

**FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Fluvanna County High School Auditorium
1918 Thomas Jefferson Pkwy, Palmyra, VA 22963
April 1, 2026
Regular Meeting 5:00pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony O’Brien, Rivanna District, Chair
Timothy M. Hodge, Palmyra District, Vice Chair
Chris Fairchild, Cunningham District
Mike Goad, Fork Union 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 5:02pm, Chair O’Brien called to order the Regular Meeting of April 1, 2026. After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed.

3 - ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- Mr. Dahl requested pulling Minutes of March 11, 2206 and Minutes of March 18, 2026 from the agenda.

MOTION:	Accept the Agenda, for the April 1, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors, as amended.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:			Motion		Second
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

4 - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

None.

6 – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

7 – PRESENTATIONS

Valley Link Joshua Falls - Yeat Electric Transmission Line Project Presentation – Adam McGuire, Dominion Energy Representative for Valley Link

Mr. McGuire gave an overview of the Valley Link Joshua Falls - Yeat Electric Transmission Line Project, an approximately 115-mile, 765 kV electric transmission line from Campbell County to Culpeper County; selected through a competitive regional transmission planning process and approved by PJM, the regional grid operator, as the solution that best meets long-term reliability needs. The Right of Way and Structures would consist of 765 kV electric transmission lines supported by steel lattice structures between 135–160 feet high, and the typical right of way would be approximately 200 feet wide. The routing is necessitated by co-location with existing linear infrastructure, future land use, growth areas, and large tracts of land. Other engineering parameters include right of way width, other linear utility crossings, river and floodway crossings, and construction access. Some routing constraints include homes, scenic assets, historic resources, the environment, public lands, and conservation easements.

- After the presentations, the Valley link representatives answered questions from the Board.

8 - ACTION MATTERS

Resolution opposing the Valley Link Joshua Falls - Yeat Electric Transmission Line Project – Dan Whitten, County Attorney

The resolution formally expresses the Board’s opposition to the Valley Link Joshua Falls - Yeat Electric Transmission Line Project. The Valley Link Project would have financial, environmental, visual, and health impacts on Fluvanna County and its citizens. The Valley Link Project will have a negative impact on County residents’ quality of life and County property values, as well as cause irreparable damage to the County’s natural beauty and rural character, both of which are the basis for agritourism and recreational businesses in the County. The negative impact to County property values and businesses will, in turn, negatively impact the County operational budget for schools, emergency services, and other core services. The resolution strongly urges Valley Link and the Virginia State Corporation Commission to seek alternatives that do not impact the welfare, health, and beauty of Fluvanna County.

The resolution will be forwarded to the Virginia State Corporation Commission, the Governor of Virginia, and Fluvanna County's representatives in the Virginia General Assembly. Other counties that have passed a resolution include Orange County, Louisa County, and Appomattox County. Goochland County plans to consider a resolution next week.

MOTION:	Adopt a resolution opposing the Valley Link Joshua Falls - Yeat Electric Transmission Line Project.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:		Second			Motion
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

5 - PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

At 6:29pm, Chair O'Brien opened the first round of Public Comments. The following residents spoke in opposition to the Valley Link Joshua Falls - Yeat Electric Transmission Line Project:

- Clinton Prichard, 549 Shiloh Church Rd.
- Amy Williams, 1857 Central Plains Rd.
- Taylor Ingersoll, 848 Shiloh Church Rd.
- Mark Bonner, 602 Turkey Run Ln.
- Kathleen Ganzel, 548 Turner Rd.
- Corven Flynn Jr., 319 Shiloh Church Rd.
- Lee Litvinas, 548 Turner Rd.
- Tracey Smith, 2 Sandy Beach Ct.
- Brian Chambers, 253 Willow Dr.
- Earl Ingersoll, 2070 Rolling Rd. South.
- Ann Krahenbill, 4094 Ridge Rd.
- Robert White, 11947 James Madison Hwy.
- Kim Slye, 270 E. River Rd.
- Jessica Melton, 222 Pine Ln.
- Ron Barche, 204 Panorama Ct.
- Lisa Daniel, 1667 Central Plains Rd.
- Bill Daniel, 1667 Central Plains Rd.
- Kara C. Thomas, 89 Redskins Ln.
- Barry Martin, 40-A-38, Shiloh Church Rd.
- Eric Voigt, 940 Miles Jackson Rd.
- Kittie Abell, 3 Inlet Cir.
- Nick Douris, 76 Hillsborough Ln.
- Dave Peterson, 2706 Covered Bridge Rd.
- Jared Piniarski, 3629 Courthouse Rd.
- Beth Brookman, 1278 Rolling Rd S.
- Kyle Lucia, 3205 Community House Rd.
- Janet Prousalis, 17 Bluebird Ln.
- Beth Shenk, 1114 Bryants Ford Rd.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chair O'Brien closed the first round of Public Comments at 7:43pm.

9 - PUBLIC HEARING

Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Public Hearing – Tori Melton, Director of Finance

Holding the FY27 CIP, Budget, and Tax Rate Public Hearing will allow adequate time to adopt the budget on April 08, 2026, in accordance with Virginia Code Section 15.2-2504; then proceed with preparing for the June 5th tax billing cycle.

At 7:52pm, Chair O'Brien opened the Public Hearing.

- *Jeff Haislip, 7 Bella Vista Rd., thanked the Board for their support of his budget.*
- *James Schoenster, 843 Jefferson Dr., commented on the budget process, the school's budget, and the library budget.*

With no one else wishing to speak, Chair O'Brien closed the Public Hearing at 7:57pm.

10 - CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were discussed before approval:

- *Minutes of April 11, 2026*
- *Minutes of April 18, 2026*
- *FY26 Four-For-Life Supplemental Appropriation*
- *FY26 School CIP Reappropriation*

The following items were approved under the Consent Agenda for April 1, 2026:

- *FY26 Four-For-Life Supplemental Appropriation – Theresa McAllister, Management Analyst II*
- *FY26 Voluntary Contributions – Theresa McAllister, Management Analyst II*
- *FY26 School CIP Reappropriation – Tori Melton, Director of Finance, or Don Stribling, FCPS Executive Director*
- *FY26 Supplement Appropriation to the Fluvanna County Department of Emergency Services – Tori Melton, Director of Finance, or MJ Fick, Emergency Services Supervisor*
- *FY26 Supplement Appropriation to the Registrar and Circuit Court Clerk – Tori Melton, Director of Finance*
- *Professional Services for Fire Training Building – Dan Whitten, County Attorney*
- *Dewberry Proposal for Professional Engineering Services for Project Hoops Construction Administration – Bobby Popowicz, Director of Utilities*
- *FY26 Sheriff – VACorp Vehicle Insurance Claim— 2022 Ford F-150 (3066) – Linda Mills, Purchasing Officer*
- *FY26 Sheriff – VACorp Vehicle Insurance Claim— 2023 Dodge Charger (4923) – Linda Mills, Purchasing Officer*
- *FY26 Sheriff – VACorp Vehicle Insurance Claim— 2025 Ford Police Interceptor (8241) – Linda Mills, Purchasing Officer*
- *FY26 Sheriff – VACorp Vehicle Insurance Claim— 2021 Dodge Charger (9037) – Linda Mills, Purchasing Officer*
- *CRMF - 2026 County Expenses from Winter Storm Fern – Dale Critzer, Director of Public Works*

- *CRMF - ADA Walkway to Inclusive Playground* – Aaron Spitzer, Director of Parks and Recreation

MOTION:	Approve the consent agenda, for the April 1, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:		Motion			Second
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

11 - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Goad requested the words “historical” and “cultural” be added to paragraph four in the Resolution opposing the Valley Link Joshua Falls - Yeat Electric Transmission Line Project. After a brief discussion, Mr. Sheridan made a motion to reconsider his original motion to approve the resolution, and Mr. Goad seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 (with Mr. Hodge being absent). Mr. Goad then made a motion to amend the Resolution opposing the Valley Link Joshua Falls - Yeat Electric Transmission Line Project to include the words “Historical” and Cultural” at the end of paragraph four, Mr. Fairchild seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

12 - NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Goad asked to add A Resolution Requesting the Governor of Virginia to amend HB1491, changing the electric transmission setbacks, to the April 8, 2026 agenda.

- After new business, the Board asked the Valley Link representatives a few more questions.

13 - PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

At 8:43pm, Chair O'Brien opened the second round of Public Comments.

- Earl Ingersoll, 2070 Rolling Rd. South, spoke in opposition to the Valley Link transmission line.
- Ron Barche, 204 Panorama Ct., commented on data center technology.
- Lisa Daniel, 1667 Central Plains Rd., spoke in opposition to the Valley Link transmission line.
- Mario Kuhar, 3427 West River Rd., commented on power production technology.
- John Jordan, 342 Turner Rd., spoke in opposition to the Valley Link transmission line, specifically in the Central Plains area of the county.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chair O'Brien closed the second round of Public Comments at 8:58pm.

15 - ADJOURN

MOTION:	Adjourn the regular meeting of Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 8:58pm.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:			Second		Motion
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

ATTEST:

FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Caitlin Solis
Clerk to the Board

Anthony O'Brien
Chair



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Fluvanna
Palmyra, Virginia

RESOLUTION No. 12-2026

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE VALLEY LINK JOSHUA FALLS-YEAT ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

WHEREAS, Valley Link Transmission Company LLC (“Valley Link”) is a Mid-Atlantic regional energy infrastructure initiative that is a joint venture by Dominion Energy, FirstEnergy Transmission, and Transource Energy; and

WHEREAS, Valley Link has issued notice that it is developing a Joshua Falls - Yeat Electric Transmission Line Project (“Project”) that will erect a new 765-kilovolt electric transmission line with structures up to 160’ tall and spanning approximately 115 miles through the counties of Campbell, Appomattox, Buckingham, Goochland, Louisa, Culpeper, Orange, and Fluvanna; and

WHEREAS, both proposed paths of the Valley Link Project would be carved through Fluvanna County and would require a significant and permanently cleared right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, Fluvanna County residents have expressed their concerns and dissatisfaction with the Valley Link Project due to its financial, environmental, visual, cultural, historical, and health impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Fluvanna County finds that the Valley Link Project will have a negative impact on County residents’ quality of life and County property values, as well as cause irreparable damage to the County’s natural beauty and rural character, both of which are the basis for agritourism and recreational businesses in the County; and

WHEREAS, the negative impact to County property values and businesses will in turn negatively impact the County operational budget for schools, emergency services, and other core services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Fluvanna County, Virginia, as follows:

That the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors hereby formally expresses its opposition to the Valley Link Joshua Falls - Yeat Electric Transmission Line Project; and

That the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors hereby strongly urges Valley Link and the Virginia State Corporation Commission to seek alternatives that do not impact the welfare, health, and beauty of Fluvanna County; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Virginia State Corporation Commission, the Governor of Virginia, and Fluvanna County’s representatives in the Virginia General Assembly.

	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:

Anthony P. O’Brien, Chair
Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors