

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COLONIAL COURTHOUSE, 6504 MAIN STREET, GLOUCESTER, VIRGINIA:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Hutson called the meeting to order, and Ms. Steele took roll call.

THERE WERE PRESENT: Christopher A. Hutson, Chair
Kevin M. Smith, Vice Chair
Phillip N. Bazzani
Ashley C. Chriscoe
Kenneth W. Gibson
Michael A. Nicosia

THERE WERE ABSENT: Robert J. Orth [arrived at 6:03 p.m.]

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Edwin "Ted" Wilmot, County Attorney
Carol Steele, County Administrator

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance - Pastor McKibbon - New Freedom Worship Center

Pastor McKibbon of New Freedom Worship Center gave an invocation and then all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

3. Approval of the Minutes - March 4, March 5, March 13, and March 19, 2024

Mr. Chriscoe moved, seconded by Mr. Gibson, to approve the minutes of the March 4, March 5, March 13 and March 19, 2024, meetings as presented. The motion carried and was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Hutson stated that an item needed to be added to discuss the RFP (Request for Proposals) for fire and rescue needs.

Dr. Orth arrived at 6:03 p.m.

Mr. Gibson moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion carried and was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

5. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mr. Gibson moved, seconded by Mr. Chriscoe, to approve the consent agenda.

a. Acknowledgement of Abstracts of Votes for the June 18, 2024, Primary Election - Carol Steele - County Administrator

By approval of the consent agenda, the Board acknowledged the abstracts of votes for the June 18, 2024, primary election.

ABSTRACT of VOTES

Cast in GLOUCESTER COUNTY, VIRGINIA
at the 2024 June Republican Primary held on June 18, 2024 for,

Member, United States Senate

NAMES OF CANDIDATES ON THE BALLOT	TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED (IN FIGURES)
Hung Cao - Republican	752
Edward C. "Eddie" Garcia Jr. - Republican	149
Jonathan W. Emord - Republican	69
C. L. "Chuck" Smith, Jr. - Republican	112
Scott Thomas Parkinson - Republican	149
Total Number of Overvotes for Office	0

We, the undersigned Electoral Board, upon examination of the official records deposited with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the election held on June 18, 2024, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct Abstract of Votes cast at said election for the Member, United States Senate.

Given under our hands this 24th day of June, 2024



Eugene D. Frazier, Chairman
[Signature], Vice Chairman
Margaret Walker, Secretary
_____, Acting Secretary

ABSTRACT of VOTES

Cast in GLOUCESTER COUNTY, VIRGINIA
at the 2024 June Democratic Primary held on June 18, 2024 for,

Member, House of Representatives (1st District)

Table with 2 columns: NAMES OF CANDIDATES ON THE BALLOT, TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED (IN FIGURES). Rows include Leslie C. Mehta - Democratic (302), Herbert C. Jones, Jr - Democratic (376), and Total Number of Overvotes for Office (0).

We, the undersigned Electoral Board, upon examination of the official records deposited with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the election held on June 18, 2024, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct Abstract of Votes cast at said election for the Member, House of Representatives (1st District).

Given under our hands this 24th day of June 2024



Handwritten signatures and names of the Electoral Board members: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Acting Secretary.

b. Resolution to Approve Memorandum of Agreement for Oyster Shell Recycling Bin - Carol Steele - County Administrator

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN GLOUCESTER COUNTY AND THE CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) is dedicated to the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries and hopes to assist in restoring water quality in the rivers that flow into the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, CBF has an oyster shell recycling program that encourages local restaurants and oyster growers to recycle their oyster shells to support oyster restoration efforts in Chesapeake Bay tributaries; and

WHEREAS, has requested that the County host an oyster shell recycling bin on a portion of the former Page site, RPC 29970; and

WHEREAS, a memorandum of agreement specific to the placement of the bin was developed in consultation with the County Attorney to indicate specific responsibilities for use of the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors that the attached Memorandum of Agreement between Gloucester County and The Chesapeake Bay Foundation is hereby accepted, and the County Administrator is authorized to act on behalf of the County to execute the agreement.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made this _____ day of _____, 2024 (“Effective Date”) between The Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland with offices at 6 Herndon Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403 (“CBF”), and authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the County of Gloucester, 6489 Main Street, Gloucester, VA 23061 (“Owner”).

WHEREAS, CBF is dedicated to the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries;

WHEREAS, CBF hopes to assist in restoring water quality in the rivers that flow into the Chesapeake Bay;

WHEREAS, Owner owns or occupies a parcel of land located at 5630-5644 George Washington Memorial Hwy, RPC 29970, shown in Exhibit A hereof (“Property”), and it wishes to provide CBF egress to and use of a portion of the Property (“Site”) (Exhibit B) to conduct shell recycling efforts by placement of a shell recycling bin;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and undertakings described herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. CBF Contributions. CBF shall:
 - a) Install on the Site a shell recycling bin to hold recycled shells per the design included as Exhibit C including screening substantially the same as that shown.
 - b) Install a sign at the bin, describing the shell recycling bin’s purpose and CBF contact information.
 - c) Coordinate with Owner concerning siting of the bin and subsequent scheduling of volunteer events.
 - d) Allow CBF volunteers and the public to drop off oyster shells periodically at the bin.
 - e) Host periodic volunteer events on the Site, which will include recruiting, instructing, and supervising volunteers as needed.
 - f) Provide for the collection of shells/emptying of bin by CBF volunteers on an as needed basis to prevent overflow of shells from the bin.

2. Owner Contributions. Owner shall:
 - a) In consultation with CBF, designate a Site for the bin that clearly avoids any utility lines and meets both parties’ needs.
 - b) Upon reasonable advance notice, grant CBF and its representatives, contractors, and volunteers access to the Site to plan and install the bin.
 - c) Upon reasonable advance notice, grant CBF and its representatives, contractors, and volunteers access to the Site to add shells to the stockpile and participate in shell recycling efforts to include volunteer events.

3. Activity Schedule. CBF and Owner shall mutually agree on a schedule for planning, Site visits, bin installation, and such other activities as may be necessary. The schedule shall be structured to enable final installation of the bin no later than January 16, 2025.
4. Indemnification/Hold Harmless: CBF shall protect, defend, indemnify, and hold Gloucester County its elected officials, officers, employees, representatives, and agents harmless from and against any and all claims asserted or liability established for damages or injuries to any person or property, including injury to the indemnifying party’s officers, employees, invitees, guests, agents, or contractors, which arise out of or are in any manner directly or indirectly connected with the indemnifying party’s acts or omissions in the performance of its obligations under this agreement, and all expenses of investigating and defending against same, including without limitation attorney fees and costs; provided, however, that the indemnifying party’s duty to indemnify and hold harmless shall not include any claims or liability arising from the gross negligence, recklessness, or intentional misconduct of the other party and its elected officials, officers, employees, representatives, and agents.
5. Owner Representation. The Owner represents that it owns the Property in fee simple and is authorized to enter into this Agreement and carry out its terms. The Owner agrees that the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be binding upon the Owner and upon any and all of Owner’s heirs, successors, and assigns.
6. Owner Retains Rights. Owner retains all incidents of ownership of the Property including, without limitation, the right to prevent trespass and control noxious weeds and the responsibility for taxes (if any) relating to the Property. In the event that the Owner sells or leases the property to another entity, CBF agrees to remove the shell recycling bin within thirty (30) days of notice.
7. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated by either party with thirty (30) days of written notice. Upon termination, CBF agrees to remove any shells and the shell recycling bin and will restore the portion of the Site used to its previous condition.
8. Written Agreement. This Agreement may be modified only by written agreement signed by all parties.
9. Notices. Communications regarding this Agreement shall be made as follows:

Communications to CBF shall be made to:

Ryan Westphahl
 Chesapeake Bay Foundation
 3663 Marlin Bay Drive
 Virginia Beach, VA 23455
 westpfahl@cbf.org

Written communications to CBF pursuant to Section 7 hereof shall be sent to:

Willy Agee
 Chesapeake Bay Foundation
 6 Herndon Avenue
 Annapolis, Maryland 21403
 wagee@cbf.org

Communications to Owner shall be sent to:

Gloucester County
 County Administration
 6489 Main Street

Gloucester, VA 23061
county.administrator@gloucesterva.info

- 10. Effective Date. This Agreement shall be effective as of the date first above written (“Effective Date”).

Signature by the parties to this Agreement signifies understanding of each party’s rights and responsibilities.

Exhibit A: Property



Exhibit B: Site (Black Square)



Exhibit C:



6. Matters Presented by the Board

Mr. Chriscoe stated that the MPA (Middle Peninsula Alliance) had held one meeting. He asked Ms. Steele to verify that the dues have been paid.

Mr. Bazzani asked about monthly reports for the utilities department.

Ms. Steele stated that she would check on the reports. She noted that interim or special reports have been done instead, but she would check on going back to the monthly reports.

Dr. Orth reported that he had met with Mr. McKnight and Mr. Bazzani about some flooding issues in Guinea and on Allmondsville Road. They discussed some potential temporary fixes. He advised that he had followed up with an email to provide an update on what VDOT (Virginia Department of Transportation) could do before any events happen. He reviewed another issue in that area with a berm that needed to be removed or partially removed. He stated that we could not prevent the water from coming in, but it was necessary to try to provide ways for it to get out.

Mr. Gibson stated that one of the issues over the last few years was the Woods Cross Road intersection. He announced that there was a public hearing at the RCC (Rappahannock Community College) campus on Thursday beginning at 5 p.m., and he encouraged citizens to attend.

7. County Administrator Items

Ms. Steele stated in relation to Dr. Orth's comments that Mr. Bains would be working with VDOT to get a timeline and specific goals on the work to be done.

Dr. Orth stated that ditches needed to be cleaned out now before there were any issues with storms.

Ms. Steele then stated that she owed the Board an update on the situation with the County and a State violation. She had been waiting on some information that just came in at the end of the day and would get that information to the Board.

8. Scheduled Presentations

There were no presentations.

9. Citizens' Comment Period

CATHERINE CARTER - ABINGDON DISTRICT

Ms. Carter advised that the Board had a contract with the people. She reviewed provisions of the Constitution. She questioned a Board member serving as an administrator of a department. She then stated that the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) did not exist as it was not created by Congress. She commented that the Board was going to pass an ordinance that would allow for the doubling of the population leading to congestion beyond imagination. She stated that this was part of the UN (United Nations) master plan.

DIANE JONES - WARE DISTRICT

Ms. Jones asked for clarification on the four SMART scale projects and for information on the program. She also asked for clarification on the opioid resolution. She stated that she recently had her smart meter removed as it killed her bush. She advised that after the opt out meter was installed, she had someone measure the radiation level and it was at a safe level. She stated that Ms. Carter needed to keep educating the Board on the Constitution.

LISA GOODMAN - BUSINESS OWNER

Ms. Goodman asked how decisions were made. She asked how a residential property got declared business property and what parameters were still in place on Route 17 regarding greenspace. She noted that there were many parcels for sale, and she asked whether they were originally commercial properties or whether they were changed as they were put on the market. She stated that she was trying to understand what the plans were for the Route 17 corridor for the aesthetic and what would be happening in the next five to seven years.

SUSAN AUSTIN - YORK DISTRICT

Ms. Austin stated that she had attended the Planning Commission meeting. She noted that it was hard to think of changing the community by increasing the density. She hoped that the Board would take the interests of all the citizens and their concerns into consideration. She questioned whether the County was receiving immigrant funds. She noted that an overwhelming attendance at meetings was needed.

10. Public Hearings

There were no hearings scheduled.

11. Regular Agenda

a. Resolution Supporting Four (4) Proposed SMART Scale Projects – Carol Rizzio – Assistant Director Planning, Zoning & Environmental Programs

Ms. Rizzio stated that she had discussed the four proposed SMART Scale projects at the May Board meeting. She advised that the final applications were due August 1st, and a resolution was required from the Board. She stated that it was proposed to apply for two new projects and to reapply for two projects that were previously submitted but not awarded. She advised that the first new project was the Route 17 widening and the shared use path from Tidemill Road to Guinea Road. She stated the second project was improvements to the intersection of Belroi Road and Route 17. She reviewed the proposed improvements. She stated the third project was the shared use path in the Courthouse area. Finally, the last project was the addition of a dedicated right turn lane to southbound Route 17 from Providence.

Mr. Chriscoe asked how much money was available in the SMART Scale program.

Ms. Rizzio stated that it was in the millions, but she could find out the exact amount and provide that information.

Mr. Chriscoe expressed his concern with the shared use path in the Courthouse area due to the crossovers.

Dr. Orth asked whether Gloucester was competing with the entire state or with Saluda Residency projects.

Ms. Rizzio noted it was the localities in the Fredericksburg district.

Dr. Orth noted it would be tough if the New Kent intersection was approved.

Ms. Rizzio advised that there were different funding buckets and higher priority projects were separated from others.

There was a brief discussion on funding.

In response to questions, Ms. Rizzio reviewed the scoring process and advised that the CTB (Commonwealth Transportation Board) made the decisions on projects based on the scoring. She reviewed the shared use project again in more detail.

Ms. Steele stated that an adjustment would be made to the RCUTs (Restricted Crossing U-Turns) on Route 17 to make them safer. She noted that there was a high pedestrian fatality rate across the state and there had been fatalities in Gloucester as

well. She noted that she had concerns with the cross over on Main Street and asked about the flexibility on the project.

Ms. Rizzio advised that this project came from the VDOT pipeline study. She stated that this was the recommendation for the safest way to get pedestrians from the north side of Main Street to the south side of Main Street. She reviewed the details.

There was additional discussion on this project and Board members expressed their concerns.

After the discussion, Mr. Chriscoe moved, seconded by Dr. Orth, to move forward with projects one, two, and four.

There was a brief review of the project costs, and a discussion on the number of the project for the shared use path.

After clarification, Mr. Chriscoe amended his motion to approve the resolution with projects one, three and four. Mr. Gibson seconded the amended motion. The motion carried and was approved by the following roll call vote: Mr. Chriscoe, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hutson, Mr. Nicosia, Dr. Orth, and Mr. Smith - yes. Mr. Bazzani - no.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SMART SCALE PROJECT LIST FOR GLOUCESTER COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia has developed SMART SCALE, a data driven prioritization process to fund transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the SMART Scale prioritization process provides an opportunity for localities to submit candidate projects prior to August 1, 2024, for review and ranking by Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT); and

WHEREAS, staff has worked with the county's Transportation Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC) and VDOT to evaluate needs and determine projects that best meet the criteria established in the SMART SCALE application process; and

WHEREAS, the projects are included and supported by the County's Comprehensive Plan, the Court House Village (UDA) Plan, VDOT's Route 17 Pipeline Study Project and/or the transportation study performed by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors in its role of Gloucester County citizen representatives recognizes the critical importance of an effective and efficient transportation network and understands that its endorsement of the projects submitted for ranking is an important confirmation of community need, which endorsement will also improve prioritization ranking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors that the following transportation improvement projects are fully supported and endorsed.

- Rte. 17 widening and shared use path from Tidemill Road to Guinea Road
- Rte. 17 and Belroi Road intersection improvements
- Providence Road and Route 17 intersection improvements

b. Resolution Approving Participation in the Proposed Settlement of Opioid-Related Claims and Directing Execution of the Documents Necessary for Participation – Ted Wilmot – County Attorney

Mr. Wilmot stated that the Attorney General's office had advised that a large multi-state settlement with the Kroger pharmacy chain had been reached. He advised that the State had elected to participate in the settlement and Gloucester had to "opt-in" to be able to participate. He stated there was a resolution for the Board's consideration. He noted that the County had previously chosen to participate in other settlements and the resolution authorized the County's participation in this settlement. He noted that it was incumbent on the County, if it chose to participate, to use the funds to address the opioid problem.

There was a brief discussion on where the lawsuit was litigated and how the County would receive the funds.

Mr. Chriscoe noted that the Board had opted into the other settlements because the County had been affected by the opioid crisis.

Dr. Orth asked about restrictions and if this settlement would follow a similar path.

Mr. Wright, Deputy County Administrator, advised that with the previous settlement there had been a multi-page document of instructions. He reviewed the general categories for use of the funds.

Mr. Gibson stated that with the addiction issues being faced in the community, he felt if the money was available to assist, he would agree to opt-in. He moved to approve the resolution.

Mr. Chriscoe seconded the motion.

The motion carried and was approved by the following roll call vote: Mr. Chriscoe, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hutson, Mr. Nicosia, Dr. Orth, and Mr. Smith - yes. Mr. Bazzani - no.

A RESOLUTION OF THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVING OF THE COUNTY’S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST KROGER AND ITS RELATED CORPORATE ENTITIES, AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE COUNTY’S PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts the Commonwealth of Virginia and its counties and cities, including the County of Gloucester, by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by Gloucester County’s various departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia and its counties and cities, including Gloucester County, have been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the citizens of the Commonwealth and Gloucester County; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal has been negotiated that will cause Kroger to pay over a billion dollars nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against it; and

WHEREAS, Gloucester County has approved and adopted the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation Memorandum of Understanding (the

“Virginia MOU”), and affirms that this pending settlement with Kroger shall be considered a “Settlement” that is subject to the Virginia MOU, and shall be administered and allocated in the same manner as the opioid settlements entered into previously with opioid distributors McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen, opioid manufacturers Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Teva Pharmaceuticals, and Allergan, and retail pharmacy chains CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlement and has recommended that the County participate in the settlement in order to recover its share of the funds that the settlement would provide;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors, this 16th day of July, 2024, approves of the County’s participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against Kroger and its related corporate entities, and directs the County Attorney to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the County’s participation in the settlement, including the required release of claims against Kroger.

c. Board Appointments

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Chriscoe moved, seconded by Mr. Gibson, to reappoint Mr. West to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. The motion carried and was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE/CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL
(LEPC/CCC)**

WHEREAS, the Virginia Emergency Response Council is responsible for maintaining an active and current Local Emergency Planning Committee membership list for state liability coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Gloucester County Local Emergency Planning Committee and the Gloucester Citizen Corps Council have been consolidated; and

WHEREAS, the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors is the nominating authority for membership on the Gloucester County Local Emergency Planning Committee and the Gloucester Citizen Corps Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors that the following individual be hereby recommended for reappointment on the Gloucester County Local Emergency Planning Committee/Gloucester Citizen Corps Council to represent Gloucester County in the capacity as indicated for a term that shall expire on August 31, 2026.

Roger West
Broadcast Representative

UTILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Nicosia moved, seconded by Mr. Chriscoe, to reappoint Mr. West to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. The motion carried and was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

UTILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, in accordance with a recommendation from the Strategic Planning Committee, the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors established a Utilities

Advisory Committee to suggest policies and deal with concerns related to all aspects of public water and sewer in Gloucester County; and

WHEREAS, the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors is the appointing authority for said committee; and

WHEREAS, the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors has learned that appointments are needed to this Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors is now ready to make these appointments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors that the following individual is hereby reappointed to the Utilities Advisory Committee for a term which shall begin August 1, 2024, and shall expire July 31, 2027.

James Rilee
Ware District

d. Update to the Board of Supervisors 2024 Meeting Calendar - Carol Steele - County Administrator

Mr. Hutson stated that this item was to change the location for the August 6th meeting to T. C. Walker because of the public hearing on the rezoning application.

There was a question about changes to the original application.

Mr. Wilmot advised that the Planning Commission had a public hearing on the original application and had voted to forward to the Board with a recommendation for disapproval. The Board will need to hold a public hearing on the original application but can make changes after the public hearing. He advised that he understood that the applicant was recommending changes based on the comments received during the Planning Commission public hearing. He advised that he and staff had crafted language for the public hearing notice to indicate that the Board would hold a public hearing on the original application but that the applicant had suggested a modified application.

Mr. Chriscoe moved, seconded by Dr. Orth, to modify the meeting calendar to move the location for the August 6 meeting from the Colonial Courthouse to the T. C. Walker Auditorium. The motion carried and was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**2024
BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

January 16, 2024

February 6, 2024

February 10, 2024 – Saturday – 8:30 a.m. Building One, Press Room – Board retreat

February 20, 2024

March 4, 2024 – Monday - Budget Presentation

March 5, 2024

March 13, 2024 – Wednesday - Board Budget Work Session

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Board of Supervisors Meeting

March 19, 2024 – 4:30 p.m. Gloucester High School renovation tour with School Board – GHS new entrance

March 19, 2024 – Joint Work Session with School Board at Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center

March 21, 2024 – Thursday - Board Budget Town Hall at Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center

March 27, 2024 – Wednesday – Budget and Tax Rates Public Hearings at Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center

April 2, 2024

April 8, 2024 – Monday - Board Budget Work Session

~~*April 11, 2024 – Thursday – Possible Board Budget Work Session cancelled*~~

~~*April 15, 2024 – Monday – FY 2025 Budget Adoption cancelled*~~

April 16, 2024 – FY2025 Budget Adoption

May 7, 2024

May 21, 2024

May 29, 2024 – Wednesday – Joint Meeting with EDA - Main Library Community Room

June 4, 2024

June 6, 2024 – Thursday – 6:30 p.m. Joint Meeting with Planning Commission - Main Library Community Room

July 16, 2024

August 6, 2024 – **Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center Auditorium**

September 3, 2024

September 17, 2024

October 1, 2024

October 15, 2024 – Joint Meeting with School Board at Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center

November 6, 2024 – Wednesday due to Election Day

November 19, 2024

December 3, 2024

January 7, 2025 – Organizational Meeting

Items in red approved as part of the Board's FY 2025 Budget Calendar at the October 17, 2023, meeting.

All meetings begin at 6:00 p. m. in the Colonial Courthouse unless otherwise noted. There will be no meeting on the third Tuesday in June, August, and December. There will be no meeting on the first Tuesday in July. A cancelled meeting shall be continued to the next workday. Questions concerning the Board's meeting schedule can be made to the Gloucester County Administrator's Office at 804-693-4042.

e. RFP fire station

Mr. Hutson stated this was the item added to the agenda regarding the RFP (Request for Proposals) on the future needs of the fire departments within the County. He noted that the RFP had been proofed and it was ready to go. He stated that there had been some discussion on removing the question of locating Station 1 on Main Street out of the RFP. He noted that he would like the Board's consensus on how to submit. He stated that he felt if the RFP was going to look at the future needs, it needed to consider the whole County.

Mr. Bazzani agreed and stated that it should take into consideration where the County would be growing.

Dr. Orth, Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Smith agreed with the comments made.

Mr. Chriscoe stated that he was going in the opposite direction. He noted that the Board's partners [fire and rescue] knew best what the future would hold for their location. He also stated that he was not sure that the RFP was needed at this time.

Mr. Nicosia stated that he spent a lot of time thinking on this issue. He noted that he could see both sides of the coin. He agreed with Mr. Chriscoe that the fire department felt that the Main Street location was the best site for their plans. He stated that if the fire department wanted Station 1 removed from the RFP, the Board should respect that.

There was some discussion on the need for the RFP.

Ms. Steele reviewed some statistics on the number and locations of calls. She noted that the Board would be facing more pressure on whether to allow additional homes in the County. She noted that just like with the utilities plan, the County needed to understand possible expenses for the next ten years. She stated in addition to the new fire station, it may be necessary to expand other stations. There would also be equipment needs. She advised that she wanted the Board to understand what may be coming in the future.

Mr. Chriscoe stated that there may be a need for the study; however, if the fire station asked for a change to the RFP, then the Board should accept their wishes.

Mr. Gibson acknowledged Mr. Chriscoe's point and shared his respect for the men and women of fire and rescue. He noted that they worked long hours in difficult conditions. He stated that he wanted to do what was best for them. He noted that the purpose of the RFP was to determine the best use of taxpayer dollars. He stated that he was in no way suggesting that by supporting the RFP that he opposed the station on Main Street. However, he needed more information for the use of residents' money.

There was a discussion on the failed bond referendum and the need for comprehensive analysis for planning purposes.

Mr. Nicosia stated that speaking for himself, he could state that the men and women of fire and rescue did their due diligence when considering the station location. He advised that they ran an analysis on the calls and made an informed

decision. He stated that no one at the fire station that he spoke to said not to do the study, but they want to build where they determined the station was needed.

Ms. Steele stated that this was not to be an us versus them scenario. She further stated that this was to support fire and rescue.

Dr. Orth stated that the Board had fully supported fire and rescue. He reviewed that there had never been a negative vote for support of fire and rescue. He noted that he felt the Board would support the position of fire and rescue to have their building on Main Street. He stated that they would learn a lot from the study. He further stated that the volunteers were important, and it had always been like that since volunteer fire and rescue squads were formed.

Mr. Chriscoe asked if the fire departments were made aware that this discussion would be on the agenda.

Mr. Hutson stated that he did not call them. He noted that he wanted the fire departments to be able to hear what the Board was discussing. He stated that this could be held off and discussed again on the 6th. He noted that he liked the fire station on Main Street, but if the Board was going to be looking at the future of the County and to spend the funds then it needed to be in the right spot.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Hutson stated that this item would be moved to August 6th and asked staff to notify the fire departments.

12. County Attorney Items

Mr. Chriscoe stated that at the last two meetings, it had been said that the Planning Commission and now the Board, were not following the Constitution. He asked Mr. Wilmot if the Board had done anything unconstitutional.

Mr. Wilmot stated that the Board had most certainly not done anything unconstitutional. He noted that he could not overstate the importance of the Constitution as it was the guiding light and guiding document.

13. Boards and Commissions Reports

There were no boards or commission reports.

14. Supervisors Discussion

Mr. Hutson asked Mr. Wilmot to address stop light cameras.

Mr. Wilmot stated that the General Assembly had amended State Code to enable localities, including counties, to authorize cameras in areas other than in school zones. Historically, they have been limited to school zones. He noted this was not something the Board should act on now, but something to consider.

Mr. Hutson stated that if this was something the Board was interested in, he would recommend bringing the Sheriff in for a discussion.

Dr. Orth stated that he had spoken with Sheriff Warren about this issue in response to a citizen's question. Sheriff Warren had indicated that the locality would be limited to the number of cameras that could be installed based on population size.

Ms. Steele stated that she would be attending a meeting with Judge Revere in reference to the school bus stop arm cameras. She noted that localities had different experiences with collections and the opinions of the benefit varied.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Chriscoe asked for additional information to be provided and to include Sheriff Warren in the discussion.

15. Closed Meeting

Dr. Orth moved, seconded by Mr. Chriscoe, to enter closed meeting. The motion carried and was approved by the following roll call vote: Mr. Bazzani, Mr. Chriscoe, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hutson, Mr. Nicosia, Dr. Orth, and Mr. Smith - yes.

CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors desires to discuss a particular subject in Closed Meeting during the course of its meeting on July 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the nature of the subject is:

Personnel Matters - more specifically, the County Administrator’s and County Attorney’s evaluations and contracts. Such discussion in Closed Meeting is expressly permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors does hereby convene in Closed Meeting for the purposes herein expressed pursuant to the legal authority herein recited.

Dr. Orth moved, seconded by Mr. Gibson, to return to open meeting. The motion carried and was approved by the following roll call vote: Mr. Bazzani, Mr. Chriscoe, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hutson, Mr. Nicosia, Dr. Orth, and Mr. Smith - yes.

RESOLUTION TO RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

WHEREAS, the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors has completed its discussion in Closed Meeting, and now desires to continue its open meeting; and

WHEREAS, only public business matters lawfully exempted from Open Meeting were heard, discussed, or considered during the Closed Meeting, and the only subjects heard, discussed, or considered in said Closed Meeting were the matters identified in the Resolution by which it was convened.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors does hereby reconvene in Open Meeting at its meeting of July 16, 2024, and certifies the matters set forth in Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712(D).

16. Adjournment

Mr. Chriscoe moved, seconded by Mr. Gibson, to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. by a unanimous voice vote.

Christopher A. Hutson, Chair

Carol E. Steele, County Administrator