At a Regular Meeting of the Orange County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, beginning at 5:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Public Safety Building, 11282 Government Center Drive, Orange, Virginia. Present: R. Mark Johnson, Chairman; Keith F. Marshall, Vice Chairman; Eduward M. Van Hoven; Crystal D. Hale; and J. Bryan Nicol. Also present: Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator; Amy F. Wilson, County Attorney; and Alyson A. Simpson, Chief Deputy Clerk.

RE: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On the motion of Ms. Hale, seconded by Mr. Nicol, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the Board adopted the agenda, as modified. Ayes: Johnson, Van Hoven, Marshall, Hale, Nicol. Nays: None.

RE: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

There were no Special Presentations and Appearances at this time.

RE: CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Van Hoven, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the Board adopted the Consent Agenda, as presented.

Ayes: Johnson, Van Hoven, Marshall, Hale, Nicol. Nays: None.

RE: FY25 BUDGET AMENDMENTS (SUPPLEMENTALS AND TRANSFERS)

As part of the Consent Agenda, the Board approved the following budget amendments, as presented:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	PREVIOUS BUDGET	BUDGET CHANGE	AMENDED BUDGET
30044001-35601	Elections Reimbursement	$ 0.00	$ (11,080.00)	$ (11,080.00)
41310001-46005	Elections Equipment	6,100.00	11,080.00	17,180.00
30030006-33500	Donations - Animal Shelter	(7,781.00)	(1,878.00)	(9,659.00)
43520003-43115	Prof. Serv. - Emergency Vet	13,569.00	1,878.00	15,447.00
30030004-32420	Donations - Orange Library	0.00	(120.00)	(120.00)
30030004-32420	Donations - Orange Library	0.00	(100.00)	(100.00)
30030004-32490	Donations - Wilderness Lib.	0.00	(100.00)	(100.00)
47310001-46462	Books - Adult - Oth. Vendors	10,254.00	220.00	10,474.00
47311001-46462	Books - Adult - Oth. Vendors	5,200.00	100.00	5,300.00
49310006-47100	To General Fund	0.00	320.00	320.00
30051001-39312	From Capital Projects Fund	0.00	(320.00)	(320.00)
TOTALS		**$ 27,342.00**	**$ 0.00**	**$ 27,342.00**

RE: ADOPTION OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

As part of the Consent Agenda, the Board adopted the October 8, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes, as presented.

RE: ADOPTION OF THE OCTOBER 22, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

As part of the Consent Agenda, the Board adopted the October 22, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes, as presented.

RE: ADOPTION OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

As part of the Consent Agenda, the Board adopted the November 20, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes, as presented.

RE: ADOPTION OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2024 WORKSESSION MINUTES

As part of the Consent Agenda, the Board adopted the December 3, 2024 Worksession minutes, as presented.

RE: ADOPTION OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

As part of the Consent Agenda, the Board adopted the December 3, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes, as presented.

RE: OLD BUSINESS

There were no matters for Old Business at this time.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

There were no matters for New Business at this time.

RE: MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR CONSIDERATION

There were no Matters for Discussion or Consideration at this time.

RE: DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR / CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER REPORTS

There were no Department Director or Constitutional Officer Reports at this time.

RE: COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The County Attorney had nothing to report on at this time.

RE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

RE: PROPOSAL FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AND LOBBYING CONSULTING SERVICES

Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator, explained that potential funding sources existed within the Federal budget through various categorical aid programs, some of which could be directed towards long-term infrastructure needs. As such, he stated that it may be in the County's best interest to employ a Federal advocacy consultant who was familiar with the funding programs and who may be able to develop beneficial relationships with Federal agency representatives. He also reported on the re-instatement of Federal "earmark" funding, adding that it may be beneficial to use this Federal advocacy consultant to position the County to take advantage of that potential funding stream as well.

Mr. Voorhees presented the proposed contract with Strategics Consulting and provided an outline of the process and questions that would be used to develop a plan for Orange County. He then turned the floor over for remarks from Leslie Mozingo, Owner & CEO of Strategics Consulting.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: other clients being served in Virginia; confirmation of Registered Federal Lobbyist; staffing of Strategics Consulting; whether some “low hanging fruit” had initially been identified for Orange County; specific water and wastewater project examples and successes; types of Federal funding sources; benefits of engaging in this type of service; and how a plan of action would be developed and implemented.

By consensus, the Board requested that staff bring this matter back at the next meeting on January 14, 2025, for further discussion.

RE: BOARD COMMENT

Chairman Johnson stated that the proposed FY26 Budget Schedule had been included as an Informational Item from staff, and he called the schedule to the attention of the other Board members.

Collectively, the Board thanked Ms. Simpson for her service as Chief Deputy Clerk since 2012, noting this would be her last meeting serving in the role.

RE: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The Board received the following correspondence for its information:

- CSA Monthly Report
- Office on Youth Quarterly Report
- Parks and Recreation Quarterly Report
- Finance Quarterly Report; First Quarter FY25
- FY26 Operating and Capital Budget Preparation; Preliminary Budget Considerations

RE: APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

By consensus, the Board directed that Mike Willis and John Licata be included on the list of recommended appointees for the Board of Equalization.

By consensus, the Board re-appointed Benny Sedwick as an At-Large Member of the Board of Building Code Appeals for a five-year term, with said term commencing January 1, 2025, and expiring on December 31, 2029.

By consensus, the Board appointed Robin Breckenridge, Interim Director of Social Services, as an At-Large Member of the Encompass Community Supports Board of Directors for a three-year term, with said term commencing January 1, 2025, and expiring on December 31, 2027.

By consensus, the Board re-appointed Jeff Earnhardt as an At-Large Representative on the Parks and Recreation Foundation Board of Directors for a three-year term, with said term commencing January 1, 2025, and expiring on December 31, 2027.

By consensus, the Board re-appointed Kenny White as a Member of the Tourism Advisory Committee for a two-year term, with said term commencing January 1, 2025, and expiring on December 31, 2026.

By consensus, the Board re-appointed Robert Lookabill as a Member of the Tourism Advisory Committee for a two-year term, with said term commencing January 1, 2025, and expiring on December 31, 2026.

By consensus, the Board re-appointed Jess Thompson as a Member of the Tourism Advisory Committee for a two-year term, with said term commencing January 1, 2025, and expiring on December 31, 2026.

RE: CALENDAR

The Board received copies of its calendar of meetings for the months of December 2024 and January 2025.

RE: SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR REZ 24-00311 (PHILLIPS)

By consensus, the Board authorized staff to advertise for and schedule a public hearing on REZ 24-00311 on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, as presented.

RE: SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR SUP 24-00295 (DEAL)

By consensus, the Board authorized staff to advertise for and schedule a public hearing on SUP 24-00295 on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, as presented.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING #1; UTILITY EASEMENT TO RAPPAHANNOCK ELECTRIC

Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator, explained this public hearing was necessary in order to consider a utility easement across County-owned property for Rappahannock Electric Cooperative to install power to the photo speed monitoring device to be installed at Locust Grove Middle School.

At 5:53 p.m., Chairman Johnson called the Public Hearing to order to receive comments on the following:

UTILITY EASEMENT TO RAPPAHANNOCK ELECTRIC

The Board of Supervisors will consider the conveyance of an underground service easement on County-owned property at 6368 Flat Run Road, Locust Grove, to Rappahannock Electric Cooperative by way of Right-of-Way Easement Agreement. Said easement is necessary to provide power to the photo speed monitoring device to be installed at Locust Grove Middle School as part of the school crossing zone speed enforcement project.

There being no speakers, Chairman Johnson closed the Public Hearing at 5:53 p.m.

On the motion of Mr. Nicol, seconded by Mr. Marshall, which carried by a roll call vote of 5-0, the Board authorized the conveyance of a utility easement on County-owned property along Flat Run Road to Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, and authorized the County Administrator to execute the applicable Right-of-Way Easement Agreement, as presented.

Ayes: Johnson, Van Hoven, Marshall, Hale, Nicol. Nays: None.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

At 5:54 p.m., Chairman Johnson opened the floor for public comment.

The following individuals spoke:

- Susan Garnett, 27261 Raccoon Ford Road, Culpeper
- Ben Ullman, Resident of Unionville
- Chris Vess, 27360 Big H Ranch Road

There being no further speakers, public comment was closed at 6:03 p.m.

RE: ADJOURN

On the motion of Mr. Nicol, seconded by Ms. Hale, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the Board adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, Van Hoven, Marshall, Hale, Nicol. Nays: None.

R. Mark Johnson, Chairman

Glenda B. Paul, County Administrator