

January 16, 2020

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NOTTOWAY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE THEREOF, ON THURSDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF JANUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY AND IN THE 244TH YEAR OF THE COMMONWEALTH:

PRESENT: HELEN M. SIMMONS, CHAIRMAN
SHERMAN C. VAUGHN, VICE CHAIRMAN
STEVE W. BOWEN
JOHN A. ROARK
RONALD E. ROARK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JOHN N. PROSISE, ASSISTANT COUNTY
PRESTON G. WILLIAMS, COUNTY ATTORNEY

ABSENT: NOEL R. SHEKLETON

Madam Chair Simmons called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Citizen and Deacon, Glenn Norton, provided the invocation. Chair Simmons led everyone in the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

Madam Chair Simmons asks if there are any additional items that need to be placed on the agenda for the night's meeting; hearing none she calls for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Supervisor Roark makes this motion and a second is offered by Vice Chairman Vaughn. With a voice vote the motion carried as follows:

S.W. Bowen	Yes
J.A. Roark	Yes
N. R. Shekleton	Absent
S. C. Vaughn	Yes
H. M. Simmons	Yes

The minutes of the December 19, 2019 regular Board meeting were presented. Vice Chairman Vaughn moves to receive and adopt the December 19, 2019 minutes as presented. The motion received a second from Supervisor Bowen. With a voice vote the motion carried as follows:

S.W. Bowen	Yes
J.A. Roark	Yes
N. R. Shekleton	Absent
S. C. Vaughn	Yes
H. M. Simmons	Yes

Madam Chair Simmons, after realizing that majority of the night's large audience is there to either speak in favor of, or show support for, the request to establish a militia, she moves this agenda item forward.

Administrator Roark reads aloud two proposed resolutions; one provided by a Nottoway County citizen and the other from Tazewell County. Supervisor Roark reads aloud a prepared statement expressing his opinion on the issue and moves to forward the proposed resolution to County Attorney Preston Williams for his review. The motion received a second from Vice Chairman Vaughn. With a voice vote the motion carried as follows:

S.W. Bowen	Yes
J.A. Roark	Yes
N. R. Shekleton	Absent
S. C. Vaughn	Yes
H. M. Simmons	Yes

Chair Simmons asks if there are any delegations from the public:

Laura Paulette (PSR): Ms. Paulette asks why the Board does not want the services of Piedmont Senior Resources in the County. She urges the Board to reconsider the financial contribution they provide PSR during the upcoming Budget preparations

Bill Outlaw: Mr. Outlaw offers words to remind all citizens that the elected officials work for the voting, tax-paying citizens, not the other way around

Lynn Blevins (PSR): Asks for clarification on how the matters with Piedmont Senior Resources will be resolved

Madam Chair Simmons instructs Administrator Roark to write a letter to the Chair of the Piedmont Senior Resources (PSR) Board notifying them of the citizen's concerns and complaints about the services that are not being provided to them and to have the PSR Board supply an answer as to what the problem is.

Stuart Cardwell (militia): Mr. Cardwell, states he is a law-abiding gun carrying taxpayer and the tyranny leadership is trying to strip citizens of the rights provided each by the constitution; he exclaims that 65 of the 140 seats that make up the State Government are people that were not born in the State of Virginia yet they are making decision for those that were. Mr. Cardwell acknowledges the recent policy change made by the Governor to ban guns in the Capital Building and its grounds; suggests this was purposeful action to keep citizens from exercising their god given rights.

Darrell Garber (Title 18 USC): Mr. Garber suggests that the Governor is posing credible threats of violence against its own people; asks for the Board to write a letter to the US Attorney in Richmond relating to the Governor's violation of the United States Code Title 18 Section 242 and request they open an investigation. Mr. Garber also acknowledges proposed House Bill 899 that will ban plastic coated bullets or solid metal other than lead bullets; making possession of such ammunition a Class 5 Felony; suggests these types of Bills are being proposed and considered solely to strip citizens of their rights.

Sonny Abbott: Mr. Abbott expresses his displeasure with his District 3 Board representative, Madam Chair Helen Simmons; stating that she has not made an attempt to answer questions asked of her in a personal letter from him. Mr. Abbott also takes exception with the presumed assumption that newly elected supervisor John Roark was purposely passed over as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Abbott suggests that the Board does not want change.

Madam Chair Simmons reminds Mr. Abbott that when he presented her his letter he stated that it was no rush and that he didn't give her his telephone number; she had to obtain it from another source. She states that she would indeed be calling him to arrange a meeting with him as her earliest convenience.

John Schutt, Chief - Burkeville Volunteer Fire Department: Chief Schutt provides documents containing operational, financial, and statistical information for his Department and offers clarification on public misconception that a non-profit organization makes money; exclaims that is not accurate.

Gregory Robertson: Mr. Robertson provides alternate ways a locality could utilize, and even benefit from, an organized militia; search and rescue efforts, traffic directing, manhunts, security, during inclement weather events, wildfires, natural disasters, and mass casualty incidents. Mr. Robertson suggests that the duty of every elected official is to preserve and defend the rights of its people and urges the Board to take a stand against tyranny.

Supervisor Roark thanks Mr. Robertson for his efforts and assures him the Board is taking steps towards making a decision.