



**Board of Supervisors
County of Louisa
Monday, April 28, 2025
Louisa County Public Meeting Room
5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER - 5:00 P.M.

Mr. Adams called the April 28, 2025, 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	5:00 PM
Rachel G. Jones	Green Springs District Supervisor	Present	5:00 PM

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

CLOSED SESSION

On the motion of Mr. Barlow, seconded by Mr. 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)(3), discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, 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)(5), discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry, in the Mineral District, where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community; and
3. In accordance with §2.2-3711(A)(7), consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probably litigation where such consultation or briefing in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body.

REGULAR SESSION

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. 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 Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. 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 28th day of April 2025, 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 28th day of April 2025, 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

Mr. Adams led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 6-1, with Mr. Woodward voting against, the Board voted to adopt the agenda, as amended, with the following changes:

- Separated Funding Requests from Item #1. Under New Business/Action Items
- Removed Resolution – To Approve/Deny Proffer Amendment Request to REZ2024-07 LA Resort, LLC, Applicants/Owners from Unfinished Business

MINUTES APPROVAL

Board of Supervisors (BOS) Regular Meeting – April 7, 2025

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2025, meeting.

BILLS APPROVAL

Resolution – To Approve the Bills for the First Half of April 2025

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board adopted a resolution approving the bills for the first half of April 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the Consent Agenda items for April 28, 2025, as follows:

1. Resolution - Authorizing Ray Arnette to Purchase His Service Weapon
2. Resolution - Proceeding with an Economic Development Capital Project for Utilities
3. Resolution - Authorizing the County Administrator to Execute an Easement Agreement with Central Virginia Electric Cooperative
4. Resolution - Approving and Awarding a Contract for Pumping, Hauling and Disposal Services of Sludge/Leachate
5. Resolution - Approving and Awarding a Contract for Firefighting Brush Truck
6. Resolution - Authorizing a Pass Through Appropriation of Insurance Proceeds
7. Resolution - Authorizing a Pass Through Appropriation for Four For Life Funding
8. Resolution - Authorizing a Pass Through Appropriation for the Strengthening Families Program
9. Resolution - Authorizing the General Services Department to Proceed with Upgrades at the Fire Training Center
10. Resolution - Approving Conveyance of Certain Roads and Rights-of-Way Deemed No Longer Necessary for Public Use

RECOGNITIONS

Recognition – Recognizing Christopher Coon as the Virginia Business Top 40 Under 40 Honoree for 2025

The Board presented a resolution recognizing and honoring Christopher Coon as the Virginia Business Top 40 Under 40 Honoree for 2025. The Board took a moment to acknowledge Mr. Coon's accomplishments.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chairman Adams opened the public comment period.

Mr. Phil Winston, Mineral District, expressed concern over repeated developer requests regarding Lake Anna Resort and the implications for traffic and safety on Route 208.

Ms. Vicky Harte, Louisa District, raised three points: (1) why the County has not considered implementing a stormwater utility fee; (2) concern over the Board's previous denial of affordable housing at Lake Anna and questioning the rationale; (3) concerns over requiring permission for

churches to house residents during freezing temperatures.

Mr. Bob Babyok, Green Springs District, talked briefly about real estate taxes. He applauded the Board for taking action to help mitigate the impact on its residents, but urged the Board to consider more informational meetings on how assessments are made in the County.

Mr. Matthew Craig, Louisa District, urged the Board to reconsider postponement of the animal shelter expansion, emphasizing the shelter's growing importance.

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

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

(None)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

Resolution – To Approve Funding Request from the Tourism Budget for the Louisa Arts Center

The Tourism Advisory Committee has reviewed and recommended funding allocations for various initiatives to support tourism and economic development in Louisa County. The Louisa Arts Center has requested funding to support an outdoor concert for a musical act with a large following and the potential to increase overnight visitation.

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Jones, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to allocate from the FY25 Tourism Budget to approve \$10,000 (not-to-exceed) for the Louisa Arts Center toward the performer fee of \$12,000, with a Memorandum of Understanding which requires:

- Add the Visit Louisa logo with a link to the bottom of e-newsletters and website for a minimum of one year.
- Include the Visit Louisa logo in any advertisements.
- Provide any related band photos or video Visit Louisa may use in its advertising.
- Provide a blog post that describes how a visitor may participate in the Louisa Arts Center's offerings during a week's stay.
- Coordinate an overnight stay package with a local lodging provider for the event.
- Submit a report with event data, including visitor origin information.

Resolution – To Approve Funding Request from the Tourism Budget for Lake Anna Jazz

The Tourism Advisory Committee has reviewed and recommended funding allocations for various initiatives to support tourism and economic development in Louisa County. Lake Anna Jazz has also requested funding to support an outdoor concert with a featured musical act with a large following and the potential to increase overnight visitation.

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Ms. Jones, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to allocate from the FY25 Tourism Budget to approve \$5,000 (not-to-exceed) for the Lake Anna Jazz toward the performer fees of approximately \$15,000, with a Memorandum of Understanding which requires:

- Add the Visit Louisa logo with a link to the bottom of e-newsletters and website for a minimum of one year.
- Follow the process to submit Lake Anna Jazz events through the Visit Louisa ingestion process for a minimum of one calendar year.
- Provide content for a blog post with images promoting Lake Anna Jazz and its various venues.
- Use the county's doorway people counters at the venue during the event.
- Submit a report with event data, including visitor origin information.
- Coordinate an overnight stay package with a local lodging provider for the event.

Resolution – To Approve Funding Request from the Tourism Budget for the Trevilian Station Battlefield

The Tourism Advisory Committee has reviewed and recommended funding allocations for various initiatives to support tourism and economic development in Louisa County.

Trevilian Station Battlefield Foundation has requested funds to partially fund a roof replacement for the Charles Goodall Trevilian House and the house is the centerpiece of the battlefield, representing a tourism draw.

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 6-1, with Mr. McCotter voting against, the Board voted allocate from the FY25 Tourism Budget to approve \$20,000 (not-to-exceed) for Trevilian Station Battlefield Foundation toward the purchase of a new roof estimated at over \$45,000, with a Memorandum of Understanding which requires:

- Add the Visit Louisa logo with a link to the bottom of e-newsletters and website for a minimum of one year.
- Follow the process to submit events like Night at the Tavern through the Visit Louisa ingestion process.
- Provide content for a blog post with images promoting living histories with perspectives of soldiers, women and the enslaved to provide a robust overview of the time period.
- Provide a blog post on ghost sightings on the property.
- Provide a blog post with images detailing how to utilize the trails for horseback riding.
- Provide narration and logistical for support for a virtual reality project that will be available through the Visit Louisa app (tentative).

Resolution – To Establish and Adopt the Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for Real Estate, Tangible Personal Property, Merchant's Capital, and Machinery and Tools

Revenue estimates for Fiscal Year 2026 have been reviewed during the budget process and during several public work sessions. The Board of Supervisors' desire is to ensure continued effective fiscal management and the ability to meet the ongoing financial obligations of Louisa County.

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 6-1, with Mr. Barlow voting against, the Board voted to hereby establishes the following tax levies on Real Estate, Tangible Personal Property, Merchant's Capital, and Machinery and Tools taxes for Fiscal Year 2026:

Per \$100.00 Assessed Value

Real Estate (§58.1-3200, Code of Virginia 1950, as amended).....\$0.72
(Includes Mobile Homes)

Personal Property (§58.1-3500, Code of Virginia 1950, as amended)\$2.43
(Exclusive of household furnishings)

Business Personal Property (§58.1-3500, Code of Virginia 1950, as amended) \$1.90
(Exclusive of household furnishings)

Business Personal Property – Data Center Equipment (§ 58.1-3506, Code of Virginia. 1950 as amended) \$1.25

Machinery and Tools (§58.1-3507, Code of Virginia 1950, as amended)\$1.90

Merchant's Capital (§58.1-3509, Code of Virginia 1950, as amended)\$0.65

Aircraft (§58.1-3500, Code of Virginia 1950, as amended)\$0.48

The Board hereby signifies its intent to provide a tax rebate equal to 2.4 cents (3.3%) off the tax rate on real property during fiscal year 2026.

Resolution – To Adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 Operational and Maintenance Budget

The Louisa County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing, in accordance with Code of Virginia §15.2-2506, on the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget on April 7, 2025. The Board of Supervisors previously reviewed the proposed budget during several public work sessions.

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to hereby adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 Operational and Maintenance Budget in the amount of \$174,867,600 as detailed in the attached. The Louisa County Public Schools budget is adopted with the understanding that the Louisa County Department of Parks and Recreation shall continue to use school facilities as in the past.

Resolution – To Adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan Budget

The Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors have both held Public Hearings on the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan Budget in accordance with the Code of Virginia §15.2-2506. The Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed Capital Improvement Plan Budget over the course of several public work sessions. The Board of Supervisors has

reviewed the proposed Capital Improvement Plan Budget during several public work sessions and a Public Hearing on April 7, 2025.

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 6-1, with Mr. Barlow voting against, the Board voted to hereby adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan Budget in the amount of \$12,718,599.

Resolution – Signifying Intent to Provide a Tax Rebate on Real Property in FY2026

Code of Virginia §15.2-2511.1 allows any locality by ordinance to develop a method for returning surplus real or personal property tax revenues, or both, to taxpayers who are assessed such taxes in any fiscal year in which the locality reports a surplus. The Louisa County Board of Supervisors wishes to issue a 3.3% (equivalent of 2.4 cents) rebate of real property taxes in FY2026 from surplus funds from the previous fiscal years.

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barnes, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to hereby approve the issuance of a 3.3% (equivalent of 2.4 cents) rebate of real property taxes in FY2026 from surplus funds. This is included in the FY2026 adopted budget.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Reports

Mr. Woodward reported on behalf of himself and Mrs. Jones, who serve on the Revenue Committee. He noted that they plan to hold one more meeting before the end of June and anticipate delivering a full presentation on the committee's findings and recommendations at one of the Board's June meetings—likely the second meeting of the month.

Board Appointments

(None)

County Administrator's Report

Mr. Goodwin reported that following the Board's adoption of stricter litter ordinances, the Louisa County Sheriff's Office intends to begin more active enforcement. This includes monitoring activity at refuse and recycling centers, checking for unsecured loads and improperly closed containers, which could contribute to roadside litter. He encouraged Board members to inform their constituents about this increased enforcement.

Mr. Goodwin shared that Central Virginia Regional Jail (CBRJ) will be restarting its workforce program this year. The program will consist of five individuals working one week at a time on litter and cleanup efforts. He invited Supervisors to submit suggestions for roads or areas that could benefit from cleanup and stated that more details would be shared once the schedule is finalized.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Williams, which carried by a vote of 7-0,

the Board voted to adjourn the April 28, 2025, meeting at 6:48 p.m.

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

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