



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 2, 2024, AT 6 PM.

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR.
SUPERVISOR BREYON PIERCE
SUPERVISOR WILLIAM (TIM) CALHOUN
SUPERVISOR AMY DREWRY
SUPERVISOR WALTER HARDY

ABSENT:

ALSO

PRESENT: MS. LOLA PERKINS, COUNTY ATTORNEY
MS. MELISSA ROLLINS, 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 SERVICES
MR. STEVEN MORRIS, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
MS. RENEE CHAPLINE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
MR. MATT WESTHEIMER, BUILDING OFFICIAL
SHERIFF CARLOS TURNER, SURRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Invocation

The invocation for tonight's meeting was given by Reverend Gloria Howell-Mason of Hope Chapel Deliverance Center in Surry, VA.

Call to Order/Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance/Adopt Agenda

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Elliott, 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. Chairperson Elliott asked if there were any questions or corrections relating to the agenda. There being none, Supervisor Hardy made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Supervisor Drewry seconded the motion. All present voted affirmatively.

(Approved)

**SUPERVISOR ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR.
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Consent Items

1. Approval of Draft BOS Minutes - April 4, 2024
2. Approval of Draft BOS Work Session Minutes - April 17, 2024
3. Approval of Accounts Payables
4. Resolution: Designating June 15, 2024, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
5. Solid Waste Site Paving Project

Supervisor Elliott read the items listed for consent and asked Board members if any items needed to be pulled for discussion. There being none, Supervisor Pierce made a motion to approve the consent items as enumerated. Supervisor Drewry seconded the motion. All present voted affirmatively. (Approved)

County Administrator's Report

1. Economic Development Update: Renee Chapline
 - Friday, May 3 – Opening of the Farmers Market
 - Certificate of Occupancy for the Surry Marketplace
 - Surry Marketplace Opening – June 1st
 - May 16th - Surry County Cultural Trail Development, trail launch (Invitation Only)
 - May 8th – FAMS Tour
 - Dominion Internship – June 11th, 12th, and 14th
2. Way Finding Signage Program – Ms. Renee Chapline and Mr. Horace Wade
3. Ms. Melissa Rollins, County Administrator
 - Thanked team leads for participating, and Dr. Bell for coordinating the Student Government program, which has existed for over four decades.
 - April Clean Up Month – Activities: Thanked everyone for working to clean the roads and other areas throughout the County:
 - Chamber of Commerce- Annual Clean-up Day
 - Surry Sheriff's Office – Utilized Regional Jail services to assist in clean-up of the Chappel Bottom Road area.
 - Surry County Sanitation Department – Thanked for Saturday clean-up activities throughout the County.
 - Surry Public Schools for the Tree Planting Earth Day Activities
 - VACO Region 1 and 4 meeting - May 1, 2024



- An opportunity for all counties to discuss with the representatives from the Virginia Association of Counties and Delegates present on the issues impacting our various communities.
 1. Affordable Housing: The lack of it, the cost of homes, even modular housing, and housing needs for public safety workers and teachers.
 2. Compensation Board and positions funded by the County for state officers continue to escalate costs.
 3. VDOT funding – not enough money has been given to VDOT for rural transportation/secondary road maintenance, amongst other transportation concerns.
 4. School construction costs and aging school facilities – the cost of building a school is astronomical.
 5. Solar Farms: Keeping the decision-making authority at the local level.
 6. Population Decline in rural counties – studies that show the impact over time.
 7. Composite Index – traction at the state to examine the funding formula; the article was shared with Board members on the disparities in that formula and how disproportionate it is, especially for communities that have a high poverty level.
 8. Public safety cost for emergency response and the wait time if new equipment is needed: A fire truck, an ambulance, rescue squad services, and the no longer presence of volunteers pose necessary costs for localities (A study was done at the state to address this issue)
 9. Short Term Rentals
 10. New drug box program
- Budget Public Hearing Next week May 9th – budget@surrycountyva.gov is the email address to send your budget comments.
- May 15th Work session – 6:30 PM

Public Comments

Lola Perkins, County Attorney, read a portion of the Citizens' Comments guidelines, which can be found in the Board of Supervisors Bylaws on the County's website.

- Michael Drewry, Dendron District – Citizens moving out of the county, Elaborated on inclusion in the county.
- Susan Corvello, Claremont District – Shared concerns with the proposed budget.

Board Comments



- Supervisor Drewry – Congratulated Dendron volunteer fire department on their 75th Anniversary. Shared her insight on inclusion. Suggested citizens to be open and receptive.
- Supervisor Hardy – Shared his thanks for the Community Events mentioned. Visited several groups and organizations to get a pulse of how things were going. Elaborated on Community Events he attended. Believes the county is on its way to growing and thriving and encourages citizens to keep sharing their concerns with Board Members. Shared comments concerning the citizens residing near Mullet Drive, stating that they were a diverse community that showed their love for each other regardless of their differences.
- Supervisor Calhoun – Thanked citizens for their comments and staff for their updates. Encouraged citizens to share their concerns with the Board.
- Supervisor Pierce—Thanked citizens for their comments and staff for their updates. Encouraged everyone to support the Farmers Market. Shared that Agricultural students, ranging from kindergarten to twelfth grade, installed a food forest at Surry County High School's campus to help combat the county's food scarcity.
- Supervisor Elliott – Shared that he was pleased with the comments and that he also believes the County is moving forward. Stated that there are a lot of positive things happening in the community, and if we could focus on those things instead of negativity, we could be more unified.
- Ms. Rollins – Elaborated on Student Government Day, which was held on April 26, where students shadowed staff for a day to learn about local government, understand the profession, and hopefully encourage them to develop an interest in the field.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Supervisor Calhoun made a motion that the Board continue their meeting to May 9, 2024, at 6 p.m. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hardy. All present voted affirmatively. (Approved)

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety through the Surry County Government Website: [Surry County Government Channel By Clicking This Link.](#)

MAY AGENDA NOTE

Agenda Item: Approval of May, 2024 Payables
(Note: FY23-24 payables are for the month of March 2024)

	<i>FY22-23</i>	<i>FY23-24</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
	<i>PAYABLES</i>	<i>PAYABLES</i>	
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 675,441.36	\$ 675,441.36
Debt Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Capital	\$ -	\$ 252,402.30	\$ 252,402.30
Water & Sewer	\$ -	\$ 1,702.33	\$ 1,702.33
CSA	\$ -	\$ 74,303.43	\$ 74,303.43
Economic Dev.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Juror Payments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Payables	\$ -	\$ 1,003,849.42	\$ 1,003,849.42

Required Action:

~ **Approve payables for May 2, 2024 in the amount of**
\$ 1,003,849.42

SURRY COUNTY BUILDING OFFICIAL'S OFFICE

MONTHLY REPORT

Building Permits Issued for the Month of **MARCH 2024**

Total Permits Issued for Surry County Va.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>FEES</u>
New Construction	0	\$ -	\$ -
Manufactured Homes.Doublewide			
S-F Dwelling			
Two Family Dwelling			
Singlewide Mobile Homes			
Commercial			
Additions/Renovations	7	\$ 99,732.81	\$ 1,173.00
Garage			
Additions	2	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 357.00
Commercial Addition			
Renovations	4	\$ 57,232.81	\$ 612.00
Storage Building/Shed	1	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 204.00
Electrical	7	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 892.50
Plumbing	3	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 591.38
Mechanical	3	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 510.00
Demolition			
<u>TOTAL</u>	20	\$ 130,932.81	\$ 3,166.88

INSPECTIONS

Number of inspections performed 48

Plans Reviewed within 10 business Day 100%

Inspections conducted within 24 hrs. 100%