



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 3, 2022, AT 7 PM.

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR JUDY LYTTLE
SUPERVISOR RONALD HOWELL, JR.
SUPERVISOR ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR.
SUPERVISOR MICHAEL DREWRY
SUPERVISOR WILLIAM (TIM) CALHOUN

ALSO

PRESENT: MS. DANIELLE POWELL, COUNTY ATTORNEY
MS. MELISSA ROLLINS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MR. DAVID HARRISON, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MS. DOREATHA PIERCE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
MR. DELON BROWN, NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR, IT DIRECTOR
MR. RAY PHELPS, EMERGENCY SERVICES
MR. HORACE WADE, PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
MR. YOTI JABRI, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
MR. JONATHAN JUDKINS, COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE

INVOCATION

The invocation for tonight's meeting was given by Pastor Spencer Logan

CALL TO ORDER/MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ADOPT AGENDA

The February 3, 2022, meeting of the Surry County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Lyttle at 7 P.M., followed by a moment of silence. Chairman Lyttle invited those present to stand and recite the pledge of allegiance. Thereafter, Chairman Lyttle asked of any questions or comments of the present agenda. With there being none, Supervisor Elliott made a motion to adopt the agenda. Vice Chair Howell seconded the motion with all present voting affirmatively.

SUPERVISOR JUDY S. LYTTLE	AYE
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CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approval of Draft Minutes - January 6, 2022
2. Approval of Accounts Payable for the Month of December 2021, in the amount of \$490,293.80
3. Request for Public Hearing - Surry Solar Center LLC
4. Resolution 2022-01: Appointment to RCCJB - M. Rollins
5. Resolution 2022-02: Appointment to RCCJB - S. Hamlin
6. Resolution 2022-03: Senior Recognition - Mrs. Lucy Butler

Chairman Lyttle acknowledged the items listed for consent and asked Board members if any items needed to be pulled for discussion. Chairman Lyttle asked to pull Consent Item #6 to read its content to go on record. There being no further questions, Supervisor Howell made a motion to approve the consent items as enumerated, with the exception of consent item #6. Supervisor Elliott seconded the motion. All present voted affirmatively. (Approved)

1. Resolution 2022-03: Senior Recognition – Mrs. Lucy Butler

County Administrator, Melissa Rollins, read resolution 2022-03 aloud. Supervisor Elliott made a motion to approve the adoption of the resolution to recognize, Mrs. Lucy Butler ninth birthday. Supervisor Howell seconded the motion. All present voted affirmatively. (Approved)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 2022 Board and Sub-Committee Reorganization

Supervisor Elliott made a motion to approve the 2022 Sub-Committee new appointments as presented. Supervisor Calhoun seconded the motion. All present voted affirmatively. (Approved)

REPORTS

1. VDOT Quarterly Report – Mr. Christopher “Rossie” Carroll

There was no report. Mrs. Rollins advised the board Mr. Carroll was unable to attend.



PRESENTATIONS

1. Economic Impact of the Federal Sector on Surry County

Mr. Craig Quigley and Mr. Rick Dwyer of Hampton Roads Military and Facilities Alliance provided a brief presentation in relation to the Economic Impact of the Federal Sector on Surry County. (A copy of the presentation is attached as an integral component of these minutes.)

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing: Virginia's Gateway Region Industrial Facilities Authority Ordinance

Mr. Yoti Jabri requested the Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance to join the Virginia's Gateway Region Industrial Facilities Authority in collaboration and cooperation with the City of Colonial Heights, the County of Dinwiddie, the City of Hopewell, the City of Petersburg, the County of Prince George, and the County of Sussex, to foster economic growth and development of the County of Surry and the region, and to promote the comfort, convenience and welfare of the citizens of the County of Surry by developing, owning and operating one or more facilities on a cooperative basis with the other member localities.

Public Comments: None

*There being no citizen's comments, public comments were closed; thereafter Board members and staff made their remarks. Supervisor Howell made a motion to close the public hearing, Supervisor Elliott seconded the motion. Thereafter, Supervisor Elliott made a motion to enter an agreement with Virginia Gateway Region, Supervisor Howell seconded the motion. Supervisor Howell made a motion to adopt an ordinance to join Virginia's Gateway Region Industrial Facilities Authority, the motion was seconded by Supervisor Elliott. All present voted affirmatively. **(Approved)***

2. Public Hearing: Floodplain Ordinance Amendment

Mr. Horace Wade requested an amendment to Section 3-1500 et seq. of the Floodplain District in the Surry County Zoning Ordinance to be amended as required by FEMA after receiving a final flood determination from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Public Comments: None

*There being no citizen's comments, public comments were closed. Chairman Lyttle closed the public hearing. Supervisor Howell made a motion to adopt the Floodplain Ordinance Amendment, the motion was seconded by Supervisor Elliott. All present voted affirmatively. **(Approved)***



The contents of this Public Hearing can be found in its entirety through our Surry County Government YouTube Channel: [Surry County Government - YouTube](#)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

1. 2022 Local Government Day
2. Broadband Report
3. Animal Shelter Update -
4. Radio Communication – Ray Phelps
5. Budget Work Session
6. Financial System
7. Social Community Engagement

(A copy of the presentation is attached as an integral component of these minutes.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Robert Chandler, Bacon Castle – Thanked the Planning Department for recent communications and potential plan to improve the Permit Application Process – No American Flag at the Circuit Courthouse - Citizen Comments in Minutes aren't detailed – 460 Property could potentially be used as access to railroad tracks.
2. Susan Corvello, Carsley – Email Responses from district representative, request citizens have access to submit public comments virtually, Inquired about the contracted supplier for Surry Market Place.
3. Mike Eggleston, Dendron– Requested to have Surry County's digital sign dimmed.
4. Shirley Newby, Claremont - Concerned with the overflow of rainwater along Berryman's Corner Road.

You can access the full content at the following link: [Surry County Government - YouTube](#)

BOARD COMMENTS

1. Vice Chairman Howell – Expressed the need to collaboratively work together.
2. Supervisor Calhoun – Welcomed Madam-Chair Lyttle and Vice-Chairman Howell to their new positions on the Board.



3. Supervisor Elliott - Congratulated Madam-Chair Lyttle and Vice-Chairman Howell to their new positions on the Board. Expressed his concern with the rise in Covid Cases within the County; suggested the safety precautions that were lifted may need to be revisited.
4. Madam-Chair Lyttle - Thanked Board Members and staff for the work that was put forth in the past years and looking forward to great work in the coming years. Looking forward to improving public outreach among staff.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

1. Gov Northam Press Release - New COVID Testing Centers Across VA
2. Gov Northam Press Release - Action to Expand Hospital Capacity
3. Governor Youngkin Issues a Proclamation Recognizing and Honoring February as Black History Month

(A copy of the presentation is attached as an integral component of these minutes.)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Supervisor Drewry made a motion to adjourn their meeting until Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 5:30 pm. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Calhoun and unanimously approved by all present. All present voted affirmatively. (Approved)

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:38 PM.

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Craig R. Quigley
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
Executive Director
Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance

VACO LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAY

Today, we spent time at Local Government Day - It is general assembly time at obviously it is packed with issues and legislation that undoubtedly impacts local governments. With hundreds of bills in the works, it is challenging to navigate through the ones that may directly impact Surry. We make efforts to do so and often we are asked to respond with data to assist lawmakers in the decision-making process. The VACO has put forth a package of budget amendments that they believe advocate for local government priorities. To numerous to name in this update: You have been provided a summary of amendments and VACO's position as to support or opposition.

Surry Citizens Continuing Connections to PGECE Ruralband

The most recent report: Total # of active Ruralband users - 1,067, of this amount - 819 are PGEC customers and 248 or 23% are Dominion Customers.

There are 486 pending applications, with the majority (330) being Dominion customers and 156 PGEC customers.

Mrs. Lyttle, long standing broadband champion is finally connected with high speed internet service.

We were able to use our working partnership with PGEC-Ruralband to assist local businesses and the town of Surry impacted by the closure of the 380 to fast rack service connection.

Surry's continues to be a model county for VATI Ruralband project. I have been invited to serve on a panel of the American Association of Black Engineers Virginia chapter to speak on the County's perspective on the VATI initiatives and the efforts made to bring broadband to rural Virginians.

Animal Shelter project update

The work on the animal pound has been progressing nicely. The cages and gates are installed, the drainage and ventilation systems have been completed; the next steps is the painting and fencing. We know that our citizens will be pleased and the state with the much needed improvements to the facility.

Radio Communication System

We have interviewed two candidates in response to the RFP. Staff is in the process of evaluating the proposals while working with the consultant to answer questions and to receive feedback on the selection process. This is such an important project for the County and while this is certainly long overdue, we have to perform all due diligence to include engaging all stakeholders before making a final decision. We will provide a more thorough update.

Budget Season:

It is budget season and we are preparing for our budget meetings. If any questions or concerns about the budget process; please contact my office. We have some high priority issues that we will be addressing to include bringing back the financial advisors for an update and to adopt our financial policies. We have our financial software system in addition to the radio communication project that are huge initiatives to undertake. We are assessing capital/infrastructure needs, determine use of ARPA funds to bring back to the Board for further consideration. The Reassessment is underway and will need to update the Board.

Board of Equalization Appointments

Based on the code, i the board of equalization should have five members and those members have to be appointed by the circuit court following the reassessment. Please begin to consider individuals to serve on the board. Each member has to be a resident of Surry, a majority must own real estate, and thirty percent (at least two members) have to be commercial or residential real estate appraisers, other real estate professionals, builders, developers, or legal or financial professionals. The members must also attend and participate in the basic course of instruction given by the Department of Taxation in order to be eligible for appointment.

Also, keep in mind, that before the board of equalization meets, there must be at least 10 days' notice of the date and time of the meeting to equalize real estate and to hear complaints. The

notice must be published in the newspaper and by posting the notice at the court courthouse or public library or voting precinct. I believe the Department of Taxation publishes a manual that includes sample notices and letters. You probably already have that, but if not, you may want to see if you can get a copy from the Department.

Social/Community Engagement

We are doing well with our social media engagement. Finding ways to keep citizens informed and to continue to promote community unity. We are in Phase II of the tourism site that from the County's main page, citizens and users will be able to link directly to the Tourism and ED site and also a new parks and recreation site that will be more user friendly for registering for sporting events and other activities on-line.

Our New Arrangement with Sussex and Surry on Share Building Inspection Services is going well. We have always tracked our monthly building reports and since, we have added a new metric to the reporting. Our goal was to improve the efficiency of this service. For the month of January, we have conducted 64 inspections within 24 hours and have performed plan review services within 10 business days. Thank you Board Members once again for making this decision!

Open By Appointment

As we continue to monitor COVID, we certainly listen to the numbers and make decisions accordingly. While we are open to the public by appointment, we will be looking adjusting that provision at the pleasure of the board.

We are offering free COVID testing to citizens, at this time Mr. Phelps can come and give how that is being done.

For Immediate Release: January 6, 2022

Contacts: Office of the Governor: Alena Yarmosky, Alena.Yarmosky@governor.virginia.gov

Governor Northam Announces \$5 Million for New Community Testing Centers Across Virginia

Nine new testing centers will provide free PCR tests in response to Omicron variant

RICHMOND—Governor Northam today announced that the Virginia Department of Health will open nine new Community Testing Centers (CTCs) to increase testing availability across the Commonwealth. Centers will be funded with an initial \$5 million from the Virginia Department of Health, which is seeking FEMA funding to reimburse expenses and continue testing deployment. New testing centers will offer Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests—the most reliable form of testing for COVID-19—and will supplement numerous locally-coordinated Community Testing Events.

“Testing is a critical tool in our fight against COVID-19, and we must continue to everything we can do increase access,” **said Governor Northam**. “As Virginians continue to grapple with a national shortage of rapid tests, expanding our PCR capabilities will ensure more Virginians have access to free, reliable testing and can better protect themselves and their families.”

The testing locations will be near or on the same property as existing VDH Community Vaccination Centers (CVCs) in Charlottesville, Chesterfield, Fairfax, Fredericksburg, Newport News, Norfolk, Prince William, Richmond and Roanoke that have been operating since October.

“Testing helps us identify individuals who are ill with the disease so the appropriate medical and public health actions can be taken and can help reduce the spread of COVID-19,” **said Dr. Norm Oliver, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Health**. “We understand that there is a lot of demand for testing, and this expanded capacity through the CTCs will help address some of these critical needs across the Commonwealth.”

These new testing centers are expected to administer more than 50,000 tests in the month of January. Each of the nine sites will operate between 4-6 days per week and will be open from 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., depending on the location. The first CTC will open on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at the Richmond International Raceway (Gate 7, 4690 Caroline Ave.) with eight additional sites opening in the coming weeks.

CTC test results will be automatically sent via text or email message to individuals being tested, based on the information provided in the appointment system.

VDH urges people to get tested if they have symptoms, or if they have come into close contact with someone with COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status. VDH recommends testing on day 5 after exposure, although testing on days 3-5 is also acceptable. As this is a time of high demand on testing and on the health system, if you do not have symptoms or a known exposure, VDH encourages people to postpone any non-essential travel or events that would prompt them to test beforehand.

To learn more about COVID-19 testing, visit the VDH COVID-19 Testing [webpage](#).

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For Immediate Release: January 10, 2022

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Governor Northam Takes Action to Expand Hospital Capacity

Limited 30-day emergency order issued to help hospitals address rising number of patients admitted with COVID-19
~ overwhelming majority are unvaccinated

RICHMOND—Governor Northam today took steps to increase Virginia’s hospital capacity and support healthcare workers responding to COVID-19, after a record number of hospitalizations were posted on Friday of last week. He issued a limited 30-day order to expand the number of available hospital beds, increase staffing capacity at hospitals and nursing homes, and allow public health agencies greater flexibility in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. The limited duration is based on modeling that suggests the virus will peak in the next few weeks.

“Health care workers and hospitals are exhausted, and they are again facing increasing numbers of patients, affecting their ability to provide care,” **Governor Northam said.** “These steps will help ease the strain, giving medical professionals more flexibility to care for people. Ultimately, the best thing everyone can do for our hospitals and their staff is to get vaccinated.”

Virginia has among the nation’s lowest COVID-19 case rates and death rates per capita, and the Commonwealth ranks in the top ten most vaccinated states in the country. But the highly-transmissible omicron variant has increased the number of people turning to the hospital with COVID-19. The overwhelming majority of individuals hospitalized have not been vaccinated against COVID-19. In fact, one hospital company reported last week that 97% of COVID-19 patients relying on ventilators are not vaccinated.

More than 3,500 patients statewide are currently hospitalized with COVID-19, and ICU hospitalizations have more than doubled since December 1, 2021. In addition, the winter season is spurring an increasing number of flu and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) cases in Virginia, impacting hospital capacity. To address this patient increase, Emergency Order Eighty-Four directs the State Health Commissioner to waive normal bed licensing requirements, allows hospitals to increase their licensed bed capacity, and mandates increased coordination between hospitals and local Medical Services Agencies.

Healthcare workers across the country are facing severe burnout and exhaustion 22 months into the pandemic. The Governor's Emergency Order directs a number of actions to boost staff in hospitals and nursing homes. The Order allows providers with an active out-of-state license to practice in Virginia; authorizes experienced Physician Assistants to practice without a written supervisory agreement; increases provider-to-patient ratios; and provides certain liability protections to health care workers who act in good faith to protect patients.

In addition, Emergency Order Eighty-Four increases flexibility in the transfer of patients to state-operated psychiatric hospitals, which have seen dangerously-high census levels since the pandemic began.

Governor Northam encouraged everyone to take easy steps to help:

- It's a good idea to stay away from people who have not gotten their shots.
- It's a good idea to wear a mask when you're around other people, especially if you don't know whether they have been vaccinated.
- If you have not gotten a booster shot, now is the time to do it. Shots are widely available at pharmacies, doctor's offices, and local health departments all across Virginia.
- If you have children age five and above, now is the time to get them vaccinated. This will make it easier and safer for them to go back to school.
- If you have chosen not to get your shots, you need to wear a mask and practice social distancing—to protect yourself and other people.

The full text of Executive Order Eighty-Four is [here](#).

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GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA

Glenn Youngkin

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CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

Black History Month

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia, a rich and diverse state ripe with opportunity, has been home to some of the country's most influential African American leaders. These leaders, too numerous to list, have inspired all Americans with their stories of the triumph of the human spirit and tragic stories of cruelty rooted in bias and bigotry; and

WHEREAS, the fine fabric of the Commonwealth is sewn together by these resilient, optimistic and courageous

citizens yielding a culturally diverse, socially equal and economically strong Commonwealth. African Americans have both enriched and cultivated every aspect of life while rising above social, political, and economic barriers; and

WHEREAS, among the many distinguished African American leaders of the Commonwealth, I am humbled to occupy the seat of the Honorable L. Douglas Wilder, former governor and lieutenant governor of Virginia and the first African American elected governor in these United States. Governor Wilder is a decorated United States Army Veteran and a distinguished attorney. I am also pleased to serve with Winsome Earle-Sears, the Commonwealth's first woman to serve as lieutenant governor, first woman of color and first Jamaican-born American citizen elected to statewide office; and

WHEREAS, Virginians can be proud of pioneers like Dr. Robert Russa Moton and Maggie Lena Walker. Dr. Moton served as principal of Tuskegee University, succeeding his friend and fellow Virginian Booker T. Washington, and he overcame insurmountable odds to become a leader in establishing equality. A presidential advisor and president of the National Negro Business League for more than twenty years, he organized the greatest minds in the nation to debate and address issues of African American advancement. Born in 1864 as the Civil War raged across Virginia, Maggie Lena Walker achieved national prominence as a businesswoman and community leader. She was the first woman in the United States to found a bank; and

WHEREAS, Virginians can be inspired by Richmond native Dorothy Height, champion of rights for both women and African Americans as president of the National Council of Negro Women. Height stood alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as one of the organizers of the March on Washington in 1963; and

WHEREAS, I encourage all Virginians to join the First Lady and me in taking pride in the resilient, optimistic and courageous African American leaders past, present and future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Glenn Youngkin, do hereby recognize February 2022 as BLACK HISTORY MONTH, and I call this observance to honor the history and achievements of Black Americans. Let us all celebrate our rich history and acknowledge that diversity, when genuinely embraced, strengthens our Commonwealth. Every Virginian deserves dignity and respect, the opportunity to pursue our dreams, and inclusion in the Virginia family.



A handwritten signature of Glenn Youngkin in black ink.

Glenn Youngkin, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature of Kay Coles James in black ink.

Kay Coles James, Secretary of the Commonwealth

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