

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA
MINUTES
ANNUAL ADVANCE MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2025

CALL TO ORDER – An Annual Advance Meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Deuntay Diggs, Chairman, at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 24, 2025 at Fire Station 12, 20 Sebring Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22406.

ROLL CALL – The following members were present: Deuntay T. Diggs, Chairman; Tinesha O. Allen (attending virtually, arrived at 1:37 p.m.), Vice Chairman; Darrell E. English; Crystal L. Vanuch; Dr. Pamela Yeung

Absent was Supervisor Monica L. Gary.

Also in attendance were William Ashton, County Administrator; Donna Krauss, Deputy County Administrator; Rysheda McClendon, County Attorney; Taylor Dunn, Deputy Clerk; various staff members; and other interested parties.

OPENING COMMENTS

Mr. Diggs gave opening comments.

STAFFORD COUNTY VISION WORK (WORKING LUNCH)

Donna Krauss, Deputy County Administrator, gave an overview of the agenda.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – PRESENTED BY ANDREW SPENCE

Andrew Spence, Chief Director of Information Services, provided an update on the strategic plan.

The Board discussed how current programs and initiatives fit into the goals of the strategic plan.

Mr. Spence concluded his presentation.

DEBT CAPACITY DISCUSSION – PRESENTED BY ANDREA LIGHT

Andrea Light, Chief Director of Financial Services, gave a presentation on Stafford County's debt capacity and CIP planning.

Mr. English motioned, seconded by Dr. Yeung, to allow Ms. Allen to participate virtually in the meeting.

Mr. Diggs asked for a roll call vote. He confirmed the motion passed unanimously (5-0). (Ms. Allen did not participate in the vote and Ms. Gary was absent.)

The Board discussed the impacts of expenditures and tax rates on the debt capacity, including Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects.

Mr. Diggs said that there was consensus from the Board to request staff to provide the Board with a budget estimate for constructing a new community center to replace the Carl Lewis Center.

Ms. Light continued her presentation.

Mr. Diggs said that there was consensus to remove the Two Stone fishing dock project from the CIP.

Ms. Light continued her presentation.

Mr. Diggs said that there was consensus from the Board to move forward with development of the Belmont Ferry Farm Trail.

Ms. Light continued her presentation.

Mr. Diggs said that there was consensus from the Board to continue the discussion regarding the courthouse renovations and construction to tomorrow's meeting.

FOCUS ON BOARD'S PRIORITIES – DISCUSSION WITH BILL ASHTON AND CHAIRMAN DIGGS

William Ashton, County Administrator, led a discussion regarding the Board of Supervisors' priorities.

The Board discussed their focused priorities and their relation to the County's strategic plan.

Mr. Diggs summarized that the Board members prioritized avoiding increasing taxes, supporting planning and zoning operations, supporting constituent services, completing major projects, revisiting by-right zoning for data centers, transportation projects, increasing school funding from the state, economic development tax exemptions for businesses, shifting the dynamic of the Board to encourage businesses to operate in the County, addressing the veterans tax exemption, and addressing the increasing needs of the school system.

SATURDAY LOGISTICS

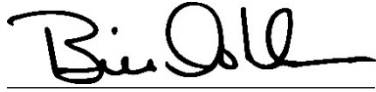
Donna Krauss, Deputy County Administrator, provided an overview of the logistics for the Saturday schedule of the Board's advance meeting.

CLOSING REMARKS – CHAIRMAN DIGGS

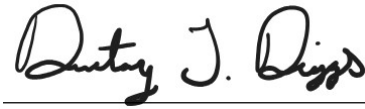
Mr. Diggs gave closing remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned its meeting at 3:57 p.m.

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William H. Ashton, II
County Administrator

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Deuntay T. Diggs
Chairman