

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA
MINUTES

Regular Meeting
February 16, 2021

Call to Order – A regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Crystal Vanuch, Chairman, at 3:03 p.m., on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 in the Board Chambers, George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center, 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, VA.

Chairman Vanuch informed everyone that pursuant to Ordinance O20-40 for the Continuity of Government in Stafford County due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, today's Board meeting would be held solely through electronic means. The Board was using a video web conferencing service. The nature of the local declared emergency made it unsafe or impractical for a quorum of the Board to be in a single location. It was necessary for the Board to continue to handle essential government functions required for the continuity of government during this local emergency. The public has been provided notice of this wholly electronic meeting and can access this meeting.

Chairman Vanuch made the following remarks: *"At today's meeting there are no public hearings this evening and there will be no evening session. Public comments have already been e-mailed to all Board members. Currently the county government offices are open by appointment only as they have been since December, but are scheduled to open fully on March 1st, when the offices open. We still encourage the public to call the department they are visiting and make an appointment as there will be limitations on capacity allowed in the building.*

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

We ask for your patience with the distribution of the vaccine. We express our disappointment and frustration as well as members of the public in the vaccine rollout and how information has changed multiple times from the RAHD. We have done our best to communicate specific instructions from both the local health district and the Virginia Department of Health. At this time, the most up-to-date information from the Governor and the state is for residents to sign up for the vaccine waiting list on the Virginia Department of Health's website at www.vaccinate.virginia.gov. Please know that we disseminate any new information the minute we receive it and update our county website, and we will be discussing this item today on our agenda."

Roll Call – The following members were present: Crystal Vanuch, Chairman; Cindy C. Shelton, Vice Chairman; Tinesha O. Allen; Meg Bohmke; Thomas C. Coen; L. Mark Dudenhefer; and Gary F. Snellings. Ms. Allen, Mr. Coen, Mr. Dudenhefer, and Mr. Snellings participated in the meeting via video web conferencing. *(All votes were counted and recorded as oral votes.)*

Also in attendance were: Frederick J. Presley, County Administrator; Rysheda McClendon, County Attorney; Cheryl Giles, Deputy Clerk; Julia Holmes, Assistant Deputy Clerk; associated staff and other interested parties.

Presentations – Chairman Vanuch introduced Sheriff Decatur and stated he would provide an update on the use of technology in Law Enforcement.

Sheriff Decatur remarked that the support of the Board had impacted law enforcement and how the personnel were able to do their jobs. He thanked the Board for the partnership it has with the Sheriff's department. He thanked the Board for approving the Compensation Pay Scale Plan and reported that the Pay Scale Plan has had a huge impact with recruitment, retention, and with hiring. He said he was thankful for the support and funding the Sheriff's department has received and there is a reduction in the overall crime rate in the County. He noted that in September 2020, the Sheriff's Office received its fifth re-accreditation from the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. He stated that last month the Sheriff's Office received a Certificate of Compliance on the Executive Order of Safe Policing. Sheriff Decatur then presented a snapshot of a few incidents that occurred February 15 – 16 and how the Sheriff's Office was able to use various equipment and technology to solve cases, apprehend criminals, save lives and document scenes.

Ms. Bohmke thanked the Sheriff and congratulated the Sheriff's Office for achieving the Certificate of Compliance.

Chairman Vanuch thanked the Sheriff for the hard work he has done in keeping the County safe. She then introduced Ms. Kimberly Murphy-Orr, Public Health Specialist to provide a County-wide COVID-19 vaccination rollout update.

Ms. Murphy-Orr highlighted the following information and addressed the Board's questions.

- Total Number of Cases since March 1st: 9,015
- Total Number of Cases in past seven days: 716
- 14-Day Positivity Rate for Locality: 18.1%
- 7 Day Rolling Average Case Count Per 100K Population: 68.2%
- Total Number of Hospitalization in RAHD: 67
- RAHD Free Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing February Calendar
- COVID-19 Testing Locations
- Regional COVID-19 Vaccination Collaboration
- COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Support
- COVID-19 Outbreak Support
- RAHD Call Center Support Contact Information

Mr. Snellings asked what was the total number of deaths from COVID-19 in Stafford County. Ms. Murphy-Orr responded that she did not have the figures of the current number of deaths. Mr. Snellings inquired how were the Assisted Living patients being handled with regards to receiving COVID-19 vaccinations. Ms. Murphy-Orr explained that currently the aging population have been vaccinated by CVS as a federally-funded program. The population that lives in Assisted Living facilities and that are 65 and older are on the list and can be vaccinated at Mary Washington Hospital or CVS. Mr. Snellings asked if they were going door-to-door to provide the vaccinations. Ms. Murphy-Orr responded that currently they are not going door-to-door to offer the vaccinations. However, they are working diligently with the RAHD to provide more outreach to our vulnerable population. She stated Stafford County nursing homes have been vaccinated through the federally-funded program through CVS.

Chairman Vanuch asked Ms. Murphy-Orr to coordinate with the VDH to provide a list of how many facilities have completed vaccinations to date.

Fire Chief Joseph Cardello stated that the total number of deaths as of last Friday for Stafford County was 54. He remarked that the Emergency Management staff met with Scott Mayausky, Supervisor Allen, Supervisor Coen, County Administration, and other staff to discuss ways to improve getting the vaccination rollout information to the senior population.

Mr. Coen remarked that when they met with the Emergency Management staff they were thinking of how to best get information out to the public, how to best help get people out to the community to assist the populations that need to get their name on the vaccination waiting list, and to try to get vaccination shots into the arms of people. Mr. Coen asked Mr. Presley to provide a brief overview about what was being done.

Mr. Presley remarked that the first priority was to assist with clearing up the confusion with regard to signing up for the vaccination. He stated Mr. Mayausky suggested that when he sends out the mailing for the exonerations for seniors, it could be an opportunity to provide information about signing up for the vaccination and to stress that it was currently a supply and demand issue. He stated they also wanted to work with VDH to reach out to the population that did not have internet service and to those in a less economical area to ensure the information was getting out to everybody. They discussed options of what could be done to assist that population to get to a vaccination pod when the vaccination becomes available. He stated that for the long term, when the vaccination becomes readily available, they discussed areas where a mass vaccination site could be done in the County. He remarked this was a very fluid situation and he noted the steps that the State took this week were huge leaps from where the County was a couple of weeks ago. He said he was hopeful that with the new steps in place, it would help to decrease a lot of the anxieties associated with the vaccination issues.

Chairman Vanuch presented a proclamation recognizing Black History Month to the Diversity Advisory Coalition (DAC) and a proclamation recognizing Carol Atkinson for 32 years of service in Stafford County Finance.

Mr. Imam Sherif Shehata, DAC Chairman and Mr. Larry Carmon, DAC Vice Chairman joined Chairman Vanuch at the dais for the presentation of the Black History Month proclamation. Bishop Leonard Lacey joined the presentation virtually. Mr. Shehata remarked he was honored to be a member of the DAC. He thanked the Board and stated he looked forward to working, serving, and advising the Board and serving the Stafford community. Mr. Carmon thanked the Board and remarked that he was excited to serve on the DAC and to contribute to making Stafford County a better County.

Next, Chairman Vanuch asked Ms. Carol Atkinson and Mr. Randy Helwig to join her at the dais for the presentation of the proclamation honoring Carol Atkinson for her 32 years of service to Stafford County. Mr. Helwig remarked that it was a sad day for the Finance department, but a happy day for Carol. He said he was privileged and honored to have worked with Carol for the past eight years. He said she has a hard work ethic and that he would miss her. Ms. Atkinson thanked the Board, the Finance and Budget department staff, coworkers, and all the staff she had worked with over the years.

Additions – Deletions and Approval to the Regular Agenda – Mr. Presley remarked that the proposed letter to the Governor regarding vaccination efforts by the state was the only add-on item as New Business to the agenda.

Ms. Bohmke motioned, seconded by Ms. Shelton, to adopt the regular agenda to include the referenced add-on item.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea:	(7)	Allen, Bohmke, Coen, Dudenhefer, Shelton, Snellings, Vanuch
Nay:	(0)	

Presentations by the Public – Chairman Vanuch announced that the following public comments had been e-mailed to the Board.

1. Susan Johnston, 159 Abberly Drive – *(comments attached)*
2. Bryant Wilkerson, 33 Squirrel Hollow Lane – *(comments attached)*

Board Member Presentations – Board members spoke on related topics and asked that items as identified be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and separate vote:

Ms. Allen – Deferred her remarks.

Ms. Bohmke – Deferred her remarks.

Mr. Coen – Congratulated and thanked Travis Merritt on his retirement and for his service as a member of the Utilities Department for 21+ years.

Mr. Dudenhefer – Deferred his remarks.

Ms. Shelton – Thanked Delegate Cole for his effort in trying to get the \$1.5M funding for Brooke Road. She remarked that she hoped some of the \$760M funds that were awarded to Virginia would be used for Brooke Road.

Mr. Snellings – Remarked that he had decided he would not seek re-election for another term. He said that 16 years was long enough and that it was time for a fresh face and a time for fresh ideas. He stated he would continue to do his best to represent the citizens of the Hartwood District during his remaining time as a Supervisor.

Ms. Vanuch – Thanked Mr. Snellings for his years of service and remarked she was sorry to hear that Mr. Snellings would not seek re-election.

Report of the County Attorney – Ms. McClendon deferred her remarks.

Report of the County Administrator – Mr. Presley remarked that he did not have a report, but acknowledged that he was honored to serve with Mr. Snellings and wished him the best.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Shelton motioned, seconded by Mr. Bohmke to adopt the Consent Agenda less agenda item #12 and #13 pulled by Ms. Bohmke.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea:	(7)	Allen, Bohmke, Coen, Dudenhefer, Shelton, Snellings, Vanuch
Nay:	(0)	

Item 1. County Administration; Approve Minutes of the February 2, 2021 Board Meeting.

Item 2. County Administration; Approve Minutes of the December 15, 2020 Five Year Financial Plan Work Session.

Item 3. County Administration; Appoint Mr. Eric Futrell to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Representing the Falmouth District.

Item 4. Appoint Ms. Tara Durant to FAMPO's Citizen's Transportation Advisory Committee Representing the Falmouth District.

Item 5. Budget and Management; Budget and Appropriate Fund Balance Held in the General Fund for Repair Due to Water Damage at Fire Station #2.

Resolution R21-87 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE FUND
BALANCE HELD IN THE GENERAL FUND FOR REPAIRS AT FIRE
STATION 2

WHEREAS, staff has identified water damage to the soffit and facial board at Fire Station 2, the repairs are estimated to cost \$33,058, and the work will be overseen by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer Fire and Rescue yearend savings have been held in fund balance reserves for future repairs to those stations, and the Fiscal Year 2020 external audit confirmed \$610,711 is available for this purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th of February, 2021, that it be and hereby does budget appropriate fund balance held in the General Fund for repairs at Fire Station 2 as follows:

Fund	Department	Amount
General Fund	Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities	\$33,058
	General Fund Total	\$33,058

Item 6. Community Engagement; Proclamation Honoring and Recognizing Black History Month in Stafford County.

Proclamation P21-03 reads as follows:

A PROCLAMATION HONORING AND RECOGNIZING BLACK
HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, African Americans have made significant contributions in all phases of Stafford's economic, social, cultural and political life; and

WHEREAS, each year, Americans observe Black History Month by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Africa; and

WHEREAS, Stafford is proud that persons of African American descent choose to live in our County and have added to and enhanced our community life; and

WHEREAS, persons of African American descent have impacted business, military service, education, healthcare, science and technology and other areas that propel Stafford forward in jobs and business and education; and

WHEREAS, Our African American community contributes to the great diversity and unity of Stafford County, with a rich history of different cultures and ethnic impact; and

WHEREAS, as Stafford continues to build a community that welcomes all, we thank our African American community for their many contributions to both Stafford and our country; and

WHEREAS, during Black History month, Stafford County is excited for the future contributions of its newly-created Diversity Advisory Coalition, whose purpose is to advise the Board of Supervisors on policies and activities that help foster diversity, equity and inclusion within Stafford County and the community at large;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of February, 2021, that it be and hereby does declare and recognize February 2021 as Black History Month and honor all African Americans and their many contributions to Stafford, Virginia and our country.

Item 7. Community Engagement; Proclamation Recognizing Carol Atkinson for 32 Years of Service in Stafford County Finance.

Proclamation P21-16 reads as follows:

A PROCLAMATION HONORING AND RECOGNIZING CAROL J. ATKINSON ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER 32 YEARS OF SERVICE TO STAFFORD COUNTY

WHEREAS, Carol J. Atkinson is retiring from Stafford County after 32 years of service to both the County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Atkinson began her career in 1989 working as a Purchasing/Payroll Technician in the Rowser Building, before the current Government Center was built in 1991; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with the County, Ms. Atkinson worked as a Fixed Asset Technician until 2004. That is when she took over the Risk Manager Position, which includes insurance, vehicle accidents, drug testing and other duties; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Atkinson started the In-House Drug Screen program in 2010, which saved time and money for the County, instituting a system to test and return employees to work quickly; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, Ms. Atkinson also started the EZ Fleet program on her computer to allow her to have tags at her desk and the ability to print registrations for County vehicles, involving no trip to the DMV; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Atkinson has served on the Employees Activities Committee for 31 years, serving in all officer positions. The committee has provided food, fun and fellowship that significantly enhances the lives and morale of employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of February, 2021, that it be and hereby does honor and recognize Carol J. Atkinson for her service to Stafford County and its residents as well as the employees of Stafford County.

Item 8. Economic Development and Tourism; Authorization to Apply for Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund Grant for Improvement to Wyche Road in Support of DHL Expansion.

Resolution R21-38 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP AUTHORITY (VEDP) FOR TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FUND (TPOF) GRANT FUND ASSISTANCE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF WYCHE ROAD

WHEREAS, the County and the Stafford County Economic Development Authority partnered with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority (VEDP) to incentivize the development of a new distribution facility by DHL Supply Chain (DHL) in Stafford County (Project Mover); and

WHEREAS, VEDP's incentive included an invitation for the County to apply for funds from its Virginia Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund (TPOF) grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is necessary and desirable to apply for TPOF grant funds to support Project Mover with assistance in improving Wyche Road, which will serve as access to the DHL distribution facility in the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of February, 2021, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to execute any documents he deems necessary and appropriate to submit an application to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority for grant funds from the Virginia Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund for improvements to Wyche Road.

Item 9. Economic Development and Tourism; Authorize the Advertisement of a Public Hearing to Consider Conveying Tax Map Parcel 13C-M Located Within Quantico Corporate Center, to Blue Diamond Investments, LLC.

Resolution R21-83 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER CONVEYING COUNTY-OWNED TAX MAP PARCEL NO. 13C-M, WITHIN QUANTICO CORPORATE CENTER, TO BLUE DIAMOND INVESTMENTS LLC

WHEREAS, the County purchased Tax Map Parcel No. 13C-M (Property), located within Quantico Corporate Center, in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Property is encumbered with an obligation to construct certain road improvements, including the extension of Corporate Drive; and

WHEREAS, the County has sought out economic development uses for the Property and entities willing to assume the obligation of extending Corporate Drive; and

WHEREAS, in negotiations, a mutually beneficial relationship has been considered and may be realized between Blue Diamond Investments LLC (Blue Diamond) and the County; and

WHEREAS, the County would benefit from entering into an agreement with Blue Diamond by which the County would convey the Property to the company in exchange for the extension of Corporate Drive and economic development in the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code §15.2-1800(B), the Board desires and is required to hold a public hearing to consider conveying the Property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of February, 2021, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to advertise a public hearing to consider conveying County-owned Tax Map Parcel No. 13C-M to Blue Diamond Investments LLC.

10. Finance and Budget; Approve the Expenditure Listing.

Resolution R21-76 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE LISTING (EL)
DATED FEBRUARY 2, 2021 THROUGH FEBRUARY 15, 2021

WHEREAS, the Board appropriated funds to be expended for the purchase of goods and services in accordance with an approved budget; and

WHEREAS, the payments appearing on the above-referenced Listing of Expenditures represent payment of \$100,000 and greater for the purchase of goods and/or services, which are within the appropriated amounts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of February, 2021, that it be and hereby does.

11. Fire and Rescue; Authorize the County Administrator to Purchase Cardiac and Respiratory Equipment from Stryker Sales Corporation, and Budget and Appropriate Fund Balance.

Resolution R21-79 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL CARDIAC AND RESPIRATORY EQUIPMENT FROM STRYKER SALES CORPORATION, AND BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE PRIOR YEAR FUND BALANCE

WHEREAS, the Board identified public safety as one of the County's top priorities; and

WHEREAS, the County prides itself on being a Heartsafe Community, which supports rapid recognition of cardiac emergencies, advanced life support treatment, and transportation to definitive care facilities; and

WHEREAS, the cardiac equipment used by the Stafford County Fire and Rescue Department, the Stafford County Sheriff's Office, Stafford County Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities, and Stafford County Public Schools are standardized to all Stryker Sales Corporation LIFEPAK monitors/defibrillators and LUCAS automated chest compression systems and battery packs (Cardiac Equipment); and

WHEREAS, Cardiac Equipment is essential for the County's emergency medical service providers and it is necessary to equip transport units as well as replace outdated and unserviceable equipment; and

WHEREAS, the County has an existing contract with Stryker Sales Corporation, Contract #20-3240-CO056, which can be used for the purchase of additional Cardiac Equipment; and

WHEREAS, funding for this purchase is available using \$184,507 of Prior Year Fund Balance and \$141,920 of current revenue, for a total purchase of \$326,427 of Cardiac Equipment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of February, 2021, that it be and hereby does authorize the County Administrator to purchase 3 replacement LIFEPAK 15 monitors/ defibrillators, 12 LUCAS automated chest compression systems and battery packs, and 3 McGrath Video Laryngoscopes in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$326,427), unless amended by a duly executed contract amendment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that One Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Seven Dollars (\$184,507) in fund balance held in the General Fund is budgeted and appropriate for the purchase of cardiac and respiratory equipment as follows:

Fund	Department	Amount
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General Fund	Fire and Rescue	\$184,507
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12. Public Works (Capital Construction); Authorize the County Administrator to Submit an Application for Installation of the Falls Run Force Main on Land Owned by the National Park Service, Located within the George Washington Election District. Ms. Bohmke remarked that staff had provided her with a tremendous amount of information. She asked if Mr. Jason Towery, Chief Public Works Officer could provide information about what had taken place with the project. Mr. Towery presented background information about the item. He stated staff was looking to replace the Claiborne Run Pump Station because of its age and capacity. Also, overflows were experienced at the pump station when there were large storm events. Two key items were identified to get the overflows under control. This agenda item would request the National Park Service to allow the installation of a force main on land owned by them located on River Road.

Ms. Bohmke motioned, seconded by Mr. Coen to adopt proposed Resolution R21-82.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Allen, Bohmke, Coen, Dudenhefer, Shelton, Snellings, Vanuch
Nay: (0)

Resolution R21-82 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO
SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR INSTALLATION OF THE FALLS RUN
FORCE MAIN ON LAND OWNED BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE,
LOCATED WITHIN THE GEORGE WASHINGTON ELECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Falls Run Wastewater Force Main (Project) is included in the Utilities Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and it is designed to increase the County's ability to convey wastewater from the historic Falmouth area (Falls Run Pump Station) and the southwestern area of the County to the Little Falls Run Wastewater Treatment Facility; and

WHEREAS, the County initiated Project design and prepared the concept for consideration with the concept including River Road between historic Falmouth and Route 3 near the Chatham Bridge; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the route, although located within the pavement zone of River Road, resides within land owned by the National Park Service (NPS); and

WHEREAS, rerouting the proposed route of the force main around NPS land is estimated to add \$1.5 million to the cost of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the NPS has an application process to obtain a permit for the installation of the Project on NPS land; and

WHEREAS, the application process includes submittal of a resolution from the local jurisdiction authorizing the submission of the application and designating the applicant's signature;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of February 2021, that it be and it hereby does authorize the County Administrator, or his designee, to submit an application for a permit to install the Falls Run Wastewater force main on National Park Service land.

Item 13. Public Works (Utilities); Refer to the Utilities Commission and Authorize the County Administrator to Advertise a Public Hearing on a Proposed Amendment to Stafford County Code Sec. 25-98 "Sewer Charges Generally" to Allow Non-Residential Customers to Apply for Sewer Evaporation Credits. Ms. Bohmke remarked that she was not familiar with evaporation credits and asked Mr. Towery if could provide additional information about the evaporation credits program. Mr. Towery explained that our water and sewer customers are billed on their sewer usage based on their water usage, except during the summer months. He stated this item came up because the business Capital Textile approached Utilities about receiving evaporation credits for their sewer usage. He said Capital Textile was an industrial facility that used large amounts of water. A lot of the water they used was in processes where a lot of evaporation occurred. He said that this would be a way to receive a reduced sewer bill for sewage that was not being discharged back into the system. He stated our Code does not have a way to do this for sewer usage.

Ms. Bohmke motioned, seconded by Ms. Shelton to adopt proposed Resolution R21-89.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Allen, Bohmke, Coen, Dudenhefer, Shelton, Snellings, Vanuch
Nay: (0)

Resolution R21-89 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION REFERRING TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STAFFORD COUNTY CODE SEC. 25-98, "SEWER CHARGES GENERALLY" TO ALLOW NONRESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS TO APPLY FOR SEWER EVAPORATION CREDITS

WHEREAS, staff requests to refer to the Utilities Commission a proposed amendment to Stafford County Code Sec. 25-98, "Sewer charges generally," pursuant to proposed Ordinance O20-17, to consider granting sewer evaporation credits to nonresidential customers; and

WHEREAS, the amendment would allow nonresidential customers to apply for a reduction in the sewer portion of their utility bill, if they are able to demonstrate that a measurable portion of their water use is not returned to the County's sewer system due to

evaporation in their facility as proven by the installation of a water or sewage meter to calculate the reduction in water flow; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to send the proposed Ordinance to the Utilities Commission for its review and to provide a recommendation back to the Board; and

WHEREAS, following recommendation from the Utilities Commission, the Board desires and is required to hold a public hearing to consider an amendment to the County Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of February, 2021, that it be and hereby does refer a proposed amendment to Stafford County Code Sec. 25-98, "Sewer charges generally," pursuant to proposed Ordinance 021-17, to the Utilities Commission for its review, to hold a public hearing, and provide its recommendation to the Board within 100 days of the receipt of this Resolution; and

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 14. Discuss Postal Service Delays Update. Mr. Snellings remarked that he had contacted several of his constituents that were having postal service delay issues. He said most of them responded that the postal service in the Hartwood District was much better than what it was and was back to normal.

Mr. Presley commented that staff reached out to our Delegates. He said Senator Warner, Senator Kaine, and Congressman Wittman sent letters to the Postmaster General. He said that the postal service has messaging on their website that states due to impacts from COVID, customers may experience delays. He noted that the service delays had improved.

Mr. Coen thanked staff for being flexible with helping residents who were having issues with receiving their bills.

NEW BUSINESS

15. Public Works (Transportation); Discuss the Conveyance of Unused Right-of-Way to Widewater Village at Stafford Homeowners Association. Mr. Towery stated this item was before the Infrastructure Committee and they recommended that it be brought before the full Board. He presented background information about this item and addressed the Board's questions.

Chairman Vanuch remarked that this item would return as Unfinished Business at the March 2 Board meeting.

Add-on; Proposed Letter Regarding Vaccination Efforts. Ms. Vanuch commented that she had requested that staff draft a letter to form a discussion regarding some of the challenges and issues that the County had been facing with the state. She said the Board had reached out and

offered assistance to the VDH several times. She stated a lot of localities had sent letters to the Governor's Office to get more resources to assist the VDH. She said she wanted to let them know that Stafford was ready and willing to assist in any way to get as many Stafford residents vaccinated as possible. She asked Board members if they had any adjustments or edits that they would like to see made to the letter and asked if they would like to deem this item time sensitive.

Ms. Allen remarked that she thought that some suggestions should be offered in the letter of what the County would be willing to do to assist with the vaccination rollout. Chairman Vanuch remarked it was a great suggestion and asked Mr. Presley to address it.

Mr. Presley remarked that staff could speak to some of the ideas he spoke about earlier in the meeting with regards to the meeting with Fire Chief Cardello, Scott Mayausky, Supervisor Coen, and Supervisor Allen. Staff could express some of those ideas and add some specifics in the letter.

Mr. Coen remarked that he supported Ms. Allen suggestion about offering suggestions. He commented that given the fact that VDH has just changed their website, he was not certain if some of the items that were raised were topical at this time. He stated the Governor was set to sign a bill that would allow EMS and other companies to come in and help with the vaccination. He said that the more we specifically point out the positive things that could be done, the more helpful it would be.

Ms. Shelton commented that Stafford County's Fire Department was fine-tuned in providing some of the vaccinators, event coordination support, volunteers and certifications. She suggested highlighting it a little differently in the letter so that it was clearer that Stafford was ready and willing to help. Ms. Shelton suggested removing the two words "and incoherent" in the last paragraph of the letter.

Ms. Bohmke commented she agreed with all of the comments that were made.

Ms. Shelton motioned, seconded by Ms. Bohmke to deem this item as time-sensitive.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea:	(7)	Allen, Bohmke, Coen, Dudenhefer, Shelton, Snellings, Vanuch
Nay:	(0)	

Ms. Shelton motioned, seconded by Ms. Bohmke to slightly modify the letter to highlight the services that the County would be willing to provide, to eliminate the two words "and incoherent" from the last paragraph in the letter, and to have the Chairman sign the letter when those changes have been made.

Mr. Coen asked Ms. Shelton for clarification regarding her motion. He asked if it was offering specific suggestions or was it to reiterate the criticisms of the past. Ms. Shelton responded that the letter references that Stafford has certified staff in place to assist with the vaccination rollout. She said her recommendation was to change the wording so that it was very specific that this was a solution that was being offered. She also noted that she did not want the letter to "point fingers or add any angst in the community." She said that by removing those two words, it would make a much cleaner conveyance of our sentiment.

Mr. Coen remarked that he noticed that elements of the letter were more about "rehashing" and not about what Ms. Shelton recommended. He said he supported 100% what Ms. Shelton said with regards to a more forward thinking and in offering positive suggestions.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Allen, Bohmke, Coen, Dudenhefer, Shelton, Snellings, Vanuch
Nay: (0)

CLOSED MEETING

At 4:19 p.m., Ms. Shelton motioned, seconded by Ms. Bohmke, to adopt proposed Resolution CM21-04.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Allen, Bohmke, Coen, Dudenhefer, Shelton, Snellings, Vanuch
Nay: (0)

Resolution CM21-04 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Board desires to hold a Closed Meeting for (1) discussion and consideration of the acquisition of property for a high school, which is a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Board, and (2) consultation with legal counsel pertaining to *Board of Supervisors v. Garrisonville, LLC* and *Board of Supervisors v. Brickley, et al.*, where such consultation or briefings in open meeting would adversely affect the litigating posture of the Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A)(3) and (A)(7) such discussions may occur in Closed Meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of February, 2021, that it be and hereby does authorize discussion of the above matters in Closed Meeting.

CLOSED MEETING CERTIFICATION

At 5:09 p.m., Ms. Shelton motioned, seconded by Ms. Bohmke, to adopt proposed Resolution CM21-04 (c).

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Allen, Bohmke, Coen, Dudenhefer, Shelton, Snellings, Vanuch
Nay: (0)

Resolution CM21-04 (c) reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY THE ACTIONS OF THE STAFFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN A CLOSED MEETING ON FEBRUARY 16, 2021

WHEREAS, the Board has, on this the 16th day of February, 2021, adjourned into a Closed Meeting in accordance with a formal vote of the Board and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act provides for certification that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with the law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stafford County Board of Supervisors does hereby certify, on this the 16th day of February, 2021, that to the best of each member's knowledge (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened, were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board.

Ms. Shelton motioned, seconded by Mr. Dudenhefer to adopt proposed Resolution R21-95.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Allen, Bohmke, Coen, Dudenhefer, Shelton, Snellings, Vanuch
Nay: (0)

Resolution R21-95 reads as follows:

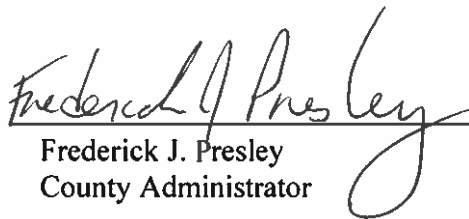
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNTY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO SETTLE *STAFFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS V. GARRISONVILLE, LLC*, CL19-2928

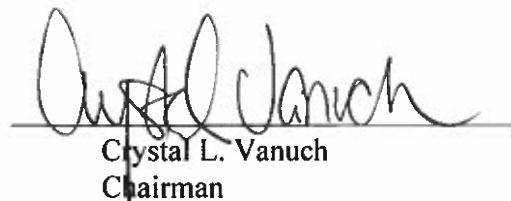
WHEREAS, the Board and Garrisonville, LLC are parties to the condemnation case, *Stafford County Board of Supervisors v. Garrisonville, LLC*, CL19-2928; and

WHEREAS, the parties in the above-referenced case desire to enter into a settlement agreement to resolve the respondents' claims for just compensation under the terms and conditions discussed in closed session with the County Attorney;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16th day of February, 2021, that the County Attorney and County Administrator, or their designees, be and they hereby are authorized to execute any and all documents that they deem necessary and appropriate to settle *Stafford County Board of Supervisors v. Garrisonville, LLC*, CL19-2928, under the terms and conditions discussed in closed session.

Adjournment At 5:13 p.m., Chairman Vanuch adjourned the February 16, 2021 Stafford County Board of Supervisors meeting.


Frederick J. Presley
County Administrator


Crystal L. Vanuch
Chairman



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Speaker Card - Submission #19358

Date Submitted: 2/11/2021

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Presentations by the Public 3pm ▾

WRITTEN COMMENTS TO BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES:*

It is important who is the face of Stafford County. It sets the image, the tone and character for our county. So it was with great distress to read in the paper the comments of the current chair in regards to a religious group. This intolerance insults and harms our county's image. For years we had to endure the flag as a symbol of Stafford, now it is the current chair. But this is not surprising given her comments last year at a meeting with the school board where she made degrading comments about a race. One would hope that she would have the character to resign- but given her words and deeds- she lacks that degree of character.

If you plan to speak at the meeting and you are signing up. Please say in these comments that you plan to speak. Thank you.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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Speaker Card - Submission #19392

Date Submitted: 2/15/2021

STAFFORD COUNTY SPEAKER CARD

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Clarification on comments from 1-19-21 BOS-Meeting 1. Difficult at best to read someone else's writing with all the explosiveness in the art of effectively communicating a point. So the county administrator gets a pass for fumbling words. 2. The reference to "character-count" was a direct reference to written comments which appeared capped out at 450 with the online submission. However as good as the vote of confidence to the judge was, many comments went well beyond 450 characters. Are there 2 standards? 3. The mayhem over COVID the past 6 months in particular personal appearances by the public have been sporadic and overshadowed by other agenda items. Time to show up when life returns to normal with vigor and determination to expand upon the issues going forward facing Stafford, my home. 4. Why drag the caldron of despair over land-use classification Of A1 with a 10-acre cap for 1-SFD unit anymore, leave it alone and move on. Damage is already done, unequally to others I might add with less than 10 acres. One has to ponder the genesis of land classification from farmland to suburban. Furthermore, some landowners benefit while others suffer at the hands of poor planning, especially from board appointed commissions which lack specialized academia in planning and urbanization to quantify anything except how many units can sit on the tip of a pen. There are many spokes in the wheel that need to be examined, starting with the submitted construction plan. Concerning new business with item-15, the county is going in the business of giving land away? The owner of parcel- 21-134 may have a different view. The easement was going to go somewhere in past prophetic visions. Apparently no two subdivision plans existing or otherwise, are alike concerning open-land-spaces and taxation. Which begs the question, why do HOA's pay no tax? Either the tax records are incorrect or not taxed at all. Which is it? Take the exhibit using the GIS-mapping, you quickly realize the whole of this property is surround by open-land-spaces in fact over 20 acres of prime real estate, paying zero in tax, with the easement not far beyond in acreage, enough land for a cluster-subdivision like chapel ridge to exist. It is disheartening that some would think this is fair and equally divided, but upon closer inspection that is not the case. In fact two standards exist; the entire HOA controlled open-land-spaces surrounding the subdivision Widewater Village are not controlled by any one person, whereas Chapel Ridge's open-land-spaces are individually owned. How does that work exactly?

If you plan to speak at the meeting and you are signing up. Please say in these comments that you plan to speak. Thank you.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:
