

**LUNENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GENERAL DISTRICT COURTROOM
LUNENBURG COURTS BUILDING
LUNENBURG, VIRGINIA**

Minutes of the August 11, 2022 Meeting

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the General District Courtroom, Lunenburg Courts Building, Lunenburg, Virginia. The following members were present: Supervisors Frank Bacon, Alvester Edmonds, Mike Hankins, T. Wayne Hoover, Edward Pennington, Charles R. Slayton, County Administrator Tracy M. Gee, Deputy Administrator Nicole A. Clark and Assistant County Attorney Drew DiStanislaio. Supervisor Robert Zava and County Attorney Frank Rennie were absent.

Chairman Slayton called the meeting to order.

Supervisor Edmonds provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Slayton requested additions to the agenda from the Board and the public. Supervisor Hankins requested that discussion of a proposed resolution for adoption be added as 15A. Supervisor Hoover requested that a proposed letter of support for Med-flight services be added as 8i.

Supervisor Hankins made motion, seconded by Supervisor Pennington and unanimously approved, to accept the below resolution recognizing the Lunenburg County Youth Baseball League Majors Division II All-Stars on an outstanding 2022 season.

***WHEREAS**, the Lunenburg County Youth Baseball League Majors Division II All-Stars had a very successful 2022 season representing the division; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Lunenburg County Youth Baseball League Majors Division II All-Stars won the District Five Championship held in Blackstone, VA; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Lunenburg County Youth Baseball League Majors Division II All-Stars won the State Championship held in Dinwiddie, VA; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Lunenburg County Youth Baseball League Majors Division II All-Stars represented Virginia in the World Series in Anderson, South Carolina and earned the first runner-up title, the highest title ever received by a Lunenburg County team in a Dixie Youth Baseball World Series; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Lunenburg County Youth Baseball League Majors Division II All-Stars were led by Manager Brian Nowlin, Coaches Jason Powers and Joey Mattox, and team members Kaden McClelland, Reed Nowlin, Chad Mattox, Zach Lafoon, Cohyn Parsons, Jack Bender, Logan Berkley, Kolby Powers, Vaden Liles, Logan Reese and Evan Powell, with added support from dedicated parents and family of the team members; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Lunenburg County Youth Baseball League Majors Division II All-Stars team represented the County with athleticism and good sportsmanship; and*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors congratulates the Lunenburg County Youth Baseball League Majors Division II All-Stars 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 endeavors.*

Mr. Luke Peters, Environmental Planner with the Berkley Group and consultant for the County, provided his staff report and recommendations from his team. He noted that they had carefully reviewed the application and the siting agreement. They recommend approval of the project.

Mr. Jermaine Bagley of 122 Dogwood Lane advised that his property was adjacent to the property. He stated that he had not been contacted about the project. He added that he found out about the application from a parent that lives nearby.

Ms. Patricia-Harper Tunley of 2509 Unity Road questioned if there had been a zoning change in the parcel records from Agricultural to Commercial. Administrator Gee replied that a zoning change was not needed as solar facilities are an allowed use in the A-1 District.

Mr. James Bagley, Jr. of 116 Dogwood Lane commented that he would like to know how this facility is going to help the community and the residents. He noted that there is a lot more involved than just putting up a facility; there will be increased traffic, noise and activity in the area.

Supervisor Pennington commented that he was under the impression that all the land owners were notified. Supervisor Hankins noted that he has seen a sign on location at the site. Community Development Director Taylor Newton advised that it is a county sign notifying of a pending application. Supervisor Edmonds shared that he is an adjoining landowner and has received many notices and letters regarding the project. Mr. Jermaine Bagley stated that he only recently received a notice in the mail, apparently the tax records held a former address. Mr. Bagley has contacted the Treasurer's Office to update the record. He added that he wants more details about the project. At this point, he doesn't feel he has enough information to be in favor or against the project. Mr. Vandebroek of Apex Clean Energy, advised that his company held a community meeting and sent notices to those in the community. He stated that the project and facility will have a low economic impact. Mr. Richard "Dicky" Harris, Sr., the property owner, spoke stating he has owned the property for forty years and he does not intend to cause any harm to the County or the community. He requested the Board's approval of the application.

Supervisor Zava made motion, seconded by Supervisor Pennington and unanimously approved, to exit public hearing regarding CUP-4-21 Conditional Use Permit for Dogwood Lane Solar and receive public comment on the proposed solar siting agreement with Dogwood Lane Solar, LLC.

Supervisor Hoover made motion, seconded by Supervisor Hankins and unanimously approved, to approve CUP-4-21 Conditional Use Permit for the Dogwood Lane Solar project, adding a condition requiring that any work should stop for the duration of any funeral service at the nearby funeral establishment.

Supervisor Hoover made motion, seconded by Supervisor Hankins and unanimously approved, to approve the siting agreement for the Dogwood Lane Solar project.

Assistant Superintendent and Finance Director James Abernathy presented the monthly school board report. He advised that school will be starting in the next week and they are almost fully-staffed. They have about thirty-five new personnel for the upcoming school year. Mr. Abernathy noted that they are about ninety percent finished with the new HVAC systems at the elementary schools. He added that they have spent \$3.6 million thus far and the remaining \$826,000 will come from COVID recovery funds that require a dollar-for-dollar match. They will use carryover funds and ESSER III funds for their portion. Supervisor Edmonds inquired on how they intend to keep those returning to school safe as the pandemic is still ongoing. Mr. Abernathy replied that they still have disinfecting supplies on hand and plan to continue disinfecting frequently in all schools. They also have iWave air filters installed in all ventilation units at the schools and on all buses. Administrative Services Coordinator Stacey Newton advised that the school system had been awarded a security grant. She noted that school staff have been working with local sheriff's deputies and have conducted a walk-through in all

buildings to create digital mapping aids. Schools are now using an electronic access key system and metal detectors have been installed at the entrances of the middle and high schools.

Mr. Kevin Smith provided the monthly VDOT report. Mr. Smith advised that the pipe replacement on Oral Oaks Road near the County's solid waste convenience center was completed. They coordinated with the landfill the day of the replacement. Mr. Smith noted that rumble strips would be added to Routes 40 and 49 in the coming weeks. He advised that mowing on primary roads would begin at the end of the month. Mr. Smith reported that all construction projects scheduled for 2022 had been completed. They will begin working on planned projects for Renrut Road, Epps Road and Chaffin Road in 2023.

Administrator Gee reminded the Board of their discussion regarding the Circuit Court Clerk certifying the electronic record of Board of Supervisors meetings as the official record for the County. She added that an official vote was requested to move forward with the electronic records. The Administration Office will still retain paper records.

Supervisor Pennington made motion, seconded by Supervisor Bacon, and unanimously approved, to moving forward with the Circuit Court Clerk certifying the electronic record of Board of Supervisors meetings as the official record for the County.

Administrator Gee requested the following FY2021-22 carryover funds be transferred to FY2022-23 for Emergency Services:

Victoria Fire & Rescue:	\$203,607.39
Kenbridge Fire:	\$192.42
Radio System (Meridian):	\$84,500.02

Supervisor Pennington made motion, seconded by Supervisor Bacon, and unanimously approved, to transfer the FY2021-22 carryover funds to FY2022-23 for Emergency Services, as follows, Victoria Fire & Rescue: \$203,607.39, Kenbridge Fire: \$192.42, and Radio System (Meridian): \$84,500.02.

Administrator Gee requested that the Board vote to create an escrow fund to be used for third-party expenses related to all solar projects during the CUP process from the application to completion.

Supervisor Pennington made motion, seconded by Supervisor Hankins, and unanimously approved, to create an escrow fund to be used for third-party expenses related to all solar projects during the CUP process from the application to completion.

Administrator Gee requested approval and appropriation of several DCJS Grants; \$1,968 for Sheriff's Office LLE Block Grant, Continuation Grant of \$64,833 for Kenbridge Elementary SRO (School Resource Officer), and New SRO Grant of \$64,833 for LMS SRO placement.

Supervisor Pennington made motion, seconded by Supervisor Bacon, and unanimously approved, to increase the budget and appropriate the following DCJS Grants; \$1,968 for Sheriff's Office LLE Block Grant, Continuation Grant of \$64,833 for Kenbridge Elementary SRO (School Resource Officer), and New SRO Grant of \$64,833 for LMS SRO placement.

Administrator Gee advised that the Social Services office requested the following items be declared surplus and transferred to the noted office or department.

- Animal Control:** 1- Office Desk, 3- File Cabinets, 1- box of 6/part divider file folders, 2- Blue Side Chairs
Lunenburg Circuit Court:
2- Office Desks, 3- File Cabinets, 3- Boxes of 6/part file folders

Amelia DSS: 2- Office Desk, 3- Book Cases, 3- File Cabinets, 4- Green Office Chairs, 2-small tables, 1- Desk with Hutch, 1- Rolling File Cabinet

Lunenburg Health Department: 12- File Cabinets, 1- Two-Drawer File Cabinet, 1- Rolling File Cabinet, 1- Bookcase

Lunenburg County Administration:

1 - 4/Drawer Lateral File Cabinet

Lunenburg County School Board: 2003 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN# 5018

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmonds, and unanimously approved, to declare the items listed above as surplus for the Department of Social Services and transfer them to the noted office or department.

Supervisor Hoover shared a letter of support to the Virginia State Police from the Goochland County Fire-Rescue Chief requesting to reinstate Med-Flight services back to 24 hours as soon as possible. Med-Flight recently made the decision to reduce service hours eliminating the hours between midnight and 8 a.m. due to pilot shortages. Supervisor Hoover requested that the Board consider sending a similar letter of support as small localities are dependent upon their assistance.

Supervisor Hoover made motion, seconded by Supervisor Bacon, and unanimously approved, to authorize Administrator Gee to sign and forward a letter supporting the reinstatement of Med-Flight services to 24 hours per day.

Mr. David Denny, Executive Director of Virginia's Growth Alliance, spoke before the Board to provide an overview of his first year with the organization. He advised that the organization has been designated as a LLC, which allows them to obtain private sector funds in addition to public sector. He added that they are also applying for non-profit status. This process takes about six to eight months. Mr. Denny stated that he has worked with Economic Development Director Taylor Newton to bring several prospects to look at Lunenburg properties. He added that they are trying to find an additional three acres to add to the Lunenburg Commerce Centre. The additional acreage would allow the location to be considered for additional funding resources. Mr. Denny thanked the Board for their time and support.

Economic Development Director Taylor Newton shared an application request for a Fireworks Permit. Mr. Robert and Anne Schmidt, clients of Waverly Estate event venue, have requested a permit for a private wedding on Saturday, August 27th. Fantastic Fireworks, a federally-licensed fireworks company, have provided permission from the land owners, proper license & certification documentation and proof of insurance information. Ms. Newton explained that the company's insurance provider requires a fire tanker to be on site during the display. She noted that staff recommend approval of the permit with the condition that local EMS services, required by insurance, are paid for their time and equipment.

Supervisor Hoover made motion, seconded by Supervisor Bacon, and unanimously approved, to approve the request from Fantastic Fireworks for a permit displaying fireworks at Waverly Estate on August 27th, with the condition that local EMS Services on site for the event be compensated accordingly.

Economic Development Director Taylor Newton shared her monthly report. She noted that the 911 fiber lines connecting the Town of Victoria and the Courthouse Complex have been installed. The next step is to hook the equipment at designated locations into the fiber connection. Ms. Newton notified the Board that the CRC will be hosting FOIA training on September 16th in Farmville for anyone wishing to attend. Also, Ms. Newton is scheduled to sit for her Zoning Administrator Certification Exam on September 11th.

Administrator Gee provided her monthly report. She advised that the Solid Waste Committee and Citizens Advisory Board had recently met. They discussed disposal of tires and potential recycling options. The

committee recommends a one-day event at the landfill to accept up to four passenger tires at no charge to county residents on November 12th. Administrator Gee advised that Meridian Waste engineering firm's soil testing at the Animal Shelter location is complete; some of the samples were acceptable and some were not. She advised that they are interested in a lease or purchase of property option coming in the next few months. Administrator Gee noted that the Public Safety Committee would need to meet soon and designate recipients of the annual community donations from Meridian Waste totaling \$50,000. She shared an article from a local newspaper regarding the de-funding of community partner Madeline's House. She said that the County's appropriation to Madeline's House will be held until a final determination is made or more information is available.

Supervisor Hankins made motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmonds, and unanimously approved, to create and present a Resolution of Retirement to Mr. Richard "Dicky" Harris, Sr. for his service to the county as the Town of Kenbridge Mayor and Kenbridge Fire Chief at the September meeting.

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

Tracy M. Gee, Clerk
County Administrator

Charles R. Slayton, Chairman
Board of Supervisors