

**FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Fluvanna County Library
November 20, 2023
Elected Officials Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mozell Booker, Chair, Fork Union District
John M. Sheridan, Columbia District
Tony O’Brien, Rivanna District
Christopher Fairchild, Cunningham District

ABSENT:

Patricia Eager, Vice Chair, Palmyra District

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Delegate Tom Garrett, 56th House District
Congressman Bob Good, 5th Congressional District
Andrew M. Sheridan, Commissioner of the Revenue
Tristana Treadway, Clerk of the Circuit Court
Jeff Haislip, Commonwealth’s Attorney
Eric Hess, Fluvanna County Sheriff
James Kelley, Fluvanna School Board, Chair, Palmyra District
Charles Rittenhouse, Fluvanna School Board, Cunningham District

ALSO PRESENT:

Chris Snyder, Representative for Congressman Bob Good
Cole Kawugale, Representative for Senator Mark Warner
Archer McGriffin; Representative for Delegate John McGuire
Taylor Thornhill, Representative for Senator Tim Kaine
David Blount, TJPDC Legislative Liaison
Dr. Peter Gretz, Superintendent, Fluvanna County Public Schools (FCPS)
Don Stribling, Executive Director, FCPS
Eric Dahl, County Administrator
Kelly Belanger Harris, Assistant County Administrator
Dan Whitten, County Attorney
Caitlin Solis, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors
Tori Melton, Director of Finance
Jennifer Schmack, Director of Economic Development
Donna Snow, Director of Human Resources
Aaron Spitzer, Director of Parks and Recreation
Douglas Miles, Director of Community Development
Calvin Hickman, Director of Public Works
Kim Mabe, Director of Social Services
Kimberly Mayo, Unit Coordinator Extension Agent
Ryan McKay, Director of Policy and Planning at Blue Ridge Health District (VDH)
Tim Hodge, Supervisor Elect, Palmyra District

1 - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CALL TO ORDER

At 9:01am, Chair Booker, called to order the Elected Officials Meeting, of November 20, 2023. After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed.

MOTION:	Adoption of the Thursday, November 20, 2023 Elected Officials Meeting Agenda.				
MEMBER:	Mrs. Booker	Mrs. Eager	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:				Motion	Second
VOTE:	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	4-0				

5 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Booker welcomed and thanked Delegate Tom Garrett; Congressman Bob Good, and his representative Chris Snyder; Archer McGriffin, Representative for John McGuire; Taylor Thornhill, Representative of Senator Tim Kaine; and Cole Kawugale, Representative for Senator Mark Warner to the Elected Officials Gathering.

6 - GENERAL REMARKS BY LEGISLATORS / REPRESENTATIVES

7 - LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS**2024 Legislative Concerns**

Dr. Peter Gretz, Superintendent, Fluvanna County Public Schools

- Vice President for the Coalition for Small And Rural Schools

James Kelley

- Discussed the limitations of standardized testing

Schools/Education

- When the General Assembly and Governor approve and sign off on a biennial budget that calls for specified teacher raises (for example, 12% over the past two years) it places an undue fiscal burden on localities if the raise isn't supported by the state by fully funding the SOQ's. According to the current SOQ funding formula, the state assumes that school divisions can function effectively with less than half of their current staff. In reality, localities typically pay for the majority of each proposed raise.
- The state needs to pick up its share of the raise and the recent JLARC report offers some viable suggestions on how to do so, such as:
 1. Moving to a student-based funding formula and away from a staffing-based funding formula. Virginia is one of only 9 states that still uses a staffing-based formula.
 2. Fully remove the Support Cap that was put into place during the Great Recession and never restored.
- Raising teacher salaries is a critically important issue for Fluvanna as we continue to fight to recruit talented professionals in a region that is able to provide higher salaries. Our locality has been extraordinarily generous to enable us to try to stay somewhat competitive, but it isn't sustainable for Fluvanna to continue to pick up the burden that was placed on localities in 2010.

Health and Human Services

- Foster Care
- Aging/Adult Protective Services (APS)
 - additional state resources to ensure adequate training for APS workers

Community, Economic, and Workforce Development

- Economic Development
 - Policies at state level that bolster local and regional development
 - Rural economic development concerns
- Workforce Ready Students

General Government and Finances

- Comp Board positions
 - Market salaries
 - Funding/Methodology
- Relaxation of the Dillon Rule in order to enhance local authority and autonomy
- Legislation with local fiscal impact
 - Unfunded Mandates

Public Notice, Public Hearing and Public Procurement

- Proposed amendments to 15.2-1427 and 15.2-2204 to not require another public hearing when the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors defers the approval of an ordinance, special use permit or rezoning after a properly advertised public hearing.

Environment, Energy, and Land Use

- Utility-Scale Renewable Energy Generation and Energy Storage
 - maintaining local authority to address all impacts and all choices associated with utility-scale installations of solar power, wind power, and energy storage facilities
- Local Authority to plan and regulate land use, farm and forest preservation

Public Safety

Jeff Haislip, Commonwealth's Attorney

- Requested the Comprehensive Time Study numbers be taken into account to better assess compensation for CA offices.

Eric Hess, Sheriff

- Additional resources to assist localities with first responder recruitment, retention, training, and support.
- Changes to Line of Duty Act (LODA) that would allow participation by state authorized and trained private law enforcement agencies
 - Lake Monticello
- Cost reduction for law enforcement tools (vehicles, outfitting vehicles, Tasers, etc.)

Tristana Treadway, Clerk of the Circuit Court

- Mentioned the Sealing Bill increasing the Circuit Court Office work load; increasing staffing needs, and funding.
- Asked to have a Comprehensive Time Study done for Circuit Court Offices.

Andrew M. Sheridan, Commissioner of the Revenue

- Mr. Sheridan thanked for the delegates for their support with the career development programs for constitutional offices and asked for additional support with Compensation Board funding.
- Public Safety Emissions Standards Bill

Mr. O’Brien

- Expressed concerns with the AQUA Virginia rate increase, and asked for it to be discussed with the SCC.

8 - CONCLUSION AND ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Chair Booker thanked the representatives and staff for their attendance.

10 – ADJOURN

MOTION:	Adjourn the Elected Officials Meeting, Thursday, November 20, 2023 at 10:45am.				
MEMBER:	Mrs. Booker	Mrs. Eager	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:				Motion	Second
VOTE:	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	4-0				

ATTEST:

FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Caitlin Solis
Clerk to the Board

Mozell H. Booker
Chair