

FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Circuit Courtroom, Fluvanna Courts Building
72 Main Street, Palmyra, VA 22963
November 19, 2025
Regular Meeting 6:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Fairchild, Cunningham District, Chair
Tony O’Brien, Rivanna District, Vice Chair
Mike Goad, Fork Union District
Timothy M. Hodge, Palmyra District
John M. (Mike) Sheridan, Columbia District

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

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

At 6:01pm, Chair Fairchild called to order the Regular Meeting of November 19, 2025. After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed.

3 - ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- Mr. Dahl requested the addition of Technology Zone to New Business.

MOTION:	Accept the Agenda, for the November 19, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors, as amended.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:		Second	Motion		
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

4 - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Dahl reported on the following topics:

PG Community of Lights Celebration

- Enjoy a Holiday-Light-Drive-Through-Loop at Pleasant Grove Park December 11-14, 2025
- Event is free and open to the public!
- Parks and Rec is looking for businesses, organizations, groups, clubs, scout troops, churches, families or anyone who would like to set up a family friendly holiday light display. FCPR will supply electricity!
- To set up a family friendly holiday light display please Register Online Free at <https://fluvanna.recdesk.com> or call (434)589-2016.
- The deadline to register is Noon, December 5, 2025

Next BOS Meetings

Day	Date	Time	Purpose	Location
Wed	Dec 3	5:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Circuit Court
Wed	Dec 17	6:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Circuit Court
Wed	Jan 7	5:00 PM	Organizational/Regular Meeting	Circuit Court

5 - PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

At 6:04pm, Chair Fairchild opened the first round of Public Comments.

- James Schoenster, 843 Jefferson Dr, commented on the Interagency Council Dinner, the JABA Board and CASA Board, and virtual public comments.
- Erin Wise Ackenbom, 2042 Friendship Way, spoke in opposition to the Tenaska power plant.
- Patti Reynard, 3531 Union Mills Rd, spoke in opposition to the Tenaska power plant. Commented on zoning, assessments and taxes.
- Vicky Wise, 2042 Friendship Way, spoke in opposition to the Tenaska power plant.
- Don Reynard, 3531 Union Mills Rd, commented on polling places on election day, and the removal of polling places from places of worship.
- Ray Bassi, 50 Smokewood Dr, asked for safeguards to be committed before Tenaska is approved.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chair Fairchild closed the first round of Public Comments at 6:26pm.

7 – PRESENTATIONS

Treasurer's Report – Debbie Rittenhouse, Treasurer

- Ms. Rittenhouse gave the Board a brief overview of the November 2025 Treasurer's Report.

Department of Emergency Services Staffing – Eric Dahl, County Administrator

At the October 15, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting, the board asked staff to provide an update on staffing for the Department of Emergency Services, and more specifically an update on staffing the Kents Store rescue station. A discussion ensued about making the current Kents Store rescue station 24-hour staffing versus the current FY26 budgeted 12-hour staffing. The following slides will provide costs and different staffing options besides what is currently in place.

Current EMS Department Structure

- **Palmyra Rescue (A, B, C, D Shifts):**
 - 8 EMS Providers – Can be BLS or ALS providers working 24 hours shifts
- **Fork Union Rescue (A, B, C, D Shifts):**
 - 8 EMS Providers – Can be BLS or ALS providers working 24 hours shifts
- **Kents Store Rescue (rotating shift):**
 - 4 EMS Providers – Can be BLS or ALS providers working 12 hours shifts
 - **ALS-1/Quick Response Vehicle (A, B, C, D Shifts):**
 - 4 EMS Providers – ALS Providers only (Intermediate or Paramedic) working 24-hour shifts

Options

- **Currently Approved - Option 1: (2) 24-hour ambulances (Palmyra and Fork Union) and (1) 12-hour ambulance (Kents Store) and (1) 24-hour ALS QRV (Quick Response Vehicle)**
 - Pro: Cost the County no extra money
 - Pro: Potential for 3 current employees interested in Kents Store 12-hour shifts
 - Pro: Easier to back fill if there are vacancies or absences
 - Con: Figuring out a leadership structure, since their workdays will fall under all Lieutenants (inconsistency in leadership)
 - Staffing need: 5 ALS or BLS providers
- **New - Option 2: (3) 24-hour ambulances (Palmyra, Fork Union and Kents Store) and (1) 24-hour QRV**
 - Pro: Increased coverage and service to the County residents
 - Pro: Would be consistent with the two other 24-hour stations leadership (continuity of leadership)
 - Pro: No increased costs for FY26
 - Con: Increased cost of around \$300K for FY27
 - Staffing need: 9 ALS or BLS providers
- **New - Option 3: (2) 24-hour ambulances (Palmyra and Fork Union), (1) 24-hour QRV (Countywide), eliminate (1) 12-hour ambulance (Kents Store) and add (1) 24 hour or (1) 12-hour QRV (Kents Store)**
 - Pro: First response availability in the Kents Store first due
 - Pro: This ALS vehicle could be shifted to other locations of the County based upon call volume
 - Pro: No increased costs for FY26 for the 12- or 24-hour QRV
 - Con: No increased cost for FY27 for the 12 hour and an increased cost of \$25K for FY27
 - Con: Safety and mental health (only one person at the station for a 12- or 24-hour shift)
 - Con: Must be an ALS provider only (Intermediate or Paramedic)
 - Staffing need: 2 ALS providers (12 hour) or 4 ALS providers (24 hour)
- **New - Option 4: (3) 24-hour ambulances (Palmyra, Fork Union and Kents Store) and eliminate 24-hour QRV (Countywide)**
 - Pro: More transport vehicles available to the County
 - Pro: Provides flexibility based upon patient acuity
 - Pro: No increased costs for FY26 or FY27
 - Con: Loss of a resource Countywide
 - Con: 2 trucks could be assigned to one call for service
 - Staffing need: 5 ALS or BLS providers

Next Steps

- For the Board of Supervisors to determine any staffing option changes?
- Timing of changes, for current FY26 or discuss as part of the FY27 budget?

Fire Training Building – Eric Dahl, County Administrator

- The Containerized Live Fire Training Structure RFP was issued Friday, November 14, 2025.
- Attending the Virginia Fire Services Board meeting Tuesday, December 2, 2025 to request a grant extension. The current grant deadline is March 2, 2026.
- The Containerized Live Fire Training Structure RFP is due Friday, December 5, 2025 at 2pm.
- Depending on proposals received, planning to bring a contract to the BOS at the December 17, 2025 meeting.

8 - ACTION MATTERS

None.

9 - PUBLIC HEARING

Juror Pay Donation – Dan Whitten, County Attorney

Virginia Code Authority

- Virginia Code § 17.1-619 authorizes a County to “provide by local ordinance that a juror may direct in writing that compensation due him be paid to the court service unit or to any other agency, authority or organization which is ancillary to and provides services to the courts of the county or city.”

Proposed County Code Section

- The Circuit Court Clerk has requested the authority in the County Code for jurors to donate their pay Offender Aid and Restoration - Jefferson Area Community Corrections or to Region Ten Community Services Board.
- The juror must provide this direction in writing.
- OAR – Jefferson Area Community Corrections and Region Ten Community Service Board provide extensive services to our court, especially with regard to Recovery Court.

At 7:34pm, Chair Fairchild opened the Public Hearing.

- James Schoenster, 843 Jefferson Dr, asked how the donated juror pay would be tracked.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chair Fairchild closed the Public Hearing at 7:36pm.

MOTION:	Approve the amendment to the County Code to enact Section 2-1-8.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:		Motion	Second		
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

10 - CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved under the Consent Agenda for November 19, 2025:

- Minutes of November 5, 2025 – Caitlin Solis, Clerk to the Board
- FY26 EMS - Insurance Claim - 2022 Ford F-55 - 2973 – Linda Mills, Purchasing Officer
- FY26 E-911 - Insurance Claim - Radio RX VFW Antenna – Linda Mills, Purchasing Officer
- CRMF - Abrams Academy Fire Alarm System – Don Stribling, FCPS Executive Director
- CRMF - FCHS Chiller (1) Tubes Cleaning – Don Stribling, FCPS Executive Director
- CRMF - FCHS VFD in the AHU – Don Stribling, FCPS Executive Director
- CRMF - FMS and FCHS Remote Well Monitoring System – Don Stribling, FCPS Executive Director

MOTION:	Approve the consent agenda, for the November 19, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:			Second	Motion	
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

11 - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tenaska Project Update – Eric Dahl, County Administrator

Mr. Dahl gave the Board a brief update on the status of the proposed Tenaska power plant.

- At the November 18, 2205 Meeting, the Substantial Accord 25-01 was deferred by the Planning Commission until the January 13, 2206 Planning Commission Meeting.
- The proposal for Tenaska to pay for an environmental assessment by Potesta was approved, with County Administration to serve as the point of contact with the County.
- The January 13, 2026 Planning Commission Meeting will be held in the Carysbrook Performing Arts Center.

Mr. Hodge confirmed that Tenaska agreed to pay for the traffic study; asked to make the DEQ Reports for the current plant available in five year or random intervals over the last 20 years; and asked for the binder of information given to the Board by Tenaska, could be added to the website and made available to the public.

The Board asked if staff could vet the list of concerns and regulations to put into place before Tenaska is approved, sent to the Board by Ray Bassi. Mr. O’Brien cautioned against the duplication of efforts by different agencies.

12 - NEW BUSINESS

Technology Zone – Eric Dahl, County Administrator

The Planning Commission discussed looking into the process of creating a Technology Zone, similar to the designated Solar District, including a committee created to look into regulations. The Planning Commission also

asked if the moratorium for data center applications could be extended until the Technology Zone District could be looked into. Mr. Whitten explained a resolution from the Board of Supervisors is required to extend the moratorium as well as a resolution to state the proposed amendment to the county code and the goal they are trying to achieve.

- The Board asked for the Planning Commission to come back with a clearer vision for what they are asking the Board to approve.

13 - PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

At 8:04pm, Chair Fairchild opened the second round of Public Comments.

- James Schoenster, 843 Jefferson Dr, complimented the hard work of the Registrar’s Office and poll workers on election day; and asked the Board to advocate for support for the Registrar’s Office on the state level.
- Tracy Smith, 2 Sandy Beach Ct, commented on Tenaska, the November Planning Commission meeting, data centers, and solar.
- Don Reynard, 3531 Union Mills Rd, commented on the Tenaska power plant, and taxes.
- Patti Reynard, 3531 Union Mills Rd, commented on campaign and election issues.
- Ray Bassi, 50 Smokewood Dr, commented on the Tenaska power plant and environmental standards.
- Ron Barche, 204 Panorama Ct, commented on energy needs, and energy sources.
- Jeff Potter, 474 Covered Bridge Rd, commented on data centers.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chair Fairchild closed the second round of Public Comments at 8:31pm.

RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION

14 - CLOSED MEETING

MOTION:	At 8:32pm, move the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors enter into a closed meeting, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.2-3711 A.1, A.6, A.7 & A.8 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for the purpose of discussing Personnel – employees of Human Resources, Investment of Funds – Tenaska Traffic Study, Litigation – Gate Plaza LLC v. Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors, Legal Matters – Fire and Rescue Ordinance.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:				Motion	Second
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

MOTION:	At 9:33 pm, move Closed Meeting be adjourned and the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors convene again in open session and “BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors does hereby certify to the best of each member’s knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Section 2.2-3711-A of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting.”				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:			Second	Motion	
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

15 - ADJOURN

MOTION:	Adjourn the regular meeting of Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 9:34pm.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:			Motion		Second
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

ATTEST:

FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Caitlin Solis
Clerk to the Board

Christopher S. Fairchild
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