

October 15, 2020

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NOTTOWAY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE THEREOF, ON THURSDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER 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 (ABSENT AT CALL TO ORDER)
RONALD E. ROARK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JOHN N. PROSISE, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
PRESTON G. WILLIAMS, COUNTY ATTORNEY

ABSENT:

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 informs he has two items to add to the agenda; under new business a report from the Emergency Services Committee and under the County Administrator section he needs to add the County website.

Supervisor Bowen makes a motion to approve the agenda, including amendments. The motion received a second from Vice Chairman Vaughn. Following a voice vote the motion carried as follows:

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

Madam Chair Simmons announces that with the absence of Supervisor Roark, should a motion result in a tie vote, the motion will be defeated.

The minutes of the September 17, 2020 regular meeting, the September 23, 2020 special meeting, the September 24, 2020 adjourned meeting, the September 28, 2020 adjourned meeting, and the September 29, 2020 adjourned meeting were presented. Vice Chairman Vaughn moves to receive and adopt the September 17, 2020, September 23, 2020, September 24, 2020, September 28, 2020 and the September 29, 2020 minutes as presented. The motion received a second from Supervisor Shekleton. With a voice vote the motion carried as follows:

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

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

John Schutt: Mr. Schutt states he is present as a tax paying citizen in both District 1 and District 2 and he would like to discuss ambulance services in the County. He expresses concern for the future stability of the services and the current funding distribution from the County. Mr. Schutt believes it should be everyone's responsibility, the citizens, the County and the three Towns, to ensure the future success of pre-hospital care.

Thomas Crews – Mr. Crews announces he wishes to discuss two subject matters; the Courthouse Statue and high speed internet access across the County. Mr. Crews informs he is enraged at the Board's handling of the Courthouse statue and says they botched the matter with the vote for the referendum. He urges that the entire process is tainted due to political cowardess. Next, Mr. Crews exclaims that in the past he asked the Board to assign a committee to ensure a plan to obtain high speed internet for its citizens; suggests no forward movement is visible. He states that the current pandemic and virtual learning requirements have not created this problem; it has only brought it to the forefront.

Brian Welch, Burkeville Volunteer Fire Department – Mr. Welch expresses appreciation to the Board for their willingness to participate in the National Incident Command System training; all five have signed up to participate in the January 2021 training.

Allen Queen, Recycling Program Manager – Department of Military Affairs: Mr. Queen suggests that due to a viable concern for the financial stability and future expansion space at the Nottoway County Landfill, the County could consider expanding the current operations to an integrated solid waste operation that would include a recycling program

Supervisor Bowen agrees that recycling is an issue that the Board can take a closer look at in the future now that the Waste Convenience sites have been restructured and manned.

Sue Yeatts – Mrs. Yeatts expresses concern that the Board is not working together as a cohesive group. She explains that the recent information being circulated that a member of the Board is withholding vital information from the rest is proof of this. She concludes by offering her thoughts on effective supervision.

Mel Crawford – Ms. Crawford, displaying a copy of a recent local newspaper, exclaims that any expressed vision for the County by a Supervisor should include all of them, not just one. She expresses concern with recent attempts by citizens to demean the County Administrator; Assistant Administrator John Prosize, and Madam Chair Simmons. She lastly states that one person cannot and should not say they are the voice for all; they should be respectful and appreciative of each other.

Madam Chair Simmons reads aloud a letter from citizen Charlotte Wood who expresses how disheartened and appalled she is at the recent public attacks against County Administrator Roark; suggests this is a blemish for Nottoway County.

Supervisor Bowen shares some thoughts on human behavior and how we should all treat each other better; suggests this is what good leadership is founded on.

Madam Chair Simmons reads aloud a letter from Paul Lee, Certified Public Accountant with Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates suggesting that the Board have its procurement policy updated to reflect the most recent information contained in the Commonwealth of Virginia's Public Procurement Act.