

King and Queen County
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting

Monday, March 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

Chairman Berry called the meeting to order. It was also noted that member Sherrin Alsop was absent.

Mr. Berry provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF THE JANUARY 12, 2026 JANUARY 20, 2026,
FEBRUARY 2, 2026 AND FEBRUARY 9, 2026 MINUTES OF THE BOARD**

A motion was made by Ms. Norman and seconded by Ms. Billups to approve the January 12, 2026 minutes of the Board.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: S.C. ALSOP

A motion was made by Ms. Billups and seconded by Ms. Norman to approve the January 20, 2026 minutes of the Board.

AYES: M.R. BERRY, M.H. NORMAN, C.R. BILLUPS

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: J.L. SIMPKINS

ABSENT: S.C. ALSOP

A motion was made by Ms. Billups and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to approve the February 2, 2026 minutes of the Board.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: S.C. ALSOP

A motion was made by Mr. Simpkins and seconded by Ms. Norman to approve the February 9, 2026 minutes of the Board.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: M.R. BERRY

ABSENT: S.C. ALSOP

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF WARRANTS AND APPROPRIATIONS

A motion was made by Mr. Simpkins and seconded by Ms. Billups approving the March 2026 warrants and payroll subject to audit.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: S.C. ALSOP

A motion was made by Ms. Norman and seconded by Ms. Billups approving the following appropriations to the School Fund, subject to audit:

- School Construction \$50,816.69
- All in VA \$33,254
- SOQ Bonus \$74,322

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: S.C. ALSOP

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No comments were received from the public.

PRESENTATION – GARDEN CLUB OF THE MIDDLE PENINSULA

Biddy Shelor provided an overview of the activities involved in the Historic Garden Club tour that will be held in King and Queen County April 24th for m10:00 to 4:00. She also provided a booklet and brochure about the event to all members. This event is part of an eight day long national event. The Middle Peninsula Gaden Club includes King and Queen, King William, Essex and Middlesex counties. She expressed appreciation on behalf of the Garden Club to Mr. Lazar and Mr. Kelley as well as to the Sheriff for their work in facilitating this event for the county.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

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

1. Erin Lazar and Jesse Kelley, Community Programming, Library and Tourism
2. Kelly Evko, Economic Development
3. Betty Dougherty, Human Resources
4. Tina Ammons, Finance
5. Carol Carter, School Division
6. Greg Hunter, Emergency Services (not present, sent report in advance)

SELECTION OF REBRANDING OPTIONS

Staff have been working on designs for several months and the final options were provided to the Board in their packets. Board members provided feedback on several changes and options they preferred. Staff will provide these updates to county offices for use in future materials such as business cards, letterhead, press releases, etc.

APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

No appointments or reappointments were made.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Ms. Seay had no comments.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Norman had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for their reports and input.
- Glad that spring is here and there is no more snow and ice.

Ms. Billups had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for coming.
- She is also glad to see spring but does not like the pollen.
- Noted that she has given up caffeine for Lent.
- She was glad to see representatives from Lower Fire present.
- Noted that the budget is still under review and that there are many difficult decisions to be made.
- Wished everyone a safe drive home.

Mr. Simpkins had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for coming and for the reports.
- Thanked the Garden Club for hosting the tour. This is a great event and he knows it is a lot of hard work.
- Noted that budget time is always stressful, but everyone will get through it.

- Wished everyone a safe trip home and to watch out for deer and farm equipment now that it is spring planting season.

Mr. Berry had the following comments:

- Thanked the Garden Club for hosting the upcoming event.
- Thanked everyone for the reports.
- Reminded everyone that citizens have to deal with who the county hires and what we offer and that the Board always tries to offer the best that it can to the citizens. King and Queen may not be big but we try to be the best rural county.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THE BOARD BE ADJOURNED:

A motion was made by Mr. Simpkins and seconded by Ms. Norman to adjourn the meeting to Monday, March 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