lowered sales ratio for public service.
2. **Emergency Services Update** - Mr. Phelps and Mr. Bennett advised the Board on the plans in process of unencrypting the fire and rescue channel and a request from Smithfield Riverside Hospital to connect to the County's mobile radio communication system. The Board was advised that the Emergency Operations Plan has been updated as required every 5 years and would require adoption at the February meeting.
3. **Virginia Gateway Region**- discussion ensued amongst staff and the Board regarding Surry County's participation in Virginia Gateway Region and potentially the Hampton Roads Alliance.
4. **Update - Sycamore Cross Project** - Mrs. Perkins and Mr. Wade briefed the board on the proposed areas where the proposed project did not meet the proposed Solar Ordinance requirements and proposed alternatives to the additional payment section of the proposed siting agreement.
5. **Budgetary Matters** - Mrs. Rollins advised the board that the County's first payroll had been completed using the new Tyler Munis ERP system.

Adjournment

*There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Elliott asked for a motion that the Board adjourn their meeting until February 13th, at 6 p.m. Supervisor Calhoun motioned and Supervisor Hardy seconded the motion. All present voted affirmatively. **(Approved)***

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.