



**Board of Supervisors  
County of Louisa  
Monday, September 2, 2025  
Louisa County Public Meeting Room  
5:00 PM**

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

Mr. Adams called the September 2, 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 | Absent  |         |
| 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; Wanda Colvin, Deputy County Administrator/Director of Finance; Patricia Smith, County Attorney; Alexandra Stanley, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk; Andy Wade, Director of Economic Development; 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 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, 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 Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barlow, 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      | Seconder | Yes/Aye |
| Fitzgerald A. Barnes | Absent   |         |

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| 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. Barlow, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 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. Williams led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McCotter, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to adopt the agenda, as amended, with the following changes:

- Added a Recognition to Recognize Steve Hopkins on Being Named the 2025 Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition Virginia Farmer of the Year
- Added a Resolution Authorizing a Budget Supplement to the Middle School Turf Field Capital Project to New Business/Action Items
- Removed a Resolution Supporting the Lake Anna Advisory Committee's Tourism Support request to Treat Hydrilla on Lake Anna in Louisa County from New Business/Action Items
- Removed a Resolution Authorizing a Pass Through Appropriation to the Louisa County Airport for Federal and State Aviation Grant Funding from Consent Agenda

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

**Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes – August 4, 2025**

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McCotter, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2025, regular meeting.

**BILLS APPROVAL****Resolution – To Approve the Bills for the Month of August 2025 (FY26)**

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McCotter, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board adopted a resolution approving the bills for the month of August 2025 (FY26).

**Resolution – To Approve the Bills for the Month of August 2025 (FY25)**

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McCotter, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board adopted a resolution approving the bills for the month of August 2025 (FY25).

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McCotter, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to adopt the Consent Agenda items for August 4, 2025, as follows:

1. Resolution – Authorizing Mark Foster to Purchase His Service Weapon
2. Resolution – To Proceed with the Replacement of Fleet Vehicles Per the Capital Improvement Plan Project for FY2026
3. Resolution – Authorizing a Pass Through Appropriation for Insurance Proceeds
4. Resolution – Authorizing a Pass Through Appropriation for the Victim Witness Grant
5. Resolution – Authorizing a Pass Through Appropriation for Fire & EMS Donations
6. Resolution – Authorizing a Pass Through Appropriation for Animal Shelter
7. Resolution – Approving FY2025 Budget Re-Appropriations

**RECOGNITIONS****Recognition – Recognizing Steve Hopkins on Being Named the 2025 Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition Virginia Farmer of the Year**

Mr. Goodwin presented a resolution honoring his achievement. Chairman Adams shared personal remarks and presented Mr. Hopkins with a framed resolution.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS****Presentation – Central Virginia Partnership for Economic Development**

President Helen Cauthen and Talent Director Katie Delaney presented updates on regional initiatives, including successes from AWS and EdgeCore projects, the Innovation Corridor Roadmap, and transition of the Defense Affairs Committee to CVPED.

### **Presentation – Dolly Parton Imagination Library**

Mr. Pat Hanley, President Louisa Rotary Club, reported enrollment surpassed 1,000 children, with over 18,000 books distributed since 2023. Concerns about future state matching funds were discussed.

Supervisors commended the program's success and impact on childhood literacy.

### **Discussion – Louisa County's Legislative Priorities for 2026**

Mr. Goodwin and Mr. David Blount, TJPDC, reviewed last year's priorities and emerging issues. Board members discussed supporting Hydrilla treatment, childhood literacy funding, eliminating dog tags, and penalties for selling vapes to minors. The Board will meet with legislators in the fall.

### **Presentation – Summer Hydrilla Update and State of LAAC Management**

Supervisor McCotter, LAAC Chairman, reported hydrilla growth exceeding management resources. Reserve funds may be used and future tourism grant support sought. Supervisors discussed urgent treatment needs before water temperatures decline.

### **Presentation – Revenue Committee Update**

Supervisors McCotter and Barlow reported on planning for future revenue from data centers and potential SMR development. Emphasis was placed on early debt payoff and citizen input. A draft citizen survey for prioritization of new revenue allocations was shared.

Chairman Adams appointed Mr. Barnes and himself to serve on the Revenue Committee to wrap up the initiatives of the committee.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

(None)

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

#### **Resolution – Authorizing a Budget Transfer to Louisa County Airport**

Mr. Andy Wade explained the Louisa County Airport entered into a lease with DES Properties, LLC in June 2008 for a 25-year term through June 2033 for the leasing of a hangar. The lease is currently being leased to a third party tenant with the third party tenant paying the Airport, then the Airport paying DES Properties LLC the amount collected. It has been determined that it is in the best interest of the County to buy out this lease so that the County may rent the hangar directly to the tenant and retain the revenues collected.

The amount needed to buyout the lease is \$27,000, but these funds will be recovered in future years from lease revenues. The funding needed to buy out the lease was not included in the FY2026 budget and a transfer from Contingency Funding is needed at this time.

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barlow, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to authorize the buyout of the hangar lease with DES Properties, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$27,000. Additionally, the Board of Supervisors also authorizes a budget transfer from Contingencies (10091000-410010) to Louisa County Airport Leases (50484000-454330) in the amount of \$27,000.

### **Resolution – Authorizing a Budget Supplement to the Middle School Turf Field Capital Project**

The Louisa County Board of Supervisors approved the capital project to construct two turf fields at the Louisa County Middle School. It has been determined that in order to satisfy suitable fill requirements for the retaining wall that an additional appropriation of up to \$280,000 is needed to complete the project. The additional funds were not included in the FY2026 budget and need to be appropriated at this time.

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Jones, which carried by a vote of 4-1-1 with Woodward abstaining and Barlow voting against, the Board authorizes a budget supplement to the Middle School Turf Field Capital Project (30371000-482401) in the amount of \$280,000 to meet suitable fill requirements for the retaining wall. The source of funding is County Long Term Capital Reserves (0303-290044).

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

### **Committee Reports**

Updates were given on Jaunt, Hamilton Road Bridge replacement (agreement reached with VDOT and Green Springs Historic, Inc.), and Commission on Aging Summer Bash.

### **Board Appointments**

(None)

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

Mr. Goodwin highlighted monthly reports, broadband progress (95% completion), audit fieldwork scheduled for September 29, and Fall Festival set for October 11, 2025.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **Ordinance – To Amend Louisa County Code Chapter 14-Animals Section 14-21 Dog License Required; Amount of License Tax and Section 14-24 What Dog License Shall Consist Of**

Ms. Patricia Smith, stated Virginia Code § 3.2-6528 provides that the governing body of each county or city shall impose by ordinance a license tax on the ownership of dogs within its jurisdiction, and Virginia Code § 3.2-6526 details what a license shall consist of.

Chapter 14 section 14-21 will be amended to provide that a dog license shall be lifetime, except for kennel block tags; that the license tax shall be \$10 for each intact, spayed, or neutered dog; and the license tax for a kennel block of up to 50 dogs shall be \$50.00.

Chapter 14 Section 14-24 shall be amended to remove the requirement that the sex of the dog be included on the dog license tag.

Chairman Adams opened the public hearing.

Ms. Ann Millie, Spotsylvania County, urged the Board to reconsider the proposed changes and spoke in opposition to the ordinance as written.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chairman Adams closed the public hearing and brought it back to the Board for discussion.

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barlow, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to approve the amendments to Chapter 14, Sections 14-21 and 14-24.

### ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barlow, which carried by a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to adjourn the September 2, 2025, meeting at 7:34 p.m.

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