



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, FEBRUARY 5, 2026, AT 6:00 PM.

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

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: MS. MELISSA ROLLINS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MS. LOLA PERKINS, COUNTY ATTORNEY
MR. DAVID HARRISON, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MR. DELON BROWN, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE
MS. ROBIN FAULKS, ADMINISTRATION
MR. HORACE WADE, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
MR. RAY PHELPS, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
MS. RENEE CHAPLINE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MR. CARLOS TURNER, SHERIFF

Invocation

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pierce, 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 Pierce asked for Motion to accept the agenda. Supervisor Drew made a motion to accept the agenda and Supervisor Calhoun seconded the motion. All present voted affirmatively. (Approved)

SUPERVISOR BREYON PIERCE.	AYE
SUPERVISOR WALTER HARDY	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WILLIAM (TIM) CALHOUN	AYE
SUPERVISOR ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR	AYE
SUPERVISOR CAMERAN DREW	AYE

Consent Items

1. Approval of Draft Minutes – 01.15.2026
2. Approval of Draft Minutes – Joint Work Session – 01.21.2026
3. Resolution Confirming the Declaration of a Local Emergency on January 22, 2026
4. Classification and Compensation Scale
5. Adoption of Purchase Card and Travel/Training Policies & Procedures
6. Adoption of Purchasing Policies and Procedures
7. Contract Amendment & Renewal Rock Solid Janitorial, Inc.

Chairman Pierce read the items listed for consent and asked Board members if any items needed to be pulled for discussion.

Lola Perkins, County Attorney, notified the Board that an updated version of Item 7, Contract Amendment & Renewal Rock Solid Janitorial, Inc. had been furnished to the Board. She reviewed the changes, which included a slight cost increase in the contract amendment through this renewal period of six months, which was specifically for the regional library and Voter/Registrar's Office. The increase was requested by the vendor in order to keep pace with the minimum wage increase at the state level, which went into effect on January 1, 2026. Additionally, there were some modifications to the dates and times in the schedule.

Supervisor Elliott moved, and Supervisor Calhoun seconded, to pull Item 6 from the consent agenda and move it to new business so the Board could get more clarity on what was included in the policies and procedures.

Vote 4:0 (Approved):

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Hardy

Chairman Pierce asked for a motion to approve the remaining consent items, Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7. Supervisor. Elliott moved, and Supervisor Drew seconded, to approve the consent items.

Vote 4:0 (Approved):

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Hardy

Public Comments

1. Bryan Hammel, Claremont District – notified the Board of the corrected values he received as part of his requested reassessment adjustments to his property and expressed concern regarding the County's assessment process
2. Roberta Hammel, Claremont District – expressed concern that there had been discrepancies, incorrect information, and manipulated values that resulted in incorrect property assessments made by the County and Wingate; she suggested there should be a full-time staff member under the Commissioner of Revenue to perform these reassessments

3. Susan Corvello, Claremont District – discussed her recent conversations with the Board about County issues and her intent to have thoughtful discussions
4. Judy Little, Bacon's Castle District – thanked the Supervisors for attending the opening of the new Riverside Hospital and for their support of this new beneficial facility in the community

Public Hearing

1. **Ordinance 2026-01 (PC Ordinance Amendment 2025-02)** – The Board of Supervisors will consider and intends to take action on the adoption of An Ordinance to amend Article III, 3-1100 Emerging Technologies District, consisting of Secs. 3-1101 to 3-1108 by amending the permitted principal uses, conditional uses, and accessory uses, amending the site development standards, including the addition of a waiver to the minimum district size upon Board of Supervisors approval, amending the application requirements and providing added clarity to the application process, establishing additional requirements for site plans, and amending definitions.
 - I. Call to Order – Chairman Pierce called the public hearing to order.
 - II. Presentation by Staff – Horace Wade, Director of Planning & Community Development provided a summary of the item. He reviewed the sections of Article III-1100 that were proposed to be amended. He explained that the purpose of these amendments was to provide consistency, clarity and additional guidance when considering future applications. He stated that the Planning Commission had unanimously recommended approval of the proposed Ordinance.
 - III. Comments from the Public – Chairman Pierce opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2026-01. There were no speakers.
 - IV. Close the Public Hearing – Chairman Pierce closed the public hearing.
 - V. Comments from the Board – There were none.
 - VI. Closing Comments from Staff – There were none.

Board Action: Chairman Pierce asked for a motion on the item
Supervisor Elliott moved for approval of **Ordinance 2026-01 as presented**, seconded by Supervisor Drew.

Vote: 5:0 (Approved)

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

Nays: None

New Business

1. Adoption of Purchasing Policies and Procedures

Lola Perkins, County Attorney, provided an overview of the item. She explained that she and staff had undertaken a comprehensive revision of existing ordinances, policies, and procedures, including engagement with outside counsel with expertise on this topic, examination of other localities' policies and procedures, and review of state code requirements. She summarized the draft policies and procedures, explaining the changes made to better adhere to state code and to

enhance the County's abilities with making purchases. Staff requested the Board to approve the policy through the adoption of a resolution, and following adoption staff will work to implement the policy through training, website updates, development of reference guides, and other actions. She said that finally, if the resolution is adopted, she will bring forward some ordinance amendments for the Board's consideration in the following months in order to make them more comprehensive with regards to these policies.

Board Action: Chairman Pierce asked for a motion on the item.

Supervisor Elliott moved for approval of the **Resolution to Adopt the Purchasing Policies and Procedures as presented**, seconded by Supervisor Hardy.

Vote: 5:0 (Approved)

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

Nays: None

Presentations

1. VDOT Quarterly Transportation Update – Oct. 1, 2025 to Dec. 31, 2025

Rossie Carroll, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Residency Administrator, provided the VDOT Quarterly Transportation Update for the Quarter of October 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. He reported on the work orders generated and completed, maintenance work accomplishments during this quarter, and upcoming planned maintenance including pavement marking refresh, brush trimming, ditching and shoulder work, shoulder repairs, scheduled resurfacing, surface treatments, mowing cycles, litter removal, Secondary Six-Year Plan (SSYP) projects, and land use permits.

Mr. Hardy thanked Mr. Carroll for VDOT's work in the Bacon's Castle District, specifically the sign to prohibit trucks from making a left turn onto Bacon's Castle Trail.

Mr. Calhoun thanked Mr. Carroll for all the work VDOT did, especially their efforts to clear ice and snow from their roadways in January. He said that regarding the resurfacing being done on Route 31 between the stoplight and Surry, he wanted to bring to Mr. Carroll's attention that there would be very busy traffic during morning and afternoon rush hour, so VDOT should anticipate traffic backups.

Dr. Elliott echoed his colleagues' commendations for VDOT's work, especially during the inclement weather. He knew Claremont citizens were grateful for VDOT's swift response in their neighborhood and he wanted to thank Mr. Carroll for that, as well.

Mr. Drew thanked Mr. Carroll for VDOT's work throughout the County during the past few months and particularly during the winter weather. He was impressed and appreciative of how quickly they had cleared Milltown and Route 31 after the snow storm.

Chairman Pierce stated that he was looking forward to VDOT's next quarterly report to hear more about their work during the recent snow and ice events, and wanted to note how apparent VDOT's thoroughness and dedication was in terms of clearing Surry County's roads. He thanked Mr. Carroll, his crew, and his contractors for keeping their roads clear and safe even during such hazardous conditions.

Board Comments

Mr. Drew – thanked their Emergency Services staff for their dedication and hard work during the winter storm. He also appreciated the Sheriff's update, which was very informative and helpful in ensuring citizens stayed off the roads. He stated that today, he attended the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) Legislative Day, where they had the opportunity to discuss some of the issues and currently pending legislation with Senator Aird and Delegate Pope Adams. He thought they had been true champions and advocates for the work in Surry County and in general. He encouraged everyone to go to the state capital and speak to their representatives about local issues if they get the chance. Finally, he wanted to speak to a comment made by one of their citizens during the public comment period, which was that progress did not require everyone to agree. He said that he wanted to express his appreciation for that remark, because it was civil discourse that created progress and led to real solutions. He stated that he worked tirelessly to ensure they continued to make smart, reliable progress for the County.

Ms. Harrell – congratulated Mr. Pierce on his new position as Chair, as she was not present at the previous meeting when he was elected. She thanked VDOT for their efforts to clear their roads after the recent snow and ice. She encouraged the citizens of Surry County to continue to advocate for their beliefs and ideas about what needed to be done for their community in the County as well as throughout the world. She asked everyone to please keep advocating for what they believed was right.

Mr. Calhoun – thanked everyone in attendance this evening for being here, as well as those watching the meeting remotely. He thanked the public commenters for their statements this evening. He thanked Ms. Lyttle for attending the Riverside Hospital gala, which was a pleasant surprise. He additionally thanked VDOT for their continued efforts for keeping their local roads clear and safe during inclement weather. He encouraged all citizens to please come to Board meetings to express their concerns or ask questions when they had them, or to contact their district representative directly. He wished everyone a safe and enjoyable evening.

Dr. Elliott – emphasized that this Board was diligently working on the citizens' behalf. He said that it was a pleasure to be at the General Assembly on VACo Legislative Day to advocate for this County. He noted that Mr. Drew was an extremely valuable asset to the County in that regard, and it was a great thing to have all Board members present for that event. He stated that he took all comments given this evening to heart, and while they may disagree on some issues, it was important to ensure they were not wholly disagreeable. He stated that Surry County was always a County where people got along, despite cultural differences. He expressed his belief that they must all work together for the betterment of Surry County, and it was through unity and collaboration that they would make significant progress and make Surry County the greatest County it can be.

Mr. Hardy – stated that he would simply second the comments made by his colleagues.

Chairman Pierce – thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and those watching from home. He stated that it had been a busy day for Board members as they all attended the VACo Legislative Day at the Capitol in Richmond. He explained that they spoke with their state

representatives, Delegate Kimberly Pope Adams and Senator Laschrecse Aird and explained to them Surry County's position in terms of being rural with roughly 6,500 citizens, and how the Board, staff, and other public officials were making decisions for the betterment of the current citizens of Surry County as well as the future community. He said that they wanted to ensure that Surry could be the luxurious, beautiful County they all enjoyed for generations to come. He agreed that the Riverside Hospital gala was a great event for meeting with stakeholders and donors, and to hear about the excellent, lifesaving work already achieved in the first 45 days of the hospital being opened. He emphasized that partnering with this hospital was a major asset to Surry County citizens so they had access to important healthcare services. He stated that additionally, the Board held a joint meeting with the School Board to learn about their facilities need. He reiterated that there had been a lot of recent work undertaken and more was upcoming. He noted that as they entered February, he wanted to recognize Black History Month and those who came before them who had worked to make Surry County so special. He stated that he had received an email from the President of the African American Heritage Society here in Surry, which detailed that by 1860, more than one-third of Black citizens in Surry County were free, with many owning farmland and businesses in the community. Additionally, this year the African American Heritage Society was hosting the 2026 Black History Program named Grand Rising: Together We Rise, United We Thrive, to be held on Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 2:30 p.m. at the Surry County Community Center, 205 Enos Farm Drive, Dendron, Virginia. He thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and wished everyone safe travels home this evening.

County Administrator's Report

Melissa Rollins, County Administrator stated that in addition to the thanks given to VDOT for their response during the recent winter storm, she wanted to thank their internal team members for stepping up and working through the logistics of protecting County assets and operating County facilities during such inclement weather. She commented that since the Riverside Hospital's opening on January 6, County Emergency Services had provided 35 transports to the hospital. She noted that during the gala, there was frequent mention of Surry County citizens who had stepped up to the plate and participated in the process to make the hospital possible. She expressed her appreciation to the Economic Development Authority (EDA) for making it possible for the Board members to attend. Additionally, she wanted give belated happy birthday wishes to Dr. Elliott and Mr. Drew and would recognize staff members' birthdays at future meetings.

Reports

1. FOIA Request Summary – January 2026
2. Treasurer's Office December 2025 LGIP Investment Letter
3. Building Departments January 2026 Reports
4. Second Quarter Financial Report

Chairman Pierce enumerated the reports. He asked Board members to please review the reports and provide any questions or comments to staff.

For Your Information

There was none.

Closed Session

Ms. Perkins asked for a motion for the Board to convene a Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1) to discuss appointments of Board members or their designees to local and regional boards and commissions.

Supervisor Calhoun moved, and Supervisor Elliott seconded.

Vote 5:0 (Approved):

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

Nays: None

Ms. Perkins read and asked for a motion on the Resolution certifying Closed Session.

Supervisor Calhoun moved, and Supervisor Hardy seconded.

Vote 5:0 (Approved):

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

Nays: None

Supervisor Hardy moved, and Supervisor Elliott seconded, to make appointments to boards and commissions: Mr. Cameran Drew to the Chief Local Elected Officials Board; Mr. Walter Hardy to the Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance; and Deputy County Administrator Mr. David Harrison to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

Vote 5:0 (Approved):

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

Nays: None

Adjournment

Chairman Pierce asked for a motion for adjournment to March 5, 2026, 6:00 p.m. for a regular meeting.

Supervisor Calhoun moved, and Supervisor Elliott seconded.

Vote 5:0 (Approved):

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

Nays: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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