



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, OCTOBER 6, 2022, AT 7PM.

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

ABSENT:

ALSO

PRESENT: MS. LOLA PERKINS, 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. HORACE WADE, PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
MR. RAY PHELPS, CHIEF OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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 meeting was called to order by Chair, Judy Lyttle, who then asked of any changes to the agenda. There being none, *Supervisor Elliott made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Byrd. All present voted affirmatively; agenda was adopted by roll call vote. (Approved)*

SUPERVISOR JUDY S. LYTTLE	AYE
SUPERVISOR ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR.	AYE
SUPERVISOR WILLIAM "TIM" CALHOUN	AYE
SUPERVISOR JANET MONAHAN	AYE
SUPERVISOR BRENTON BYRD	AYE

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approval of Draft BOS Minutes - September 1, 2022
2. Approval of Draft Work Session Minutes - September 21, 2022



3. Approval of Draft Public Hearing Minutes - May 12, 2022
4. Approval of Accounts Payables for the Month of August 2022
5. Appointment of a Professional Assessor required for FY2023 General Reassessment – Wingate Appraisal Service
6. HRSD Pump Station Property to be subdivided from Surry High School Parcel
abandonment of Surry Waste Water Pump Station from Hampton Roads Sanitation District to the County of Surry
7. Parcel abandonment of Surry Waste Water Pump Station from Hampton Roads Sanitation District to the County of Surry
8. Resolution: Application for Growth & Accessibility Planning (GAP) Technical Assistance (FY 23)

*Supervisor Lyttle read the items listed for consent and asked Board members if any items needed to be pulled for discussion. Supervisor Calhoun asked to remove item 8, Resolution: Application for Growth & Accessibility Planning (GAP) Technical Assistance (FY 23), from the consent items. There being no further changes, Supervisor Elliott made a motion to approve the consent items, apart from item #8 and it being placed under New Business. Supervisor Monahan seconded the motion. All present voted affirmatively. **(Approved)***

NEW BUSINESS

1. Designate the County Attorney as the FOIA Officer

*Supervisor Elliott made a motion to appoint the County Attorney, Lola Perkins, as the FOIA Officer for the County of Surry. Supervisor Byrd seconded the motion. All present voted affirmatively. **(Approved)***

2. Resolution: Application for Growth & Accessibility Planning (GAP) Technical Assistance (FY 23)

*Supervisor Elliott made a motion to adopt a Resolution of Support by the Governing Body to apply for a technical assistance grant to fund a transportation study that will designate growth areas in the County that will ultimately assist in applying for future transportation funds. Supervisor Byrd seconded the motion. All present voted affirmatively. **(Approved)***



PUBLIC HEARING

Prior to the start of the Public Hearing presented, Supervisor Calhoun made a motion to postpone the presented public hearing indefinitely. There being no seconded, the motion failed.

Supervisor Calhoun made a motion to postpone the public hearing until February 2023 after the November election and new board members are in place. There being no seconded, the motion failed.

1. Amendment to ordinance Chapter 20, Article III, Section 2: Prohibiting the Possession, Carrying, or Transportation of Firearms, Ammunition, or Components or Combination thereof in County Government Buildings, Facilities, Parks, Recreation Centers and Community Centers.
1. Presentation by Lola Perkins, County Attorney
2. Open the Floor for Public Comments – Chair, Judy Lyttle

Prior to the start of the Public Comments, Melissa Rollins, County Administrator read the revisions to the bylaws as it pertains to the public comment period. Those revisions can be found on the County's website.

In summary, those citizens who were in opposition of the Amendment to Chapter 20 shared their concern with the rights of law-abiding citizens to bear arms being taken away. They stated this law would not eliminate gun violence and it does not provide protection against criminals. They shared concerns of not being able to protect themselves and their families.

In support of this amendment, an employee shared the concerned for the safety of Surry County employees with citizens entering government buildings armed with weapons. The employee shared, due to state law, employees of the County are not able to bring a weapon in the building she works, resulting in employees being vulnerable and unprotected.

3. Close the Public Hearing – Chair, Judy Lyttle
4. Comments from Board Members

County Attorney, Lola Perkins: Asked the Board if they would like clarity on any portions of the ordinance based on questions presented by the public.

Supervisor Monahan: Reassured that Board Members listened to the public's concerns and shared the importance of board members and citizens working collaboratively. She also thanked those who shared their concerns respectfully.

Supervisor Elliott: Concurred with comments shared by Supervisor Monahan. He also shared, as a concealed weapons carrier himself, he has no intention of taking away



anyone's second amendment rights. He stated the proposal of this ordinance is to keep the County's employees safe.

Supervisor Byrd: Shared he supports the Second Amendment, but he also believes in protecting county workers. He shared his concerned with individuals with a combination of mental health issues and passion.

Supervisor Calhoun: Asked for clarity on the buildings used that were not listed, and could it be put on the final draft.

County Attorney, Lola Perkins: Acknowledged the list of buildings and facilities had been prepared and it is intended to be posted where the ordinance could be enforced. Both Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Rollins provided clarity as it relates to the Solid Waste Convenience Centers.

Supervisor Calhoun: Asked that the list of buildings and facilities be published in advance for future voting on this ordinance and a portion of the language in Section D of the ordinance include, "with the concurrence of the Sheriff and Board of Supervisors."

Supervisor Lyttle: Stated she initially did not want to present anything that involved guns because it resulted to hunters from all over Virginia filling the courtroom. She shared, in speaking with employees, they have been accosted by citizens who come in to conduct business with the possession of a gun who don't present themselves as kind. She reiterated, it is not the boards intention to take away anyone's rights, we're saying not to carry guns into Surry County buildings.

Supervisor Calhoun: Asked that additional language to be added to Section A, pertaining to the definition of firearm and A2, pertaining to the ammunition of a firearm.

County Attorney, Lola Perkins: Stated that due to Supervisor Calhoun's proposed amendments being less restrictive than the advertised version, re-advertisement and another public hearing is not required.

Supervisor Elliott: Asked Mrs. Perkins, would it behoove the board to wait until a final draft of the ordinance is completed before action is taken tonight. He also advised the changes presented tonight needs to be ran through The Board to be sure all members are concurrent with those changes.

County Attorney, Lola Perkins: Provided the board with the following actions that were available (a) postpone the vote indefinitely (b) postpone the vote to a future date, clarifying what that day is. For clarity, Mrs. Perkins advised that since the public hearing has closed, there will no longer be a public hearing forum on this matter for the public to speak.

Supervisor Elliott made a motion to continue the voting of this action item until the November 3, 2022, meeting, without the advertisement of an additional public hearing and the board is provided the final draft of the ordinance with clarity.



Supervisor Calhoun made a friendly motion to amend Supervisors Elliott's motion, which was to postpone the voting of this action item until the February 2023 meeting, after potential new Supervisors are elected.

*Supervisor Elliott denied Supervisor Calhoun's motion to amend his initial motion. Supervisor Lyttle seconded Supervisor Elliott's motion; thereby, the motion was approved. **(Approved)** All present voted as follows:*

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

5. Closing Remarks by Staff – County Attorney, Lola Perkins, advised the public that the final draft of the ordinance would be available on the website upon completion.

The content of this public hearing can be viewed in its entirety through the Surry County Government YouTube Channel: [Surry County Government - YouTube](#)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Melissa Rollins, County Administrator, shared her report on the following:

1. Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

This was the 10th consecutive year Surry County has received this achievement award.

2. Surry Marketplace Update - David Harrison, Deputy County Administrator

An update was also provided on the County's website and advertised on the website.

Mr. Harrison shared highlights from the press release:

- Surry County's investment in the local market has been made.
- Contractors have obtained a demolition permit for the interior demolition.
- The market's project manager and contractors have submitted a proposed final interior layout drawing for review and approval.
- The final drawing will be submitted to the Building Official for review and approval, along with the building permit application.
- Receipt of the building permit will then permit construction of the interior buildout.
- The market is scheduled to open no later than Spring 2023.

3. Community Activities:

- Surry County Public Schools Homecoming Parade - 10/14/22
3pm



- Surry County's Annual American Diabetes Walk - 10/22/22
10am-2pm
- Surry County Trunk or Treat - 10/28/22 5pm-7:30pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mr. Pete Stith, 4-H Center Wakefield, Board of Directors: Introduced the new Director of 4-H Center Wakefield, Dr. Kathy Ginden.
- Alan Gurganus: Expressed his concern with the public not coming together in numbers for the youth, as they did for the public hearing on the Firearm Ordinance.
- Susan Corvella, Carsley District: thanked staff for an update on Surry's Market Place and asked for additional information.
- Mike Eggleston, Dendron District: stated the board has problems with transparency and Virginia state codes and hope the new attorney will rectify these problems.
- Samantha Donnelly, Surry District: stated the adoption of the Firearm Ordinance would affect the protection of children that attend those activities that was listed during the County Administrator's Report.
- Andrea Keller, Surry District: stated she understood the protection of county employees and they may be afraid but attending county facilities without being armed makes her vulnerable. She asked why the fears of people in the government building override her rights.
- Robert Chandler, Bacon's Castle District: shared comments about the approval of aspects of the Surry Market place and questioned whether it will be opened as a grocery store.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Supervisor Calhoun: Thanked all citizens for their comments, signaling the comment from Carol Marsh, County employee who expressed her concerns as it related to the Fire Ordinance public hearing. Also encouraged the continued participation from the citizens during board meetings.
- Supervisor Byrd: Thanked all the citizens who were respectful and ensured citizens he was respectful of their opinions as well.
- Supervisor Elliott: Concurred with the comments of his fellow board members. Shared with citizens the job of the board members isn't an easy one when it's required to make decisions for the betterment of everyone. In summary, he shared the things the board was taking into consideration to make a decision.
- Supervisor Monahan: Thanked the citizens for their comments.
- Supervisor Lyttle: Thanked the citizens for their comments and ensured citizens all comments were taken into consideration. Encouraged citizens to continue attending board meetings and sharing their concerns and to support the activities of the



county. On behalf of Mr. Ray Phelps, Chief Of Emergency Management, she announced the need for volunteers for Emergency Services.

REPORTS

1. Blackwater Regional Library Report

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

1. August 2022 LGIP Investment Letter

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Supervisor Calhoun made a motion to adjourn until November 3, 2022, at 7pm. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Byrd and unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53pm.

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