

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NOTTOWAY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE THEREOF, ON THURSDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF JUNE 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
LYNN K. SHEKLETON
STEVE W. BOWEN
JOHN A. ROARK
RONALD E. ROARK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JOHN N. PROSISE, ASSISTANT COUNTY

ABSENT: PRESTON G. WILLIAMS, COUNTY ATTORNEY

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

Earl Walker, Pastor of Fourth Mount Zion Baptist Church, provided the invocation. Madam Chair Simmons led everyone in the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

Madam Chair Simmons informs that the minutes will be provided for review in the July meeting package. She then asks if there are any additional items that need to be placed on the agenda for the night's meeting.

Supervisor Bowen asks Madam Chair Simmons to add Code of Virginia § 2.2-3711.A 1 (Personnel) to the request for entering Closed Session later in the meeting. He asks this to discuss the Compensation study the County had previously completed and never discussed. He also requests that County Administration staff be included for this portion. Administrator Roark informs that he has two additions. A request to obtain a credit card and a District 1 housing project completion.

Supervisor Bowen makes a motion to approve the agenda, including amendments. 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
L. K. Shekleton	Yes
S. C. Vaughn	Yes
H. M. Simmons	Yes

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

Sonny Abbott: Mr. Abbott asks the Board to step up their actions and show progress for the County; don't remain stagnate with excuses.

Abbi Messer: Ms. Messer expresses concern for the lack of available broadband internet for County citizens; suggests there are grant funds available from the United States Department of Agriculture to assist with this problem.

Sarah Allen: A lifelong resident of Nottoway County, asking that the Confederate monument that is located in the center of the Nottoway County Courthouse complex be removed; she recommends relocating the monument to a Confederate cemetery in the County.

Supervisor Roark thanks Ms. Allen for being a voice and for her respectful and dignified manner in which she has presented her request and suggests that her efforts should not be ignored. He informs that he has been contacted by a citizen of Nottoway County that has more than one family members' name on the Courthouse monument and is willing to assist with relocation efforts.

Madam Chair Simmons acknowledges that Abbi Messer was the citizen that organized the recent successful and civil protest in the Town of Crewe and further expresses appreciation for the way she handled the event.

Daphne Norton: Mrs. Norton, on behalf of organizer Jerry Morton, reports that this year's 100-mile yard sale has been cancelled due to the Governor's restrictions and risk associated with the COVID10 pandemic. Mrs. Norton also informs that she will be stepping down as Chair of Citizens for a Better Nottoway. She cites frustration with County Government officials and their lack of progressive efforts as her reason.

Supervisor Bowen asks Madam Chair Simmons to forward a letter of appreciation to Jerry Morton for all her efforts over the years both for the County and towards the 100-mile yard sale.

Susan Yeatts: Mrs. Yeatts suggests that what citizens say will fall on deaf ears. Mrs. Yeatts cites poverty statistics to support her argument that County Administrator Roark is over compensated. She also addresses each Supervisor and expresses her discontentment with them. Mrs. Yeatts suggests that Vice Chairman Vaughn wants to keep the County poor, Supervisor Bowen doesn't take a stand on any issue and votes with the flow, and that Madam Chair Simmons ref uses to attend training for her position as Emergency Services Coordinator. She continues by accusing Supervisor Roark of broken campaign promises however offers praise for Supervisor Shekleton opposing the Budget Committee's proposed tax reduction. She lastly states that she feared addressing the Board due to potential for verbal assault or social media retaliation.

Supervisor Roark directly addresses Mrs. Yeatt's comments; he disagrees with things she just said and offers the correct information for clarification. He did not agree with spending over \$400,000 on any new Animal Shelter, he did attempt to have the Board extend the delegation's speaking time, and the Board is doing everything it can to be more transparent; the newly installed recording equipment for live streaming of meetings shows this. Lastly Supervisor Roark explains that he has realized, after taking elected office, that there are limits to information that can be shared with the public.

The Board held the following public hearing:

Public Hearing: to consider amending the 2020-21 Budget by adding the following:

	<u>Revenue</u>	
Federal CARES Coronavirus Relief Fund		-\$1,328,933
	<u>Expense</u>	
Federal CARES Coronavirus Relief Fund		\$1,328,933

Supervisor Shekleton provides the Committee Report on how the funding will be handled by the County. The Board will be accepting applications from small businesses located in the County that can provide proper documentation of an operating loss directly related to COVID19.

Madam Chair Simmons asks if there is anyone present wishing to speak, either for or against, the CARES funds Budget amendment; hearing none the public hearing is closed. Supervisor Roark makes a motion to approve the amendment to the 2020-21 Budget, both revenues and expenditures, with the \$1,328,993 Federal CARES Coronavirus Relief Fund and appropriate the funds July 1, 2020. The motion received a second from Supervisor Vice Chairman Vaughn. Following a voice vote the motion carried as follows:

S.W. Bowen	Yes
J.A. Roark	Yes
L. K. Shekleton	Yes
S. C. Vaughn	Yes
H. M. Simmons	Yes