

APPROVED MINUTES
King William County Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting of January 27, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of King William County, Virginia, was held on the 27th day of January 2025 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building and via live stream. Due to technical difficulties the meeting did not start until 6:44 PM

AGENDA ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER Chair Catlett called the meeting to order.

AGENDA ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION BY A BOARD MEMBER

Supervisor Bancroft made a motion to accept Mr. Hodges's participation electronically. The Motion was seconded by Supervisor Edwards. All members were in favor with none opposed.

AGENDA ITEM 3. Roll Call

Supervisor, 1st District: William L. Hodges	Present
Supervisor, 2nd District: Benjamin J. Edwards, III,	Present
Supervisor, 3rd District: Justin Catlett –Chair	Present
Supervisor, 4th District: Lindsay May Robinson – Vice Chair	Present
Supervisor, 5th District: Mary Sue Bancroft	Present

AGENDA ITEM 4: Review and Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Vice Chair Robinson would like to add to the agenda, specifically 8c. County Attorney Flynn elaborated that the ordinance was advertised twice in a newspaper as required by State code, but the affidavit for that advertising did not come back to the county staff until after the agenda went out to everybody and therefore I didn't feel like it could be put on the agenda until we knew that the proper advertising, therefore the due process had been supplied. The Motion was seconded by Supervisor Bancroft. The members were polled, all were in favor and none opposed.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Invocation/Moment of Silence the Chair lead the Moment of Silence.

AGENDA ITEM 6. Pledge of Allegiance the Chair lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM 7. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes: January 13, 2025, BOS Meeting Motion Robinson, Seconded by Edwards. The members were polled, all were in favor and none opposed.

AGENDA ITEM 8. Public Hearing (if any)

a. CUP-04-2022: Mark Baker-Irondale VA, LLC – Planner Joyce Wolfe introduced Mark Baker who requested a deferral to read and respond to conditions and come back in February to address this matter. Mrs. Wolfe will move the deferral is set for February 24, 2025. A Motion was made by Supervisor Hodges to defer this matter to February 24, 2025, and the Motion was seconded by Supervisor Bancroft. The members were polled and voted as follows:

Supervisor, 4th District: Lindsay May Robinson – Vice Chair	Aye
Supervisor, 5th District: Mary Sue Bancroft	Aye
Supervisor, 1st District: William L. Hodges	Aye
Supervisor, 2nd District: Benjamin J. Edwards, III	Aye
Supervisor, 3rd District: Justin Catlett –Chair	Aye

b. CUP-02-2024: King William Solar 1, LLC/New Energy Equity – Planner Joyce Wolfe presented the King William Solar I, LLC presentation for this Public Hearing. The Planning Commission and staff recommend approval of this conditional use permit. The Public Hearing was opened for comment:

- i. Griff Jones from New Energy Equity, who are the Applicant for the CUP, reviewed the presentation and provided additional comments in favor of approval.
- ii. Pickett Upshaw – 2nd District – Question about wildlife, Is there any consequences on a bald eagle’s nest that’s adjacent. Mr. Jones responded that on a previous project the eagles were not disturbed.
- iii. The Public Hearing was closed with no additional comments.

The Chair called for discussion and Supervisor Hodges made a Motion to approve the CUP, Supervisor Bancroft seconded the Motion. The Chair called for a vote on this CUP and the members were polled as follows:

Supervisor, 5th District: Mary Sue Bancroft	Aye
Supervisor, 1st District: William L. Hodges	Aye
Supervisor, 2nd District: Benjamin J. Edwards, III	Aye
Supervisor, 4th District: Lindsay May Robinson – Vice Chair	Nay
Supervisor, 3rd District: Justin Catlett –Chair	Nay

The Motion carries and CUP-02-2024 is approved.

c. Abolishment of the County Finance Board. County Administrator Stacey Davenport informed the Board that this Board has never met, there were no by-laws or meetings held, and this Board is not being used. Mr. Flynn researched and discovered that it could be abolished by ordinance.

- i. The Chair opened this up for Public Hearing. No one spoke
- ii. The Chair closed the Public Hearing.

Vice Chair Robinson made a Motion to Abolish the County Finance Board. The Motion was seconded by Supervisor Edwards. The members were polled as follows:

Supervisor, 1st District: William L. Hodges	Aye
Supervisor, 2nd District: Benjamin J. Edwards, III	Aye
Supervisor, 4th District: Lindsay May Robinson – Vice Chair	Aye
Supervisor, 5th District: Mary Sue Bancroft	Aye
Supervisor, 3rd District: Justin Catlett –Chair	Aye

The Motion passes and the Ordinance Abolishing the County Finance Board shall be in effect.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Presentations

- a. YTD (second quarter) County Financials - Dave Wilson.

Mr. Wilson was unable to attend this hearing, County Administrator Stacey Davenport provided a brief synopsis to the Board. “There was a change made for this budget cycle, where outside agency funding that has been provided through this budget is being paid quarterly, instead of being paid in one lump sum at the one lump sum at the beginning of the budget cycle that has helped to kind of even out cash flow, because we get our revenues at different times throughout the year. So not paying that lump sum at the beginning. This has allowed us to kind of match our spending with when revenue is coming in. Generally, we see what we expect in terms of both the revenue and the expenses. At the end of the year, we had about 50% of the revenue that had been brought in, and approximately 50% of expenses that we expect for the Budget cycle had been spent. So, generally speaking, Mr. Wilson is feeling very good about how the finances are going this year. There has been an ongoing question and concern about the balances in the school budget. They seem to be growing in terms of their cash on hand. that is still under review, to try to figure out what the justification and explanation is for that as to why they keep growing their balance. And it's a significant change since this time, 12 months ago. I will say that Mr. Wilson and I had a meeting with Dr. Wagner on the 17th of this month, to begin the conversation. Revenue have gone up due to personal property taxes due the 16th of January”.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Citizens Comment Period -Chair Catlett opened up the Citizens Comment Period.

Fran Frimark – Wants an update on the contract negotiations for the Pamunkey Regional Library

Jake Levy – 5th District – Appreciation of the ordinance regarding hunting with rifles.

Chair Catlett closed the Citizens Comment Period.

AGENDA ITEM 11: Unfinished Business

- a. Review of 2025 BOS Calendar - October 13th is Columbus Day.
 - i. The Chair called for a discussion on this, Supervisor Bancroft made a Motion to move October 13, 2025 to October 14, 2025, the motion was seconded by Vice Chair Robinson.
 - ii. The Chair polled the members, all were in favor, none opposed. The Motion passes.

AGENDA ITEM 12: New Business

- a. Proposed creation of position titled EMS Captain within KWC Fire & EMS - Chief Brown. This position is required by code. He is just asking for the position at this time with no additional funding. "They perform specialized tasks, such as developing and managing or supporting educational programs, reporting system management and system equipment readiness. They will assist in training and storage and upkeep of records of the medications of the unit etc. The need is immediate for this role
 - i. Supervisor Hodges asked Chief Brown why the position has be a Captain? Chief Brown stated "So, and this in our ranking system, our rank describes your responsibilities and your duties. So for continuity of communication, that is, that's that rank is appropriate for what is the responsibilities of that person? So, along with your packet, is a full job. Description of this of this position."
 - ii. Supervisor Bancroft asked if the State provides funding since its required? Chief Brown stated that he has applied for a grant for additional funding but will not hear back for 3 months. "But right now the only thing I'm asking for is the position with no extra money forward, in a sense, because I've just taken one person so far thus far from a shift that has the capability of doing this for us, so we can be compliant as we transition from getting drugs from a hospital to storing them in our own firehouse."
 - iii. Chair Catlett asked if this person would be an instructor for our other volunteer agencies and the Sheriff's Office? Chief Brown said that this person would teach CPR certifications and teach other training courses as needed as well as run calls (operational).
 - iv. Vice Chair Robinson asked if there was a deadline for this. Chief Brown said, "its as soon as possible".
 - v. County Administrator Stacey Davenport said to Vice Chair Robinson, to your question about timing just kind of for

clarification. This was on today's agenda, because Chief Brown reached out to me with this proposal, and I indicated to him that this needed to come before the board before we could create the position, and I felt that it would probably be best to have you all address this before we finalized our budget for the next year. Because it would make sense. If this was a new position to allow for that in the budget, instead of amending a budget that already existed." "Mr. Wilson indicated to me that we could sustain this position and this salary currently as the budget exists. But I couldn't promote someone, or place someone in a position that didn't exist."

- vi. Supervisor Hodges – "I don't think we have enough information to move forward on this"
- vii. The consensus of the members is that this matter needs to be continued to the next meeting under Old Business for further discussion.

b. KWC250 Committee request for funding for the anniversary celebration of the Courthouse - Gene Campbell

1. The Board asked Mr. Campbell to make a formal request for funds for the celebration of the 300th anniversary of our beloved courthouse. Several members of the VA250 Committee were present in the audience tonight. Mr. Campbell is asking for \$800 more dollars to finish up the current project. The Celebration will be on April 12, 2025, from 10 am to 4 pm. Funds are being raised to pay for invitations, flyers, permits, signage, social media posting, etc. Food trucks and portable toilets will be present. People will be bused from Hamilton Holmes Middle School throughout the event. He has rounded off the event at a cost of \$8,0000.00 from \$7,600.00.

Chair Catlett asked SD if she could comment on the request for funds. SD stated that they just received the breakdown on Friday and she will have to get with Finance about this. He stated that "this is our event and that we need to do all we can to help."

Vice Chair Robinson – "Mr. Campbell I appreciate all the work you and the committee have done".

Supervisor Hodges – "I don't know. It's \$8,000, and it's our event. I don't know why we're not covering the whole thing."

Chair Catlett – "I 'm in the same boat as Mr. Hodges. I don't see

why we don't fully cover the bill".

Mr. Hodges and Mr. Edwards "Put me down for \$100.00

Supervisor Edwards made a Motion, So I'd like to make a motion that we cover the full amount for the anniversary celebration.

Mark Flynn – I suggest that you cap the amount.

Karena Funkhouser - I did some research with the IRS and local government. If you give a gift to your local government. Mr. Wilson created a line item for our funds, so you would probably just give the money to there, and we would submit our invoices as we paid for things to come out of those.

Chair Catlett -lead a discussion on the cap of the amount at \$10,000.00

The Motion was seconded by Mr. Hodges.

Supervisor, 4th District: Lindsay May Robinson – Vice Chair	Aye
Supervisor, 5th District: Mary Sue Bancroft	Abstain
Supervisor, 1st District: William L. Hodges	Aye
Supervisor, 2nd District: Benjamin J. Edwards, III	Aye
Supervisor, 3rd District: Justin Catlett –Chair	Aye

AGENDA ITEM 12: Administrative Matters from County Administrator

a. Administration Report - Stacey Davenport, County Administrator

RAS is having a Valentines Day adoption event.

Dates for Upcoming Budget Sessions for internal agencies – 2/4/2025 and 2/18/2025

In Circuit Clerk Diamond Stevens has obtained Master Deputy clerk status.

Effective 16th the MPPDC designated an Economic Development Authority.

Mr. Wilson and I have met with Dr. Wagner regarding the School's budget.

Tax relief forms for the elderly are due March 1, 2025.

High mileage applications are due on May 1, 2025.

Contract negotiations with the library are still under way.

AGENDA ITEM 13: Board of Supervisors' Requests and Comments

Vice Chair Robinson – Regarding our water towers, the one on Manfield Road. If you drive there frequently, you should have seen a lot of people in the past have been out there working not so much recently, and that was one of the concerns. There's nothing wrong

with the Water Tower progress moving forward. But with weather permitting they should be back out, working within the next couple of weeks in the phase of where we're at. Painting is going to be the next thing. So, they wanted to wait for the temperature to warm up a little bit before they could start painting. and they're also going to begin working on the interior of the water tower, so probably won't see a lot of people out and about. They'll be inside the Tower working. They are ahead of schedule, June or July for completion on that. And then, once that is done, they're going to shift, focus to the water tower in Central Garage. Give that one a new paint job and do some maintenance work and fix it all up so just wanted to let people know about that, because I have had several residents reach out to me. I appreciate everyone coming in person and online.

County Administrator – I wanted to let you all know that we are aware that the flag is not lit, and we have someone to fix the lighting. It is scheduled to be part of another visit for an individual that has the correct certifications to climb up there and do some other maintenance work, and when they're up there they're going to fix the lighting.

Supervisor Hodges – “Mr. Chair. Let me jump in here because the rumors I was hearing that they had stopped on the tank because a crane had collapsed. So that's not true.

Thank you to everyone who voted on the Courthouse 300th.”

Supervisor Edwards – The flags on the water towers need to be replaced. Thanks everybody for coming tonight. I think it was a very productive meeting. I enjoyed the presentations from our fire department here and seeing what they're doing and where they were headed. I just appreciate everybody's hard work back from Travis.

Supervisor Bancroft - thank you so much, Mr. Campbell. Such a nice presentation! Thank you for that. You blew me away with all that you all have done so far. That's very impressive. So thank you absolutely. It's very impressive. Good job, everybody. I'm excited to attend and just thank you for everybody else showing up as always. It's so appreciated. I cannot thank my constituents enough. I love hearing from my constituents and talking to them, and just, you know, brainstorming with them and making sure that I'm serving them like I'm supposed to. So thank you so much, and for others as well appreciate it, and y'all have a good night safe trip home.

Chair Catlett – “Ms. Davenport and I attended the Vaco local Government Day down at the Capitol and listen to kind of some of the legislative updates and some of the items that our legislators are working on in the General Assembly. This session. So just kind of go through really quick on some of the highlights of the Virginia state budget that's coming out for the Biennium as of right now, just like the last several years, we've had a growth in surplus on the State budget. And this introduced budget that's going in now has a surplus of 4.73 billion dollars. So comes with that some other things. If not I would suggest everybody kind of look into what the JLARK studies had come out. supposed to be required to be funded by the state that we take in on the local side to make sure that our kids have good public school system. There's a couple of legislative bills out there that that I want everybody kind of be aware of. That kind of is impact us greatly out here in the rural part of Virginia is dealing with this solar farms. And it basically goes pushes to kind of move the ability away from local government when it comes to how we deal with our land use. And it basically states that if they go through a process for approval, and it's denied at our level that they

can appeal back to the sec. And the Sec can step in and overrule us and and basically tell these solar farms and companies that they can use the land that they proposed for their sites. Kind of overstepping out ability, We and a number of counties are kind of opposing that bill that's come in since last year It's gotten traction. So kind of keep an eye on that. That's going to greatly affect rural Virginia, not only here, but across the state couple other bills dealing with kind of that same idea. Mainly stemming around the solar and data centers, basically kind of taking if we oppose it here on the local level, they can appeal up to the state level and the state level to come in and over override our land, use our land. Use choices. so there's a lot of things changing in the State government. Virginia is changing every day, so I would just urge everyone to kind of get a little bit more involved and informed about what's going on in the State legislator, because decisions that they can make there greatly affect us. And we like decisions to be made at this level because we listen to what our citizenry wants. And once it goes to the sec or the State government. King William County: They're not going to listen to much of what any of us have to say. They're going to do it. What's best benefits them is individually or interest groups. There's another bill that deals with housing that is being opposed on the local government level. That's basically a bill to make accessory dwelling units a buy right use, which kind of makes it fall into that affordable housing kind of category which the bill kind of removes any setbacks and any other stipulations that we might have here at the local level and basically puts it to the state level. That's gives them a lot of leeway to kind of do whatever they want. So items like that just please. It's not enough on some of these things just for us to touch base with our legislators. We need everybody to kind of reach out and give them their opinion on it. So voices of the masses can kind of dictate the decisions of the legislators. With that I will just thank everybody to come, Chief Brown, you had the hot seat tonight. Good presentation.

There's going to be a lot of discussions coming up with Budget when it deals with public safety. So that's not going to be the only hot seat moment. And you're doing well. So I appreciate it. Staff, I appreciate all the work you've done. Getting through the tech thing. Just kind of work on that. I know. We got some plans in place to try to make it a little bit easier, and try to push that as quick as possible, because it's a pain. But thanks everybody for coming, that's all I have. I'll take a motion for adjournment"

Bill Hodges: "Sorry to interrupt. I'm not there, and I don't know how many people know I had full shoulder replacement, and I don't. I'm limited to a lot of things I do right now. So that's why I'm not there. I'm doing fine. But therapies kick therapy started today, and we'll go from there."

AGENDA ITEM 14: Closed Meeting (if needed)

- a. Motion to Convene Closed Meeting
- b. Motion to Reconvene in Open Session
- c. Certification of Closed Meeting
- d. Action on Closed Meeting (if necessary)

AGENDA ITEM 15: Appointments (if any)

AGENDA ITEM 16: Adjourn or Recess

The Chair asked for a Motion to Adjourn, Supervisor Bancroft made a Motion to Adjourn, and the Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Robinson.

The meeting adjourned at 20:40.