

King and Queen County
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting

Monday, August 11, 2025
7:00 P.M.

King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building
General District Courtroom

“Minutes of the Meeting”

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Mr. Berry called the meeting to order, noting that all members were present.

Mr. Berry provided the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States led by the Central High School JROTC.

**APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF THE JUNE 16, 2025, JUNE 23, 2025 AND JULY 14,
2025 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Norman and seconded by Ms. Alsop approving the June 16, 2025 minutes of the Board.

AYES: J.L. SIMPKINS, M.R. BERRY, M.H. NORMAN, C.R. BILLUPS, S.C. ALSOP
NAYS: NONE

A motion was made by Ms. Norman and seconded by Mr. Simpkins approving the June 23, 2025 minutes of the Board.

AYES: J.L. SIMPKINS, M.R. BERRY, M.H. NORMAN
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: C.R. BILLUPS, S.C. ALSOP

A motion was made by Ms. Norman and seconded by Ms. Alsop approving the July 14, 2025 minutes of the Board.

AYES: J.L. SIMPKINS, M.R. BERRY, M.H. NORMAN, C.R. BILLUPS, S.C. ALSOP
NAYS: NONE

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF WARRANTS AND APPROPRIATIONS

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Ms. Norman approving the August 2025 County warrants and payroll.

AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, M.R. BERRY, M.H. NORMAN, C.R. BILLUPS
NAYS: NONE

A motion was made by Mr. Simpkins and seconded by Ms. Alsop approving the following retroactive FY25 School Fund appropriations:

- a. All in Virginia funds \$214,618.22
- b. School Construction funds \$31,985.86

AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, M.R. BERRY, M.H. NORMAN, C.R. BILLUPS
NAYS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No one from the public spoke.

PRESENTATION OF DRAGON RUN STATE FOREST TIMBER SALES PROCEEDS – DENNIS GASTON

Ms. Gaston presented the board with a check in the amount of \$43,880.03 for 25% of the timber sales for managed timber in the state forest.

APPROVAL AND PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION – DIANE KLAUSEN

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Ms. Norman to adopt the following resolution of appreciation for Diane Klausen:

WHEREAS, Diane C. Klausen retired on June 30, 2025 as the General Registrar of King and Queen County, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Klausen joined the King and Queen County Office of the General Registrar in 2011 as a part-time employee; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2013, Ms. Klausen was appointed the County's General Registrar, continuing in July of 2016 as the County's first General Registrar to guide the office through state regulatory changes requiring that the office remain open five days each week; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, Diane C. Klausen witnessed unprecedented challenges in Virginia as well as national elections, including the holding of elections during an

international pandemic; navigated King and Queen County through multiple equipment replacements and changes in voting processes, including the training necessary for implementation; and managed the establishment of extended voting terms; and

WHEREAS, in an era of political unrest and record-setting voter turnout, Ms. Klausen remained steadfast and earned the confidence and respect of those with whom she worked, some of whom have observed that Ms. Klausen is organized, easy to work with, and employs the highest standards of professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of King and Queen County wishes to acknowledge, with thanks, Ms. Klausen's selfless dedication to the citizens of King and Queen County and her commitment to open and honest elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of King and Queen County, Virginia does express its deep respect and appreciation to Diane C. Klausen for her outstanding commitment and service to the citizens of King and Queen County, Virginia since 2011; does acknowledge her professionalism and dedication in an unprecedented election environment; and does express its gratitude for the time, expertise, and guidance she has shared. The Board of Supervisors of King and Queen County, Virginia, wishes Diane C. Klausen the very best in her retirement.

AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, M.R. BERRY, M.H. NORMAN, C.R. BILLUPS
NAYS: NONE

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Quarterly reports were received from the following department heads and agencies:

1. Brenden Rivenbark, Three Rivers Health District
2. Linda Cooke, Department of Social Services
3. Dr. Carol Carter, School Division
4. Donna Sprouse, Community Development
5. Turner Minz, Cooperative Extension
6. Kristy Creech, Registrar

APPROVAL OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Ms. Billups approving the following resolutions related to settlement with opioid manufacturers:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE KING AND QUEEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APPROVING OF THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS
OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST ALVOGEN, AMNEAL, APOTEX, HIKMA,
INDIVIOR, MYLAN, SUN, AND ZYDUS AND THEIR RELATED CORPORATE ENTITIES,
AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND/OR THE COUNTY'S OUTSIDE
COUNSEL TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE
COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENTS

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts King and Queen County by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by King and Queen County's various departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, King and Queen County has been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the citizens of King and Queen County; and

WHEREAS, eight settlement proposals have been negotiated that will cause eight opioids manufacturers, Alvogen, Inc., Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Apotex Corp, Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., Indivior Inc., Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc., and Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA) Inc. (collectively the "Manufacturers") to pay approximately \$720 million nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against it; and

WHEREAS, King and Queen County has filed suit against certain of the manufacturers and their related corporate entities for their role in the distribution, manufacture, and sale of the pharmaceutical opioid products that have fueled the opioid epidemic that has harmed King and Queen County; and

WHEREAS, the County's suit seeks recovery of the public funds previously expended and to be expended in the future to abate the consequences and harms of the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the County has approved and adopted the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation Memorandum of Understanding (the "Virginia MOU"), and affirms that these pending settlements with the Manufacturers shall be considered a "Settlement" that is subject to the Virginia MOU, and shall be administered and allocated in the same manner as the opioid settlements entered into previously with the Distributors, Janssen, Teva, Allergan, Walmart, CVS, Walgreens, and Kroger; and

WHEREAS, the County's outside opioid litigation counsel has recommended that the [County / City] participate in the eight settlements in order to recover its share of the funds that the Manufacturers settlements would provide; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlements and concurs with the recommendation of outside counsel; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the King and Queen County Board of Supervisors, this 11th day of August, 2025, approves of the County's participation in the proposed settlements of opioid-related claims against the Manufacturers and their related corporate entities, and directs the County Attorney and/or the County's outside counsel to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the County's participation in the settlements, including the required release of claims against the Manufacturers.

And

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE KING AND QUEEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACCEPTING THE PURDUE PHARMA BANKRUPTCY PLAN AND APPROVING OF THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED DIRECT SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST THE SACKLER FAMILY, AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY'S OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE PLAN AND EFFECTUATE THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts King and Queen County by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by King and Queen County's various departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, King and Queen County has been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the citizens of King and Queen County; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal has been negotiated that will cause the Sackler family, the owners of the Purdue Pharma family of companies, to pay an aggregate of \$6.5 billion dollars nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against them and resolve Purdue Pharma's bankruptcy; and

WHEREAS, King and Queen County has filed suit against Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family for their role in the distribution, manufacture, and sale of the pharmaceutical opioid products that have fueled the opioid epidemic that has harmed King and Queen County; and

WHEREAS, the County's suit seeks recovery of the public funds previously expended and to be expended in the future to abate the consequences and harms of the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS; the County submitted a proof of claim in the bankruptcy and is thus entitled to vote on whether the bankruptcy court should accept or reject the associated bankruptcy plan;

WHEREAS, the County has approved and adopted the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation Memorandum of Understanding (the "Virginia MOU"), and affirms that

this pending settlement with the Sackler family shall be considered a “Settlement” that is subject to the Virginia MOU, and shall be administered and allocated in the same manner as the opioid settlements entered into previously with the Distributors, Janssen, Teva, Allergan, Walmart, CVS, Walgreens, and Kroger; and

WHEREAS, the County’s outside counsel has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlement with the Sackler family and the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy plan and has recommended that the County accept the bankruptcy plan and participate in the settlement, in order to recover its share of the funds that the settlement would provide;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the King and Queen County Board of Supervisors, this 11th day of August, 2025, accepts the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy plan and approves of the County’s participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against the Sackler family, and directs the County’s outside counsel to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the County’s participation in the settlement, including the required release of claims against the Sackler family, and accept the bankruptcy plan.

AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, M.R. BERRY, M.H. NORMAN, C.R. BILLUPS

NAYS: NONE

DISCUSSION – DAVENPORT/PLAN OF FINANCE

After brief discussion, the Board agreed that any further questions they had they would submit to staff prior to the August workshop. Ms. Alsop asked what the impact will be since the Board has not followed Davenport’s previous recommended tax increases.

APPROVAL OF VPPSA AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to approve the amendment to the VPPSA agreement.

AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, M.R. BERRY, M.H. NORMAN, C.R. BILLUPS

NAYS: NONE

APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Ms. Norman to appoint Ms. Billups as the representative to the Middle Peninsula Regional Airport Authority and Ms. Seay as the alternate representative.

AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, M.R. BERRY, M.H. NORMAN, C.R. BILLUPS

NAYS: NONE

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS

- Provided an update on various capital projects.
 - Reminded the board of the joint meeting with the School Board on September 15th.
 - Reminded the board that Skanska will be providing training on procurement methods at the September regular meeting.
 - She will be bringing various ordinance amendments to the board in coming months including cigarette tax, vehicle decal billing and building permit fees.
 - She noted that the Board had approved the regional water supply plan as part of the budget process but they now need to approve the agreement authorizing the PDC to prepare the plan on behalf of the county.
- A motion was made by Ms. Norman and seconded by Ms, Alsop to approve the service agreement.

AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, M.R. BERRY, M.H. NORMAN, C.R. BILLUPS
 NAYS: NONE

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Norman had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for coming Congratulated the Sheriff on the National Night Out event.
- Wished everyone a safe trip home.

Ms. Billups had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for coming and for the reports.
- She apologized for not attending National Night Out, she was getting children off to school.
- Congratulated Diane Klaussen on her retirement.

Mr. Simpkins had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for the reports, they are informative and keep the Board in the loop.
- Thanked the Sheriff, his staff and county staff for National Night Out, it was a really good event.
- Wished everyone a safe trip home and hope to see next month.

Ms. Alsop had the following comments:

- Congratulated Sheriff Balderson on National Night Out, the gentleman who brought the horses for rides is from Newtown and he said it was a great event.
- Congratulated Diane Klausen on a job well done and enjoy retirement.
- Noted from the Director of Community Development's report how much trash was collected using the litter grant funds. The amounts are appalling. Something needs to be done about it. It is very sad to see since King and Queen is such a beautiful county.

- She is going to attend the VACO local officials summit. She noted that Governor Youngkin has set up checks and balances on nursing homes to ensure that elders get the care they need and.
- Wished everyone a safe trip home and see next month.

Mr. Berry had the following comments:

- Apologized for missing National Night Out, he was on vacation.
- Thanked county staff for all of their hard work, everyone does a great job with limited resources.
- Noted that Winsome Sears and Keith Hodges will be having an event at Nick's Restaurant on Friday.

CLOSED MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Ms. Billups to enter closed meeting pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A)(3) for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, the subject being real property located on Route 33 near Route 14 and real property located on Route 14 near King and Queen Court House in King and Queen County.

AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, M.R. BERRY, M.H. NORMAN, C.R. BILLUPS

NAYS: NONE

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Ms. Norman that each member of the King and Queen County Board of Supervisors certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the King and Queen County Board of Supervisors, and (iii) no action was taken in the closed meeting.

AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, M.R. BERRY, M.H. NORMAN, C.R. BILLUPS

NAYS: NONE

IT IS ORDERED THAT THE BOARD BE ADJOURNED:

A motion was made by Ms. Billups and seconded by Ms. Norman to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk of the Board