

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
February 2, 2021

Call to Order – A regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Crystal Vanuch, Chairman, at 3:06 p.m., on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 in the Board Chambers, George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center, 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, VA.

Chairman Vanuch made the following remarks: *"Today's meeting and the next meeting on February 16 are being held virtually due to the extension of the county building closure to public access because of the rise in COVID-19 cases. Some members of the Board have chosen to be here in person and others have chosen the virtual option. On the phone, we have Supervisor Snellings for the Hartwood District, Supervisor Allen for the Griffis-Widewater District, and Supervisor Coen for the George Washington District. At this time, the closure will be extended through February 26. Residents can still access all County services online, by phone and for some, by appointment, during this period. If you would like to send comments to the Board of Supervisors prior to the next meeting, please submit them on our website between February 12 and February 15 by 4:00 p.m. You may also reach out to the Clerk's office for the Board of Supervisors with any questions."*

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

We ask for your patience with the distribution of the vaccine. We are supporting the Rappahannock Area Health District, a state entity that is overseeing the rollout of vaccines in our area. RAHD has begun Phase 1b, which includes those 65 and older and essential workers. And at the Feb 16 meeting, we will have our Health Safety officer provide a detailed briefing on Stafford's plan with assisting with the vaccine rollout. If you fall within the categories of 1B, please visit www.vdh.virginia.gov/rappahannock. There you will be directed to a survey to sign up to receive a vaccine. As well, anyone without internet service, can call the Rappahannock Area Health Agency on Aging. Their phone number is (540) 371-3375 and they will assist you in that survey and signing up for the vaccine.

HB1910 Bill

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express several concerns and our opposition to Delegate Josh Cole's House Bill 1910. More specifically, the recent substitute submitted by Delegate Cole to create a Regional Transportation Authority or Committee. The Board did not oppose the original legislation introduced as it was permissive, but the substitute version is a clear unfunded mandate on Stafford County and other localities within Planning District 16. Neither the Board of Supervisors nor County staff were contacted for comment prior to the submission of either version of these bills. Stafford County is already part of the Fredericksburg Area

Metropolitan Planning Organization and the George Washington Regional Commission. We have adopted regional transportation improvement plans which are being implemented. It makes no sense to create an additional layer of bureaucracy in an erroneous attempt to resolve complex and ongoing transportation challenges. Creating this Transportation Improvement Committee will again create another body subsidized by larger localities to duplicate long-standing transportation efforts already in place. Furthermore, the Board will not support any bill that will greatly reduce local control over our transportation planning. I have had lengthy discussions with Delegate Josh Cole's staff and they informed me late last night that they intend to pull the bill. However, today in Committee the bill was just passed by for the day. The way that the legislature works is that this bill is very much still alive. Due to that, it is very important that we continue to pursue our opposition of this bill.

Sheriff's Office Certification

Last summer, after the unrest in our country, the Governor passed an executive order on safe policing to ensure law enforcement meets certain use of force criteria and standards. I'm proud to let our community know that our Stafford County Sheriff's Office received its certification with flying colors. The certification demonstrates that the Stafford County Sheriff's Office's commitment to professionalism and delivering the highest quality law enforcement services to the public. The certification also allows the Sheriff's Office to be eligible to receive federal grant funding. On behalf of the Board, I would like to congratulate the Sheriff's Office and thank Sheriff David Decatur for his excellent leadership here in Stafford County.

Diversity Advisory Coalition

Lastly, it is very important to let the community know that the Coalition held its first meeting last week. I am happy and proud of this group of appointees and that they will represent the county's best interests. I look forward to seeing their accomplishments. For more information on the coalition, please feel free to visit Stafford's website."

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, 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 – Ms. Marilyn Dufrat, Stafford County Victim and Witness Assistance Program Manager presented comments regarding her support of the reappointment of the Honorable Andrea M. Stewart to the Stafford JDR Court. *(comments attached)*

Chairman Vanuch asked for a motion to allow the members to participate virtually in the meeting.

Ms. Bohmke motioned, seconded by Ms. Shelton to approve the electronic participation of the following Board members: Ms. Allen, Mr. Coen, and Mr. Snellings.

The Voting Board tally was:

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

Mr. Presley informed the Board of the following additions to the February 2, 2021 agenda:

- Consent Agenda – County Administration; Appoint an Alternate Member and Recommend an At-Large Member to the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Consent Agenda – County Administration; Authorize Recommendation to the Circuit Court the Appointment of Mr. Jonathan Ireland as a Member to the Board of Zoning Appeals/Proposed Resolution R21-73
- Consent Agenda – County Administration; A Resolution Opposing House Bill 1910/Proposed Resolution R21-77
- Consent Agenda – County Administration; A Resolution to Support the Reappointment of the Honorable Andrea M. Stewart to the Stafford Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court/Proposed Resolution R21-78
- New Business – Discuss Post Office Service/Requested by Supervisor Gary Snellings

Mr. Coen motioned, seconded by Ms. Shelton, to adopt the regular agenda to include the referenced add-on items.

The Voting Board tally was:

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

Presentations by the Public – Mr. Presley read the following public comments that were submitted online to the Board of Supervisors.

1. Harold Marciari, 21 Table Bluff Drive – *(comments attached)*
2. Lori Govar, 95 Hunton Drive – *(comments attached)*
3. Lynn Frazier, 1007 England Drive – *(comments attached)*
4. Katherine Pontarelli, 9 Crimson Way – *(comments attached)*
5. Adam Lynch, Friends of the Rappahannock – *(comments attached)*
6. Kathleen Carroll, 412 Culpeper Street – *(comments attached)*
7. Yvette Nageotte, 193 St. Mary's Lane – *(comments attached)*

8. Abigail Miller, 4340 Prince William Parkway – *(comments attached)*
9. Lori DiGiosia, 1245 Courthouse Road – *(comments attached)*
10. Martha Norton, Norton Pelt, PLC, 2052 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Suite 201 – *(comments attached)*
11. V. James Ventura, 406 Amelia Street – *(comments attached)*
12. 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 – Remarked that the vaccination process is a very difficult process and is very overwhelming. She stated there has been a need from the community to step up and help VDH. She encouraged people who were able to help to volunteer to serve. She stated the Governor gave out vaccine amounts based on population per County. Currently, there are over 30,000 people signed up for 1B. The current wait time to hear back from the vaccine administration is three to four weeks. She stated there was not enough manpower to keep up with the demand. She informed the public that if a resident did not have access to a computer or the internet, they should call the Stafford VDH to register for the vaccination.

Ms. Bohmke – Remarked that she wanted to pull item #13; remarked it would be helpful if the VDH had a banner on their website to update the public; remarked the Diversity Advisory Coalition held their first meeting and it was very productive; and reminded the Board that when the Comprehensive Road Study was done in 2019, the number one road with problems in Stafford was Butler Road. She stated the Butler Road project needed to be kept elevated and the progress continued on how to work through some of the challenges on Butler Road.

Mr. Coen – Deferred his remarks.

Mr. Dudenhefer – Pulled item #12 for discussion and requested that it be moved to New Business; remarked he had significant comments about House Bill 1910, but would hold his comments until it was discussed; commented a fervent appeal to reappoint Judge Stewart in Stafford County; and commented about being personally attacked on Facebook by an elected official and that he was very offended by it.

Ms. Shelton – Deferred her remarks.

Mr. Snellings – Remarked that he echoed Mr. Dudenhefer's comments about Judge Stewart. He stated Judge Stewart was an honorable person and very conscious about her job. He stated it was not in the best interest of our constituents to play politics with such important appointees as a judge. He said he hoped the legislators would see the light and reappoint Judge Stewart to the

bench; and remarked he was very disappointed in the vaccination process. He stated he has senior citizens in his district that do not have access to the internet.

Ms. Vanuch – Deferred her remarks.

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

Report of the County Administrator – Mr. Presley remarked that the Strategic Priority Projects and Other Initiatives report was provided for the Board's information. He remarked Mr. Bryon Counsell, Public Works Capital Construction Director would present the Quarterly Construction Report.

Mr. Counsell presented an abbreviated report and highlighted the following Transportation projects and addressed the Board's questions:

- Berea Church Road Safety Improvements
- US Route 1/Route 630 Courthouse Road Intersection Improvements
- US Route 1 and Telegraph Road/Woodstock Lane Intersection Improvements
- Flatford Road Sidewalk Project
- Belmont Ferry Farm Phase 6

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Shelton motioned, seconded by Mr. Coen to adopt the Consent Agenda less item #12 pulled by Mr. Dudenhefer 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 January 19, 2021 Board Meeting.

Item 2. County Administration; Approve Minutes of the December 1, 2020 Joint Board of Supervisors and School Board CIP Budget Work Session.

Item 3. County Administration; Authorize Appointment of Members to the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Item 4. Fire and Rescue; Authorize the County Administrator to Apply for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Through the Department of Homeland Security.

Resolution R21-68 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

WHEREAS, the Department of Fire and Rescue (Department) desires to apply for the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program (Grant) provided by the Department of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, firefighting is a physically demanding profession and the fitness of the Departments members is a top priority; and

WHEREAS, the Grant requires a ten-percent local match and funds are available within the Department's operating budget and can be used for this purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 2nd day of February, 2021, that the County Administrator be he herby is authorized to apply to the Department of Homeland Security for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to provide health and wellness services in an amount not to exceed Nine Hundred and Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$930,000).

Item 5. Finance and Budget; Approve the Expenditure Listing.

Resolution R21-56 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE LISTING (EL)
DATED JANUARY 19, 2021 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1, 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 2nd day of February, 2021, that it be and hereby does

Item 6. Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities; Authorize the County Administrator to Execute a Contract Amendment with Rock Solid Janitorial, Inc. for Additional COVID-Related Custodial Services at County Facilities.

Resolution R21-63 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH ROCK SOLID JANITORIAL, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL COVID-RELATED CUSTODIAL SERVICES AT VARIOUS COUNTY FACILITIES

WHEREAS, professional custodial services beyond the capability of County staff, are needed at various County facilities; and

WHEREAS, the County extended its contract with Rock Solid Janitorial, Inc. to provide custodial services through the Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency until June 30, 2021, Contract #14-7110-P007; and

WHEREAS, additional COVID-related cleaning services are required at various County facilities at a cost of approximately \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds are available for this purchase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 2nd day of February, 2021, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to execute a contract amendment with Rock Solid Janitorial, Inc., for additional Coronavirus (COVID-19) related custodial services, in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000), unless amended by a duly-executed contract amendment.

Item 7. Planning and Zoning: Receive and Accept the 2020 Planning Commission Annual Report.

Item 8. Public Works (Capital Construction/Utilities): Authorize the County Administrator to Execute a Contract Amendment with O'Brien & Gere Engineers, Inc. for Construction Phase Services and Coordination with the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for Dissolution of the Potomac Creek Dam #1 Agreement.

Resolution R21-62 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH O'BRIEN & GERE ENGINEERS, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES AND COORDINATION WITH THE NATIONAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) FOR DISSOLUTION OF THE POTOMAC CREEK DAM #1 AGREEMENT, LOCATED WITHIN THE HARTWOOD ELECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the County contracted with O'Brian & Gere Engineers, Inc., a Ramboll Company, (Engineer), Contract #16-4111-P101-OBG, to provide design phase services for the Potomac Creek Dam #1 project (Project); and

WHEREAS, the contract included design phase services only; and

WHEREAS, the County entered into an agreement in 1970 with the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for original construction and maintenance of Potomac Creek that is longer necessary, and in need of dissolution; and

WHEREAS, construction phase services also need to be added to the Project, to include site visits, submittal review, inspection and reporting, and construction administration; and

WHEREAS, staff reviewed the Engineer's proposal, and determined it is reasonable for the additional services proposed; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the Utilities Department Capital Improvement Program Fund for this purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors, on this the 2nd day of February, 2021, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to execute a contract amendment with O'Brian & Gere Engineers, Inc., a Ramboll Company, in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$212,400), for a total contract amount of \$655,700, unless modified by a duly-authorized contract amendment.

Item 9. Planning and Zoning; Grant the Planning Commission Additional Time to Discuss and Hold a Public Hearing in Regards to Cluster Development Regulations.

Resolution R21-70 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION ADDITIONAL TIME TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN STAFFORD COUNTY CODE SEC. 28-25, "DEFINITIONS OF SPECIFIC TERMS," SEC. 28-35, "TABLE OF USES AND STANDARDS," AND SEC. 28-39, "SPECIAL REGULATIONS" IN REGARDS TO CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2020, the Board adopted Resolution R20-297, which referred proposed amendments to County Code Sec. 28-25, "Definitions of specific terms," Sec. 28-35, "Table of uses and standards," and Sec. 28-39, "Special regulations," pursuant to proposed Ordinance O21-09 (formerly O20-39), to the Planning Commission for its review, to

hold a public hearing, and to provide its recommendations to the Board within six months or March 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission requires additional time to review and make any necessary changes to the proposed amendments, hold a public hearing, and present its recommendations to the Board for its consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 2nd day of February, 2021, that the Planning Commission be and it hereby is granted additional time to make its recommendations regarding proposed amendments to County Code Sec. 28-25, "Definitions of specific terms," Sec. 28-35, "Table of uses and standards," and Sec. 28-39, "Special regulations," pursuant to proposed Ordinance O21-09 (formerly O20-39) and that such recommendations should be provided to the Board by May 30, 2021.

10. County Administration: Appoint an Alternate Member and Recommend an At-Large Member to the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

11. County Administration: Authorize Recommendation to the Circuit Court the Appointment of Mr. Jonathan Ireland as a Member to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Resolution R21-73 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER
TO THE STAFFORD COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-2308 and County Code Sec. 28-341, members of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) shall be appointed by the Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, County Code Sec. 28-341 authorizes the BZA to consist of seven members and two alternates; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brian E. Jenkins represented the Aquia District and resigned from his BZA seat effective January 25, 2021, leaving an unexpired term for the Aquia seat through December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to recommend appointing Jonathan Ireland, who has indicated his willingness to be appointed for the district and term so provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 2nd day of February, 2021, that

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>EXPIRATION DATE</u>
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Jonathan Ireland	Aquia	December 31, 2023
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be and he hereby is recommended for appointment as the member for the Aquia District for the term stated above, to the Stafford County Board of Zoning Appeals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator, or his designee, shall provide a copy of this Resolution to the Circuit Court.

12. County Administration; A Resolution to Support the Reappointment of the Honorable Andrea M. Stewart to the Stafford Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. Ms. Bohmke remarked that the testimony received by many lawyers, comments made by Mr. Dudenhefer and Mr. Snellings, and comments by Ms. Dufrat confirmed that there was no reason that Judge Andrea Stewart should not be reappointed in Stafford County. She stated Judge Stewart was very fair and had done a phenomenal job representing the County's families and children. She stated she supports proposed Resolution R21-78.

At 4:05 p.m., Chairman Vanuch recessed the meeting due to technical difficulties.

At 4:08 p.m., the meeting resumed. Chairman Vanuch informed the public that there were issues with the internet connection. She noted that the internet connection was disconnected prior to the approval of the Consent Agenda. She asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda again because Ms. Allen, Mr. Coen, and Mr. Snellings were not online and were unable to vote.

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

The Voting Board tally was:

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

Ms. Bohmke restated her reasons why she would support proposed Resolution R21-78.

Mr. Snellings motioned, seconded by Ms. Bohmke to adopt proposed Resolution R21-78.

Mr. Snellings commented that Judge Stewart had done a great service for the County and that he hoped the General Assembly would listen to the Board's recommendation and allow her to carry on in her position.

Mr. Coen and Chairman Vanuch commented about why they would support proposed Resolution R21-78.

The Voting Board tally was:

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

Resolution R21-78 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE REAPPOINTMENT OF THE
HONORABLE ANDREA M. STEWART IN STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, the Virginia Senate resolved on February 25, 2015 to nominate Andrea M. Stewart as a judge of the Fifteenth Judicial District for a term of six years commencing July 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia House of Delegates resolved on February 25, 2015 to nominate Andrea M. Stewart as a judge of the Fifteenth Judicial District for a term of six years commencing July 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Senate unanimously agreed to the nomination of Judge Andrea M. Stewart on February 25, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Judge Andrea M. Stewart was born and raised in Stafford County, and continues to reside in the local community; and

WHEREAS, prior to appointment, Judge Stewart served the citizens of Stafford County with distinction in the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney; and

WHEREAS, Judge Stewart currently serves as a presiding judge in the Stafford Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court; and

WHEREAS, Judge Stewart's six-year term will expire this year and she is under consideration for reappointment; and

WHEREAS, Judge Stewart has overwhelming support for reappointment to the bench and the Board desires to express its support of her reappointment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 2nd day of February, 2021, that it be and hereby does express its support of the reappointment of the Honorable Andrea M. Stewart as a judge in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit,

Stafford County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court to continue to serve the citizens of Stafford County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board respectfully requests the members of the General Assembly consider this Resolution and the Board's support of Judge Stewart at the time reappointment decisions are made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 13. County Administration; Adoption of 2021 Redistricting Communications Plan. Mr. Anthony Toigo presented background information about this item and addressed the Board's questions.

Mr. Snellings inquired if the four Board members that were up for re-election in November would have to run for election in the current district and then would have to run for election again in November 2022 for the new district. Mr. Toigo responded that Mr. Snellings understanding of the process was correct, but the specific information had not been confirmed yet. He stated the Virginia Primary election had not been delayed. It would be held June 8, 2021, as scheduled. He said that because the census data would be released later, the current members of the Board that were due to have their terms expire this year would need to run again under the current maps for one more year. Then a special election would be held in 2022 once the new maps had been adopted. The special election would be held in November.

Ms. Allen asked if after the consecutive year in 2022, would that mean the Board members would have four years and the General Assembly members would have two years. Mr. Toigo responded that after the special election, Board members would continue on their normal cycle. He explained that the 2021 Board members who were up for re-election would have had terms that would normally have expired in 2025. A regular election using the current map would be held this year, a special election using the new maps would be held next year, and then the special election would resolve in serving the remaining three years of that term. In 2025, everything should balance out for the local people. He stated that for the state people, it is a bit more complicated. The House of Delegates would have to run again for one more year. In 2022, all of them would be subject to another special election. The Delegates would have to fulfill a single-year term. The Delegates would have to run in 2021 under the current maps, in 2022 for a special election under the new maps for an additional year, and in 2023 when things would balance out. The Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Attorney General elections would be similar to the Board members. The Governor term is limited to one term so the next gubernatorial election would be in 2025.

Mr. Dudenhefer commented that the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and the Attorney General elections ran statewide and were not dependent upon the census or redistricting. He asked why would they run two years in a row. Mr. Toigo responded that he would need to research that information and that he would notify the Board accordingly.

Mr. Coen commented this was brought before the Board now because the Redistricting Committee would like to get the webpage up on the County's website to provide information and updates to the public as soon as possible.

Mr. Coen motioned, seconded by Ms. Shelton to adopt proposed Resolution R21-57.

The Voting Board tally was:

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

R21-57 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN FOR THE
2021 REDISTRICTING PROCESS

WHEREAS, the Stafford County Board of Supervisors established a Redistricting Committee on March 3, 2020, to analyze population data and recommend 2021 adjustments to election district lines and polling locations; and

WHEREAS, Stafford County faces a significant redistricting in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the significant impacts of redistricting and wishes to increase public transparency about the redistricting process; and

WHEREAS, the Redistricting Committee of the Board of Supervisors has reviewed the public information plan and expressed its support, therefore; and

WHEREAS, the public information effort for the 2021 Redistricting Process includes a collaborative approach consisting of County website updates, integrated media efforts, stakeholder group meetings, a Board of Supervisors work session, and two public information meetings for the community-at-large; and

WHEREAS, the dates, times, and frequency of such meetings shall be determined by staff and the Board of Supervisors once the 2021 Redistricting Process formally begins;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 2nd day of February, 2021, that the 2021 Redistricting Communications Plan be and it hereby is endorsed and adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff and the Redistricting Committee will keep the Board informed of all meetings for the 2021 Redistricting process as these meetings are scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

14 County Administration; A Resolution Opposing House Bill 1910. Mr. Dudenhefer commented that the original bill started as a voluntary bill to create a Regional Transit Authority. He said an Authority allows for significant leeway in raising funds. At the last sub-committee meeting, a substitute bill was approved by an overwhelming majority. The substitute bill made it mandatory to create a Regional Transit Committee and was unfunded. Mr. Dudenhefer then explained why he opposed House Bill 1910.

Mr. Dudenhefer motioned, seconded by Ms. Bohmke to deem this item as time-sensitive because of the legislature's schedule.

The Voting Board tally was:

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

Ms. Shelton, Mr. Coen, and Mr. Dudenhefer commented about why they would support proposed Resolution R21-77.

Mr. Snellings remarked that he was concerned about the comments that were made by Delegate Cole and others on Facebook. He stated it made it look as if Stafford County had not done anything in Stafford County to improve transportation. He stated he had requested that staff make a list of some of the transportation projects that the Board has approved.

Ms. Vanuch commented why she would support proposed Resolution R21-77 and asked Mr. Jason Towery to present the list of transportation projects that had been accomplished in Stafford County.

Ms. Bohmke commented that last year Delegate Cole supported the Omnibus bill. It was the bill that had \$900,000 in recordation taxes that evaporated from our budget. She said she hoped Delegate Cole would support the effort to get the recordation taxes money back for this fiscal year and fight next year to make sure that it happens in perpetuity.

Mr. Jason Towery, Public Works Director highlighted a list of transportation projects that had been completed in Stafford County over the past 20 years.

Mr. Dudenhefer motioned, seconded by Mr. Coen to adopt proposed Resolution R21-77.

The Voting Board tally was:

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

Resolution R21-77 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 1910

WHEREAS, House Bill 1910 is introduced legislation pending before the Virginia General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, this legislation seeks to create the Fredericksburg Regional Transportation Improvement Committee comprised of the localities of Planning District 16; and

WHEREAS, Planning District Commissions are afforded sufficient authority under Virginia Code § 15.2-4207 to collaborate on regional transportation matters, including regional transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this legislation would dilute the ability of Planning District 16 to facilitate its existing regional transportation planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, funding for the proposed Fredericksburg Regional Transportation Improvement Committee is based on the relative population of each locality in Planning District 16; and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding structure would adversely affect Stafford County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation was submitted without consulting, briefing, or seeking input from the Stafford County Board of Supervisors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 2nd day of February, 2021, that it be and hereby does oppose House Bill 1910; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes either the Chairman or County Administrator to send a letter of opposition to each member of the Stafford County General Assembly delegation, local government organizations, and to other members of the General Assembly as deemed necessary and appropriate; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that staff and the Board's legislative liaison will keep the Board apprised of the status of House Bill 1910.

Item 15. Discuss Post Office Service. Mr. Snellings commented that there had been postal service delay issues in the Hartwood District. He stated there were residents who had not received mail for two weeks. He said his senior citizen residents relied on the mail to receive their prescription drugs and they are not receiving them. He said residents also were not receiving their bills. They were receiving late notices that it was hurting their credit scores. He stated he wrote a letter and sent it via e-mail to the postal representative, Ms. Kipper, about his concerns with the mail delays. He said Ms. Kipper is responsible for the Falmouth post office. He said Mr. Toigo has contacted Richmond and has gotten Delegate Wittman, Senator Kaine, and Senator Warner involved. He encouraged the Board members to contact Ms. Kipper if they were having issues with mail service delays. Mr. Snellings noted he would stay on top of this issue and keep the Board apprised on what he finds out. He said that anything that could be done to restore mail service to the County would be appreciated.

Ms. Bohmke remarked that she also had constituents and businesses in her district that were experiencing mail service delays. She stated she planned to reach out to Ms. Kipper and to Mr. Wittman's office regarding the mail service delays.

Mr. Coen commented that if the mail service delays were COVID related, he hoped the legislature in DC would take this into account when they created another COVID relief package.

Chairman Vanuch remarked that she echoed the other Board member's comments and stated she would take Mr. Snellings advice and e-mail those individuals in charge of escalating this item. She asked Mr. Snellings if he would like for this item to return as Unfinished Business. Mr. Snellings responded that he would like for the item to return as Unfinished Business at the next Board meeting.

CLOSED MEETING

At 4:47 p.m., Ms. Shelton motioned, seconded by Mr. Coen, to adopt proposed Resolution CM21-03.

The Voting Board tally was:

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

Resolution CM21-03 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 disposition of public property, 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. Baker, 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 2nd day of February, 2021, that it be and hereby does authorize discussion of the above matters in Closed Meeting.

CLOSED MEETING CERTIFICATION

At 5:15 p.m., Ms. Shelton motioned, seconded by Ms. Bohmke, to adopt proposed Resolution CM21-03 (c).

The Voting Board tally was:

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

Resolution CM21-03 (c) reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY THE ACTIONS OF THE STAFFORD
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN A CLOSED MEETING ON
FEBRUARY 2, 2021

WHEREAS, the Board has, on this the 2nd 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 2nd 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 Ms. Bohmke to adopt proposed Resolution R21-72.

The Voting Board tally was:

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

Resolution R21-72 reads as follows:

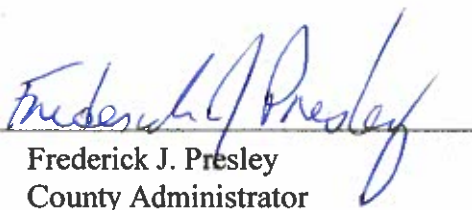
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO SETTLE *BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA V. CHARLES E. BAKER, JANET L. BAKER, STAFFORD NURSERY, INC.*
(GV20-2804)

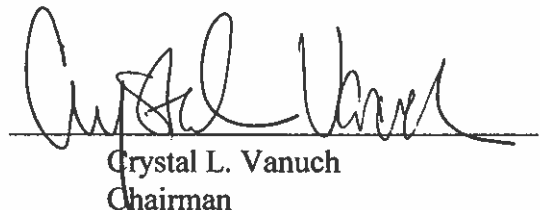
WHEREAS, the Board, Charles E. Baker, Janet L. Baker, and Stafford Nursery, Inc. are parties to the case, *Board of Supervisors of Stafford County, Virginia v. Charles E. Baker, Janet L. Baker, Stafford Nursery, Inc.*, case number GV20-2804; and

WHEREAS, a party in the above-referenced case desires to enter into a settlement agreement to resolve the underlying claims 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 2nd day of February, 2021, that the County Attorney and the 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 *Board of Supervisors of Stafford County, Virginia v. Charles E. Baker, Janet L. Baker, Stafford Nursery, Inc.* (GV20-2804), under the terms and conditions discussed in closed session.

Adjournment At 5:16 p.m., Chairman Vanuch adjourned the February 2, 2021 Stafford County Board of Supervisors meeting.


Frederick J. Presley
County Administrator


Crystal L. Vanuch
Chairman

Good afternoon Madam Chair, Vice Chair and Board members.

My name is Marilyn Dufrat and I am the program manager of the Stafford County Victim Witness Assistance Program.

I stand before you today in support of the Honorable Andrea Stewart's reappointment as Judge in Virginia's 15th Judicial District's Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

I have served in my current position almost 19 years. My primary job responsibility is as an advocate assisting child and adult victims of crime throughout the criminal justice process and ensuring their rights are preserved under the law. I work in all three courts: Circuit, General District and Juvenile & Domestic Relations.

One component of this role is to prepare victims for their court hearing or jury trials. I answer questions, explain the judicial process and what to expect, offer courtroom tours, provide court accompaniment, be the bridge to community services and resources, and to make sure their voices are heard. As you can imagine, I experience many unfathomable circumstances involving sexual assault, domestic violence and murder.

I have had the privilege to work with Judge Stewart for 13 years in her former position as a prosecutor in Stafford's Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. I have assisted her with thousands of cases throughout this time period.

In preparation of jury trials, in particular, I have witnessed her impressive knowledge and articulate application of law. Each case was special to her and what stands out prominently to me was her ability to foster relations with all victims who learned to trust her, listen to her and build their confidence; they knew she wouldn't let them down. I recall a particular case involving children. She has a gift to be able to talk to them (both young and teens) in a way that makes them feel important and empowered to face the perpetrator and testify. She put them at ease and was reassuring that she would be comfortable hearing anything they have to say and would never pass judgment. She was open to everything they wanted to talk about. We used to comment to each other that we both learn something new just about every day in our jobs from their stories and emotion. During testimony, she was warm, patient and encouraging. She used the words in trial familiar to the children and listened attentively. Trial preparation was always thorough and trials typically were flawless, mostly in part due to Judge Stewart's impeccable organizational and planning efforts.

When she was appointed as Judge six years ago, our direct working relationship was slightly altered in this new role. I was proud and excited to see her assume this earned position and I knew she was the right person for the job. To see her perform in this different capacity further solidified she was perfect for the job. I witnessed all her experience just melt right into this new role. It only took a very short period and Judge Stewart became a natural to the bench.

She is very smart, thorough, and has a keen attention to detail. I admire her razor-sharp ability to recall facts and law. I consider Judge Stewart's most salient characteristic is her ability to listen. Never once have I questioned her application of the law with her legal mindset. She is very quick to make fair and balanced decisions. I remain impressed by her command of the law.

In my observation, co-workers are treated fairly, professionally, and commonly she thanks people and demonstrates true appreciation of her Clerks, bailiffs, defense attorneys, and prosecutors.

Another component to my job is to assist citizens seeking protective orders, most of which are heard by a Juvenile & Domestic Relations Judge. I explain the protective order process and many individuals don't realize they are going to see a judge the day they file. Appearing in front of a judge when you're not expecting to proves to be intimidating to most. I provide court accompaniment and give detailed explanation about the process and that the Judge will read your affidavit and will ask a few further questions for clarification, if necessary. Protective Orders have specific guidelines and must meet the elements of the law. Not all individuals are as articulate as some writing their explanation of what transpired for them to seek a protective order. It's a very emotional and trying time after a

domestic incident and one's thoughts can be scattered. Judge Stewart is cognizant of this and takes time to really read what they wrote and becomes inquisitive and observant to recognize any limitations. She is kind, patient and tells people to take as much time as they need about including any further information not written in the Affidavit before she makes her ruling. Judge Stewart strives for thoroughness. After a protective order ruling, Judge Stewart informs individuals that "Ms. Dufrat "can further assist them and is never dismissive of someone's job duty in the courtroom.

Children's welfare has always been a sensitive passion for Judge Stewart and I can tell you that she ensures services and care is in the best interest of the kids and/or family. She sets a high bar for safety. I have been in the courtroom with Judge Stewart presiding and she has demonstrated time and again her ability to analyze complicated legal issues and appropriately apply the law with fair, ethical and just decisions. She listens to people, interjects when appropriate, has control of her courtroom and moves dockets efficiently.

She is clearly unbiased, impartial, intelligent, wise and patient and has earned the respect and admiration of many. It is my opinion that character and integrity are impeccable traits without question and a non-judgmental demeanor is routinely presented.

I have seen a lot of change in Stafford County including the courts over my career and the increase in case volume alone. Some people ask me if I become callous to my job because of what I see. I can tell you that each horrific case still touches my heart. I can't stop crime from occurring, but what keeps me strong for my victims is the solid commitment and contribution of all our remarkable and caring judges, Commonwealth's Attorneys, Sheriff's Office, community partners who advocate for justice. I admire the Honorable Andrea Stewart's decisiveness as a powerful leader in this community who holds a wealth of experience, professionalism and unwavering dedication to the citizens and victims of crime.

In light of my comments, please favorably consider your endorsement of Judge Stewart's reappointment.

Thank you.

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Presentations by the Public 3pm

WRITTEN COMMENTS TO BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES:*

Dear Supervisors,

As a resident of Stafford County, I feel it is important that we protect our open spaces and our clean water resources. That's why I am speaking in support of the Healthy Growth Amendment. Passing this amendment will discourage suburban sprawl development that could pollute our rural streams and degrade our cherished Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers. Please be a champion of clean water and support this amendment.

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

I will NOT be present to speak

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Speaker Card - Submission #19161

Date Submitted: 1/30/2021

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Presentations by the Public 3pm

WRITTEN COMMENTS TO BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES:*

One of the things I enjoy about living in south Stafford County the ability to enjoy a "Sunday drive" in the countryside. Please support the Healthy Growth initiative.

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.

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My name is Yvette Nageotte. I have practiced in the 15th Circuit for a few months shy of 25 years. I moved from Prince William County to Stafford County when I was 7 years old and am a product of our amazing school system in which my son is now a 10th grader. Between my father and my twin sister we have 100 years combined experience in the practice of law. We have practiced in dozens of counties throughout the Commonwealth and in every Court from the Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court to the United States Supreme Court when in 1987 Yvonne and I had the privilege of watching our father successfully argue a case that we, 7 years later, had the honor of briefing in our Constitutional law class.

The point of that introduction is to demonstrate that we have appeared before countless judges and that is why I was shocked when I learned that JDR Judge Andrea Stewart might not get re-appointed.

I have lived in Stafford County for 45 years and I had never met Andrea Stewart until she took the bench. I practice civil law, she practiced criminal. Our paths never crossed. My experience in her courtroom is one of a jurist who is extremely impartial and takes her oath very seriously. Even when my clients do not achieve the outcome they may have hoped for, I have rarely had anyone say that she did not treat them fairly and impartially. What has always impressed me most about Judge Stewart is that she always tries to apply the facts to law while also considering the high emotion that a Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court brings. That matters more than anything to me and more importantly to my clients, as it should for all attorneys and their clients.

I have learned that Judge Stewart's Judicial Performance Evaluation scores were overall above-average to excellent with the exception of a couple evaluators who provided poor marks in a small number of categories. I find it unsettling that the judiciary committee is deciding who to re-appoint and who not to based on the equivalent of a comment card. We use the same process to rate our dining experiences and hotel stays. Who fills these comment cards out? Does the average satisfied or happy consumer? No. The angry diner, the slighted guest and in Judge Stewart's case the lawyer with an ax to grind.

How tragic would it be that the judiciary committee is willing to let a comment card from a lawyer with an ax to grind result in this exemplary jurist being removed from the bench. What a travesty.

I ask the Stafford Board of Supervisors to show its support for the re-appointment of Judge Andrea Stewart.

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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WRITTEN COMMENTS TO BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES:

My name is Abigail Miller. I am an attorney who represents children in Stafford as well as parents as a Domestic Attorney. I write in full support of Judge Stewart's appointment being renewed and want her placed before the General Assembly to remain on the Juvenile Court.

Judge Stewart is excellent in her rulings ensuring they conform to the law and delivering them in a charismatic way. She cares about her job, the families that come before her, and listens to the litigants. She is exceedingly professional. I have always walked out of her courtroom understanding any decision even if it was not in favor of my client. She is a wonderful Judge. I have seen her leave the bench upset about how to rule on a case to take time to think. She has questioned me and others on if she has authority to rule in a particular way. She questions when I have pushed the limits of the law and made arguments, which tells me she is hearing and weighing everything told to her. She has asked me for cases or support for my position.

I have done this work for almost 16 years. I have seen both good judges and judges who are on the bench to earn a paycheck and a good retirement. From the first time I was before her, I can remember being shocked a Judge went off the bench to research an issue and was impressed about how humble she was about learning. I find her to always follow the law and be very predictable. As stated, the Juvenile Bench means a great deal to me not just because it is where I practice, but it is where so many in our society come for some of the most important decisions in their lives, their children, crimes with families and their financial support. A vacant seat is terrifying for what it may mean for those children I represent, or that parent who cannot pay the bills or that juvenile defendant who just needs a court to listen. I can tell you not having Judge Stewart in Stafford would be a great loss to the Stafford bench and to the County.

I am lucky to be in multiple jurisdictions and to see many judges. I have also been in Prince William, Fauquier, Fairfax, Spotsylvania, Alexandria, Arlington, and other JDR courts in the Commonwealth working for the Attorney General's office, as a defense attorney, a guardian ad litem and a private attorney. What I can tell you is from seeing different judges all over the Commonwealth, Judge Stewart ranks among the top. Judge Stewart is very intelligent, caring and she follows the law. She makes lawyers accountable for ethics. She commands and gives respect and dignity. I urge you to support her being reappointed.

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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Presentations by the Public 3pm

WRITTEN COMMENTS TO BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES.*

Comments in support of the re-appointment of JDR Judge Andrea Stewart

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:

I respectfully request that Stafford County Board of Supervisors issue a statement in support of the re-appointment of JDR Judge Andrea Stewart.

As background, I have practiced law since 1994. I have the privilege of representing the citizens of Stafford County since 2000 as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney. During my tenure, I've been elevated to the position of Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney. I received an award given annually to one prosecutor for significant contributions to all of Virginia's prosecutors. I am a Board member of the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), the largest voice for America's prosecutors, and recently was selected to serve on its leadership committee. I also continue to handle criminal cases ranging from DUI to murder that occur in Stafford County, and I supervise other attorneys in the office.

Shortly after I was hired by the Honorable Daniel Chichester, Andrea Stewart was hired as a Stafford County prosecutor. Andrea was born and raised in Stafford County and was thrilled to be back in her hometown taking an incredibly important role of serving her community. I worked closely with Andrea Stewart in the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office for 15 years. She upheld the highest standards in her efforts to fight for victims and justice. She prosecuted many serious cases, specifically child abuse and sexual abuse cases, to ensure a safer community, all the while ensuring that a fair process and trial was provided to the defendant.

Six years ago, Andrea Stewart was selected to serve as a JDR judge. In that role, she has shown leadership and passion to do what is in the best interests of children and families. The clerk's office has benefited from her efforts to streamline the process and increase the functioning of the JDR courts. She has worked closely during the COVID-19 pandemic with the community leaders and Stafford County administration to ensure a safe environment for people who continue to need the services of the JDR courts during this crisis.

The current situation regarding her re-appointment is a travesty. The facts are as follows:

- (1) she received overall above-average to excellent ratings in the Judicial Performance Evaluations,
- (2) she received a stellar review from the evaluating judge assigned to her, and
- (3) she had an uneventful interview with the General Assembly at which no concerns were raised.

There were no other interviews or evaluations of Judge Stewart. There was no other contact with Judge Stewart to raise any concern whatsoever.

And then, without notice to her, her name was unceremoniously removed from the list of candidates for re-appointment without any comment in the Senate Judiciary Committee on January 18, 2021 (the meeting can be seen online by streaming the meeting on the General Assembly's website). In fact, the General Assembly did not contact Judge Stewart when her name was removed. It was coincidentally learned because the Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorney's legislative committee, on which I sit, monitors all meetings of the Senate Judiciary Committee for laws that affect public safety. She learned of her removal by me with no notice or opportunity to provide any positive information about her performance.

I do not know why her name was removed from the list. I can only speculate. But I am baffled that a jurist with such high integrity and commitment would not be re-appointed. I feel confident if the members of the General Assembly better understood her true reputation, demeanor, uncompromising fair approach and her passion to do what's right and best for juveniles and families, that they would take action to re-appoint her. In part, that includes the community leaders and representatives taking action to announce support for her re-appointment.

I respectfully request that the Stafford County Board of Supervisors declare their

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Speaker Card - Submission #19174

Date Submitted: 2/1/2021

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Presentations by the Public 3pm

WRITTEN COMMENTS TO BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES*

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As a resident of Stafford County, I feel it is important that we protect our open spaces and our clean water resources. That's why I am speaking in support of the Healthy Growth Amendment. Passing this amendment will discourage suburban sprawl development that could pollute our rural streams and degrade our cherished Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers. Please be a champion of clean water and support this amendment.

Thank you for supporting clean water today.

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.

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Speaker Card - Submission #19175

Date Submitted: 2/1/2021

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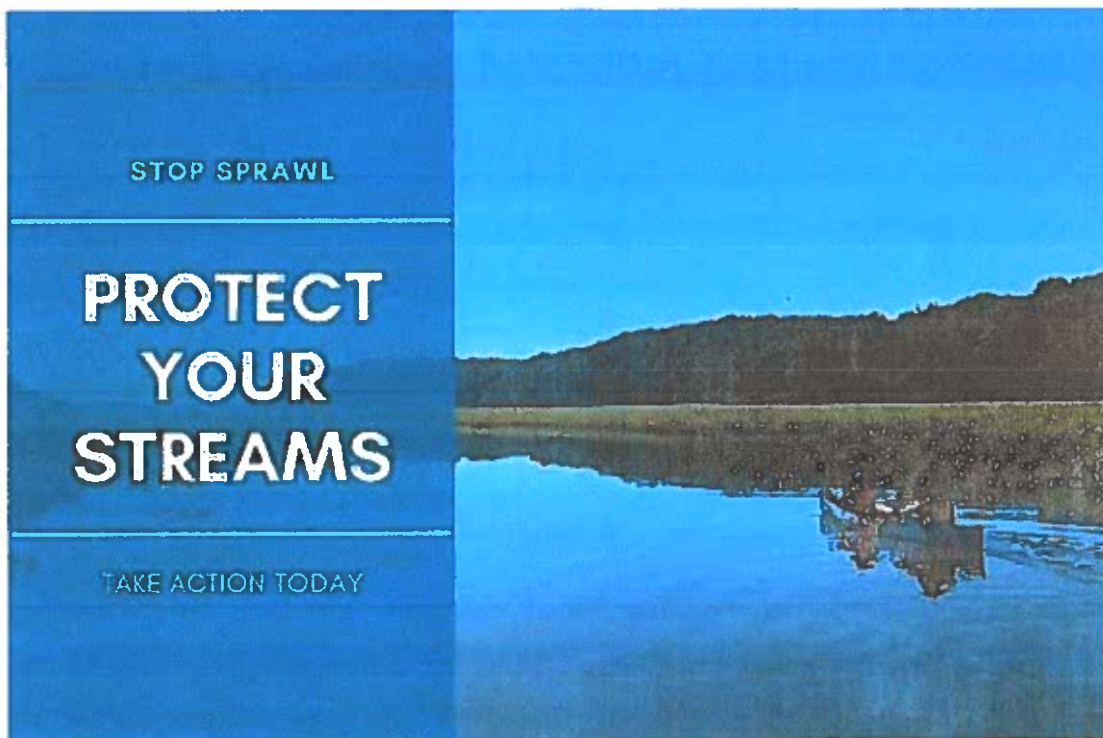
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Cheryl D. Giles

From: Adam Lynch, Friends of the Rappahannock
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Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 4:38 PM
To: Cheryl D. Giles
Subject: Stop Sprawl and Protect Stafford's streams: Support the Healthy Growth Amendment Today



Dear Stafford County Residents,

Sprawl-style development is the largest and fastest-growing threat to water quality in Stafford County. Our [Rappahannock River Report Card](#) found that streams in suburban areas of the county had higher levels of pollution than rural streams.

The Healthy Growth amendment will discourage future suburbanization of Stafford's open spaces. It proposes to increase the minimum lot size for new subdivisions in the A-1 (Agricultural) district.

Passing the Healthy Growth amendment will promote responsible development and help protect our open spaces and clean water resources. Here's why:

- **Open Space Protection is Water Quality Protection.** Development can pollute streams and rivers. To protect our waters, we must protect the open spaces that surround them.

- **Water is life.** Lake Mooney, which supplies drinking water for Stafford County, would be at risk of polluted runoff from new development in its watershed. Keep our drinking water clean by protecting open spaces.

- **Stopping sprawl saves Stafford money.** New suburban sprawl development requires extensive infrastructure such as roads, sewer lines and water lines, but often fails to generate the tax revenue necessary to pay for it. Stafford County cannot afford to make meaningful investments in clean water if it cannot balance its own budget.

Submit a public comment today in support of this amendment. Follow these steps:

1. Visit [here](#).
2. Complete all mandatory fields. In the drop-down menu, select "Presentations by the Public at 3 pm"
3. Fill in the comment form. Tell your supervisors to please support clean water and pass the Healthy Growth amendment. **Use your own words, speak from the heart and keep your statement concise (less than 300 words) for maximum impact.** If you don't have time to write a custom statement, that's okay! Feel free to copy and paste the sample letter at the bottom of this email.

4. Click submit!

****Residents in the 22406 zip code are encouraged to also email Supervisor Gary Snellings directly at gsnellings@staffordcountyva.gov.** Let Gary know that the Healthy Growth amendment protects clean water and

encourage him to support it.

For more information on Stafford County's Healthy Growth Initiative, please visit [this website](#).

Sample Letter

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Thank you for supporting clean water today.



For the river,

Adam Lynch
River Steward

www.riverfriends.org

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My name is Martha Norton. I am a partner at a local law firm located in Stafford County and am writing to provide my support for one of our local jurists, Judge Andrea Stewart. I appear in front of Judge Stewart on average, eight times per month. I appear in front of her in many different capacities: as a guardian ad litem for children, as an attorney for my family law clients, and as defense counsel in some criminal cases. I have been appearing in front of Judge Stewart for several years now. Judge Stewart represents everything this county could desire of its jurists: an impartial arbiter of the law who accurately applies the law to the facts and does so thoroughly and in a way the litigants can understand. Judge Stewart preserves the sanctity of the courtroom and demonstrates the utmost respect for each participant in the room - from the clerks to the bailiffs; from counsel to the litigants - each is left with the impression that they are a vital component of the justice system and respected by the bench. That is not an easy outcome to achieve, yet she does. To lose Judge Stewart would do a vast disservice to the County specifically and to the justice system, overall. I do hope the members of the Board will reach out to the General Assembly and encourage them to allow Judge Stewart to continue in her position.

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It has come to my attention that the Stafford County Board of Supervisors may take the courageous and necessary steps to influence the Virginia legislature to reappoint the Honorable Andrea Stewart to the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court bench. Having practiced in this Judicial Circuit for nearly 46 years, I feel qualified to say we have been blessed with mostly deliberative, courteous and sagacious judges.

It is my contention that Judge Stewart rests well within that group. As a prosecutor she was firm but fair. Being a defense attorney we occasionally disagreed but she had always studied her case before taking her positions. Judge Stewart was the same once she took the bench. She was prepared for hearings. She ensured both sides had the opportunity to be heard. While a litigant might disagree with her opinion, a fair-minded party would recognize an honest and thoughtful decision.

The right of legislators to appoint and reappoint Judges carries with it an absolute obligation to be fully briefed and informed to make a decision concerning the integrity and commitment that a Judge brings to each case determination.

There will always be some who take every short coming as a personal affront. Such a person does not have the objective nature required to evaluate nor appreciate a negative decision.

Judge Stewart has the intelligence, grace and demeanor to continue to be a positive asset to our judiciary. Please do all you can to support her reappointment.

Vert truly yours,

V. James Ventura.

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Afternoon madam chair and board members

Apparently a character count is on, so words count.

First things first, A sense of humility to all the people, parts, and players in a uniquely quantifiable game of, house of cards. I am somewhat taken back, that we were not taught local politics and government at Stafford Senior High School in the era of the 70's. I think now having come full circle around the proverbial playing field, especially my recent foray over into the planning commission archives, my training is complete. Just by divine chance of poking my nose into the planning commission's public business, did I happen to stumble into the right point in time to opine about downtown Stafford?

I believe fate rarely calls at a moment of our choosing, but here at this point in time where all decisions come down to a moment, silence can be no more, especially the people who suffer the most, and there are plenty in Stafford central, including Hope road and Brooke to be sure. I really pondered, why do I care? Many including myself have seen the tides of change over the eons come to Stafford, more so in recent memory. In fact from the horses' mouth himself, Mr. Ed the real estate lawyer indicating as much, land spreading so far and wide, waiting for the day of fruition to come to a building pad near you? Well as he said, the seed planted in the early 90's has come to bear fruit. Here it is people, dealing out building pad sites to the lowest bidder with the least impact fees accessed based on exactly what? There's much hemming and hawing at the bargaining table that the general public is not aware of. Perhaps it is time for people to speak up and build this city.

And lastly, it's troubling that we keep comparing our pitfalls to that of town, as in downtown Fredericksburg. I think you need to look at west or east Falls Church city and see a different model. There is no reason not to have a substantial structure at the center of downtown Stafford like in a 10 story building or higher with mostly business and mixed use on the lower level flowing out from there with green areas, multi-structures of mercantile and apartments, including underground parking with viable road improvements to route 1 and courthouse rd. A four lane highway is not going to cut it, go big or go home. Whoever is responsible for the economic fishing expedition is coming up empty. We need a bigger fish willing to invest in a people first, then the place second. In the end, investors get their profits and citizens get the spoils, by having everything within walking distance.
Thank you.

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