

**King and Queen County
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Monday, February 2, 2026**

6:00 P.M.

**Work Session Meeting
Joint with the King and Queen County Economic Development Authority
King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building
2nd Floor Conference Room A/B
242 Allen's Circle, King and Queen Court House, VA 23085**

Minutes of the Meeting

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Mark Berry called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with member Sherrin Alsop being absent. It was noted that this meeting is the postponed regular workshop meeting that was scheduled for January 26, 2026 that moved due to the winter storm.

**CONFIRM DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY BEGINNING JANUARY 23,
2026 AT 9:00 A.M**

Ms. Seay advised that she and the Emergency Services Chief Greg Hunter declared the local emergency due to the winter storm that affected the county that weekend. Virginia Code requires that the Board of Supervisors confirm this declaration as soon as is practical. A motion was made by Ms. Billups and seconded by Ms. Norman to confirm the local declaration of emergency.

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

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

A motion was made by Ms. Norman and seconded by Ms. Billups to approve the warrants subject to audit.

AYES: J.L. SIMPKINS, M.R. BERRY, M.H. NORMAN, C.R. BILLUPS
NAYS: NONE
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JOINT DISCUSSION OF EDA EXPECTATIONS, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Mr. Berry recognized the EDA members as well as Kelly Evko, Economic Development Director. EDA Chairman George Longest and Ms. Evko provided an update on the activities that the EDA has been working on as well as their progress on items that were identified as part of the strategic plan that was developed last year. Several highlighted items were the Timmons Site

Study, receiving educational presentations from state agencies and organizations, hosting business appreciation events and implementing a scholarship program for local businesses that will provide free access to services such as marketing promotion sessions provided by professionals.

Citizen Rev. Freddie Byrd interjected questions regarding the diversity of the members of the EDA, when they meet, how they are appointed and who does outreach for them.

UPDATE – KQES FACILITY

Mr. Berry advised that at the last meeting which was joint with the school board it was noted that the KQES building is beginning to deteriorate. He would like the Board to send a letter to the School Board requesting that the division transfer the building to the county in order to begin to stabilize the building and work on including capital funds in the budget to maintain the building. It was the consensus of the Board to have the County Administrator draft a letter to be sent to the School Board.

DISCUSSION – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BUDGET ESTIMATE

Mr. Berry provided an update on the progress of the work group. Many of the studies required have been completed and no specific issues have been found. The project is moving to the schematic and design plans. The cost estimates are a bit higher than what the Board has advised they want to spend on the project. The work group is going to continue with a three-pronged approach, having Grimm + Parker begin to rework some areas, maintain all areas to meet the needs of the students and to advise Grimm + Parker that \$35 million is the target budget. There was lengthy discussion regarding the cost, the amount of square footage needed and whether it is still feasible to include locating the students from Lawson and Marriott Elementary School. It was further noted that the \$11 million in site work is quite high, however considering that the need for significant road improvements is affecting this cost.

DISCUSSION – LIVE STREAMING OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS

Ms. Seay advised that board members and citizens have inquired about the feasibility of live streaming meetings. Staff has begun to research the cost and initial findings are that there will be issues related to use of the courtroom and having non-court related recording equipment there as well as the cost of having IT staff attend meetings. It was noted that staff will continue to research and come back with more definite answers.

NOTIFICATION OF FY25 AUDIT DELAY

Tina Ammons, Director of Finance provided a letter to the Board explaining that completion of the FY25 audit has been delayed due to unanticipated difficulties in meeting the new GASB101 regulations related to the reporting of general liability of compensated absences. This letter has been provided to the Auditor of Public Accounts and will be posted on the County website.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Seay asked if the Board wanted to move the budget meeting that was scheduled for February 16th (Martin Luther King Day). It was the consensus of the Board to move it to March 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

Erin Lazar reminded the Board of the Black History Month celebration at the library on Saturday.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Billups had the following comments:

- She noted that the school project is not easy but she is thankful that it is moving forward.

Mr. Simpkins had the following comments:

- He thanked the EDA, noting that they are doing a great job.

Ms. Norman had the following comments:

- Thanked the EDA and Ms. Evko for coming and for keeping the Board updated on all they are doing.

Mr. Berry had no comments.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THIS BOARD BE ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Ms. Norman and seconded by Ms. Billups to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk of the Board