Board of Supervisors
County of Louisa
Monday, October 19, 2026
Louisa County Public Meeting Room
5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER - 5:00 P.M.

Chairman Adams called the October 19, 2026, meeting of the Louisa County Board of Supervisors to order at 5:00 p.m.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
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	6:00 PM
Rachel G. Jones	Green Springs District Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM

Others Present: Christian Goodwin, County Administrator; Wanda Colvin, Deputy County Administrator; Chris Coon, Deputy County Administrator; Patricia Smith, County Attorney; William Newman, Assistant County Attorney; Alexandra Stanley, Administrative Operations Manager/Deputy Clerk; Linda Buckler, Director of Community Development; and Scott Raettig, Director of Information Technology

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CLOSED SESSION

On the motion of Vice Chairman Barlow, seconded by Supervisor Williams, 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

Voter	Role	Vote
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 19th day of October 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 19th day of October 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.

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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 presented, with the following changes:

- Added a presentation from Louisa 4-H

MINUTES APPROVAL

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes – October 5, 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 October 5, 2026, rural preservation worksession.

BILLS APPROVAL

Resolution – To Approve the Bills for the First Half of October 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 the first half of October 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 Add Streets in the Dove Hollow Subdivision to the Secondary System if Highways
2. Resolution – Authorizing a Pass-Through Appropriation for PSAP Training Grant
3. Resolution – Authorizing a Pass-Through Appropriation of Insurance Proceeds
4. Resolution – Authorizing a Pass-Through Appropriation to the Louisa County Airport for State Aviation Grant Funding
5. Resolution – To Approve the 2027 Holiday Schedule

RECOGNITIONS

Resolution – Recognizing Mason Sapon, Jack Reutinger, and Chase Botto for Their Courageous Actions

On the motion of Supervisor Barnes, seconded by Supervisor McCotter, which carried by a vote of 7-0 the Board voted to approve the resolution as presented.

Ms. Alexandra Stanley read the resolution and Supervisor Jones presented a framed copy to Mason, Jack, and Chase.

Resolution – Celebrating the 160th Anniversary of First Baptist Church

On the motion of Supervisor Woodward, seconded by Supervisor Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to approve the resolution as presented.

Ms. Alexandra Stanley read the resolution and Supervisor Woodward presented a framed copy to Reverend Jones and members of the congregation.

Resolution – Recognizing National School Bus Safety Week and School Bus Transportation Employee's Appreciation Day

On the motion of Supervisor Barnes, seconded by Supervisor McCotter, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to approve the resolution as presented.

Administrator Goodwin read the resolution and Supervisor Woodward presented a framed copy to Ms. Debra Coles and transportation staff members.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chairman Adams opened the public comment period.

Mayor Ashley Michael, Louisa District (Town of Louisa), expressed her appreciation for the meeting and announced the annual downtown trick-or-treating event scheduled for Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. She encouraged community participation and support of local businesses distributing candy. Activities at Court Square will include vendors, trunk-or-treating, live bluegrass music, face painting, pumpkin giveaways and painting, a petting zoo, and food

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vendors offering Brunswick stew, chili, and other refreshments. She thanked Walmart Distribution Center and EB Mercantile for their generous pumpkin donations and invited everyone to attend.

Mr. Chris Liles, Mineral District, addressed the Board regarding two concerns. First, he questioned the progress of sports tourism initiatives associated with the County's two turf fields, noting that sports tourism was a major justification for the project. He requested information on how the facilities are being utilized to generate revenue and positively impact the upcoming budget. He also requested clarification regarding the proposed data center near Route 605, specifically whether the facility would generate its own electricity through natural gas or obtain power from another source, citing conflicting information he had heard. He thanked the Board for its time and service.

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

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Presentation – Louisa Arts Center

Ms. Welch presented the Louisa Arts Center's annual report, highlighting another record-breaking year with13 sold-out performances and over 4,000 tickets sold. She reported that expenses remained closely aligned with revenues and emphasized the Center's commitment to fiscal responsibility. The Purcell Gallery featured works from over 100 artists and welcomed more than 330 visitors. Additionally, over 80 students participated in summer camps, 118 individuals attended art classes, and the Arts Bus made 14 community stops, reaching more than 2,200 children. She highlighted the continued growth of Louisa Players Live and noted that performances are scheduled through summer 2027, with additional programming being planned into 2028. Ms. Welch thanked the Center's donors, sponsors, Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers for their continued support.

Following the presentation, a Board member complimented the Center's production of Alice in Wonderland. Ms. Welch announced upcoming performances of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Peter Pan, encouraging community attendance.

Discussion – Update from the Growth Management and Rural Preservation Workgroup

Supervisor Williams provided an update on the Growth Management and Rural Preservation Work Group, reporting that the group held its first meeting and plans to meet weekly. He explained that the goal is to reach a consensus on recommendations for the Planning Commission's consideration, ideally by the end of the year. He thanked staff for their assistance in providing research and supporting documentation.

Board members expressed optimism about the group's progress and emphasized the importance of addressing residential growth while preserving Louisa County's rural character and quality of life. They acknowledged the complexity of the issues and stressed that the initiative is driven by community concerns. Members also highlighted the value of collaboration between the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission and encouraged citizens to attend the public meetings and participate in the process.

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Presentation – Louisa 4-H Annual Update

Ms. Christy Hopkins, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent, provided an overview of her work with Virginia Cooperative Extension, including efforts to expand Agricultural and Forestal Districts (AFDs), educate landowners on conservation easements and farm transition planning, and provide food safety education. She also highlighted annual well water testing clinics and educational programs on estate planning and preparing for the future.

Ms. Kylie Hoffman, 4-H Program Educator, reported that Louisa County 4-H served 2,467 youth with the support of 161 volunteers during the past year. She highlighted school enrichment programs, including Reality Store, agricultural education, and hands-on classroom activities. She also discussed the implementation of the Character Counts program throughout Louisa County Public Schools, which will expand 4-H participation to all students.

Ms. Jenny Thompson, 4-H Agent, reported that the County's eight 4-H clubs served 145 members, with continued growth in livestock and natural resources programs. She highlighted the annual 4-H camp, which served 196 campers and provided $4,335 in scholarships. She also recognized the Louisa Extension Master Gardeners, whose 57 members contributed over 5,000 volunteer hours and supported community gardening and food donation initiatives. She thanked the Board for its continued support.

Mr. Charles Ralston, Agriculture Extension Agent, highlighted the success of the Central Virginia Cattlemen's Association, which has generated over $13 million in benefits for participating farmers. He also discussed his work assisting landowners with conservation easements and emphasized the importance of supporting agriculture and youth development. He expressed concern regarding limited meeting space for Extension and 4-H programs and encouraged the Board to consider future investments in agricultural facilities and infrastructure to accommodate continued growth.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

(None)

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

(None)

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Reports

Supervisor McCotter reported attending the recent Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors meeting on behalf of the Lake Anna Advisory Committee (LAAC) to advocate for increased funding for Lake Anna buoy maintenance. The member noted that many of the buoys requiring maintenance are located near bridges in Spotsylvania County and expressed concern that, while Louisa County fully funded LAAC's budget request, Spotsylvania County did not. The member

encouraged Spotsylvania to provide its share of funding and suggested utilizing transient occupancy tax revenues, as Louisa County has done, to support these expenses.

Supervisor Barnes highlighted Louisa County's recent hosting of the Virginia High School League State Golf Championships, noting the economic benefits generated through lodging and local spending. He suggested exploring the establishment of a sports tourism authority, similar to Henrico County's, to attract additional sporting events. He emphasized the importance of public-private partnerships and community involvement in expanding sports tourism opportunities within the County.

Supervisor Williams addressed Mr. Liles' earlier comments regarding sports tourism and the County's turf fields, clarifying that he had never suggested sports tourism revenue would offset the construction or maintenance costs of the facilities. He noted that the fields are receiving considerable use, including by local travel soccer teams. He emphasized his preference for prioritizing use by Louisa County residents rather than focusing on attracting outside organizations or generating revenue.

Board Appointments
(None)

County Administrator's Report
County Administrator Goodwin presented the September departmental reports and provided an update on the James River Water Authority project, noting that construction of the river intake has been completed and the overall project remains on schedule for completion in October 2027. He also referenced a letter from Valley Link regarding the proposed North Anna–Thornburg project and discussed the developing Central Virginia Futures initiative, a regional economic development effort focused on biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, and defense industries. He highlighted several upcoming community events, including Treats on the Tarmac, Household Hazardous Waste Day, and holiday festivities.

During Board discussion, Mr. Goodwin addressed questions regarding increased tonnage at the landfill, explaining that the increase was primarily due to fill dirt received from construction projects. He noted that the material is beneficial for landfill operations, reducing the need to obtain dirt from the County's borrow pit while also generating revenue.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
(None)

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion Supervisor Barnes, seconded by Supervisor Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adjourn the October 19, 2026, meeting at 7:04 p.m.

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

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