

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES**

**Organizational Meeting
January 9, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held its organizational meeting on January 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Summerlin Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Jim Adams, Chairman, Joe Bryant, Vice-Chairman, Debra Buchanan, Pam Cobler, Garrett Dillard, and Travis Pruitt.

Staff members present were Dale Wagoner, County Administrator; JR Powell, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Brandon Martin, Public Information Officer; and Jennifer Gregory, Administrative Assistant.

Lt. Col. Eric Hairston of the Sheriff's Office was present.

Also present was Taylor Boyd of Henry County Enterprise.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Adams gave the invocation, and Mr. Bryant led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan and seconded by Mr. Dillard, the Board directed the County Administrator to chair the meeting during the election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Bryant, Buchanan, Cobler, Dillard, and Pruitt.

NAYS: None.

Mr. Wagoner reviewed the procedures for nomination of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson and noted that nominations do not require a second.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON FOR 2024

Mr. Wagoner opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson.

Mr. Bryant nominated Mr. Adams for the position. There being no further nominations, the floor was closed for the office of Chairperson. The vote carried 6-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Bryant, Buchanan, Cobler, Dillard, and Pruitt.

NAYS: None.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR 2024

Mr. Wagoner opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Ms. Buchanan nominated Mr. Bryant. There being no further nomination, the floor was closed for the office of Vice-Chairperson. The vote carried 6-0 by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Bryant, Buchanan, Cobler, Dillard, and Pruitt.

NAYS: None.

SETTING OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2024

Mr. Wagoner said a proposed calendar of meeting dates for 2024 was included in the Board's working papers. The dates are based on the schedule for meeting every fourth Tuesday, except for December, to avoid the holiday.

Mr. Pruitt moved the Board to approve the proposed Board Meeting Dates for 2024 (Copy included in Board's file). It was seconded by Dr. Cobler and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Bryant, Buchanan, Cobler, Dillard, and Pruitt.

NAYS: None.

ADOPTION OF BOARD'S 2024 BYLAWS

Mr. Wagoner stated that the Board traditionally adopts bylaws at its annual organizational meeting. (Copy Included in Board's file).

Ms. Buchanan moved the Board to approve the Bylaws as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Dillard and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Bryant, Buchanan, Cobler, Dillard, and Pruitt.

NAYS: None.

CONSIDERATION OF FY 2023-24 BUDGET CALENDAR

Mr. Wagoner said a proposed schedule for the FY 2024-25 County Budget process was included in the Board's working papers. The calendar provides for the budget preparation, adoption, and appropriation in accordance with the deadlines provided in the *Code of Virginia*.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and seconded by Mr. Pruitt, the Board adopted the budget calendar for the FY 2024-25 County Budget (Copy included in Board's file) by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Bryant, Buchanan, Cobler, Dillard, and Pruitt.

NAYS: None.

CONSIDERATION OF A DATE FOR THE BOARD'S ANNUAL PLANNING SESSION

Mr. Wagoner said that the Board had held an annual planning session for several years, usually in late January or early February. The session provides the Board the chance to look back at the opportunities and challenges of the past year and establish priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.

Ms. Buchanan motioned to set the annual planning session on February 6, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. It was seconded by Dr. Cobler and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Bryant, Buchanan, Cobler, Dillard, and Pruitt.

NAYS: None.

Mr. Wagoner said staff was waiting to confirm a possible location for the planning session. The Board will be updated at the January Board Meeting of the location.

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Dillard moved that the Board go into a closed meeting at 5:15 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A) §2.2-3711(A)7 for Discussion of Pending Legal Matters.
- B) §2.2-3711(A)10 for Discussion of Special Awards.

Mr. Pruitt seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Bryant, Buchanan, Cobler, Dillard, and Pruitt.

NAYS: None.

OPEN MEETING

The Board returned to open meeting at 5:36 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Ms. Buchanan, and it carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Bryant, Buchanan, Cobler, Dillard, and Pruitt.

NAYS: None.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Powell read the Certification of the Closed Meeting and took a roll call vote.

Board members voting in the affirmative were Mr. Adams, Mr. Bryant, Ms. Buchanan, Mr. Dillard, Mr. Pruitt, and Dr. Cobler.

On a motion by Mr. Pruitt and seconded by Ms. Buchanan, the Board voted to hold a public hearing on January 23, 2024 to receive citizen comments on a proposed siting agreement between Henry County and Shifting Sands Solar, LLC. by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Bryant, Buchanan, Cobler, Dillard, and Pruitt.

NAYS: None.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Bryant moved to adjourn at 5:41 p.m., seconded by Dr. Cobler, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Bryant, Buchanan, Cobler, Dillard, and Pruitt.

NAYS: None.