

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Warren County held in the Warren County Government Center on March 19th, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

Present: Cheryl L. Cullers, Chair (South River District); Jerome K. Butler, Vice Chair (Happy Creek District); Victoria L. Cook, (Fork District); John W. Stanmeyer (Shenandoah District), and Richard A. Jamieson (North River District) also, Dr. Edwin Daley, County Administrator; Jason Ham, County Attorney; Zach Henderson, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Mr. Stanmeyer, Aye; Mr. Butler, Aye; Ms. Cullers, Aye; Dr. Jamieson, Aye; Ms. Cook, Aye

Call to Order: Meeting was called at 7:03 PM with a prayer from Reverend Gurley

Adoption of the Agenda:

On a motion by Mr. Butler, seconded by Dr. Jamieson, and the following vote, the Board adopted the agenda as presented.

Ms. Cook, Aye; Dr. Jamieson, Aye; Ms. Cullers, Aye; Mr. Butler, Aye; Mr. Stanmeyer, Aye

Public Comment Period: The following is a list of individuals who spoke at the Public Comment Period.

- Sara Downes: Expressed her concerns about funding for Warren County Public Schools, emphasizing the Flat Funding terminology, and that Covid funding is no longer available that can cause a larger deficit for local schools.

Board Reports:

Town of Front Royal Manager, Joe Waltz, spoke to the Board of Supervisors and updated them on current town revenue and expenditures, the re-establishment of the Front Royal EDA, the retail side of the visitor center, and Trolley operations etc.

Mr. Stanmeyer reported the following:

- Attended a disaster recovery planning event the previous week and was happy to see representatives from various departments engaged in that.

Mr. Butler reported the following:

- Working closely on the budget and potential changes that can be afforded.

Dr. Jamieson reported the following:

- Attended the disaster recovery planning event and was impressed with the interactions with all involved.

Ms. Cook reported the following:

- Discussed the ongoing budget process and continuing to look for ways to reduce the requests and to set a tax rate, as well as "mission critical" priorities for the budget.
- Visited the Senior Center and thanked the Sheriff's Office for their presentation to the Seniors regarding Scams and discussed its opening in May.

Ms. Cullers reported the following:

- Attended a disaster recovery planning event the previous week and was happy to see representatives from various departments engaged in that.
- Reminded and urged the public to take care when transporting trash to the convenience sites and the transfer station, and make sure everything is secured properly.
- Addressed the misinformation on social media about Bing Crosby Stadium and the intentions of the County and its plan moving forward.

Dr. Daley reported the following:

- Reminded the Board that 3 out of 5 members submitted their priorities to Ms. Meadows.
- Reminded the Board of the upcoming Budget work session.

Mr. Ham reported the following:

- *No report*

Appropriations and Transfers:

On a motion by Ms. Cook, seconded by Mr. Butler, and the following vote, the Board approved the Appropriations and Transfers as presented.

Mr. Stanmeyer, Aye; Mr. Butler, Aye; Ms. Cullers, Aye; Dr. Jamieson, Aye; Ms. Cook, Aye

Approval of Accounts:

Ms. Cullers stated that she plans to meet with Ms. Scott to view the purchase receipts, and that this will aid her in her future decisions with voting on accounts.

On a motion by Mr. Butler, seconded by Dr. Jamieson, and the following vote, the Board approved the accounts as presented.

Ms. Cook, Aye; Dr. Jamieson, Aye; Ms. Cullers, Aye; Mr. Butler, Aye; Mr. Stanmeyer, Aye

Approval of Minutes – 2/20/2024:

On a motion by Dr. Jamieson, seconded by Mr. Stanmeyer, and the following vote, the Board approves the Minutes for February 20th, 2024, as presented.

Mr. Stanmeyer, Aye; Mr. Butler, Aye; Ms. Cullers, Aye; Dr. Jamieson, Aye; Ms. Cook, Aye

Consent Agenda:

1. Contract - Divaris Real Estate, Inc. Annual Term Contract for Real Estate Broker Services
2. Authorization to Advertise for Public Hearing - Proposed Lease Agreement of Hangar A6 to Jeremiah Leonard
3. Citizen Re-Appointment - Kim Lucas to the Warren County Parks and Recreation Commission, Member At-Large
4. Authorization to Advertise for Public Hearing - Proposed Lease Agreement of Hangar B10 to Kenneth McCoy
5. Citizen Re-Appointment - Steve Brady to the Warren County Parks and Recreation Commission,
6. Shenandoah Valley Work Force Development Board - Warren County Representative

7. Social Services Advisory Board - Board of Supervisor Representative (**removed for discussion**)
8. Warren County Airport Commission Representative Appointments (**removed for discussion**)

Ms. Cook stated that she would like item #7 Social Services Advisory Board - Board of Supervisor Representative, and #8 Warren County Airport Commission Representative Appointments removed for discussion.

On a motion by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Stanmeyer, and the following vote, the Board approved the consent agenda as amended to remove items #7 and #8 for discussion.

Ms. Cook, Aye; Dr. Jamieson, Aye; Ms. Cullers, Aye; Mr. Butler, Aye; Mr. Stanmeyer, Aye

#7 – Social Services Advisory Board - Board of Supervisor Representative:

Ms. Cullers stated that she had reached out to members of the Board to gauge and interest but did not receive any feedback, and therefore offered to take the role herself.

On a motion by Dr. Jamieson, seconded by Mr. Butler, and the following vote, the Board appointed Cheryl Cullers as the Board of Supervisor representative for the Social Services Advisory Board.

Mr. Stanmeyer, Aye; Mr. Butler, Aye; Ms. Cullers, Aye; Dr. Jamieson, Aye; Ms. Cook, Aye

#8 – Airport Citizen Appointment:

Ms. Cook pointed out that the motion does not include a specific name and asked if this was still under consideration. Ms. Cullers then asked if there was a nomination from the two individuals that were interviewed.

Mr. Butler nominated Ms. Jule Jaarsveld and was seconded by Mr. Stanmeyer. Prior to role call, Ms. Cook made a statement emphasizing that the nominated candidate is an aviation for profit business owner and does not think the Board should nominate a business owner at the airport facility citing potential conflict of interest issues.

Mr. Butler stated that it is a plus having a business owner and will give the Airport Commission more depth and “robustness” and further commented that he believes she will recuse herself from anything that could be a conflict of interest.

Mr. Stanmeyer stated that he had follow-up conversations with her and emphasized that she should not only recuse should a conflict of interest arise but take the initiative to do so without being asked.

Dr. Jamieson stated that both applicants were outstanding and have a lot to contribute to the Airport despite being very different. He then emphasized the other applicants experience In the Federal Government, and his seasoned knowledge with the FAA and so on.

Ms. Cullers stated that she does not think there a conflict any more than Silent Falcon when they were the FBO given they had a business as well and was paid, as opposed to the candidates here who will not be.

On a motion by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Stanmeyer, and the following vote, the Board appointed Julie Van Jaarsveld as representative for the Front Royal-Warren County Airport Commission for a 4-Year Term ending on June 30th, 2027.

Ms. Cook, No; Dr. Jamieson, Aye; Ms. Cullers, Aye; Mr. Butler, Aye; Mr. Stanmeyer, Aye

Adjournment:

On a motion by Dr. Jamieson, seconded by Mr. Butler, and the following vote, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:44 PM

Mr. Stanmeyer, Aye; Mr. Butler, Aye; Ms. Cullers, Aye; Dr. Jamieson, Aye; Ms. Cook, Aye