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VIRGINIA: A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD REMOTELY ON THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. USING THE 'GOTOMEETING' PLATFORM:  
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/447043917>

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR.  
SUPERVISOR MICHAEL DREWRY  
SUPERVISOR JUDY LYTTLE  
SUPERVISOR KENNETH HOLMES  
SUPERVISOR WILLIAM (TIM) CALHOUN

ALSO

PRESENT: MS. DANIELLE POWELL, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
MS. MELISSA ROLLINS, ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
MS. CAROL SWINDELL, FINANCE  
MR. RAY PHELPS, EMERGENCY SERVICES  
MR. WILLIAMS SAUNDERS, PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEV  
MS. FRANCES BAILEY, PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEV  
MS. LINDA GHOLSTON, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
MS. LAJEUNE STONE, YOUTH AND FAMILY RESOURCES  
MR. DELON BROWN, NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR  
MS. SHARNA WHITE, REGISTRAR

**CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION / MOMENT OF SILENCE / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ AGENDA ADOPTION**

*Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.*

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Elliott who then led those present in a moment of silence followed by this evening's invocation. The invocation was given by Reverend Anthony Washington, of First Baptist Church in Claremont, Virginia. Following the invocation, Chairperson Elliott asked Supervisor Calhoun to lead those present in the pledge of allegiance. The working agenda was adopted by roll call vote.

<b>SUPERVISOR ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR.</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR MICHAEL DREWRY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR JUDY S. LYTTLE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR KENNETH R. HOLMES</b>	<b>UNAVAILABLE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR WILLIAM CALHOUN</b>	<b>AYE</b>

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**CONSENT ITEMS**

1. *Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes- May 2020 & June 2020*
2. *Payables Reports; March, April, May 2020*
3. *Budget Amendment: Rails to Trails Grant*
4. *Budget Amendment: FY20-21 Supplemental Appropriation for Library*
5. *HRSD Easement: LOT 13 SWBP & Dendron Water Tower*
6. *Senior Recognition: Resolution 2020-15; Ms. Violet M. Savedge*
7. *Contract Negotiations: County Administrator (Documents pending 6-24-2020)*

*Supervisor Drewry made a motion to approve the Consent Items as presented. Supervisor Lyttle seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously during roll call vote. (Approved)*

<b>SUPERVISOR ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR.</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR MICHAEL DREWRY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR JUDY S. LYTTLE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR KENNETH R. HOLMES</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR WILLIAM CALHOUN</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**PUBLIC HEARING**

1. *Proposed Budget Amendment: CARES Act*

*Supervisor Holmes made a motion to adopt the Proposed Budget Amendment: CARES Act as presented. Supervisor Lyttle seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously during roll call vote. (Approved)*

<b>SUPERVISOR ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR.</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR MICHAEL DREWRY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR JUDY S. LYTTLE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR KENNETH R. HOLMES</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR WILLIAM CALHOUN</b>	<b>AYE</b>

2. *Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment; 2020-01 –Spring Grove Solar III, LLC*

*Supervisor Lyttle made a motion to adopt the Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment; 2020-01 as presented. Supervisor Drewry seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority during roll call vote. (Approved)*

<b>SUPERVISOR ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR.</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR MICHAEL DREWRY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR JUDY S. LYTTLE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR KENNETH R. HOLMES</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR WILLIAM CALHOUN</b>	<b>ABSTAINED</b>

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3. Conditional Rezoning; REZ 2020-01 - Spring Grove Solar III, LLC

*Supervisor Lyttle made a motion to adopt the Conditional Rezoning; REZ 2020-01 as presented. Supervisor Holmes seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority during roll call vote. (Approved)*

<b>SUPERVISOR ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR.</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR MICHAEL DREWRY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR JUDY S. LYTTLE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR KENNETH R. HOLMES</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR WILLIAM CALHOUN</b>	<b>ABSTAINED</b>

4. Conditional Use Permit; CUP 2020-02 - Spring Grove Solar III, LLC

*Supervisor Lyttle made a motion to adopt the CUP 2020-02 as presented. Supervisor Holmes seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously during roll call vote. (Approved)*

<b>SUPERVISOR ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR.</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR MICHAEL DREWRY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR JUDY S. LYTTLE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR KENNETH R. HOLMES</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR WILLIAM CALHOUN</b>	<b>ABSTAINED</b>

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Public Hearing Request: Confederate Monument; (tent hearing date: August 13, 2020)

*Supervisor Holmes made a motion to approve the request for Public Hearing regarding the Confederate Monument as presented. Supervisor Drewry seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously during roll call vote. A virtual public hearing will be held August 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM. (Approved)*

<b>SUPERVISOR ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR.</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR MICHAEL DREWRY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR JUDY S. LYTTLE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR KENNETH R. HOLMES</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR WILLIAM CALHOUN</b>	<b>AYE</b>

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*2. Public Hearing Request: CUP 2020-03; Harte B&B*

*Supervisor Holmes made a motion to approve the request for public hearing regarding CUP 2020-03; Harte B&B as presented. Supervisor Drewry seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously during roll call vote. A virtual public hearing will be held August 6, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. (Approved)*

<b>SUPERVISOR ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR.</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR MICHAEL DREWRY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR JUDY S. LYTTLE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR KENNETH R. HOLMES</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR WILLIAM CALHOUN</b>	<b>AYE</b>

*3. Proposed Revenue Sharing Agreement: Spring Grove Solar III, LLC*

*Supervisor Holmes made a motion to approve the Proposed Revenue Sharing Agreement with Spring Grove Solar III, LLC as presented. Supervisor Lyttle seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously during roll call vote. (Approved)*

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<b>SUPERVISOR JUDY S. LYTTLE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR KENNETH R. HOLMES</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR WILLIAM CALHOUN</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*1. Resolution 2020-12; EOP Revised*

*Supervisor Lyttle made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-12; EOP (revised) as presented. Supervisor Drewry seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously during roll call vote. (Approved)*

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## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*Supervisor Elliott advised all public comments received are being forwarded and reviewed by all Board of Supervisors and the Acting County Administrator.*

***(Citizen Comments mailed into [comments@surrycountyva.gov](mailto:comments@surrycountyva.gov) are attached as an integral component of these minutes.)***

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

### **REPORTS**

- 1. EDA Report on COVID19 – Small Business Assistance Grant (verbal report)*
- 2. Dominion Energy Rural Broadband Project Update (with presentation)*
- 3. Surry County Monthly Project Report*
- 4. Surry County Treasurer’s Investment Letter*
- 5. Monthly Expenditure Report – Budget to Actual*

### **COVID 19 REPORT – Mr. Ray Phelps, Emergency Services Director**

- 17 Positive cases in Surry County, 1 death*
- Numbers in surrounding localities increasing*
- Continue to wear mask, practice social distancing, wash hands, stay home when possible and follow CDC Guidelines.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, Supervisor Elliott entertained a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Calhoun made a motion that the Board continues their meeting to Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Holmes and unanimously approved.

<b>SUPERVISOR ROBERT ELLIOTT, JR.</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR MICHAEL DREWRY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR JUDY S. LYTTLE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR KENNETH R. HOLMES</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR WILLIAM CALHOUN</b>	<b>AYE</b>

*Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.*

Comments received prior to the 7-2-2020 BOSM meeting

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Dianne Cheek** <[diannelcheek@gmail.com](mailto:diannelcheek@gmail.com)>

Date: Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 1:53 PM

Subject: Please address Reading of Public Comments

To: <[comments@surrycountyva.gov](mailto:comments@surrycountyva.gov)>

CC: Lauren Chapman <[lchapman@surrycountyva.gov](mailto:lchapman@surrycountyva.gov)>, <[tcalhoun@surrycountyva.gov](mailto:tcalhoun@surrycountyva.gov)>, <[mdrewry@surrycountyva.gov](mailto:mdrewry@surrycountyva.gov)>

Hello Rev. Elliott and Melissa,

At the July Board of Supervisors's meeting, please address the topic of allowing people to read their public comments in the Board of Supervisors' meetings. Please provide the reason(s) why you are not allowing public reading of the comments.

The current approach is not providing timely dissemination of public information. The comments are not only for the Board of Supervisors, but also for the people and media that attend the meetings. I believe not having the opportunity to publicly read comments in the meetings is a major disservice to our county.

Thank you,  
Dianne Cheek  
Surry District  
757-817-3033  
[diannelcheek@gmail.com](mailto:diannelcheek@gmail.com)

Chelsea Jones <[chelsead.jones@yahoo.com](mailto:chelsead.jones@yahoo.com)>

Wed 7/1/2020 11:02 PM

To:

Comments

I would like to RSVP to speak at the Board of Supervisors Public Hearing for the Spring Grove Solar III Applications

Chelsea Jones, Surry District

Summary of comments:

As Secretary for the Surry County Chamber of Commerce, one thing that we want to see is revenue reaching our county. Spring Grove Solar should be allowed the requested permits and rezoning in order to continue their expansion of the solar farm. There is no reason that the land cannot be rezoned from Agricultural to General Industrial in order to do so. I respectfully ask that you vote to allow the Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Rezoning Application, and Conditional Use Permit so that Spring Grove Solar may start working the land.

Chelsea D. Jones  
Founder and President, [SPARS](#)  
Secretary, [Surry County Chamber of Commerce](#)  
Vice Chair, [Surry Republican Committee](#)  
(757) 294-3097(h)  
(757) 876-7049(c)  
[chelsead.jones@yahoo.com](mailto:chelsead.jones@yahoo.com)

hvjones11@yahoo.com  
Wed 7/1/2020 10:57 PM  
To:

- Comments

Mr. Chairman and Board Members,

My name is Harold Jones, Surry District, and I am writing to you to urge you to accept the Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Rezoning Application, and Conditional Use Permit. Spring Grove Solar is a great source of revenue for our County, especially with the current economic climate, where tourism is not anywhere its normal level. Spring Grove Solar is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and is striving to provide employment within Surry County and will provide resources for years to come. I see no reason that the land cannot be rezoned to General Industrial from Agriculture as it will be a benefit to Surry County.

Thank you for your consideration,

Harold Jones, President, Surry County Chamber of Commerce

hvjones11@yahoo.com  
Wed 7/1/2020 10:53 PM  
To:

- Comments

Mr. Chairman and Board Members,

My name is Vickie Jones, Surry District, and I am writing to you to urge you to accept the Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Rezoning Application, and Conditional Use Permit. Spring Grove Solar is a great source of revenue for our County, especially with the current economic climate, where tourism is not anywhere its normal level. Spring Grove Solar is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and is striving to provide employment within Surry County and will provide resources for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration,

Vickie Jones

Nancy Kells McNamara <nancykells@outlook.com>  
Mon 6/22/2020 11:20 AM

To:

- Lauren Chapman;
- Kenneth Holmes

Cc:

- Jonathan Hicks <jonathanleehicks@gmail.com>

Hello and thank you both so much!

Yes we do, and if you can also add to our comments that the confederacy lasted only 4 years, and so the claim that these statues represent American "heritage" is absurd. They were put in place specifically to intimidate and ensure Black folks "knew their place." They uphold racist ideologies and white supremacist views. The people scrambling to hang on to these statues staying in place are in fact the people (among others) who need to be held accountable for "their place" in all of America's systems and institutions that continue to inflict harm, suffering and often death on Black people and other people of color via institutional and systematic racism. Most American citizens do not want these statues to remain in our cities and towns. Let these confederate people have their museum of hate if they need one as long as tax dollars are not funding it. They can go there and worship their false idols who LOST the Civil War and are losing still.

Thank you again for your time.

Will there be a link so that we can attend virtually (due to the pandemic) both on July 2nd and August? We would like these comments posted for both meetings. Do we need to resubmit them again for the one in August?

Thank you so much for your time. We very much appreciate getting a response. We did send it to Mr. Kenneth Holmes since he is our elected district representative. We added him to this email as well.

Sincerely,

Nancy McNamara and Jonathan Hicks

**From:** Nancy Kells McNamara <nancykells@outlook.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 1:47 PM

**To:** Comments <comments@surrycountyva.gov>; Kenneth Holmes <krholmes@surrycountyva.gov>

**Cc:** Jonathan Hicks <jonathanleehicks@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** In Support of the Removal of Confederate Statue

Hello Mr. Kenneth Holmes,

I am a resident of the Carsley District and my partner and I (Jonathan Lee Hicks) live at 18 Boxwood Lane in Dendron/Carsley, VA 23839. We moved here in 2008. We both feel strongly that the confederate statue located in front of the Surry County Court House and Government Building should be removed as soon as possible.

Is there any more we can do to voice this opinion in a tangible way? I plan to attend the virtual Surry Board meeting on July 2nd.

Please let me know your stance and plan to have this statue removed. Thank you so much for your service!

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Black Lives Matter  
Black Trans Lives Matter  
Black Queer Lives Matter  
Black Disabled Lives Matter

Sincerely,  
Nancy Kells McNamara and Jonathan Lee Hicks

noreply@civicplus.com  
Fri 6/12/2020 8:30 PM  
To:

- Lauren Chapman;
- Robert Elliott;
- Michael Drewry;
- Judy Lyttle;
- Timothy Calhoun;
- Kenneth Holmes

Contact Board of Supervisors



noreply@civicplus.com  
Wed 6/17/2020 1:21 PM

To:

- Lauren Chapman;
- Robert Elliott

## Contact Board of Supervisors

Supervisor You Wish to Contact      Mr. Robert Elliott, Chairman

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Name      Howell Godfrey

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Email      howellgodfrey43@gmail.com

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Phone      7579456285

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Preferred Contact Method      Email

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Message      Surry County Board of Supervisors  
ATTN: Robert Elliot, Chairperson  
45 School Street  
Surry, VA 23883

Dear Rev. Elliot,

Thank you for the sermon that you delivered on Sunday. Even though we have not been able to assemble in the house of the lord, Melonie and I still felt his presence in our home. As you stated our God did not make us to hate each other and it is clear that we can no longer accept monuments of hate or their celebration. The time has come to remove the Confederate monument located in front of the Surry County Courthouse. We can no longer allow the revisionism of the oppressive era that is represented by this statue and others like it. The longer this statue is allowed to be publicly displayed, at the emotional expense of the African-American community, the longer we allow the sacrifices of those that came before us to be sullied. Those that were born, lived, and died in bondage, and those that saw their physical chains broken at the end of the Civil War, just to have them replaced with legal, political, and economic shackles.

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Nancy Kells McNamara <nancykells@outlook.com>

Thu 6/18/2020 1:47 PM

To:

- Comments;
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Cc:

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Sincerely,

Nancy Kells McNamara and Jonathan Lee Hicks

noreply@civicplus.com

Thu 6/18/2020 1:48 PM

To:

- Lauren Chapman;
- Kenneth Holmes



Department You Wish to Contact	Sheriff
Name	Sharyn Guthrie
Email	<a href="mailto:icounsel@cox.net">icounsel@cox.net</a>
Phone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Preferred Contact Method	Email

Message

Dear Sheriff Turner: My understanding from news reports on Wavy 10 were that an attempt would be made to gain 4,700 signatures from verified voters in Surry county, Va, Senate district 18, in order a file a case against Senator Lucas that would then be brought before a Chesapeake judge. If true, then this petition is not about the removal of the statue, but about the removal of Senator Lucas's voice about the removal of the statue. I hope people in district 18 are not being led astray about what they are signing or what is involved in their choice. It is also very concerning now to hear that Confederate flyers are being scattered about in district 18. This kind of activity only underscores why a Confederate monument does not need to remain in the middle of downtown Portsmouth. I am a Chesapeake resident, but the issue of how much this old racial discrimination is still alive and well is clear not only to me but to now to many others across this country. Please do what to can to see that the support Senator Lucas has in district 18 is not undermined in Surry. Repectfully, Sharyn Guthrie, Chesapeake resident

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Euge <tiredguy62@gmail.com>  
Mon 6/22/2020 2:11 PM  
To:

- Comments

My name is Eugene Stafford and I reside at 11105 Rolfe Hwy, the house next to Tina and Paul Harte. They talked to me about the B and B and asked if I had any problems with it.

I do not have any problems or concerns with B and B. Nor do I have any problems with a privacy fence.

Thank you,



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**Christen Appel** <[chrissytrissy13@icloud.com](mailto:chrissytrissy13@icloud.com)>

Mon 6/29/2020 3:52 PM

To:

- Comments

Christen Appel-Name  
23883-District.

Summary:

“Good evening,

I stand up today as a citizen of this county —born and raised. The Appel’s contribution to this county is amass and decades long.

I stand up today to petition this county to stand alongside of history; to halt the indifference of those whose battle cries have been left without acknowledgment

The confederate monument, in which sits at the foot of the courthouse, has been in place for 111 years. 111 years of halting growth. 111 years of silently saying that this county is an exclusive membership only.

The organization, daughters of the Confederacy, erected this monument in 1909. Research into the daughters of the Confederacy has taught us that the purpose of their plight was, in fact not one of commemoration, but of manipulation and bending history's truth.

Time after time this very request has been made. You do not have to go very far to imagine the possibilities, if this county, once again, ignores its residents' plea.

I, wholeheartedly, urge each member of this board to seek out history's truth; to vote to have this monument removed to a property in which it is not state funded and will be out of the public's view.

Furthermore, in a show of commitment, we request to have this monument covered—until such plans can be enacted.

Thank you for your time.”

