

**At a Regular Meeting of the
Sussex County Board of Supervisors
Held in the General District Courtroom on
Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6 pm**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT:

David Conmy, Deputy County Administrator/
Economic Development Director
Danielle Powell, County Attorney
Chris Balassone, Public Safety Coordinator
Deste J. Cox, Treasurer
Ernest Giles, Sheriff
Adina Matthews, Incoming Director of Finance & Operations (Schools)
Jaime Poole, Finance Consultant
Regina Sykes, Commonwealth's Attorney
Shilton R. Butts, Assistant to the County Administrator/
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

1. Commencement

1.01 Call to Order/Determine Quorum

Chair White called the February 19, 2026 regular meeting of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors to order.

1.02 The Invocation

The Invocation was offered by Supervisor Baicy.

1.03 The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

1.04 Agenda Amendments

This item was added during agenda amendments.

Supervisor Tyler presented a resolution to Mr. Morris H. Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell was in attendance and thanked the Board for the resolution.

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR FUTRELL, seconded by SUPERVISOR TOLLIVER and carried: RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby approve the Resolution recognizing Mr. Morris H. Mitchell, to-wit:

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell is a resident of Sussex County and graduated from Sussex Central High School in 1967, and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Mr. Mitchell was called to public service. He joined the United States Army where he served one tour in the Republic of Vietnam with the 173rd Airborne; and

WHEREAS, while on active duty he attended Austin Peay State University, subsequently, he graduate from Commercial Trade Institute; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell always strive for excellence thus, after joining VA Army National Guard, he became the first Afro-American to reach the rank of Staff Sergeant and later Master Sergeant. After he became 1st Sergeant of the Richmond unit, Mr. Mitchell retired after 31 years of exemplary service to our Country; and

WHEREAS, Morris H. Mitchell's work ethics and leadership skills lead him to become employed by CSX railroad as a trained car inspector, subsequently, he was employed by Amtrak as a safety inspector until his retirement after 32 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell continues to serve his community through various civic and faith-based organizations. He is a charter member of Shrine Temple in Jarratt and a member of 158 Masonic Lodge. He has served as Past Master, Past Grand Eminent Commander, Past Royal Grand Chief Engineer for the state of Virginia. Currently, he is serving as President of the Commander of the Rite of 33rd Degree Masons; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell profound faith in God has elevated him to serve as Chairman of the Deacon Ministry and Sunday School Teacher and Superintendent at The Morning Star Baptist Church in Jarratt, Virginia where he mentors three (3) young fatherless men; and

WHEREAS, Morris H. Mitchell is currently a Board member of The Community Coalition of Sussex County and is a May 2026 graduate candidate from The D.P. Edwards Christian Leadership School; and.

Whereas, Morris H. Mitchell is married to Mary Skipper Mitchell for 49 years and they have 2 children, Wander and Jeremy, and 4 grandchildren.

WHEREAS, Deacon Charlie Caple, Jr., is a lifelong member of the Galilee Baptist Church in Stony Creek where he has served as Sunday school teacher and Chairman of the Deacon Ministry for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Caple Jr. is married to Maggie Caple for 69 years and they have two children, Charles and Brenda.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sussex Board of Supervisors whereby recognize and salute Charlie Caple, Jr. for his many contributions to the Commonwealth of Virginia During Black History month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread among the minutes of the Board of Supervisors February 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes.

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

Voting nay: none

3.04 Resolution Recognizing the Honorable Roslyn Cain Tyler

This item was added during agenda amendments.

Supervisor Tyler recognized his wife, the Honorable Roslyn Cain Tyler and presented her with a resolution. Mrs. Tyler was in attendance and thanked the Board for the resolution.

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR FUTRELL, seconded by SUPERVISOR FLY and carried: RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby approve the Resolution recognizing the Honorable Roslyn Cain Tyler, to-wit:

WHEREAS, The Honorable Roslyn Cain Tyler, a former House of Delegates representative for 16 years, is a political legend in Virginia history and a patriarch for change and development in Virginia, and

WHEREAS, at the age of 17, Roslyn was the first in her family to obtain a college education, receiving a B.S. in Biology from Virginia State University, M.S. Degree in Education in 1995 and a Physical Therapy Degree from Old Dominion University in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Delegate Tyler is a recipient of a Honorary Doctoral Degree from St. Paul's College and Virginia State University (2021) for her leadership and advocacy for education; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 23, while attending college, she became the first female elected to Sussex County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Roslyn Tyler later became the first elected female Chairperson of the Sussex Board of Supervisors which lead to the Construction of a new courthouse, human services building, increase funding for education, public safety and Head Start; and

There was no Public Hearing.

5. Appointments

There were no Appointments.

6. Action Items

There were no Action Items.

7. Citizens' Comments

Citizens' comments was heard from Sue Barnes (Courthouse District) regarding Cabin Point Road and truck traffic; water running across road breaking up asphalt. Thanked the Board.

8. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business.

9. New Business

There was no New Business.

10. Board Member Comments

This item was moved to Item 7B. on the agenda.

10.01 Blackwater District – none

10.02 Courthouse District – Began to work on the Landmark for Sussex County Training School; JAM Foundation 9th Community Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4, 2026 at 1 p.m.—partnered with SKYMAC, Petersburg Drifters and Petersburg Epicurean ; Fiscal Policy.

10.03 Henry District – Ask County to explore to welcome sign to Sussex County. (*Mr. Conmy suggested having a competition to design a welcome sign if it was the will of the Board. The Chair noted that it would be the will of the Board to do so.*) Sussex County advertisement on TV to promote/market the County,

10.04 Stony Creek District – Waiting on new fire truck sitting on dealer's lot in Chesterfield, VA for approximately 45 days; budget progress; work together on opportunities in County to provide services to citizens—services farmers, sewer and veterans.

10.05 Wakefield District – Board member visit Senior Citizens' Centers to show appreciation; County needs; money; Workshop and uncomfortable discussion; projects in County. Appreciation of certain individuals; revenue; show appreciation by tax breaks.