

**APPROVED MINUTES OF
THE KING WILLIAM COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 19, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of King William County, Virginia, was held on the 19th day of May 2025, in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building and via live stream.

AGENDA ITEM 1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order.

AGENDA ITEM 2. Electronic Participation Approval (if needed)

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

The Chair called for a discussion; Vice Chair made a motion to amend the closed meeting from appointments to Boards & Commissions to discussion of a personnel matters regarding county staff. Supervisor Bancroft seconded the motion. The Chair called for a vote, all were in favor, none opposed.

AGENDA ITEM 5. Invocation/Moment of Silence

Rev. Kevin Watkins led the meeting with the invocation.

AGENDA ITEM 6. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM 7. Consent Agenda

Supervisor Bancroft made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion. The Chair called for a discussion, all members were in favor none opposed.

a. Approval of Minutes:

i. May 5, 2025 Draft Minutes - APPROVED

AGENDA ITEM 8. Public Hearing

a. VDOT - Proposed Secondary Six-Year Plan for FY 2026-2031 in KWC and the Secondary System Construction Budget for FY 2025-2026. Six-Year Plan, Lee McKnight, VDOT Saluda Residency Administrator

Lee McKnight provided information regarding the Secondary Six Year Plan for the County. The Chair opened the Public Hearing. There were no speakers and the Chair closed the Public Hearing. Supervisor Bancroft made a motion to approve the Resolution 25-21, Supervisor Hodges seconded the motion, the Chair called for a roll call vote:

Supervisor Robinson -Aye
Supervisor Bancroft - Aye
Supervisor Hodges - Aye
Supervisor Edwards - Aye
Chair Catlett - Aye

AGENDA ITEM 9. Presentations

a. Sheriff's Office Uniform Update - Sheriff Lumpkin

Sheriff Lumpkin provided details about the new Sheriff's Office Uniforms. This change allowed the Sheriff to buy more uniforms at a lesser cost and the manufacturer /vendor keeps the green in stock. Thereby allowing the Sheriff's Office to outfit new officers quickly. The Sheriff's Office received donations from the Upper Mattaponi Tribe for these uniforms. Sheriff Lumpkin discussed providing a Public Safety Impact Report for the next Comp Plan for the County.

Sheriff Lumpkin also informed the BOS that he is planning on starting a non-profit to raise money to assist the county in funding a new school.

b. Departmental Update - Department of Social Services - Rick Waugh, Director

Rick Waugh the new Director of Social Services, introduced himself to the BOS and provided his goals and thoughts on the new direction of the DSS office.

c. Departmental Update - Regional Animal Shelter - Alyssa Ellison, Director

Alyssa Ellison, Director of the RAS, along with Dexter the newest "Chaos Coordinator" who lives at the shelter. Alyssa provided to following update to the Board: the shelter has accepted an offer of support from Best Friends Animal Society. With that offer comes training in marketing, social media, customer service in an effort to raise the live release/adoption rate numbers, grant programs and the beginning of a Community Cat Program. The Director updated the Board on the upcoming events at the shelter.

AGENDA ITEM 10. Citizens Comment Period

No speakers signed up.

AGENDA ITEM 11. Unfinished Business

Cathy Stevens, KWC Finance Department, provided updated information and answered questions from the Board. The Board discussed the potential of raising or not raising the tax rate, any Unassigned draws, PIA, Comp Board vs. Non-Comp Board-funded positions, the potential of making the PIA a permanent part of salaries and was provided with updated Bank Account Statements. The Treasurer certified Sharon Mann's findings. Cathy Stevens to the Board "If we recycle FY '25 budget it would have been \$300,000 coming out of the unassigned. The PIA would be an extra \$140,000 just in the general fund. That does not include anything outside of the general fund or other outside agencies. Which the outside agencies are \$19,000". The Board discussed adjusting the schools request, the overall debt services amounts, revenue forecasts,

elderly tax relief, Certificates of Occupancy with impending new homes, Sheriff and Commonwealth fees and where those fees would be deposited. Members of the Board expressed their concerns about raising taxes and about not level funding the schools, also pulling money out of the Unassigned Fund and not replenishing it. The Board is requesting staff to provide current bank statements at each of the meetings.

After the Boards vote on the County Budget Chair Catlett s asked his recommendation is (regarding the schools) I'm in a unique and tough position, considering. The board make up for both boards, and where I sit, where I will just say that I prioritize. The schools sit at the top of that priority list for that, and It's very difficult for me to entertain cuts for the schools, because. One. I entered every school meeting or every school board meeting, and I'm in the schools just about every other week, if not every week, to include all the stuff. And what I look at is our school system and judge it against our surrounding counties, and if we want our county to grow with quality people, I do know for myself, when I took position in a Police Department that required me to move to an area that I needed property. Schools are what drove our choice.”

Supervisor Robinson: "I think all of us support the schools. We've all said that numerous times. I know last year schools did make sacrifices to help us get to where we needed to be with the budget for last year".

A discussion between the Board and Cathy Stevens regarding the school's budget. The KWCPS original ask was \$14.6 plus the Debt Services, the CA proposal (with the agreement of KWCPS) is \$13.516,578.00 plus the Debt Services.

a. FY '26 County Budget

After further discussion regarding the KWCPS budget, Supervisor Hodges made a motion to accept the budget as presented with the PIA, amend the Schools Budget to be increased by \$784,372.00 (in the school transfer line total budget of \$13,516,578.00) and Supervisor Bancroft seconded the motion.

The Chair called for a vote and 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 (Resolution 25-18 to be drafted to reflect the Board's decision)

b. FY '26 Tax Rate

Supervisor Bancroft made the motion "that we do raise the real estate tax 3 and a half cents per \$100". Supervisor Hodges seconded the motion. The Chair called for a vote and the Board voted 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 - No
Supervisor, 3rd District: Justin Catlett -Chair - No

The motion passes 3 to 2 (Ordinance 25-04 to be drafted to reflect the Board's decision)

AGENDA ITEM 12. New Business

a. Broadband project payment (VATI) - Cathy Stevens, KWC Finance and Tom Innes, AIIPoints Broadband

Cathy Stevens provided an update on the Broadband Initiative - "in fiscal year 2022, there was an approved capital funding of 275,000 for broadband. Then there was a transfer of money from ARPA to Broadband to pay for the broadband initiative. After all the invoices that were paid there are. There wasn't a remaining balance left of 1.9.1 million dollars.

Lastly, in April of 2025, we received the last couple of grant payments from the State in the amount of 4.2., a payment of 106, and a hundred 69,000. This grant money is earmarked for the broadband initiative. We. We will receive an invoice from broadband for approximately 6.2 million. And the project is complete, finally".

AGENDA ITEM 13. Administrative Matters from County Administrator

a. Administration Report - Stacey Davenport, County Administrator

The County Administrator provided updates regarding events and public meetings in the County.

b. Department/Agency Reports – see reports provided in the Agenda Packet

AGENDA ITEM 14. Board of Supervisors' Requests and Comments

The Chair opened the floor to members for their comments.

Supervisor Bancroft "Thank you all for your patience tonight. It was labor some. I know. We're doing the best we can. Please keep a young gentleman in your prayers. He went to Aylett Country Day School and he passed away this past weekend, and he was in 8th grade. The school is very tight-knit, so please keep them in your prayers. And just thank you again so much for being here".

Supervisor Robinson: I do want to say thank you for everybody that came tonight. Like Ms. Bancroft said that it was a little trying on the patients, but we did it. We got through it. I also want to say that this is Fire and EMS Week, so I just want to say thank you to all of our emergency medical providers. Thank you for everything you all do. It's greatly appreciated. So I just wanted to give you guys a shout out tonight, and I hope everyone has a wonderful and

safe holiday.

Supervisor Hodges - I appreciate everybody coming out, but we must be getting boring, because it's the crowd is a diminishing and not coming as much as they used to. Uh, but I guess even at budget time. I would have thought we would have had some public speaking on some of that that either they trust what we're gonna do. They already know It's tough doing what we do. I'll probably be criticized for the next 20 years for what we, the boards, did before. But as of right now tonight in 10 years. I only didn't vote for one, But we got it through. And we'll go from there and we'll make it. It's just not going to be an easy year. I hope everyone has a safe holiday.

Supervisor Edwards: Again, thanks. People like Cathy that stand up and do stellar jobs when she's put in a bind. And we appreciate you very much. And Christa you too.

I appreciate everybody coming out. It's hard to even put in words how difficult we're trying to accomplish. It's just beyond conception really what's going on right now, and what we've got to deal with. but we're gonna do our best. And I'm sure we'll come out the other side”.

Chair Catlett - Thanks everybody for coming.

AGENDA ITEM 15. Closed Meeting

a. Motion to Convene Closed Meetings - Legal advice by counsel and Appointments to Boards & Commissions

The Chair provided the audience with clarification on the two closed sessions: a motion to convene into closed session for 2 matters, one being seeking legal advice by counsel regarding a county contract, and the second item being personnel matters regarding county staff members.

Supervisor Bancroft -made that motion to go to closed session, and that motion would then also refer to the Virginia Code section of 2.2. 7, 11. (A)(1) and (A)(8). Supervisor Robinson seconded the motion. The Chair polled the members all were in favor and none opposed.

b. Motion to Reconvene in Open Session

The Chair called the meeting back to open session. Supervisor Robinson made a motion to reconvene open session, and the motion was seconded by Supervisor Bancroft. All members were in favor and none opposed.

c. Certification of Closed Meetings

Supervisor Bancroft made a motion that the KWC Board of Supervisors approve standing Resolution, SR One. In accordance with section 2.2 3 7 12 d. Of the Code of Virginia. That the closed meeting just held was for a matter authorized by the Freedom of Information Act, and that while in the closed session only the matters for which the closed session was called were discussed. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Robinson. The Chair called for a vote and the members were polled as follows:

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, 1st District: William L. Hodges	Aye
Supervisor, 3rd District: Justin Catlett -Chair	Aye

d. Action on Closed Meetings (if necessary) – 1st Meeting – None, 2nd Meeting - Appointments

AGENDA ITEM 16. Appointments

a. Rappahannock Community College Board

The Chair called for discussion of the appointment. Supervisor Hodges recommended the appointment of Theresa Redd to this Board. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Edwards. The Chair called for a vote:

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

AGENDA ITEM 17. Adjourn or Recess

Supervisor Bancroft made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion. All members were in favor and none were opposed.