

**FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Circuit Courtroom, Fluvanna Courts Building
72 Main Street, Palmyra, VA 22963
May 20, 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 6:02pm, Chair O’Brien called to order the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2026. After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed.

3 - ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION:	Accept the Agenda, for the May 20, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors, as presented.				
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:

National Peace Officers Memorial Day

- Melt Desserts and More were at the Sheriff’s Office Friday, May 15 as a sweet way to thank the men and women dedicated to serving Fluvanna County with integrity and bravery every day and to honor their courage and sacrifice.

EMS Week May 17-23, 2026

- EMS Week is a time to recognize the men and women who are prepared to respond at a moment’s notice, regardless of the hour, the weather or the situation. They serve our community day after day with compassion, integrity and respect, exemplifying our core values.

NEXT BOS MEETINGS

Day	Date	Time	Purpose	Location
Wed	Jun 3	5:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Circuit Court
Wed	Jun 17	6:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Circuit Court
Wed	Jul 1	5:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Circuit Court
Wed	Aug 5	5:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Circuit Court

5 - PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

At 6:05pm, Chair O’Brien opened the first round of Public Comments.

- Ray Bassi, 50 Smokewood Dr, commented on the bulk-water ordinance, and Tenaska water usage.
- Tracey Smith, 2 Sandy Beach Ct, commented on Tenaska Project expenses.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chair O’Brien closed the first round of Public Comments at 6:14pm.

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
Community Policy and Management Team (Parent Representative)	Nikki Sheridan (I)		Reappt	7/1/2026	6/30/2028
Monticello Area Community Action Agency (Fluvanna County Representative)	David Harlow (I)		Reappt	7/1/2026	6/30/2029
Social Services Board (Cunningham)	James Wilkin (I)		Reappt	7/1/2026	6/30/2030
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:			Second		Motion
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

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 (At-Large)	Erica Rice		Appt	7/1/2026	6/30/2030
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:	Second	Motion			
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

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 (At-Large)	Joshua Bower (I)		Reappt	7/1/2026	6/30/2030
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:			Second		Motion
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

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BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE	APPOINTEES		APPT/ REAPPT	BEGINS TERM	ENDS TERM
Economic Development Authority (At-Large)	Reese Peck (I)		Reappt	7/1/2026	6/30/2030
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:	Motion	Second			
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
RESULT:	4-1				

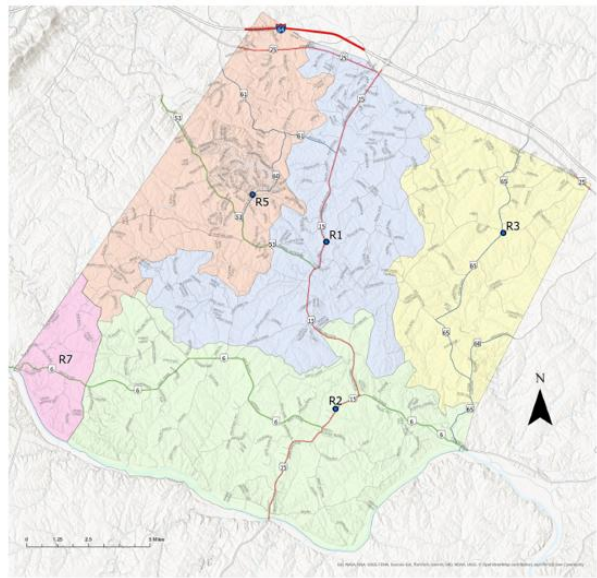
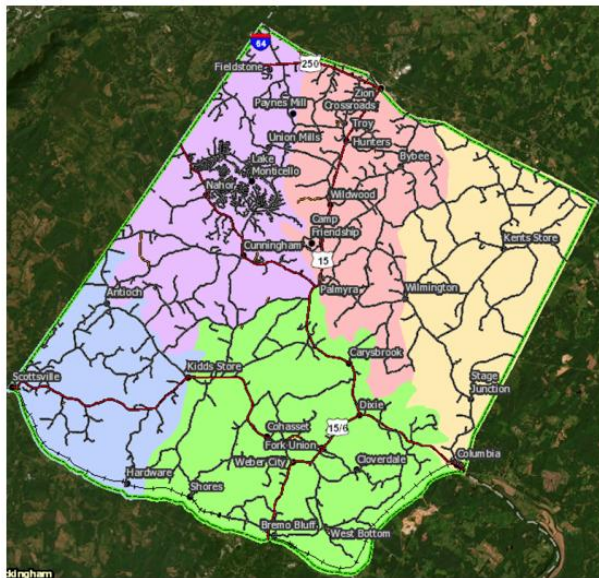
MOTION:	Move the Board of Supervisors approve the following Board, Commission, or Committee appointment(s)/reappointments(s):				
BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE	APPOINTEES		APPT/ REAPPT	BEGINS TERM	ENDS TERM
Library Board of Trustees (At-Large) Library Board of Trustees (At-Large) Library Board of Trustees (At-Large)	Barbara Goshorn (I) Charles Haden Thomas Parrish (I) Sherron Haley (I)		Reappt Reappt Reappt	7/1/2026	6/30/2030
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:	Motion	Second			
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

7 – PRESENTATIONS

Revised EMS Response Districts – MJ Fick, EMS Supervisor

Albemarle County Fire Rescue has been providing first due EMS coverage in Fluvanna County from Scottsville and up around the Kidds Store area of the County. Albemarle County Fire Rescue has had discussions with the County about reducing its first due area in Fluvanna County. Albemarle wants us to show progress of getting them out of the county on automatic aid due to their increased call volume in their county and to fix old volunteer rescue areas currently in use.

EMS Response Districts – Current vs. Proposed



Changes from the Old to New Map

- Currently Station 2 (Fork Union) is first due to EW Thomas Grocery Store. That would now go to Station 1 (Palmyra)
- The Dog Park on Rt 53 currently shows Station 2 (Fork Union) as first due and that would go to Station 1 (Palmyra)
- The Library and Sheriff’s Office currently have Station 2 (Fork Union) as first due and that would now be Station 1 (Palmyra)
- Pleasant Grove Park would go from Station 5 (Lake Monticello) to Station 1 (Palmyra)
- Station 2 (Fork Union) would travel down Rt. 6 to Paynes Landing area moving the line closer to Scottsville (15 minutes from Station 2)
- Changes to all rescue districts based on GIS modeling according to distance.

Fork Union Water Supply Project – Bobby Popowicz, Director of Public Utilities

- Dominion Energy received a Special Use Permit (SUP) and Conditional Rezoning approval on June 25, 2021 to construct a lined sanitary landfill in order to dispose of the coal combustion residuals (CCR) on the property adjacent to the former Bremono Power Station.
- This sanitary landfill could affect existing ground water wells within a 1.5-mile radius of the Power Station, including two Fork Union Sanitary District (FUSD) wells and private wells.
- Because of the potential impact to the FUSD public water system wells, and as part of the negotiation, Dominion proffered approximately \$47 million for upgrades to the Fork Union Sanitary District (FUSD), including construction of a new water treatment plant and about 11 miles of water line.
- The new treatment plant will have treatment capacity of 750,000 gallons per day; the current maximum capacity of the Fork Union system is 370,000 gallons per day.
- In August of 2025 Fluvanna County hired Dewberry to do the design and engineering for this project.

- The County sent out notification letters recently about the survey crews needing access to various properties along the proposed waterline routes. Public Utilities has received several phone calls. All have been positive in nature so far. Most landowners just needed verification.
- Dewberry Engineers are conducting surveys along possible corridors that could be used for the pipes that convey both raw and finished water.
- They have already conducted surveying along VDOT Right-of-Ways where additional easement might not be needed pending a final submission to VDOT.
- The Engineers need “On Location” data to make sure there is ample room for easements if needed, and that conflicts from other utilities are kept to a minimum.
- The Survey work should be of minimal impact to the Landowner. This is just to determine conflicts and right-of-way issues in the proposed path of the water line.
- If issues and conflicts are found on a particular property, the County will determine if another path can be found or figure out if the conflict can be overcome with the least amount of disruption to the landowner.
- The survey encompasses a 50ft swath from the middle of the current roadway being surveyed on each side of said roadway. In total, a 100ft swath that encompasses from one side of the roadway to the other.
- The survey should not be invasive to the landowner. However, survey stakes and markings could be encountered by certain landowners. No other work is expected to be done at this time.

9 - PUBLIC HEARING

VDOT Secondary Six Year Plan Public Hearing – Willie Gordon, Louisa Residency

Mr. Gordon presented the 2026/2027 Secondary Six Year Plan. There were no additions or deletions to the plan.

At 7:16pm, Chair O’Brien opened the Public Hearing. With no one wishing to speak, Chair O’Brien closed the Public Hearing at 7:16pm.

MOTION:	Accept the Resolution for the VDOT Secondary Six-Year Plan (2026/27 through 2031/32) and VDOT Construction Priority List (2026/27) as required by sections 33.1-23 and 33.1-23.4 of the 1950 Code of Virginia.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:		Motion			Second
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

7 – PRESENTATIONS

Fire Training Building Update – Eric Dahl, County Administrator

- Site work has begun on the fire training building site
- The containerized fire training building sales design with Draeger is expected to be complete June 2026.
- Engineering plans begin after sales design is approved by the local fire training building committee.
- Building completion time to take approximately 24 weeks
- Virginia Department of Fire Programs grant deadline extension is March 2, 2027.

Historic Courthouse Restoration Update – Eric Dahl, County Administrator

- Current General Assembly Grant Deadline:
 - Extension Granted to December 11, 2026
 - Specific to the roof and structural components related to the roof
- Current VA 250 Preservation Grant Deadline:
 - Extension Granted to January 1, 2026
 - The scope includes the exterior: columns, stucco, masonry, concrete steps, gutters, windows, shutters, doors, metal and flashing; accessibility enhancements; abatement; new mechanicals and electric; and repair and stabilization of the interior balustrade.

James River Water Authority Project Update – Eric Dahl, County Administrator

Project Need

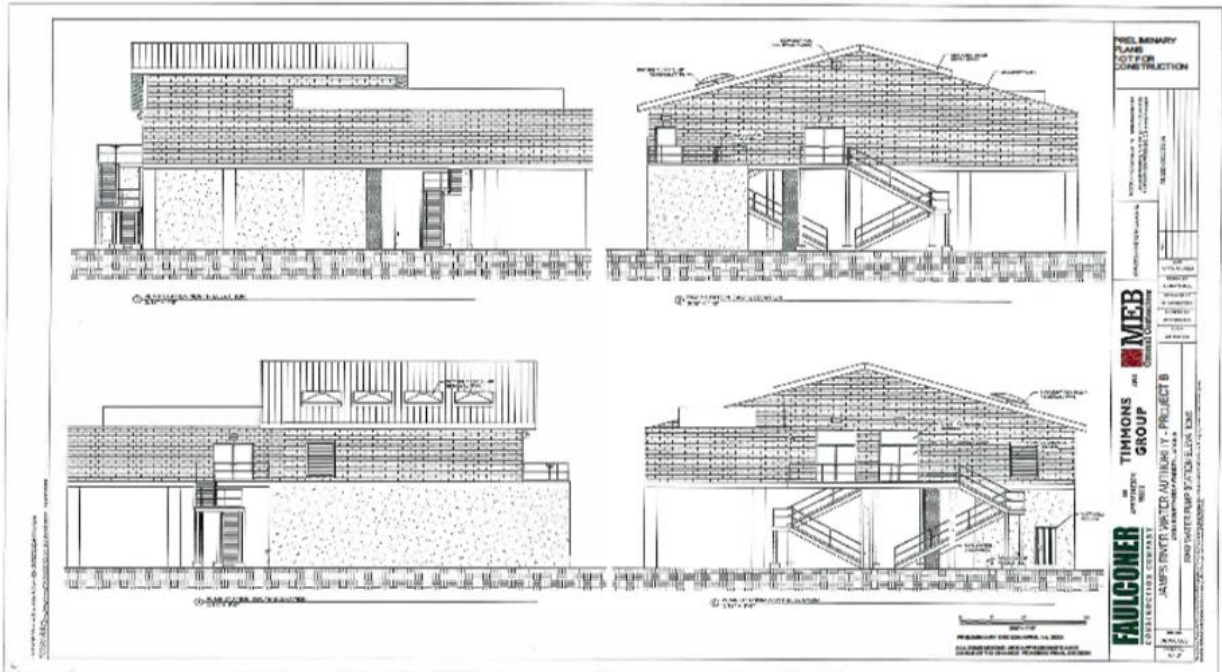
- Long-term water source for Fluvanna & Louisa County
 - Supports each County’s required 50-Year Water Supply Plan as outlined in their adopted Water Supply Plans (2010 & 2011)
 - The permit capacity is 8.57 MGD
- Remove reliance on wells & groundwater sources
- Drought reliability
- Economic Development
- Accessible fire hydrants (13) along the route

Project Description

- The proposed improvements associated with this project include:
 - a raw water intake in the James River
 - a raw water pumping station

- a below ground 24” diameter raw water pipeline (approx. 4 miles)
- The pumping station includes an above ground structure, elevated above the flood plain grade (above 100 year).
- The raw water intake is a structure that will be located below grade in the James River.

Elevations of the Water Pump Station



Current and Future

- Below ground 24” diameter raw water pipeline is 95% constructed
 - To be completed: Rivanna River crossing, under Rt. 6 from Bremono Rd. and two other small wetland areas.
- Raw water pumping station is currently under construction
- Raw water intake in the James River to begin in June 2026
- Final project completion date is October 4, 2027

8 - ACTION MATTERS

Position Upgrade for Clerk of the Circuit Court Clerk’s Office – Tristana Treadway, Clerk of the Circuit Court
 During the 2025 General Assembly Session funding was approved to allow for one Deputy Clerk IV position in every Comp Board funded Clerk’s office in the state. This position was allotted by the Comp Board on July 1, 2025, to hire a DC IV to handle the implementation and to carry out the requirements of “Sealing Legislation”. The implementation date of the legislation was postponed to July 1, 2026, so instead of adding a new deputy to my office at that time, a county funded Deputy Clerk IV was moved into this position for reimbursement by the Comp Board. Instead of hiring a new position for my office to carry out the requirement of the sealing legislation, I would like to add these responsibilities to my current Deputy Clerk III – Criminal Court Clerk. This may require that some of the current duties of this position be transferred from this position to another position in the future; however, we will not know the extent of the work required until after the implementation date.

The county has received, and will continue to receive, an additional \$51,509.00 from the Compensation Board for reimbursement of the new Deputy Clerk IV position created July 1, 2025. I transferred an existing employee into the new Deputy Clerk IV position and am not filing that position with a new employee. I am asking that a position be reclassified which will cost the county \$2,898.30 total. Thus, providing the county with \$48,610.70 that can be used to cover a position in my office that has previously been fully funded by the county.

MOTION:	Approve a position upgrade of a Full-Time Deputy Clerk III, to a Full Time Deputy Clerk IV – Criminal Court Clerk & Executive Assistant, for the Clerk of the Circuit Court’s Office, and further move to approve the amended position description for Deputy Clerk IV – Criminal Court Clerk & Executive Assistant.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:	Second		Motion		
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

2% Bonus for General Registrars and Electoral Board Members – Eric Dahl, County Administrator
 During the 2026 General Assembly session, funds were approved to reimburse localities that provide general registrars and electoral board members with a one-time bonus payment equal to two percent (2%) of their base salary on June 1, 2026.

The state will base the bonus amount on authorized salary amounts for fiscal year 2026. Authorization for the bonuses is in Chapter 7 of the Appropriation Act (The Caboose Bill). Payment for bonuses will be part of the annual GR/EB salary reimbursement for FY27.

The projected supplemental appropriations would be distributed as follows:

- General Registrar and Electoral Board Members – 4 positions funded for \$2,213.68

MOTION:	Approve a 2% bonus for General Registrars and Electoral Board Members as authorized by the Virginia Department of Elections and further authorize a supplemental appropriation for June 1, 2026 position bonuses in the projected amount of \$2,213.68				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:			Second		Motion
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

Authorization to Advertise a Public Hearing to Amend § 21-2-13 and Chapter 21 Appendix A of the County Code – Dan Whitten, County Attorney

- The County currently has an ordinance regarding the sale of water through hydrant meters in § 21-2-13.
- This amendment includes the establishment of a permitting process and clarified payment structure involving rates, deposits, and rental fees.
- This amendment creates and clarifies processes involved with the lease of County hydrant meters concerning reporting, equipment returns, lost or damaged equipment, water withdraw access, and charges and fees.

MOTION:	Advertise a public hearing on June 17, 2026, to amend § 21-2-13 of the County Code to require a hydrant meter permit and clarify the process for the sale of bulk water.				
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 May 20, 2026:

- *Minutes of April 15, 2026* – Caitlin Solis, Clerk to the Board
- *Financial Auditing Services Contract with Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates* – Dan Whitten, County Attorney
- *Temporary Staff Stipend for Additional Duties (Frazier)* – Tristana P. Treadway, Clerk of the Circuit Court
- *FY26 FCPS Grants Supplemental Appropriation* – Gemma Soares, Executive Director for Instruction and Finance
- *Purchase Agreement with Atlantic Emergency Solutions, Inc. for 2026 Pierce PUC Pumper Truck* – Dan Whitten, County Attorney
- *Director of Economic Development Position Description Update* – Eric Dahl, County Administrator
- *CRMF - Pleasant Grove Well* – Don Stribling, FCPS Executive Director

MOTION:	Approve the consent agenda, for the May 20, 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

Tenaska

- Mr. Fairchild brought up the concerns raised during public comments of well water usage during construction. Mr. Whitten clarified that the new Tenaska facility would utilize the well water for bathrooms, but there are no restrictions for use during construction.
- Mr. O'Brien addressed the public comment regarding \$60,000 out of the contingency balance, and clarified the money will be reimbursed by Tenaska.

12 - NEW BUSINESS

None.

13 - PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

At 8:18pm, Chair O'Brien opened the second round of Public Comments.

- Ray Bassi, 50 Smokewood Dr, commented on Tenaska's water usage during construction.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chair O'Brien closed the second round of Public Comments at 8:22pm.

14 - CLOSED MEETING

MOTION:	At 8:22pm, move the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors enter into a closed meeting, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.2-3711 A.1 & A.8 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for the purpose of discussing Personnel – employees of the Clerk of the Circuit Courts Office; and Legal Matters – discussion of Valley Link, and agreement related to the Sheriff’s Office.				
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 10:21 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				

MOTION:	Approve a salary for Deputy Clerk III – Jury Management Coordinator position in the amount of 20% above the minimum.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:	Second				Motion
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

MOTION:	Approve the Settlement Agreement with Chad Burrus with the funding to come from the Sheriff’s budget.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:		Second	Motion		
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

MOTION TO EXTEND

- At 10:23pm, a motion was made to extend the Board of Supervisors meeting.

MOTION:	Approve a motion to extend the May 20, 2026 Regular Board of Supervisors meeting to 10:25pm.				
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, May 20, 2026 at 10:23pm.				
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. 18-2026

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE VDOT SECONDARY SIX-YEAR PLAN
(2026/27 through 2031/32) and
VDOT CONSTRUCTION PRIORITY LIST (2026/27)**

At a regular monthly meeting of the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 in Palmyra, Virginia, the following action was taken:

WHEREAS, Sections 33.2-331 of the 1950 Code of Virginia as amended, provides the opportunity for each county to work with the Virginia Department of Transportation in developing a Secondary Six-Year Road Plan; and

WHEREAS, this Board had previously agreed to assist in the preparation of this Plan, in accordance with the Virginia Department of Transportation policies and procedures, and participated in a public hearing on the proposed Plan (2026/27 through 2031/32) as well as the Construction Priority List (2026/27) on May 20, 2026 after duly advertised so that all citizens of the County had the opportunity to participate in said hearing and to make comments and recommendations concerning the proposed Plan and Priority List; and

WHEREAS, Scott Thornton, Residency Administrator, Virginia Department of Transportation - Louisa Residency, appeared before the Board and recommended approval of the Six-Year Plan for Secondary Roads (2026/27 through 2031/32) AND Construction Priority List (2026/27) for Fluvanna County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that since said Plan appears to be in the best interest of the Secondary Road System in Fluvanna County and of the citizens residing on the Secondary System, said Secondary Six-Year Plan (2026/27 through 2031/32) and Construction Priority List (2026/27) are hereby approved as presented at the public hearing.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors at a meeting of the Board held on the 20th day of May 2026.

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

Adopted this 20th day of May, 2026
by the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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