THE BRUNSWICK BRIEF

October 21, 2025



BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OCTOBER 15, 2025 MEETING - RECAP

Public Hearings

On Wednesday, October 15, 2025, the Brunswick County Board of Supervisors held public hearings to address the following matters:

- Addendum to Siting Agreement: The Board approved the addendum for CEP Solar, LLC, which allows for a reduction in the size of the Bright Leaf Solar Project from 8.75 MWac to 5.0 MWac. However, the company will still be required to make the maximum voluntary payments to the County based on the original project size permitted by the Conditional Use Permit (CUP).
- Rezoning Case #25-029: Submitted by Rita Goodrich, this case sought to rezone the property from Agricultural District (A-1) to Business District (B-1) to facilitate the operation of a restaurant and lounge named Legacy T's and Lounge. The Board approved this request.
- Ordinance Amendment Case #25-030: Vulcan Lands, Inc. (Vulcan Materials) proposed an amendment to the Brunswick County Zoning Ordinance, specifically Article 4 concerning the Agricultural District (A-1). This amendment would introduce use regulation 4-1-55, allowing for the testing and maintenance of mining equipment with a conditional use permit. The Board approved this request as well.

VDOT Report

Ongoing Maintenance and Road Updates

- State crews are actively mowing the primary routes across the county.
- Limbing and brush cutting operations are underway on secondary routes.
- Pothole repairs are being carried out throughout the county.
- Ditching and shoulder work is in progress on various routes across the county.
- Unpaved secondary routes are being graded, with stone transported as needed.

 Horse and Buggy signage has been installed throughout the county.





Economic Development Director's Report

Updates from Ms. Alfreda Jarrett Reynolds, Economic Development Director:

- VGR: The County's membership in VGR has provided vital connections and resulted in two recent prospect visits to the County.
- Project Stonewall: The boring beneath Highway 58, essential for the installation of critical utilities for the Brunswick County IT Industrial Park, has been completed. Water utility connections are currently in progress.
- Upcoming Workshops: "Blueprint to Homeownership" will take place on November 13, 2025, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the conference center, focusing on lending and grant opportunities for homeownership.
- Project Whitehouse: Chris Suber, Developer of Project Whitehouse Development LLC, has signed the franchise agreement with Wyndham Hotel Group, and the next steps are now underway.
- Events: A celebration was hosted for Brunswick Native, Chief Justice-Elect Cleo E. Powell, while also commemorating five successful years with Butterfly Rose Florists and Gifts. Furthermore, staff participated in the Taste of Brunswick Festival, the Dedication of the Honorable L. Louise Lucas Digital History Lab, and the Women Who Mean Business Summit.

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Planning Director's Report

Mr. George Morrison, Planning Director, presented the following items before the Board of Supervisors:

- Naming of Private Drive: The Board approved the staff's recommendation to designate the private drive serving properties off Pine Top Drive as Tantrum Trail.
- Request to Schedule Public Hearing: Conditional Use Permit Case #25-031, submitted by Vulcan Lands, Inc. (Vulcan Materials), seeks approval to construct, operate, and maintain a facility for testing and maintenance of mining equipment within the Agricultural (A-1) Zoning District.
- Request to Schedule Public Hearing: Ordinance Amendment Case #25-035 concerning the Floodplain Management Ordinance. The Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for Brunswick County have been finalized. To participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the community must ensure that its Floodplain Management Ordinance and enforcement procedures comply with NFIP requirements, which includes amending the ordinance to adopt the new maps.

The Brunswick County Board of Supervisors will hold the requested public hearings at their meeting in November. Additionally, Mr. George Morrison shared a concise update on the current status of the County's solar projects, along with the pending solar applications that are awaiting review.

Finance Director's Report

Mrs. Jennifer Carter, Finance Director, presented disbursements amounting to \$2,846,242.76 as of October 15, 2025, and sought the Board's approval, which was subsequently granted.

The Board of Supervisors accepted and appropriated the following funds:

 A total of \$2,898.02 in unspent FY25 Grant Funds (Virginia Federation of Humane Societies Grant Award) designated for Brunswick County Animal Shelter which was approved for appropriation into the FY26 budget.

New Business

- VACo 2025 Voting Credentials: The Board has unanimously appointed Dr. Barbara Jarrett Harris, Chair, as the voting representative for the Brunswick County Board of Supervisors during the Annual VACo Business Meeting.
- Brunswick Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
 Building HVAC: The Facilities Committee and staff
 have recommended the approval of a new HVAC
 system installation at the Brunswick EMS Building
 for \$36,743.26 by Southern Air. The Board has
 accepted this recommendation.
- Dominion Energy Strategic Underground Program Request for Easement: The Board has approved hosting a public hearing at the regular meeting on November 19, 2025, regarding the conveyance of an easement interest in County-owned property to Dominion Energy.
- 2026 Annual Board of Supervisors Retreat: The Board will conduct its Annual Retreat with County staff in Williamsburg, VA, on January 30-31, 2026.
- Virginia Retirement System (VRS) Employee Classification Corrections: Nine employees from Brunswick County Schools were misclassified within the VRS System. It is recommended that the cost of the VRS adjustments be split equally between the County and the School Board. The County will make the initial payments to VRS as each adjustment is certified, with the Schools reimbursing the County for half of the amount before the conclusion of the current fiscal year in which the payments are made.

Appointments

On Wednesday evening, the Brunswick County Board of Supervisors made several important appointments.

Brunswick County Litter Control Council:

• Chanel Grant - Red Oak District.

Brunswick County Repurposing Committee:

- Louise Mont-Adams Red Oak District
- Quintin Kelly Powellton District

Please be advised that Brunswick County Government Offices will be closed on the following dates:

- Election Day, November 4, 2025
- Veterans Day, November 11, 2025

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Department/Agency Presentations

The following departments/agencies presented to the Board of Supervisors during their October Board meeting:

RiverStreet Networks Broadband Update: Mr. Rob Taylor shared progress on the broadband installation project in the northern half of Brunswick County by RiverStreet Networks. Currently, there are approximately 1,103 locations under construction, with 490 locations already serviced and an additional 2,298 planned for future connectivity. Various federal grants have been secured to support funding for internet access in our rural communities. To explore the possibility of bringing RiverStreet Fiber to your area, please visit their website: https://myriverstreet.net/community/brunswick-county-va/

Lake Gaston 911 Community Task Force: Members of the Lake Gaston 911 Community Task Force presented their efforts to enhance safety around Lake Gaston to the Brunswick County Board of Supervisors. The task force assists with CRP training and basic first aid, and has provided numerous businesses with AEDs to help save lives. A recent achievement, in collaboration with SDPC, includes mapping all docks onto the GIS system. Emergency road signs have been installed on bridges across the lake to aid boaters in identifying their location during emergencies. The 911 Task Force is actively seeking grants to educate the public on emergency preparedness. The Board commended the Task Force for their dedication to ensuring the safety of our patrons.

Herman Road Day Use Area Construction Update: Mrs. Dixie Daniel, the Tourism, Marketing, and Social Media Manager, provided an overview of the ongoing construction at the Herman Road Lake Gaston Day Use Site in Bracey, Virginia. The project is currently 90% complete, with remaining tasks including the installation of walkway handrails and a floating kayak and canoe launch, which are set to be installed in the coming weeks. Clary Construction estimates that the project will be finished by Thanksgiving, and a Grand Opening for the Day Use Site is planned for next Spring.













