

LUNENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GENERAL DISTRICT COURTROOM
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Minutes of January 12, 2023 Reorganizational Meeting

The annual reorganizational meeting of the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, January 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the General District Courtroom, Lunenburg Courts Building, Lunenburg, Virginia. The following members were present: Supervisors T. Wayne Hoover, Alvester Edmonds, Charles R. Slayton, Frank W. Bacon, Mike Hankins, Robert Zava, Edward Pennington, County Administrator Tracy M. Gee, Deputy County Administrator Nicole Clark, and County Attorney Frank Rennie.

County Administrator Gee called the reorganizational meeting to order.

Administrator Gee asked for nominations for the position of Chairman.

Supervisor Hankins nominated Charles R. Slayton and Supervisor Hoover seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, Supervisor Slayton was nominated as Chairman.

Supervisor Bacon motioned that Chairman nominations be closed, with Supervisor Edmonds making the second, and all present in favor.

On a roll call vote, Supervisor Slayton was unanimously re-elected to the position of Chairman.

Administrator Gee presented Chairman Slayton with the gavel.

Chairman Slayton asked for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman.

Supervisor Hankins nominated Frank W. Bacon as Vice-Chairman and Supervisor Hoover seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, Supervisor Bacon was nominated to the position of Vice-Chairman.

Supervisor Pennington motioned that nominations for Vice-Chairman be closed, with Supervisor Edmonds making the second, and all present in favor.

On a roll call vote, Supervisor Bacon was unanimously re-elected to the position of Vice-Chairman.

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Pennington and unanimously approved, to adopt the 2023 Invocation and Meeting Schedule and 2023 Holiday Calendar.

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Pennington and unanimously approved, to adopt the Board's Code of Ethics and Procedures.

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Pennington and unanimously approved, to adopt Robert's Rules of Order.

Chairman Slayton called the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order.

County Attorney Rennie led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

Chairman Slayton requested additions to the agenda from the Board and the public. Administrator Gee requested Meridian Waste be added as 5A.

Ms. Mary O'Brien of Meridian Waste approached the Board and commented that she and her company were glad to be part of the local community. She advised that their annual community donation had been dispersed between several organizations. A portion of the donation went to the Lunenburg County Youth Baseball League Majors Division II All-Stars Baseball team to assist with their expenses at the world series. Another portion was given to the local senior citizens center to help with roofing repairs of their building. Ms. O'Brien advised that Meridian Waste had recently partnered with the county for a tire drop-off event. They also held their annual Fall Festival at the Lunenburg Landfill. She shared that 177 attended the event and they have scheduled October 28th as the date for the event in 2023. Ms. O'Brien advised that they are working on a project at the landfill that will convert gas to energy. The energy will then be captured and shipped off by truck to those that can use it. They are planning to have the project complete and the system in place in 2024. Ms. O'Brien commented that Meridian Waste appreciates their relationship with Lunenburg County and looks forward to working together in the future.

Supervisor Hankins made motion, seconded by Supervisor Pennington, and approved by roll call vote, and unanimously approved, to approve and present the below Resolutions of Achievement to the Central Senior High School Varsity Football Team, Junior Varsity Football Team, Competition Cheerleading Squad, Varsity Volleyball Team and Varsity Golf Team.

RESOLUTION OF ACHIEVEMENT

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Junior Varsity Football Team had a victorious 2022 season; and

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Junior Varsity Football Team achieved an undefeated season; and

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Junior Varsity Football Team came in first place in the James River District; and

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Junior Varsity Football Team were led by Head Coach Mike McGrath, Assistant Coaches Michael Justice and Ben Spencer, and team members Chad Mattox, Ryan Barnes, Jayveon Hardy, Jordan Kiser, Selvin Perez Mendez, Reece Hart, Robert Hite, Conner Buchanan, Gerald Hooten, Landon Hall, Edwin Jordan, Jayden Wright-Desouza, Jayden Lacks, La'Maan Daniel, Jonathan Wallace, Jalin Freeman, Antonio Jones, Aiden Parrish, Yu Qiu, Landon Womack, TreVon Porter, Trevor Parks, Lane Bolter, Austin Hayer, Owen Barnette, Tyler Cottrell, Jackson Breedlove, Angelo Inzeo, James Phillips, Deaunta Lee, Taevyon Hines, Logan Hall, David Settle, Jon-Luke Phillips, and Keno McCain, Jr., with added support from dedicated parents and family of the team members; and

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Junior Varsity Football Team demonstrated sportsmanship and "Charger Pride" throughout the season; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors congratulates the Central Senior High School Junior Varsity Football Team on their outstanding accomplishments during the 2022 season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors wishes the team and coaches future success next season and in all future endeavors.

Adopted this 12th day of January 2023.

RESOLUTION OF ACHIEVEMENT

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Varsity Football Team had an outstanding 2022 season; and

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Varsity Football Team won the James River District with a 10 and 0 regular season and an 11 and 1 overall season; and

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Varsity Football Team were led by Head Coach Will Thomas, Assistant Coaches Wallace Owen, Derek Burke, Michael Justice, Mike McGrath, Stanley Christopher and Ben Spencer, and team members Kemarion Watson, Ryan Barnes, Donelle Jones, Jr., Dustin Simmons, Thomas Morrison, Tevin Redd, Christopher Talbert, Antwaun Jones, Lattrell Jonson, Connor Mattox, Seth Bishop, Dasjohn Hurt, Ethan Thomas, Maki Tucker, Tai Ragsdale, Conner Buchanan, Drew Stone, Amarion Moore, Justin Nance, Mitch Green, Collin Bishop, Nathan Farmer, Te'sjion Porter, Fabolous Alexander, Jacob Morris, Owen Barnette, Cahil Daniel, Angelo Inzeo, Denver Graham, Jahiem Callaham, Austin Rutledge, Luther Drummond, Hayden Gary, James Jenkins, Zyaiah Chambers, Anthony Inzeo, Hunter Word, Colin Burke, Jon-Luke Phillips, Jamel Alexander, Maurice Lee, Jr. and Reece Hart, with added support from dedicated parents and family of the team members; and

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Varsity Football Team demonstrated sportsmanship and dedication throughout the season; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors congratulates the Central Senior High School Varsity Football Team on their outstanding accomplishments during the 2022 season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors wishes the team and coaches future success next season and in all future endeavors.

Adopted this 12th day of January 2023.

RESOLUTION OF ACHIEVEMENT

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Competition Cheerleading Squad has completed a very successful 2022 season; and

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Competition Cheerleading Squad won the James River District 1A competition; and

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Competition Cheerleading Squad went on to represent the County in the State Class 2A Competition, placing fourth; and

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Competition Cheerleading Squad was led by Head Coach Jean Kunath and Assistant Coaches Marianna Williams and Shakeyau Jackson, with team members Ellie Anderson, Lydia Anderson, Julie Bender, Tristan Buchanan, Karmia Burns, Anna Dalton, Nora Dalton, Ja’Nyah Daniel, Andrea Hoover, Laniya Moses, McKenzie White-Bisek, AnGeLeKa White-Freeman, and Claire Williams, with added support from dedicated parents and family of the team members; and

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Competition Cheerleading Squad exhibited “Charger Pride” and represented the County of Lunenburg with distinction; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors congratulates the Central Senior High School Competition Cheerleading Squad on their superior achievements in the competition season; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board further wishes the squad and coaches further success in all their endeavors.

DATED: January 12, 2023

RESOLUTION OF ACHIEVEMENT

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Varsity Volleyball Team has completed a very successful 2022 season with “Charger Pride”; and

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Varsity Volleyball Team went on to represent the County as Region 1-B Semi-finalists; and

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Varsity Volleyball Team was led by Head Coach Alan Hershberger and Assistant Coach Kaitlyn Matthews, and team members Makenzi Burch, Mackenzie Bolling, Charlotte Richmond, Abby Gustaf, Amyra Watson, Andrea Hoover, Kennedy Moody, Ellie Anderson, Virginia Hooton, Olivia Moses, Alyssa Inzeo, Anna Inzeo, AnGeLeKa White-Freeman, and Tristan Buchanan, with added support from dedicated parents and family of the team members; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors acknowledges, with respect and appreciation, the superior performance of the Central Senior High School Varsity Volleyball Team and wishes continued success to each Team member and their coach in their future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board wishes continued success to each team member and their coaches.

DATED: January 12, 2023

RESOLUTION OF ACHIEVEMENT

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Varsity Golf team has completed a very successful 2022 season; and

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Varsity Golf team earned third in the James River District tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Varsity Golf team then earned first place in the Region 1-B tournament, which qualified them to travel and compete in the State tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Varsity Golf team was led by Coach Richard McDaniel, and team members Hunter Gary, Carter Gee, Parker Hite, Robert Hite, Hailey Powers, Jacob Sheets, Daniel Shell, and Cohen Shortridge, with added support from dedicated parents and family of the team members; and

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Varsity Golf team exhibited “Charger Pride” and represented the County of Lunenburg with distinction all the way to the State level; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors congratulates the Central Senior High School Varsity Golf team on their superior effort in the 2022 season; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board further wishes the team and coach further success both on and off the greens.

DATED: January 12, 2023

Chairman Slayton called for any conflicts of interest from any board members. There were none.

Chairman Slayton called for anyone wishing to speak under Citizen Comment. There were none.

Supervisor Hankins made motion, seconded by Supervisor Bacon, and unanimously approved, to accept the Consent Agenda to include the minutes of the December 8, 2022 meeting, the Treasurer’s September and October 2022 reports and the following Warrants for Approval:

December 2022:

Payroll: Direct Deposit	\$ 166,089.75
Payroll Check #2016	\$ 883.29
Payroll Taxes Federal:	\$ 54,282.75
Payroll Taxes State:	\$ 9,776.24
Payroll VRS payment:	\$ 36,657.64
Payroll ICMA-RC payment:	\$ 1,797.01
Payroll Health Savings Deposits:	\$ 4,097.62
<i>WIRE (Radio System Consultant Payments)</i>	<i>\$ 1,077,096.44</i>
Accounts Payable: #82013-82145	<u>\$ 213,276.09</u>
Total:	\$ 1,563,956.83

Mr. Kevin Smith of VDOT presented the monthly report. Mr. Smith shared that Pearson Construction was the highest bidder for the Hardy Road Construction Project. He noted that a pre-construction meeting was scheduled for the following week, with construction starting in mid-February and finishing by May 1st. VDOT, in partnership with the County, will hold a “Pardon Our Dust” informational meeting on January 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the General District Courtroom. Supervisor Edmonds shared that he had received complaints about litter along the roadways, specifically Plank Road. Mr. Smith indicated that crews and Department of Corrections are performing clean-up efforts with a goal to hit each road three times per year. Supervisor Pennington commented that Oral Oaks Road needed attention, and Ms. Patricia Harper-Tunley commented from the public that Craig Mill Road needs attention.

Lunenburg County Schools Assistant School Superintendent and Finance Director James Abernathy provided the monthly report. He shared an updated revenue – expenditure report that detailed the updated FY2022-23 budget total of \$28,299,222. Mr. Abernathy shared a resolution from the School Board requesting the re-appropriation of fiscal year 2021-22 carry-over funds in the amount of \$313,715 to FY2023-24 to be used for capital projects at Central High School to extend the useful life of the building. Supervisor Zava, a member of the Finance Committee, suggested the County take the carryover funds and place them in an escrow fund to be held until the funds are needed for improvements, at which time they could be requested.

Supervisor Hankins made motion, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, and unanimously approved, to place \$313,715 in carryover funds for FY2021-22 for the school system be placed in an escrow fund and held for capital projects at Central High School to extend the useful life of the building.

Mr. Abernathy indicated that average daily membership is currently at 1,484 and the budget is for 1,520. Mr. Abernathy noted that the School Board requests that the Board of Supervisors continue funding the school system at the original budgeted enrollment count of 1,520 and allow them to use the additional funds for capital improvements. Supervisor Bacon asked how much was budgeted for each student. Mr. Abernathy replied that each student accounted for about \$11,000, consisting of \$8,000 in the State funds and \$3,000 in local funds. Administrator Gee advised that the Board had appropriated the school system through December 31st.

Supervisor Hoover made motion, seconded by Supervisor Zava, and unanimously approved, to appropriate the next quarter of funding to the school system and discuss the final quarter in April 2023.

County Attorney Rennie reminded the Board that SBA Communications requested to recertify and alter the existing 250-foot Wireless Telecommunication facility on tax parcel 085-0A-0-5, 871 Longview Drive, Brodnax, VA 23920, consisting of 0.23 acres in A-1 Agricultural zone. The Board’s decision was pending a response as to whether emergency equipment could be placed on the tower at no cost. County Attorney Rennie shared that the original approved CUP dated August 12, 1999 did include the requirement and SBA Communications agreed to honor the agreement.

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmonds, and unanimously approved, to recertify the CUP for SBA Communications and the existing 250-foot Wireless Telecommunication facility on tax parcel 085-0A-0-5, 871 Longview Drive, Brodnax, VA 23920, consisting of 0.23 acres in A-1 Agricultural zone.

Mr. Shawn Rozier, Vice President of Housing for STEPS, Inc., approached the Board regarding housing needs for domestic violence victims. He noted that with Madeline's House ceasing operations, his office was contacted by the state domestic violence hotline to help provide transportation and temporary hotel sheltering until a shelter bed is identified somewhere in the state. They are requesting a reallocation of the funds budgeted for Madeline's House by localities to STEPS to use to assist victims. Mr. Rozier also shared that they are working with Centra Health to set up a sexual assault victim help center. Administrator Gee shared that \$2,000 was budgeted for Madeline's House, however, the funds had not yet been disbursed.

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Pennington, and unanimously approved, to transfer \$2,000 budgeted for Madeline's House to STEPS, Inc to provide temporary domestic violence victim services.

Director of Planning and Community Development, Taylor Newton, provided her monthly report. She noted that she submitted the last reimbursement request for grant funding for the 2019 Last Mile Broadband project with Kinex to the Tobacco Commission. She has also submitted an ARPA tourism grant application for consideration, with awarded funds to be used for marketing purposes. Supervisor Hankins shared that the Commonwealth Regional Council has had an increase in revenue of \$850,000 in the past twelve months. He added that Lunenburg has received \$6 million in grant funding for different projects. County Attorney Rennie reminded the Board of a request from Apex Solar for the Dogwood Solar project at the December meeting to transfer their solar facility to Dimension Energy. The Board requested additional information before making a determination. Since that time, Dimension Energy has withdrawn their interest in the transaction with Apex.

Administrator Gee provided her monthly report. She advised that several members of county offices had met with Benchmark regarding Positive Pay, an application to help protect the county from check fraud. Administrator Gee explained that the County could consider processing more payments electronically to help prevent check fraud. She shared that she, and Deputy Administrator Nicole Clark, would be attending Local Government Day in Richmond as well as opioid abatement meetings the following day. Administrator Gee advised that freezing temperatures over the Christmas holiday caused a water line to burst at the Registrar's Office. Due to holiday closings, the leak was not found for several days, causing flooding to occur throughout the office. It appears that no voting machines were damaged as a result of standing water, however, staff will continue to check the machines for functionality. She shared that the hole for the monopole has been dug and cement will be poured soon in preparation of erecting the pole.

Supervisor Hoover excused himself from the meeting at 6:55 p.m. as he had another engagement to attend.

County Attorney Rennie shared that Meridian Waste's fees payable to the county were based on the Consumer Price Index. With the increase of inflation, 2023 tipping fees would increase 7.7 percent, equaling \$2.32 per ton. Also, the Landfill Liaison Fee would increase to almost \$78,000 per year. Supervisor Bacon questioned if the Board should expect a request to increase the allowable daily tonnage limit. County Attorney Rennie stated that the current limit is 1,500 and he expects Meridian will request an increase to 2,000 at some point in the future. Once the daily limit is increased, the amount of host fees and community donations will also increase. Administrator Gee shared that Meridian Waste is still interested in purchasing or leasing a portion of the county owned property located across from the landfill. She advised selling versus leasing the property to reduce liability.

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Pennington, and unanimously approved, to adjourn.

Tracy M. Gee, Clerk
County Administrator

Charles R. Slayton, Chairman
Board of Supervisors