

**FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Circuit Courtroom, Fluvanna Courts Building  
72 Main Street, Palmyra, VA 22963  
June 17, 2026  
Regular Meeting 6:00pm**

**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 6:03pm, Chair O’Brien called to order the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2026. After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed.

**3 - ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- Mr. Dahl requested the addition of Fluvanna Review Certification and TJPDC Fluvanna Citizen Representative Position to New Business.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Accept the Agenda, for the June 17, 2026 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>			Motion		Second
<b>VOTE:</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>5-0</b>				

**4 - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Mr. Dahl reported on the following topics:

Announcements and Updates

- Happy belated birthday to Mr. Fairchild – June 10th

Art in the Park and Groovin’ at the Grove

- Art in the Park kicked off its second season on June 13, featuring 28 craft vendors and 3 food trucks. The event welcomed approximately 400 visitors throughout the day. The next Art in the Park will be held on September 12.
- Groovin’ at the Grove held its second summer concert on June 13, featuring Cherry Red and drawing 325 attendees despite the extreme heat. Special thanks to Fluvanna Girls Softball League (FGSL) for operating the beer garden. The next concert is scheduled for July 11.

Volunteers Through Parks and Recreation

- The Carysbrook baseball field has been given new life with the painting of the concession stand and dugouts. This was completed by Brandon Shifflett with the help of Josh Meadows. The rehab took about 5 total days with power washing then painting. Cardinal Hall donated \$600 and Brandon Shifflett used \$400 of his own money for the paint. This has been completed in time for the upcoming tournament this weekend.

**NEXT BOS MEETINGS**

Day	Date	Time	Purpose	Location
Wed	Jul 1	5:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Circuit Court
Wed	Aug 5	5:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Circuit Court
Wed	Aug 19	6:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Circuit Court
Wed	Sep 2	5:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Circuit Court

**5 - PUBLIC COMMENTS #1**

At 6:07pm, Chair O’Brien opened the first round of Public Comments.

- Ray Bassi, 50 Smokewood Dr, commented on Tenaska’s water usage.
- James von Ottenritter, 2126 Nahor Manor Rd, thanked the Board of Supervisors for their help with VDOT mowing on his property.

- Michelle Richard, 1830 Hunters Lodge Rd, commented on the current drought and Tenaska’s water usage.
- Jennifer Ruffner, 11 Zephyr Rd, commented on the current drought and Tenaska’s water usage.
- Ashley Crocker, 442 Justin Dr, commented on the current drought and Tenaska’s water usage.
- Larry Edgerton, 581 Country Creek Way, commented on Tenaska’s water usage.
- Sarah Hernandez, 3872 Branch Rd, commented on the current drought and Tenaska’s water usage.
- Carter Harris, 9 Pine Knoll Cir, commented on the current drought and Tenaska’s water usage.
- Kalya Campbell, 1972 Sclaters Ford Rd, commented on Tenaska’s water usage.
- Rachel Campbell, 2711 Heaton Rd, commented on Tenaska’s water usage.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chair O’Brien closed the first round of Public Comments at 6:32pm.

**6 – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

<b>MOTION:</b>	Move the Board of Supervisors approve the following Board, Commission, or Committee appointment(s)/reappointments(s):				
<b>BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE</b>	<b>APPOINTEES</b>		<b>APPT/ REAPPT</b>	<b>BEGINS TERM</b>	<b>ENDS TERM</b>
Agricultural/Forestal Advisory Committee (Landowner Position) Agricultural/Forestal Advisory Committee (Landowner Position)	Woody Fincham Nicholas Gianakos		Appt Appt	7/1/2026	6/30/2030
<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	Yes	Yes
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>5-0</b>				

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Agricultural/Forestal Advisory Committee (Land Use Position) Agricultural/Forestal Advisory Committee (Land Use Position)	Andrew Pullen Suzy Morris		Appt Appt	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
<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>				

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Board of Building Code Appeals (At-Large) Board of Building Code Appeals (At-Large) Board of Building Code Appeals (At-Large)	Robert Schwagerl (I) Nicholas Gianakos William Daniel Rafaly		Reappt Appt Appt	6/17/2026	10/31/2028
<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>				

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Planning Commission (Columbia)	Ryant L. Washington		Appt	7/1/2026	6/30/2030
Planning Commission (Rivanna)	Robert Dorsey (I)		Reappt	7/1/2026	6/30/2030
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Sheridan
<b>ACTION:</b>			Second		Motion
<b>VOTE:</b>	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>3-2</b>				

**7 – PRESENTATIONS**

*Amendments to the Fluvanna County Code, amending Chapter 15.2 (Noise Ordinance) as recommended by the Planning Commission – Dan Whitten, County Attorney; Todd Fortune, Director of Planning*

Noise Regulations

- Noise regulations are covered in the Fluvanna County Code in § 15.2 – Noise Control.
  - The Noise Ordinance regulates, among other things:
    - ◆ Prohibited noises and acts.
    - ◆ Exempt sounds.
    - ◆ Processes for complaints, violations, and penalties.
  - The Fluvanna County Sheriff’s Office is the designated agent for enforcement of the Noise Ordinance (per § 15.2-2).
    - ◆ The Sheriff’s Office may be assisted as needed by the Planning and Zoning Department, Public Works Department, and “other officers and employees of the County.”
- Since § 15.2 is outside of the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance, it is under the purview of the Board of Supervisors.
  - Consequently, any change to this section of the Code would need to be initiated by the Board
- At its regular meeting on February 18, 2026, the Board directed the Commission to review the Noise Ordinance and make recommendations for changes to the Board by June 30, 2026.
- Subsequently, the Commission has reviewed the Noise Ordinance and discussed possible changes.
- Suggested changes were reviewed by the Commission at its meeting on June 9, 2026. The Commission voted to recommend these changes to the Board.

Recommended Changes

- Recommended changes include:
  - Purpose and Intent updates to highlight concerns regarding the negative health impacts of inadequate sound control.
  - Clarification that, in addition to enforcement by law enforcement officers, any citizen may make a complaint before a magistrate regarding violations of this ordinance.
  - Definitional updates to capture modern sound measurement terminology, including *A-weighted decibel, dBA, impulse sound, and Lmax*, as well as to provide clear definitions for *daytime* and *nighttime*.
  - The addition of maximum sound level regulations for Business and Industrial zones based on daytime and nighttime dBA with additional consideration for impulse sounds, as well as measurement procedures to capture any violations.
  - Updates to prohibited acts for Agricultural and Residential Zones, including slight changes to times of prohibitions, the addition of a prohibition against animal noises, and changes to improve clarity regarding sound production devices and firearms.
  - Updates regarding exempted sounds to create consistency between exemption hours and to create an exemption for parades, fireworks, and similar official events of the Lake Monticello Owners’ Association.
  - Updates to the penalty for any violations of the noise regulations to provide the option for both criminal enforcement or civil penalty. However, in accordance with the Virginia Code a civil penalty can’t apply to noise generated on industrial property.

*Amendments to the Fluvanna County Code to Enforce No Parking Zones – Dan Whitten, County Attorney*  
Request for an Ordinance

- The Sheriff’s Office has had issues with individuals parking in subdivisions where “no parking” signs are posted.
- Such “no parking” signs are located at intersections, in cul-de-sacs, and along curves in such subdivisions as Colonial Circle and Village Oaks.
- Currently, there is no enforcement mechanism in the County Code for “no parking” signs.

Proposed ordinance language

- The County Administrator would have authority to install “no parking” signs on County-owned property and on roads that are not interstates or arterial highways.
- The County Administrator would also have authority install handicap parking signs and no parking signs in a fire lane.
- Any law enforcement officer in the Sheriff’s Office would have the authority to enforce the parking regulations.
- There would be a civil fine of up to \$250.00

Proposed ordinance language

- Parking citation penalties would be collected by the Treasurer’s Office.
- The Treasurer’s Office would work with the County Attorney’s Office to issue summons for delinquent parking citations.
- *After some discussion, the Board requested the removal of animal sounds from the noise ordinance.*

**8 - ACTION MATTERS**

*Water Agreement between County of Fluvanna and Louisa County Water Authority – Dan Whitten, County Attorney; Eric Dahl, County Administrator*

- Louisa County Water Authority (“LCWA”) approached Fluvanna County regarding purchasing bulk water.
- LCWA desires to purchase up to 25,000 gallons per day with the optional of an additional 10,000 gallons per day at the same rate paid by other customers of the County water and sewer system. The County will read the meter on a monthly basis and shall bill on the same schedule as other users.
- Such purchase will not affect other users on the County water and sewer system since there is excess water capacity. months written notice.
- The County has the option to reduce the allocated capacity of 25,000 gallons per day with 6 months written notice.
- The County has the option to reduce the optional capacity of 10,000 gallons per day with 3 months written notice.
- The County can reduce the capacity if there are additional users on the system.
- The term of this agreement is two years unless terminated by either party with six

<b>MOTION:</b>	Approve the Water Agreement between County of Fluvanna and Louisa County Water Authority and authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney.				
<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>				

*Authorization to Advertise for Public Hearing for Deed of Ingress/Egress Easement – Dan Whitten, County Attorney*

- Christopher and Victoria Moore are the owners of tax map number 21-A-4C which is located off Hollands Road in the Columbia election district.
- The owners have requested to utilize a public right of way dedicated to the County in 1975.
- The access/egress easement would give the owner access to their property to build a dwelling.
- The right of way has never been maintained by the County and only exists on paper. The right of way is not in the VDOT system.
- The owners would be responsible for constructing the road through the easement area and maintaining the road.
- Virginia Code § 15.2-1800 requires a locality to hold a public hearing before disposition of property is undertaken.
- If authorized, the public hearing would take place on July 1, 2026.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Approve the advertisement of a public hearing on July 1, 2026 for consideration of the approval of a Deed of Ingress/Egress Easement with Christopher and Victoria Moore.				
<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:

H - Budget Transfer for Unclaimed Body Charges – Tori Melton, Finance Director

L - CRMF - Pleasant Grove House Window Repair – William F. Barber, Asst. Director of Public Works

The following items were approved under the Consent Agenda for June 17, 2026:

- *Minutes of June 3, 2026* – Caitlin Solis, Clerk to the Board
- *Environmental Monitoring and Reporting Services for County Landfill* – Dan Whitten, County Attorney
- *Budget Transfer for Unclaimed Body Charges* – Tori Melton, Finance Director
- *FY26 Additional Library State Aid Supplemental Appropriation* – Theresa McAllister, Management Analyst II
- *CRMF - Fork Union Fire Building Improvements – Paint* – William F. Barber, Asst. Director of Public Works
- *CRMF - Fork Union Fire Building Improvements – Water* – William F. Barber, Asst. Director of Public Works
- *CRMF - Pleasant Grove House Window Repair* – William F. Barber, Asst. Director of Public Works

<b>MOTION:</b>	Approve the consent agenda, for the June 17, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting.				
<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	Yes	Yes
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>5-0</b>				

**11 - UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Tenaska Water Use – The Board discussed Tenaska’s water use during construction, and requested getting the well water use for construction excluded in writing. The Board also requested having the wells in the area tested before and during construction to ensure the quality of the neighboring well water.

The conversation expanded to current drought conditions and overall water usage throughout the county. Staff will bring a presentation on water management and regulations in the area back at a later date.

**12 - NEW BUSINESS**

*Fluvanna Review Certification* – The Fluvanna Review certification as the paper of record for Fluvanna County has expired, and the County now has to advertise in the Daily Progress until the certification is restored. Board directed staff to advertise the public hearings in both the Fluvanna review and the Daily Progress for the next 90 days.

*TJPDC Fluvanna Citizen Representative Position* – Keith Smith has resigned from the TJPDC Board after serving for 15 years. Mr. Dahl asked of the Board would like to appoint a Board of Supervisor to the vacancy or appoint another citizen rep. Mr. Sheridan made a motion to appoint Mr. Hodge to the position, Mr. Goad seconded the motion and Mr. Hodge abstained from the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1.

**13 - PUBLIC COMMENTS #2**

At 8:23pm, Chair O’Brien opened the second round of Public Comments.

- Ray Bassi, 50 Smokewwod Dr, commented on Tenaska water use.
- Ron Barche, 204 Ponderosa Ct, commented on Tenaska water use.
- Ashley Crocker, 442 Justin Dr, commented on the Columbia Planning Commission appointment, and the policy requiring speakers to disclose their address during public comments.
- Angus Murdoch, 417 Loughton Ln, commented on water concerns and drought.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chair O’Brien closed the second round of Public Comments at 8:40pm.

**RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION****14 - CLOSED MEETING**

<b>MOTION:</b>	At 8:43pm, move the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors enter into a closed meeting, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.2-3711 A.1, A.7, & A.8 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for the purpose of discussing Personnel – County Attorney performance evaluation, County Administrator performance evaluation; Litigation – Wheaton, Noggle and Whitmore v. Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors, Gate Plaza LLC v. Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors; and Legal Matters – Discussion of FSPCA operations, Organizational Efficiency Study.				
<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	Yes	Yes
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>5-0</b>				

<b>MOTION:</b>	At 9:39 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.”				
<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	Yes	Yes
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>5-0</b>				

**15 - ADJOURN**

<b>MOTION:</b>	Adjourn the regular meeting of Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 9:39pm.				
<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>				

ATTEST:

FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Caitlin Solis  
Clerk to the Board

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Anthony O’Brien  
Chair

