

**At a Regular Meeting of the
Sussex County Board of Supervisors
Held in the General District Courtroom on
Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 6 pm**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Wayne O. Jones, Chairman
Steve E. White, Vice Chairman
Thomas W. Baicy, III
C. Eric Fly, Sr.
Alfred G. Futrell
Phyllis T. Tolliver
Rufus E. Tyler, Sr.

STAFF PRESENT:

Richard Douglas, County Administrator
David J. Conmy, Deputy County Administrator/
Director of Economic Development
Jeff Gore, County Attorney
Ellen G. Boone, Commissioner of the Revenue
Debbie Broughton, Animal Services Director
Deste J. Cox, Treasurer
Jeffrey Gary, Public Works Director
Ernest Giles, Sheriff
Kelly W. Moore, Finance Director
Keith Mueller, Solid Waste Department
Titiana D. Nicholson, CSA Coordinator
Lee Pulliam, Building & Grounds
Regina Sykes, Commonwealth's Attorney
Beverly Walkup, Planning Director
Shilton R. Butts, Assistant to the County Administrator/
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

1. Commencement

1.01 Call to Order/Determine Quorum

Chairman Jones called the November 21, 2024 regular meeting of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors to order.

1.02 The Invocation

Supervisor Tolliver offered the Invocation.

1.03 The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

1.04 Agenda Amendments

Supervisor Fly requested to move Consent Agenda Item 2.03 Treasurer’s Report & Financial Update; Item 2.06 Stony Creek WWTP Preliminary Engineering Report Budget Amendment; and Item 2.09 Senior Center Meals Budget Amendment to Item 6. Action Items, as Item 6.01, 6.02 and 6.03, respectively. Supervisor Fly also requested to move Consent Agenda Item 2.11 FY24 Reimbursements Budget Amendment to Item 9. New Business as Item 9.01.

Chairman Jones requested to remove Consent Agenda Item 2.01 October 24, 2024 Minutes of the Joint Public Hearing of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission meeting.

Supervisor Futrell requested to move Consent Agenda Item 2.05 to Item 6. Action Items as 6.04.

1.05 Approval of Regular Agenda

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR TOLLIVER, seconded by SUPERVISOR WHITE and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the November 21, 2024 agenda with the amendments as noted. All Board members present voted aye.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR TOLLIVER, seconded by SUPERVISOR WHITE and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Consent agenda inclusive of the following: (a) October 17, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes; (b) the Approval of Warrants and Vouchers; (c) Departmental Reports; (d) Southside Regional Jail/Crater Youth Care Commission Budget Amendment; (e) Waste Management Contract Amendment for Recycling Services; and (f) FY24 Reimbursements Budget Amendment. All Board members present voted aye.

3. Recognitions/Awards/Presentation

Chairman Jones advised that Supervisor Tyler was en route. This item moved until his arrival at 6:23 p.m.

3.01 Resolution in Recognition of the Late Calvin C. Tyler, Sr.

Supervisor Tyler’s father, the late Calvin C. Tyler, Sr. was recognized the Board’s regular meeting on July 18, 2024 for his centennial birthday in June—turning 100 years old—such a major milestone. The County sorrowfully received the news of his passing in November.

By general consensus, the Board of Supervisors approved of presenting a resolution to the Honorable Rufus E. Tyler, Sr. in recognition of his father, Calvin C. Tyler, Sr., to-wit:

WHEREAS, Calvin Coolidge Tyler, Sr. was born on June 11, 1924, in Greensville County to the late Clara Joyner and Deacon Judge Tyler, Sr.; and recently celebrated his milestone centenary birthday on June 11, 2024.

WHEREAS, Mr. Tyler was named after Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President of the United States, serving from 1923 to 1929; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tyler was the last surviving sibling and was preceded in death by Judge Tyler, Jr.; Charlie Tyler; Roosevelt Tyler; Sue Tyler; Omelia Rowe; and Cornelia Jefferson; and married Virginia Mozelle Jefferson on November 26, 1945, celebrating nearly 79 years of marriage; and was the father of seven children—Calvin Tyler, Jr., of Emporia; Linrod Tyler, of Fort Washington, Maryland; Rochelle Tyler, of Jarratt; Rufus Tyler, Sr., of Jarratt; Welton Tyler, of Freeman; Rita Nathan, of Camp Springs, Maryland; and Nathelia Wyche, of Emporia; and leaves behind 16 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tyler joined the Little Shiloh Baptist Church in Emporia at an early age before joining Morning Star Baptist Church in Jarratt, where he served on the Usher Board for 70 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tyler was well-known for his gospel singing and proud of his family’s musical legacy, joining his brothers in an a cappella group, The Tyler Brothers of Jarratt, before joining his sons and nephews for over 30 years in the Gospel Tears of Jarratt, then finally joining his grandchildren in The Gospel T’s of Jarratt until November 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tyler’s occupational skills included carpentry, farming and concrete finishing; and he retired from Tredgar Steel Company as a Crew Supervisor in 1975; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby extends its sincere sympathy to the family of Calvin Coolidge Tyler, Sr.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes Calvin Coolidge Tyler, Sr. for his contributions and positive impacts on Sussex County and its residents over the past 100 years, and for a remarkable life well-lived; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors, this 21st day of November, 2024.

A copy of the resolution was provided to the Board members.

3.02 Recognition of 2024 VACo Achievement Award for Jackson’s Walking Trail and Dog Play Area – Dean Lynch, Executive Director, Virginia Association of Counties

Dean Lynch, Executive Director of the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) presented a 2024 VACo Achievement Award (Parks and Recreation Category) to Sussex County for Jackson’s Walking Trail and Dog Play Area. In 2024, the review committee selected 45 winning submissions

out of 145 entries. This is the second VACo Achievement Award for Sussex County, and the second in the past three years.

Public Works Director Jeff Gary, Keith Mueller, and Lee Pulliam, Building were recognized for their assistant. Retiree Melvin Boone was mentioned and recognized for his help with project.

A copy of the VACo Memo, the Submission and Press Release was included in the Board packet.

3.03 Recognition of Kelly Moore, Director of Finance – 2024 Virginia Women’s Municipal Leadership Institute

Administrator Douglas stated that Finance Director Kelly Moore was among 25 women selected for the 2024 cohort of the Virginia Women’s Municipal Leadership Institute. There were eight sessions designed to “develop their skills and confidence to pursue positions as community leaders” and covering both technical and soft skills. Institute Director Bonnie Svrcek noted, “Kelly’s commitment to local government was apparent through her active engagement in the Institute. Her energy and smile were always welcome characteristics at each session. Kelly and the other 24 women in the Institute formed lifelong relationships and a network beyond boundaries to continue strengthening their leadership acumen.”

Ms. Moore thanked the Board for the opportunity for the education.

Copies of the VWMLI 2024 Institute Announcement and Kelly Moore’s Certificate were included in the Board packet.

3.04 VDOT Franklin Residency Update – George Bowman, Assistant Residency Administrator

George Bowman, Assistant Residency Administrator for the VDOT Franklin Residency, provided his routine update of VDOT activities within Sussex County. The items that may be discussed include the following:

- 1) Update on the Route 35/40 roundabout project, including a projected funding shortfall and county implications (including potential consideration of terminating this project) (Yale District)
- 2) Proposed safety improvements at the Courthouse Road/Gray Road intersection (Yale District)
- 3) Planned US 460 improvements in Wakefield as a result of the September 2023 VDOT Road Safety Audit (Wakefield District)
- 4) Other items of interest, including a potential road safety audit in Jarratt related to pedestrian safety concerns in the vicinity of US 301

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3.05 Budget Development Process – Director of Finance Kelly Moore

For the Board of Supervisors’ awareness and input, Director of Finance Kelly Moore provided an overview of the proposed budget development process for FY2025-2026, including a calendar of

budget-related meetings and deadlines. Staff will move forward with the identified process if the board is in agreement.

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR TOLLIVER, seconded by SUPERVISOR FUTRELL and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby app

A copy of the presentation was included in the Board packet.

4. Public Hearing

There was no Public Hearing.

5. Appointments

There were no Appointments.

6. Action Items

7. Citizens' Comments

- Chip Parker (Town of Wakefield) – Sent letter to Planning in opposition of Blackwater Solar re-application.
- Larry Diehl (Waverly District) - Solar farm; Blackwater new application – three mile proximity; Winfield Solar; forest.
- Mack Dunn (Yale District) – Route 735 (Gray Road) curve, narrow, tractor trailers on road; intersection of Gray and Camp Rudolph.
- Keith Dunn (Yale District) – Conditions of road in Sussex roads in Sussex County—Gray Road; Hilder Road east of intersection of Stokes Road in bad shape.
- Willie Walker (Waverly District) – Main Street and Route 40; 45 signatures of neighbors of Lobb Shop Road and Town limit; kids walking; speed limit; request to reduce speed limit to 35 MPH; no sidewalk; ditch need cleaning (flooding).
- Sonda Parham (Waverly District) – Support Waverly community safety on Route 40; thanked Supervisor Futrell; asked Supervisor Futrell to include SCYARA in budget; thanked for funds received thus far; \$900K work completed; 90% Capital; Open House soon; Community Wellness Building; Happy Holiday.
- Regina Sykes (CWA) – Event on December 20th at 11:00 a.m. in JDR room - giving away free handgun safes; Sussex residents only (checking ID) – courtesy of Operation Cease Fire grant; safe community.
- Shanita Rose (Teacher of Sussex Central Middle School) – School roof; solar panel.
- Stephanie Rose (Waverly District) – Solar; stand together to help Fire Dept./EMT/School; pro Solar; other counties received solar; financially well.
- Jannette Green (Courthouse Road) – Solar – oppose near residence in Sussex County.

8. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business.

9. New Business

There were no New Business.

10. Board Member Comments

10.01 Blackwater District – none

10.02 Courthouse District – Enjoy holiday and be safe.

10.03 Henry District – Encourage to see youth in audience; hope to see at other meetings to provide their input.

10.04 Stony Creek District – Christmas parade – 1st Sunday in December 1st at 2:00 p.m.

10.05 Wakefield District – Applaud youth; December 7th Youth Community Day at Wakefield Ballpark at 10:00 a.m.

10.06 Waverly District – DSS received chicken from Perdue to provide seniors citizens; Thanked Ms. Walkup and Mr. Poarch for assisting Waverly resident; Waverly Parade December 14th at 10:00 a.m.

10.07 Yale District - none

11. Closed Session

11.01 Convene to Closed Session

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR TYLER, seconded by SUPERVISOR BAICY and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby enters Closed Session, pursuant to (1) Consultation with the county attorney for legal advice pursuant to Va. Code Section 2.2-3711(A)8, State Grant Administration; and (2) Disposition of publicly held real property because in open meeting would adversely affect would adversely affect the bargaining positions or negotiating strategy, applicable Code Section 2.2-3711(A)3, Chambliss Elementary School Property. All Board members present voted aye.

11.02./11.03. Reconvene to Open Session/Certification

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR TOLLIVER, seconded by SUPERVISOR TYLER and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby reconvened to Open Session; and

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby approves adoption of resolution for certification, to-wit:

WHEREAS, that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, requires a certification by the Board that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from Open Meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the Closed Meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the Closed Meeting were heard discussed or considered.

Voting aye: Supervisors Baicy, Fly, Futrell, Jones, Tolliver, Tyler, White

Voting nay: none

11.04 Action Resulting from Closed Session

There was no action on Closed Session Item.

12. Adjournment

12.01 Adjournment

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR BAICY, seconded by SUPERVISOR TYLER and carried: RESOLVED that the November 21, 2024 regular meeting of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby adjourned at 9:33 p.m. All Board members present voted aye.

12.02 Next Meeting

The next regular Board of Supervisors meeting is scheduled to be held Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 6 p.m.