

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors held its regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors meeting room located at 333 Court St., Appomattox, Virginia.

Appomattox County Board of Supervisors

Present:

John F. Hinkle	Falling River District
Nathan Simpson	Courthouse District
Trevor L. Hipps	Wreck Island District
Alfred L. Jones, III	Piney Mountain District
Kenneth Wolfskill	Appomattox River District

Also, Present:

Susan Adams, County Administrator
Johnnie Roark, Planning/Zoning/Economic Administrator/Deputy Director of Operations
Janet McConville, Finance Specialist II
Wanda McCormick, Finance Specialist III

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Hinkle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Invocation – Mr. Hinkle
Pledge of Allegiance

SETTING OF AGENDA

Motion made by Mr. Hipps, seconded by Rev. Jones, and carried with all Members present voting yes, to approve the Agenda with following revision: To move two agenda items to a new agenda position immediately before the Citizen Public Comment Period, which are, Action Item #6 – Resolution in Honor of National FFA Week, and the appearance of Mr. Tim Trent representing the Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority to discuss the reentry program proposal.

ACTION ITEM

Resolution in Honor of National FFA Week – February 21-28, 2026

The Board of Supervisors recognized FFA students and staff in honor of National FFA Week, February 21-28, 2026.

**Resolution in Honor of
National FFA Week
February 21-28, 2026**

WHEREAS, FFA and agricultural education provide a strong foundation for the youth of America and the future of food, fiber, and natural resources systems; and
WHEREAS, FFA promotes premier leadership, personal growth, and career success

among its members; and

WHEREAS, agricultural education and FFA ensure a steady supply of young professionals to meet the growing needs in the science, business, and technology of agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the FFA motto — “Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve” — gives direction and purpose to these students who take an active role in succeeding in agricultural education; and

WHEREAS, FFA promotes citizenship, volunteerism, patriotism, and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, Appomattox County High School and Appomattox Middle School have agricultural education programs and 100% membership in the National FFA Organization.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize the week of February 21-28, 2026, as National FFA Week.

ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Appomattox County on this 17th day of February, 2026.

Motion made by Mr. Hipps, seconded by Rev. Jones, and carried with all Members present voting yes, to adopt a resolution in honor of National FFA Week, February 21-28, 2026.

APPEARANCE

Mr. Tim Trent of the Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority appeared before the Board to discuss the jail and the reentry program proposal.

Motion made by Mr. Wolfskill, seconded by Rev. Jones, and carried by all Members present voting yes, to authorize the County Administrator to enter into a grant agreement beginning July 1, 2026, through the Opioid Abatement Fund for participation in the Substance Use Reentry Program to be used at the Blue Ridge Regional Jail.

CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. John Zable of Appomattox addressed the Board with concerns pertaining to CUP250870 – Rifleman’s Resort.

The following citizens addressed the Board in reference to a proposed Data Center planning to locate in Appomattox County: Adon Erwin, Fay Coleman, Steve Weakley, Steve North, Sarah Elyard, Thomas Roof, Susan Walton, Caleb Johnston, Matt Mitchell, and Sandy Glass, a resident of Campbell County.

Mr. Rod Stanley of Appomattox addressed the Board in support of the Appomattox Civil War Museum.

APPEARANCES

Mr. Alex Rendon with Dominion Energy appeared before the Board to provide an update on the Joshua Falls transmission project.

Mark Popovich, County Attorney, commented on the data center project stating that, in his opinion, the current project investors have received vested rights to proceed within the laws of Virginia. Mr. Popovich suggested a review of the local zoning ordinances to address issues that have arisen by citizens with the proposed data center.

Mr. Roy-Keith Lloyd, Executive Director of the Southside Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program, appeared before the Board to discuss the program and funding.

Mr. Don Jones, President of the Appomattox Tourism Committee, appeared before the Board to provide an update on tourism and funding.

Public Hearing-Relocation of Piney Mountain District Polling Place

At 7:30 PM, after due notice was given, Mr. Hinkle called the Public Hearing to order to receive comments and consider a proposed amendment related to the relocation of Piney Mountain District Polling Place. Pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 15.2-1427 and 24.2-306, the Board will receive comments regarding a proposed ordinance to amend Appomattox County Code Chapter 3, Article II-Elections. The Appomattox County Electoral Board has recommended to the Board of Supervisors the following change to a polling location. Specifically, amend Appomattox County Code §3.2-12 (D)(2)-Polling Place, to relocate the polling location from Oakville Ruritan Building, 181 Piney Mountain Road, Appomattox, Virginia to Quail Run Wedding Building, 1433 Piney Mountain Road, Appomattox, Virginia. After no comments were received, Mr. Hinkle closed the hearing at 7:31 p.m.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT THE APPOMATTOX COUNTY CODE BY AMENDING AND REENACTING CHAPTER 3, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE II, ELECTIONS, DIVISION 2, ELECTION DISTRICTS, SECTION 3.2-12, BOUNDARIES AND POLLING PLACES

WHEREAS, the Appomattox County Board of Elections has recommended that the Piney Mountain election district polling location be relocated in order to provide for better access and parking space of citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors agrees with said recommendation and now deems it appropriate to revise the Appomattox County Code to reflect the location of the new polling place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors that the Appomattox County Code be amended and reenacted by amending and reenacting Chapter 3, Administration, Article II, Elections, Division 2, Election Districts, Section 3.2-12, Boundaries and polling places as follows:

§ 3.2-12. Boundaries and polling places.

The boundaries of each district and precinct, and the polling places for each, are as follows:

A. Appomattox River Election District.

(1) Election district boundary description:

Begin at the Town of Appomattox Limits at the intersection of Old Courthouse Road (Route 24). Proceed northeast along Old Courthouse Road to intersection of Old Grist Mill Road (Route 616)/Covington Road (State Forest road, unpaved). Turn left onto Covington Road and proceed to a point that intersects with the State Forest. Turn left at State Forest boundary and proceed north to intersection with North Wolf Creek. Turn left and follow North Wolf Creek southeast to intersection with VA-729 (unnamed State Forest road). Turn left onto VA-729 Unnamed State Forest Road and travel east to intersection with Hollywood Road (Route 618). Turn right and travel southeast along Hollywood Road to the intersection of Forbes Road (Route 614). Turn left onto Forbes Road and follow Forbes Road east to the Appomattox/Buckingham County line. Turn right and follow County line to its intersection with the Appomattox/Buckingham/ Prince Edward County line. Turn right and follow Appomattox/Prince Edward County line southwest towards Pamplin. At Pamplin, County line intersects with Appomattox/ Charlotte County line along Wheelers Spring Road (Route 638). Follow Wheelers Spring Road southwest to its intersection with Big Cub Creek. Turn right and follow Big Cub Creek northwest to its intersection with Rock Spring Road (Route 636). Turn left onto Rock Spring Road and follow it south to Chestnut Grove Road (Route 637). Turn right onto Chestnut Grove Road and proceed west to where Chestnut Grove Road intersects with Cub Creek Road (Route 644). Turn right onto Cub Creek Road north to intersection with Willow Oak Road (Route 720). Turn right and follow Willow Oak Road east to Trent Hatchery Road (Route 700). Turn right onto Trent Hatchery Road and follow Trent Hatchery Road to intersection with Cedar Bend Road (Route 675). Turn left onto Cedar Bend Road to it intersects with Old Evergreen Road (Route 630). Turn left onto Old Evergreen Road north to a point where Old Evergreen Road intersects with the railroad tracks. Follow railroad tracks northwest to near eastern limits of Town of Appomattox. Jump to private road running due north to Kristi Lane (private). Follow Kristi Lane to Town of Appomattox limits. Cross Richmond Highway (Route 460) and continue following town limits northwest to point of origin at Old Courthouse Road.

(2) Precinct boundaries and polling places:

(a) Vera Precinct.

[1] Precinct boundary description:

Begin at the Town of Appomattox Limits at the intersection of Old Courthouse Road. Proceed northeast along Old Courthouse Road to intersection of Old Grist Mill Road/Covington Road (State Forest road, unpaved). Turn left onto Covington Road and proceed to a point that intersects with the State Forest. Turn left at State Forest boundary and proceed north to intersection with North Wolf Creek. Turn left and follow North Wolf Creek southeast to intersection with VA-729 (unnamed State Forest road). Turn left onto VA-729 unnamed State Forest road and travel east to intersection with Hollywood Road. Turn right and travel southeast along Hollywood Road to the

intersection of Forbes Road. Turn left onto Forbes Road and follow Forbes Road east to the Appomattox/Buckingham County line. Follow County line southeast to Appomattox River. Proceed south along the Appomattox River to Hollywood Road. Follow Suanee Creek to Hixburg Road. Turn right onto Hixburg Road to Poorhouse Creek Road. Proceed right along Poorhouse Creek Road to Morning Star Road, then turn left onto Morning Star Road and go to Richmond Highway. Turn left on Richmond Highway eastbound, then a quick right onto Wades Lane. Follow Wades Lane past its terminus, jumping to railroad tracks. Turn right and follow railroad tracks northwest to near eastern limits of Town of Appomattox. Jump to private road running due north to Kristi Lane. Follow Kristi lane to Town of Appomattox Limits. Follow Town limits northwest to point of origin at Old Courthouse Road.

[2] Polling place:

Our Lady of Peace Catholic
Church
2938 Oakleigh Avenue
Appomattox, VA

(b) Pamplin Precinct.

[1] Precinct boundary description:

Begin at intersection of Richmond Highway and Morning Star Road. Turn onto Morning Star Road and follow to Poorhouse Creek Road. Turn right onto Poorhouse Creek Road and proceed to Hixburg Road. Turn left onto Hixburg Road and follow to Suanee Creek. Follow Suanee Creek north to Hollywood Road. From that point, Suanee Creek and Hollywood Road intersect with the Appomattox River; follow the Appomattox River north to the Appomattox/Buckingham County line. Turn right and follow County line east to its intersection of Appomattox/Buckingham/Prince Edward County lines. Turn right and follow the Appomattox/Prince Edward County line south crossing Richmond Highway to a point where the County line intersects Wheelers Spring Road. Turn right onto Wheelers Spring Road, which is also the Appomattox/Charlotte County line. Follow Wheelers Spring Road southwest to its intersection with Big Cub Creek. Turn right and follow Big Cub Creek northwest to its intersection with Rock Spring Road. Turn left onto Rock Spring Road and follow it south to Chestnut Grove Road. Turn right onto Chestnut Grove Road and proceed west to where Chestnut Grove Road intersects with Cub Creek Road. Turn right onto Cub Creek Road north to intersection with Willow Oak Road. Turn right and follow Willow Oak Road east to Trent Hatchery Road. Turn right onto Trent Hatchery Road and follow Trent Hatchery Road to intersection with Cedar Bend Road. Turn left onto Cedar Bend Road to it intersects with Old Evergreen Road. Turn left

onto Old Evergreen Road and proceed to railroad tracks. Turn left and follow railroad tracks westbound to a point southwest of Wades Lane. Jump to Wades Lane. Follow Wades Lane to Richmond Highway. Turn left on Richmond Highway westbound heading back to the point of origin.

[2] Polling place:

Old Pamplin
Firehouse
211 Swan Road
Pamplin, VA

B. Courthouse Election
District.

(1) Election district and precinct boundary description:

Begin at intersection of Richmond Highway (Route 460) and western Town of Appomattox Limits. Travel northeast along the town limits, crossing Richmond Highway at the eastern Town Limits. Turn left at Kristi Lane (private) and follow Kristi Lane past end of pavement to end of private road. Jump due south to railroad tracks. Turn left and follow railroad tracks southeast to a point where the railroad tracks intersect Old Evergreen Road (Route 630). Turn right onto Old Evergreen Road and follow it south to the intersection of Cedar Bend Road (Route 675). Turn right and follow Cedar Bend Road southwest to its intersection with Trent Hatchery Road (Route 700). Turn right onto Trent Hatchery Road. Follow Trent Hatchery Road west to Willow Oak Road (Route 720). Turn left onto Willow Oak Road and follow west to intersection with Cub Creek Road (Route 644). Turn right onto Cub Creek Road. Follow Cub Creek Road to the intersection of Red House Road (Route 727) and turn right onto Red House Road. Follow Red House Road north to its intersection with Promise Land Road (Route 604). Turn left onto Promise Land Road. Follow Promise Land Road west to its intersection with Purdum Mill Road (Route 719). Turn right onto Purdum Mill and go north to its intersection with Pumping Station Road (Route 691). Turn right onto Pumping Station Road and follow it east to the Appomattox County/Town of Appomattox limits where the street turns to Ferguson Street (Route 1008). Turn left and follow the Town of Appomattox limits along the railroad tracks to Richmond Highway at the point of origin.

(2) Polling place:

Board of Supervisors Meeting
Room
171 Price Lane
Appomattox, VA

C. Falling River Election District.

(1) Election district boundary description:

Begin at the intersection of Richmond Highway (Route 460)/Town of Appomattox limits at the western end of the town. Travel south following the Town of Appomattox limits to Pumping Station Road (Route 691). Turn right and follow Pumping Station Road to intersection with Purdum Mill Road (Route 719). Turn left onto Purdum Mill Road and follow south to intersection with Promise Land Road (Route 604). Turn left onto Promise Land Road and follow east to intersection with Red House Road (Route 727). Turn right onto Red House Road and follow south to intersection of Cub Creek Road (Route 644). Turn left onto Cub Creek Road and go to Chestnut Grove Road (Route 637). Turn left onto Chestnut Grove Road heading southeast to the intersection of Rock Spring Road (Route 636). Turn left onto Rock Spring Road and follow northeast to intersection with Big Cub Creek. Turn right and follow Big Cub Creek south to Appomattox/Charlotte County line at Wheelers Spring Road (Route 638). Turn right onto Wheelers Spring Road and follow Appomattox/Charlotte County line west to Appomattox/Campbell County line. Continue following Appomattox/Campbell County line north to intersection with railroad tracks in Concord. Follow railroad tracks eastbound to eastern intersection of Spout Spring Road (Route 689) and Richmond Highway. Jump onto Richmond Highway and follow eastbound to point of origin.

(2) Precinct boundaries and polling places:

(a) Chap Precinct.

[1] Precinct boundary description:

Begin at the intersection of Red House Road and Promise Land Road. Proceed south on Red House Road to Cub Creek Road. Turn left onto Cub Creek Road and go to Chestnut Grove Road. Turn left onto Chestnut Grove Road heading east to the intersection of Rock Spring Road. Turn left onto Rock Spring Road and follow northeast to intersection with Big Cub Creek. Turn right and follow Big Cub Creek south to Appomattox/Charlotte County line. Turn right onto Wheelers Spring Road which travels along County line. Head west on Wheelers Spring Road to its intersection with Red House Road, then continuing west along the Appomattox/Charlotte County line, then north along the Appomattox/Campbell County line to Dark Leaf Road. Turn right onto Dark Leaf Road and continue to intersection with Promise Land Road. Turn right onto Promise Land Road and follow back to the point of origin.

[2] Polling place:

Central Baptist
Church 1273 Central
Church Road
Appomattox, VA

(b) Spout Spring Precinct.

[1] Precinct boundary description:

Begin at the intersection of Promise Land Road and Purdum Mill Road. Follow Purdum Mill Road to its intersection with Pumping Station Road. Turn right onto Pumping Station Road to the Appomattox County/Town of Appomattox limits. Road name changes to Ferguson Street. Turn left and follow Town of Appomattox limits to its intersection with Richmond Highway. Turn left onto Richmond Highway and follow west to eastern intersection of Spout Spring Road. Jump to adjoining railroad tracks and follow westbound to the Appomattox/Campbell County line. Turn left and follow Appomattox/Campbell County line south to its intersection with Dark Leaf Road. Turn left on to Dark Leaf Road and continue to intersection with Promise Land Road. Turn right onto Promise Land Road and follow to the point of origin.

[2] Polling place:

Spout Spring Ruritan
Building 172 Ruritan Lane
Spout Spring, VA

D. Piney Mountain Election District.

(1) Election district and precinct boundary description:

Beginning at the intersection of Appomattox County/Town of Appomattox limits and Oakville Road (Route 26). Proceed north along Oakville Road to the intersection of Stonewall Road (Route 608). Turn left onto Stonewall Road, travel west to the intersection of Falling Creek Road (Route 667). Turn right onto Falling Creek Road and travel north to Trinity Road (Route 611). Turn left onto Trinity Road, continue west to the intersection of Stone Ridge Road (Route 721). Turn right onto Stone Ridge Road and continue north to the intersection with the James River/Appomattox/Amherst County line. Turn right and continue along the James River/County line northeast to its intersection with the Appomattox/Nelson/Amherst County line. Turn right and follow southeasterly along the Appomattox/Amherst County line, which becomes the Appomattox/Buckingham County line to its intersection with Forbes Road (Route 614). Turn right onto Forbes Road and continue west to the intersection with Hollywood Road (Route 618). Turn right onto Hollywood Road and travel north to its intersection with VA-729/unnamed State Forest road. Turn left onto VA-729/unnamed State Forest road and continue southwest to intersection with North Wolf Creek. Turn right and follow North Wolf Creek north to State Forest boundary, then turn left to and follow State Forest boundary to intersection of State Forest boundary with Covington Road (State Forest road, unpaved). Turn right onto Covington Road and follow northwest to intersection of Old Gristmill Road (Route 616)/Old Courthouse Road (Route 24). Turn left onto Old Courthouse Road. Continue southwest to Appomattox County/Town of Appomattox limits. Follow Town of Appomattox limits west to point of origin.

(2) Polling place:

~~Oakville — Ruritan~~
~~Building 181 Piney~~
~~Mountain Road~~
~~Quail Run Wedding~~
~~Building~~
1433 Piney Mountain
Road
Appomattox, VA

E. Wreck Island Election District.

(1) Election district boundary.

Begin at the Richmond Highway (Route 460)/Town of Appomattox limits. Proceed west along Richmond Highway to the eastern intersection of Spout Spring Road (Route 689). Jump to railroad tracks. Turn right and follow railroad tracks to Appomattox/Campbell County line. Turn right and follow County line northwest to its intersection with the James River at a point connecting Appomattox/Amherst/Campbell counties. Turn right and follow the James River northeast to a point intersecting with Stone Ridge Road (Route 721). Turn right at Stone Ridge Road and follow it to the intersection of Trinity Road (Route 611). Turn left onto Trinity Road and follow east to intersection with Falling Creek Road (Route 667). Turn right and follow Falling Creek Road to its intersection with Stonewall Road (Route 608). Turn left onto Stonewall Road and follow east to its intersection with Oakville Road (Route 26). Turn right onto Oakville Road and proceed south to Town of Appomattox limits. Follow Town of Appomattox limits west to the point of origin at Richmond Highway.

a. Precinct boundaries and polling places.

i. Stonewall Precinct.

[1] Precinct boundary description:

Begin at the intersection of the railroad tracks and the Appomattox/Campbell County line. Follow County line northwest to its intersection with the James River at a point connecting Appomattox/Amherst/Campbell counties. Turn right and follow the James River northeast to a point intersecting with Stone Ridge Road. Turn right at Stone Ridge Road and follow it to the intersection of Trinity Road. Turn left onto Trinity Road and follow east to intersection with Falling Creek Road. Turn right and follow Falling Creek Road to its intersection with Stonewall Road. Turn right onto Stonewall Road and continue to a point where Stonewall Road and Hummingbird Lane converge. Continue along Hummingbird Lane south to Richmond Highway. Jump the railroad tracks. Turn right and follow the railroad tracks west to the point of origin at the Appomattox/Campbell County line.

[2] Polling place:

Gleaning for the
World 7539 Stage
Road Concord, VA

ii. US 460 Precinct:

[1] Precinct boundary description:

Beginning at Richmond Highway/Town of Appomattox limits. Proceed west along Richmond Highway to eastern intersection of Spout Spring Road. Jump to railroad tracks and follow railroad tracks westbound.

Proceed west near the intersection of Richmond Hwy and Hummingbird Lane. Jump onto Hummingbird Lane and proceed northeast to the convergence of Hummingbird Lane and Stonewall Road. Turn right onto Stonewall Road and continue east to the intersection with Oakville Road. Turn right onto Oakville Road and proceed south to the Town of Appomattox limits. Turn right at the Town of Appomattox limits and follow it around to the point of origin.

[2] Polling place:

Moose Lodge
307 Lees Crossing Lane
Appomattox, VA

(2) Central Absentee Precinct (CAP). For the purpose of counting and recording ballots in all elections in Appomattox County, a Central Absentee Voter Election Precinct is hereby established at the Appomattox County School Administration Building, 316 Court Street, Appomattox, VA. (§ 24.2-712, Code of Virginia).

This ordinance amendment shall become effective May 1, 2026.

Motion made by Rev. Jones, seconded by Mr. Wolfskill, to adopt the amendment to the Appomattox County Code, Chapter 3, Article II-Electronic, Section 12 (D)(2) Polling Places, to relocate the polling location from Oakville Ruritan Building, 181 Piney Mountain Road, Appomattox, Virginia, to Quail Run Wedding Building, 1433 Piney Mountain Road., Appomattox, Virginia. Mr. Hinkle called for a roll call vote: Mr. Wolfskill-yes, Mr. Hipps-yes, Mr. Simpson-yes, Rev. Jones-yes, Mr. Hinkle-yes.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution Reaffirming Appomattox County, Virginia as a "Second Amendment Sanctuary" County

**A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING APPOMATTOX COUNTY, VIRGINIA AS A
"SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY" COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors on July 20, 2020, declared the County of Appomattox, Virginia, a Second Amendment Sanctuary County after receiving overwhelming citizen support upon a public meeting, therefore, and

WHEREAS, protection of the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Appomattox County continues to be of paramount importance to the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Appomattox County continue to be in jeopardy of being infringed upon by the ill-advised actions of legislators at the State and Federal levels; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads, “A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed,” and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008) affirmed an individual’s right to possess firearms, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home, and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Ass’n, Inc. v. Bruen*, 597 U.S. 1 (2022) opined that citizen need not establish “good cause” before obtaining a firearms license, and placed the burden on the government to show that any modern firearms regulation is consistent with “this Nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation.”

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in *McDonald v. Chicago*, 561 U.S. 742 (2010), affirmed that the right of an individual to “keep and bear arms,” as protected under the Second Amendment, is incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment against the states, and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in *United States v. Miller*, 307 U.S. 174 (1939), opined that firearms that are part of ordinary military equipment, or with use that could contribute to the common defense are protected by the Second Amendment, and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 13, of the Constitution of Virginia provides, “that a well-regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the proper, natural, and safe defense of a free state, therefore, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed,” and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 1, of the Constitution of Virginia reads, “That all men are by nature equally free and independent and have certain inherent rights, of which, when they enter into the state of society, they cannot, by any compact, deprive or divest their posterity; namely, the enjoyment of life and liberty, with the means of acquiring and possessing property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety, and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution of Virginia reads, “that all power is vested in, and consequently derived from, the people, that magistrates are their trustees and servants, and at all times amenable to them,” and

WHEREAS, certain legislation that has or may be introduced in the Virginia General Assembly, and certain legislation which has or may be introduced in the United States Congress could have the effect of infringing on the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, Article I, Section 13 of the Constitution of Virginia, and the pertinent precedents set by the Supreme Court of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors remains concerned about the passage of any bill containing language that could be interpreted as infringing the rights of the citizens of Appomattox County to keep and bear arms, and

WHEREAS, the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors wishes to restate its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of Appomattox County to keep and bear arms, and

WHEREAS, the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors wishes to again express staunch opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of the citizens of Appomattox County to keep and bear arms, and

WHEREAS, the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its continued intent and policy to stand as a Sanctuary County to protect Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the rights of the citizens of Appomattox County to keep and bear arms, including through legal action, the power to appropriate public funds, the right to petition for redress of grievances and the power to direct the law enforcement and employees of Appomattox County to not enforce any unconstitutional law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors: That the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors hereby reaffirms and declares again that Appomattox County, Virginia, is a “Second Amendment Sanctuary,” and that the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors hereby continues to express its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Appomattox County, Virginia, and that the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors hereby continues to express its intent that public funds of the County not be used to restrict the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Appomattox County, or to aid federal or state agencies in the restriction of said rights, and that the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors will not authorize or appropriate government funds, resources, employees, agencies, contractors, buildings, detention centers, or offices for the purpose of enforcing laws that unconstitutionally infringe on the people’s right to keep and bear arms, and that the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors hereby restates and declares its intent to oppose any infringement on

the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms using such legal means as may be expedient, including, without limitation, court action.

ADOPTED by the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors on this 17th day of February, 2026.

Motion made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Hipps to approve the Resolution Reaffirming Appomattox County, Virginia as a Second Amendment Sanctuary County. Mr. Hinkle called for a roll call vote: Mr. Wolfskill-yes, Mr. Hipps-yes, Mr. Simpson-yes, Rev. Jones-yes, Mr. Hinkle-yes.

Declaration of a Local Emergency

DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Management of Appomattox County found on Friday, January 23, 2026:

1. Due to Winter Storm Fern, Appomattox County was faced with dangerous conditions.
2. That due to Winter Storm Fern, a condition of anticipated extreme peril to life and property necessitates the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency;
3. The Director of Emergency Management has declared a local emergency at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 23, 2026.
4. The Director of Emergency Management declared the local emergency ended at 5:00 pm on Monday, January 26, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors consents to and ratifies the declaration of a local emergency by the Director of Emergency Management. The emergency did exist throughout Appomattox County.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that during the existence of said emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Emergency Management Organization of Appomattox County were those prescribed by State Law and Ordinance, Resolutions, and approved plans of Appomattox County to mitigate the effects of said emergency.

ADOPTED this 17th day of February, 2026.

Motion made by Rev. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hipps to adopt the resolution for the Declaration of a Local Emergency due to winter storm, Fern, which began on Friday, January 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. and ended on Monday January 26, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Hinkle called for a roll call vote: Mr. Wolfskill-yes, Mr. Hipps-yes, Mr. Simpson-yes, Rev. Jones-yes, Mr. Hinkle-yes.

Schedule a Public Hearing – Proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance

After nearly a year of review and consideration, the Appomattox County Planning Commission has recommended several amendments to Section 19.6-97, Utility-Scale Solar Energy Farm. The amendments concern application requirements including the addition of several studies during the application phase, as well as decommissioning, surety requirements, liability insurance and environmental protections. The Planning Commission voted 6-1 (O'Brien dissenting) to recommend the amendments. Staff recommends scheduling a public hearing for the March 16, 2026, regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors in order to receive public comments.

Motion made by Rev. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hipps, with all Members present voting yes, to authorize staff to schedule and advertise a Public Hearing for March 16, 2026, at 6:00, p.m. to receive public comment regarding proposed amendments to Section 19.6-97, Utility-Scale Solar Energy Farm.

Schedule a Public Hearing – Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan

The Planning Commission has been reviewing the Approach to Renewable Energy Policy Statement for the past several months. They recently voted 6-1 (O'Brien dissenting) to recommend an amendment to the policy statement, which is found in Chapter 3-Growth Management. The amendment is more concise and offers guidance in the consideration of future renewable energy projects. Staff recommends setting a public hearing for the March 16, 2026, regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to receive public comment on the proposed amendment.

Motion made by Rev. Jones, seconded by Mr. Wolfskill, with all Members present voting yes, to authorize staff to schedule and advertise a Public Hearing for March 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. to receive public comment regarding an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 3-Growth Management, future energy projects.

CONSENT AGENDA

Invoices Submitted for Payment

Please review the attached invoices and approve for payment:

February 3, 2026	\$75,472.21
February 13, 2026 –CSA	\$234,947.84
February 17, 2026	\$300,116.77
TOTAL:	\$610,536.82

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Please review and consider approval of the attached invoices for payment.

Minutes

Please review the following DRAFT minutes for approval:

Monday, January 20, 2026, Regular Scheduled Meeting

Monday, February 3, 2026, Budget Work Session

Children Services Act

Please supplement by consent and appropriate the following:

5310-3001 Professional Services	\$677.00
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RE: Reimbursement from Braley & Thompson for overpayment.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: No new local funds are required.

Animal Shelter

Please supplement by consent and appropriate to the following:

3501-5413 Spay/Neuter Program	\$544.26
3501-5804 Donations	\$50.00
TOTAL:	\$594.26

RE: Funds received through adoptions and spay/neuter services (\$544.26); Donations received for animal shelter (\$50.00).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: No new local funds are required.

Sheriff's Department

Please supplement by consent and appropriate the following:

3102-1002 Overtime	\$5,471.98
3102-1003 Part-Time	\$5,080.60
3102-5401 Office Supplies	\$26.63
TOTAL:	\$10,579.21

RE: Reimbursement from the City of Lynchburg for CIT hours worked by deputies (\$3,498.30); Reimbursement from the Appomattox County School Board for security performed by deputies at AMS & ACHS basketball games (\$1,973.68); Reimbursement from Custom Traffic Solutions VTR for traffic control performed by deputies (\$2,100.00); Reimbursement from the Appomattox County School Board for extra school security performed by deputies (\$2,980.60); Funds received from FOIA (\$26.63).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: No new local funds are required.

Circuit Court

Please supplement by consent and appropriate the following:

2101-1007 Jurors/Witness	\$1,800.00
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RE: Reimbursement from the State for jurors/witnesses.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: No new local funds are required.

Motion made by Mr. Wolfskill, seconded by Mr. Hipps, to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Mr. Hinkle called for a roll call vote: Mr. Wolfskill-yes, Mr. Hipps-yes, Mr. Simpson-yes, Rev. Jones-yes, Mr. Hinkle-yes.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Adams shared the County Administrator's report containing department updates to the Board and also noted:

- Auditors are on site this week preparing the FY25 audit, which will be reported in March 2026.
- Monthly earnings on the LGIP are at approximately 3.9%, about \$75,000.00.
- The appraisal company has conducted 677 appeal hearings and 451 properties were adjusted. The Board of Equalization will begin appeals on March 10, 2026.

- There is a joint budget meeting with the School Board on March 10, 2026.
- At the March 31, 2026 Budget Work Session, Solid Waste Options will be discussed and the RFP findings on the health insurance will be reported to the Board.

SUPERVISORS CONCERNS

Mr. Simpson thanked Johnnie Roark, Director of Community Development, on his dedication due to an increase in the recent workload.

CLOSED SESSION

Mark Popovich, the County Attorney, read the following Resolution authorizing a Closed Session: I move that the Board enter into closed session regarding:

- 1) Consultation with legal counsel and staff pertaining to probable litigation where such consultation in an open meeting would adversely affect the litigating posture of the County relating to Courthouse Construction Project issues pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended);
- 2) Consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice regarding Regional Landfill and Water Contract issues, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(8) of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended).
- 3) Consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision legal advice regarding a grand jury report, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(8) of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended).
- 4) Consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel related to the Carver-Price lease agreement pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(8) of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended).
- 5) Consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters relating to lease space in the Courthouse pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(8) of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended).

Motion made by Rev. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hipps, with all Members present voting yes, to enter into closed session at 7:42 p.m.

Susan Adams, County Administrator, read the following closed session certification at 8:50 p.m. To the best of your knowledge, were the only matters discussed in the closed meeting public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements, and that only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting. Mrs. Adams called for a roll call vote: Mr. Hipps-yes; Mr. Simpson-yes; Mr. Hinkle-yes; Mr. Wolfskill-yes, Rev. Jones-yes.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

Budget Work Session
County Administration Conference Room
153A Morton Lane
Appomattox, VA 24522

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.
Joint County/School Board Work Session
Appomattox County School Board Office
316 Court Street
Appomattox, VA 24522

Monday, March 16, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.
Regular Scheduled Meeting
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
333 Court Street
Appomattox, VA

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Rev. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hipps and carried with all other members present voting yes, to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.