King and Queen County
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting

Monday, August 10, 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 and provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Pursuant to VA Code § 2.2-3708.3 member Sherrin Alsop requested participation in the meeting through electronic communication with the reason being temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition. The Chairman of the board was notified by text message on August 10, 2026 that Ms. Alsop would not be able to attend due to illness. She will be attending from her home. Chairman Berry approved the request.

It was noted that member Marie Norman was absent.

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF THE JUNE 22, 2026 AND JULY 13, 2026 MINUTES OF THE BOARD

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to approve the June 22, 2026, and July 13, 2026 minutes of the Board.

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

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF WARRANTS AND APPROPRIATIONS

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Jeff Willacker, Stevensville District – Mr. Willacker asked if the board had been made aware of the status of the roof repairs at LMES and CHS. (Mr. Simpkins noted that he passes LMES every day and that the work is progressing well and looks like it should be completed this week.)

Granville Higgins III, St. Stephens Church – Mr. Higgins spoke in opposition of the use of FLOCK cameras and asked the board to have all of the ones within the county removed. He feels they are a warrantless collection of data by the government, a violation of the 4th Amendment and infringe on citizens 1st amendment rights. He does not support replacement with a different system either.

SCHOOL FUNDING UPDATE

School Superintendent Carol Carter advised that the school division has applied for a school security grant in the amount of $349,00. This includes $195,000 for CHS and $154,000 for LMES. There is a 25% local match for this grant. The bathroom renovation project at CHS is complete, roof repair at LMES is 45% complete and roof repair at CHS is 30% complete. Teachers have already returned for the new school year and students return on August 18th. The FY27 budget will provide an $800 bonus for all staff and an average 4.06 COLA to all staff. The FY27 budget was based on an ADM of 570 but the state has lowered funding to be based on 555. The division had a large health insurance increase in addition to other increases. The board has already approved an increase of $50,000 but they suspect they will need an additional $165,000. She will provide additional information next month after school begins and they are able to confirm the new ADM number.
Dr. Carter also noted that they have made a change in transportation for KQES students. They will be riding the same buses as the CHS students. High school students will be in the rear of the bus and elementary students will be in the front with an empty row between. They are also looking into car transports.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

The Board received quarterly reports from the following department heads and agencies:

- Linda Cooke, Interim Director Social Services
- Donna Sprouse, Director of Community Development
- Rob Balderson, Sheriff
- Turner Minx, Extension Agent

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR REASSESSMENT SERVICES/COWAN SERVICES, LLC

Ms. Seay advised that the county is currently on a six-year cycle for reassessment but this contract will move to a five-year cycle. The county participates in a regional process with

Middlesex and Essex. The work for the reassessment would be done in 2027 to be effective in 2028.

A motion was made by Ms. Billups and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to approve the contract with Cowan Services, LLC.

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NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: M.H. NORMAN

Ms. Alsop noted that since there were issues with Wampler and Eanes in the last reassessment, she is glad it is a different company this time.

Mr. Simpkins asked how many companies responded to the RFP for the regional project. Ms. Seay noted that there were two.

APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

No appointments or reappointments were made.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Ms. Seay had the following comments:

- Noted that she and Ms. Sprouse are continuing to work on the comprehensive zoning ordinance update. They will be bringing articles to the board periodically but will present the amendment as a whole once complete.
- She was contacted by the writer of the most recent "county song" provided asking for the board to take action to make it the official county song. There was brief discussion on whether to move forward with the suggestion of maybe having the citizens decide but no action was taken.
- She will have the Tavern Museum lease renewal for the board at the September meeting.
- There were five responses to the RFQ for the school construction project and they are under review by Skanska.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Alsop had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for coming and apologized for not being able to attend in person.
- Congratulated the Sheriff on his appointment to the VA Sheriff's Association executive board.
- She is excited about the school project and is glad it is moving forward.
- Noted that she will be attending the County Officials Summit next week.
- Wished everyone a safe trip home.

Ms. Billups had the following comments:

- Congratulated Turner Minx on earning his Master's degree.
- Congratulated the Sheriff on the success of National Night Out and his appointment to the VA Sheriff's Association executive board.
- Noted that she will also be attending the County Official's Summit.
- Be careful going home.

Mr. Simpkins had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for coming and for the reports, they reflect that everyone is very busy.
- Noted that it is hard to believe that school will be starting soon.
- He is also glad to see the school project moving forward and hopes to be around to finally see it built.
- Advised everyone to be careful going home, he lost a large tree in his yard just before leaving to come to the meeting and there may still be debris from the storm.
- Noted that the regional animal shelter is very expensive.
- Wished everyone a safe trip home and hopes to see everyone next month.

Mr. Berry had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone for the reports, it is good to see all the grants and thanked everyone for their hard work.
- Congratulated the Sheriff on the success of National Night Out.
- He is also attending the County Official's Summit. He noted that even though we are a small county with a little voice the board members are going to make themselves be heard. Several members are serving on committees at VACO to give a voice to the rural counties.
- Expressed concern that the state is reaching its tentacles into local issues. The state is becoming more aggressive in the overreach and board members are going to continue to fight for King and Queen.

CLOSED MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Billups and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to enter into closed meeting pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A)(5) for discussion of the expansion of an existing business where no previous announcement has been made of the business' interest in expanding its facilities, and pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A)(8) for consultation with legal counsel employed by the Board of Supervisors regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice, the subject being the potential expansion of an existing business in the Stevensville Magisterial District of King and Queen County and the associated legal issues and documents.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Billups and seconded by Mr. Simpkins to enter into open session

with 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, C.R. BILLUPS
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: M.H. NORMAN

IT IS ORDERED THAT THE BOARD BE ADJOURNED:

A motion was made by Mr. Simpkins and seconded by Ms. Billups to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. to Monday, August 24, 2026 for a workshop meeting, at 6:00 p.m., King and Queen Court House, Virginia, 23085, Second Floor Conference Room A/B.

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Chairman

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Clerk of the Board