

Regular Meeting (Thursday, February 8, 2024)
Northumberland County, Virginia

Members Present:

Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

Members Absent:

James M. Long

Other Staff Present:

Mr. Luttrell Tadlock, County Administrator

Ms. Morgan Wilson, Executive Assistant

Mr. Robert Headley, IT Administrator

Mr. Carl Hayden, IT Technician

The regular monthly meeting was convened by Chairman Haynie and held at the Northumberland Courthouse located at 220 Judicial Place, Heathsville, VA 22473.

1. Opening of Meeting 5:30 P.M.

Procedural: A. Invocation - Pastor Kori Kiss, Bethany Baptist Church

Pastor Kori Kiss led the invocation.

Procedural: B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Joe Self led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action: C. Approval of Agenda

County Administrator Tadlock explained that there is no longer a need for a closed meeting session tonight.

Motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting with the revisions suggested by Mr. Tadlock.

Motion by: James W. Brann, second by: Chip Williams.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

2. Approval of Minutes

Action, Minutes: A. January 11, 2024 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on January 11, 2024.

Motion by: James W. Brann, second by: AC Fisher, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

Action, Minutes: B. January 18, 2024 Special Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting on January 18, 2024.

Motion by: James W. Brann, second by: AC Fisher, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

Action, Minutes: C. January 25, 2024 Special Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting on January 25, 2024.

Motion by: James W. Brann, second by: AC Fisher, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

3. Presentations

Action: A. Resolution - Benefit Programs Specialist Appreciation Month

Motion to approve the resolution for Benefit Programs Specialist Appreciation Month as presented to the Board.

**Benefit Programs Specialist Appreciation Month
Resolution of Appreciation**

WHEREAS, Virginia has provided a safety net to our most vulnerable citizens of the Commonwealth by administering the benefit programs of SNAP, TANF, Medical Assistance, General Relief, Auxiliary, Grant, Refugee Cash Assistance and Energy Assistance Program by local department of social services; and

WHEREAS, Virginia implemented historic changes with the deployment of Medicaid Expansion while continuing to administer complex policies and procedures in all major benefit programs as well as increased technological advances with Virginia Case Management System and Data Management Imaging Systems which has impacted technology changes for benefit programs now and well into the future; and

WHEREAS, Benefit Programs Specialists are continually faced with reconciling an environment of rapidly changing policies, procedures, and technological advances with the quality control requirements; and

WHEREAS, Benefit Program Specialists provide ethical public service, respect human dignity, are responsible for the application of the law, demonstrate personal integrity and promote professional excellence; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 8th day of February 2024, the Northumberland County Board of Supervisors does here by commend all Benefit Programs Specialists with in the Northumberland County Department of Social Services for a job well

done and recognizes the month of February 2024 as Benefit Programs Specialists Appreciation Month, calling upon all citizens to join in acknowledging their public service contributions.

Motion by: James W. Brann, second by: Chip Williams.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

Action, Information: B. Resolution - Omega Protein

Motion to approve the resolution supporting Omega Protein as presented to the Board.

**RESOLUTION IN
SUPPORT OF OMEGA PROTEIN CORPORATION**

WHEREAS, One of Northumberland County's greatest traditions is commercial fishing in the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, Omega Protein and their fishing partner, Ocean Harvesters, both have Corporate Headquarters in Northumberland County, Virginia, serving as the County's largest commercial employer; and,

WHEREAS, Omega Protein and Ocean Harvesters provides numerous job opportunities for not only Northumberland County, but area counties as well, employing 260 people directly and 250 people indirectly who all share a deep passion for sustainable fishing; and,

WHEREAS, Omega Protein and Ocean Harvesters have been accused of over harvesting menhaden for many years with no scientific data to substantiate these claims and it is believed to be correlated with the decline in the striped bass population; and,

WHEREAS, the decline in the striped bass population continues to be directly correlated with the overharvesting of striped bass and not the lack of available food; and,

WHEREAS, several of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) assessments found that menhaden fishery is sustainable and enough menhaden remain in the water to fulfill their ecological role; and,

WHEREAS, last year's Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) assessment on menhaden found the stock so healthy, the coastwide quota was raised by 20%, and

WHEREAS, Omega Protein has been operating in Northumberland County since 1878 and is an asset to our community as they provide funding for many community events and organizations to help contribute to their success; and,

WHEREAS, Omega Protein and Ocean Harvesters not only benefits Northumberland County but is a substantial regional economic benefit to several outside businesses from which Omega receives its goods and services; and,

WHEREAS, Omega Protein and Ocean Harvesters have proven to be extremely environmentally conscious and recently assisted the County with getting equipment on site for a sewer leak in Cockrell Creek; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northumberland County Board of Supervisors supports the environmentally responsible practices of the menhaden fishing industry and desires that consideration only be given to science to determine the need for menhaden fishing restrictions.

Motion by: James W. Brann, second by: AC Fisher, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

Information: C. Update from Northumberland County Schools

There was no one present at the meeting to provide an update on behalf of the school division.

Vice Chairman Brann referred to a question he asked last month to the school related to why it's okay to allow some school budget line items fall in the red whereas others are underspent. The response from the school is as follows:

Finance Director Tara Booth replied by stating there are a few reasons for this occurrence:

- The budget is created based on the staffing of the pre-budget year. If an employee leaves, their replacement will likely have a different salary, which affects benefits, including health insurance. Each individual employee makes their own choice about their health insurance plan. Like the county, the NCPS employer share of the employees' health insurance changes based on the plan. For example, we pay a higher share for the family plan than the individual plan.
- The budget is a working document. It's an estimate of the expenses we anticipate for the coming year. Funds are appropriated by the Board of Supervisors categorically. We are able to move funds within a category as needed. The Finance Director is able to make journal entries to move funds between lines within a category.
- As you know, during the transition, some expenses were charged to incorrect account codes. Some purchases were incorrectly expensed to ESSER funds while other expenses were incorrectly expensed to the general fund. The corrections caused a change in the final category expenditures.

Dr. Blizzard attended tonight's meeting and provided an update related to the Joint Finance Committee. He stated that the Committee met on January 25, 2024, as a working group and today was the cutoff date for the Board of Supervisors to have their questions provided to the school related to the FY 25 budget. The Committee is working to see where those questions and responses can be publicly published whether it be on board docs or the County's website to allow transparency with the public.

Information: D. Update from the Virginia Department of Transportation

Mr. David Beale presented his report on behalf of the Virginia Department of Transportation. The full report can be accessed in board docs.

Mr. Beale explained that the next project for the secondary six-year plan, prioritized by the Board, is Addies Point Road scheduled for summer of 2026. Mr. Beale informed the Board that the plan is supposed to be updated every other year, but the County chose to skip the update two years ago, so it was updated last year instead. Mr. Beale recommended the Board skip the update this year unless there is a project they'd like to add to the plan.

Chairman Haynie and Vice Chairman Brann don't believe there are any changes, so they don't see a purpose in holding the public hearing this year. Vice Chairman Brann asked if that could change.

Mr. Beale stated that the plan can be updated at any time, but there must be a public hearing.

Vice Chairman Brann asked if this matter could be tabled to next month.

Vice Chairman Brann then asked Mr. Beale to share VDOT's plan related to the change in Callao's traffic pattern.

Mr. Beale stated that they prepared a sketch of a three-lane section in Callao. It would be one lane in each direction and a center two way left turn lane. This proposal would go in with the pavement schedule in the summer of 2025. He explained that this project would begin from the undivided section west of the signal in front of the businesses on route 360. Mr. Beale stated that the businesses and homes located in this area would benefit from this pattern because it increases sight distance, pedestrian safety, and reduces angle and rear crashes.

Vice Chairman Brann referred to the last accident that occurred in this location, however the driver was intoxicated. He stated that they do have accidents there, but not enough to make a major change to the traffic pattern such as this one. Mr. Brann asked if there would be a public hearing on this.

Mr. Beale stated that they would hold a public meeting.

Mr. Brann asked if Mr. Beale had the date for the hearing and if it would be advertised.

Mr. Beale stated that he doesn't have the date, but it will be advertised.

Vice Chairman Brann stated that they are going to hear a lot of complaints that the money being used for this project could be used to fix Kissinger Spring Road.

Mr. Beale stated that those are very different scenarios, but this is a preemptive improvement.

Supervisor Williams believes that this money is going to be spent unnecessarily and asked Mr. Beale if there is bottleneck trouble in Callao presently.

Mr. Beale stated there is not.

Supervisor Williams understands that the efforts are preemptive, but it sounds like it's not needed at this time.

Vice Chairman Brann asked if the same traffic change is going to happen in Burgess.

Mr. Beale stated that they did discuss Burgess two years ago when it was repaved, but they didn't move forward with it, however, they do have a plan for Lottsburg.

Supervisor Williams asked what the plan is for Lottsburg.

Mr. Beale informed the Board that it's the same plan as Callao. The project would extend from the entire undivided section and make it a three-lane section so there's a center turning lane allowing cars to use the center lane when turning and other traffic to proceed.

Vice Chairman Brann doesn't understand the need for these traffic changes and there are a lot of citizens who would like to attend the public hearing, so he asked Mr. Beale to see that it is advertised.

4. County Administrators Report

Information: A. Building Permit Report

	2024	2023
Const. Cost for Month	\$4,345,436.12	\$5,308,069.25
Total Bldg. Permit Cost for Month	9,938.28	8,782.44
Total Zoning Permit Cost for Month	6,065.00	1,390.00
Total Levy Fee for Month	198.76	172.63
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST YEAR TO DATE	\$4,345,436.12	\$5,308,069.25

Action: B. Re-appointment - Daniel Wiggins, Board of Zoning Appeals District III

Motion to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Daniel Wiggins on the Board of Zoning Appeals, District III.

Motion by: Richard F. Haynie, second by: James W. Brann.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

Action: C. Re-appointment - Garfield Parker, Planning Commission District III

Motion to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Garfield Parker on the Planning Commission, District III.

Motion by: Richard F. Haynie, second by: James W. Brann.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

Action: D. Re-appointment - Glenda Lowery, Anti-Litter Committee District II

Motion to approve the re-appointment of Mrs. Glenda Lowery on the Anti-Litter Committee, District II.

Motion by: Richard F. Haynie, second by: Chip Williams.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

Action: E. Re-appointment - Arthur Carver, Anti-Litter Committee District I

Motion to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Arthur Carver on the Anti-Litter Committee, District I.

Motion by: Richard F. Haynie, second by: James W. Brann.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

Action: F. Supplemental Appropriation - Sheriff's Department

Motion to approve a supplemental appropriation to line item 3102-3012 in the amount of \$2,671.84 for a VACorp reimbursement.

Motion by: James W. Brann, second by: AC Fisher, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

Action: G. Supplemental Appropriation - Sheriff's Department

Motion to approve a supplemental appropriation to line item 3102-1006 in the amount of \$472.50 for ball games.

Motion by: James W. Brann, second by: Chip Williams.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

Information: H. Mobile Food Vendors Policy

The Board requested that staff look into creating a policy for mobile food vendors on County property. Provided to the Board was a draft policy strictly for the Lottsburg property and not for any other County property in the County. County Administrator Tadlock further explained that it's not an ordinance and it's not related to all food trucks, it strictly pertains to food trucks on the County's property at the old Lottsburg Schoolboard property. Those interested must submit an application to the County, have all required permits from the Health Department, and have general liability insurance with Northumberland listed as additionally insured. Then the application request would be placed on a meeting agenda for the Board of Supervisors to review. The food truck would be able to park in this location from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. but would have to set up and break down their equipment, including signage, every day from their assigned spot. Mr. Tadlock further explained that the food trucks shall not establish a dining area and the mobile ready vehicle must maintain its own power and water source. Additionally, portable toilets shall not be located on the property and the service can only be for single serve prepared food and non-alcoholic beverages. This would be for a period of six months on a rotational basis depending on how many vendor applications the County receives. There would be limited spots, currently three, located at this location and the Board does reserve the right to terminate the use of the property in this manner at any particular time. Mr. Tadlock provided the Board with a visual of the proposed food truck parking spots. The visual can be accessed in board docs.

Supervisor Williams asked how many people have shown interest in being a food vendor at this location currently.

County Administrator Tadlock stated that currently there is only one food vendor.

Supervisor Fisher asked if this proposed policy would include a person wanting to use his pickup truck at this location to sell seafood.

County Administrator Tadlock stated that is not the intention of this policy. This is more of prepared food, so if the seafood is prepared, that would be appropriate.

Supervisor Fisher asked if the food vendor application would be restricted to residents in the County or residents in the State of Virginia.

Chairman Haynie believes there are a lot of things that need to be discussed regarding this proposed policy if the County is going to move forward with it.

Vice Chairman Brann suggested the Board carry the matter over to the special meeting tomorrow at 2:00 p.m.

The Board agreed to discuss the policy further at tomorrow's meeting.

Action: I. Transfer and Supplemental Appropriation Policy

County Administrator Tadlock stated that the Board has been asking for budget adjustment guidelines and this policy would allow finance staff and County Administration to make changes

when they receive budget request modifications from department heads. If monies need to be moved between line items or from one department to another, this policy allows that to be done administratively. However, this policy does not allow any supplemental appropriations to be done administratively as those will continue to be done through approval by the Board of Supervisors. Additionally, this does not allow any type of increase in the overall budget. This policy covers all the departments except the school division as they will continue to be done by categories approved by the Board of Supervisors, not administratively.

Vice Chairman Brann asked if this is going to eliminate the line items running in the red.

Mr. Tadlock stated that is the intent of the policy.

Vice Chairman Brann stated that he likes the idea of the budget being closed out by the end of the year without leaving line items in the red and this policy eliminates that. The documentation requires signatures from finance staff, the County Administrator, and the department head which allows for accountability for why the funds are being moved.

Supervisor Fisher stated that this sounds like a win-win situation.

Motion to approve the transfer and supplemental appropriation policy as presented to the Board.

Motion by: Chip Williams, second by: AC Fisher, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

Action: J. RFP - Professional Engineering/Architectural Services

County Administrator Tadlock provided the Board with a draft request for proposals related to professional engineering/architectural services and this would be to have an engineer on retainer so there could be multiple vendors that may participate in this. He mentioned that the Board has been talking about the need for a facility assessment, space analysis, and capital planning so this RFP contains multiple aspects.

Supervisor Williams asked what the benefit is of having an engineer on retainer versus hiring one independently.

Mr. Tadlock stated that it's more beneficial from a time standpoint. Once the County has an engineer on retainer, there would be no need to do the procurement process again.

Motion to move forward in advertising the request for proposal for Professional Engineering/Architectural Services for County facility assessment, space analysis, and capital planning.

Motion by: James W. Brann, second by: Chip Williams.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

Information: K. Other County Administration Items

County Administrator Tadlock provided the Board with the updated personnel policy for their review. Additionally, Mr. Tadlock provided the Board with a tentative budget schedule.

Mr. Tadlock stated that Dominion Energy sent out possible dates to meet with the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and Economic Development Commission.

The Board agreed to meet with Dominion Power on March 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Information: L. Department Agency Monthly Updates

Department agency monthly updates can be found in board docs.

5. Board of Supervisor Items

Action: A. Approval of Check Register

Motion to approve the check register for February 2024.

Motion by: James W. Brann, second by: AC Fisher, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

Information: B. Board Comments

Supervisor Williams asked Mr. Fisher if he wanted to discuss options on the Little League's concession stand roof at this time.

Supervisor Fisher believes that the Little League is very important to the County, and he hopes there can be some sort of agreement made to help replace their roof. Mr. Fisher stated that one proposal is perhaps to divide the cost of the roof into thirds between the County, School, and Little League.

Chairman Haynie stated that if the Board proposes that, it needs to be sent to the Little League and the School Board for further discussion.

Supervisor Fisher stated that one of the first things that needs to be done is to decide what kind of roof they are looking to replace the existing one with because there's a big price difference between a shingle roof and a metal roof.

Chip Williams stated that the cost for a metal roof is \$24,500 but he does not have the cost for a shingle roof at this time.

Chairman Haynie asked that Supervisor Williams get the price for the shingle roof by tomorrow's special meeting if possible so they could further discuss this matter.

Supervisor Williams asked if this would be put in the budget this year or how that would be done.

Chairman Haynie stated that normally it would be placed in the upcoming budget unless the Board wishes to do a supplemental appropriation.

Supervisor Williams believes that the Little League will probably need to fix the roof before the season starts and practices begin at the end of March.

Vice Chairman Brann asked if Mr. Tadlock has heard anything more about the boat at Lodge Creek regarding what to do or how it can be removed.

Mr. Tadlock stated that he has not. He explained that VMRC has been contacted on this issue.

Supervisor Fisher asked where this boat is located.

Mr. Tadlock stated that it's an abandoned boat located down Lodge on the right.

Vice Chairman Brann stated that this is a public boat landing and there's a safety concern for the families that go fishing/boating there.

Supervisor Fisher stated that state law requires the boat to be removed by the owner.

Vice Chairman Brann referred to the monthly department updates and stated that some of the department heads are still not participating. He believes that although some are constitutional officers, each vote for them should be a good enough reason to submit a monthly report for the Board and public to see.

Vice Chairman Brann stated that the sidewalks in front of the Old Courthouse need to be pressure washed. He also asked staff to start looking for individuals to complete the painting/repairs of the buildings so that when the weather breaks, they can go ahead and begin those projects.

6. Public Comments

Mr. Tom Jeffries came to the Board to give them some information on smart meters. One was recently installed on his home with no advance notice from Dominion Energy. Mr. Jeffries listed the reported risks of smart meters as fire hazards, health hazards, increased costs, and surveillance concerns. He asked that the Board allow them to make a full presentation on smart meters at the next board meeting for the County to consider adopting a resolution that restricts Dominion Energy and other utility companies from forcing these dangerous, unproven technology on the County citizens.

Mrs. Cheryl Johnson also spoke on smart meters and stated that Dominion claims they are no more harmful than cell phones. Mrs. Johnson stated that cell phones can be turned off unlike

smart meters. Phones can be moved away from the body unlike smart meters. Smart meters produce whole body exposure as they create dirty electricity throughout the entire home causing cumulative exposure. Cell phones radiate at the head, neck, body, or ear, radiating a smaller surface when in use. Wi-Fi can also be turned off unlike smart meters. Mrs. Johnson continued by stating that smart meters radiate up to 190,000 times a day 365 days a year resulting in involuntary exposure.

Mr. Jason Smart shared similar concerns about smart meters. He explained that he and his wife had intercepted a Dominion representative from installing a smart meter on their home even though he and his wife had made several efforts to inform Dominion Headquarters that they did not want a smart meter. Mr. Smart stated that the employee was unaware and left their property when Mr. Smart informed him of the situation, however, another Dominion representative came out a month later and tried to install the meter again. This representative was also unaware that they did not want it installed. Mr. Smart stated that they have their own reasons for not wanting the smart meter and urged the Board to consider placing it on their next meeting agenda for further discussion.

Supervisor Williams asked if Dominion gives the customers the option of whether they want the smart meter installed.

Mr. Smart stated that they claim the customers do not have an option.

Ms. Doris Knick represents the citizens of the Virginia Medical Freedom Alliance on the issue of smart utility meters. She stated that their mission is to restore and protect the individual right to Medical Freedom within the Commonwealth of Virginia by ensuring informed consent and bodily sovereignty. She stated that when there is bodily risk like health or fire there must be informed consent including the right of refusal after providing accurate and complete information about risks, benefits, and alternatives especially when safe options exist such as fiber optics to the home and analog meters. Ms. Knick reiterated Mr. Jeffries' concerns about smart meters raising the electricity rates and causing severe health problems. She stated that smart meter electromagnetic radiation exposure will contribute to long-term health consequences for nearly everyone in time. Ms. Knick stated that they need counties to pass resolutions to protect the residents from the government and big corporations' overreach and to educate and encourage the legislators to act on this issue. Ms. Knick shared a draft resolution for the Board to consider adopting to help protect the citizens' rights to an analog meter. She then shared a testimony from a lady named Grace as she's currently suffering from radiation poisoning also known as electromagnetic hypersensitivity.

Chairman Haynie would like to have someone from Dominion come and give the Board some information on these smart meters at their next board meeting.

Supervisor Fisher asked Mr. Jeffries if he was aware if Northern Neck Electric has plans to install smart meters because they serve half of the County.

Mr. Jeffries was not aware of Northern Neck Electric's plans.

Chairman Haynie stated that Northern Neck Electric has already transitioned to electronic meters but he's not sure if it's the same thing or not.

***Chairman Haynie requested a 10-minute recess.*

7. Public Hearings 7:00 P.M.

Action: A. To receive public input regarding a proposed ordinance to consider the designation of the Callao Hometown Community Association, Inc. as tax-exempt from local real and personal property tax.

Mr. Reuben Thrift stated that the Association is a 501(c)(3) organization and under statute they are requesting tax exemption for the real estate property that they now own. Mr. Thrift also requested their current bill from December be included in the tax exemption as well.

Supervisor Williams asked if this would be strictly for the real estate they own now or does it consider what could be owned in the future as well.

County Administrator Tadlock stated that the exemption is for the real estate they own now.

Public Hearing Open.

No comments were made.

Public Hearing Closed.

Vice Chairman Brann stated that this organization has put a lot of effort into trying to bring a park into Callao to be shared by everyone, so he'd like to see the Board grant them with tax exemption.

Motion to approve the proposed ordinance to consider the designation of the Callao Hometown Community Association, Inc. as tax-exempt from local real and personal property tax as well as not charge the Association for last year's taxes.

Motion by: James W. Brann, second by: AC Fisher, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

Action, Information: B. Request by Carroll Carter, owner, and Mohammad Dawood, applicant, for a Conditional Use Permit to allow an abattoir (commercial slaughterhouse) on property zoned A-1, Agricultural. The property is shown as Tax Map Parcel 47-(1)-12A and is located on 1923 Carlson Road.

Mr. Dawood reminded the Board that he applied for the same project on May 24, 2023, at his property on Fruit Plain Rd., which was denied due to a location among houses and secondary roads. He hopes that he is here today with a more suitable location for the Virginia meat

processing plant that will please the Board and the public. Mr. Dawood presented a PowerPoint presentation to the public showing a visual of the project. The full presentation can be accessed in board docs.

Chairman Haynie asked if Mr. Dawood had an estimated cost for this project.

Mr. Dawood stated that manufacturers informed him that if he were to build this kind of facility with this type of equipment it would cost millions of dollars, but he came across the mobile design that's going to cost him close to \$1M dollars.

Chairman Haynie asked Mr. Dawood if he knew what size septic field he would be need to handle the water usage per day.

Mr. Dawood stated that he wasn't sure at this time, but the Health Department informed him that the one currently there is suitable for his plan.

Chairman Haynie asked how often they'll be running the facility.

Mr. Dawood stated they will run the facility 6 days a week from 8:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Public Hearing Open.

Mr. James Penney shared a study stating that water and wastewater are major inputs and outputs of slaughter and processing. Almost every step in the slaughter of live animals will involve water. Mr. Penney continued by stating that many facilities utilize about 500 gallons for each animal slaughter and process. It is generally recommended that the facility have access to city or public water instead of a well. Mr. Penney is concerned with how they will handle the disposal of the quantity of wastewater as well as the strain it will cause on the local aquifer.

Mr. Alvin Burgess stated that he never received any information related to this application from the County. Mr. Burgess shared his concerns on the traffic, water, and odor of this project.

Ms. Marion Cockrell doesn't believe the location is ideal for this project and asked the Board to consider selling him the tract of land behind Kirkland Grove Campground.

Ms. Rebecca Elston doesn't believe this location is appropriate for this project because it's on the main highway between Northumberland and Lancasater counties with several residents nearby.

Mr. Joseph Stogowski stated that this business turns an agricultural area into an industrial one right on the main highway and affects the value of all the neighboring properties.

Mr. Brian Barnes is in favor of the project due to the great need that very few people in the Courtroom understand unless they are livestock producers. He stated that the closest facility he can utilize to market his lambs is in Fauquier County. He hopes the Board considers this request and comes up with conditions to please everyone.

Mr. Jeff Webster is also a lamb producer and loves providing high quality meat raised in the best possible conditions for his friends and neighbors. He'd like to see the industry grow and one of the biggest enablers to allow for that growth is having a facility nearby, so they won't have to drive 3 and a half hours to provide meat to someone.

Mr. Haydon Garland is also a cattle producer and travels four hours away to a facility, so he'd like one to be located closer. He stated that the smell will not be a concern with such a highly regulated facility especially with the U.S. government involved.

Mr. Maurice Johnson suggested the County work closely with the applicant to come up with a better solution that is best for both the County and the applicant.

Ms. Helen Mitchell lived at this property and stated that the land is not very perkable. She hopes the Board considers if this project is something needed in our County.

Mr. Jim Churchill suggested the Board not decide on this until they find out where the water is going to come from and where the wastewater is going to go.

Public Hearing Closed.

Mr. Dawood explained that they are going to have a Health Department approved engineered septic system that is going to be specific to this kind of processing. He also stated that the project wouldn't bring a lot of additional traffic, in fact it would be less than normal traffic going into the gas station on that road. Additionally, smell occurs when there is negligence of the waste, and he plans to invest a lot of money on equipment and coolers to prevent this from occurring.

Vice Chairman Brann stated that there are several farmers in the County that raise cattle so there is a need. He asked Mr. Dawood if he'd be willing to not move forward with this conditional use permit on this piece of land if the County would assist him in finding a more suitable piece of property for this type of operation.

Mr. Dawood explained that he did not close on the property, so he still has the option of going somewhere else, however he's exhausted from the effort he's put into this project.

Supervisor Williams stated that the property has the existing building, the old and the new drain field, parking, five 40ft containers, one or two cold rooms, and a fenced area for the animals. He referred to Mr. Dawood's plans of purchasing the other parcel, which is nearly 3 acres, however the application tonight is only for 2.226 acres.

Mr. Dawood stated that he put in an offer and the landlord put a contingency on it.

Supervisor Williams stated that land is not included in the application before the Board tonight.

Mr. Dawood stated he wanted to obtain the permit first, but he said that the Board could add the purchase of that land as a condition to his permit.

Supervisor Williams told Mr. Dawood that he rather him allow the County to assist him in finding a more suitable size parcel of land in a different area.

Supervisor Fisher didn't quite understand what Mr. Dawood meant when he answered Mr. Brann's question.

Vice Chairman Brann stated that he believes Mr. Dawood is a little discouraged because he's made two attempts for this project. Mr. Brann then referred to their meeting about growing the County, and this is an opportunity to do so if done correctly.

Chairman Haynie suggested tabling a decision to next month's meeting.

Vice Chairman agreed but stated that the County should assist him in looking for a new location in the meantime.

Supervisor Williams doesn't believe tabling a decision is going to make a difference because they are still dealing with this specific application.

Vice Chairman Haynie withdrew his motion.

Motion to deny the conditional use permit to allow an abattoir (commercial slaughterhouse) on property zoned A-1, Agricultural. This motion is made in due consideration of the public health and safety, the general welfare of the community, public necessity, convenience, and in the exercise of good zoning practices and in pursuant to the body's statutory authority.

Motion by: Chip Williams, second by: AC Fisher, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

Action, Information: C. In order to consider an amendment to the fiscal year 2024 budget. This budget amendment is for the purpose of budgeting/appropriating monies for grants, reimbursements, additional personnel, internet cost increase, software increase, and Compensation Board/County Salary Increases.

Voter Registrar.....	\$1,100.00
Information Technology.....	\$2,830.90
Sheriff's Office.....	\$150,848.21
Opioid Abatement Settlement Funds.....	\$1,837.62
Litter Grant.....	\$5,766.00
Compensation Board/County 2% Salary Increase.....	\$112,398.37
Ambulance & Rescue Services.....	\$42,377.39
School Division.....	\$273,368.00
EMS Grant.....	\$2,800.00
Capital Projects.....	\$125,269.00

TOTAL..... \$718,595.49

Public Hearing Open.

Dr. Karen Pica asked how much of this is grant money or if this is coming from the County reserve and tax funds.

County Administrator Tadlock stated that a portion of it would be coming out of the County reserves, but he doesn't have a clear breakdown of those monies at this time.

Public Hearing Closed.

Chairman Haynie would like to see how much is going to be taken out of the reserves before he makes a decision. He asked Mr. Tadlock if he could have that information by tomorrow's special meeting.

Mr. Tadlock stated that he'd gather that information for the Board.

Vice Chairman Brann asked if this had to be approved by tomorrow.

County Administrator Tadlock stated no and that some of the monies the Board has already appropriated. He informed the Board that some of it is the ARPA Law Enforcement grant money that is getting reimbursed under the Sheriff's Office and some are FBI reimbursements. The school CIP project is the expenditure on the school bus which was already budgeted for the school. Code red and the equipment supplies is a grant that Chief Balderson has acquired. Computer equipment was a reimbursement from the lightning strike. Mr. Tadlock continued by describing what some of the monies were but ensured the Board that he would gather the remaining information for them to review.

Motion to table a decision until the Board receives more information on the County's reserve fund.

Motion by: James W. Brann, second by: AC Fisher, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

8. Closing of Meeting

Supervisor Williams stated that the bid on the shingle roof for the Little League was \$11,500 versus \$24,500 for the metal roof.

Action: A. Little League Concession Stand Roof Replacement

Motion to send the School Board and the Little League a proposal on splitting the cost for a shingle roof on the Little League concession stand.

Motion by: AC Fisher, Jr., second by: James W. Brann.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

Action: B. Carry Over

Motion to carry over to the special meeting on February 9, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Motion by: James W. Brann, second by: AC Fisher, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.