

**LUNENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HISTORIC COURTROOM
LUNENBURG COURTHOUSE
LUNENBURG, VIRGINIA**

Minutes of August 10, 2023 Meeting

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Historic Courtroom, Lunenburg Courts Building, Lunenburg, Virginia. The following members were present: Supervisors Frank Bacon, Alvester Edmonds, Mike Hankins, Edward Pennington, Charles R. Slayton, Robert Zava, County Administrator Tracy M. Gee, Deputy Administrator Nicole A. Clark and Assistant County Attorney Drew DiStanislao. Supervisor T. Wayne Hoover and County Attorney Frank Rennie were absent.

The meeting was held in the Historic Courtroom facing Courthouse Road as the location due to the General District Court Room being utilized for a jury trial.

Chairman Slayton called the meeting to order.

Assistant County Attorney Drew DiStanislao provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Supervisor Hankins made motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmonds and unanimously approved, to approve and present the below resolutions to the Central High School Track Team and Softball Team for their accomplishments during the season.



RESOLUTION OF ACHIEVEMENT

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Track Team has completed a very successful 2023 season with "Charger Pride"; and

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Track Team had several members qualify for the State Meet with several athletes medaling in the State Finals; and

WHEREAS, team member Jamel Alexander completed and earned 1st Place in the 300 Meter Hurdles (State Champion), 2nd Place in the Triple Jump, and 3rd Place in the 110 Meter Hurdles; and

WHEREAS, team member Aiden Hadley received 4th place in the 300 Meter Hurdles; and

WHEREAS, relay team members Jamel Alexander, Aiden Hadley, Trevor Parks and Ethan Thomas received 5th Place in the 1600 Meter Relay; and

WHEREAS, team member Connor Mattox received 5th Place in the 100 Meter Dash; and

WHEREAS, team member Laniya Moses received 4th Place in the 100 Meter Dash (which tied the school's top record time) and 4th Place 200 Meter Dash; and

WHEREAS, team member Samiyah Cook placed 4th Place in Shot Put; and

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Track Team represented Lunenburg well in the State Meet and were led by coaches Wallace Owen, Derek Burke, and Mike McGrath; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors acknowledges, with respect and appreciation, the superior performance of the Central Senior High School Track Team; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board wishes continued success to each Team member and coach in their future endeavors.

DATED: August 10, 2023



RESOLUTION OF ACHIEVEMENT

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Varsity Softball Team has completed a very successful 2023 season with "Charger Pride"; and

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Varsity Softball Team went on to represent the County as Regional Champions; and

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Varsity Softball Team competed in the State Tournament winning their Quarter-final game versus Chincoteague; and

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Varsity Softball Team took a 4 – 1 loss to Rye Cove in an intense eleven inning Semi-final game; and

WHEREAS, the Central Senior High School Varsity Softball Team was led by Head Coach Adrianna Caballero and Assistant Coach Hayley Bayne, Manager Kim Lopez and team members Abby Gustaf, Andrea Hoover, Olivia Moses, Cayley Stokes, Regan Harris, Hailey Powers, Kennedy Moody, Tristan Buchanan, Lydia Anderson, Laniya Moses, and Chloe Seamster, 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 Softball Team; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board wishes continued success to each Team member and coach in their future endeavors.

DATED: August 10, 2023

Supervisor Pennington made motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmonds and unanimously approved, to accept the Consent Agenda to include the Minutes of the July 13, 2023 meeting and the following Warrants for Approval:

Additions for June 2023 printed in July 2023:
(for inclusion in FY23 expenses)

Accounts Payable: #83118-230, 83286-93	\$ 242,730.89
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July 2023:

Payroll: Direct Deposit	\$ 180,199.70
Payroll Check #2024	\$ 903.81
Payroll Taxes Federal:	\$ 59,206.28
Payroll Taxes State:	\$ 10,830.88
WIRE Debt Service	\$ 1,186,926.41
ACH Payments	\$ 158,300.87
Accounts Payable: #83231-85, 83294-358	\$ 800,599.40

July Total:	\$ 2,396,967.35
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Supervisor Pennington made motion, seconded by Supervisor Hankins, and unanimously approved, to enter into public hearing regarding the disposition of real estate owned by the County of Lunenburg to a private entity, according to Code of Virginia “§ 15.2-734 Purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of real property.”

Administrator Gee advised that the property is identified as a portion (151 +/- acres) of Tax Map Number 045-((0A))-0-34 located on Old Mansion Road and consisting of 161 +/- acres. The property had been properly advertised and the County is required to hold a public hearing for input. She advised the County received two bids from two private bidders. Administrator Gee added that bids would be further discussed by the Board in closed session. There were no speakers on the sale of the property.

Supervisor Pennington made motion, seconded by Supervisor Hankins, and unanimously approved, to exit public hearing regarding the disposition of real estate owned by the County of Lunenburg to a private entity, according to Code of Virginia “§ 15.2-734 Purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of real property.”

School Finance Director Jamyce Watson provided the monthly school revenue and expense report. She reviewed the figures and noted that some of the balances are currently negative figures, however, they are processing accruals daily and balances will continue to change. She continued that the figures for FY2022-2023 should be finalized by mid-September. Mrs. Watson then reviewed the figures for July 2023, adding those would be changing as the new school year begins.

Interim School Superintendent Dr. Sharon Stanislas advised that open house for all schools occurred earlier in the day and participation was excellent. They are looking forward to the new school year with nineteen new teachers who recently participated in orientation and professional development. Dr. Stanislas noted that they were currently undergoing a grant-funded salary study for all staff. She looks forward to getting the results of the study and sharing them with the School Board and Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Kevin Smith of VDOT provided the monthly report. He advised that all the rural rustic projects for the year will be completed by the end of August. He advised that a portion of Eubanks Road will be closed on starting September 11th for bridge repair. Mr. Smith shared that the repaving project on Main Street in Victoria is nearly complete. He thanked all for their patience during the project as it caused many traffic delays. Mr. Smith shared that the second round of cutting along primary roads in the county was almost complete and the second round for secondary roads would be starting soon. Mr. Smith commented that the second part of the Hardy Road project had begun and included trenching and widening along the road from Courthouse Road all the way to Old Mansion Road.

Administrator Gee directed the Board to the Planning & Economic Development report provided by Mrs. Taylor King. She shared the Sheriff's report and Animal Control report, as well. Administrator Gee advised that she is still working with the Treasurer's Office on final figures for carryover funds. She directed the Board to Taylor King's request to carryover remaining DEQ grant funds in the amount of \$8,782.21 and VTC ARPA funds in the amount of \$11,302.58 from FY2023 to FY2024.

Supervisor Pennington made motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmonds and unanimously approved, to carryover remaining DEQ grant funds in the amount of \$8,782.21 and VTC ARPA funds in the amount of \$11,302.58 from FY2023 to FY2024.

Administrator Gee explained that Mrs. Karen McGrath had been nominated to serve on the Workforce Investment Board as a business member with a term lasting two years.

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Hankins and unanimously approved, to appoint Mrs. Karen McGrath to serve on the Workforce Investment Board with a term of two years ending June 30, 2025.

Administrator Gee stated that the Public Safety Committee was presented with a change order for the Project LUIS Radio Communications System. The change order covers the cost for Williams Communications to engage a different tower crew to complete the MW installation in support of radio system coverage test before fall foliage. Delays in the tower agreements and approvals for the STARS LCC tower required crews to disengage. Engagement of the new crew resulted in a budget overrun of \$57,593.50. Administrator Gee noted that the project is for labor instead of infrastructure, therefore, the county cannot use ARPA funds for the change order. However, solar facilities funds can be used and the County just received \$500,000 in new solar facilities funds.

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Pennington and unanimously approved, to approve the change order to engage the new crew at a cost of \$57,593.50, utilizing solar facilities funds.

Administrator Gee provided her monthly report. She advised that she has been nominated to serve on the Southern Dominion Health Services Board of Directors. Lunenburg Medical Center is one of their facilities. The Board agreed with the appointment. She advised that she and Deputy Administrator Nicole Clark are working with neighboring counties on parcel boundary line concerns discovered following the redistricting process. Supervisor Zava inquired whether there was a district line shift near the county line closest to Southside Virginia Community College at the Lunenburg/Charlotte County Line, but there is no boundary shift. Commissioner of the Revenue Liz Hamlett commented that there were about twelve homes along this line that should be taxed in Lunenburg County, but are currently being taxed in Charlotte. Administrator Gee continued her report, advising that Community Development Director Taylor King had been made aware of a grant through PetCo which could provide assistance for the Animal Control Office. Director King submitted an application requesting funds for an additional vehicle and improvements for the animal shelter facility. Administrator Gee advised that Piedmont Regional Jail has plans to upgrade their security. She added that they may be requesting the use of ARPA funds from the member localities. She explained that all ARPA funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024.

Administrator Gee shared that she had been informed of an interest earning opportunity for the County through the current banking relationship with Benchmark Community Bank. The account is known as a "sweep account". Any funds over \$50,000 in the account are swept overnight to other financial institutions to be invested and earn interest. Administrator Gee said the County currently budgets for \$40,000 in interest per year. With the sweep account, the County has the potential to earn up to \$500,000 in interest per year.

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmondss and unanimously approved, to allow Administrator Gee and the Treasurer's Office to proceed with Benchmark Community Bank to setup and begin utilizing the ICS sweep account for eligible County funds.

Supervisor Hankins advised that he had been nominated to serve on the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions. He hopes it will be beneficial for the county to have a voice on a state-wide platform.

Assistant County Attorney Drew DiStanislao advised that the Cell Tower Ordinance Committee is working to amend the cell tower ordinance because, in 2017, the state implemented changes that made the County's ordinance out of compliance. He added that the committee would be bringing it to the Planning Commission and Board soon for further review and approval. He noted that they are still reviewing the solar facility process and how it will best serve the County. Once a recommendation is finalized, it will be presented to the Board.

Supervisor Pennington made motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmonds, and unanimously approved, to enter Closed Session citing Virginia Code Section §2.2-3711A1 for Personnel and §2.2-3711A3 Acquisition or disposition of publicly held real property.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION MEETING

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lunenburg County, Virginia ("Board") convened a Closed Session Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section §2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, requires a certification by the Board that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from Open Meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the Closed Meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the Closed Meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

VOTING YES

Supervisor Edmonds
Supervisor Hankins
Supervisor Bacon
Supervisor Pennington
Supervisor Slayton
Supervisor Zava

VOTING NO

ABSENT

Supervisor Hoover

Supervisor Zava made motion, seconded by Supervisor Pennington, and unanimously approved, to return to Open Session.

Supervisor Zava advised that the County received two bids on the County-owned property available for purchase on Old Mansion Road. One bid from Mr. Malcom Bailey is in the amount of \$500,000 and the other bid from Meridian Waste is in the amount of \$309,550.

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Hankins and approved by roll call vote, with five Supervisors voting yes, one absent, and Supervisor Pennington voting no, to accept the highest bid from Mr. Malcom Bailey in the amount of \$500,000.

**LUNENBURG COUNTY, VIRGINIA
RESOLUTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF
SALE OF PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, Lunenburg County is the owner of the property identified Tax Map Number 045-((OA))-0-34 located on Old Mansion Road Consisting of 161± acres; and

WHEREAS, Lunenburg County advertised that it was seeking sealed bids to sell the 151± acre portion of Tax Map Number 045-((OA))-0-34 (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, The Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors provided notice pursuant to Virginia Code §15.2-734 to solicit public comment regarding the disposition of the Property to a private entity; and

WHEREAS, On August 10th, at the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors Meeting, a public hearing was held regarding the disposition of the Property; and

WHEREAS, The Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors received two sealed bids, and after the public hearing, and considering the bids received, the Board of Supervisors elected to sell the Property to the highest bidder, Malcolm Bailey, pursuant to his bid and Virginia Code §15.2-734. A true and accurate copy of Mr. Bailey's bid is attached as Exhibit "A";

NOW THEREFORE, The Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the attached bid for the sale of the Property located in Lunenburg County, Virginia, and authorizes the Chairman of the Lunenburg Board of Supervisors to sign the Deed, and any other necessary documents 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 6 to 1, as recorded below, at a regular meeting held on August 10, 2023.
one absent

Tracy M. Gee

Clerk, Board of County Supervisors

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

Absent

opened TMB 8/8/23
12:02 p

Malcolm L. Bailey
Golden Leaf Farms
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Keysville, VA 23947
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Cell: 434-390-7835



August 8, 2023

County of Lunenburg
Administration Office
Tracy Gee, County Administrator
11413 Courthouse Road
Lunenburg, VA 23592

Dear Tracy,

Please allow this letter to serve as my sealed bid for the sale of real estate owed by Lunenburg County on Old Mason Road. This is for a 151 +/- portion (excluding the Animal Shelter and 10 acres) of tax map 045-((0A))-0-34, a 161 +/- acre portion.

Bid Amount 500,000.00

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Malcolm Bailey in black ink, written over a horizontal line.
Malcolm Bailey

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

Tracy M. Gee, Clerk
County Administrator

Charles R. Slayton, Chairman
Board of Supervisors