

**King and Queen County
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Monday, July 27, 2026**

6:00 P.M.

**Work Session Meeting
King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building
Second Floor Conference Room**

Minutes of the Meeting

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Mark Berry called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with member Carolyn Billups being absent.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Ms. Norman to approve the July 27, 2026 warrants subject to audit.

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: C.R. BILLUPS

DISCUSSION WITH EDA OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND PRIORITIES

Members of the EDA and Director of Economic Development, Kelly Evko were present and provided an update on items that have been going on with economic development. Items included:

- Evaluation of EDA owned properties in the county
- Regional economic development meeting held at Hub33
- Business Marketplace online listing of businesses in the county
- Marketing scholarships provided to two local businesses
- Online entrepreneurial courses
- Submission of grant for housing study

Board members responded with questions including an update on Bradley's store and when they will open, activities being done to market currently vacant commercial properties throughout the county, the possibility of expansion of natural gas access across the Mattaponi, and the next steps with Timmons on the site study that was done.

DISCUSSION OF BIENNIAL TAX BILLINGS

This item was tabled to August workshop meeting.

DISCUSSION OF SRO GRANTS

Sheriff Balderson advised that he has been notified that the SRO grant funding the position at King and Queen Elementary School was denied. He did not receive notice until July 14, 2026 for the grant cycle that began July 1, 2026. He also suspects that the grant for Lawson Marriott Elementary School will not be renewed when the grant period expires in December. He noted that as a short-term solution, he can move the SRO to a road deputy position, but this is temporary and does not address the second grant that is set to expire in December. He explained that one of the reasons the grants are not being renewed is due to the small student populations at the schools. DCJS is looking to serve areas where more students per school.

Chairman Berry expressed that it is a disgrace that rural counties are being left behind when the large localities that can afford things are getting the grants.

A motion was made by Ms. Norman and seconded by Ms. Alsop to fund the SRO positions at each school for FY2026 regardless of grant funding.

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UPDATE REGARDING SOFTWARE NEEDS/BUDGET AND FINANCE

Director of Finance Tina Ammons provided the board with an update on the current challenges that the finance staff is experiencing with BAI Municipal Software. Most of the issues are related to payroll and there are struggles with customer support. Help tickets are not answered in a timely manner and fixes do not always work. A specific example related to a recent payroll issue, the support ticket was submitted first thing in the morning on a day when payroll was due to be sent to the bank for employees to be paid and a response was not received until shortly before the bank deadline. No action is requested, staff is making the board aware of concerns and that they are researching other options that will be coming forward, possibility next budget year.

Ms. Ammons and Ms. Seay also expressed concern over the manual budget process being used now. The more complex the budget has become, the more difficult it is to maintain the budget document in the spreadsheet manor that is currently used. They are also researching options for a software that would allow better collaboration as well as streamline the budget process.

CSA UPDATE

Tina Ammons CPMT Chair informed the board that there was a recent incident at one of the facilities that houses children that are in care under CSA. This has necessitated the removal of them from that facility. At least one case is quite complex and finding a new placement is proving difficult and may lead to increased costs for care. While there is no ask for funding at this time she is just informing the board that the situation with the cost of the CSA program continues to be of concern.

DISCUSSION REGARDING TALL GRASS COMPLAINTS

Due to recent events, staff asked for direction from the board whether they are receiving many complaints regarding tall grass. They also explained the process by which citizens are notified when complaints are made against them and that complainants are encouraged to work with their neighbors rather than simply file a complaint. They also advised that no anonymous complaints are allowed, which seems to reduce the number of complaints made.

It was noted that while there are not many complaints of tall grass, there are many for trash and inoperable vehicles.

DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Ms. Seay provided the list that has been compiled from prior meetings and will provide a document for board members to take with them to the Local Official's Summit.

- Unfunded Mandates
- Collective Bargaining
- Support of EMS volunteers
- CSA funding
- Solar Mandates
- Assistance to rural and low-income localities

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Ms. Seay had no comments.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Ms. Alsop thanked everyone for coming and expressed concern that the state is not doing their job. They are not supporting localities, especially rural ones. She thanked the EDA and Economic Development Director for reporting and stated that the county needs to be serious about economic development.

Mr. Berry advised of an event that will be held at ODU on October 22nd and 23rd and noted that board members and staff should attend.

CLOSED MEETING

Closed meeting pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A)(8) for consultation with legal counsel for specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, the subject being certain amendments to the Code of Virginia effective on or after July 1, 2026, including, but perhaps not limited to, the following: Va. Code §§ 15.2-2241.2, 15.2-2288.7, 15.2-2288.8, and 15.2-2304.

It was determined that closed meetings were not required for these items.

Ms. Seay and Director of Community Development Donna Sprouse briefed the board on changes made to the state code regarding accessory dwelling units and solar facilities. Staff continue to

review the zoning ordinance and will add the necessary changes in order to be in compliance with the state code. They will be part of the comprehensive review that is currently underway.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THIS BOARD BE ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Ms. Norman to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk of the Board