

**King and Queen County
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2020**

6:00 P.M.

**Regular Meeting
King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building
General District Courtroom**

Minutes of the Meeting

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Simpkins called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with four members being present and Supervisor Sherrin Alsop in attendance using remote access.

APPROVAL OF ITEMS FROM CANCELLED MEETING ON OCTOBER 13, 2020

- a) August 24, 2020 and September 14, 2020 Minutes of the Board
A motion was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Bailey to approved the minutes of the August 24, 2020 and September 14, 2020 minutes.
AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, D.H. MORRIS, R.F. BAILEY, J.M. BURNS
NAYS: NONE
- b) County Warrants and Payroll
A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Burns to approve the County warrants and payroll for the month of October.
AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, R.F. BAILEY, J.M. BURNS
NAYS: D.H. MORRIS
- c) School Fund Appropriation – September Revenue (\$517,501.80)
A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Ms. Morris to appropriated \$517,501.80 in September revenue to the School Fund.
AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, D.H. MORRIS, R.F. BAILEY, J.M. BURNS
NAYS: NONE
- d) School Food Services Quarterly Appropriation (\$87,654.25)
A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Ms. Morris to appropriate \$87,654.25 to the School Food Services Fund for the second quarter of FY2021.
AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, D.H. MORRIS, R.F. BAILEY, J.M. BURNS
NAYS: NONE
- e) Budget Amendment and Appropriation – CARES Grant for the Sheriff’s Department
A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Bailey to amend the FY2021 budget and appropriate the \$49,900 CARES grant to the Sheriff’s Department.
AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, D.H. MORRIS, R.F. BAILEY, J.M. BURNS
NAYS: NONE

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF OCTOBER RECURRING WARRANTS

A motion was made by Ms. Morris and seconded by Ms. Alsop to approve the October recurring warrants subject to audit.

AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, D.H. MORRIS, R.F. BAILEY, J.M. BURNS
NAYS: NONE

**PUBLIC HEARING – SOLAR SITING AGREEMENT/LEGAL STATUS OF
PLAN/CUP18-01 AND SP18-04 WALNUT SOLAR**

Chairman Simpkins opened the public hearing for the application by Walnut Solar LLS for the following:

1. CUP18-01 and SP18-04 (preliminary site plan approval) with requested waivers as permitted by Article 14, Section 3-311B of the King and Queen County Ordinance. Specifically, applicant requests waivers from the following requirements:
 - Article 14, 3-316A2(h) location of easements
 - Article 14, 3-316A2 (o) a stormwater management plan
 - Article 14, 3-316A2 (o) an erosion and sediment control plan
 - Article 14, 3-316A2 (n) a Chesapeake Bay Preservation Plan

And:

2. On the Proposed Siting Agreement pursuant to §15.2-2316.6 through §15.2-2316.9 of the Code of Virginia.

And:

3. On an appeal by the applicant from a determination by the Planning Commission that this project as presented to the Planning Commission on December 2, 2019 was NOT substantially in accord with the King and Queen County Comprehensive Plan as required under §15.2-2232(H) of the Code of Virginia.

Chairman Simpkins called upon the Director of Community Development to provide proof of publication and to provide background.

Donna Sprouse advised that public notice was provided to all adjacent property owners via certified return receipt mail. The public notice ran in the Tidewater Review and Rappahannock Times for 2 consecutive weeks on October 14, 2020 and October 21, 2020. The public notice was also posted as a courtesy in the Country Courier in their October 14, 2020 publication.

Ms. Sprouse provided the following background information on the project.

Solar facilities shall be reviewed for substantial accord with the comprehensive plan in accordance with VA State Code 15.2-2232(H) which states *“A solar facility subject to subsection (A) shall be deemed to be substantially in accord with the comprehensive plan if (i) such proposed solar facility is located in a zoning district that allows such solar facilities by right or (ii) such proposed solar facility is designed to serve the electricity or thermal needs of the property upon which such facility is located, or will be owned or operated by an eligible customer-generator or eligible agricultural customer-generator under § 56-594 or by a small agricultural generator under § 56-594.2. All other solar facilities shall be reviewed for substantial accord with the comprehensive plan in accordance with this section. However, a locality may allow for a substantial accord review for such solar facilities to be advertised and*

approved concurrently in a public hearing process with a rezoning, special exception, or other approval process.”

The Planning Commission’s decision: A motion was made and properly seconded, stating that the Walnut Solar I proposal as submitted by Open Road Renewables and as shown in the site plan dated, October 31, 2019, prepared by Timmons Group, is not substantially in accord with the King & Queen County Comprehensive Plan or parts thereof. The motion passed with an 8 to 1 vote.

Walnut Solar I, LLC is requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP18-01) and Level 3 Preliminary Site Plan (SP18-04), originally requested a 110 MW utility scale solar energy facility, now requests a 149.9 MW utility scale solar energy facility with no increase to the facility footprint. The subject properties are located south of Lewis B Puller Memorial Highway, north of Taylorsville Road, east of Pear Tree Avenue, and east of York River Road, consisting of approximately of 1,698 acres, in the Buena Vista Magisterial District, County Tax Map Numbers 1623-134R-650, 1623-134R-650D, 1623-134R-199, 1623-65L-2221623-134R-653, 1623-134R-637A, 1623-134R-637C, 1623-134R-653A, 1623-134R-637B, 1623-134R-637, 1623-134R-638, 1623-134R-639, 1623-134R-649, 1623-134R-649A1, 1623-134R-183C, 1623-134R-454, 1623-134L-454B, 1623-134R-649A, 1623-134R-637D.

Article 14, Section 3-316A explains how all preliminary site plans shall be prepared and what requirements shall be met for projects. The applicant wishes that the Commission and subsequently the Board of Supervisors agree to waive the following components/requirements of a preliminary site plan as part of their preliminary site plan approval for Walnut Solar I, LLC...

1. Article 14, 3-316A2(h) location of easements
2. Article 14, 3-316A2(o) a stormwater management plan
3. Article 14, 3-316A2(o) an erosion and sediment control plan
4. Article 14, 3-316A2(n) a Chesapeake Bay Preservation plan.

Article 14, Section 3-311B states *“Any requirement of this Article may be waived when the waiver is not adverse to the purpose of this Article and when the applicant establishes that, in a specific case, an undue hardship would result from the strict enforcement of this Article. Such waiver shall be authorized by the official commission or board responsible for approving site plans as established in the following section only after a written request by the applicant.”*

The Planning Commission’s decision: A motion was made and properly seconded to recommend approval of the site plan waiver request as presented. The motion passed with an 8 to 1 vote.

The Planning Commission’s decision: A motion was made and properly seconded to recommend denial of Conditional Use Permit CUP18-01, Walnut Solar I, LLC. Reasons noted in the motion included concerns of size/scale, environmental issues, solar panel chemicals, questionable water needs, traffic congestion, construction noise, and not being in accord with the Comprehensive Plan. The motion passed with a 7 to 1 vote.

Chairman Simpkins called upon the County Attorney to discuss the Siting Agreement.

Mr. Swartzwelder reminded the Board members of the two sets of documents before them. The documents related to the items discussed by the Director of Community Development as well as the negotiated documents related to the siting agreement. During the most recent General

Assembly, HB1675 was approved. This bill requires solar applicants for projects over a certain size to meet with county representatives and their Board to attempt to negotiate a siting agreement. These negotiations must take into account things that will make the project marketable as well allow the county to explain to the developer the financial and other needs the county may have. The purpose of the legislation for solar energy projects as they are typically located in rural and historically economically challenged areas, that these areas would have the opportunity to enter into a financial arrangement that would benefit all of the citizens of the county. The Board has undertaken these discussions with Walnut Solar and the agreement that the Board has in front of them tonight reflects the discussions that have taken place over the last several months. Several highlighted points from the negotiations included that merit discussion and note were provided. Voluntary payments over the first three years of the project in the amount of \$1.33 million annually for a total of \$4 million, that has been noted to be used to support the broadband project that the Board had approved long before this project came along. Additional annual payments during years one through five in the amount of \$50,000, years six through ten of \$75,000, years eleven through twenty of \$85,000 and years twenty through forty of \$100,000 annually for an additional \$3.475 million. These payments begin the first January 1st after commencement of commercial operations of the project. The commencement date is defined as the date that the project first generates power to the grid or the commencement of an agreement between the project and JPM, whichever comes first. Other negotiated items include a series of water tanks supported by the appropriate wells to assist volunteers and county paid staff in fire suppression. The project is also subject to annual real estate and machinery & tools taxes. The document does recognize the change in the Virginia Code that allows for the board to enter into revenue sharing agreements up until the final site plan approval should the board decide to go that route.

Mr. Swartzwelder further advised that a large portion of the proposed agreement relates to decommissioning. The terms of decommissioning are to be set by a third party and will set the amounts of surety for the project. Surety must be either cash or an irrevocable letter of credit. There is an every three year 'true up' on the surety so as values change the surety can change but can never drop below the original amount that is set. The document also states that the county has no legal or otherwise obligation for decommissioning. The county will hold the surety and the board in place at the end of the project can choose to either use the fund to handle the decommissioning or plead it into Circuit Court and have a special commission set to handle the decommissioning using the surety that is being held. The document is binding on all successors and assigns for both parties. The document is also enforceable by the CUP so a violation of the CUP is also a violation of this agreement. There is a force majeure provision protecting against acts of God. There is a 180-day provision after just act that the owner/developer must get the operation back 'online' or provide a plan as to how to do so. All financial obligations are still in place during the time that the plant is being brought back online in such event.

Mr. Swartzwelder advised that these are just highlights of some of the items that were of particular concern the to the Board, it is not a comprehensive summary of the document that the Board has before them.

Chairman Simpkins recognized the applicant to make a presentation.

Mr. Chip Dicks, representative for Walnut Solar, spoke on behalf of the applicant. He first thanked the Board for their time over the last year, that it has been a pleasure working through the process with them and County staff Donna Sprouse and Tom Swartzwelder. He feels that the application before the Board tonight is a much better land use proposal that it was originally. Many hours have been put into considering staff recommendations, citizen concerns as well as

input from the Board. He feels that every issue or concern that has been raised they have attempted to address in good faith. He provided a project overview as the project has moved through the approval process which includes the landscaping plan, waivers from certain requirements, preliminary site plan approval and the approval of the siting agreement. During the 2020 General Assembly the Virginia Clean Economy Act was passed which means that Virginia will move away from power generated by fossil fuels and by 2045 to be completely carbon free. This is a pretty aggressive time frame considering that this project is 150 megawatts and 16000 megawatts are supposed to be approved and operational by June 2030. This type of project is a large component of this plan and as it has been made known that the Governor intends to include this project in part of the announcement in the block of solar generated for state buildings to reduce the carbon footprint of state buildings.

Currently solar is the least cost energy source for Virginia rate payers. This is an important part of keeping rates low so that rate payers do not have to pay increased rates for utilities.

For this project there will be rows of panels connected to underground lines that then carry the power through the project to inverters that then convert it from DC to AC power.

The location for this project was chosen based on existing transmission lines located in the area.

The current lines have the capacity to carry the increased power generated by the facility. In addition, the area's current use is largely tillable acreage or recently timbered forest land which make it appealing as well as all of the parcels being adjacent to each other for the entire project area. The project brings a very low density and passive use to the area. Of the 1,700 acres, there are approximately 350 acres of RPA area, 105 acres of wetlands and the Economic Development Corridor is avoided so only about 1,000 acres will be 'inside the fence' and only about 400 acres that actually have solar panels. After construction is complete and the buffers are in place it is designed to be a completely passive use. Because of this it does not place any undue burden on County services.

A very important part of any project in King and Queen as well as the Middle Peninsula is water quality. The applicant has worked with staff to provide a plan that is way beyond the minimum requirements for this type of project. Stormwater management once under operation has been given the same consideration. With the recommended conditions in place and the oversight by the County Attorney and Zoning office staff there is no way for this project to become another Essex County issue. All of these items will also be reviewed and approved at the final site plan approval.

Since the project was presented to the Planning Commission, the passing of the solar legislation has moved the decommissioning terms out of the conditional use permit to the siting agreement as explained by the County Attorney.

Mr. Dicks explained the changes to the landscaping plan that address concerns raised by staff and citizens, siting that all areas that are adjacent to or visible by residences will have increased buffers utilizing new plantings or existing timber. All plantings will be guaranteed by surety that will be set by the approved landscaping plan.

The phasing of the project is also a part of the erosion and sediment control and water quality impact. Phasing refers to the amount of land disturbance that is allowed at a time during construction. The current phasing request is 350 acres. The original request was 400 acres and staff had recommended 200 acres. This will also be addressed during final site plan approval.

Mr. Dicks addressed the noise levels during construction, the provision of assistance to fire and rescue through the installation of water tank and well, the location of inverters, provisions for the use of pesticides and herbicides on the site, the increase in generation from 110 megawatts to 149 megawatts and the waiver requests related to the preliminary site plan requirements.

Mr. Dicks further reviewed the details of the proposed siting agreement and the legislative process that led up to allowing this as an option available to the Board as part of the process. He also reiterated the details of the voluntary payment schedule and that in the end, the funds will be

available to be used for the already approved broadband project. He also advised that the total of voluntary payments beyond local taxes is \$7 million over the life of the project.

In closing, Mr. Dicks stated that Walnut Solar wants to be a good community partner and feels that they have made substantial financial commitments in the siting agreement, gone above and beyond their tax liability, made substantial commitments that cost money in the conditional use permit conditions and believe that by working together with staff and the board that they have come up with a project that is a win/win circumstance. The County gets reimbursement for its broadband expense and gets a good land use case that will not put a burden on county services. He started his comments by thanking the Board, the Planning Commission and staff and wanted to end his comments that way as well.

Chairman Simpkins opened the floor for public comments asking anyone speaking to state their name and the district they are from and to try to keep comments to three minutes.

Ann Marie Voight, Stevensville District – questioned the decibel levels reported by the applicant and what those levels will mean to the citizens in the area near the project and asked if COVID restrictions in place at the time of construction will be adhered to by the contractors in order to protect the safety of not only the people at the site but also the people in the community that they will interact with while here.

Jean Pratt, Buena Vista District – She is completely opposed to the project, the Cologne area is a small community and she is concerned with the noise during construction. There is a viable eagle population and many other types of wildlife use the ponds in the area. Why does it have to be in their neighborhood? She is concerned that the property values of adjacent and nearby properties will drop to zero.

Janae Taliaferro, representing the Taliaferro family in Buena Vista District, stated that the family is not for or against the project but they have questions about the project. She would like to have the opportunity to get some answers to questions regarding the proposed phasing, the impact of the increase wattage requested, the effect on property values and the possible impact on crops that are raised in adjacent property fields. She would ask that the Board consider all of these things before final approval of the CUP.

Arlene Taliaferro, Buena Vista District, she is opposed to the solar project for numerous reasons. She feels the project is a private nuisance to the community. She expressed concern with the water evaporation for the heat generated by the panels, the proposed agreement does not address 'Acts of God', the allowable noise level of 85 decibels is unacceptable, the tree plantings and the 100 foot buffer will do nothing to help the people who live near it all the time, the increased traffic on the rural roads, the property owners who will be benefiting from the project are not neighbors and will have to deal with what happens there. This project has been in the works since 2017 and she presented a petition from back then that was signed by 150 people in opposition to the project. She feels that it will be a 'black eye' on the County like the landfill. She asked if the county would sell itself for \$4 million. The county said no to the General Assembly by becoming a 2nd Amendment sanctuary, the board took action to place a moratorium on all future solar project applications after this one was received so why back down on this one? County staff and the Planning Commission have done a great job on getting the project to this point. She has no problem with solar power but it does not belong in a forest like where this project is proposed to be located. The Board needs to know every detail before making a decision.

Marilyn Hackett, Buena Vista District, she is opposed to the project. The area is beautiful and she came here and built a beautiful home but she would never have built here if she had known this could come here. The proposed two large water storage tanks will also have a negative effect on her beautiful views.

Bobby Alexander, Buena Vista District, he has lived in this community all of his life. He does not want to have to look at the ugly solar farm, he wants the community to be kept beautiful.

Martha Edwards Hart, Buena Vista District, she was originally opposed to the project but her mind has changed. This project provides clean energy. The Board, staff and the Planning Commission have listened to concerns and done a good job. She feels this project is a clean forward movement for King and Queen County and Virginia. She supports things that will not make King and Queen a suburb for larger cities in the surrounding area.

Kerry Basehore, Buena Vista District, he advised that he is not an adjacent landowner but he does support the project. He agreed with others who spoke that the County staff have done a great job and that solar energy is clean energy which will provide stability to the power grid. He is also glad to see that the project will help to move the broadband project along.

Michael Shackleford, Buena Vista District, he lives direct across the road from the project and is opposed to it. He doesn't want to look at solar panels every day and does not want what happened in Essex County to happen here.

Chairman Simpkins recognized the representative of the applicant to address concerns raised by those who spoke.

Mr. Chip Dicks came again to address the following concerns raised by citizens that spoke:

- 85 decibels is the level required by OSHA for required hearing protection. This will only be during construction and the County will control the enforcement of this.
- COVID precautions will be adhered to based on what is in place at the time of construction.
- Wildlife – A wildlife plan must be submitted to DGIF and the County for approval as part of the final site plan approval process.
- Phasing – Mr. Dicks explained that phasing has to do with the amount of land disturbance allowed at any given time during construction.
- Real Property Tax – He explained that the assessed values of property in the project area will increase rather than decrease based on the plan that is approved.
- Environmental issues are regulated by DEQ and the EPA as well as the County.
- He attempted to address Ms. Taliaferro's concerns in advance but she refused to meet with him. At this point they will have to agree to disagree.
- A traffic management plan will be approved as part of the final site plan process.
- As to the people who signed the petition at the beginning of the process may have changed their minds the project has progressed. Many items that people had concerns with have been addressed and will be included in the final site plan approval.
- To address Mr. Shackleford's comments he added that additional buffers are included for the area where he lives.

In closing Mr. Dicks stated that he looks forward to continue to work with staff and the community to move forward through the Conditional Use Permit process, the site plan approval and the siting agreement.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Simpkins closed the public hearing.

Ms. Morris questioned how did Walnut Solar find King and Queen as a possible location for this project. Mr. Dicks responded that it is based on mapping that shows transmission lines and then looking at undeveloped areas and the ability to work with landowners.

Chairman Simpkins stated that if approved he felt that projects like this may lead to development in specific areas that would allow farmers to continue to farm other lands that may otherwise be used for development.

A motion was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Ms. Morris to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the application by Walnut Solar I, LLC for CUP18-01 and SP18-04 (preliminary site plan approval) with the requested waivers that the Planning Commission recommended be approved and as were discussed here tonight.

As discussion, Mr. Burns stated that his concerns include the change in the viewshed and that the company has 'thrown money' at the Board for the next fifteen to twenty years. The Buena Vista District is the most densely populated district and this project would take up 1/10th of this district. The Buena Vista district is already 10 years ahead of the growth projections for the county. He is not opposed to solar power generation, but no one anticipated a 1,700-acre project. This will be detrimental to hunting and wildlife. The project location is in the heart of his district and he will not sell his vote.

Ms. Morris stated that she has read the information and listened to the back and forth comments from everyone. She agrees with Mr. Burns' comments and also feels that when the land for this project is gone it is gone forever. People move to King and Queen because it is rural. She reiterated the point that the broadband project will be done with or without this project. She feels that comments made tonight have brought things to light for her. This project has caused flashbacks to the landfill, that the County is taking care of northern trash and now will be serving the north with power. She does not feel that King and Queen is the place for this project. The Planning Commission has done a fantastic job with their actions on the project. The state and federal agencies that have been named tonight by the applicant are just letters, no one from the agencies look at anything. The traffic concerns are real, trucks are real. The lady who built her home here and the people who signed the petition are real. The board should not sell out the county for \$4 million.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: D.H. MORRIS, J.M. BURNS

NAYS: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, R.F. BAILEY

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Bailey to reject the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the application by Walnut Solar I, LLC for CUP18-01 and SP18-04 (preliminary site plan approval) with the requested waivers that the Planning Commission recommended be approved and as were discussed tonight.

AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, R.F. BAILEY
NAYS: D.H. MORRIS, J.M. BURNS

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the proposed siting agreement and authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute on behalf of the Board.

AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, R.F. BAILEY
NAYS: D.H. MORRIS, J.M. BURNS

Chairman Simpkins advised that the Board would not be voting on the appeal from a determination by the Planning Commission that this project as presented to the Planning Commission on December 2, 2019 was not substantially in accord with the King and Queen County Comprehensive Plan. Pursuant to §15.2-2316.9 of the Code of Virginia, the approval of the siting agreement deems that this project is substantially in accord with the Comprehensive Plan.

REAPPOINTMENT OF TOM SWARTZWELDER TO MIDDLE PENINSULA REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY (4 YEAR TERM)

A motion was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Bailey to reappoint Tom Swartzwelder to the Middle Peninsula Regional Airport Authority for another 4-year term.

AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, D.H. MORRIS, R.F. BAILEY, J.M. BURNS
NAYS: NONE

CARES FUNDS – ITEMS FOR SCHOOL DIVISION

Mr. Swartzwelder advised that due to limited availability, the Chromebooks that the school division had included in their original CARES program funds request will not arrive by the December 30, 2020 deadline for use of CARES funds. The board has already approved the use of the funds to purchase 600 hot spots to assist with distance learning. They have asked to use the remaining funds to cover the cost of the monthly services fees through the end of December.

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Burns to allow the school division to use up to \$25,000 for this continued service.

AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, D.H. MORRIS, R.F. BAILEY, J.M. BURNS
NAYS: NONE

Mr. Swartzwelder advised that as the end of the time to utilize funds nears, staff is reevaluating programs that have been approved and the funds that may be available for other uses. At this time, it seems that there will be approximately \$100,000 in funds that may be unallocated due to various reasons in each program. He asked the board for permission to work with the school superintendent to come up with items or projects that can be received and/or completed within the time frame remaining. It was the consensus of the board that he move forward with this plan and report to the board at least every two weeks with a status of the reallocation of funds.

ITEMS BROUGHT FORTH BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Burns advised that he is disappointed with the outcome of the solar project but had anticipated it. However, he feels that a lot of hard work was done to get the best deal that will benefit the entire County but it is a bad deal for the citizens who live near there. He understands that it is part of growth.

He also advised that his personal life has been very busy lately and that his business is growing. He asked that if other members of the board notice and feel that he is not meeting his duties, to please let him know.

Ms. Morris thanked everyone for coming out and speaking. She felt that many things had come to light at this meeting for example she had no idea before tonight that the county had been a part of lobbying at the General Assembly regarding solar.

Mr. Bailey advised that he had no comments.

Ms. Alsop also expressed her thanks for everyone coming out and speaking. The Board has worked hard and diligently on making the decision that were made tonight. She offered 'kudos' to Mr. Burns for his hard work on the solar project at the Board level as well as when on the Planning Commission.

She further advised that the volunteer rescue squads in the county do not have the access to the same sanitizing and disinfecting supplies as the paid county staff. She asked if it would be possible to utilize some of the county CARES funds to provide some of the electrostatic sprayers and disinfectant to them. It was the consensus of the Board to allow staff to proceed with this use of these funds.

She further advised that she was very appreciative of the Board allowing her to continue to participate in the meetings remotely while still under doctor's orders to stay home. Even though it is not the same as being there in person she is still able to do her part. She also asked that everyone continue to do their part to stay healthy.

Mr. Simpkins thanked everyone for coming and speaking. He also thanked Mr. Burns for working so hard on the solar project. He asked everyone to be careful going home and thanked the Board and the citizens who spoke for being civil and working together even when they disagree.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THIS BOARD BE ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Ms. Morris and seconded by Mr. Burns to adjourn the meeting.

J. Lawrence Simpkins, Chairman

Clerk of the Board