

**FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Carysbrook Performing Arts Center  
8880 James Madison Hwy, Fork Union, VA 23055  
March 6, 2024  
Regular Meeting 5:00pm  
Budget Work Session 7:00pm**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chris Fairchild, Cunningham District, Chair  
John M. (Mike) Sheridan, Columbia District, Vice Chair  
*(entered the meeting at 5:17pm)*  
Mike Goad, Fork Union District  
Timothy M. Hodge, Palmyra District  
Tony O’Brien, Rivanna District *(entered the meeting at 5:09pm)*

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Eric M. Dahl, County Administrator  
Kelly Harris, Assistant County Administrator  
Dan Whitten, County Attorney  
Caitlin Solis, Clerk for the Board of Supervisors  
Dr. Peter Gretz, FCPS Superintendent  
Brenda Gilliam, FCPS Executive Director  
Andre Key, FCSB Vice Chair, Rivanna District  
Dr. James Kelley, FCSB, Palmyra District

**1 - CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, & MOMENT OF SILENCE**

At 5:02pm, Chair Fairchild called to order the Regular Meeting of March 6, 2024. After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed.

**3 - ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- Mr. Dahl requested the addition of JAUNT transit needs stakeholders meeting participation to New Business.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Accept the Agenda, for the March 6, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors, as amended.				
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
<b>ACTION:</b>		Second	Motion		
<b>VOTE:</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Absent
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>3-0</b>				

**4 - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Mr. Dahl reported on the following topics:

Announcements and Updates - New Employees

- Sydney Davis, DSS, Human Services Assistant III, Started February 26<sup>th</sup>

Fluvanna County Parks and Recreation Presents the 2024 Annual EASTER EGG HUNT at Pleasant Grove Park

- FREE! Ages 12 and Younger, 10am Saturday, March 30, 2024, Hunt Promptly Begins at 10 am! Hunt ends when the last egg is found.

Next BOS Meetings

Day	Date	Time	Purpose	Location
Wed	Mar 13	5:30 PM	BOS Budget Work Session	Morris Room
Wed	Mar 20	5:00 PM	BOS Budget Work Session – Set Proposed FY25 Budget & CY24 Tax Rates for Advertising	Performing Arts Center
Wed	Mar 20	6:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Performing Arts Center

**5 - PUBLIC COMMENTS #1**

At 5:10pm, Chair Fairchild opened the first round of Public Comments.

- Ashly Crocker, Fork Union District, Requested the Board of Supervisors fully fund the School Board Request.
- James Kelley, 363 Manor Blvd, commented on the school board budget.
- Skyler Zunk, Energy Right, commented on solar issues.
- James Schoenster, 843 Jefferson Dr, commented on the School Board budget.
- Harry Kingery, CEP Solar, commented on solar issues.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chair Fairchild closed the first round of Public Comments at 5:23pm.

**6 – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

None.

**7 – PRESENTATIONS**

*VDOT Quarterly Report* – Scott Thornton, Residency Administrator/Louisa Residency

Mr. Thornton gave an update on VDOT projects in the county including, maintenance, construction projects, and traffic study results for Riverside Gate area. The Board pointed out various road issues to be corrected. The board asked to see a speed study through Fork Union, Mr. Thornton said VDOT needs a resolution requesting the study before they can proceed.

*JRWA Project Update* – Eric Dahl, County Administrator, presented an updated JRWA project status for permitting, property acquisition/easements, cultural resources and construction status on the project. The update also provided project costs and the JRWA’s application submission for project financing to the Virginia Resource Authority. Fluvanna would need to approve a resolution to the amended support agreement at the March 20, 2024 BOS regular meeting for the project financing (Louisa would be considering the same resolution at their March 18, 2024 BOS meeting).

**8 - ACTION MATTERS**

*Resolution of intention to amend the Zoning Code to remove utility scale solar generation facilities as a special use in the A-1 district and to add supplemental regulations for small scale, minor scale and utility scale solar generation facilities* – Dan Whitten, County Attorney and Eric Dahl, County Administrator, presented the Board with two resolutions of intention as requested by the Board at the February 21, 2024 meeting.

- At the Board of Supervisor’s meeting on February 21, the Board voted 3-2 to consider a resolution of intention at the March 6 meeting to amend § 22-4-2.2 to remove utility scale solar generation facilities as a use allowed by special use permit in the Agricultural, A-1 Zoning District.
- At the Board of Supervisor’s meeting on February 21, the Board voted 4-1 to consider a resolution of intention at the March 6 meeting to enact § 22-17-21 to add supplemental regulations for small scale solar generation facilities, minor scale solar generation facilities and utility scale solar generation facilities.
- A subcommittee of House Counties, Cities and Towns voted to carry over to the 2025 legislation session, SB 697(VanValkenburg). The legislation would have mandated that any local ordinance adopted pursuant § 15.2-2288.7 of the Code of Virginia (local regulation of solar facilities) shall not “... include limits on the total amount, density, or size of any ground mounted solar facility or energy facility unless the total panel area exceeds 4% of the total area within the county.”

<b>MOTION:</b>	Approve the resolution of intention to amend the Zoning Code to remove utility scale solar generation facilities as a use allowed by special use permit in the A-1 district.				
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
<b>ACTION:</b>		Motion	Second		
<b>VOTE:</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>4-1</b>				

<b>MOTION:</b>	Approve the resolution of intention to amend the Zoning Code to add supplemental regulations for small scale, minor scale and utility scale solar generation facilities				
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
<b>ACTION:</b>			Second		Motion
<b>VOTE:</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>5-0</b>				

**9 - PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**10 - CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items were discussed before approval:

The following items were approved under the Consent Agenda for March 6, 2024:

- *Minutes of February 21, 2024* – Caitlin Solis, Clerk to the Board
- *Minutes of February 23, 2024* – Caitlin Solis, Clerk to the Board
- *Resolution Recognizing Zachary D. Harris – Eagle Scout* – Eric Dahl, County Administrator
- *FY24 Parks & Recreation Supplemental Appropriation* – Tori Melton, Director of Finance
- *Voluntary Benefits Enrollment Service Agreement with Pierce Group Benefits* - Dan Whitten, County Attorney
- *Refund of Taxes Paid for an Erroneous Assessment* – Dan Whitten, County Attorney

- Tax Collection Services Agreements with Taxing Authority Consulting Services – Dan Whitten, County Attorney
- CRMF - FY24 Capital Reserve Maintenance Fund Request Form Kent Store Firehouse – Calvin Hickman, Director of Public Works
- CRMF Carysbrook Fields – Aaron Spitzer, Director of Parks and Recreation
- CRMF Pleasant Grove Stage – Aaron Spitzer, Director of Parks and Recreation

<b>MOTION:</b>	Approve the consent agenda, for the March 6, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting.				
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
<b>ACTION:</b>		Second	Motion		
<b>VOTE:</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>5-0</b>				

**11 - UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**12 - NEW BUSINESS**

JAUNT Transit Needs Stakeholders Meeting Participation – Eric Dahl, County Administrator, informed the Board that Mrs. Eager was on the JAUNT Rural Needs Assessment Study as a stakeholder. Mr. Dahl asked if a Board member would like to join. After a brief discussion, the Board asked staff to find a designee.

**13 - PUBLIC COMMENTS #2**

At 6:49pm, Chair Fairchild opened the second round of Public Comments.

- John Lye, 3 Holly Ter, commented on the S. Boston and Lake Monticello Rd intersection construction impacting the response times to emergencies.
- Jason Sweeny, 3456 James Madison Hwy, commented on the solar discussion.
- James Schoenster, 843 Jefferson Dr, commented on solar discussion.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chair Fairchild closed the second round of Public Comments at 6:56pm.

**14 - CLOSED MEETING**

None.

**MOTION TO RECESS**

- At 6:56pm, a motion was made to recess the Board of Supervisors meeting.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Approve a motion to recess the March 6, 2024 Regular Board of Supervisors meeting until 7:15pm.				
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
<b>ACTION:</b>			Second		Motion
<b>VOTE:</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>5-0</b>				

**WORK SESSION – CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:15pm, Chair Fairchild called to order the Budget Work Session of March 6, 2024. After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed.

**FLUVANNA COUNTY SCHOOLS BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Fluvanna County Public Schools – Superintendent Dr. Peter Gretz, presented the FY25 Fluvanna County Public Schools Budget including overview of the budget development process, FY25 Projected Revenue - School Board Adopted Budget; Per Pupil Expenditure (PPE) which includes regular day school, school food services, summer school, adult education, and other education.

Main areas of concentration in the recommended FY25 School Board:

- Required Expenses
  - o BRVGS and Project Return budgets will increase
  - o Federal Funds will decrease next year
- Compensation (including insurance)
  - o 3% increase (based on lowest common denominator agreed upon by House and Senate)
  - o Fully absorb the cost of 10% increase in health insurance premiums
  - o Increase custodian pay scale to bring them to the average of division comparisons from FY24 salary study
  - o Increase pay rates to comply with new minimum wage amount (\$13.50, effective Jan. 2025)
  - o Increase specific stipend to be average of division comparisons from FY24 salary study
- Behavioral, Wellness & Mental Health Support (including safety)
  - o Continue FCPS portion of the 2 School Security Officers (remainder provided through Sheriff’s Office state grant)

- Enrollment increase at Central Elementary requiring 2 additional teachers in order to address class size, grades K and 1
- Additional month added to Behavior Specialist, from 10 to 11
- Securely Classroom Pass Software
- Sustaining Critical Positions (lost due to expired federal funds)
  - Continue to fund the fourth ITRT at FCHS, maintaining one per school
  - Continue to fund an elementary special education teacher that has been supported through ESSER
  - Continue to fund two school counselors (one elementary and one secondary) that has been supported through ESSER
- Offsets (Reductions)
  - State funding is increasing
  - Reductions in staff (Three secondary teaching positions through attrition; One part-time elementary teacher; Two Instructional Assistants, elementary; Restructure FCHS position from full to half time)
  - Eliminate funding for SAT/PSAT at FCHS
  - Eliminate instructional software funded through ESSER
  - Eliminate funding for literacy curriculum adoption (was done FY24)
  - Eliminate recess assistant positions

\$340,862 additional funding requested for FY25, bringing the total local funding request to \$22,269,388.

A motion was made at 9:00pm to extend the Board of Supervisors meeting, to allow for further discussion.

**MOTION TO EXTEND**

<b>MOTION:</b>	Approve a motion to extend the March 6, 2024 Regular Board of Supervisors meeting until 10:00pm.				
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Sheridan
<b>ACTION:</b>			Second		Motion
<b>VOTE:</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>5-0</b>				

**15 - ADJOURN**

<b>MOTION:</b>	Adjourn the regular meeting of Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 9:55pm.				
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Sheridan
<b>ACTION:</b>			Second		Motion
<b>VOTE:</b>	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>4-1</b>				

ATTEST:

FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Caitlin Solis  
Clerk to the Board

Christopher S. Fairchild  
Chair