

September 17, 2020

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NOTTOWAY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE THEREOF, ON THURSDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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

ABSENT: 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 asks if there are any additional items that need to be placed on the agenda for the night's meeting:

Administrator Roark requests to add a report on broadband under new business, and add two additional items to the closed session; personnel matters and consultant with the County Attorney for probable litigation.

Supervisor Bowen asks that the monthly update for the Commonwealth Regional Council (CRC) be placed under information items and if there is anything additional to report he will do so. Administrator Roark explains that CRC was added to the agenda as a presentation because Melody Foster was originally planning to attend the meeting.

Vice Chairman Vaughn makes a motion to approve the agenda, including amendments.

The minutes of the August 20, 2020 work session were presented. Vice Chairman Vaughn moves to receive and adopt the August 20, 2020 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
L.K. Shekleton	Yes
S. C. Vaughn	Yes
H. M. Simmons	Yes

Madam Chair Simmons, Nottoway County Emergency Services Director, reports that the number of positive Coronavirus cases in the County has drastically increased and strongly urges citizens to continue their mask wearing, hand washing and social distancing. She additionally urges citizens to have patience with Business employees when they require that they wear a mask when entering their establishment; those employees are simply carrying out the orders of their Supervisors. Lastly, Madam Chair Simmons reminds everyone that the Board voted on the delegation's five-minute speaking limit at its January 2020 organization meeting and asks that all speakers simply honor that limit without negative outbursts.

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

Sarah Allen: Ms. Allen reiterates Madam Chair's comments related to COVID-19 by acknowledging a local family that recently suffered the loss of a family member due to the virus. Ms. Allen begins her comments by reflecting on a racist attack on four small children in Birmingham, Alabama in 1963. She states that the Board has missed an opportunity to lead and set a positive example and that the statue doesn't promote heritage only hate.