

November 24, 2020

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NOTTOWAY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE THEREOF, ON THURSDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 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 ADMINISTRATOR

ABSENT: PRESTON G. WILLIAMS, COUNTY ATTORNEY

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

Reverend Chris Hillman of Sharon Baptist Church 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:

Supervisor Roark asks to add items under new business to the agenda that he had previously spoken with Madam Chair about. He presents these to the whole Board for their review. Madam Chair questions whether it is his desire to discuss all of the matters on the list {provided} in closed session. He clarifies the request for closed session was only for two separate personnel matters that had been sent to the Personnel Committee.

Being one of his requests for addition to the Agenda, Supervisor Roark explains that the templates for employee evaluations have been completed and there is a copy available for each Board member to review for adoption. Vice Chairman Vaughn states that a lot of the matters on Supervisor Roark's list would be better suited for a work session. Supervisor Roark agrees but notes that both the November and December work sessions were cancelled. Madam Chair expresses that none of the matters on his list are pressing therefore don't all need to be addressed at tonight's meeting; stating the agenda is already full. She acknowledges that since the agenda already includes a closed session they will take care of the personnel matters at the same time.

Supervisor Bowen asks for clarification on the last matter on Supervisor Roark's list; a dog attack. He asks if this is something that is presently happening. Supervisor Roark explains that this list was previously prepared for last week's rescheduled meeting and he has since communicated with Madam Chair Simmons about the related letter and this can be removed from the list. He continues by stating that the list item related to a CRC grant application for black owned property should be a very quick discussion.

Madam Chair Simmons states that she will just go down the list item by item which will allow everyone to hear what they were.

Administrator Roark requests to add consideration of bonuses for County employees, solar panel exemption definitions and closed session for perspective business or industry to the Agenda.

The minutes of the September 10, 2020 work session, the October 08, 2020 work session, and the October 15, 2020 regular meeting were presented. Vice Chairman Vaughn moves to receive and adopt the September 10, 2020, October 08, 2020, and the October 15, 2020 minutes as presented. The motion received a second from Supervisor Shekleton. With a voice vote the motion carried as follows:

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

Madam Chair Simmons recesses the meeting for the Board members to go outside and view a new ambulance that was purchased using Federal CARES Relief Funds for Nottoway County Emergency Squad. The Board recesses at 7:12 P.M.

The Board resumes the meeting at 7:21 P.M.

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

Sonny Abbott: Mr. Abbott acknowledges the news that according to the Virginia Department of Elections, Nottoway's election was error free. He questions whether the election results will change things for Nottoway; will things progress for the better? He questions will the solar tax issues be worked out before the moratorium is lifted. He acknowledges recent action by the Nottoway County School Board to give all of its employees, both full and part time, a \$1,000 stipend; encourages the Board of Supervisors to consider the same for its employees. Lastly he suggests that the savings of \$342,000 that were found in the FY21 Budget for the School employee bonuses would have been a part of the spenddown funds they typically have remaining at the end of the fiscal year.

Philip Vannoorbeeck, Manager – Town of Blackstone: Manager Vannoorbeeck informs the Board of a COVID-19 Municipal Utility Relief Program that was recently approved by the Governor and being administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development; making municipal utility system customers eligible for relief due to ongoing matters related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Manager Vannoorbeeck explains that Virginia utility providers are not allowed to disconnect service for non-payment until 60 days after the Governor's Declaration of Emergency has been lifted. He explains that while this can pose a financial hardship to utility providers such as the Town this Relief Program will allow utility customers to apply, through the Town, for utility relief for delinquent accounts associated with the COVID-19 pandemic; for balances that were due between the months of March 01, 2020 through October 31, 2020.

Manager Vannoorbeeck explains the Town's application process and states that one of the requirements is approval from the partnering County who would serve as Fiscal Agent. He additionally explains the application and distribution process for recipients.

Supervisor Bowen suggests that Manager Vannoorbeeck's comments should have been placed on the meeting agenda as a presentation. Manager Vannoorbeeck agrees but explains the only reason it wasn't is due to the time constraints for application submission.

Supervisor Shekleton asks Manager Vannoorbeeck if he is aware of how the funds will be distributed to the County; as one lump sum payment to be disbursed to the Town or multiple disbursements? He explains that while he is not 100 percent certain, he believes that it will likely be a series of multiple disbursements. He does clarify that each customer can only apply once and the disbursements filtering through the County will be solely to the town and not individual customers.