

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD THEIR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021, AT 4:00 P.M., IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING ROOM LOCATED IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 1255 FRANKLIN STREET, SUITE 104, ROCKY MOUNT, VIRGINIA.

THERE WERE PRESENT: Ronald Mitchell
Lorie Smith
Mike Carter- via teleconference
Ronnie Thompson
Leland Mitchell
Tommy Cundiff
Tim Tatum

OTHERS PRESENT: Christopher Whitlow, County Administrator
Jim Guynn, Legal Counsel
Madeline L. Sefcik, CMC, Clerk

Christopher Whitlow, County Administrator, called the meeting to order.

Invocation was given by Supervisor Mike Carter

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Lorie Smith

CHAIRPERSON NOMINATIONS

Jim Guynn, County Attorney, opened the floor for nominations for 2021 Board Chairman

Ronnie Thompson Nominated by: Tim Tatum

(RESOLUTION #01-01-2021)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board to close the floor for 2021 Chairman to the Board of Supervisors nominations.

MOTION BY: Tommy Cundiff
SECONDED BY: Tim Tatum
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Tatum, Thompson, Smith

(RESOLUTION #02-01-2021)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board to elect Mr. Ronnie Thompson as 2021 Chairman to the Board of Supervisors.

MOTION BY: Tommy Cundiff
SECONDED BY: Tim Tatum
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Tatum, Thompson, Smith

VICE-CHAIRPERSON NOMINATIONS

Chairman Thompson opened the floor for nominations for 2021 Vice-Chairman.

Tim Tatum Nominated by: Tommy Cundiff

(RESOLUTION #03-01-2021)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to close the nominations for 2021 Vice-Chairman.

MOTION BY: Tommy Cundiff
SECONDED BY: Ronald Mitchell
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Tatum, Thompson, Smith

(RESOLUTION #04-01-2021)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board to appoint Tim Tatum as the 2021 Vice-Chairman.

MOTION BY: Tommy Cundiff
SECONDED BY: Ronald Mitchell
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Thompson, Smith
ABSTAIN: Tatum

Supervisor Tatum thanked outgoing Chairman Leland Mitchell for his time and his dedication to the Board. Supervisor Smith echoed those sentiments and noted she appreciates the wisdom and leadership of Chairman Mitchell. He has had to navigate some unprecedented times and she thanks him from the bottom of her heart. Supervisor Mitchell

appreciates Chairman Mitchell and looks forward to keeping the County going. Supervisor Carter thanked Chairman Mitchell for his service.

2021 BOARD MEETING DATES

All County residents are hereby encouraged to attend public meetings of the Franklin County Board of Supervisors. To facilitate this public participation, the Board will meet on the following dates and times in **2021**.

- Tuesday, January 19, 2021 @ 1:30 P.M.
- Tuesday, February 16, 2021 @ 1:30 P.M.
- Tuesday, March 16, 2021 @ 1:30 P.M.
- Tuesday, April 20, 2021 @ 1:30 P.M.
- Tuesday, May 18, 2021 @ 1:30 P.M.
- Tuesday, June 15, 2021 @ 1:30 P.M.
- Tuesday, July 20, 2021 @ 1:30 P.M.
- Tuesday, August 17, 2021 @ 1:30 P.M.
- Tuesday, September 21, 2021 @ 1:30 P.M.
- Tuesday, October 19, 2021 @ 1:30 P.M.
- Tuesday, November 16, 2021 @ 1:30 P.M.
- Tuesday, December 21, 2021 @ 1:30 P.M.

All meetings will be held in the Board Room at the Government Center, 1255 Franklin Street, Suite 104, Rocky Mount, Virginia unless otherwise duly noticed. All public hearings will be held at 6:00 P.M. for the convenience of the public. Interested parties are encouraged to participate. Any person who needs accommodations to fully participate in these meetings should notify Madeline L. Sefcik, CMC, Clerk, by calling (540) 483-3032 before 12:00 PM on the day of the meeting.

(RESOLUTION #05-01-2021)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to approve the aforementioned meeting dates for the Board of Supervisors meetings for 2021.

- MOTION BY: Lorie Smith
- SECONDED BY: Tommy Cundiff
- VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
- AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Tatum, Thompson, Smith

Chairman Thompson suggested the work session meeting dates and Broadband Authority meeting dates move to the Monday before the Board Meeting dates. Supervisor Tatum and Supervisor Carter agreed. Supervisor Smith is in support of this suggestion as long as there are no staff conflicts. Mr. Whitlow agreed the Monday before the third Tuesdays will work.

General discussions ensued regarding the Board's potential work sessions.

(RESOLUTION #06-01-2021)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to approve tentative Board of Supervisors work session meetings on the Monday prior to the monthly third Tuesday Board Meeting and Broadband Meetings as needed, with the understanding if this date falls on a County Employee holiday the meeting may be rescheduled.

- MOTION BY: Tim Tatum
- SECONDED BY: Tommy Cundiff
- VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
- AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Tatum, Thompson, Smith

2021 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES

The Board will adopt 2021 Commonwealth of Virginia's legal holidays plus any changes made by the Governor during the year for Commonwealth employees.

The following list is found in the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3300.

- Monday, January 18, 2021
- Monday, February 15, 2021
- Monday, May 31, 2021
- Friday, June 18, 2021
- Monday, July 5, 2021
- Monday, September 6, 2021
- Monday, October 11, 2021
- Tuesday, November 2, 2021
- Thursday, November 11, 2021
- Wednesday, November 24, 2021 (½ day)
- Thursday, November 25, 2021
- Friday, November 26, 2021
- Thursday, December 23, 2021
- Friday, December 24, 2021
- Friday, December 31, 2021

(RESOLUTION #07-01-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board to approve the aforementioned proposed holiday listing for 2021 plus any changes made by the Governor during the year for State employees.

MOTION BY: Lorie Smith
SECONDED BY: Tommy Cundiff
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Tatum, Thompson, Smith

BOARD RULES OF PROCEDURE

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Supervisor Smith stated having multiple public comment periods is difficult. She does not agree that this can happen after the public hearing period because the 9:00 PM hour is unrealistic. Supervisor Smith wants to voice that she is very concerned about limiting public comment. She thinks we need to have an allocation of time speaking.

Discussion ensued and Board Members discussed potential changes to the public comment period.

(RESOLUTION #08-01-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board to approve public comment for 15 minutes at 1:30 PM, scheduled at the discretion of the Clerk, with additional public comment at the end of the meeting at the discretion of the Chairman, no phone call-ins and no age restrictions, and to allow a representative of group up to five (5) minutes to speak, with all speakers to provide their address or property owned at the time of sign-in.

MOTION BY: Ronnie Mitchell
SECONDED BY: Tommy Cundiff
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
AYES: R. Mitchell, L. Mitchell, Tatum, Thompson
NAYS: Carter, Cundiff, Smith

MOTION FAILS

(RESOLUTION #09-01-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board to suspend the 15 minutes allocated at the beginning of the meeting for public comment and move this time period to the end of the Board Meeting, following Public Hearings. No phone call-ins and no age restrictions, and to allow a representative of group up to five (5) minutes to speak, with all speakers to provide their address or property owned at the time of sign-in.

MOTION BY: Tim Tatum
SECONDED BY: No Second
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
AYES: Tatum, Thompson
NAYS: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Tatum

MOTION FAILS

(RESOLUTION #10-01-20201)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board to eliminate 15-minute time period and schedule public comment following the 1:30 business meeting, prior to public hearings, no phone call-ins and no age restrictions and group representation is able to be allotted five (5) minutes. Emails or handwritten comments submitted to the Clerk will be included in the record. With all speakers to provide their address or property owned in Franklin County at the time of sign-in.

MOTION BY: Lorie Smith
SECONDED BY: No Second
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
AYES: Carter, Tatum, Smith
NAYS: Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Thompson

MOTION FAILS

The Board took a brief break

When the Board reconvened Chairman Thompson suggested the Board take time to identify the sections of the public comment portion of the board's rules that the entire board agreed upon. The list is below.

Keep Public Comments limited to three (3) minutes per person with a representative of group getting up to five (5) minutes to speak

A 15-minute period at the beginning of the meeting allocated to interested commenters on a first come, first serve basis with additional interested speakers carried over to the end of public hearings.

Supervisor Tatum noted he would like to see all the public comment at one time.

(RESOLUTION #11-01-20201)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board to continue the 15 minutes of public comment at the beginning of the 1:30 PM meeting with a continuation of public comment following the conclusion of the business meeting (usually following public hearings) with the time limit at the discretion of the Chairman. No phone call-ins and no age restrictions. Individuals will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and representatives of a group may be allocated up to five (5) minutes. All speakers must be residents of Franklin County or own land in Franklin County and are required to provide their address or property owned at the time of sign-in.

MOTION BY: Leland Mitchell
SECONDED BY: Tim Tatum
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Tatum, Thompson
NAYS: Smith

* The 2021 Board Rules of Procedure are approved as presented with the addition of language of the public comment section that has been discussed and agreed upon*

APPOINTMENTS:

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Tommy Cundiff offered his name for consideration to serve on the Social Services Board as the Board's Representative.

(RESOLUTION #12-01-2021)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to reappoint Tommy Cundiff to serve as the Board Representative to the Social Services Board, with a term to expire at the end of his Board of Supervisor's term. (12/31/2020)

MOTION BY: Tim Tatum
SECONDED BY: Mike Carter
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Tatum, Thompson, Smith

TLAC/APPOINTMENTS

(RESOLUTION #13-01-2021)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Lorie Smith to serve on the TLAC Board with said terms to expire 1/31/2022.

MOTION BY: Mike Carter
SECONDED BY: Tim Tatum
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Tatum, Thompson, Smith

Chairman Thompson recessed the meeting for a Closed Session.

(RESOLUTION #14-01-2021)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to go into a closed meeting in accordance with 2.2-3711, (A)(1), Personnel, Discussion of appointments to County Boards, Commissions, etc.; (A)(3), discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and (A)(29), discussion of the terms of a public contract, where discussion in public would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the County in regards to a potential boundary adjustment with a neighboring county, of the Code of Virginia, as Amended.

MOTION BY: Tommy Cundiff
SECONDED BY: Tim Tatum
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Tatum, Thompson, Smith

Roll call vote was taken

Supervisor R. Mitchell would like the Diversity and Inclusion committee to provide an update at the next meeting, Supervisor R. Mitchell and Supervisor Tatum for 10 minutes. A *consensus was reached* to add this to the January 19, 2021 agenda.

Mr. Whitlow explained to the Board we are beginning the Budget process and would like to reserve some of the January 19th, 2021 for discussion of the budget.

Supervisor Thompson would like to get the housing update to the citizens as quickly as possible. Supervisor Smith would like to remind the Board we will have a housing summit with the community sometime in the future. This likely will be a virtual meeting due to covid-19.

MOTION: Tommy Cundiff
SECOND: Tim Tatum

RESOLUTION: #15-01-2021
MEETING DATE January 4th, 2021

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act: and WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712(d) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Franklin County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies 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, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors.

VOTE:

AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Tatum, Thompson, Smith

Chairman Thompson recessed the meeting until the January 19, 2021 Board Meeting.

RONNIE THOMPSON
CHAIRMAN

MADELINE L. SEFCIK, CMC
COUNTY CLERK