

FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Circuit Courtroom, Fluvanna Courts Building
72 Main Street, Palmyra, VA 22963
March 19, 2025
Budget Work Session 5:00pm
Regular Meeting 6:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Fairchild, Cunningham District, Chair
Tony O’Brien, Rivanna District, Vice Chair *(entered the meeting at 5:10pm)*
Mike Goad, Fork Union District
Timothy M. Hodge, Palmyra District
John M. (Mike) Sheridan, Columbia District *(entered the meeting at 5:06pm)*

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Eric M. Dahl, County Administrator
Kelly Harris, Assistant County Administrator
Dan Whitten, County Attorney
Caitlin Solis, Clerk for the Board of Supervisors

1 - CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, & MOMENT OF SILENCE

At 5:03pm, Chair Fairchild called to order the Budget Work Session of March 19, 2025. After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed.

- Mr. Dahl gave the Board a few updates since the March 12, 2025 meeting.
- The Board discussed teacher base pay rates from surrounding localities, with Fluvanna being about midway between the highest and lowest paying localities.
- New Sheriff Positions

MOTION:	Approve Tony O’Brien attend the March 19, 2025 Budget Work Session via Zoom from his vacation in Snowbird, Utah.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:		Second	Motion		
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
RESULT:	4-0				

- Mr. Obrien Joined the meeting virtually via Zoom.

1 - CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, & MOMENT OF SILENCE

At 6:18pm, Chair Fairchild called to order the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2025. After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed.

MOTION:	Approve Tony O’Brien attend the March 19, 2025 Regular meeting via Zoom from his vacation in Snowbird, Utah.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:			Second		Motion
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
RESULT:	4-0				

- Mr. Obrien Joined the meeting virtually via Zoom.

3 - ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION:	Accept the Agenda, for the March 19, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors, as presented.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:		Second			Motion
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

4 - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Dahl reported on the following topics:
Announcements and Updates - New Employee

- Judy Blakey, CSA Department, CSA Program Manager, Started March 17, 2025, March 17th

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Dr. Peter M. Gretz has been named the 2026 Virginia Association of School Superintendents (VASS) Region V Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Gretz will be formally recognized during the annual VASS conference in April. During his tenure with Fluvanna, all Fluvanna County Public Schools have been fully accredited for the eleventh consecutive year, and the on-time graduation rate remains among the highest in Virginia.

Spotlight on Business

- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Freedom Drip Coffee will be held April 1, 2025 at 10:00am at 106 Crofton Plaza, Palmyra.
- Ribbon Cutting for the Winery at Hardware Hills Vineyard will be held April 5, 2025 at 4:00pm

Next BOS Meetings

Day	Date	Time	Purpose	Location
Wed	Mar 26	5:30 PM	BOS Budget Work Session – TBD	Morris Room
Wed	Apr 2	5:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Circuit Court
Wed	Apr 2	7:00 PM	BOS Budget Work Session – TBD	Morris Room

5 - PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

At 6:27pm, Chair Fairchild opened the first round of Public Comments.

- James Schoenster, 843 Jefferson Dr, spoke in favor of fully funding the school budget.
- Patti Reynard, 3531 Union Mills Rd, spoke in opposition to a tax increase.
- Don Reynard, 3531 Union Mills Rs, commented on land use.
- Judy Ward, 448 Dobby Creek Rd, commented on the reassessment.
- Kelsey Cowger, 60 Woodlawn Dr, commented on funding non-profits, services, and the schools needed by Fluvanna County residents.
- Cameron Van Iderstine, 19 Seminole Dr Trl, commented on fully funding the school budget.
- Georgianna Joslin, 5 White Bluff Ct, commented on land use, and bringing businesses to the county.
- Tracey Smith, 2 Sandy Beach Ct, spoke in favor of funding the schools, public safety and social services and infrastructure.
- Jennifer Ruffner, 11 Zephyr Ln, spoke in support of diversifying the tax base, and fully funding the school budget request.

Public Comments were paused at 7:03pm to begin the Public Hearings. Public Comments continue after the Public Hearings are completed.

9 - PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing to Discuss a Major Amendment to the Thomas Jefferson Solid Waste Management Plan – Isabella O’Brien, TJPDC

Legislation passed during the 2019 Virginia General Assembly requires Dominion Energy to remove all coal ash currently stored in the North Ash Pond at Bremono Power station within 15 years.

In keeping with the statute, Dominion Energy has submitted rezoning and Special Use Permit applications to Fluvanna County with plans to construct and operate a state-of-the-art, lined landfill on Dominion Energy property beside Bremono Power Station.

The TJPDC is requesting that Fluvanna County hold a public hearing and provide public notice regarding a major amendment to the Thomas Jefferson Solid Waste Management Plan to include Dominion's proposed captive industrial landfill in Bremono Bluff in the plan.

At 7:07pm, Chair Fairchild opened the Public Hearing.

- Don Reynard, 3531 Union Mills Rd, spoke in opposition.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chair Fairchild closed the Public Hearing at 7:09pm.

MOTION:	Approve the Major Amendment to Thomas Jefferson Solid Waste Management Plan Regarding Dominion’s Planned Captive Industrial Landfill.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:			Second	Motion	
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

ZTA 24:08 Amendments to the Fluvanna County Zoning Ordinances Regarding Day Homes – Todd Fortune, Director of Planning; Dan Whitten, County Attorney

- Proposed amendments to the County Code, §§22-4-2.1, 22-4-2.2, 22-5-2.2, 22-6-2.2, 22-7-9.2, 22-8-2.2, 22-9-2.1, 22-10-3, and 22-22-1 to lower the threshold number of children served in licensed Family Day Homes from six to five in accordance with Virginia Code requirements, and to clarify related definitions.

- This change, if approved, would lower the licensing requirement threshold for Family Day Homes from six to five children, and replace outdated usage terms with the terms used in the Virginia Code.

At 7:16pm, Chair Fairchild opened the Public Hearing. With no one wishing to speak, Chair Fairchild closed the Public Hearing at 7:16pm.

MOTION:	Approve ZTA 24:08, an ordinance to amend and reordain “The Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia” by amending § amending §§22-4-2.1, 22-4-2.2, 22-5-2.2, 22-6-2.2, 22-7-9.2, 22-8-2.2, 22-9-2.1, 22-10-3, and 22-22-1 to lower the threshold number of children served in licensed Family Day Homes from six to five in accordance with Virginia Code requirements, and to clarify related definitions.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:		Second			Motion
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

ZTA 24:10 Amendments to the Fluvanna County Zoning Ordinances to correct the definition of “front yard” – Todd Fortune, Director of Planning; Dan Whitten, County Attorney

- Proposed amendments to the County Code, §22-22-1 to correct the definition of “front yard.”
- This change, if approved, would correct an erroneous definition in the County Code. The definition of “Front Yard” in the Code is incorrect.

At 7:19pm, Chair Fairchild opened the Public Hearing. With no one wishing to speak, Chair Fairchild closed the Public Hearing at 7:19pm.

MOTION:	Approve ZTA 24:10, an ordinance to amend and reordain “The Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia” by amending §22-22-1 to correct the definition of “front yard.”				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:		Second	Motion		
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

ZTA 25:03 – Amendments to the Fluvanna County Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances, amending §22-25-4 to make a clerical correction removing an obsolete reference for outdoor light controls and to amend §22-25-6 to change the average horizontal illumination level for lighting for all parking, display and loading areas and for gasoline station/convenience store aprons and canopies – Todd Fortune, Director of Planning; Dan Whitten, County Attorney

- Under §22-25-4(E), the definition of Full Cutoff Angle needs to be amended to remove the phrase, “Refer to sample graphics.”
- Additionally, this amendment proposes to make two changes to average horizontal illumination level requirements: 1) §22-25-6.D (4) – Change the maximum average horizontal illumination for new facilities (pump islands and under canopies) from 10 footcandles at grade level to 20 footcandles; and 2) §22-25-4.E (1) – Change the maximum average horizontal illumination for all parking, display and loading areas from 2.5 footcandles to 5 footcandles.
- This change, if approved, would remove an obsolete reference to outdoor light controls and change the average horizontal illumination level allowed for lighting for all parking, display and loading areas and for gasoline station/convenience store aprons and canopies.

At 7:23pm, Chair Fairchild opened the Public Hearing. With no one wishing to speak, Chair Fairchild closed the Public Hearing at 7:23pm.

MOTION:	Approve ZTA 25:03, an ordinance to amend and reordain “The Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia” by amending §22-25-4 to make a clerical correction removing an obsolete reference for outdoor light controls and to amend §22-25-6 to change the average horizontal illumination level for lighting for all parking, display and loading areas and for gasoline station/convenience store aprons and canopies.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:		Motion	Second		
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

Food and Beverage Tax – Dan Whitten, County Attorney

- The ordinance would authorize the Treasurer to collect a tax of up to six (6) percent on prepared meals and beverages purchased from restaurants, deli counters, grocery stores or convenience stores.
- Authorized by VA Code § 58.1-3833
- Effective August 1, 2025 Estimated annual revenue of \$300,000 - \$600,000

At 7:39pm, Chair Fairchild opened the Public Hearing.

- John Richardson, 12 Hardwood Ln, spoke in opposition to the food and beverage tax
- Kelsey Cowger, 60 Woodlawn Dr, spoke in favor of the food and beverage tax
- Don Reynard, 3531 Union Mills Rd, spoke in opposition to the food and beverage tax
- Dave Flynn, 338 South Keswick, spoke in opposition to the food and beverage tax
- Patti Reynard, 3531 Union Mills Rd, spoke in opposition to the food and beverage tax
- James Schoenster, 843 Jefferson Dr, spoke in support to the food and beverage tax
- Ashleigh Crocker, 442 Justin Dr, spoke in support to the food and beverage tax
- Judy Ward, 448 Dobby Creek Rd, spoke in support to the food and beverage tax
- Tracey Smith, 2 Sandy Beach Ct, spoke in support to the food and beverage tax
- Wayne Campagna, 79 Hidden Valley, spoke in opposition to the food and beverage tax

With no one else wishing to speak, Chair Fairchild closed the Public Hearing at 8:03pm.

MOTION:	Approve the amendments to County Code §§ 20-13-1 through 20-13-13 to authorize a tax of four percent on prepared meals and beverages purchased from a restaurant, deli, grocery store or convenience store, as authorized by Virginia Code § 58.1-3833, to be effective August 1, 2025.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:				Second	Motion
VOTE:	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	3-2				

5 - PUBLIC COMMENTS #1 CONTINUED

Following the Public Hearings, Chair Fairchild continued the first round of Public Comments.

- John Richardson, 12 Hardwood, commented on missed revenue opportunities, and funding county services.
- James Kelley, 363 Manor Blvd, supported school funding.
- Ashley Crocker, 442 Justin Dr, spoke in favor of funding schools and county services.
- Gareth Hunt, 3637 Hardware Rd, commented on environmental programs.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chair Fairchild closed the first round of Public Comments at 8:51pm.

6 – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

MOTION:	Move the Board of Supervisors approve the following Board, Commission, or Committee appointment(s)/reappointments(s):				
BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE	APPOINTEES		APPT/REAPPT	BEGINS TERM	ENDS TERM
Planning Commission – Rivanna District	Gary David Sellick		Appt	3/19/2025	06/30/2026
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:				Motion	Second
VOTE:	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	2-3 Motion Failed				

MOTION:	Move the Board of Supervisors approve the following Board, Commission, or Committee appointment(s)/reappointments(s):				
BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE	APPOINTEES		APPT/REAPPT	BEGINS TERM	ENDS TERM
Planning Commission – Rivanna District	Robert Dorsey		Appt	3/19/2025	06/30/2026
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:				Motion	Second
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

7 – PRESENTATIONS

Historic Courthouse Restoration Update – Eric Dahl, County Administrator

- The County was awarded the Virginia 250 Preservation Grant funding through the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) on January 17, 2025.
- The County received a grant amount of \$784,504.50, with a required County local match of \$400,029.50.
- The County meet with DHR staff on February 13th at the Historic Courthouse for a grant kick-off meeting.
- The County has also been working with our architectural/engineering consultants MTFA on 30% Design Development. This will be the basis of the work towards developing construction documents.

Historic Courthouse Restoration - Timeline

- Through July 2025 - the architectural/engineering consultants will complete the Construction Document (CD) Drawings, specifications, bid sets and working to complete the IFB.
- August 2025 – County issues Invitation For Bid (IFB)
- September 2025 – IFB due to the County
- October 2025 – Construction contract to the BOS
- October 2025 – Commence construction

Fire Training Building Update – Eric Dahl, County Administrator

- Review of the roadway, building site in relation to apparatus turning radius, widths, and vehicle weights, site lights and electrical have been confirmed with TRC (County engineers).
- TRC is working on the final engineering plans for the site, with final review to the local Fire Training Building committee around April 15th.
- We will be working to issue the IFB for site work and an RFP for the prototype 4 structure no later than June 2025.
- The critical date with the Virginia Department of Fire Programs is the completion date of March 2026.

Description	Cost
Costs: containers, props, equipment, training and shipping	\$680,000
Grant funding - Applies to Structure only	(\$450,000)
County Cost	\$230,000
Costs: contingency fund, site work, special inspections, construction admin., electric and water hookups	\$320,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED COUNTY COST	\$550,000

8 - ACTION MATTERS

Authorization to Advertise a Public Hearing to consider an amendment to SUP 83:05 – Park, Caretaker Residence – Tax Map 53-5-1 and 53-5-2 – Todd Fortune, Director of Planning, Dan Whitten, County Attorney

The subject properties are zoned I-1, Industrial, Limited. A Special Use Permit (SUP) was approved for these properties on August 1, 1983 for the placement of a mobile home on the properties as a caretaker’s residence. The caretaker’s residence was removed several year ago. Staff are proposing an amendment to the SUP to limit the term of the SUP to five years, subject to renewal by the Board. This amendment would allow a mobile home to be placed back on the property for a period of five years.

At the time the SUP was approved, the subject properties were owned by Sidney Park. The properties are now owned by his son, Phillip Park. The SUP goes with the properties. The proposed amendment would allow the SUP to expire upon the passing of Phillip Park or the transfer of the properties to another party. The Board is being asked to approve an amendment to the existing SUP to limit the amount of time the SUP is valid. The SUP would have a term of five years, and could be extended by the Board every five years. As a result, when the owner passes or the property changes hands, the SUP would terminate at the end of the five-year term unless the Board extended the SUP.

Virginia Code § 15.2-2286 was amended on July 1, 2025 to state “Conditions may include the period of validity for a special exception or special use permit; however, in the case of a special exception or special use permit for residential projects, the period of validity shall be no less than three years.”

The Board approved a rezoning of the subject properties to I-1 in 1980 (Case 80-03). Subsequently, the Board approved a SUP on August 1, 1983 for the placement of a mobile home on the property as a caretaker’s residence (Case SUP 83-05). At the time, this use was allowed in I-1 with a SUP.

MOTION:	Advertise a request for an amendment to SUP 83:05 for a public hearing to be held April 16, 2025 to extend the special use permit for a period of 5 years.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:		Motion			Second
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

Authorization to Advertise public hearing for Deed of Temporary Construction Easement to Zion 3 Notch LLC – Dan Whitten, County Attorney

Zion 3 Notch LLC is developing the property for the location of a Wawa Convenience Store. Zion 3 Notch LCC needs a temporary construction easement on the property owned by the County to construct water and sewer facilities. The County property will be returned to its prior state after the facilities are constructed. The property is identified as 5-7-9E and currently contains the County water tank. Virginia Code Section 15.2-1800 requires a public hearing before the dedication of the temporary construction easement.

MOTION:	Authorize staff to advertise a public hearing on April 16, 2025 for approval of a deed of temporary construction easement to Zion 3 Notch LLC.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:		Second	Motion		
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

Department of Historic Resources Grant Funding Agreement – Eric Dahl, County Administrator

- The County applied for the Virginia 250 Preservation Fund Grant for funding for the Historic Courthouse Restoration Project
- Governor Glenn Youngkin announced on January 17, 2025 that 35 preservation projects from across the Commonwealth have been awarded grant funding through the Virginia 250 Preservation Fund, which included the Fluvanna County Historic Courthouse.
- The County received a grant amount of \$784,504.50, with a required County local match of \$400,029.50.
- Once the agreement is approved, the County can begin incurring expenses against the grant.

MOTION:	Approve the Virginia 250 Preservation Fund Grant Funding Agreement with the Department of Historic Resources (DHR), with a grant amount of \$785,504.50 from DHR and the required match of County in the amount of \$400,029.50, and further authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:		Motion	Second		
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

MOTION:	Approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$400,029.50 from Unassigned Fund Balance for the required match with the Virginia 250 Preservation Fund Grant Funding Agreement and approve the DHR supplemental appropriation of \$785,504.50.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:			Motion		Second
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

MOTION TO EXTEND

- *At 9:59pm, a motion was made to extend the Board of Supervisors meeting.*

MOTION:	Approve a motion to extend the March 19, 2025 Regular Board of Supervisors meeting to 12:00am.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:			Second		Motion
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

FY26 Health Insurance Selection – Eric Dahl, County Administrator

- Anthem/ The Local Choice (TLC) needs health insurance renewal contributions submitted by April 1, 2025.
- The County will see a 6.4% increase in health insurance premiums for FY26.
- At the BOS FY26 Budget Work Session on March 12, 2025, the BOS opted for the County to cover any premium increases, so County staff are held harmless of premium increases in FY26.

MOTION:	Defer the proposed FY26 Anthem/The Local Choice health insurance contributions chart, as presented.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:				Motion	
VOTE:					
RESULT:	MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND				

MOTION:	Approve the proposed FY26 Anthem/The Local Choice health insurance contributions chart, as presented.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:		Motion	Second		
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
RESULT:	4-1				

Advertisement of Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Operations Budget, Tax Rates, & Capital Improvement Plan – Tori Melton, Finance Director

The amounts contained below are the current preliminary budget figures and tax rates, but these figures could change during the budget work session on March 20, 2024.

Approve advertisement of public hearings to set the tax rates as follows:

Real Property	\$.750 per \$100
Mobile homes	\$.750 per \$100
Personal Property (Residential)	\$4.10 per \$100
Personal Property (Business & Public Utilities)	\$2.90 per \$100
Machinery and Tools	\$1.90 per \$100

Set advertised FY25 Operations Budget of:

General Fund Operations	\$ 102,991,898
Capital Improvements Program	\$ 10,028,139
Enterprise Funds	\$ 4,256,022
TOTAL:	\$ 117,276,059

To meet the advertising deadline for the Fluvanna Review on March 27, 2025 for publication on April 3, 2025 per Virginia Code Section 15.2-2506.

- The Board agreed to vote after closed session to allow staff time to update the motion.

10 - CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved under the Consent Agenda for March 19, 2025:

- Minutes of February 26, 2025 – Caitlin Solis, Clerk to the Board
- Accounts Payable Report for January 2025 – Theresa McAllister, Management Analyst
- Accounts Payable Report for February 2025 – Theresa McAllister, Management Analyst
- Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Local Government Guarantee – Tori Melton, Director of Finance
- Virginia Destination Marketing Organization Marketing Leverage Grant – Jennifer Schmack, Director of Economic Development
- FY25 Voluntary Contributions – Theresa McAllister, Management Analyst
- Virginia Department of Emergency Management FY26 E-911 PSAP Education Program grant award – Michael R. Grandstaff, Sheriff’s Office Staff; Sheriff Eric B. Hess, Sheriff
- Job Description update HVAC Apprentice to HVAC Assistant – Donna Snow, Director of Human Resources
- Job Description update to the Deputy Registrar position – Director of Human Resources, Donna Snow
- FY25 FCPS Grants Supplemental Appropriation – Brenda Grasser, Executive Director for Instruction and Finance
- FY25 FCPS Grants Supplemental Appropriation – Brenda Grasser, Executive Director for Instruction and Finance
- International Dark Sky Proclamation – Gareth Hunt, Virginia Master Naturalist volunteering primarily in Fluvanna County

MOTION:	Approve the consent agenda, for the January 8, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:		Motion	Second		
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

11 - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Mr. Sheridan commented on the accident earlier in the day at Dixie, and the multi county mutual aid that responded.

12 - NEW BUSINESS

None.

13 - PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

At 10:30pm, Chair Fairchild opened the second round of Public Comments.

- James Schoenster, 843 Jefferson, commented on the Board’s appointment to the Planning Commission.
- Patti Reynard, 3531 Union Mills Rd, commented on unpaid school lunches and questioned why the schools has become a food pantry.
- Tracey Smith, 2 Sandy Beach Ct, commented on the Board’s appointment to the Planning Commission.
- Ashleigh Crocker, 442 Justin Dr, supported school funding, making sure students are fed, and commented on the Planning Commission appointment.
- James Kelley, 363 Manor Blvd, commented on the school budget.
- Don Reynard, 3531 Union Mills Rd, stated there is nothing morally right about using taxpayer’s money to feed students in the school system.
- Wayne Campagna, 79 Hidden Valley, commented on the pay and benefits discussion.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chair Fairchild closed the second round of Public Comments at 10:49pm.

14 - CLOSED MEETING

MOTION:	At 10:49pm, move the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors enter into a closed meeting, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.2-3711 A.1, & A.8 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for the purpose of discussing Personnel – Department of Emergency Services, and Legal Matters – Department of Emergency Services.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:			Motion		Second
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

MOTION:	At 11:13 pm, move Closed Meeting be adjourned and the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors convene again in open session and “BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors does hereby certify to the best of each member’s knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Section 2.2-3711-A of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting.”				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:		Second	Motion		
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

Advertisement of Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Operations Budget, Tax Rates, & Capital Improvement Plan – Tori Melton, Finance Director

MOTION:	Authorize staff to advertise the FY26 Budget, Tax Rates, and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for a public hearing on April 16, 2025; the proposed budget amount for FY26 is \$117,769,609 The advertised tax rate are as follows: Real Property \$.750 per \$100 Mobile Homes \$.750 per \$100 Personal Property (Residential) \$4.10 per \$100 Personal Property (Business & Public Utilities) \$2.90 per \$100 Machinery and Tools \$1.90 per \$100				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:			Second		Motion
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

- By consensus the Board agreed to cancel the March 26, 2025 Budget Work Session.

15 - ADJOURN

MOTION:	Adjourn the regular meeting of Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 11:15pm.				
MEMBER:	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. Goad	Mr. Hodge	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:			Second		Motion
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

ATTEST:

FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Caitlin Solis
Clerk to the Board

Christopher S. Fairchild
Chair

APPROVED

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

County of Fluvanna
Palmyra, Virginia

PROCLAMATION 01 - 2025**International Dark Sky Week Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind and the experience of standing beneath a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and many people live under a dome of light pollution— excessive artificial lighting at night that disrupts natural darkness—and may never experience the visual wonder or ecological and health benefits of living under a dark sky; and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically-established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts to the ecology and human health of all communities and light pollution represents a waste of natural resources amounting to roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the U.S. and contributes to climate change; and

WHEREAS, rural Fluvanna County where natural landscapes are home to many species which rely on undisturbed night environments to hunt, mate, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, the southern border of Fluvanna County is a stretch of the James River known as the Middle James River and recognized by the State of Virginia and all U.S. federal agencies as a dedicated Virginia Scenic River to be protected in its scenic beauty, pristine cleanliness, abundant natural wildlife and natural recreation resources; and

WHEREAS, Fluvanna County is in close proximity to the James River State Park which is one of four Virginia State Parks designated as an International Dark Sky Park by the International Dark Sky Association; and

WHEREAS, Fan Mountain Observatory is operated by the Astronomy Department of the University of Virginia and is located in neighboring southern Albemarle County and there are active amateur astronomy installations in Fluvanna County, the observations and research carried out at these facilities is hampered by the insidious effects of light pollution; and

WHEREAS, the International Dark-Sky Association is the globally-recognized authority on light pollution, and has created International Dark Sky Week to raise awareness of light pollution, and provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public to encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors does hereby **PROCLAIM** that April 21-28, 2025 as **INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK** in the County of Fluvanna, Virginia and ask each resident to join us, not only in observing and pondering this important week, but also in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark sky resources. We ask that residents use outdoor lighting in a mindful manner and that Fluvanna County enforce the dark sky protections in the town ordinances.

Passed and adopted this 19th day of March, 2025.

Christopher S. Fairchild
Chair, Board of Supervisors