

# HEARING: 'investigate the large industrial-scale solar project'

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upcoming joint hearing will give residents another chance to make their feelings known about the upcoming solar project after not being heard at the last one.

### OTHER BUSINESS:

• Dr. John Keeler, interim superintendent of Buckingham County Public Schools, spoke again about the Community Center Classroom. After talking to the school board, he now has three alternative locations he plans to consider instead of the library and will give an update on the choice as soon as he has one.

• Scott Frederick, division resident engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation, gave an update. VDOT is hearing a lot of complaints about unpaved roads due to bad weather. Crews can't fix the roads until they dry out. They are still doing debris cleanup and have hired contractors to help.

• Presented a plaque to James "Dabney" Crews Sr. for his years of service on the Planning Commission.

• Michele Laaksone gave an annual report from the Southside Center for Violence Prevention. Laaksone spoke on expansions to the shelter including now having a second shelter for male victims.

• Tom Steger from Buckingham Fire Fighters Association sought permission to hold its annual Truck and Tractor Pull at the end of July. The request was approved.

• There was a public hearing for James Burmaster from Tax Map 158 Parcel 11 containing approximately 103.7 acres located at 5481 Mount Rush Highway, Dillwyn, James River Magisterial District, seeking a Special Use Permit for the purpose of operating an Airbnb bed-and-breakfast with events. The board unanimously approved the request with conditions.

There were two public hearings for Airbnb bed-and-breakfast locations with campsites. One was for Jennifer Sombar and Katie VanSciver at Tax Map 9 Parcel 10A containing approximately 25.159 acres located at 143 Hatton Ferry Road, Scottsville, Slate River Magisterial District. The other was for George and Susan Pamela Goodwin, Tax Map 4 Parcel 9, containing approximately 102.368 acres at 291 Belle Meade Lane, Scottsville, Slate River Magisterial District.

The other Public Hearing was for the Buckingham Cattlemen's Association at Tax Map 122 Parcel 4 Lot 3A containing approximately 5.03 acres located at 11851 W. James Anderson Hwy, Maysville Magisterial District. The board voted to approve to continue the agricultural and promote increased agricultural use.

• The board voted to approve Impact Power Solutions' request to obtain a Special Use Permit for a solar farm on Gravel Hill Road, and continue Impact Power Solutions' request to obtain a Special Use Permit for a solar farm at South Constitution Route.

• The board recognized Stephanie Roach's resignation from the Board of Zoning Appeals. There are no recommendations at this time for a replacement.

• Cody Davis from the EMS asked for the appropriation of a \$17,000 donation from Kyanite Mining. The funds will be used for sheltering supplies. The measure was unanimously approved.



The map above of Buckingham County shows the location and size of the proposed River Stone Solar project in black.

- The board voted to refinance two loans due to the current low interest rates.
- The board voted to appropriate \$33,146 from the Library of Virginia through the Circuit Court Preservation Program Item Conservation Grant.
- Sheriff Billy Kidd Jr. requested \$27,415 in match funds to be appropriated to the Sheriff's Budget in order to receive a grant of \$54,830 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, to implement Body Worn Camera program, which carries a 50/50 match. There are more grants that the Sheriff's Office will receive soon.
- The board affirmed actions from October 2019 for the county administrator to sign proper paperwork to keep the initiative of bringing a hotel to Buckingham moving. The initial action was delayed due to COVID-19.
- The board renewed the Buckingham Youth League lease agreement for Gene Dixon Park.
- The Board voted to transfer Hatton Ferry's assets to Albermarle Charlottesville Historical Society to take it over.
- The board voted to have a public hearing for a solid waste fee ordinance for those out of the county who want to bring their waste to the county. The \$25 fee will cover a sticker for nonresidents who wish to use the facilities.



### CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS:

Farmville Town Council is currently seeking candidates interested in serving on the Farmville Industrial Development Authority. Interested candidates must reside within the corporate limits of the Town of Farmville or in an adjoining locality and should have an interest in the economic growth of our region. Applications are available on the Town's website: [www.farmvilleva.com](http://www.farmvilleva.com) or at the Clerk of Council's Office, 116 North Main Street, Farmville. Completed applications should be returned to the Clerk of Council's Office, PO Drawer 368, Farmville, VA 23901 or emailed to [mmckay@farmvilleva.com](mailto:mmckay@farmvilleva.com) by March 4, 2022. For additional information or questions, please call (434) 392-9465.

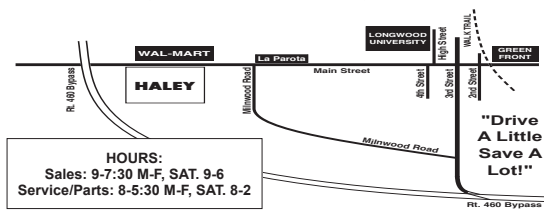
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The Cumberland County Board of Supervisors will meet on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, in the Circuit Courtroom of Cumberland County in Cumberland, Virginia, to conduct a public hearing pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2204, which such hearings may be continued or adjourned, as required under applicable law, and to consider the following items and taking actions in furtherance thereof:

**Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 21-04 – David and Ann Paulek, and Kay Adams – High Bridge Stables Event Facility** - A conditional use permit request to allow an existing structure/barn to be used as an event facility. This subject property is identified as Tax Map 105-A-85 and is located at 449 River Road, Farmville, Virginia 23901. The property is not located in the high intensity growth area on the Comprehensive Plan. The property is located in Election District 5.

Copies of the proposed development applications are available for public review at the office of the Cumberland County Planning Department, County Administration Building, 1 Courthouse Circle, Cumberland, Virginia between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm of each business day. The public is invited to attend this hearing at which persons affected may appear and present their views. Questions or comments may be directed to the Planning & Zoning Department at (804) 492-3520. Persons with disabilities are urged to contact the County Administrator's Office at (804) 492-3625 at least five (5) days prior to the meeting to arrange for any necessary accommodations.



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