

August 20, 2020

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NOTTOWAY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE THEREOF, ON THURSDAY, THE 20TH DAY OF AUGUST IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY AND IN THE 245TH 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
PRESTON G. WILLIAMS, COUNTY ATTORNEY

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

Supervisor Bowen provided the invocation. Madam Chair Simmons led everyone in the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

Madam Chair Simmons announces that she will be amending the agenda; she will be moving the Report of the Courthouse Memorial Statue Study Committee to the beginning of the meeting.

Administrator Roark announces that he has two items that need to be added to his section; responses to the Request for Proposal for the Animal Shelter and a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Additionally, he informs that Supervisor Roark would like to add two items also; a report from the Personnel Committee with time to discuss procedural questions, and a discussion on a division of the County moving forward.

Madam Chair Simmons takes the time to clarify her actions relating to the appointment of a Courthouse Memorial Study Committee. She explains that during the July regular Board meeting when so many citizens expressed their opinions on the future of the Courthouse Memorial she chose not to appoint a Committee at that time, even though Supervisor Roark made the suggestion to do so. After the meeting, and after rethinking the subject matter, she reconsidered her decision and chose to appoint an existing Committee to study the matter of the Memorial; the Courthouse Complex Committee comprised of Supervisors Bowen and Shekleton. Madam Chair tasked the Committee with obtaining all information possible, to include estimated costs to remove the statue, and bringing it back to the Board at tonight's meeting.

1 – Study Committee Report – Courthouse Memorial Statue: Documents as follows were included with the Committee Report:

- A – Code Section §15.2-1812 Memorials for war veterans
- B – VA SB182 2020 Regular Session; Title – War memorials for veterans; removal, relocation, etc.
- C – Letter – Frank G. Puryear: encouraging the Board to donate annually to the Piedmont Area Veterans Council
- C – Letter – Laura R. Outlaw, W. Courthouse Rd, Crewe, VA: requesting the Board not to remove the Memorial from the Courthouse
- D – Email – suggestion to cover the Statue during the week during Business hours instead of removing it
- E – Email – Celia Orr-Elzay: suggest the monument should be removed from the Courthouse Complex and the Board should entertain all thoughts/ideas on where to relocate it and what shall replace it
- F – Letter – Mary B. Baty: suggests the Memorial stay on the Complex and revisit the placement of a similar memorial for fallen Nottoway Confederate Blacks on the Complex