



**Board of Supervisors
County of Louisa
Tuesday, February 17, 2026
Louisa County Public Meeting Room
5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER - 5:00 P.M.

Chairman Adams called the February 17, 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	Absent	
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; Alexandra Stanley, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk; Cindy King, Community Engagement and Tourism Manager; Griff Carmichael, Director of Human Resources; 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 6-0, 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)(3), discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property in the Mineral District, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body; and
2. 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 Jones, seconded by Supervisor Barnes, which carried by a vote of 6-0, 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.	Absent	
Christopher C. McCotter	Voter	Yes/Aye
Duane A. Adams	Voter	Yes/Aye
Rachel G. Jones	Mover	Yes/Aye
H. Manning Woodward, III	Voter	Yes/Aye

On the motion of Supervisor Jones, seconded by Supervisor Barnes, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Louisa County Board of Supervisors has convened a Closed Meeting this 17th day of February 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 17th day of February 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 McCotter led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On the motion of Supervisor Barnes, seconded by Supervisor McCotter, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to adopt the agenda, as presented, with no changes.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Board of Supervisors Budget Worksession Minutes – February 2, 2026

On the motion of Supervisor Barnes, seconded by Supervisor McCotter, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2026, budget worksession.

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2026

On the motion of Supervisor Barnes, seconded by Supervisor McCotter, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2026, regular meeting.

BILLS APPROVAL**Resolution – To Approve the Bills for the First Half of February 2026**

On the motion of Supervisor Barnes, seconded by Supervisor McCotter, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board adopted a resolution approving the bills for first half of February 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

On the motion of Supervisor Barnes, seconded by Supervisor McCotter, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to adopt the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Resolution – Authorizing a Pass Through Appropriation to the Louisa County Airport for Federal and State Aviation Grant Funding
2. Resolution – Supplemental Appropriation to the Louisa County Public Schools Nutrition Program
3. Resolution – Proclaiming Thursday, May 7, 2026, as National Day of Prayer
4. Resolution – Congratulating Aiden West for Winning the 2026 Louisa County Spelling Bee Contest
5. Resolution – To Authorize a Pass Through Appropriation for Insurance Proceeds
6. Resolution – Authorizing a Pass Through Appropriation for Project Lifesaver and Fire & EMS and Sheriff's Donations

RECOGNITIONS**Presentation - Employee Recognition**

Mr. Griff Carmichael, Director of Human Resources, took a moment to recognize and honor employees celebrating milestone years of dedicated service to Louisa County. Mr. Carmichael expressed the County's sincere appreciation for their years of commitment and contributions to public service.

Employees celebrating 20 years of service included: David Harper, Sheriff's Office; Wanda Jackson, Commissioner of the Revenue; Chuck Love, Sheriff's Office; Kristopher Nelson, Community Development; and Norma Trice, Commissioner of the Revenue.

Employees celebrating 25 years of service included: Mark Foster, Sheriff's Office; Donald Lowe, Sheriff's Office; Patrick Sheridan, Sheriff's Office; and Carolyn Wells, Human Services.

Employees celebrating 30 years of service included: Stacey Fletcher, Commissioner of the Revenue; and Patty Madison, Circuit Court Clerk's Office.

Employees celebrating 35 years of service included: Linda Buckler, Community Development; and Jack Poindexter, Jr., Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Carmichael thanked each employee for their dedication, professionalism, and longstanding service to Louisa County and its citizens.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chairman Adams opened the public comment period.

Mr. David Rogers, Mineral District, addressed the Board regarding concerns with traffic and road infrastructure. He referenced a prior meeting with VDOT where signal issues on Route 22 were acknowledged and expressed concern that known traffic problems had not been proactively addressed. Mr. Rogers disagreed with the characterization of increased traffic as “growing pains,” stating he believes it reflects a lack of planning for anticipated growth. He also raised concerns about heavy truck traffic on Chopping Road contributing to road damage. Mr. Rogers encouraged the Board to take a more proactive approach in addressing current and future infrastructure needs and to remain responsive to constituent concerns.

Mr. John Disosway, Mineral District, addressed the Board regarding concerns about a proposed transmission line route. He stated his understanding that the County had previously met with the transmission line company and requested that routes avoid Agricultural and Forestal Districts. However, he noted that one proposed route variation appears to pass through property within an Agricultural and Forestal District. Mr. Disosway emphasized the importance of preserving these districts and encouraged the Board to exert any available influence to help protect designated agricultural land. He also noted he has communicated his concerns directly with the transmission line company and requested the Board’s continued support in preserving land intended for agricultural use.

Ms. Christina Evans, CEO of the Jefferson Area Board for Aging (JABA), addressed the Board to express appreciation for its continued support and to present data highlighting the organization’s impact in Louisa County. She noted the growing population of residents age 60 and older and emphasized the increasing need for senior services. Ms. Evans provided fiscal year 2025 outcomes, including 17,940 home-delivered meals to frail and homebound individuals, assistance provided through information and referral services, nutritional education, long-term care advocacy, and insurance counseling. She also highlighted positive participation and satisfaction rates in JABA’s programs and emphasized the organization’s role in supporting older adults and helping them remain in their homes as long as possible. She thanked the Board for its support and attention to the needs of Louisa County’s senior population.

The following speakers did not complete a comment card; therefore, names and spellings may be inaccurate.

Ms. Robin Horne, Mineral District, addressed the Board to express support for preserving Louisa County’s agricultural and rural areas. She acknowledged that the Board does not control transmission line routing but encouraged continued efforts to work with the power company to help protect Agricultural and Forestal Districts and maintain the County’s rural character.

Mr. Adam Combs, Louisa District, addressed the Board to express concerns about the proposed 765-kilovolt transmission line. He noted that such lines are not currently present in Virginia and are typically used to transmit large amounts of power over long distances. Mr. Combs raised concerns about potential health impacts, including electromagnetic field exposure, noise, and possible effects on nearby residents, particularly youth. He also expressed concerns about the visual impact of the structures, potential effects on property investments, and the need for careful research and consideration of community impacts. Mr. Combs encouraged the Board to take the

matter seriously, continue researching the issue, and consider the long-term health and well-being of County residents.

Mr. Michael Richmond, Mountain Road District, spoke on behalf of his family regarding concerns with the proposed transmission line route announced by Valley Link. He stated that one proposed route variation would cross his family's farm on Mount Airy Road, which has been in his wife's family for generations and is being preserved for future use. Mr. Richmond expressed concern about the impact on the property and requested clarity on why the route was selected. He suggested an alternative route that follows existing industrial corridors and encouraged the County to help protect agricultural land and rural character. Mr. Richmond stated he does not oppose infrastructure improvements but wishes to participate in identifying reasonable alternatives and welcomed continued dialogue with the County and Valley Link.

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

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Presentation – Louisa Ars Center

Ms. Karen Welch, Executive Director of the Louisa Arts Center, presented an update to the Board highlighting the Arts Center's programs, community impact, and future needs. She emphasized the Center's role as a cultural hub for Louisa County, offering a wide range of performances, art classes, youth programs, summer camps, and community outreach, including the Mobile Arts Bus, which served approximately 2,500 children and facilitated hundreds of art projects. She noted strong community engagement, including multiple sold-out performances, scholarship opportunities for youth, and partnerships with local organizations, schools, and community groups.

Ms. Welch reported that the Arts Center is financially stable overall but faces challenges due to rising artist fees, program costs, and reduced donations. She outlined plans to introduce new arts programming, expand accessibility, and improve facilities, including ADA-compliant upgrades such as a permanent stage ramp and accessibility modifications to the Mobile Arts Bus.

Ms. Welch and Nicole Copeland, Center Operations Manager, emphasized the importance of accessibility to ensure all residents, including those with disabilities, can fully participate in Arts Center programs. They requested continued County support and presented a budget request of \$80,000 for fiscal year 2027 to assist with operational costs, accessibility improvements, and necessary repairs and upgrades, including approximately \$28,000 in bus modifications. Ms. Welch thanked the Board for its ongoing support and commitment to arts and cultural opportunities in Louisa County.

Discussion – Sanitary Landfill Daily Capacity Permit Increase

Mr. Chris Coon, Deputy County Administrator, staff reported to the Board that permits had been submitted to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the planned landfill cell expansion and to increase the landfill's maximum daily waste allowance from 75 tons to 300 tons. Mr. Coon explained the increase is intended to accommodate anticipated population growth and rising waste volumes and was originally planned in conjunction with the landfill expansion but is being pursued earlier due to current demand. A public comment period with DEQ is open

from February 12 through March 14, and a public hearing will also be held at the next Board meeting to gather additional comments. Mr. Coon clarified that the increase is not related to AWS operations, noting that only soil from county projects has been received, which does not count toward waste limits.

During discussion, a Board member suggested evaluating tire and mattress disposal fees and exploring potential special collection events to help reduce illegal dumping and encourage proper disposal. Mr. Coon agreed to review options and report back with potential cost impacts.

Presentation – Valley Link Transmission Project

Chairman Duane Adams introduced the presentation by representatives of Valley Link Transmission Company, noting that Board members have received numerous citizen questions and concerns. He stated the Board requested the presentation to help provide accurate information early in the process. Chairman Adams emphasized that Louisa County does not have zoning or permitting authority over the project and that the final decision will be made by the State Corporation Commission (SCC); however, the Board is seeking answers on behalf of residents.

Representatives from Dominion Energy included Andre May, Lane Carr, and Roya Smith. The presenters explained Valley Link is a joint venture between Dominion Energy, FirstEnergy, and Transource.

Ms. Carr stated the project is driven by factors including population growth, electrification, industrial expansion, and data center growth, with Virginia power demand expected to double within the next 20 years. She said regional grid planners have identified reliability risks without transmission upgrades. The project includes approximately 150 miles of new 765-kilovolt transmission line from the existing Joshua Falls Substation (Campbell County) to a proposed Yates Substation (Culpeper County), selected through a PJM regional planning process.

Ms. Carr explained 765 kV lines transmit bulk power over long distances, reducing the need for frequent substations. She noted there is existing 765 kV infrastructure tied to AEP territory in southwest Virginia, and this project would connect that capability into the region. She described anticipated structures as steel lattice towers typically 135–160 feet tall with an approximate 200-foot right-of-way.

Ms. Carr reported that mailers were sent to approximately 130,000 people within the nine-county study area, including those living within one mile of conceptual corridors. She emphasized routes are preliminary and input is being sought on all segments.

Ms. Smith demonstrated the project website and interactive map tool (“GeoVoice”) at vltransmission.com, explaining that residents can search an address, view route proximity, and submit comments. She stated the project began with a broader study area (19 counties) and has been narrowed to nine counties. She explained two primary corridors—Route Corridor 1 and Route Corridor 2, plus variation segments. She also said the team is gathering local information that may not appear in databases (e.g., family cemeteries, historic/cultural resources).

Ms. Smith explained Corridor 1 generally enters Louisa County near the Ferncliff/I-64 area, considers growth areas identified in the County’s future land use plan, and includes co-location

opportunities near existing infrastructure and facilities (including the Belcher solar facility). Corridor 2 generally relates to areas near EdgeCore/Shannon Hill and would run through designated TOD areas, which she said can reduce the number of impacted parcels and landowners.

They announced upcoming public engagement opportunities:

- Virtual open house: March 5
- In-person open house: March 12 (evening)
 - It was noted this meeting conflicts with the Planning Commission meeting and said the team was exploring an additional option, possibly an afternoon session.
- Virtual open house: March 16
- Route revisions/public update: expected early June, after feedback is received

A supervisor noted that the maps provided were difficult to read and asked whether more detailed, zoomed-in maps showing the proposed alignments were available.

Ms. Smith explained that the GeoVoice online tool is intended to allow users to zoom in and view corridor locations by address and stated that more detailed maps would also be available at the upcoming open house meetings.

Supervisor Jones added that a constituent had reported the online map appeared blurry when attempting to zoom in. Ms. Smith acknowledged the concern and stated the issue would be shared with the communications team for review.

A Board member further noted that Ms. Smith referenced clearer maps that would be available at the open houses and encouraged Dominion/Valley Link to ensure those clearer maps are also posted online so they are accessible to the public, particularly for residents who may be unable to attend the meetings in person.

The Board asked will the public be able to comment once a final/preferred route is selected prior to SCC submission.

Ms. Smith Responded yes, and explained public input will be collected through March and June open houses and GeoVoice. After a preferred route is selected, landowners would be notified, and the SCC process includes additional public involvement, including opportunities for public comment and intervention.

Chairman Adams asked about parcel/residence impact statistics.

Ms. Smith provided in Louisa County, Route 1 crosses approximately 129 parcels and Route 2 crosses approximately 109 parcels (noting landowners may differ from parcel counts). She said detailed SCC-required proximity statistics (e.g., number of residences within set distances) are compiled later in the process.

The Board asked for clarification regarding the statement that the project was “selected through a competitive regional transmission planning process.” Supervisors inquired whether project cost was a factor in the selection and whether bid details and evaluation criteria are publicly available.

Ms. Smith explained that PJM conducts an open competitive process in which utilities submit proposals to address identified reliability needs, and PJM selects the proposal that best meets established criteria. They stated the project was selected in PJM's 2024 open window and the award was made public. They acknowledged cost is likely a factor but did not provide specifics and could not confirm whether all bid comparisons are publicly accessible, only that the award selection is public.

The Board asked if the power was intended for specific facilities/areas.

Ms. Smith stated the line strengthens the interconnected grid and is not designed to serve one single customer; the project is reliability-driven.

Chairman Adams asked if landowners will be compensated, and asked for clarification on how that works.

Ms. Smith stated easement negotiations begin after an SCC order approves a route (if approved). At that point, right-of-way agents begin negotiations; compensation details are not available at this stage.

The Board asked if a landowner refuses an easement, would Valley Link/Dominion use eminent domain.

Ms. Smith stated eminent domain is considered a last resort, but public utilities have that authority. They indicated a real estate expert would be better suited for details.

Chairman Adams asked why is the SCC requiring distance reporting at 100 feet, 250 feet, and 500 feet, and would a line ever be that close to a residence.

Ms. Smith stated those distances are SCC reporting requirements for applications and acknowledged there can be scenarios where residences are close due to constraints, though they review residences at multiple distances and consider avoidance.

Using the measuring tool on GeoVoice, the Board reviewed the proximity of the blue corridor to the Louisa County school complex near Mineral, including the high school/middle school and associated fields. The measurement shows approximate distance of 2,000 feet from the high school area to the corridor in one example, and approximately 800–900 feet from nearby school-owned land (referenced as an approximately 90-acre tract purchased for potential future expansion).

Chairman Adams emphasized that routing near schools would be a serious community concern and urged Valley Link to consider “stay away from schools” as a priority.

Chairman Adams explained the County is actively encouraging land conservation through Agricultural and Forestal Districts and residents were told these districts help protect land. He stated a route variation appeared to cross property within an AFD.

Ms. Smith stated AFDs are a routing consideration and they attempt to avoid them where possible, but sometimes crossing occurs due to other constraints (e.g., easements/public lands). They reiterated that local feedback helps refine routes.

The Board asked about route selections and how much it can shift throughout the process.

Ms. Smith stated changes are possible based on stakeholder/public feedback, but large shifts are less likely given constraints and constructability. They explained a 765 kV line has different engineering constraints than smaller lines (e.g., 230 kV), so adjustments may be more limited.

Chairman Adams noted that it was mentioned there were existing similar structures in Louisa County and asked where the similar structures are located in Louisa County.

Ms. Smith referenced existing 500 kV infrastructure in Gum Springs and stated heights can be comparable to a 765 kV line.

The Board asked questions related to farming compatibility and if lines affect grazing cattle and farm operations.

Ms. Smith stated agricultural activity is generally compatible within rights-of-way, though easements include limitations addressed later in negotiations.

Chairman Adams addressed his concerns about the meeting time conflict on March 12. He urged Valley Link not to replace the evening open house with an afternoon-only option, stating evening meetings provide better access for working residents. He encouraged scheduling additional evening availability on other dates.

Chairman Adams asked whether routing near Shannon Hill, Belcher Solar, and AWS-owned property was because the line could eventually serve those sites, or because those areas are viewed as compatible/less disruptive.

Ms. Smith gave three reasons: (1) routing through TOD areas can reduce impacted landowners; (2) co-locating near future industrial growth areas can be considered more compatible visually/land use-wise; and (3) 765 kV lines reinforce the grid without frequent substations, though future step-downs could occur.

Chairman Adams emphasized that far more people will use online materials than attend in person and urged Valley Link to ensure online maps/materials are clear and accessible.

Ms. Smith said they would discuss with their communications team the possibility of posting clearer open house maps or additional materials online, while reiterating that open houses help them explain routing constraints and “tell the story” behind route development.

Chairman Adams thanked the presenters and noted the volume and seriousness of citizen concerns. The representatives thanked the Board, encouraged residents to participate via open houses and GeoVoice, and stated they would follow up on questions and provide additional information as available.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**Resolution – Authorizing a Decrease to a Prior Budget Supplement to the Louisa Tech Sites Offsite Utilities Project**

Ms. Colvin explained that the Board previously approved a Comprehensive Agreement and Design Build Contract with Louisa County Infrastructure, LLC., (“LCI”) under the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act (PPEA) of 2002 on November 24, 2024. A change order in the amount of \$16,363,145 was approved on September 15, 2025 to add a rock removal allowance to the previously approved contract for the Louisa Tech Sites Offsites Utilities project that is funded by Amazon Web Services (AWS). The additional cost for the aforementioned project was less than previously requested and \$650,000 can be de-obligated in the FY2026 budget at this time.

On the motion of Supervisor Barnes, seconded by Supervisor McCotter, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board hereby authorizes a budget reduction in the amount of \$650,000 to the Amazon Web Services Infrastructure Capital Project (30382000-481373-C8203) to match the amount of the approved contracts. The source of funding was Amazon Web Services Recoveries (0303R19-319010-C8203) and it should also be reduced.

Resolution – Authorizing a Budget Transfer to the Louisa County Airport for a Flooring Replacement Project

Ms. Colvin explained the Louisa County Airport would like to replace its existing flooring throughout the airport terminal building, which has become worn and outdated from years of use. The new flooring will improve safety, durability, and appearance, creating a more welcoming environment for airport users, staff, and visitors. This project was included in their FY2027 capital project requests, but the department would like to proceed with the project at this time so that it is completed before their busy seasons of the year. There is funding available in Economic Development Projects in the amount of \$40,000 that could be transferred to the airport budget for the aforementioned purpose.

On the motion of Supervisor Barnes, seconded by supervisor Barlow, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to authorize a budget transfer from Economic Development Projects (GL # 30382000-481190) in the amount of \$40,000 to Airport Building Enhancements (30384000-482500) for the replacement of the flooring at the airport terminal building.

Resolution – To Approve a Tourism Support Request for Printing of Visitor Map

Ms. Cindy King explained the Tourism Advisory Committee reviews and recommends funding allocations for various initiatives to support tourism and economic development in Louisa County. She noted that 25% of the Transient Occupancy Tax revenue for Fiscal Year 2026 is reserved for Program Support, which allows eligible entities to receive funds for programs or projects with anticipated positive economic impact, probable long-term benefits in highlighting County attractions, and the potential to increase overnight visitation, a key objective of the Tourism Advisory Committee per legislation, upon approval of the Board of Supervisors.

She stated the Tourism Advisory Committee reviewed an application from the Louisa County Chamber of Commerce at the Committee’s January 2026 meeting requesting funding to support

the printing and statewide distribution of a newly designed Louisa County Visitor Map. She explained the proposed Visitor Map is a full-color, double-sided tourism asset highlighting destinations throughout Louisa County, with focused panels on the Town of Louisa, Town of Mineral, Lake Anna, and Zion Crossroads, and displays the Visit Louisa logo, URL and a QR code to the Visit Louisa website. She clarified that the map design and development were funded through community partners including the Towns, and County tourism has actively contributed to the development of the map through input and image resources, and the funding request is solely for printing and distribution in local and statewide tourism outreach.

On the motion of Supervisor McCotter, seconded by Supervisor Woodward, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to approve the Tourism Advisory Committee's recommendation to allocate funding in an amount not to exceed \$7,438 from the FY26 Transient Occupancy Tax Tourism Budget for the printing and distribution of approximately 20,000 map pieces; and further, that the County shall retain usage rights to the map artwork consistent with the terms established by the other funding partners.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Reports

Supervisor Barlow reported that he had spoken with residents in the southeast portion of the County regarding the recently installed communications tower and was advised that the tower is now operational and providing good service. He expressed appreciation to County staff, particularly Mr. Goodwin, for their efforts and updates in helping facilitate the project and ensuring it became operational.

Supervisor McCotter provided an update on his recent activities since the last meeting. He reported meeting with constituents to discuss budget concerns, receiving complaints regarding road conditions on Kentucky Springs Road near the Lake Anna Technology Campus, and meeting with Superintendent Straley to review school budget items. He also met with constituents and the County Administrator to address litter concerns, communicated concerns regarding Cuckoo District roads with VDOT Resident Engineer, Mr. Thronton and discussed constituent concerns related to short-term rentals. Supervisor McCotter noted that supervisors remain actively engaged with constituents and continue working to address citizen concerns and County matters.

Chairman Adams commented on the Valley Link transmission line presentation, noting that this was the first public presentation of the proposed project in Louisa County. He encouraged citizens to attend upcoming meetings, visit the project website, and share their feedback and concerns. Chairman Adams expressed appreciation to those representatives for attending and to County Administrator Christian Goodwin for helping facilitate the presentation at the Board's request to begin the public information process.

Board Appointments

On the motion of Supervisor Woodward, seconded by Supervisor Barnes, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to make the following appointments/reappointments:

1. To appoint Mr. Roger Henry to the Commission on Aging to sit a partial term representing the Louisa District until his appointment to serve a full term starts in the fall.

County Administrator's Report

Administrator Christian Goodwin reported that the monthly departmental reports for January were included in his report and encouraged Board members to review them, noting they contain a wealth of information. He stated the recently installed communications tower in the southeastern portion of the County is now operational and early reports indicate improved service in that area.

Mr. Goodwin also reported that the new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units have been delivered to the Department of Fire and EMS and that training is currently underway. He noted this new equipment will enhance safety and support for first responders.

Additionally, Parks and Recreation recently hosted a successful Father-Daughter Dance, with over 400 participants each night and a total attendance of approximately 825. He commended Parks and Recreation Director James Smith and his team for their efforts. Mr. Goodwin also reminded the Board that the Easter Extravaganza is scheduled for March 28 in the Town of Louisa and encouraged supervisors to share the information with their constituents.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(None)

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion Supervisor Barnes, seconded by Supervisor Woodward, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to adjourn the February 17, 2026, meeting at 8:04 p.m.

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