



**Board of Supervisors  
County of Louisa  
Monday, March 2, 2026  
Louisa County Public Meeting Room  
5:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER - 5:00 P.M.**

Chairman Adams called the March 2, 2026, meeting of the Louisa County Board of Supervisors to order at 5:00 p.m.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Tommy J. Barlow	Mountain Road District Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM
Fitzgerald A. Barnes	Patrick Henry District Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM
Christopher C. McCotter	Cuckoo District Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM
H. Manning Woodward, III	Louisa County Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM
R. T. Williams	Jackson District Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM
Duane A. Adams	Mineral District Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM
Rachel G. Jones	Green Springs District Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM

**Others Present:** Christian Goodwin, County Administrator; Chris Coon, Deputy County Administrator; Wanda Colvin, Deputy County Administrator; Patricia Smith, County Attorney; William Newman, Assistant County Attorney; Alexandra Stanley, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk; Cindy King, Community Engagement and Tourism Manager; Griff Carmichael, Director of Human Resources; Adny Wade, Director of Economic Development; and Scott Raettig, Director of Information Technology

**CLOSED SESSION**

On the motion of Vice Chairman Barlow, seconded by Supervisor Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0 the Board voted to enter Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following:

1. In accordance with §2.2-3711(A)(8), Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

**REGULAR SESSION**

On the motion of Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to return to Regular Session at 6:00 p.m.

**RESOLUTION - CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

<b>Voter</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Tommy J. Barlow	Voter	Yes/Aye
Fitzgerald A. Barnes	Seconder	Yes/Aye
R.T. Williams, Jr.	Mover	Yes/Aye

Christopher C. McCotter	Voter	Yes/Aye
Duane A. Adams	Voter	Yes/Aye
Rachel G. Jones	Voter	Yes/Aye
H. Manning Woodward, III	Voter	Yes/Aye

On the motion of Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Louisa County Board of Supervisors has convened a Closed Meeting this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2026, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

**WHEREAS**, §2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Louisa County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with the Virginia Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2026, that the Louisa County Board of Supervisors does hereby certify 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 was heard, discussed or considered by the Louisa County Board of Supervisors.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS - 6:00 P.M.**

#### **INVOCATION**

Supervisor Williams led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On the motion of Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the agenda, as amendment, with the following changes:

- Added a resolution proclaiming March 1-7, 2026, as Women in Construction Week to Consent Agenda;
- Added a resolution authorizing a letter of support for the FY27 community project funding request submitted by Fluvanna-Louisa Housing Foundation to Consent Agenda;
- Added a resolution authorizing a letter of support for the FY28 congressionally directed funding request submitted by Lake Anna Advisory Committee to Consent Agenda; and
- Added a recognition proclaiming March 1-7, 2026, as Women in Construction Week to Recognitions.

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

#### **Board of Supervisors Budget Worksession Minutes – February 17, 2026**

On the motion of Supervisor Barnes, seconded by Supervisor McCotter, which carried by

a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2026, budget worksession.

### **Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2026**

On the motion of Supervisor Barnes, seconded by Supervisor McCotter, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2026, regular meeting.

### **BILLS APPROVAL**

#### **Resolution – To Approve the Bills for the Second Half of February 2026**

On the motion of Supervisor Barnes, seconded by Supervisor McCotter, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board adopted a resolution approving the bills for second half of February 2026.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

On the motion of Supervisor Barnes, seconded by Supervisor McCotter, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Resolution - To Approve and Award a Contract for Supplying and Delivering Bottled Drinking Water
2. Resolution - To Approve and Award a Contract for Roofing and Siding Services
3. Resolution - Pass Through Appropriation to the Louisa County Airport for State Aviation Grant Funding
4. Resolution - Proclaiming March 1-7, 2026, as Women in Construction Week
5. Resolution - Authorizing a Letter of Support for the FY27 Community Project Funding Request Submitted by Fluvanna-Louisa Housing Foundation
6. Resolution - Authorizing a Letter of Support for the FY27 Congressionally Directed Funding Request Submitted by Lake Anna Advisory Committee

### **RECOGNITIONS**

#### **Recognition – Recognizing and Commending Gordon Brooks for His Dedicated Service on the Louisa County Planning Commission**

The Board recognized Gordon Brooks for his dedicated service on the Louisa County Planning Commission. Members of the Board expressed their appreciation for Mr. Brooks' time, commitment, and the respect and dignity with which he served the County during his tenure. Supervisor Barlow presented Mr. Brooks with a framed resolution in recognition of his service and contributions to Louisa County.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chairman Adams opened the public comment period.

Mr. David Purcell, Louisa District, (Town of Louisa), addressed the Board regarding the proposed ValleyLink power line project that would pass through the rural areas of Louisa County. Mr. Purcell stated that he is opposed to the project, expressing concern that the power

line would negatively impact the rural character of the County. He urged the Board to unanimously issue a statement, resolution, or other formal action expressing opposition to the proposed power line.

Mr. Adams Combs, Louisa District, addressed the Board regarding the proposed ValleyLink transmission line and data center development. Mr. Combs stated that he hoped Board members had taken time to research the issue and thanked Supervisor Jones for attending a recent community meeting and showing support for residents concerned about the project. Mr. Combs expressed opposition to the proposed overhead transmission lines, citing concerns including potential health impacts related to electromagnetic fields (EMF), noise pollution, and potential impacts on property values. He also raised questions regarding the energy demand associated with proposed data center developments in the area, particularly referencing a large facility proposed along Route 33. Mr. Combs questioned where the electrical capacity required for such facilities would originate and whether adequate planning had been conducted to account for the associated power needs. During his remarks, Mr. Combs questioned the Board's actions regarding the project and suggested that the Board was not being sufficiently proactive in opposing the proposed power lines. He further alleged that Dominion Energy's involvement raised concerns about whether the Board was being influenced or financially motivated to allow the project to proceed. Mr. Combs advocated for consideration of alternative transmission methods, specifically underground high-voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission lines rather than traditional overhead infrastructure, and referenced international examples of long-distance HVDC transmission projects. He concluded by urging the Board to conduct additional research, consider underground HVDC transmission options, and revisit the issue before allowing the project to move forward.

Mr. Hurley Lucckese, Patrick Henry District, addressed the Board regarding the proposed resolution on the evening's agenda related to the 2026 Virginia redistricting proposal. Mr. Lucckese stated that the redistricting effort was intended as a response to concerns about gerrymandering occurring in other states, including Texas, and was meant to promote fairness and representation on a national level. He expressed concern about local governments issuing statements opposing the proposed redistricting, stating that such actions could discourage citizens from researching the issue and considering both the potential benefits and drawbacks of the proposal. Mr. Lucckese emphasized the importance of allowing Virginia voters to exercise their constitutional role in determining redistricting matters. The speaker encouraged the Board to consider multiple perspectives, engage in thoughtful discussion, and avoid approaching the issue strictly through partisan viewpoints. He concluded by urging the Board to focus on what is best for the Louisa County community and to be mindful of how public statements may influence public understanding of the issue.

Mr. Roy Waters, Mineral District, addressed the Board and thanked the members for their service. Mr. Waters requested clarification regarding proposed rezoning language to ensure that family divisions would remain excluded from new restrictions. He also asked for an update on the TOD rollback related to the Fisher Chewing property. Mr. Waters expressed concerns about several budget priorities, including funding for the animal shelter, the maintenance shop, and expenditures related to inmate medical care. He also discussed tax assessments and personal property tax relief, suggesting the County consider reallocating funds to accelerate tax relief efforts. Additionally, Mr. Waters raised concerns about heavy construction traffic along Route 33 associated with the Northeast Creek Data Center project, citing safety concerns near a school bus stop, and asked who is responsible for water used for dust control during construction.

Mr. Ed Bailey, Albemarle County Resident, addressed the Board regarding the proposed ValleyLink transmission line. Mr. Bailey noted that under Virginia law, property owners generally cannot recover damages for loss of property or business value caused by a transmission line constructed on another property, meaning nearby landowners and businesses could bear any resulting financial impacts. Mr. Bailey referenced a Virginia Supreme Court case supporting this legal framework and encouraged the Board to request that ValleyLink evaluate underground transmission alternatives and provide information on the potential cost of such an option.

Mr. Mark Itzkoff, Cuckoo District, addressed the Board regarding the proposed resolution on the Virginia redistricting amendment. Mr. Itzkoff expressed opposition to the resolution and asked the Board to refrain from adopting it until Louisa residents have had the opportunity to review and discuss the amendment. Mr. Itzkoff stated that he supports the proposed amendment and encouraged Louisa voters to vote in favor of it, noting that the measure would remain in effect only until the 2030 census and is intended to ensure fairness in the redistricting process.

Ms. Melissa Young, Louisa District (Town of Louisa), addressed the Board in opposition to the proposed ValleyLink 765 kV transmission line, expressing concerns about potential impacts on nearby schools, property values, and the rural character of the County. She also raised concerns about possible health and safety risks associated with overhead transmission lines and encouraged consideration of underground alternatives. Additionally, Ms. Young asked for an update on the new turf athletic fields, noting that student athletes are eager to begin using them and requesting information on when the fields may be ready for use.

Ms. Robin Horne, Mineral District, addressed the Board regarding the proposed ValleyLink Dominion transmission line project. Ms. Horn expressed concerns about the potential impacts on private property, farms, and the rural landscape of Louisa County. She also noted difficulty submitting comments through the ValleyLink website despite being invited to provide input. Ms. Horne stated that Louisa County has previously supported major energy infrastructure projects and urged the Board to adopt a resolution opposing the proposed transmission line and explore alternative solutions.

Mr. Colby Horne, Mineral District, addressed the Board regarding the proposed ValleyLink 765 kV transmission line. Mr. Horne stated that he was speaking as a property owner and parent concerned about the potential impact of the project on his family and community. Mr. Horne expressed opposition to the proposed transmission line, stating that he believes it could negatively affect property values, the rural character of Louisa County, and the quality of life of nearby residents. He also raised concerns about potential noise and electromagnetic field exposure associated with high-voltage transmission infrastructure. Mr. Horne urged the Board to place the interests of local residents first, explore alternative solutions, and adopt a resolution opposing the ValleyLink project.

Chairman Adams acknowledged that a written comment had been received and, at the request of the submitter, asked that it be made part of the public meeting record. (See Appendix A.)

*The following speakers either did not complete a comment card or submitted their card after the meeting; therefore, names and spellings may be inaccurate.*

Ms. Paula Durbin Westby, Yanceyville Road, addressed the Board regarding the proposed ValleyLink 765 kV transmission line. Ms. Westby stated that she had spoken with several neighbors who reported they had not received notification letters about the potential route. Ms. Westby urged the Board to issue a strong resolution opposing the project, and stated that if the project proceeds, she believes the transmission lines should be installed underground rather than overhead. She also expressed concerns about potential fire risks, noise, property value impacts, and safety issues related to transmission infrastructure, particularly for vulnerable residents in the area. Ms. Westby also encouraged the Board to consider supporting community efforts opposing the project.

Ms. Juanita Jo Matkins, Yanceyville Road, addressed the Board regarding the proposed Virginia redistricting amendment, stating that she supports the measure and encouraged voters to approve it. Ms. Matkins discussed the importance of checks and balances within the federal government and expressed her belief that the amendment is necessary to protect democratic processes. Ms. Matkins also noted that she is a member of Yanceyville Church, which owns property used for conservation and a youth summer nature camp that could be affected by the proposed ValleyLink transmission line route. She expressed support for placing the transmission line underground.

Dr. Michael Huffman, Louisa District, addressed the Board regarding the proposed Virginia redistricting amendment, stating that he opposed the measure. Dr. Huffman, who identified himself as the Executive Director of the Virginia Assembly of Independent Baptists and a professor of constitutional law, stated that he believes the amendment does not comply with provisions of the Virginia Constitution and state law governing the constitutional amendment process. Dr. Huffman referenced concerns related to the 90-day requirement between passage of an amendment resolution and the election, the timing of notice provided to local courts and registrars, and procedures related to the amendment's legislative passage. He stated that he believes the amendment process violated Article XII of the Virginia Constitution and provisions of the Code of Virginia, and encouraged citizens to vote against the referendum.

Mr. Jerl Purcell, Louisa District, addressed the Board regarding the proposed ValleyLink 765 kV transmission line. Mr. Purcell stated that while he supports the need for a reliable electric grid, he is concerned about the proposed routing of the overhead transmission line through actively managed agricultural and forest land in Louisa County. Mr. Purcell emphasized that farmland and timberland should not be characterized as "undeveloped," noting that such land is actively used for agricultural production, forestry, and economic activity and contributes to the County's rural character. He expressed concern that the proposed infrastructure could permanently alter working farms and forest operations. Mr. Purcell urged the Board to formally oppose the proposal and request that the State Corporation Commission consider alternatives, such as locating infrastructure alongside existing corridors, underground routing, or placing generation facilities closer to areas of high demand. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak.

Ms. Helene Purcell, Louisa District, addressed the Board regarding the proposed ValleyLink transmission line. Ms. Purcell stated that she had spent time speaking with neighbors about the project and noted that some residents had only recently received notification letters or were not yet aware of the proposal. Ms. Purcell expressed concern about potential property value impacts, particularly for homeowners whose properties may be near the proposed route but not directly affected by the right-of-way. She described speaking with a nearby homeowner who had recently built a house and may be impacted by the proposed route. Ms. Purcell also shared concerns about

the potential effects of the project on farmland, wildlife, and the rural character of the area, noting the stewardship of her property and the presence of local wildlife.

Mr. Butch Duke, Patrick Henry District, addressed the Board regarding the proposed ValleyLink transmission line. Mr. Duke stated that he opposed the project as currently proposed and encouraged the Board to send a strongly worded letter expressing opposition. Mr. Duke expressed concern that the transmission line would primarily serve energy demand in Northern Virginia, while providing little direct benefit to Louisa County. He also suggested that future transmission infrastructure associated with data center development should be installed underground rather than overhead.

Mr. Mitchell Sasser, Louisa District (Town of Louisa), addressed the Board regarding a virtual town hall hosted by Delegate Amy Laufer, Delegate Katrina Callsen, and Senator Creigh Deeds. Mr. Sasser stated that during the discussion Senator Deeds referenced the proposed phase-out of the sales and use tax exemption for data centers in the Senate's budget proposal. Mr. Sasser noted that Senator Deeds indicated the exemption, originally projected to cost approximately \$1.6 million annually when introduced in 2008, is now estimated to represent approximately \$1.9 billion in foregone state tax revenue. Mr. Sasser also stated that Senator Deeds indicated the proposal to end the exemption would likely be a significant topic during the remaining weeks of the legislative session. Mr. Sasser stated that Senator Deeds referenced hearing concerns from Louisa County officials regarding the proposal due to the County's anticipated data center revenue. Mr. Sasser noted that he was preparing an article summarizing the virtual town hall and invited any Board members who had communicated with Senator Deeds about the issue to speak with him following the meeting.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chairman Adams closed the public comment period.

## **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Resolution – Opposing the Congressional Redistricting Constitutional Amendment**

Chairman Adams asked County Administrator Goodwin to read the proposed resolution. Administrator Goodwin indicated that the information was included in the Board packet and had been released for public review the previous week. He read the resolution as follows:

#### **A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**WHEREAS**, a Constitutional Amendment (Article II, Section 6-A) was approved by Virginia's voters in 2020 and the Virginia Redistricting Commission was accordingly created; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendment received broad support across the Commonwealth of Virginia, with 2,287,091 Virginians favoring the measure; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Commission was established to convene in 2020, and every ten years thereafter, "for the purpose of establishing districts for the U.S. House of Representatives, the Senate of Virginia and the Virginia House of Delegates" pursuant to the Constitution of Virginia; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Commission ended partisan gerrymandering of Virginia's legislative districts, creating compact, legally compliant, and contiguous districts; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia General Assembly called for a Special Session during the last week of October 2025 to propose a Constitutional Amendment that would amend the Constitution of Virginia by allowing the General Assembly to redraw the Congressional Districts in a partisan manner which is contrary to the Commission's goals; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia General Assembly passed HB 1384, which would force a vote on a constitutional amendment regarding the issue; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia General Assembly set the associated election date for April 21 with early voting beginning on March 6, and should the amendment be approved, Louisa County would be placed in the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District would include Powhatan, Goochland, Orange, Greene, Madison Culpeper Counties, and parts of Buckingham, Cumberland, Rockingham, Augusta, Fauquier, Prince William, Fairfax and Arlington Counties; and,

**WHEREAS**, Louisa County has little in common with some of these localities, and the proposed 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District is neither as compact nor contiguous as the current 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, and the County questions the fairness of the measure to our citizens; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 2nd day of March, 2026, that the Louisa County Board of Supervisors does hereby,

1. Express support for existing legislative districts that are compact, contiguous, and compliant with applicable law.
2. Express strong opposition to the proposed Constitutional Amendment which utilizes partisan gerrymandering.
3. Encourage the citizens of Louisa to exercise their right to vote on the proposed amendment.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Louisa County's General Assembly representatives and the Governor of Virginia.

Supervisor Williams stated that he had requested a change to language encouraging citizens to oppose the amendment so that it would instead encourage citizens of Louisa County to exercise their right to vote on the proposed amendment. He noted that while the "Whereas" statements in the resolution reflected factual background, he did not initially recognize that the resolution title and language in the document expressed opposition to the proposed amendment. Supervisor Williams expressed his view that the Board should avoid engaging in partisan political disputes and instead focus on encouraging civic participation. He stated that the role of the Board should be to ensure citizens are aware of the issue and encouraged to vote based on their own views.

Supervisor Williams proposed revising the title of the resolution to read "*A Resolution Concerning the Congressional Redistricting Constitutional Amendment*" rather than expressing opposition, and to revise language in the resolution to express strong concern regarding the proposed amendment rather than opposition.

Supervisor Williams then moved to amend the resolution by changing the title and modifying the language to express concern while encouraging Louisa County citizens to exercise their right to vote and decide the matter for themselves.

Supervisor Woodward stated that he agreed with the comments made by Supervisor Williams. He expressed the view that the Board should not take a position directing citizens on how to vote on the proposed amendment, but rather acknowledge concerns regarding the issue. Supervisor Woodward commented that the broader issues surrounding the matter stem from actions at the federal level, and stated that he believes responding with similar actions would not resolve the situation. He emphasized that citizens of Louisa County are capable of making their own decisions regarding the referendum and that the Board should not instruct voters on how they should vote.

Supervisor Barnes stated that he did not know how the vote would ultimately proceed but expressed that he was proud of the Board and its focus on putting Louisa County first.

Supervisor McCotter stated that he believes gerrymandering is wrong and noted that he supported allowing the citizens of Louisa County to decide the issue for themselves through the voting process.

Supervisor Barlow also commented that when reviewing the proposal, it appeared to return to practices the redistricting process was intended to avoid, and expressed concern about reverting to partisan redistricting.

Following discussion, the question was called, and the Chairman asked for a vote.

On the motion of Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Barnes, which carried by a vote of 6-1, with Supervisor Barlow voting against, the Board voted to adopt the resolution, with the proposed amendments to the title and body of the resolution given by Supervisor Williams.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

(None)

### **NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Resolution – Authorizing a Budget Supplement to Central Virginia Regional Jail for Medical Expenses**

Supervisor Williams briefly addressed a comment raised during the public comment period regarding inmate medical expenses. He explained that the County is required to pay its share of medical costs for individuals incarcerated at Central Virginia Regional Jail, noting that these expenses are mandated and not discretionary.

Ms. Colvin shared that the Central Virginia Regional Jail (CVRJ) has incurred \$172,701 in additional medical services costs for the period of July 2025 to December 2025 for Louisa County inmates. The Central Virginia Regional Jail (CVRJ) also expects to incur further medical services costs for the rest of FY2026 (January 2026 to June 2026) for Louisa County inmates in

the amount of \$313,000. She noted these additional costs were not included in the current FY2026 allocation to CVRJ and Louisa County is required to cover such costs for county residents that are incarcerated in the CVRJ facility.

On the motion of Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted authorize a budget supplement for FY2026 in the amount of \$485,701 to the Central Virginia Regional Jail (10033100-456000) to cover inmate medical billing cost incurred as of December 2025. The source of General Fund Balance.

## **SUPERVISOR COMMENTS**

### **Green Springs District**

Supervisor Jones stated that she had attended a recent community meeting at Southern Revere Cellars where residents discussed concerns regarding the proposed ValleyLink transmission line project. She noted that many residents expressed strong emotions, including fear and concern about potential impacts to their property, health, land, and local schools.

Supervisor Jones stated that she understands the concerns being raised by residents and acknowledged that the project could significantly change the landscape and character of Louisa County. She reflected on past infrastructure projects in the County, including Interstate 64 and the North Anna Power Station, noting that those projects also had lasting impacts on local land and communities.

Supervisor Jones stated that she believes the County should oppose the proposed overhead transmission lines associated with the ValleyLink project. She indicated that she would be interested in learning more about underground alternatives, but stated that she supports opposing overhead transmission infrastructure. She requested that the Board consider bringing forward a resolution of opposition at a future meeting.

### **Jackson District**

Supervisor Williams addressed comments made during the public comment period regarding family divisions and potential zoning changes. He stated that he strongly supports maintaining the current provisions allowing family divisions, noting that they are important for residents who have long lived in the County. However, he indicated that he may propose a policy change requiring individuals to reside on property for a period of time, such as five years, before utilizing a family division, explaining that the provision was intended to benefit established residents rather than new purchasers immediately subdividing property.

Supervisor Williams also emphasized the importance of respectful dialogue and civic engagement, noting that residents have the right to share their views and the Board has the responsibility to listen and consider those perspectives. He stated that the Board seeks to work with citizens to address concerns and make decisions in the best interest of Louisa County.

Supervisor Williams further commented on the County's continued progress, highlighting recent investments in broadband expansion, the school system, and other community improvements, and stated that while the Board may not always make perfect decisions, members strive to act in what they believe to be the best interest of County residents. He thanked citizens for their participation and engagement.

**Patrick Henry District**

Supervisor Barnes acknowledged the concerns expressed by residents and stated that he understands the emotions involved when citizens are working to protect their homes and property. He noted that Board members experience many of the same challenges as other residents, including rising costs and property assessments and utility bills.

Supervisor Barnes emphasized that while the Board will do what it can within its authority, other levels of government are also involved in the decision-making process. He encouraged residents to contact their state representatives and members of the General Assembly, as well as the State Corporation Commission, to share their concerns regarding the matter. He thanked citizens for attending and expressing their views.

**Louisa District**

Supervisor Woodward stated that he agreed with Supervisor Jones regarding the proposed ValleyLink transmission line, noting that he believes the Board should send a strong message in opposition to overhead transmission lines being constructed through Louisa County. He stated that if underground alternatives were proposed, the Board could consider those options, but expressed that overhead lines would not be suitable within the County.

Supervisor Woodward also commented on recent increases in electric utility bills, noting that he had received numerous calls, emails, and messages from residents expressing concern about rising costs. While acknowledging that colder winter temperatures contributed to higher bills, he stated that approved rate increases have also affected residents and emphasized that many citizens are experiencing financial strain.

Supervisor Woodward suggested that the County should consider communicating concerns to the State Corporation Commission regarding future utility rate increases, emphasizing the need for careful consideration of the impact on residents.

**Cuckoo District**

Supervisor McCotter thanked the Chairman for assistance with addressing concerns related to Kentucky Springs Road near the Lake Anna Technology Campus, noting that progress was made on the issue after the matter received attention. He stated that the Cuckoo District appreciates the efforts to help resolve the situation.

**Mineral District**

Chairman Adams commented on the proposed ValleyLink transmission line, noting that while Louisa County has historically had a positive relationship with Dominion Energy and the North Anna Power Station, appreciation for those partnerships does not require agreement with every project that may be proposed.

Chairman Adams stated that he understands the need for reliable power infrastructure but expressed concerns about the proposed routing of the transmission line through rural counties, including Louisa. He stated that he believes the project could have long-term impacts on the character of the County and expressed concern about how the route was selected.

Chairman Adams noted that while the Board does not have direct authority over the siting of the transmission line, it does have a responsibility to represent the interests and concerns of County residents and ensure their voices are heard by those responsible for making the final decision. He stated that he has had conversations with Dominion representatives and emphasized the importance of continued dialogue.

Chairman Adams expressed support for the Board adopting a strongly worded resolution opposing the proposed transmission line and encouraging Dominion and ValleyLink to explore alternative options, including underground routing or other potential routes. He also raised concerns about public notification, noting that some residents close to the proposed route reported not receiving notice while others located farther away had.

Chairman Adams concluded by stating that he believes the proposed project could significantly change the character of Louisa County, and that it is important for the Board to clearly communicate the concerns of the community.

Supervisor Jones made a motion that the Board oppose the proposed ValleyLink Joshua Falls transmission line through Louisa County and that a resolution reflecting the Board's opposition be presented at the next Board meeting. Woodward seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **Committee Reports**

(None)

### **Board Appointments**

On the motion of Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to make the following appointments/reappointments:

1. To appoint Ms. Linda Cullins to represent one of the Mineral District seats of the Commission on Aging.

### **County Administrator's Report**

Administrator Goodwin provided his report to the Board. He noted that the Comprehensive Plan survey had recently closed and received nearly 2,200 responses, which exceeded participation levels from the previous Comprehensive Plan survey. He stated that staff will compile the results and present a report of the findings at the next Board meeting.

Administrator Goodwin also reported that staff is monitoring legislative activity in the Virginia General Assembly, noting that a number of proposals related to energy, housing, land use, taxation, and other issues affecting local governments are currently under consideration. He encouraged Board members to remain in communication with the County's legislative representatives regarding these matters.

Administrator Goodwin provided an update on the new turf fields, stating that staff is working to finalize the project and expects to have additional information on opening dates soon.

He also reminded residents of upcoming budget town hall meetings, scheduled for March 24, March 31, and April 1 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., to be held at Jouett Elementary School, Louisa County Middle School, and Trevilians Elementary School, respectively. He stated that the meetings will include a short presentation followed by opportunities for public questions and discussion.

Finally, Administrator Goodwin announced several upcoming community events, including the Easter Extravaganza at the Louisa County Fairgrounds on March 28 and Household Hazardous Waste Day scheduled for April 25, and encouraged residents to participate. He concluded his remarks and offered to answer any questions from the Board.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **Public Hearing – Dominion State of the Station Address**

Mr. Andre May, External Affairs Representative for Dominion Energy, introduced the annual State of the Station Address for North Anna Power Station. Mr. May stated that the presentation would be delivered by Mr. Jim Jenkins, Site Vice President of North Anna Power Station.

Mr. Jim Jenkins, Site Vice President, addressed the Board and provided an overview of the station's performance and operations. Mr. Jenkins noted that North Anna continues to maintain industry-leading performance, generating safe, reliable, low-cost, carbon-free electricity and supplying more than 15 percent of Virginia's electricity.

Mr. Jenkins reported that Units 1 and 2 achieved a combined capacity factor of 90.48 percent in 2025, exceeding the station's performance goal. He explained that scheduled refueling outages occurred for both units during the year, including a 41-day refueling outage and maintenance outage for Unit 1 and a 34-day refueling outage for Unit 2. The station produced enough electricity in 2025 to supply approximately 475,000 homes for the majority of the year.

Mr. Jenkins stated that safety remains the station's highest priority. He reported that there were no declared emergencies in 2025, and a Nuclear Regulatory Commission emergency preparedness inspection resulted in no findings. The station retained the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations' highest rating and remained in the licensee response category of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Action Matrix, the most favorable classification.

Mr. Jenkins also provided an overview of workplace safety performance, reporting two OSHA-recordable injuries and nine first-aid events during the year. He noted that North Anna remains a Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Voluntary Protection Program Star Worksite, recognizing the station's commitment to safety and health management.

Regarding environmental monitoring, Mr. Jenkins reported that no required reportable environmental events occurred in 2025. He noted that elevated tritium levels were detected in several monitoring wells on station property in July 2025, and that the source was identified and repaired. He stated that monitoring confirmed the issue remained localized within the protected area and posed no threat to employees, the public, groundwater, or Lake Anna.

Mr. Jenkins also discussed the station's ongoing management of spent nuclear fuel, noting that fuel continues to be transferred to the station's independent spent fuel storage installation and

thanking the County for approving the renewal of the facility's permit for an additional seven years.

Mr. Jenkins highlighted the station's economic impact, stating that Dominion Energy paid approximately \$12 million in property taxes to Louisa County in 2025, with total company tax contributions of approximately \$13.5 million. He also reported that the station employs approximately 800 full-time employees, with additional contractors and supplemental personnel supporting operations during refueling outages.

Mr. Jenkins also discussed community and environmental initiatives related to Lake Anna, including monitoring for harmful algae blooms, water quality testing, and vegetation management. He reported that no confirmed harmful algae blooms occurred in 2025 and noted that 178 Lake Anna permits were issued in Louisa County during the year.

Mr. Jenkins highlighted community involvement by station employees, reporting that employees logged more than 5,100 volunteer hours in 2025 and contributed more than \$74,000 in direct donations to local organizations.

Mr. Jenkins concluded by discussing future energy planning, noting that Units 1 and 2 are licensed to operate through 2058 and 2060, respectively. He stated that Dominion Energy continues to evaluate the potential construction of Unit 3 and is also studying the possible deployment of small modular reactors (SMRs) at the North Anna site.

Mr. Jenkins thanked the Board for the opportunity to present the update.

Chairman Adams thanked Mr. Jenkins and Dominion Energy for their continued partnership and contributions to Louisa County.

The Chairman then opened the public hearing for comments related to the State of the Station Address. No speakers came forward, and the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the State of the Station report, which was approved unanimously by the Board.

### **Public Hearing – Louisa County Sanitary Landfill Environmental Permit**

Administrator Goodwin explained that the public hearing covered two related items associated with the County landfill permitting process through the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

The first item involved a temporary increase in the County's permitted daily waste limit from 75 tons per day to 300 tons per day. Administrator Goodwin stated that this increase had previously been anticipated as part of the permitting for the County's existing landfill cells due to population growth and increasing waste volumes. He noted that the County has recently been trending slightly above the current 75-ton daily average and that the increase would allow additional operational flexibility and future growth.

Administrator Goodwin explained that the increase above the current permitted limit had been self-reported to DEQ through the County's routine reporting process, and that the temporary adjustment was being coordinated with DEQ as part of the permitting process.

The second item involved permitting for Landfill Cells 4A and 4B. Administrator Goodwin explained that solid waste permits include two phases:

- Part A – Site suitability, which has already been approved, and
- Part B – Construction and monitoring plans, which have been resubmitted following DEQ comments.

He noted that the new landfill cells would add approximately 3.8 million cubic yards of capacity, extending the County's landfill operational life from an estimated 2031–2032 timeframe to approximately 2049 based on current projections.

Administrator Goodwin stated that the public hearing was part of the state-required permitting process, and that the public comment period began February 12 and will remain open through March 14. Comments could be provided during the hearing or submitted in writing to the County.

Administrator Goodwin noted that County staff and representatives from the County's engineering consultant, LaBella Associates, were present to answer any technical questions related to the landfill engineering and permitting process.

Chairman Adams opened the public hearing. No members of the public came forward to speak. Chairman Adams closed the public hearing.

Administrator Goodwin noted that no Board action was required at this time, as the hearing was conducted solely to satisfy the public participation requirement of the permitting process.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion Supervisor Barnes, seconded by Supervisor Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adjourn the March 2, 2026, meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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

# APPENDIX A

## Alexandra Stanley

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**From:** Rosemarie Merle-Smith <rosiems1957@aol.com>  
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Dear Supervisors:

We are writing to voice our concerns for the ValleyLink Joshua Falls Transmission line running through our beautiful rural county.

While it doesn't affect our property directly, we support our neighbors who most likely are against it going through theirs.

Sincerely,  
Grosvenor and  
Rosemarie Merle-Smith  
2701 Poindexter Road