



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 7, 2022 AT 7:00 PM.

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

ABSENT:

ALSO

PRESENT: MR. DAVID HARRISON, DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MS. DOREATHA PIERCE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
MR. BILL HEFTY, COUNTY ATTORNEY (REMOTELY)
MR. HORACE WADE, PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
MR. YOTI JABRI, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
MR. RAY PHELPS, EMERGENCY SERVICES
MR. DERRICK MOORE, SANITATION SUPERVISOR
MR. DARRYL RAWLINGS, PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER
MS. SHARNA WHITE, REGISTRAR
MR. MATT WESTHEIMER, BUILDING OFFICIAL
MR. JONATHAN JUDKINS, COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE
SHERIFF CARLOS TURNER, SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT

INVOCATION

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

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

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

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approval of Draft Minutes- 6/2/2022
2. Approval of Accounts Payable for the Month of May 2022
3. Request for Public Hearing on 8/4/2022: Appropriation from Fund Balance and Bond Proceeds to Cover Project Costs



4. Loblolly Solar, LLC, (“Loblolly”) - Request to Defer Action Until August 4, 2022 Meeting
5. Surry County as Designated Emergency Response Agency (DERA)

Madam Chair Lyttle asked of the approval of the present agenda. Supervisor Elliott made a motion to adopt the agenda. Supervisor Drewry seconded the motion. A roll call vote for the adoption of the presented agenda was then called and all present voted affirmatively. (Approved)

David Harrison, Deputy County Administrator, read the consent items. Madam Chair asked if there were any items that needed to be pulled. With there being none, Supervisor Elliott made a motion to adopt the consent items as presented. Supervisor Calhoun seconded the motion. A roll call vote for the adoption of the consent items were then called and all present voted affirmatively. (Approved)

SUPERVISOR JUDY S. LYTTLE	AYE
SUPERVISOR ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR.	AYE
SUPERVISOR MICHAEL DREWRY	AYE
SUPERVISOR WILLIAM “TIM” CALHOUN	AYE
SUPERVISOR JANET MONAHAN	AYE

PUBLIC HEARING

Surry County Ordinance Related to the Exemption of Taxes on Property for Elderly and Disabled Persons

1. Presentation by Jonathan F. Judkins, Commissioner of the Revenue – provided a summary of what led to the need of the ordinance relating to the exemption of property taxes for the elderly and disabled persons.
2. Open the Floor for Public Comments
 - Jeremiah Williams, Dendron District– support
 - Thomas Byrd, Dendron District – support
 - Robert Chandler – Bacon’s Castle District, - Support
3. Close the Public Hearing – Chair Lyttle closed the floor for public comments.
4. Comments from Board Members
 - R. Elliott – No comment
 - M. Drewry – Thanked Mr. Judkins for his assistance with this item.
 - J. Monahan – Thanked Mr. Judkins, Mr. Drewry and Staff for supporting this item.
 - T. Calhoun – Thanked staff and citizens for their efforts and support.
 - J. Lyttle – Thanked Staff, Mr. Judkins, citizens, and staff for their efforts with getting this ordinance in place for seniors.
5. Closing Remarks by Staff - None



Supervisor Drewry made a motion to adopt the ordinance for the exemption of taxes on property for the elderly and disabled. Supervisor Monahan seconded the motion. A roll call vote for the adoption of this item was then called and all present voted affirmatively. (Approved)

SUPERVISOR JUDY S. LYTTLE	AYE
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SUPERVISOR WILLIAM "TIM" CALHOUN	AYE
SUPERVISOR JANET MONAHAN	AYE

NEW BUSINESS

1. Adoption of the Updated 2022 Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan, Ray Phelps, Chief of Emergency Services

Ray Phelps, Chief of Emergency Management, presented information on the updated 2022 Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan. Following his presentation, he asked the Board to approve the adoption of the present resolution updating the 2022 Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan which includes Surry County.

Board Comment: Supervisor Calhoun inquired about the estimated costs being shown as "To Be Determined."

Staff Comment: Mr. Phelps explained the estimated costs are to be determined because most of those services would be contracted services, and the specific contractor would provide the cost of those services. He also clarified the adoption of the plan does not have any bearing on the cost.

Supervisor Elliott made a motion to adopt the Updated 2022 Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan and the resolution presented. Supervisor Monahan seconded the motion. A roll call vote for the adoption of this item was then called and all present voted affirmatively. (Approved)

2. Surry County Loveworks Sign Project and Location

Mr. Yoti Jabri, Director of Economic Development, presented a summary of what the Loveworks Sign Project is and its potential locations; and asked the board for approval to submit a sign permit to the Town to begin construction of the loveworks sign to be placed on the lawns of the circuit court, adjacent to the visitor's center.

Board Comment: Supervisor Drewry asked who has control of the circuit court, being concerned with the consent of the circuit judges.



Staff: Mr. David Harrison, responded to the question, stating with recent experience with renovations of the circuit courts, the county has control.

Board Comment: Supervisor Drewry stated that he was okay with the location, contingent to it's approval by the circuit judge.

Staff Comment: Mr. Jabri stated he had reached out to Judge Tomko but hadn't received a returned call. Mr. Jabri proceeded with two alternate locations as follows: On county property, adjacent to the flagpole or the Parks and Recreation Center.

Board Comment: Supervisor Drewry advised an additional alternate location, which was Oaks Park.

Staff Comment: Mr. Jabri explained the intent of the proposed location was to attract people to the visitor's center so they can learn more about Surry County and its attractions.

Supervisor Drewry made a motion to adopt the approval to place the Loveworks sign on the circuit court lawn contingent to approval of the circuit judge and if not, alternate locations that were suggested. Supervisor Monahan seconded the motion. A roll call vote for the adoption of this item was then called and all present voted affirmatively. (Approved)

SUPERVISOR JUDY S. LYTTLE	AYE
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SUPERVISOR JANET MONAHAN	AYE

3. **Surry County Improvement Grant Program Agreement between the County of Surry, Virginia and the Economic Development Authority of Surry County**

Mr. Yoti Jabri, Director of Economic Development, presented to the Board seeking approval of the appropriation of \$20,000 via a transfer from the Economic Development Fund to the Economic Development Authority of Surry County for the purpose of administering the Surry County Improvement Grant Program.

Board Comment: Supervisor Monahan asked Mr. Jabri to specify exactly what will be happening with the \$20,000.

Staff Comment: Mr. Jabri replied, receipts could improve facade or interior, interiors of their structure or building and signs can be put up. Mr. Jabri advise board members the list of qualifications within the program guidelines were provided in their board packages.



Board Comment: Supervisor Monahan asked how many businesses would be receiving money from the \$20,000.

Staff Comment: Mr. Jabri replied, he doesn't have the exact number of businesses, but there are many within the town and county. He clarified, the money would only go to one or two recipients per fiscal year.

Board Comment: Supervisor Calhoun asked if there are more than one or two applicants, how would it be determined which applicant will receive funds.

Staff Comment: Mr. Jabri advised that applications would be received on a first come, first served basis, and will be determined by the EDA.

Board Comment: Supervisor Elliot asked how this was tied in with Virginia's Gateway Region.

Staff Comment: Mr. Jabri explained, the Virginia's Gateway Region hired real estate consultants who conducted a downtown strategy plan for each locality that they serve, and they concluded that this is one of the things that Surry County need to attract more businesses.

Board Comment: Supervisor Lyttle stated that her concern was, we'll probably be serving only one business in Surry County.

Staff Comment: Mr. Jabri agreed, stating that is what the program is set up to now due to the funds that have been allocated towards this.

Board Comment: Supervisor Calhoun shared his concern with the process of how recipients of the funds were chosen. Supervisor Elliott shared those same concerns and advised staff to use a more vetting process to determine the recipients of funds.

*Supervisor Elliott made a motion to approve the grant between Surry County and the EDA in the amount of twenty thousand dollars with the removal of item 16, which states that recipients are determined on a first come, first serve basis. Supervisor Lyttle seconded the motion. A roll call vote for the approval of this item was then called and all voted as follows: **(Approved)***

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



Staff Comment: Mr. David Harrison, Deputy County Administrator, announced the departure of Yoti Jabri, Director of Economic Development. Staff and Board members thanked him for his service to the County and wished him well with his endeavors.

4. **Basic Service Agreement Between Surry County and Federal Engineering - Consultant For Mobile Radio Communication Project**

Mr. Ray Phelps, Chief of Emergency Management, came before the Board seeking the approval to authorize the County Administrator to execute the Basic Service Agreement with Federal Engineering for the scope of work identified in the agreement for Phase II of the County's Mobile Radio Communication Project for a cost not to exceed \$230,000 unless authorized by the Board of Supervisors via an amendment to the agreement.

Supervisor Elliott made a motion to authorize the County Administrator to execute the Basic Service Agreement with Federal Engineering. Supervisor Monahan seconded the motion. A roll call vote for the adoption of this item was then called and all present voted affirmatively. (Approved)

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SUPERVISOR WILLIAM "TIM" CALHOUN	AYE
SUPERVISOR JANET MONAHAN	AYE

APPOINTMENTS

1. **Board of Social Services**

Supervisor Drewry made a motion to appoint Eliza Drew to the Board of Social Services representing the Dendron District. Supervisor Elliott seconded the motion. A roll call vote for the adoption of this item was then called and all present voted affirmatively. (Approved)

Staff comment: Supervisor Calhoun asked Chair Lyttle could he extend the Board of Social Services representative for his district; their term would expire in November 2022.

Legal comment: Mr. Hefty advised that Supervisor Calhoun could go ahead and extend his representative term at this time.

Supervisor Calhoun made a motion to extend the term of Eunice Gay to the Board of Social Services representing the Surry District. Supervisor Monahan seconded the motion. A roll call vote for the adoption of this item was then called and all present voted affirmatively. (Approved)



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SUPERVISOR JANET MONAHAN	AYE

PRESENTATIONS

1. Energy Projects Comprehensive Plan Amendment Presentation by Summit Design & Engineering Services

Mr. Horace Wade, Director of Planning & Community Development introduced representatives of Summit Design and Engineering Services, who then gave a presentation on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment relative to Energy Projects in Surry County.

Board Comment: Supervisor Drewry asked what developable land is defined as.

Presenter: The presenter responded saying developable land is land minus floodplains water.

Staff Comment: Mr. Wade explained and provided details of what was being proposed and presented to the Board, stating the purpose of the presentation tonight was to get consent from the Board for the Planning Commission to move forward with the Comprehensive Plan amendment.

Supervisor Elliott made a motion to authorize the Planning Commission to go forward with bringing back a presentation to the Board for approval from scenarios one and two. Supervisor Monahan seconded the motion. A roll call vote for the approval of this item was then called and All present voted affirmatively apart from Supervisor Calhoun, who abstained from voting on this item. (Approved)

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Mr. David Harrison, Deputy County Administrator, introduced staff who were providing departmental updates.

1. Building Inspection Services Program Update - Matt Westheimer, Building Official



2. Department of Parks and Recreation - Departmental Update, Darryl Rawlings
3. Solid Waste - Site Maintenance, Derrick Moore, Sanitation Supervisor

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mike Eggleston – Dendron – stated that he questioned the priorities of the County and advised that things should be made easier for Surry Nuclear rather than solar projects.
- Susan Corvello, Spring Grove – Thanked Parks and Recreation, Want the Board to take consideration of the Citizen Comments within the Survey, agreed with putting Cameras at dump sites.
- Helen Eggleston, Dendron – Stated the county has enough Solar Farms and a moratorium need to be placed on them.
- Sharna White, Carsley District – Want growth in the county. Encourages the county to bring forth innovation and businesses for progression.
- Diane Price, Surry District – Emergency Response should be overseen by the County. The county needs to address that we have only 1 paid crew to respond to emergencies and address the volunteer association problem.
- Elva Clayton, Claremont District - Want the growth in the county and suggest the county to bring businesses to entice people to stay in this county.
- Robert Chandler, Bacon's Castle District – Agreed with another citizens with need of economic growth in the county. The Town of Surry has degraded over the past 30 plus years. Suggested the County should make a deal with Isle of Wight County to collect their trash during their time of renovation.

BOARD COMMENTS

- R. Elliott – Stated he appreciate the citizens for their comments, agreed with needing major growth and maintain the rural growth. Stated that recent surveys showed the if the county does not intervene on an extreme level as far as bringing in businesses, we're likely to lose half of the county by 2040.
- M. Drewry – Thanked Mr. Judkins and the board for making the elderly tax exemption possible. Stated due to the inequities in the rating of constitutional officer's staff salaries, they are losing valuable staff. Stated that he filed a petition against the board as a citizen to confirm the procedures were followed correctly with the Align CUP that was approved in June. He asked the board to consent to the filing of this petition and a vote of confidence, so to speak, on whether he stay on the board as a member or not.
- R. Elliott – Stated the petition has already been submitted without the consent of the board and asked Supervisor Drewry why wasn't this brought to the board prior to the petition being filed.
- M. Drewry – Responded to Mr. Elliott stating that his time was limited, he had spoken with Mr. Hefty hoping to have a resolution, and he emailed the board on this matter.
- J. Monahan – Acknowledged that she received the email and the petition and asked, how are we at this point when we have legal council setting here to ensure the board is always following the correct procedures. Stated that she wanted to make it known that she read the email, sought legal counsel, and was told she did not have to legally respond to it.



- B. Hefty (legal counsel) – Stated offline that it's not appropriate to respond to allegations in a lawsuit in a public hearing or public meeting. He stated these are allegations and is not necessarily taken to be true and he would respond to board members separately.
- R. Elliott – Referring to the petition, Mr. Elliott stated, basically what Mr. Drewry is asking the board to do is to give him consent to sue the board that he sits on. Mr. Elliott stated he would not give anyone consent to sue him as being a part of this board.
- M. Drewry – Mr. Drewry responded by clarifying that he is not asking for consent to sue, but consent to remain on the board.
- R. Elliott – Responded by stating to Mr. Drewry that it was his own decision whether to stay on the board; and as far as him giving consent for Mr. Drewry to take action against the board, his response was "no."
- T. Calhoun – Advised that he had to abstain.
- J. Lyttle – Agreed with Mr. Elliott and did not give consent to Mr. Drewry's request.
- J. Monahan – Responding to Mr. Drewry, she stated she's hearing two things; one about the petition and one about whether he will stay on the board or not. She continued stating there is a difference between what's legal and what's ethical, therefore it's not a board decision, but an individual decision.
- R. Elliott – Asked legal counsel what is the resolution for the board, should Mr. Drewry pursue this as a board member.
- B. Hefty – Mr. Hefty responded to Mr. Elliott stating, this is something he would talk about to the board on an individual basis.
- T. Calhoun – Thanked Mr. Judkins, citizens, and staff for their comments on the exemption of taxes for disabled persons.
- J. Monahan – Commended Mr. Wade and the Planning Commission for recognizing the need to make amendments for the development of future energy projects. Advised citizens to keep speaking, calling and talking.
- J. Lyttle – Stated the personnel committee will interview candidates for the county attorney position. Advised Mr. Drewry will be abstained per his request. Mrs. Lyttle stated she will be attending the VACO region's 1 and 4 meeting, and legislators are asking what each community's legislative issues are. and ask if board members could respond to her prior to the meeting, which was held on July 21.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

1. LGIP Investment Letters March-May 2022
2. Blackwater Regional Library June 2022 Report

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Bill Hefty, County Attorney, advised the need to convene into closed session as permitted by Virginia Code: § 2.2-3711(A)(1): Discussion relating to the appointment to Director of Parks and Recreation.

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



Board members convened into closed session at 9:37PM.

Supervisor Elliott made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Monahan and unanimously approved. The Board returns 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.

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SUPERVISOR WILLIAM "TIM" CALHOUN	AYE
SUPERVISOR JANET MONAHAN	AYE

Board Members returned from closed session at 9:50PM

Staff Comment: Mr. Harrison, Deputy County Administrator, announced Mr. Darryl Rawlings as the new appointed Director of Parks and Recreation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Supervisor Elliott made a motion that the Board continues their meeting to August 4, 2022, at 7PM. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Calhoun and unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:51 PM



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April 27, 2022

Surry County Board of Supervisors
Mrs. Judy Lyttle, Chairwoman
Post Office Box 65
Surry, VA 23883

Lady and Gentlemen:

Please be advised that we last reported a balance in the Local Government Investment Pool totaling \$19,523,830.23.

Since that report, we received our accrued interest for March 2022 in the amount of \$3,796.37 increasing our balance in LGIP to \$19,527,626.60.

Since our last report, we transferred \$2,000,000.00 from the Local Government Investment Pool to the General Fund, leaving a balance of \$17,527,626.60.

We have the following investments:

		Rate	Days	Matures
LGIP	\$ 17,527,626.60	Variable rate		
EVB CD Plus accrued Int.	500,000.00	.40%	730	01/28/2024

This gives us a total investment of **\$18,027,626.60.**

Respectfully submitted,

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May 10, 2022

Surry County Board of Supervisors
Mrs. Judy Lyttle, Chairwoman
Post Office Box 65
Surry, VA 23883

Lady and Gentlemen:

Please be advised that we last reported a balance in the Local Government Investment Pool totaling \$17,527,626.60.

Since that report, we received our accrued interest for April 2022 in the amount of \$5,429.01 increasing our balance in LGIP to \$17,533,055.61.

Since our last report, we transferred \$1,500,000.00 from the Local Government Investment Pool to the General Fund, leaving a balance of \$16,033,055.61.

We have the following investments:

		Rate	Days	Matures
LGIP	\$ 16,033,055.61	Variable rate		
EVB CD Plus accrued Int.	500,000.00	.40%	730	01/28/2024

This gives us a total investment of **\$16,533,055.61.**

Respectfully submitted,

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June 13, 2022

Surry County Board of Supervisors
Mrs. Judy Lyttle, Chairwoman
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Lady and Gentlemen:

Please be advised that we last reported a balance in the Local Government Investment Pool totaling \$16,033,055.61.

Since that report, we received our accrued interest for May 2022 in the amount of \$8,771.28 increasing our balance in LGIP to \$16,041,826.89.

Since our last report, we transferred \$2,500,000.00 from the Local Government Investment Pool to the General Fund, leaving a balance of \$13,541,826.89.

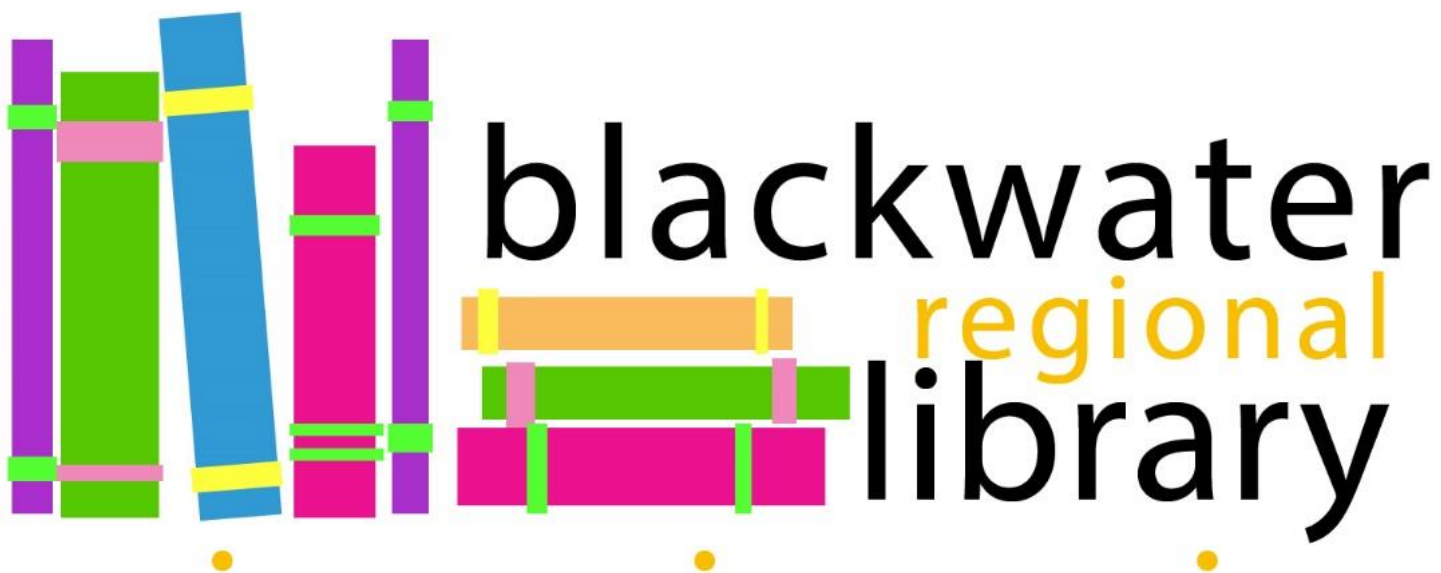
We have the following investments:

		Rate	Days	Matures
LGIP	\$ 13,541,826.89	Variable rate		
EVB CD Plus accrued Int.	500,000.00	.40%	730	01/28/2024

This gives us a total investment of **\$14,041,826.89.**

Respectfully submitted,

Onike N. Ruffin, Treasurer
County of Surry



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Director's Report

Central/System-wide Updates

- BRL is fully staffed as of 6.5.22
- 11 trainings completed in May system-wide
- Multiple staff members preparing to attend ALA Annual Conference later in June
- Several Senior Library Assistants started the process of becoming Notary Publics to increase availability of this free service.
- Almost 3000 persons connected to the internet via the library (in-house computers, MiFi check outs, and 24/7 WiFi)

Impact in the Community



Book “Tasting” Event at
Hubs Vine in Franklin



Smithfield Arts Market



Sussex Chamber of
Commerce Cinco de
Mayo Festival

City of Franklin

- Franklin branch hosted special Diversity & Inclusion themed StoryTime that was well attended
- Adult programs included BRL Threads Group and DIY patriotic wreaths
- Franklin and Outreach staff had a busy day being out and about in the city as BRL had presence at the Lumberjack Festival and Summer Luau at SoCo Gatherings (Southampton Meadows); successful programs were held at StoreHouse Coffee and Hubs Vine



Isle of Wight County

- Carrollton Branch hosted a successful Free Comic Book Day event where comics, guides on creating your own comics, and more was given out to attendees!
- Smithfield Branch hosted a variety of programs including DIY plant terrariums
- Windsor Branch welcomed Officer Boyle of the Windsor Police Department for a special StoryTime and had a great response
- Isle of Wight staff visited Smithfield High School to make custom, fun buttons with students and to promote the upcoming Summer Reading program



Between Outreach and In-House programming, 48 programs reaching over 1300 persons were delivered in IOW County in May

Southampton County

- Courtland's StoryTime continues to be popular; May's themes included Cinco de Mayo and stories of inclusion
- Courtland Branch also celebrated Free Comic Book Day and gave out comic books to patrons
- TAG (Teen Advisory Group) played video games on our new video game system
- Adults made DIY citronella candles to keep the bugs away this summer!
- Staff represented the library at A Day in the Country at the Southampton Fairgrounds



Surry County

- Surry branch hosted an interactive display for Mental Health Awareness Month where they wrote down their problems and had the opportunity to run them through the shredder!
- Claremont branch Craftsy group made artsy seashells!
- Little Explorers Storytime did sand-art projects
- Full STEAM Ahead group explored how milk interacts with different substances and use food coloring to add an arts aspect to the program.



Sussex County

- Launch of the summer Waverly Farmer's Market occurred in May, providing the opportunity for local residents to buy fresh produce, hot meals, or local crafts
- Staff made sure that BRL had a presence at the Chamber's Spring Cinco de Mayo festival. Our table provided crafts for children including cascarones confetti eggs

