

County of Dinwiddie Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

Special Meeting – November 1, 2022, 4:00 PM

Board Meeting Room, Dinwiddie Government Center
14010 Boydton Plank Road, Dinwiddie, Virginia

Supervisors Present:

Harrison A. Moody, <i>Chair</i>	Election District 1
Dr. Mark Moore, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Election District 2
William Chavis	Election District 3
Daniel Lee	Election District 4
Brenda Ebron-Bonner	Election District 5

Administration Present:

W. Kevin Massengill, *County Administrator*
Anne Howerton, *Deputy County Administrator,*
Finance and General Services
Tyler Southall, *County Attorney*

1. ROLL CALL

Mr. Moody arrived to the meeting at 4:05PM.

2. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mrs. Ebron-Bonner, the agenda was approved as presented.

AYES: Mrs. Ebron-Bonner, Dr. Moore, Mr. Chavis, Mr. Lee

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Moody

3. REPORTS

A. Snake Ordinance

Alvin Langley, Chief Animal Control Officer, discussed an ordinance for prohibited snakes. The Board was given a copy of the ordinance for review. After a brief discussion, it was decided by the Board to move forward with the Public Hearing at the December regular meeting to adopt the ordinance. Chief Officer Langley provided the Board with a copy of the draft ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF DINWIDDIE, 1985, AS AMENDED, BY ADDING SECTION 4-7 – PROHIBITED SNAKES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County:

(1) That the Code of the County of Dinwiddie, 1985, as amended, is amended by inserting the following language shown underlined:

Sec. 4-7. – Prohibited Snakes.

(a) A prohibited snake means any constrictor snake that is longer than six feet or venomous snake of any length. Other snakes are not prohibited snakes.

(b) No person shall keep or permit to be kept on his premises any prohibited snake for any reason, except that this prohibition shall not apply to licensed veterinary clinics that have proper zoning approval.

(c) No person shall exhibit or display any prohibited snake in a manner so that persons other than their handlers can pet, fondle or come in direct physical contact with them.

(d) The owner of any prohibited snake as defined in subsection (a) found to be running, roaming, or otherwise at large off of the owner's property shall reimburse the county for its actual costs incurred, including without limitation the actual cost of the time expended by the animal control officer, deputy animal control officer or other county personnel, in locating and capturing or otherwise disposing of the animal.

(e) Nature centers, refuges and parks shall be exempt from this section, provided in each case that they are owned or operated by the federal, state or local government.

(2) That this ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2023.

B. A-2 Accessory Structures

Kevin Massengill, County Administrator, briefly discussed potential changes to the A-2 definition in the County Code. Mr. Massengill and Mr. Mark Bassett, Director, Planning, discussed options to update the A-2 definition.

C. R-R Livestock Limitations

Kevin Massengill, County Administrator, briefly discussed potential changes to the R-R Livestock Limitations definition in the County Code. Mr. Mark Bassett, Director, Planning, discussed options to update the R-R requirements with the Board.

D. 2023 Legislative Agenda

Kevin Massengill, County Administrator provided the Board with a brief overview as to what items were being included in the 2023 Legislative Agenda.

E. Citizen’s Academy

Marie Grant, Grants and Community Information Coordinator, provided the following information to the Board about Dinwiddie’s Citizen’s Academy.



Dinwiddie County Citizens’ Academy

- DESIGN:** The Dinwiddie County Citizen’s Academy will provide a comprehensive overview of Dinwiddie County Government. Participants will attend eight, two-hour sessions during which they will be introduced to Directors of all County Departments. A synopsis of each department will be provided, including its purpose and function. Sessions will be held in a variety of locations to provide participants an opportunity to experience each County facility.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Participants must be 18 years or older; must reside in Dinwiddie County; and must provide their own transportation.
- REGISTRATION:** Interested parties will register by calling County Administration, and is limited to the first 25 eligible individuals.
- COST:** This is a FREE course, provided by the Dinwiddie County Board of Supervisors.
- COMPLETION:** Participants must attend six of eight sessions in order to successfully complete or “graduate” the Citizens’ Academy.
- OUTCOME:** To increase awareness and transparency in government. The Citizens’ Academy will cultivate a cohort of citizens, well equipped to serve as “ambassadors” for Dinwiddie County Government. The knowledge gained through the Academy will prepare graduates to take a more active role in local government by volunteering on boards and/or commissions that match their interests and skill sets.

4. ACTION ITEMS

A. Authority, Board and Commission Appointments

Upon the motion of Dr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board appointed Edward Pearson to the Appomattox River Water Authority and South Central Wastewater Authority as an alternate.

AYES: Mrs. Ebron-Bonner, Dr. Moore, Mr. Chavis, Mr. Lee, Mr. Moody
NAYS: None

Upon the motion of Mr. Lee and seconded by Mrs. Ebron-Bonner, the Board appointed Cleveland Hudspeth to the Dinwiddie County Water Authority for a term ending December 31, 2024.

AYES: Mrs. Ebron-Bonner, Dr. Moore, Mr. Chavis, Mr. Lee, Mr. Moody
NAYS: None

Upon the motion of Mrs. Ebron-Bonner and seconded by Dr. Moore, the Board will re-appoint William Kissner to the Industrial Development Authority for a term ending October 31, 2026.

AYES: Mrs. Ebron-Bonner, Dr. Moore, Mr. Chavis, Mr. Lee, Mr. Moody
NAYS: None

B. VACo Annual Meeting Voting Credentials

Kevin Massengill, County Administrator, advised the Board that for the VACo Annual Meeting on November 15th each County has to select a member of their Board who will vote at the meeting.

Upon the motion of Mr. Chavis and seconded by Mr. Lee, the Board selected Mrs. Ebron-Bonner as the voting representative for the VACo meeting.

AYES: Mrs. Ebron-Bonner, Dr. Moore, Mr. Chavis, Mr. Lee, Mr. Moody
NAYS: None

Upon the motion of Mr. Chavis and seconded by Mrs. Ebron-Bonner, the Board selected Mr. Lee as the voting representative alternate for the VACo meeting.

AYES: Mrs. Ebron-Bonner, Dr. Moore, Mr. Chavis, Mr. Lee, Mr. Moody
NAYS: None

5. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Chavis, seconded by Dr. Moore, the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 PM.

AYES: Mrs. Ebron-Bonner, Dr. Moore, Mr. Chavis, Mr. Lee, Mr. Moody
NAYS: None

Harrison Moody
Chair

ATTEST: _____
W. Kevin Massengill
County Administrator

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