

King and Queen County
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting

Monday, February 9, 2026

Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M.

King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building
General District Courtroom

“Minutes of the Meeting”

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Billups called the meeting to order. It was also noted that member Mark Berry was absent.

Ms. Norman provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flad of the United States of America.

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF THE JANAURY 12, 2026 MINUTES OF THE BOARD

This item was tabled due to the minutes being left out of the board packet.

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF WARRANTS AND APPROPRIATIONS

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Ms. Norman approving the February 2026 warrants and payroll subject to audit.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Simpkins and seconded by Ms. Alsop approving appropriations in the amount of \$471,394.93 and \$457,879.03 to the School Fund, subject to audit.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Paul Irwin, Stevensville District – He spoke on behalf of the Pebble Beach Homeowners Association asking the Board to consider making the subdivision a golf cart community. The

subdivision has 52 lots with 10 homes and 2 common recreation areas. He asked residents of the subdivision present to support the request to stand (approximately 10 people stood). He provide the Board with the information and actions the residents have compiled and thanked Director of Community Development for her assistance in gathering the necessary information. He also noted that the residents have offered to reimburse the county for any cost related to signage that would be needed if the request is approved.

Mike Cade, Shanghai District – Spoke in support of funding request made by Lower King and Queen Fire Department as well as the other departments. He feels the departments do not get much funding and asked the board to try to do more to help them.

Trinity Tannous, St. Stephens Church District – She is a resident of King and Queen and a graduate student at William & Mary’s school of education for marriage and family counseling. Many families in King and Queen struggle with a variety of “bumps in the road” but counseling services are limited. There are 10 services available but only 2 serve families and/or couples. Additionally, transportation to these services can be a challenge. She asked that the board invest in providing family and marriage counseling services in the county to strengthen and support the community.

FY27 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS BY OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Eric Cronin, Legal Aid Works – Requested that the Board restore their funding to the FY24 level of \$4,712 to continue to support the Tappahannock office that serves low to moderate income families in King and Queen navigate the legal system.

Ken Hickman, MPNN Behavioral Health – Thanked the Board for their continued support of the CSB and provided a brief update on services provided in King and Queen.

Patricia Hilton, Arts Alive – Asked the Board to maintain level funding for their programs and provided an update on programs offered. She thanked Erin Lazar for the collaboration with the Community Programs and Tina Ammons for applying for the VA Commission for the Arts grant each year that matches all local funds provided.

Tinsley Goad, Bay Aging – Thanked the board for past support and requested that they fund the moderate increase they are asking for. He also thanked the board for supporting Bay Transit by funding, in FY25, a bus dedicated to King and Queen. This has been extremely successful and has marked a 200% increase in ridership. He hopes the board will continue to funds this bus and the 3% increase in funding for Bay Transit.

Dr. Shannon Kennedy, Rappahannock Community College – Thanked the board for past support and noted that RCC is expanding the welding and diesel mechanics and residential electrician courses at Glens campus, engineering courses at New Kent and health services at Warsaw campus. *It was noted by Ms. Norman that their nursing program is extremely successful.

Kate Ferris, Thrive Virginia – Requested restoration of the \$5,000 funding from FY24. They provided domestic and sexual violence service, support prevention of food insecurity and most recently became the King and Queen partner with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program.

Chief Pate, Lower Kinga and Queen Volunteer Fire Department – Asked the Board support increasing the funding request of that department of \$55,000. He also asked the Board to consider forgive the remaining balance of the loan received for the fire truck purchased several years ago. He provided information on the increased costs of the department for turn out gear, equipment and for routine operational costs. He noted that the county budgets more for several of its buildings (specifically noted were Station 8 and Hub33) than it provides to the volunteer agencies to assist with operational needs.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

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

1. Health Department – Brenden Rivenbark was not able to attend but provided a report in advance.
2. Linda Cooke, Social Services
3. Donna Sprouse, Community Development
4. W. R. Balderson, Sheriff
5. Cooperative Extension – Turner Minx was unable to attend but provided a report in advance.
6. Kelly Lumpkin

APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A motion was made by Ms. Norman and seconded by Ms. Alsop appointing William Thomas to the Planning Commission for the Shanghai District to fill the unexpired term of David Campbell ending December 31, 2029.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: M.R. BERRY

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Ms. Seay had the following comments:

- Noted that she should have the contract with Grimm + Parker by the workshop meeting.
- Provided handout from VACO on bills being monitored at the General Assembly
- Asked the Board to set March 7th as the tentative date for a Capital Improvement Plan workshop

- Advised of information received from Lewie Lawrence with the PDC regarding additional septic system repair funds available.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Norman had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for coming out and for the reports.
- In regards to the budget requests, the board will help all the agencies as much as they can.
- Wished everyone a safe trip home.

Ms. Alsop had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for coming, she is glad to be back after having surgery on her leg, hopefully she will be over all that has been going on for several years.
- She attended VACO Local Government Day and is concerned about some of the bills out there. Some just don't make sense and some are scary. She thinks legislators should be required to have local government experience first so they have information on how some of the things proposed will affect localities.
- She is very glad the county has Regroup, it really helps keep citizens informed.
- Thanked all the volunteer agencies for what they do and wished everyone a safe trip home.

Mr. Simpkins had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for coming and for the reports.
- Commended the Sheriff's office, volunteer agencies and EMS staff for being prepared for and their hard work during the snowstorm.
- Wished everyone a safe trip home.

Ms. Billups had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for the reports.
- Kudos to the Sheriff for grant awards.
- Noted that it is budget season and that is a difficult time.
- She also attended Local Government Day in Richmond and got a taste of and better understanding of what goes on at the General Assembly.
- Thanked the volunteer fire departments for all they do.

CLOSED MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Ms. Norman to enter into closed meeting pursuant to:

- a. Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A)(3) for consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect

- the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, the subject being real property located in the Newtown Magisterial District; and
- b. Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A)(8) for consultation with legal counsel regarding a specific legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice, the subject being a real estate purchase contract; and
 - c. Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1) for discussion of salaries of specific County employees in county administration.
 - d. Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A)(5) for discussion concerning the expansion of an existing business where no previous announcement has been made of the business' interest in expanding its facilities in the community, the subject being the potential expansion of a business located in the Stevensville Magisterial District

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.H. NORMAN, C.R. BILLUPS

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: M.R. BERRY

IT IS ORDERED THAT THE BOARD BE ADJOURNED:

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Ms. Norman to adjourn the meeting to Monday, February 23, 2026, for a workshop meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the King and Queen Courts and Administration Building, 242 Allen's Circle, Second Floor Conference Room A/B, King and Queen Court House, Virginia.

Chairman

Clerk of the Board