

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
February 25, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, 600 North Main Street, Woodstock, Virginia on February 25, 2020. The following members of the Board of Supervisors were present: Chairman Dick Neese, Vice Chairman Steve Baker, Brad Pollack, Karl Roulston, Tim Taylor and Dennis Morris. Others present included County Administrator Evan Vass, Deputy County Administrator Mandy Belyea, Director of Finance Angie Schellhammer, Deputy Clerk Chris Sherman and County Attorney Jason Ham.

Chairman Neese provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Supervisor Baker made a Motion, seconded by Supervisor Morris to approve the February 25, 2020 agenda. The Motion passed by a roll call vote of 6-0 as follows:**

Taylor	aye	Roulston	aye
Pollack	aye	Morris	aye
Baker	aye	Neese	aye

**Supervisor Taylor disclosed that he is an employee of the Shenandoah County School Division.**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS**

Evan Vass, County Administrator presented the Proposed FY2021 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan. He explained that the budget is framed by five areas including Education, Public Safety, Economic Development, Solid Waste Capital and Human Capital. Mr. Vass reminded the board that the school division includes an increased request of \$4.2 million in both operating expenses and capital projects. He described the new Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office and the new Public Safety Radio System as two major projects in the Public Safety division that factor into an increase in funding associated with operating and maintenance costs. Mr. Vass mentioned an important funding request for Economic Development is for Business Retention and Expansion position and site development improvements. He said there are expenses associated with county personnel including a 1.5% COLA increase for county staff, increased insurance rates of 13.40%, additional staffing requests for multiple departments and the implementation of a proposed salary and compensation study. Mr. Vass explained that Shenandoah County had a decrease in annual contributions to the RSW Regional Jail, however they experienced an increase in contributions to the Juvenile and Detention Center as well as an increase in funding to the Children's Services Act. Mr. Vass reminded the board that they conduct a General Reassessment of property every six years and the \$500K cost of the 2022 General Reassessment will be accounted for in both the 2021 and 2022 proposed budgets. Mr. Vass indicated that the largest CIP request is the development of the Phase 4 Landfill Cell at an estimated cost of \$3,600,000 with a life expectancy of 6 to 8 years before Phase 5 begins. He added other CIP's include the County Library data server, Replacement of Patrol In-Car Cameras, Parks and Recreation Wagner Park Entrance, North Fork Wastewater Treatment Plant

chemical storage, Stoney Creek Sanitary District pipe rehabilitation and UV disinfection. Mr. Vass spoke about the debt service and use of the unassigned fund balance for one-time non-recurring expenses. He said that the County receives revenue from local, state, government, and other financing sources and suggested a Real Estate Tax Increase of \$ .02 cents as well as a Personal Property Tax Increase of \$ .75 cents which could amount to approximately \$1,300,000 in revenue. He explained that this was to account for increased debt associated with the 2018 issuance of debt to fund the public safety radio project and public safety building. He reported that the variance between proposed revenues of \$71,545,527 and proposed expenditures of \$80,717,417 equals \$9,171,890.

Supervisor Tim Taylor requested clarification regarding the flow of the budget work sessions.

Mr. Vass explained that Administration met previously in January with department heads and the requests have been provided in your proposed budget binders for your review and discussion during budget work sessions. He said if needed we can always call on department heads for further explanation.

**CONSIDERATION OF NON-ACTION ITEMS** – No items were scheduled.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** No comments were received.

**CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Supervisor Baker made a Motion, seconded by Supervisor Morris to approve the consent agenda. The Motion passed by a roll call vote of 6-0 as follows:**

Taylor	aye	Roulston	aye
Pollack	aye	Morris	aye
Baker	aye	Neese	aye

1. Approval of Minutes – January 21, 2020 Joint Meeting and January 28, 2020 regular meeting.
2. Consideration of the appointment of Mr. William Holtzman to serve on the Shenandoah County Industrial Development Authority (IDA).

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** – No public hearings were scheduled.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Consideration to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the County and the Shenandoah County Historical Society.

Mr. Vass indicated the redline version was included in the agenda packet as only dates have changed. He added that Judge Kevin Black will need to review and approve before the MOA is final.

**Supervisor Morris made a Motion, seconded by Supervisor Taylor to approve the MOA. The Motion passed by a roll call vote of 6-0 as follows:**

Pollack	aye	Morris	aye
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Roulston	aye	Taylor	aye
Baker	aye	Neese	aye

2. Consideration to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$140,000 for grant funds awarded for the design and construction of a storm water retrofit project at the Maurertown Park.

Supervisor Taylor said he was intrigued by the volume of information included. Mr. Ham stated it was a federal requirement.

**Supervisor Morris made a Motion, seconded by Supervisor Pollack to approve the supplemental appropriation for \$140,000 towards grant funds. The Motion passed by a roll call vote of 6-0 as follows:**

Roulston	aye	Pollack	aye
Morris	aye	Taylor	aye
Baker	aye	Neese	aye

#### CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION ITEMS

1. Consideration of a Text Amendment adding general farming, agriculture, dairying, and forestry to Article III District Regulations of Chapter 165-18 and 165-19.

**Supervisor Roulston made a Motion, seconded by Supervisor Pollack to approve the text amendment. The Motion passed by a roll call vote of 6-0 as follows:**

Morris	aye	Roulston	aye
Taylor	aye	Pollack	aye
Baker	aye	Neese	aye

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of a Resolution Supporting Worker Freedom Including Right to Work.

Mr. Flynn Ekleman Coordinator for the Americans for Prosperity requested action on this Resolution and to notify the General Assembly know that Shenandoah County supports the right to work law in Shenandoah County. **(attached hereto)**

**Supervisor Pollack made a Motion, seconded by Supervisor Morris to approve the Resolution. The Motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-1 as follows:**

Taylor	aye	Roulston	nay
Pollack	aye	Morris	aye
Baker	aye	Neese	aye

**COUNTY ATTORNEY COMMENTS-No comments were received.**

#### BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Supervisor Taylor reported that he attended the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receiving information that over 80 dead trees have been removed from the Maurertown Park at no cost to the County. He said Mr. Hoover was pleased to hear about proposed changes to the school division that might benefit the recreation department and happy that the retention pond will be receiving some attention in the very near future.

Supervisor Morris said the Board would like to continue to recognize area youth for state awards at Board meetings when they could be accommodated.

Supervisor Baker commented about a proposed increase to minimum wage in the state legislature and said it needs more discussion or it could be a disservice to small businesses.

Chairman Neese recognized area FFA programs during National FFA Week.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS-no comments were received.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**CLOSED SESSION(S)**

**Supervisor Baker made a Motion, seconded by Supervisor Pollack to enter into the following closed sessions at 7:51 p.m.**

1. In accordance with section **2.2-3711 (A) (3)** of the State Code to discuss the disposition of real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating strategy of the County. The subject is county owned property.
2. In accordance with section **2.2-3711 (A) (1)** of the State Code to discuss the assignment and appointment of specific public officers, appointees, or employees, as authorized by section The subject matter of the meeting is an appointment to the Industrial Development Authority.
3. In accordance with sections **2.2-3711(A) (7) and (8)** of the State Code for consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. The subject matters are Shenandoah County Board of Zoning appeals case numbers 20-01 and 20-02 and Allen E. Miller, executor of the estate of Zula Marie Wagner, et al, v. County of Shenandoah Virginia.

**The Motion was approved by a roll call vote of 6-0 as follows:**

Morris	aye	Roulston	aye
Pollack	aye	Taylor	aye
Baker	aye	Neese	aye

**Supervisor Baker made a Motion, seconded by Supervisor Taylor to return to regular session at 8:24 p.m. The Motion was approved by a roll call vote of 6-0 as follows:**

Morris	aye	Roulston	aye
Pollack	aye	Taylor	aye
Baker	aye	Neese	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.

Members were polled to certify that only those matters identified in the above Code

Section was discussed.

Roulston	aye	Pollack	aye
Taylor	aye	Morris	aye
Baker	aye	Neese	aye

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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Dick Neese, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Evan Vass, Clerk of the Board

### **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WORKER FREEDOM INCLUDING RIGHT TO WORK**

**Whereas**, the Commonwealth of Virginia has honored its Right to Work law since 1947; and

**Whereas**, Right to Work laws ensure that Virginians have the dignity to make their own choice on whether or not to join or financially support a union at their place of employment; and

**Whereas**, maintaining the voluntary nature of union support in our Commonwealth ensures better relationships between employers, employees, and unions, which is one of the important factors in Virginia's successful economy; and

**Whereas**, Right to Work states have greater growth in real household consumption and higher cost of living adjusted per capita disposable income; and

**Whereas**, Right to Work states enjoy greater overall job growth including in the manufacturing center; and

**Whereas**, Right to Work states have lower tax burdens; and

**Therefore, Be it resolved** that the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors hereby stand in strong support of the Commonwealth of Virginia's longstanding laws protecting worker freedom, including our Right to Work law, to continue preserving worker choice and economic opportunity in our county.

Approved on a Motion and a Second by Supervisors Pollack and Morris and by a vote of 5-1 at a regularly scheduled meeting on February 25, 2020.

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Dick Neese, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Evan Vass, Clerk of the Board