



**Board of Supervisors
County of Louisa
Monday, March 3, 2025
Louisa County Public Meeting Room
3:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER - 3:30 P.M.

Chairman Adams called the March 3, 2025, budget worksession of the Louisa County Board of Supervisors to order at 3:30 p.m.

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Tommy J. Barlow | Mountain Road District Supervisor | Present | 3:30 PM |
| Fitzgerald A. Barnes | Patrick Henry District Supervisor | Present | 3:30 PM |
| Christopher C. McCotter | Cuckoo District Supervisor | Present | 3:30 PM |
| H. Manning Woodward, III | Louisa County Supervisor | Present | 3:30 PM |
| R. T. Williams | Jackson District Supervisor | Present | 3:30 PM |
| Duane A. Adams | Mineral District Supervisor | Present | 3:30 PM |
| Rachel G. Jones | Green Springs District Supervisor | Present | 3:30 PM |

Others Present: Christian Goodwin, County Administrator; Wanda Colvin, Deputy County Administrator/Director of Finance; Chris Coon, Deputy County Administrator; Alexandra Stanley, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk; and Scott Raettig, Director of Information Technology

DISCUSSIONS

Discussion - FY2026 Operational & Maintenance and Capital Improvement Plan Budget

Ms. Wanda Colvin, Deputy County Administrator and Director of Finance, opened the meeting by summarizing the purpose of the session—to evaluate the final outside agency funding requests.

The budget work session was dedicated to hearing the remaining outside agency budget requests for FY26, specifically from:

- Fluvanna/Louisa Housing Foundation (FLHF)
- Louisa County Historical Society
- Jefferson Area Board for Aging (JABA)

Fluvanna/Louisa Housing Foundation (FLHF)

Ms. Kim Hyland, Executive Director, provided an in-depth overview of their budget request and funding sources. FLHF receives Housing Block Grant (HBG) funds and additional grant support from Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPD) for new construction projects. Ms. Hyland gave an outline of the HBG grant application process, including the necessary qualifications and approval steps. She noted the agency is exploring tax abatements for certain residents in need of housing assistance. FLHF actively utilizes grants for critical home infrastructure repairs, specifically well and septic system improvements. The agency is pursuing additional grant opportunities to supplement housing support initiatives and continues to seek

donations to cover the cost of installing free accessibility ramps for qualifying residents.

The Board engaged in a discussion and posed specific questions to FLHF representatives, including:

1. Tax Abatement – How feasible is tax abatement for qualifying residents, and what is the expected financial impact on the county?
2. Ramp Installations – How many accessibility ramps are installed annually, and what is the estimated need in the community?
3. Current Staffing & Needs – FLHF outlined its current staffing levels and what additional personnel may be needed for new construction projects.
4. Occupational Therapists & HBG Grants – Since occupational therapists are tied to the HBG grant funding, the Board recommended potential partnerships with local agencies that employ occupational therapists to strengthen the program.

The Board thanked FLHF for the presentation and took their funding request under advisement, pending final budget approval.

Louisa Arts Center

Ms. Kim Welch, Director of the Louisa Arts Center, presented an overview of the center's mission, programs, and budget request for FY26. Ms. Welch provided details on the various funding sources supporting the Arts Center, including: ticket sales, donations, grant funding, and concessions revenue. She noted the Art Bus initiative was highlighted, which travels throughout the community to provide free art services to local schools. Welch emphasized her commitment to providing quality arts programming while working toward long-term sustainability by recruiting more volunteers and increasing community engagement.

The Board acknowledged the value of the Louisa Arts Center and its contributions to the cultural and artistic development of the county.

Ms. Welch asked the Board whether they anticipated the Louisa Arts Center becoming 100% self-sufficient with no county support in the future.

The Board stated that their long-term goal is for some agencies to transition toward self-sufficiency, but they recognize this will take time and should be considered on a case-by-case basis.

JABA (Jefferson Area Board for Aging)

The Board agreed to fund their full request, which was also the Finance Committee's recommendation.

Louisa County Historical Society

The Board agreed to fund \$10,000 from the general fund and \$13,260 for the Visitors Center in FY26 through the tourism grant process.

Adjournment

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adjourn the March 3, 2025, budget worksession.

BY ORDER OF:
DUANE A. ADAMS, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
LOUISA COUNTY, VIRGINIA