

FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Circuit Courtroom, Fluvanna Courts Building
72 Main Street, Palmyra, VA 22963
October 1, 2025
Regular Meeting 5:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Fairchild, Cunningham District, Chair
Mike Goad, Fork Union District
Timothy M. Hodge, Palmyra District
John M. (Mike) Sheridan, Columbia District

ABSENT: Tony O’Brien, Rivanna District, Vice Chair

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 5:01pm, Chair Fairchild called to order the Regular Meeting of October 1, 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 CRMF – Fork Union Fire Receptacles and Lighting to New Business.

MOTION:	Accept the Agenda, for the October 1, 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	Absent	Yes
RESULT:	4-0				

4 - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Dahl reported on the following topics:

Pleasant Grove Park Paving

- Paving and painting was completed on Wednesday, September 24 opening all roads in the park for the public to use.
- Parks and Recreation staff is working to reinforce the sides of the pavement by putting gravel along both sides of the roads. Most used areas have been done first.

Pleasant Grove Park Inclusive Playground

- The Grand Opening of the Inclusive Playground at Pleasant Grove Park was held on Saturday, September 20 at 11am.
- There were a few patrons on hand to view the ribbon cutting that was done by Madeline Treadway.
- Special THANK YOU goes out to Aubreigh Wells and Liam Melton for holding the ribbon, Board Chair Chris Fairchild and County Administrator Eric Dahl for saying a few words about the importance of the Inclusive Playground and Madeline Treadway for cutting the ribbon for our first totally public Inclusive Playground. Photos were taken by Elyse Wood.
- There is hope that this is the first step in many to bring inclusive recreational places like this to Fluvanna County!

Next BOS Meetings

Day	Date	Time	Purpose	Location
Wed	Oct 15	6:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Circuit Court
Wed	Nov 5	5:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Circuit Court
Wed	Nov 19	6:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Circuit Court

- Mr. Dahl mentioned the passing of former Fork Union Supervisor, Mozell Booker. The Board asked staff to bring a resolution honoring her service back at a later meeting; and discussed bringing a resolution to the VACo Board of Directors meeting in November.

5 - PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

At 5:08pm, Chair Fairchild opened the first round of Public Comments.

- Calvin Hickman, 139 Briery Creek, Commented on the proposed Tenaska power plant.
- Gareth Hunt, 3637 Hardware Rd, Commented on the proposed Tenaska power plant.
- Don Reynard, 3531 Union Mills Rd, commented on statistics given at the last board meeting.

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- Jennifer Kingery Ruffner, 11 Zephyr Ln, Commented on the proposed Tenaska power plant.
- Tracy Smith, 2 Sandy Beach Ct, Commented on the proposed Tenaska power plant.
- Patti Reynard, 3531 Union Mills Rd, commented on commercial assessments and zoning.
- Matt Mitchell, 150 Little Mountain, informed the Board that Jacob Lawrence has achieved his Class 4 Waterworks License.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chair Fairchild closed the first round of Public Comments at 5:38pm.

6 – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

MOTION:	Move the Board of Supervisors approve the following Board, Commission, or Committee appointment(s)/reappointments(s):				
BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE	APPOINTEES		APPT/REAPPT	BEGINS TERM	ENDS TERM
Economic Development Authority (EDA) – At-Large Representative	Reese Peck		Appt	10/1/2025	6/30/2026
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:			Second		Motion
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes
RESULT:	4-0				

7 – PRESENTATIONS

2025 Fluvanna County Fair Review – Aaron Spitzer, Director of Parks and Recreation

This year’s County Fair was a success with 6,269 paying visitors and an estimated 8,500+ visitors over the four days with Wednesday free admission and Thursday 17 and under free.

County Fair Revenue History

	County	Fair Board
Total Revenue	\$ 41,894.00	\$ 49,981.00
Total Expenses	\$ 26,912.66	\$ 65,284.11
2025 Balance	\$ 14,981.34	- \$ 15,303.11
2024 Balance	\$ 20,613.92	\$ 17,415.49
2023 Balance	\$ 18,165.54	
2022 Balance	\$ 18,799.69	
2021 Balance	\$ 7,885.25	
2020 Balance	No Fair COVID-19	
2019 Balance	\$ 7,152.75	

Special Needs Event

- Valley Amusements opened up rides and a few games for area youth and adults with special needs on Friday from 10am – 12:30pm. The 4-H Tent and Bar “C” Ranch Petting Zoo also opened for viewing of the animals. Sky High Skyler also entertained as he towered over all.
 - Approx. 60 participants that came to this event.
 - EW Thomas provided meals for the participants and staff.
- SPECIAL THANKS to Valley Amusements, EW Thomas, Fluvanna County Public Schools, Fluvanna County Fair Board, and Parks and Recreation whom partnered together to provide this unique experience.

Home Arts Competition

- Melinda Braid and Susan Edginton organized and ran the competition again this year.
 - We had 100 participants with over 200 items entered, which was up 89% from last year.
 - We will be expanding and condensing several categories for next year based on feedback that we received this year.
 - We had a large group of volunteers whom covered 100% of volunteer shifts (registration, setting up the displays and manning the 3 sheds). Last year only 34% of volunteer shifts were covered.

Recognitions

- 2025 Fair Board
 - President - Wade Parrish
 - Vice President - Kirsten Cropp
 - Secretary – Melinda Braid
 - Treasurer - Channing Snoody
 - Home Arts Directors - Melinda Braid and Susan Edginton
 - Equipment & Flowers - George and Gene Goin

- Fair Board Director - Josh Kelly (not pictured)
- 4-H Director - Kim Mayo (not pictured)
- County Representatives - Brendan Krett (not pictured) and Aaron Spitzer
- Thanks to Fluvanna Fire and Rescue and the Fluvanna Sheriff’s Department for being at the Fair to help out with any emergencies that arose!
- Special THANK YOU to all the volunteers that helped at various events throughout the Fair!

8 - ACTION MATTERS

A Resolution Authorizing DCR review of the Eligibility of the Hardware River as a Virginia Scenic River – Alex Porter, GIS Technician/Planner

Fluvanna County contains roughly 12.9 miles of the Hardware River, flowing through the southeast portion of the County before emptying into the James River. The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) maintains a register of Virginia Scenic Rivers. River segments with this designation receive protections for local and residential rights in relation to development along the river. The designation also declares the river’s scenic value a meaningfully beneficial purpose of water resource policy. This resolution authorizes County staff to formally request the DCR begin the review process for the Hardware River’s designation as a Scenic River.

MOTION:	Adopt a resolution entitled “TO AUTHORIZE FLUVANNA COUNTY STAFF TO INITIATE THE PROCESS OF REQUESTING THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION TO DESIGNATE THE HARDWARE RIVER AS A VIRGINIA SCENIC RIVER.”				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:		Motion			Second
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes
RESULT:	4-0				

Resolution of Intention to Change Data Centers from A By-Right Use to a Use by Special Use Permit – Dan Whitten, County Attorney

- At the Board of Supervisor’s meeting on September 17, the Board voted 5-0 to consider a resolution of intention at the October 1 meeting to amend §§ 22-11-2.1, 22-11-2.2, 22-12- 2.1, and 22-12-2.2 to change data centers from a by-right use to a use allowed by special use permit in the Industrial, Limited I-1 and Industrial, General I-2 Districts.
- At the meeting on September 17, the Board approved a motion to postpone consideration of any data center applications until January 31, 2026.
- This delay will give the Planning Commission and the Board time to consider amendments to the County Code regarding data centers.
- Staff is also suggesting an amendment to the definition for “data center” in §22-22-1 of the County Code.

MOTION:	Adopt the resolution of intention to amend the Zoning Code to change data centers from a by-right use to a use allowed by special use permit in the Industrial, Limited I-1 and Industrial, General I-2 Districts, and to modify the definition of “data center.”				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:		Motion			Second
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes
RESULT:	4-0				

Policy 7.4 Naming of County Facilities, To Establish the Procedure and Guidelines for Naming and Renaming of County Facilities – Dan Whitten, County Attorney

- No naming policy currently exists.
- The proposed Policy 7.4 establishes naming criteria and a process by which the Board of Supervisors, County staff, and the public may suggest a name for a County facility.

MOTION:	Adopt Policy 7.4 Naming of County Facilities, attached, to establish the procedure and guidelines for naming and renaming of County facilities.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:			Second		Motion
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes
RESULT:	4-0				

9 - PUBLIC HEARING

None.

10 - CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were discussed before approval:

I - FY26 Voluntary Contributions

The following items were approved under the Consent Agenda for October 1, 2025:

- *Minutes of September 17, 2025* – Caitlin Solis, Clerk to the Board
- *CRMF - FCHS Gym Air Handler* – Theresa McAllister, Management Analyst
- *CRMF - FMS Bleacher Removal* – Theresa McAllister, Management Analyst
- *FY26 Voluntary Contributions* – Theresa McAllister, Management Analyst
- *Part-time Victim/Witness Assistant Position* – Eric Dahl, County Administrator

MOTION:	Approve the consent agenda, for the October 1, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:		Motion	Second		
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes
RESULT:	4-0				

11 - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Mr. Hodge requested renaming the Fluvanna County Community Center after Jerome and Mozell Booker. The Board asked staff to start the process of getting the Community Center renamed
- *Mr. Fairchild commented on noise levels of the current and proposed Tenaska power plant.*

12 - NEW BUSINESS

CRMF – Fork Union Fire Receptacles and Lighting – Eric Dahl, County Administrator

MOTION:	approve a Capital Reserve Maintenance Fund Request in the amount of \$6,500.00 for the purpose of adding 120-volt Receptacles to light poles for Rescue Vehicles and repair parking lot lighting at Fork Union Fire Department Company 2.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:			Second		Motion
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes
RESULT:	4-0				

13 - PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

At 6:35pm, Chair Fairchild opened the second round of Public Comments.

- Don Reynard, 3531 Union Mills Rd, commented on economic development.
- Patti Reynard, 3531 Union Mills Rd, commented on commercial assessments and zoning.
- Tracy Smith, 2 Sandy Beach Ct, Commented on the proposed Tenaska power plant.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chair Fairchild closed the second round of Public Comments at 6:41pm.

RECESS FOR DINNER AND CLOSED SESSION

14 - CLOSED MEETING

MOTION:	At 6:41pm, move the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors enter into a closed meeting, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.2-3711 A.1, A.5, A.6, A.7 & A.8 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for the purpose of discussing Personnel – Employees of the Sheriff’s Office; Investment of Funds – Prospective business in the Columbia District; Investment of Funds – Contract User Grant under the water and sewer ordinance in Zion Crossroads; Litigation – litigation involving the Department of Emergency Services; Legal Matters – SRO Grant funding, discussion of an employee survey, and discussion of an organizational efficiency study.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:			Motion		Second
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes
RESULT:	4-0				

MOTION:	At 8:47 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:			Motion		Second
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes
RESULT:	4-0				

15 - ADJOURN

MOTION:	Adjourn the regular meeting of Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 8:47pm.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:			Second		Motion
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes
RESULT:	4-0				

ATTEST:

FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Caitlin Solis
Clerk to the Board

Christopher S. Fairchild
Chair



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Fluvanna
Palmyra, Virginia

RESOLUTION No. 22-2025

A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO AMEND AND REORDAIN “THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA, VIRGINIA” BY AMENDING §§ 22-11-2.1, 22-11-2.2, 22-12-2.1, 22-12-2.2, AND 22-22-1 TO CHANGE DATA CENTERS FROM A BY-RIGHT USE TO A USE ALLOWED BY SPECIAL USE PERMIT IN THE INDUSTRIAL, LIMITED I-1 AND INDUSTRIAL, GENERAL I-2 DISTRICTS, AND TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF “DATA CENTER”

WHEREAS, the Fluvanna County Code (“County Code”) may from time to time be amended, supplemented, changed, modified or repealed by the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors (“Board of Supervisors”) pursuant to § 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 22-20-1 of the County Code, the Board of Supervisors can adopt a resolution of intention to amend the Zoning Code, which resolution upon adoption shall be referred to the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to propose an amendment to the Zoning Code by amending §§ 22-11-2.1, 22-11-2.2, 22-12- 2.1, 22-12-2.2 and 22-22-1 to change data centers from a by-right use to a use allowed by Special Use Permit in the Industrial, Limited I-1 and Industrial, General I-2 Districts, and to modify the definition of “data center”; and

WHEREAS, the Fluvanna County Planning Commission (“Planning Commission”) shall hold a public hearing on November 18, 2025 on such proposed amendments after notice as required by §15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia, and may make appropriate changes to the proposed amendment as a result of such hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that it promotes the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County and is good zoning practice to propose such changes to the County Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors approved a motion on September 17, 2025 to direct County staff to postpone consideration of any site plan applications for data centers until January 31, 2026 to allow time for consideration of such changes to the County Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors proposes an amendment to the Zoning Code by amending §§ 22-11-2.1, 22-11-2.2, 22-12-2.1, 22-12-2.2 and 22-22-1 to change data centers from a by-right use to a use allowed by Special Use Permit in the Industrial, Limited I-1 and Industrial, General I-2 Districts and to modify the definition of “data center”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors directs the Director of Planning to advertise the proposed amendments for a Planning Commission public hearing on November 18, 2025; and

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors at a meeting of the Board held on the 1st day of October 2025:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	MOTION	SECOND
Christopher Fairchild, Cunningham District	X					
D. Mike Goad, Fork Union District	X				X	
Timothy M. Hodge, Palmyra District	X					
Anthony P. O’Brien, Rivanna District				X		
John M. Sheridan, Columbia District	X					X

Attest:

Christopher Fairchild, Chair
Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Fluvanna
Palmyra, Virginia
RESOLUTION No. 23-2025

**A Resolution to authorize Fluvanna County staff
to initiate the process of requesting the Virginia Department of Conservation and
Recreation to designate the Hardware River as a Virginia Scenic River**

WHEREAS, the Hardware River represents an essential part of Fluvanna County’s natural and cultural landscape and contributes to the County’s reputation as a rural, peaceful, and verdant space; and

WHEREAS, the Hardware River is a shared natural resource, with approximately 10.5 miles of the river’s length passing through the neighboring Albemarle County and approximately 12.9 miles of the river’s length passing through Fluvanna County and ending at the James River; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation possesses the authority to carry out studies to determine waterway eligibility for inclusion in the Virginia Scenic Rivers Program; and

NOW, THREERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Fluvanna County, Virginia hereby authorizes the staff to request that the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation study the feasibility of naming a portion of the Hardware River, from the Fluvanna County boundary with Albemarle County to the terminus at the confluence with the James River, as a Virginia Scenic River; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED the Board of Supervisors further recommends that Fluvanna County staff coordinate with representatives of Albemarle County in pursuit of this designation.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors on this 1st day of October 2025.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	MOTION	SECOND
Chris Fairchild, Cunningham District	X					
Anthony P. O’Brien, Rivanna District				X		
John M. Sheridan, Columbia District	X					X
Mike Goad, Fork Union District	X				X	
Timothy Hodge, Palmyra District	X					

Attest:

Christopher S. Fairchild, Chair
Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors