



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, 2026, AT 6:00 PM.

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR BREYON PIERCE, CHAIRMAN
SUPERVISOR WALTER HARDY, VICE-CHAIR
SUPERVISOR DR. ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR.
SUPERVISOR CAMERAN DREW
SUPERVISOR JOHN SEWARD
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE KAMAYA SUMMERS

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: MR. DAVID HARRISON, INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MS. LOLA PERKINS, COUNTY ATTORNEY
MR. DELON BROWN, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF OPERATIONS ANED INFRASTRUCTURE
MR. HORACE WADE, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MR. DARRYL RAWLINGS,, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND REC
MR. RAY PHELPS, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
MS. RENEE CHAPLINE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MS. SHARNA WHITE, REGISTRAR
MS. FRANCES BAILEY, PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOP0MENT
MS. BENITA VEIGA, YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Invocation

The invocation was given by Reverend James Harrison from Main Street Baptist Church.

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 a Motion to accept the agenda. Supervisor Seward made a motion to accept the agenda and Supervisor Elliott seconded the motion. All present voted affirmatively. (Approved)

SUPERVISOR BREYON PIERCE.	AYE
SUPERVISOR WALTER HARDY	AYE
SUPERVISOR ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR	AYE
SUPERVISOR CAMERAN DREW	AYE
SUPERVISOR JOHN SEWARD	AYE

Consent Items

1. Approval of Draft Minutes – April 30, 2026
2. Approval of Draft Minutes – June 4, 2026
3. Resolution – Jerline Elliott – Age 90
4. Resolution – Honoring Linda A. Bailey
5. Resolution Honoring Jacqueline Hardy Ricks
6. Evelyn Ellis – Appointment to the Blackwater Regional Library Board
7. John Seward – Appointment to fill the unexpired term of William Calhoun to the Highway Transportation Safety Commission
8. 2026-2027 Board of Supervisors Student Representative – Kamaya Summers
9. Davenport Financial Services Cooperative Agreement

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

Supervisor Elliott moved, and Supervisor Hardy seconded, to approve the consent agenda without Items 3, 4, and 5.

Vote 5:0 (Approved):

Ayes: Supervisor Pierce, Supervisor Hardy, Supervisor Elliott, Supervisor Drew, Supervisor Seward

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman Pierce presented the Resolution for Jerline Elliott, Age 90. Family members of Ms. Elliott accepted the Resolution.

Supervisor Elliott presented the Resolution Honoring Linda A. Bailey. Ms. Bailey accepted the Resolution and gave remarks.

Supervisor Elliot presented the Resolution Honoring Jacqueline Hardy Ricks. Ms. Ricks accepted the Resolution and gave remarks.

Public Comments

1. Alan Bardwell, Surry District – requested public records to show the final outcome of the County Administration's response to citizen concerns raised during the June meeting
2. Susan Corvello, Claremont District – stated that her previous questions about County operations were not a FOIA request; suggested they rename the FOIA Request Summary report; and asked for answers to her questions

Board Comments

Supervisor Elliott thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting. He stated it was an honor to recognize their upstanding citizens this evening. He admonished the public to stay cool during the hot weather. He welcomed everyone to come out to their fireworks event tomorrow. He encouraged everyone to maintain a mindset of unity, so they can stay together as a community and make life the best it can possibly be. He stated the Board was working cohesively to make life better for the citizens of Surry County, although he acknowledged they could not address

every problem at once. He stated he looked forward to seeing everyone tomorrow night at the fireworks.

Supervisor Drew reported that he had the honor of attending the Town of Dendron's 120th Anniversary Celebration alongside Supervisor Hardy. He said that it was a great occasion celebrating the best town in Surry County. He congratulated their interim County Administrator, Mr. Harrison, whom he knew would continue to lead them forward. He reported that he also took a tour of the Jamestown Rediscovery Project site with Mary Anna, a Surry County native and archaeologist on the site. He encouraged everyone to visit the site and see the 1865 landmark. He also thanked staff for taking the time to fix the live video feed for their meetings, which was greatly appreciated. He reported that he recently volunteered his services at the Juneteenth Festival this year, which had a great turnout, food and music. He said that it was a great time to relax and enjoy time with the community. He reported that he also attended the Governor's bill signing in Surry County, which was a great opportunity. He said he looked forward to inviting their Governor back in the future and maintaining a strong relationship. He congratulated Ms. Elliott on her 90th birthday, and to Ms. Bailey and Ms. Ricks for their dedicated service to their youth. He stated that he hoped he would see everyone tomorrow at their Fourth of July celebration, and he wished everyone a great evening.

Supervisor Seward congratulated Mr. Harrison on his appointment as interim County Administrator.

Supervisor Hardy congratulated Mr. Harrison and to Mr. Brown for taking Mr. Harrison's previous role for their Board meetings. He congratulated their honorees this evening. He noted that Ms. Bailey and Ms. Ricks were residents of the Bacon's Castle District, proving that only greatness came from their district. He also recognized a member of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors in the audience at tonight's meeting.

Chairman Pierce thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and watching the meeting from home. He said he was glad to hear Mr. Drew's confirmation that the video feed for the meeting was working, and he expressed his appreciation for staff's hard work and diligence to ensure that happened. He congratulated Mr. Harrison on his appointment to interim County Administrator, and to Mr. Brown as well. He reported that he attended the Town of Dendron's 120th Anniversary Celebration parade, and it was a joy to see. He invited everyone to attend their fireworks event tomorrow evening, and emphasized the importance of staying hydrated during the hot weather. He acknowledged the Governor for signing the bill that was very significant for their local agricultural community, and it was great to have that recognition of Surry County. He recognized the citizens honored at today's meeting, noting the huge milestones and accolades. He expressed his appreciation for their dedication and years of service. He thanked all of their citizens for their engagement in community events, meetings, and everything else happening in Surry County. He stated that it was great to know so many people were advocating for Surry County, and he looked forward to continuing to work together to push the County forward. He reported that he recently visited the rural community of Morris, Illinois, where they discussed energy. He stated that throughout the state, there were concerns being raised about what their sources of energy would look like in the future. He said that it was important to learn from other communities across the nation to learn how to best address their current problems, and working together to make a plan to better their future generations was essential. He noted that even with a population of only 12,000 people, Morris had established

industry, businesses, and tourism, which he could foresee for Surry County if they worked with a collaborative effort. He wished everyone safe travels home and hoped to see everyone tomorrow.

County Administrator's Report

1. Fireworks Events and Festivities – July 3, 2026
2. GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

David Harrison, Interim County Administrator, presented the County Administrator's Report. He announced that Surry County had been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. He explained that this was the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. He said that this award recognized the County's commitment to transparency, accountability, and financial management through the preparation of its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). Surry County had consistently earned this award over the years, reflecting the dedication and professionalism of the County's Finance team and leadership. The County was especially pleased to receive this recognition following a brief interruption in 2024 when the application process was not completed due to significant staff efforts required to implement the new County's enterprise resource planning (ERP) system. He recognized Ms. Rollins, Mr. Brown, Ms. Harvey, and all their staff for their hard work and dedication that resulted in this award.

Renee Chapline, Economic Development Authority, encouraged everyone to attend their upcoming First Fridays in August, September, and October, which were sure to be a good time.

Darryl Rawlings, Director of Parks and Recreation, thanked the Board for entrusting him to put on the fireworks event for the past five years, and he hoped it would continue to grow. He noted that last year was probably their most-attended event so far. He stated that this year, they had 11 food vendors, four cold refreshment vendors along with other beverages, and seven craft vendors. There would also be a variety of musical entertainment starting at 5:15 p.m. and lasting until 9:30 p.m., to include the Calden & Company Band, the Jason Cale Band, and Point of View Band. He sincerely thanked Ms. Chapline for securing the banner celebrating this event as well as the America 250 Celebration. He also recognized their Office of Emergency Services and Sheriff's Department for assisting with this event. He thanked the Board for this opportunity to put on an extraordinary event tomorrow evening.

Supervisor Drew asked if they would be providing complimentary water.

Mr. Rawlings confirmed they would be providing water and Gatorade for everyone.

Supervisor Drew thanked Mr. Phelps and Sheriff Turner for their work, particularly with regard to traffic control for the event. He asked the public to please be patient and rest assured everyone would get in and out of the event in a safe and orderly fashion.

Mr. Rawlings added that the state police and Southampton County would be assisting with traffic management for the event.

Supervisor Elliott thanked Mr. Rawlings for putting on a spectacular event each year in Surry County. He acknowledged the effort it took to make this happen, and he commended him on his success.

Chairman Pierce thanked Mr. Rawlings for his hard work and diligence in putting on this event. He was impressed by the number of vendors they would have this year and encouraged everyone to invite their friends and family to join in their 250th celebration of this great nation.

Ms. Chapline also reported to the Board that the Surry County Cultural Trail now had 31 digital sites available on their Visit Surry County App or "Plan Your Trip" on their Tourism website. She explained that they had currently had six physical historical marker signs that would be placed in the coming months at the Surry County Courthouse, Old Lebanon School, Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Smallwood Memorial Institute, Union Baptist Church, and Virginia Watermen.

Chairman Pierce thanked Ms. Chapline for all her work. He also recognized staff for their GFOA Award, which was a very impressive achievement.

Reports

1. Blackwater Regional Library Director's Report – June 2026
2. FOIA Request Summary – June 2026

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.

Adjournment

Chairman Pierce noted that the Board's next scheduled meeting was August 6, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. However, this conflicted with their National Night Out, which would be held at Parks and Recreation at 5:30 p.m. on the same day. He asked his fellow Board members whether they would be amenable to changing the time of their meeting that day, or move the meeting to Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Lola Perkins, County Attorney, clarified that public hearings were anticipated to be held at the August 6 Board meeting, and changing their meeting date to August 5 would not meet their advertising requirements. This meant that they would have to push some public hearing items to be addressed at the Board's September meeting.

Chairman Pierce acknowledged it could be crucial to stay on the established timeline for public hearing items. He asked Ms. Perkins what her recommendation would be in that case.

Ms. Perkins replied that she would recommend they push those items to the September meeting.

Chairman Pierce confirmed there was Board consensus to change the date of their August meeting to August 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Supervisor Elliott moved, and Supervisor Drew seconded.

Vote 5:0 (Approved):

Ayes: Supervisor Pierce, Supervisor Hardy, Supervisor Seward, Supervisor Elliott, Supervisor Drew

Nays: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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