

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Evan L. Vass, County Administrator
Mandy R. Belyea, Deputy County Administrator

Shenandoah County
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA

February 24, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Board Room

600 North Main Street

Woodstock, Virginia

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OR AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation by Mather and Daly Architects concerning conceptual design(s) for Shenandoah County Fire and Rescue Training facility at Landfill Road.
2. Presentation by Kavin Kavis entitled "Community Opposition to the expansion of Simply Shenandoah Special Use Permit (SUP Amendment Request)."

CONSIDERATION OF NON-ACTION ITEMS

TAB A

There are no Non-Action Items presented for the February 24, 2026, regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (other than matters for which a public hearing has been or will be held)

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

TAB B

1. Consideration of meeting minutes of the February 10, 2026 regular meeting and January 23, 2026 budget work session.

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

TAB C

There are no Public Hearings scheduled for the February 24, 2026, regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

TAB D

There are no Old Business matters presented for the February 24, 2026, regular meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION ITEMS

TAB E

There are no Planning Commission items presented for the February 24, 2026 regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

TAB F

1. Consideration of resolution reaffirming the County’s position concerning Second Amendment matters.
2. Consideration of a resolution regarding early voting prior to expiration of the constitutional waiting period.

COUNTY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS

1. Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Budget Presentation

OTHER BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION(S)

1. A closed session as authorized by Virginia State Code section 2.2-3711 (A)(3) to discuss the possible acquisition of real property for a public purpose and to discuss the possible disposition of real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating strategy of the County; the closed meeting will include consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel as authorized by Virginia State Code section 2.2-3711 (A)(8). The subject matter concerns the potential acquisition of a privately held parcel of property and the potential disposition of a parcel of property owned by Shenandoah County.
2. A closed session as authorized by Virginia State Code section 2.2-3711(A)(8) to consult with legal counsel employed or retained by the County regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. The subject matter of the closed session is public utility matters.
3. A closed session as authorized by Virginia State Code 2.2-3711 (A)(5) to discuss a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community. The subject matter of the closed session is discussion of a prospective business or industry and the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

ADJOURNMENT

Evan Vass

From: Kavin Kowis <kowiskg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 11:32 PM
To: countyadministrator@shenandoahcountyva.us
Cc: kowiskg@nivak.org; FirstChoiceSeptic93@gmail.com; board@shenandoahcountyva.us; clerk@shenandoahcountyva.us; aldermanwr@yahoo.com; Rossdoggin@gmail.com; Marianne Watson; zeta76@aol.com; arhannen@verizon.ne; Evan Vass; jstephens@shenandoahcountyva.us; vro@deq.virginia.gov; stauntoninfo@vdot.virginia.gov; DelTGilbert@house.virginia.gov; district26@senate.virginia.gov
Subject: Re: Agenda Item Request for 24FEB26, 7PM meeting – Opposition to Simply Shenandoah SUP Expansion

Subject: FOLLOW UP TO NO RESPONSE: Urgent Public Safety and Health Concerns Regarding Simply Shenandoah

Dear County Administrator,

I am writing to follow up on my previous email dated February 16, 2026, to which I have not yet received a response.

As a resident and taxpayer of District 1, I am deeply concerned by the lack of communication regarding the Simply Shenandoah project, especially given that land clearing and massive burning operations are currently underway. This burning was started without public notice and is already causing a visible and physical health impacts on neighbors with respiratory issues.

The community is requesting an immediate response regarding the following:

- 1. The Legality of Current Operations:** Why is land clearing and commercial scale burning allowed to proceed before the Board of Supervisors has fully addressed the expanded scope of the 2025 Master Plan?
- 2. Road Safety Mandates:** What specific VDOT safety studies have been conducted for Turkey Run Road to account for the massive increase in commercial truck traffic and school bus safety?
- 3. Infrastructure Impacts:** What is the county's plan to protect our private wells and prevent the intrusion of three phase power lines into A-1 zoned areas?

We are prepared to present to the Board of Supervisors on February 25th, supported by over eight points of legal and safety concerns. However, we believe it is in the county's best interest to engage now with the residents of Star Tannery and immediately begin the needed dialogue to ensure our issues are addressed. Note that I have included relevant state authorities on this email to begin the escalation process.

Please confirm receipt of this email and provide a timeline for when we can expect a formal response to discuss these urgent matters.

Respectfully,

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On behalf of the District 1 Community Action Group

CC

- **County Administrator (Evan Vass):** evass@shenandoahcountyva.us
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On Mon, Feb 16, 2026 at 10:29 AM Kavin Kowis <kowiskg@gmail.com> wrote:

To: County Administrator Shenandoah County 600 N. Main Street, Suite 102 Woodstock, VA 22664

From: Kavin G. Kowis and Richard S Saffell, On behalf of District 1 Residents Star Tannery & Gravel Springs

Date: February 15, 2026

Subject: Agenda Item Request – Opposition to Simply Shenandoah SUP Expansion

Dear County Administrator,

On behalf of the residents of District 1, I respectfully request that the attached matter be placed on the agenda for the next available meeting of the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors.

This packet includes:

- Formal agenda-item request letter
- One-page agenda summary
- Legal appendix

This request reflects significant new information and changed conditions since the 2019 SUP approval, including:

- VDOT-verified absence of guardrails on Turkey Run Road
- Turkey Run Road's identification as a potential utility routing corridor

- Shenandoah County’s current D1 Moderate Drought classification
- Increased public safety, infrastructure, and environmental risks

We respectfully request confirmation that this matter will be placed on the Board’s agenda.

Respectfully, Kavin G. Kowis, 540-717-9223, Kowiskg@gmail.com & Richard S Saffell, 540-481-0020, FirstChoiceSeptic93@gmail.com

FORMAL AGENDA-ITEM REQUEST LETTER

To: The Honorable Joshua Stephens, Chairman Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors 600 North Main Street, Suite 102 Woodstock, VA 22664

From: Residents of District 1, Shenandoah County

Date: February 15, 2026

Subject: Request for Agenda Item – Opposition to Expansion of the “Simply Shenandoah” Special Use Permit (SUP Amendment Request)

Dear Chairman Stephens,

We, the undersigned residents and property owners of District 1—particularly those living in the Star Tannery and Gravel Springs communities—respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors place the following matter on the agenda for the next available meeting:

Agenda Item: Community Opposition to the Proposed Expansion and “Renewed Vision” of the Simply Shenandoah Resort (SUP Amendment Request)

Although a Special Use Permit (SUP) was approved in 2019, the project now proposed in Phases 2 and 3 is fundamentally different in scale, density, and infrastructure impact. These changes introduce new and significant risks to public safety, environmental health, and the rural character of District 1.

Key Concerns

1. Commercial Density Beyond Rural Capacity

The revised plan includes a 10,000+ sq. ft. convention facility and 118+ rooms, projecting more than 10,000 annual visitors. This is incompatible with A-1 zoning and the rural nature of Star Tannery.

2. Roadway Safety – No Guardrails on Turkey Run Road

VDOT’s Roadway Inventory confirms that Turkey Run Road (SR 717) has no guardrails along its length. Combined with steep ravines, narrow shoulders, and blind curves, this creates a severe hazard—especially given that this is a primary school bus route.

3. Turkey Run Road as a Utility Routing Corridor

County utility planning documents and REC/Dominion routing studies identify Turkey Run Road as a potential corridor for future power line routing. The Simply Shenandoah project's requirement for industrial-grade three-phase power increases the likelihood of utility easements across private farms and homesteads.

4. Air Quality and Health Risks

Commercial-scale wood-burning systems will generate PM2.5 particulate pollution. No air-quality impact study has been provided.

5. Water Security – Shenandoah County in Documented Drought

The U.S. Drought Monitor currently classifies Shenandoah County as being in D1 – Moderate Drought, which includes:

- Reduced groundwater recharge
- Lowered private well levels
- Increased aquifer stress

The resort's projected water demand for a spa, aquatics center, and expanded lodging poses a direct threat to the already-strained aquifer serving Star Tannery.

6. Incompatibility with A-1 Agricultural Zoning

The expansion resembles an urban commercial development, not a rural wellness retreat. This conflicts with the purpose of the A-1 district and the County's Comprehensive Plan.

7. Fiscal Concerns

The "scholarship model" may reduce Transient Occupancy Tax revenue, shifting infrastructure burdens onto taxpayers.

Requested Board Action

1. Place this matter on the Board's agenda.
2. Re-evaluate the project's impacts based on current conditions, including drought and infrastructure limitations.
3. Deny amendments to the 2019 SUP that increase density, scale, or infrastructure requirements.

Respectfully, Residents of District 1, Shenandoah County

ONE-PAGE AGENDA SUMMARY

Agenda Item Title: Community Opposition to the Expansion of the "Simply Shenandoah" Special Use Permit (SUP Amendment Request)

Requested By: Residents of District 1 (Star Tannery & Gravel Springs)

Purpose: To request Board review and action regarding the proposed expansion of the Simply Shenandoah resort project, which significantly exceeds the scope of the 2019 SUP and introduces new impacts to public safety, infrastructure, environmental health, and rural character.

Summary of Concerns:

- Commercial density far beyond rural capacity
- Turkey Run Road has no guardrails (VDOT)
- Turkey Run Road is a utility routing corridor
- Shenandoah County is in Moderate Drought
- Air quality risks from commercial wood-burning
- Aquifer stress and private well vulnerability
- Incompatibility with A-1 zoning
- Reduced TOT revenue under “scholarship model”

Requested Action:

1. Place on agenda
2. Re-evaluate impacts
3. Deny SUP amendments

4. LEGAL APPENDIX

A. Virginia Code § 15.2-2283 – Health, Safety, and Welfare

Zoning must protect public safety and welfare.

- No guardrails + increased traffic = heightened danger
- Drought = heightened water security risk
- Industrial power lines across farms = incompatible with agricultural protections

B. Virginia Right to Farm Act (Va. Code § 3.2-300)

Industrial utility easements across farms conflict with agricultural protections.

C. Turner v. Prince William County

Traffic safety hazards justify restricting or denying land use approvals.

D. U.S. Drought Monitor

Shenandoah County currently in D1 Moderate Drought, increasing aquifer vulnerability.

**MINUTES OF THE SHENANDOAH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUDGET WORK SESSION**

MEETING: JANUARY 23, 2026, 1:00 PM

A Budget Work Session of the Board of Supervisors was held beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Government Center at 600 N. Main Street, Woodstock, Virginia on January 23, 2026.

The following Board Members and staff were in attendance: Chairman Tim Taylor, Vice Chairman Dennis Morris, Supervisor Kyle Gutshall, Supervisor David Ferguson and County Administrator Evan Vass. Supervisor Mark Dotson and Supervisor Steve Baker were absent.

Chairman Taylor called the budget work session to order at 1:00 pm and thanked the agencies for their work in our community.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: Outside Agency Budget Presentations and Discussions

Outside agencies presented an overview of their programs, projects, and future plans and answered questions from the Board of Supervisors. Agencies and their presenters included:

- Katie Tennant, Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center. Ms. Tennant said they are requesting \$1,400 and that it is used to support the cost of their camp. She explained what activities camp includes and the positive outcomes from a survey provided to the campers.
- Ellen Harrison, Northwestern Community Services. Ms. Harrison requested the same amount as the previous year, totaling \$255,150. She recapped the services that they provide and the range of clients they see. Chairman Taylor asked about their staffing vacancy rate and Ms. Harrison said currently it is at 12% and is improving. Supervisor Ferguson asked who they interface with in the County to assure that the funds are used locally, and Ms. Harrison explained the various clinics and programs that are local.
- Joan Comanor and Mary Gessner, Lord Fairfax Soil and Water Conservation District. Ms. Comanor asked for an increase of \$3,000, totaling \$23,000, due to increasing workloads. She said that funds received for cost shares to landowner projects continues to increase, which requires more staff and resources. She added that Shenandoah County receives around 60% of their services in the district. Supervisor Ferguson asked how they are involved in dam safety and Ms. Comanor explained their involvement but said they do not handle private dams.
- Kelly Storey, Family Promise of Shenandoah County. Ms. Storey requested \$25,000 of financial support, which is less than one-quarter of the total program cost. She explained their programs and goals to help families stay out of homelessness and provide stability.
- Rusty Holland, Concern Hotline. Mr. Holland asked for level funding of 2,000 to be used for phone coverage, services, and marketing. He provided information on funding received from other jurisdictions and upcoming additional services.
- Carl Patton, Friends of the North Fork. Mr. Patton requested \$8,000 and explained their work to keep the Shenandoah River healthy and keep data up to date and accurate. He added that the funding would be used for weekly reports to benefit the river and citizens.

- Katie Furneisen, Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter. Ms. Furneisen requested a 30% increase totaling \$16,250 to support the Sibert's House Program. She explained their services and how they serve the community to address housing instability.
- Jennifer McVeigh, Old Dominion ASAP. Ms. McVeigh requested \$10,000 to prevent impaired driving through probation, education, and intervention. She said most of their funds come from those citizens that they serve through fees, localities, and local programs.
- Dennis Lynch, Shenandoah Valley Music Festival. Mr. Lynch asked the Board to increase their funding by \$5,000 for a total of \$15,000. He said they are facing inflation costs like everyone else and that marketing has greatly increased. He explained that their music festival is designed to bring people into Shenandoah County.
- Angela Crawford, Blue Ridge CASA. Ms. Crawford asked for \$10,000 in funding to support the expansion of their growing program. She said that they have become an integral part of the local child welfare system and are seeking funding to help expand in the County.
- Charles Harbaugh, Access Independence. Mr. Harbaugh requested funding of \$2,500 and reviewed their services and gave examples of projects they have completed and supplies they provide. He said that currently they serve 80 people in Shenandoah County. Vice Chairman Morris asked if they receive state funding and Mr. Harbaugh said yes.
- Leigh Sicina, Shenandoah Community Health Clinic/Dental Clinic. Ms. Sicina requested \$30,000 to expand adolescent mental health and peer recovery support programs and \$15,000 for the Dental Clinic. She explained where their funding comes from and the expanding services they now provide.
- Jennifer Locke, Blue Ridge Legal Services. Ms. Locke said that they would like to request \$13,223 to support free legal assistance to low-income residents. She said that they receive funding from federal, state, local, grants and donations and reviewed their services. Vice Chairman Morris asked if the attorneys volunteer time and Ms. Locke explained how their staff are compensated.
- Nick Sabo, Winchester Regional Airport Authority. Mr. Sabo requested level funding from last year to be used towards their capital budget. He stated that they have two big upcoming projects and explained them. He added that they are also partnering with Triplett Tech's Aviation program. Vice Chairman Morris how many flights are on a daily basis, and Mr. Sabo said it ranges from 200-400 operations.
- Ingrid Thompson, Shen-Paco Industries. Ms. Thompson requested \$10,000 in funding to assist with daily operations, staffing, compliance, and transportation. She stated that they provide a wide range of services for adults with disabilities and currently have 100 individuals.
- Jimmy Roberts, Seniors First. Mr. Roberts requested \$78,000, which is level funding from last year. He shared photos of their activities and explained their goals and services to help older residents live safely and independently. Vice Chairman Morris asked about the numbers of Meals on Wheels and Mr. Roberts said they do not have a waiting list and are currently switching to a new program and everyone is being fed.
- Beth Ogle, Response, Inc. Ms. Ogle requested \$20,000 in funding and explained their services. She stated that they are moving out of their building of 20 years and have been

using alternative housing options. She said that the funding will help them renovate their new building to be safer.

- Leigh Ann Sweeney and Tara Blackley, Lord Fairfax Health District. Ms. Blackley shared a fact sheet for Shenandoah County from their community health assessment. She stated that they provide clinical health, environmental health, community health, and emergency preparedness. Ms. Sweeney requested \$390,771 of funding. Supervisor Ferguson asked for clarification on what happens if they lower this amount and Ms. Sweeney said the state will cut their funding. Chairman Taylor said they can legally lower the amount, but the result is they receive less from the state. Vice Chairman Morris asked about staffing, and they replied that they are almost fully staffed.
- Denny Linaburg, Lord Fairfax EMS Council. Mr. Linaburg said that they bridge the gap between the state and local EMS and also between hospitals and the state to keep everybody on the same page with training, protocols, and compliance. He said they would like to receive level funding for FY27. Vice Chairman Morris asked if the upcoming merger will bring cost increases and Mr. Linaburg said that yes but there will also be more assets available.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Tim Taylor, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Evan Vass, Clerk of the Board

MINUTES OF THE SHENANDOAH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING: FEBRUARY 10, 2026, 4:00 PM

The Board of Supervisors met in the Board Meeting Room, 600 North Main Street, Woodstock, Virginia, on February 10, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. The following members of the Board of Supervisors were in attendance: Chairman Tim Taylor, Supervisor David Ferguson, Vice Chairman Dennis Morris, Supervisor Steve Baker, Supervisor Mark Dotson, and Supervisor Kyle Gutshall.

Administrative Staff members in attendance: Mr. Evan Vass, County Administrator, Ms. Mandy Belyea, Deputy County Administrator, Ms. Amy Dill, Director of Finance, Mr. Jason Ham, County Attorney, and Ms. Allie Fauber, Administrative Assistant.

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and Supervisor Dotson introduced Reverend Stephen Creech who led an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chairman Morris announced that John Jewell, Frederick County Board of Supervisors, lost his son unexpectedly last week and asked that everyone keep him in their thoughts.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Vice Chairman Morris made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Gutshall, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was approved by a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Taylor	aye	Mr. Gutshall	aye
Mr. Dotson	aye	Mr. Ferguson	aye
Mr. Morris	aye	Mr. Baker	aye

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

1. Annual Report of the Economic Development Authority (EDA) by Chairman Jay Winkfield

Mr. Winkfield stated that the EDA met nine times in 2025, which included the annual meeting in January. He reviewed the EDA parcels that were sold and said they had numerous closed sessions on upcoming purchases or sales or business prospects. He stated that the EDA loan to A&D Engineering was continuing to do well, and that the Borden Mowery Drive project was wrapped up. He thanked Jenna French, John Fogle, Mandy Belyea, and the committee for all the work they do. Supervisor Dotson asked if there was anything the Board could do to improve business prospects, and Mr. Winkfield said that they previously established two annual meetings with the Board and he would like to continue to do this as it benefits everyone. Supervisor Dotson asked if there was a process to get feedback from parties that the EDA works with and Mr. Winkfield said that Ms. French could better answer this and added that this is a competitive business and the details are held as confidential. Chairman Taylor said that he was pleased with the Borden Mowery Drive project being completed. Vice Chairman Morris commented that they need sites to advertise to stay busy and competitive, and Mr. Winkfield agreed and added he remembers a time when the EDA only met once a year. Supervisor Ferguson brought up the issue of water supply and asked how do they do industrial sites if there is not an adequate water supply, and Mr. Winkfield said

he does not have the answer, but he recognized that it is an issue that everyone will need to be addressing.

2. Presentation by Ted Cole, Davenport & Co, county debt profiles

Mr. Cole said that the presentation tonight was similar to one given back in the fall and that they would review the County’s debt capacity. He explained credit ratings and peer comparatives and added that the County has not needed a credit rating. He reviewed Moody’s criteria for credit ratings which included economy, financial performance, institutional framework, and leverage. Mr. Cole presented graphs to show tax supported debt service and a breakdown between operating capital and major capital totaling \$49 million. He stated that in FY 2026, the existing 10-year payout is at 72.1% and that the higher this percentage the better. He said that overall, the County has debt capacity and it is not overleveraged. Mr. Cole added that you also should consider debt affordability and how you will pay for it. Vice Chairman Morris asked if they ever suggest refinancing and Mr. Cole said yes, they look at the existing loans to determine the prepayment allowance and if the interest rate environment supports this. He then presented information on debt affordability for operating capital that is already in place. Mr. Cole said that one penny on the tax rate equals \$600,000 and that they will need about \$800,000 above where the FY 2026 budget was. He reviewed the major capital debt that is currently in place and said that the payments are stepping down. Mr. Cole said going forward they estimate the County and Schools will have expenditures of approximately \$8 million per year associated with operating capital needs. He shared a few scenarios for funding operating capital and how it would lay out over the next couple years. Supervisor Dotson mentioned the school infrastructure meeting and if major maintenance would fall under operating capital in these scenarios. Mr. Vass said it depends on the lifecycle of the asset itself. Mr. Cole said the nature of the project and the expected useful life of the asset will drive where it falls and that structural renovations to a building are typically major capital. Mr. Cole reviewed major capital and said that the County has not issued it in a few years and presented a few scenarios to provide perspective on the County’s future debt affordability. The scenarios included adding no new debt and using the existing budget, and additional revenue equal to one penny.

CONSIDERATION OF NON-ACTION ITEMS:

There were no Non-Action Items for the February 10, 2026, regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (OTHER THAN MATTERS FOR WHICH A PUBLIC HEARING HAS BEEN OR WILL BE HELD):

Brad Pollack of Edinburg referenced his commentary published in the Northern Virginia Daily, calling for Woodstock to stop water hookups until water issues are addressed. He also suggested an impact fee to raise money for capital. He also encouraged the Board to support Keith Stephens for Planning Commission. Mr. Pollack stated that he is pleased with the planned upgrades at the landfill. He also commented on how beautiful Wagner Park is and noticed the court case is the subject of an upcoming closed session for the meeting that evening.

Darryl Bates of Maurertown spoke about two industrial properties he owns with a sufficient water supply and was frustrated that it is not being developed.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Consideration of the January 13, 2026 regular meeting minutes.
2. Consideration of reappropriations for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2026.
3. Consideration to carry over capital projects and grant funds from Fiscal Year 2025 to Fiscal Year 2026.
4. Consideration of the appointment of Jim Fagan to the Shenandoah County Planning Commission.
5. Consideration of the appointment of Keith Stephens to the Shenandoah County Planning Commission.

Vice Chairman Morris made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Dotson to approve the items as presented. The motion was approved by a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Taylor	aye	Mr. Gutshall	aye
Mr. Dotson	aye	Mr. Ferguson	aye
Mr. Morris	aye	Mr. Baker	aye

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

There were no Public Hearings scheduled for the February 10, 2026, regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of a Resolution Concerning the Board of Supervisors' Committee Terms.

Chairman Taylor encouraged everyone to attend their committee meetings or to let them know if they could not attend and to stay informed.

Supervisor Kyle Gutshall made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Morris to amend the committee terms to replace Kyle Gutshall with Mark Dotson under section II, Multiple Year Terms, for the Conservation Easement Authority. The motion was approved by a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Taylor	aye	Mr. Gutshall	aye
Mr. Dotson	aye	Mr. Ferguson	aye
Mr. Morris	aye	Mr. Baker	aye

CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION ITEMS:

1. Consideration of a Special Use Permit pursuant to Article XXII, Section 165-170 of the County Code allowing a large-scale energy facility on 60.725 acres, more or less, on certain real property zoned A-1 Agriculture, located at 16817 Old Valley Pike (Tax Map No. 057 A 282 and 057 A 283).

Mr. Lemuel Hancock stated that Planning Commission reviewed this in January and

unanimously recommended this for approval with conditions to be worked out. The applicant, Ms. Cara Romaine, the Project Manager, gave an overview of the project. She said that it has been shaped by community input and feedback and was thoughtfully designed by their team. She added that this solar project will provide power for up to 1,000 homes locally and enable Dominion Energy customers to subscribe and receive monthly savings with no upfront cost to sign up. She said that they held a balloon test to investigate vision impacts. Ms. Romaine said that this site is off Landfill Road and is located on top of a former landfill cell used in the 1980s. She added that they have added additional planting buffers in their plans to include four-foot trees with the trees growing to ten feet tall in four years to fully conceal the panels. She explained their access through the railroad corridor and long-term back-up option with the property owners to use their property for access, if need be, but it is their preference to discuss a temporary construction easement and electrical easement with the county through Landfill Road. She stated that they would offer a one-time payment of \$200,000 to go towards the capital improvement project and that this may be discussed with Mr. Vass in the coming days. Supervisor Dotson asked in similar areas with projects like this, if it is common for the local government to have such a comprehensive set of solar facility guidelines and Ms. Romaine said the County ordinance for solar is the most robust that she has come across. Vice Chairman Morris said a lot of emphasis was placed on the viewshed from Ox Road and they have gone above and beyond to address that and asked if there was anything they have done in other locations that could be done here also in lieu of a four-foot tree taking ten years to grow, to enhance the buffer. He also suggested putting a condition in for the property owner to work with the Extension Office on the sheep and grazing at this location. Supervisor Ferguson said that she assured him that there would be no problem with a right-of-way to the property and that the electric had proper channels to set up lines. He asked for confirmation on if there was another project under 50 acres within one mile of this, that it would not be able to be approved, and Ms. Romaine confirmed their project met the code. Supervisor Ferguson also asked about the buffer and if they would consider starting with a more mature tree, and Ms. Romaine said that they have planted eight-foot-tall trees in the past, but the smaller ones have a higher success rate.

Supervisor Dotson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Gutshall to approve the SUP using the special conditions 1-10 dated January 23, 2026, recommended by Planning Commission with the following changes: Item 8, change evergreens from a minimum of four feet to six feet. Item 9, to modify sentence two to say the plan, developed in consultation with the Virginia Cooperative Extension Agency.

Supervisor Ferguson said that he did not agree with the modification to item 9 and that the applicant should not be responsible for working with the Extension Office. He suggested that if it must be grazed, the Extension Office should work with the farmer, not the applicant for the SUP. Supervisor Dotson clarified that he added the wording in consultation with, which would limit the SUP applicant's interaction with Extension. Vice Chairman Morris said he wants Extension services to be involved in the process and that a go to agency needs to be identified. Supervisor Dotson said that Mr. Clark from Extension has weighed in, and there is a process. Vice Chairman Morris questioned who would get the process started, and Supervisor Ferguson asked who wanted the sheep grazing. Supervisor Ferguson said to have the potential farmer go to Mr. Clark and not have a solar company involved with sheep. Vice Chairman Morris asked if a farmer sees that this project has passed and has questions, who tells them to contact Mr. Clark. Supervisor Ferguson said he does not have a problem with the

solar company telling them to contact Mr. Clark, but it is not their responsibility. Supervisor Dotson said he heard from citizens who provided input over the viewshed. He added that the County has created high standards in their ordinances and is a great example of how local officials can create a path for successful projects like this. He stated that everyone is aware of energy and that this is a shared solar project for locals and is powerful and important and can be used as a model example. Supervisor Ferguson agreed with Supervisor Dotson and added that with this in his own district he had a number of constituents oppose the project even though they could not see it. He said that he spoke with everyone that voiced concerns and explained the advantages of a solar facility at this location and how the buffers would work. He also explained that it would limit other solar companies from coming in and placing a bigger facility within that area. Supervisor Ferguson said that anyone who said no initially was asked if he could vote for the project, and they all gave him permission to support the project with the assurance that he would have their back on issues with it if they arise. Chairman Taylor thanked Supervisor Ferguson for reaching out to his constituents.

The motion was approved by a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Taylor	aye	Mr. Gutshall	aye
Mr. Dotson	aye	Mr. Ferguson	aye
Mr. Morris	aye	Mr. Baker	aye

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of an authorization to appoint a temporary Deputy Zoning Administrator.

Mr. Vass explained that state code allows the governing body to appoint a Zoning Administrator from the staff and that the current one is on extended leave. He stated that they have recommended McKenzie Allen as deputy during this time.

Vice Chairman Morris made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Baker to approve McKenzie Allen as the temporary Deputy Zoning Administrator. The motion was approved by a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Taylor	aye	Mr. Gutshall	aye
Mr. Dotson	aye	Mr. Ferguson	aye
Mr. Morris	aye	Mr. Baker	aye

2. Consideration to authorize the County Administrator to issue a Notice of Award of a Contract to Perry Engineering Company, Inc. for the Landfill Citizens' Convenience Center and Facility Upgrades Project and to execute a contract with Perry Engineering Company, Inc. for that project in the amount of \$7,494,303 for the modified scope of work presented by staff with any additional terms or modifications as may be recommended by the County Administrator and County Attorney.

Mr. Vass said that this gives him the authority to issue the award to Perry Engineering after a competitive bidding process. He added that it has been reviewed by legal counsel. Ms. Belyea thanked Mr. Andy Hounshell for his work on this. Chairman Taylor said that there are a lot of citizens looking

forward to this project.

Vice Chairman Morris made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Baker to approve the items as presented. The motion was approved by a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Taylor	aye	Mr. Gutshall	aye
Mr. Dotson	aye	Mr. Ferguson	aye
Mr. Morris	aye	Mr. Baker	aye

COUNTY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Mr. Ham had no comments.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Supervisor Baker commented on the recent cold weather. He also thanked Chief Hall for the fire and rescue personnel and their quick response to an emergency with his family.

Vice Chairman Morris said he recently celebrated Chief Hall's pinning with the class of 24 and 25. He added that it was a great evening and celebration.

Supervisor Ferguson stated that he received a lot of calls from Fort Valley thanking them for the efforts to add fire and rescue services to their area. He said that now that there is daytime coverage he received more complimentary calls. He shared a recent medical emergency within his family and the excellent service they received quickly.

Supervisor Dotson commented on the weather and snow and said that it was a blessing and a curse for groundwater and agriculture. He added that it has been great for tourism at Bryce Resort. He stated that he was pleased how everyone worked together on the solar project and that in listening to the EDA presentation he would like to work with them to make positive decisions for the County.

Supervisor Gutshall said that water supply is a concern and that there needs to be discussions and planning for this, especially with all the town growth. He stated that he appreciated Mr. Cole's presentation to see what their flexibility and affordability could be and he is ready for the budget season.

Chairman Taylor pointed out the pamphlet that Mr. Hancock handed out that references the Comprehensive Plan and that it was filled with good information for them. He shared some local history facts on the Dunmore Resolves of 1774.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Belyea had no comments.

Mr. Vass had no comments.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There were no Other Business items for the February 10, 2026, regular meeting.

CLOSED SESSION(S):

1. A closed session as authorized by Virginia State Code section 2.2-3711 (A)(3) to discuss the possible acquisition of real property for a public purpose and to discuss the possible disposition of real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating strategy of the County; the closed meeting will include consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel as authorized by Virginia State Code section 2.2-3711 (A)(8). The subject matter concerns the potential acquisition of a privately held parcel of property and the potential disposition of a parcel of property owned by Shenandoah County.
2. A closed session as authorized by Virginia State Code section 2.2-3711(A)(8) to consult with legal counsel employed or retained by the County regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. The subject matter of the closed session is public utility matters.
3. Request to enter into Closed Session in accordance with section 2.2-3711(A) (7) & (8) of the State Code to consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel and to consult with legal counsel and be briefed by staff members or consultants about actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the County's negotiating or litigating posture. The subject matter of the meeting is Day et al. vs. Shenandoah County
4. A closed session as authorized by Virginia State Code section 2.2-3711 (A)(1) to discuss the assignment and appointment of specific public officers, appointees, or employees. The subject matter of the closed session is the appointment of public officials to serve on the Board of Equalization and the Citizens Advisory Committee on the Comprehensive Plan.

At 6:00 p.m. Vice Chairman Morris made a motion, which was seconded by Supervisor Dotson to enter into a closed session as authorized by Virginia State Code section 2.2-3711 (A)(3) to discuss the possible acquisition of real property for a public purpose and to discuss the possible disposition of real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating strategy of the County; the closed meeting will include consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel as authorized by Virginia State Code section 2.2-3711 (A)(8). The subject matter concerns the potential acquisition of a privately held parcel of property and the potential disposition of a parcel of property owned by Shenandoah County. A closed session as authorized by Virginia State Code section 2.2-3711(A)(8) to consult with legal counsel employed or retained by the County regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. The subject matter of the closed session is public utility matters. A request to enter into Closed Session in accordance with section 2.2-3711(A) (7) & (8) of the State Code to consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel and to consult with legal counsel and be briefed by staff members or consultants about actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the County's negotiating or litigating posture. The subject matter of the meeting is Day et al. vs. Shenandoah County. A closed session as authorized by Virginia State Code section 2.2-3711 (A)(1) to discuss the assignment and appointment of specific public officers, appointees, or

employees. The subject matter of the closed session is the appointment of public officials to serve on the Board of Equalization and the Citizens Advisory Committee on the Comprehensive Plan.

The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Taylor	aye	Mr. Gutshall	aye
Mr. Dotson	aye	Mr. Ferguson	aye
Mr. Morris	aye	Mr. Baker	aye

At 7:56 p.m. the Board reconvened into open session following a motion by Supervisor Baker and seconded by Supervisor Gutshall which was approved by a unanimous roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Taylor	aye	Mr. Gutshall	aye
Mr. Dotson	aye	Mr. Ferguson	aye
Mr. Morris	aye	Mr. Baker	aye

Mr. Vass read the certification that all members must certify that to the best of each member’s knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirement, under The Virginia Freedom Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting of the public body.

Mr. Taylor	aye	Mr. Gutshall	aye
Mr. Dotson	aye	Mr. Ferguson	aye
Mr. Morris	aye	Mr. Baker	aye

Vice Chairman Morris made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Dotson, to amend the February 10, 2026, meeting agenda to include item 3 under New Business to include the consideration of a recommendation of the appointments of Mr. Butch Barnes, Mr. Chris Biby, Mr. Geary Showman, and Mr. Bill Wines to the Board of Equalization, noting that Mr. Biby will be recognized as the alternate. The motion also included the reappointment of Mr. Vito Gentile to the Citizen’s Advisory Committee to the Comprehensive Plan.

The motion was approved by a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Taylor	aye	Mr. Gutshall	aye
Mr. Dotson	aye	Mr. Ferguson	aye
Mr. Morris	aye	Mr. Baker	aye

Vice Chairman Morris made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Dotson to approve the recommended appointments of Mr. Barnes, Mr. Showman, and Mr. Wines to the Board of Equalization and Mr. Biby as the alternate to the Board of Equalization, and the reappointment of Mr. Gentile to the CAC. The motion was approved by a roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Taylor	aye	Mr. Gutshall	aye
Mr. Dotson	aye	Mr. Ferguson	aye
Mr. Morris	aye	Mr. Baker	aye

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Tim Taylor, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Evan Vass, Clerk of the Board



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**RESOLUTION OF THE SHENANDOAH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ORIGINALLY ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 9, 2019, REAFFIRMED ON FEBRUARY 24,
2026**

INTRODUCTION

Declaration of Independence: The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

Constitution of Virginia Article I, Section 1: That all men are by nature equally free and independent and have certain inherent rights, of which, when they enter into a state of society, they cannot, by any compact, deprive or divest their posterity; namely, the enjoyment of life and liberty, with the means of acquiring and possessing property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety.

Constitution of Virginia Article I, Section 2: That all power is vested in, and consequently derived from, the people, that magistrates are their trustees and servants, and at all times amenable to them.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads: “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” and,

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 13, of the Constitution of Virginia provides “That a well regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the proper, natural, and safe defense of a free state, therefore, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; that standing armies, in time of peace, should be avoided as dangerous to liberty; and that in all cases the military should be under strict subordination to, and governed by, the civil power,” and,

WHEREAS, the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors is concerned and wishes to address “gun violence” in the US, not by singling out and criminalizing one of many tools but rather by addressing the rising culture of violence through improved mental-health services, augmented training for law enforcement officers and outreach to families and neighborhoods under stress; and

WHEREAS, certain legislation that has been introduced in the Virginia General Assembly, and certain legislation which has (or may be) introduced in the United States Congress could have the effect of infringing on the rights of law abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and of Article I, Section 13 of the Constitution of Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of Shenandoah County to keep and bear arms; and,

WHEREAS, the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors wishes to express opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights under the Second Amendment (U.S. Constitution) and Article I, Section 13 (Constitution of Virginia) of the citizens of Shenandoah County to keep and bear arms; and,

WHEREAS, the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its intent to stand as a Sanctuary County for the Second Amendment (U.S. Constitution) and Article I, Section 13 (Constitution of Virginia) rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the right of the citizens to keep and bear arms, including through legal action, and the right to petition for redress of grievances.

WHEREAS, the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors acknowledges that the judicial system will ultimately resolve matters of law, the Board also recognizes its civic duty to reflect the sense of its constituents to the Virginia General Assembly and respect those views by actively opposing infringement of the Constitution's Second Amendment until and unless the judicial system confirms the constitutionality of pertinent legislation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SHENANDOAH COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

That the Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment (US Constitution) and Article I, Section 13 (Constitution of Virginia) rights of the citizens of Shenandoah County and opposes creation of any laws that restrict those rights; and,

That public funds of the County shall not be used to aid in the unnecessary or unconstitutional restriction of the rights under the Second Amendment (U.S. Constitution) and Article I, Section 13 (Constitution of Virginia) of the citizens of Shenandoah County to keep and bear arms; and,

That the Board of Supervisors hereby declares Shenandoah County, Virginia, as a "Second Amendment (U.S. Constitution) and Article I, Section 13 (Constitution of Virginia) Sanctuary".

The undersigned Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shenandoah, Virginia hereby certifies that the Resolution set forth above was adopted during an open meeting on December 9, 2019, by the Board of Supervisors with the following votes:

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Chairman and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Shenandoah County, Virginia hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a resolution entitled Resolution of Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors adopted by the Board of Supervisors at a Special Called meeting held on December 9, 2019. A record of the roll-call vote by the Board is as follows:

NAME	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Conrad A. Helsley , Chairman	X			
Steven A. Baker	X			
Dennis Morris	X			
Karl Roulston	X			
John Richard "Dick" Neese	X			
Richard R. Walker	X			

Date: December 9, 2019

CERTIFICATE

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[SEAL]

ATTEST: _____
Clerk, Board of Supervisors,
Shenandoah County, Virginia

Chairman, Board of Supervisors,
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Evan L. Vass, County Administrator
Mandy R. Belyea, Deputy County Administrator



**RESOLUTION REGARDING EARLY VOTING PRIOR TO EXPIRATION
OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL WAITING PERIOD**

WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 1 of the Constitution of Virginia provides that no proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters sooner than ninety days after final passage by the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, final passage of House Joint Resolution 4 occurred on January 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS, ninety days from that date expires on April 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS, early voting for the referendum is scheduled to begin March 6, 2026, prior to expiration of the ninety-day constitutional period; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is constitutionally bound by oath to uphold the Constitution of Virginia

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Shenandoah County, Virginia, determines that authorizing early voting prior to April 16, 2026 presents a substantial constitutional question under Article XII, Section 1; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be transmitted immediately to the Virginia State Board of Elections and the Office of the Attorney General.

Adopted this 24 day of February, 2026

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Chairman and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Shenandoah County, Virginia hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution regarding early voting prior to expiration of the constitutional waiting period adopted by the Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on February 24, 2026. A record of the roll-call vote by the Board is as follows:

NAME	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Tim Taylor, Chairman				
Dennis Morris, Vice-Chairman				
Steven A. Baker				
Mark Dotson				
David E. Ferguson				
Kyle Gutshall				

Date: February 24, 2026

[SEAL]

ATTEST: _____

Clerk, Board of Supervisors,
Shenandoah County, Virginia

Chairman, Board of Supervisors,
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ADMINISTRATION

Evan L. Vass, County Administrator
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~~**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board directs the General Registrar and Electoral Board not to commence early voting for the proposed constitutional amendment prior to April 16, 2016 unless and until a court of competent jurisdiction determines that such early voting is constitutionally permissible; and~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be transmitted immediately to the Virginia State Board of Elections and the Office of the Attorney General.

Adopted this 24 day of February, 2026.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Chairman and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Shenandoah County, Virginia hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution ~~regarding declining to commence~~ early voting prior to expiration of the constitutional waiting period adopted by the Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on February 24, 2026. A record of the roll-call vote by the Board is as follows:

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