

LUNENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
ROOM 104, 131 K-V ROAD
VICTORIA, VIRGINIA

Minutes of April 11, 2024 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 10:00 am in Room 104 of Central High School, 131 K-V Road, Victoria, Virginia. The following members were present: Supervisors T. Wayne Hoover, Alvester Edmonds, Greg Currin, Frank W. Bacon, Mike Hankins, Robert Zava, Edward Pennington, County Administrator Tracy M. Gee, Deputy County Administrator Nicole Clark, and County Attorney Frank Rennie.

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

Supervisor Pennington led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

Administrator Gee explained that the meeting was being held in conjunction with Student Government Week and, therefore, held at the school allowing the students to attend. Students visited the County, School Board, and Town offices the prior day to shadow officials.

Chairman Edmonds requested additions to the agenda from the Board and the public. There were none.

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

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

Administrator Gee advised that the resolution would be postponed to future meeting.

Supervisor Hankins made motion, seconded by Supervisor Bacon, and unanimously approved, to accept the Consent Agenda to include the minutes of the March 14, 2024 Meeting, the Treasurer's February 2024 reports and the following Warrants for Approval:

March 2024:

Payroll: Direct Deposit	\$ 200,357.23
Payroll Check #2036-44	\$ 1,744.84
Payroll Taxes Federal:	\$ 65,287.70
Payroll Taxes State:	\$ 12,279.50
ACH Payroll Payments:	\$ 46,395.49
ACH AP Payments:	\$ 170,461.61
WIRE TRANSFERS (US Bank Bond Series)	\$ 64,181.26
Accounts Payable: #84500-706	<u>\$ 388,464.32</u>

Total: \$ 949,171.95

Supervisor Zava made motion, seconded by Supervisor Bacon, and unanimously approved, to enter public hearing regarding A) Proposed VDOT Secondary Six-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2024/25 through 2030/31 and the Secondary System Construction Program Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/25, B) CUP 1-23: Conditional Use Permit for Oral Oaks Solar, C) CUP 4-23: Conditional Use Permit for Jason and Ella Moses, to construct and operate a Retail Store and Shop and D) CUP 1-24: Conditional Use Permit for Virginia Shed Company, LLC., to operate a Retail Store and Shop.

Kevin Smith of VDOT advised that he had met with the Transportation Committee and they proposed adding three routes to the Secondary Six Year Plan for fiscal Years 2024/25 through 2023/2031. Those routes include Route 647 which serves twelve residents and one church, Route 725 which is a dead-end road serving nine residents and

has a traffic count of seventy per day, and Route 708 serving fifteen residents and has a traffic count of seventy per day. Mr. Smith advised that all advertising requirements had been met. There was no public comment.

Mr. Tom Holt spoke on behalf of Amersco for the Oral Oaks Solar CUP application. He provided an overview of their plan for the solar facility. Mr. Luke Peters of the Berkley Group provided their recommendation; stating that the project is in compliance with the comprehensive plan. He continued that the Planning Commission had reviewed the plans and proposed conditions. The Planning Commission is in support of the project with the conditions outlined. There was no public comment.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Moses spoke in regards to the conditional use permit application to construct and operate a retail store and shop next to the existing livestock market. The property is located at 368 K-V Road, Victoria and they plan to use the site for livestock auction, flea markets, and store selling backed goods/food items. Mrs. Moses shared that they plan to market to small farmers and will get licensed with the Department of Agriculture once their CUP application is approved. There was no public comment.

Mr. Kent Weaver spoke regarding a conditional use permit application for Virginia Shed Company, LLC via Old Hickory Buildings, to operate a retail store and shop for portable storage sheds and metal carports, located at 134 Patrick Henry Highway, Keysville, VA. Mr. Weaver explained that he is currently operating under the land owner's permit and they are selling the property, therefore, a new conditional use permit is required for Old Hickory Builders and Virginia Shed Company, LLC to operate. He advised that he has been working for the company for eight years and is now planning to operate this location. There was no public comment.

Supervisor Hankins made motion, seconded by Supervisor Pennington, and unanimously approved, to exit public hearing.

Supervisor Hoover made motion, seconded by Supervisor Bacon, and unanimously approved, to approve the VDOT Secondary Six-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2024/25 through 2030/31 and the Secondary System Construction Program Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/25 and adopt the resolution.

Resolution for Secondary Six Year Plan

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lunenburg, held at Central High School on April 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

On motion by Supervisor Hoover, seconded by Supervisor Bacon and carried:

WHEREAS, Sections 33.2-358 and 33.2-331 of the 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,

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 (Fiscal Years 2025 through 2031) as well as the Construction Priority List (Fiscal Year 2025) on April 11, 2024 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,

WHEREAS, Kevin Smith, Assistant Residency Administrator, of Virginia Department of Transportation, appeared before the board and recommended approval of the Six-Year Plan for Secondary Roads (Fiscal Years 2025 through 2031) and the Construction Priority List (Fiscal Year 2025) for Lunenburg County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that since said Plan appears to be in the best interests of the Secondary Road System in Lunenburg County and of the citizens residing on the Secondary System, said Secondary Six-Year Plan (Fiscal Years 2025 through 2031) and Construction Priority List (Fiscal Year 2025) are hereby approved as presented at the public hearing.

Supervisor Hoover made motion, seconded by Supervisor Zava, and unanimously approved, to approve the siting agreement for CUP 1-23: Conditional Use Permit for Oral Oaks Solar with financial terms listed.

Supervisor Hoover made motion, seconded by Supervisor Zava, and unanimously approved, to approve the resolution for CUP 1-23: Conditional Use Permit for Oral Oaks Solar with conditions as presented.

**LUNENBURG COUNTY, VIRGINIA
RESOLUTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF
ORAL OAKS SOLAR SITING AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, Oral Oaks Road Solar, LLC has filed an application for a Conditional Use Permit to construct a 12-megawatt solar facility in Lunenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors has approved and granted a Conditional Use Permit regarding this solar facility; and

WHEREAS, Lunenburg County and Oral Oaks Solar have negotiated a Siting Agreement pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2316.7 regarding the Oral Oaks Solar facility; and

WHEREAS, the Solar Facilities Committee reviewed the Siting Agreement and recommended approval;

NOW THEREFORE, Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the attached Siting Agreement which incorporates the approved Conditional Use Permit for the Oral Oaks Solar facility to be constructed in Lunenburg County, Virginia, and authorizes the Chairman of the Lunenburg Board of Supervisors to sign the siting agreement on behalf of the County.

I, Tracy M. Gee, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is a true, correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Lunenburg County, Virginia, by a vote of 7 to 0, as recorded below, at a regular meeting held on April 11, 2024.


Clerk, Board of County Supervisors

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Dr. Bacon	<u>✓</u>	___	___	___
Mr. Currin	<u>✓</u>	___	___	___
Mr. Edmonds	<u>✓</u>	___	___	___
Mr. Hankins	<u>✓</u>	___	___	___
Mr. Hoover	<u>✓</u>	___	___	___
Mr. Pennington	<u>✓</u>	___	___	___
Mr. Zava	<u>✓</u>	___	___	___

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Pennington, with six voting yes, and Supervisor Hoover abstaining, approved, to approve CUP 4-23: Conditional Use Permit for Jason and Ella Moses, to construct and operate a Retail Store and Shop, with conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Resolution for Conditional Use Permit 4-23: Jason and Ella Moses

WHEREAS, Jason and Ella Moses have petitioned the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors to construct and operate a Retail Store and Shop as well as Uses and Structures Accessory to Permitted Conditional Uses (livestock auction, flea market, and store selling baked goods/food items) on tax parcels 033A9-05-0-7, 033A9-03-0-2A, 033A9-05-0-8, and 033A9-05-0-9, 368 K-V Road, Victoria, VA 23974, consisting of 3.528-acres in an A-1 (Agricultural) zone.

WHEREAS, after appropriate advertisements, the Lunenburg County Planning Commission held a public hearing and duly reviewed and recommended this application to the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors for approval with the following conditions:

1. Adhere to the fire code maximum occupancy of the building.
2. Provide adequate room for law enforcement, fire, and EMS to make entrance to the parking area, building and surrounding areas on the parcel and can exit the location.
3. Maintain licensure through the State of Virginia. Display license as required by the State of Virginia.
4. Obtain any required building permits for additional structures anticipated to be added and complete all necessary requirements of the Building Inspector including, but not limited to inspections.
5. Obtain a building permit for the store/commercial kitchen within two (2) years of Conditional Use Permit approval. In the event a building permit is not obtained within two (2) years of Conditional Use Permit approval, then the applicant understands that they will be required to apply for a new Conditional Use Permit for the store/commercial kitchen.
6. Comply with all Uniform Building Codes.
7. Comply with VDOT's requirements for commercial entrance.
8. Ensure there is adequate parking on-site to prohibit parking on the side of Route 40.
9. Ensure not to impede the flow of traffic on Route 40.
10. Comply with the requirements of the Virginia Department of Agriculture including, but not limited to rules, regulations, operating procedures, inspections, licensure, livestock inspection, record retention, etc.
11. Adhere to the setback requirements in the Lunenburg County Code for A-1: Agriculture District.
12. Adhere to the sign regulations in the Lunenburg County Code for A-1: Agriculture District.
13. Agree to provide a potable domestic water supply on-site sewage disposal or sewer service connection necessary to accommodate the customers to the satisfaction of the Virginia Department of Health.

14. Properly dispose of and remove any human waste, garbage, or refuse from the Property, including waste contained in any Porta-Johns being used on the Property, in compliance with all local, state, and federal laws, on a weekly basis or as needed basis so as to prevent potentially hazardous conditions and noxious odors.
15. Comply with the Virginia Department of Health's requirements for the preparation and service of food, which includes but is not limited to inspections, licensure, etc.
16. Contact the Commissioner of Revenues office annually to complete all mandatory reporting requirements including, but not limited to annual reporting of all tangible property.
17. Comply with the County's Noise Ordinance.
18. No overnight accommodation.
19. Ensure that there is not a negative impact on the adjacent residences as well as the school traffic to Lunenburg Middle School and Central High School.
20. Comply with all federal, state, and local regulations.
21. The Conditional Use Permit is limited to the applicant and does not run with the land.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Conditional Use Permit for to construct and operate a Retail Store and Shop as well as Uses and Structures Accessory to Permitted Conditional Uses (livestock auction, flea market, and store selling baked goods/food items) on tax parcels 033A9-05-0-7, 033A9-03-0-2A, 033A9-05-0-8, and 033A9-05-0-9, 368 K-V Road, Victoria, VA 23974, consisting of 3.528-acres in an A-1 (Agricultural) zone, in accordance with the recommendation of the Lunenburg County Planning Commission contingent upon your obtaining and maintaining all necessary permits and licenses and subject to all State and Local regulations and empowers the Chairman of said Board to sign this document.

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Hankins, and unanimously approved, to approve CUP 1-24: Conditional Use Permit for Virginia Shed Company, LLC., to operate a Retail Store and Shop, with conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Resolution for Conditional Use Permit 1-24: Virginia Shed Company, LLC.

WHEREAS, Virginia Shed Company, LLC and Old Hickory Buildings have petitioned the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors to operate a Retail Store and Shop (sale of portable storage sheds and metal carports) on tax parcel 007-0A-0-2, 134 Patrick Henry Highway, Keysville, VA 23947, consisting of 5.166-acres in an A-1 (Agricultural) zone.

WHEREAS, after appropriate advertisements, the Lunenburg County Planning Commission held a public hearing and duly reviewed and recommended this application to the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors for approval with the following conditions:

- Adhere to the fire code maximum occupancy of the building
- Comply with all Uniform Building Codes
- Provide adequate room for fire, EMS, and law enforcement to make entrance to the parking area, building, and surrounding areas on the parcel and can exit the location.
- Ensure there is adequate parking, which will not impede the flow of traffic on Hwy 360.
- Adhere to the Lunenburg County Noise Ordinance.
- Comply with the Lunenburg County Code pertaining to signage in an A-1: Agricultural District.
- Trash must be contained and removed from the property on a regular basis.
- No portable storage sheds or metal carports should be placed past the existing structure, closer to Hwy 360. Comply with the Lunenburg County Code pertaining to setbacks in an A-1: Agricultural District.
- The entrance from Hwy 360 must be maintained to ensure the entrance approach is free of mud and debris from delivery trucks, employees, and customers.
- Contact the Commissioner of Revenue's office annually to complete all mandatory reporting requirements including, but not limited to annual reporting of all tangible property.
- Comply with all federal, state, and local regulations.
- The Conditional Use Permit is limited to the applicant and does not run with the property.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Conditional Use Permit for Virginia Shed Company, LLC to operate a Retail Store and Shop (sale of portable storage sheds and metal carports) on tax parcel 007-0A-0-2, 134 Patrick Henry Highway, Keysville, VA 23947, to be owned by Old Hickory Buildings, consisting of 5.166-acres in an A-1 (Agricultural) zone, in accordance with the recommendation of the Lunenburg County Planning Commission contingent upon your obtaining and maintaining all necessary permits and licenses and subject to all State and Local regulations and empowers the Chairman of said Board to sign this document.

Mrs. Jesscia Nowlin provided the school monthly report. She advised that the final ADM was 1497. She added that school superintendent would be presenting the school's budget request later in the meeting. Mrs. Nowlin shared a request for Supplemental Appropriation FY2024 #6. She noted that the funds would be used for an emergency fire sprinkler project at Victoria Elementary School and to updated the control panel for the system at Kenbridge Elementary School. She commented there could be additional expenses once the Fire Marshal performs an inspection of the completed system. Mrs. Nowlin requested the funds in the amount of \$166,315 be transferred from the general fund to the school fund for FY2024.

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Zava, and unanimously approved, to approve Supplemental Appropriation FY2024 #6 utilizing \$166,315 for an emergency fire sprinkler project at Victoria Elementary School and to updated the control panel for the system at Kenbridge Elementary School.

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April 8, 2024

Supplemental Appropriation FY2024 #6 (Carry Over of Unexpended Funds)

WHEREAS the Lunenburg County School Division had unexpended funds in the amount of \$166,315.00 from the FY2023 budget: and

WHEREAS these funds need to be appropriated in order for the funds to be expended on an emergency fire sprinkler project while also addressing required local match; and

WHEREAS these funds need to be appropriated to the School Board Budget in Fund 1, (County Fund 250);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lunenburg County School Board respectfully request the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors appropriate the additional \$166,315.00 to the FY2024 School Board Budget. The revised total budget will increase from \$27,809,266 to \$27,975,581.

Attest:

Melanie B. Currin, School Board Chairman

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Kristin T. Peebles

Kristin T. Peebles, School Board Clerk

Dr. Sharon H. Stanislas

Dr. Sharon H. Stanislas, Division Superintendent

Mr. Kevin Smith of VDOT provided the monthly report. He advised that maintenance work is ongoing. He shared that brush cutting and grass cutting has begun. He added that grass cutting on primary roads will begin mid-May and secondary roads in late May.

Administrator Gee shared a request from the Sheriff's Department to allow them to participate in a DCJS grant to receive reimbursement when carrying out temporary detention orders (TDO) and emergency custody orders (ECO). She commented that the dollar amount would not be determined until after a TDO or ECO occurs. At that point, it would be fully reimbursed.

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Pennington, with six voting yes, and Supervisor Currin abstaining, to allow the Sheriff's Office to administer the grant from Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services to receive reimbursement for completing temporary detention orders (TDO) and emergency custody orders (ECO).

Administrator Gee shared a request from the Sheriff's Office to transfer \$944.22 from the Sheriff's Compensation Board vacancy savings to the office supplies line item.

Supervisor Hoover made motion, seconded by Supervisor Pennington, with six voting yes, and Supervisor Currin abstaining, to transfer \$944.22 from the Sheriff's Compensation Board vacancy savings to the office supplies line item.

Administrator Gee advised that the Department of Social Services needs a larger vehicle with space for multiple children and car seats. They found a 2019 Ford Explorer located at Davis GMC Truck, Inc. in Farmville at a cost of \$23,995. The cost comparison for similar used models shows that the purchase is best cost. Social Services requests the use of vacancy savings from the Director position for the purchase of the vehicle.

Supervisor Hoover made motion, seconded by Supervisor Bacon, and unanimously approved, to allow the Department of Social Services to use vacancy savings to purchase a 2019 Ford Explorer at a cost of \$23,995.

Supervisor Hoover indicated that there is a need for pagers for fire service members. A budget amendment to the SHSP Radio System Services Grant was requested from VA Department of Emergency Management and approved to fund the pagers at no cost to the County. the County received three bids, with the lowest at a total cost of \$51,444 from Ray's Pager Sales.

Supervisor Hoover made motion, seconded by Supervisor Pennington, and unanimously approved, to purchase the pagers for fire service members from Ray's Pager Sales in the amount of \$51,444.

Supervisor Hankins advised that Melody Foster, Executive Director of the Commonwealth Regional Council, would be retiring and leaving the organization at the end of June. Assistant Director Todd Fortune, had also recently given notice that he had accepted employment elsewhere. Supervisor Hankins advised that interviews had been conducted for the Executive Director position and an offer had been made. He will update the Board when he has additional information.

Administrator Gee discussed the FY2024-2025 budget. She advised that she continues to work a proposed budget, however, she does not have any preliminary figures, as she is still waiting for the state's projection. She does expect a three-percent COLA increase. The School will also make their budget presentation later in the day.

Administrator Gee advised that Mrs. Sonya Blackwell is willing to serve on the Southside ASAP Board following the Piedmont ASAP dissolution.

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Currin, and unanimously approved, to appoint Mrs. Sonya Blackwell to serve on the Southside ASAP Board for a three-year term.

Administrator Gee shared that Supervisor Pennington currently serves as the Board representative on the Community Policy & Management Team (CPMT). She advised that she is willing to serve as the Board's representative in Supervisor Pennington's place. Administrator Gee also advised that the Board needed to approve the full roster of the Community Policy & Management Team.

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Pennington, and unanimously approved, to appoint Administrator Gee to serve as the Board representative on the CPMT team.

Supervisor Hankins made motion, seconded by Supervisor Pennington, and unanimously approved, to approve the full roster of the Community Policy & Management Team.

Andrea Shell, CHAIR - Lunenburg County Public Schools

Lisa Nagorsky, Lunenburg DSS

Cyntina Bagley, VICE-CHAIR - Crossroads Lunenburg

Cindy DeBusk, Piedmont Health District

Bernadine Abernathy, Court Services Unit

Stacey Newton, Parent Representative

Tracy M. Gee, Fiscal Clerk and Board of Supervisors Representative

Brande Crutchfield, CSA Coordinator and Clerk to CPMT

Administrator Gee provided her monthly report. She shared that she applied to the Department of Aviation for additional funding to pave the parking lot at the airport, as well as other projects. Administrator Gee advised that repairs have taken place at the tax office to hopefully correct the leak issues. She is still awaiting the insurance company adjustor’s final review. She shared that the Solid Waste Committee met with the two Towns to discuss commercial waste disposal. She added that research continues regarding the request to increase tonnage limits.

County Attorney Rennie reminded the Board of the ordinance approved at the March meeting regarding the regulating or prohibiting the making of fires. He presented a resolution for the Board to approve.


Supervisor Hoover made motion, seconded by Supervisor Currin, and by roll-call vote, approved, to adopt the resolution approving the ordinance regarding the regulating or prohibiting the making of fires.

RESOLUTION OF LUNENBURG COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGARDING ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE REGULATING
OR PROHIBITING THE MAKING OF FIRES

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing on March 14, 2024 at their monthly meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors approved and adopted the Lunenburg County Ordinance regarding the making/creating of fires; and issuing certain arrest warrants and summonses by a vote of 7 to 0.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors does hereby resolve that the Code of Virginia §15.2-922.1 regarding the making/creating of fires, and in issuing certain arrest warrants and summonses, is hereby approved and adopted this 14th day of March, 2024.


Chairman, Lunenburg Board of Supervisors

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Dr. Bacon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Edmonds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Hankins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Hoover	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Pennington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Currin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Zava	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

County Attorney Rennie reminded the Board that Meridian Waste had requested an increase in tonnage from 1,500 tons per day to 2,000 tons per day, which has not yet been approved. However, Meridian Waste engineers sent in a request to DEQ to accept the increase. He has forwarded a letter to DEQ stating that the Board has not approved the request yet and is studying the impacts of the increase before moving forward.

The Board took a brief recess and continued the meeting at 1:00pm at the Historic Courthouse, 11435 Courthouse Road, Lunenburg, VA for community partner budget presentations for FY2025 budget requests.

Supervisor Pennington made motion, seconded by Supervisor Zava, and unanimously approved, to reconvene at 1:00pm.

Mrs. Melody Foster, Executive Director of the Commonwealth Regional Council, stated that she would be retiring July 1st, 2024. She advised that Christin Jackson, currently employed at STEPS, Inc. would be replacing her. She stated that the CRC has assisted in obtaining \$1.2 million in grants funds for Lunenburg County in 2023, including assistance for the two towns, the Department of Forestry, and the water filtration plant. She noted that the CRC is requesting an annual contribution of \$19,000 for membership. Supervisor Hankins commented that this amount was a small investment for the amount of grant funding the CRC assists with each year.

Mrs. Foster shared a request to fund the development of a new regional economic development organization. She shared that after a recent poll, they found that sixty-one percent of businesses were unfamiliar with a regional organization and sixty-eight percent did not know what a regional organization does to help them. She shared that the organization would be similar to the Virginia's Growth Alliance (VGA) initiative. She advised that they were seeking grant funds, however, they were requesting \$2.50 per capita from each locality, resulting in \$30,078 for Lunenburg. Administrator Gee commented that some localities have used IDA funds for their initial investment. She is looking into that option to see if it is an appropriate use of IDA funds. She added that the County would be required to give the VGA six months notice to withdraw from the organization. She said that the County would need to advise VGA soon in order to get out by December 2024 and avoid paying 2025 member dues. Mrs. Foster noted that all localities have committed to the new organization thus far, except Amelia. She stated that the CRC has committed to seeing this effort through and their staff will get it started and manage it until the organization gets its own staff.

Mrs. Pam DeCamp presented the request for VA Legal Aid Society. She advised that they serve nine counties. Most of their cases involve tenant issues, domestic violence and a few unemployment cases. She shared that they are seeking a slightly higher amount this year of \$4,992, but appreciate anything the Board provides as support.

Mr. Jeff Angle, Director of Transportation for Piedmont Senior Resources, stated that the organization has served 516 clients, served 12,510 meals and provided 700 hours of community service in Lunenburg over the past year. They are requesting \$16,445. Supervisor Hankins requested that the Board consider another \$2,000 increase, as they have in prior years, if the full amount could not be funded.

Mr. JB Crenshaw, Director of the Lunenburg County Public Library System, requested an increase in funding. He noted that expenses continue to increase and they have not requested additional funding in ten years. He added that payroll is the largest piece of their budget and the increase to minimum wage has a major impact. Mr. Crenshaw shared that they have increased the programs for children and they have a lot of traffic for those in need of internet access. He thanked the Board for their consideration.

Mr. Shawn Rozier, of STEPS, Inc., spoke regarding the annual Community Action Agency request. He noted that the annual amount of \$21,500 was used to qualify for their state funding request. He requested level funding. He then spoke on the request to support their efforts as the domestic violence assistance provider. He requested \$11,000 to assist in the funding of reopening Madeline's House. Mr. Rozier advised that they have assisted forty-four households thus far, before opening the facility. He shared that they have raised over \$165,000 from the communities to get the shelter ready to open.

Mr. Douglas Randolph, Vice President of Piedmont Area Veteran's Council, made a request for \$5,000. He shared that they work with eight counties supporting veteran's and their families. He noted that they just moved into a new building, as the previous location was too small. He commented that they have received recognition as the non-profit organization of the year for the past two years. Mr. Rathgeber said that they appreciate the Board's consideration of their request for a two-year elevated support level to cover new facility costs.

Dr. Stanislas, School Superintendent, presented the school system's budget request. She shared several expenses that would be increasing. She also noted that federal funding would be decreasing due to the expiration of the ESSER grants. She advised that the Department of Education is overhauling the accreditation program, which would also increase expenses. She commented that the school system will need help through the transition. She stated that based on a projected ADM of 1500, the increase in local match from FY24 amended budget to FY25 Proposed Budget is \$1,120,918 maintaining \$100,000 above the minimum Required Local Effort and Required Local Match.

Administrator Gee advised that the Virginia Cooperative Extension Office requested additional funding to rent a conference room at the Kenbridge Town Hall to use for meeting with clients and residents. She added that Crossroads Community Services Board also requested additional funding. She advised that the Finance Committee will need to meet to review all the requests and make recommendations to the full Board. Brief discussion continued regarding the requests presented and how to support the large increase requested from the school system. The Board asked Administrator Gee to research how the Department of Education determined the Required Local Match calculation. Once additional information is obtained, the Finance Committee will schedule a meeting.

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

Tracy M. Gee, Clerk
County Administrator

Alvester L. Edmonds, Chairman
Board of Supervisors