



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, MAY 5, 2022 AT TIME 7PM

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

ABSENT:

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
MS. FRANCES BAILEY, PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MR. JONATHAN JUDKINS, COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE
MR. RAY PHELPS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

INVOCATION

The invocation for tonight's meeting was given by Deacon Darryl Rawling of Tree of Life Church.

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

The May 5, 2022 meeting of the Surry County Board of was called to order by Chairman Lyttle at 7 P.M. Following the invocation was a moment of silence. Chairman Lyttle invited those present to stand and recite the pledge of allegiance.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approval of Draft Minutes - April 7, 2022
2. Approval of Accounts Payable for the Month of March 2022 in the amount of \$645,500.61.
3. Request for Public Hearing - 2022 Six Year Secondary Road Improvement Plan



4. Request for Public Hearing - Meadow Court Trust demolition of structure in Historic Preservation District
5. Resolution: Recognition of Farmer Joe's Greenhouse for Their Years of Service
6. Proclamation: 2022 Police Week
7. Continuation of Loblolly Solar Public Hearing to June 16, 2022 at 7pm or shortly after.

Madam Chair Lyttle asked of the approval of the present agenda. Supervisor Elliott made a motion to adopt the agenda. Supervisor Calhoun seconded the motion. A roll call vote for the adoption of the presented agenda was then called and the roll call vote was recorded as follows:

SUPERVISOR ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR.	AYE
SUPERVISOR MICHAEL DREWRY	AYE
SUPERVISOR JUDY S. LYTTLE	AYE
SUPERVISOR WILLIAM "TIM" CALHOUN	AYE

*Melissa Rollins, County Administrator, read the items listed for consent. Madam Chair asked Board members if any items needed to be pulled for discussion. There being none, Supervisor Elliott made a motion to approve the consent items as enumerated. Supervisor Calhoun seconded the motion. All present voted affirmatively. **(Approved)***

REPORT

1. Blackwater Regional Library April 2022 Activity Report- (For your information)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

1. Primary and Secondary Route Mow/Trim/Litter Removal for Surry County
2. Recognized the Solid Waste staff for their contributions and hard work during April, which was Surry County Clean Up Month
3. Project Updates
 - Animal Control – Welcomed staff and citizens to view the new upgrades that were completed.
 - Radio Communications – Upcoming meetings with consultants and Motorola, which is the vendor that was selected.
 - Covid (Stats) Vaccination Rate – Surry County



- 63% fully vaccinated citizens
- 2nd within Crater Health District

4. Budget Schedule for FY 2022-23

- Public Hearing – Thursday, May 12, 2022
- Proposed Work Session - Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 6pm
- Action of the Budget – Thursday, May 19, 2022 7pm
- Citizens may mail comments concerning the budget:
45 School Street Surry, Virginia 23883
- Budget Information is available on the county's website
- Physical copies of the budget are available at the following locations:
 - County Administrative Office
 - Blackwater Regional Library – Surry Branch
 - Blackwater Regional Library – Claremont Branch
- Budget Transmittal Letter – provide a summation of the dynamics of the budget

5. In Attendance of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission Meeting

- Discussed similar Strategic Priorities that the Board has been discussing
 - Transportation Project – Access across the James River
 - Surry can participate in these discussions and submit transportation projects for consideration in the Hampton Roads PTO transportation plan
 - Wind Turbines Regional Approach

6. Riverside Regional Jail

- Audit Process – Met 100% of corrective actions from previous year
- Budget –
 - Cost decreased for Surry County due to the amount of care for prisoners decreasing for the year
 - Recommendation submitted to the Board to increase the jail's per diem from \$50.00 per day to \$51.50 to accommodate a 5% salary increase for jail employees.

Board Comment: Supervisor Drewry asked Mrs. Rollins to inform the public of the public hearings that were scheduled for June.

Staff Comment: Mrs. Rollins advised, at the June 2nd meeting, in addition to public hearings on the Secondary Road Improvement Plan and the Public Hearing on the demolition of structure in a Historic Preservation District, there will be the Align Renewable Energy Public hearing. On June 16th, there will be the Loblolly Solar Public hearing.

Board Comment: Supervisor Drewry asked for clarification on the when the Bacon Castle Solar meeting will be held.

Staff Comment: Mrs. Rollins responded, she will double check, but that was just a discussion item for the board, no action would be required at that time.



CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. *Mike Eggleston, Dendron District – Acknowledged Improvement at the dumpsites and inquired about where the signs were being printed at.*
2. *Robert Chandler, Bacons Castle District - Inquired about permit and inspection process in the Planning & Community Development and the Building Department taking too long.*
3. *Diane Cheek, Surry District – Expressed that the county can't afford the proposed budget, take tax rate back to 71 cents, reconsider hiring a full time Attorney and rethink 5 percent raise for employees.*

BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Lyttle, - Advised the board the need to recognize our that Attorney's resignation go in effect June 30, 2022 and begin discussing how we should move forward with advertising.

Supervisor Elliott – Asked clarification of when legal counsel's resignation will go in effect, which was June 30, 2022. He stated that there will be a short turnaround period to hire legal counsel and asked was there an appointed time for the board to discuss this matter. With there being none, Supervisor Elliott suggested that this item come to the forefront.

Supervisor Drewry – Advised to the staff and public that he does local government law. Mentioned the Local Attorney Association as a possibility for legal services. Advised interim attorney as a possibility as well. Stated he was welcomed to the discussion.

Supervisor Lyttle: Advised the board that staff has created a job description for an attorney.

Supervisor Calhoun – Stated he had no questions/comments but agreed to have discussions relating the new legal counsel.

Supervisor Drewry - Thanked administrators for tarp that was put on the old building.

CLOSED SESSION

Legal Comment: Prior to going into to the closed session, Ms. Danielle Powell stated that the anticipated end date for the contract is June 30, 2022, but in the event new legal counsel couldn't be found, the firm could stay on a little longer.

Ms. Danielle Powell, County Attorney, advised the need to convene into closed session as permitted by Virginia Code:



§ 2.2-3711(A)(1): Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals. Any teacher shall be permitted to be present during a closed meeting in which there is a discussion or consideration of a disciplinary matter that involves the teacher and some student and the student involved in the matter is present, provided the teacher makes a written request to be present to the presiding officer of the appropriate board. Nothing in this subdivision, however, shall be construed to authorize a closed meeting by a local governing body or an elected school board to discuss compensation matters that affect the membership of such body or board collectively.

Supervisor Drewry made a motion to convene into closed session. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Elliott and unanimously approved.

Board members convened into closed session at 7:30PM.

Board Members returned from closed session at 7:49PM.

Supervisor Drew made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Elliott. The Board returned to open session and certifies by roll call vote that in the closed session just concluded nothing was discussed except the matter or matters specifically identified in the motion to convene in closed session and lawfully permitted to be discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act cited in the motion.

All present voted affirmatively.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:50PM until Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 7pm.