THE BRUNSWICK BRIEF

August 22, 2025



BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUGUST 20, 2025 MEETING - RECAP

Public Hearings

On Wednesday, August 20, 2025, the Brunswick County Board of Supervisors approved the proposed lease modification and extension agreement for Hyponex Corporation. This agreement extends their lease of the industrial building located in the Brunswick County Industrial Park until September 30, 2026. Notably, the agreement includes a 4% increase in monthly payments.

VDOT Report

Ongoing Maintenance and Road Updates:

- Primary and secondary mowing ongoing, should conclude by beginning of September, weather permitting.
- Repaired potholes throughout the county.
- Tree trimming along various secondary routes.
- Ditching and shoulder work on various routes.
- Machined uppaved secondary roads and hauled stone as needed.
- Removed debris throughout the county.

Road Closures: Detours will be in place.

- Planters Road closed between Bright Leaf Road and Lawrenceville Plank Road from 8/25/25 - 9/8/25.
- Route 683 (Wilson Drive) closed between Rt. 670 (Western Mill Road) and Rt. 674 (Greentown Dr.)
- Route 686 (Fort Hill Dirt Road) closed between Rt. 46 (Christanna Highway) and Rt. 623 (Browns Creek Road).
 - Routes 683 and Route 686 are closed due to damage sustained from high water, roads will be closed until 9/3025 for repairs.

Finance Director's Report

Mrs. Jennifer Carter, Finance Director, presented a total of \$5,097,979.58 in disbursements as of August 20, 2025, and sought the Board's approval, which was granted.

The Board of Supervisors accepted and appropriated the following:

- A \$200 donation from Meredith Towing to the E911 Communications FY26 budget for the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Discovery Camp.
- A total of \$192,849.42 in disbursements to various departments, approved and appropriated back into the FY25 budget to facilitate the finalization of the FY25 budget.

Department/Agency Presentations

Rob Taylor delivered a progress report to the Board of Supervisors concerning the RiverStreet Networks Broadband initiative, which aims to provide internet access to the Freeman, Warfield, and Danieltown regions in Brunswick County.

- Currently, RiverStreet has 1,102 locations under construction.
- 490 locations are already available for service.

An additional 190 locations are expected to gain internet access by the end of October 2025.



The Board of Supervisors has accepted and appropriated the following grant awards for the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office to be appropriated into the FY26 budget:

- Virginia State Police HEAT Program Grant award of \$10,000 for the help eliminate auto theft initiative.
- Operation Ceasefire Forensic and Analytical Technology grant award of \$130,000 for upgrading investigating tools and equipment.

County Attorney's Report

On Wednesday, August 20, 2025, the Brunswick County Board of Supervisors approved the proposed Concise CAMA Software and Services Agreement contract. This software will be utilized by the Commissioner of Revenue's Office for real estate taxes and assessment records. The Board also adopted the resolution to amend procurement policies and procedures.



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Planning Director's Report

Mr. George Morrison, Planning Director presented the following to the Board of Supervisors.

• Request to Schedule Public Hearing: Rezoning Case #25-023, submitted by Heidi Schenker, applicant/owner to rezone the subject property from Agricultural (A-1) to Residential, General, District (R-2) to allow the applicant to subdivide the subject property into a twelve (12) lot subdivision. The Board will schedule the public hearing for their September Board meeting.

New Business

Centenarian Birthday Recognition: The Centenarian Birthday Recognition program has been officially approved, facilitating the acknowledgment of residents in Brunswick County who have reached the remarkable milestone of 100 years of age. Look for updates and the application on our website in the near future.

FY26 Southside Behavioral Health Performance Contract: The Brunswick County Board of Supervisors has approved the FY26 Southside Behavioral Health Performance Contract that was presented.

Cooling Tower Replacement Albertis S. Harrison Courthouse: The Brunswick County Board of Supervisors has approved a quote from Southern Air for the replacement of the twenty-year-old cooling tower at the Albertis S. Harrison Courthouse, amounting to \$98,751.80. This is a much needed upgrade to the current HVAC system.

Appointments

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

Brunswick County Repurposing Committee:

- Herb Brown Jr. Sturgeon District
- Scott Vincent Meherrin District
- Sheila Coleman Red Oak District



Additionally, modifications were made to the Repurposing Committee guidelines, which now include:

- Meetings scheduled quarterly at 5:30 PM.
- Allowing two representatives per district.
- Terms stipulating that a Supervisor can remove and replace a representative after missing two consecutive meetings.

Southside Planning District Commission:

• Leslie Weddington - Reappointment.

Economic Development Director's Report

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

- The Virginia Gateway Region and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) recently hosted a lunch-and-learn event, allowing Brunswick County to showcase various properties available for development and connect with regional partners to further market our assets. This event also afforded the Brunswick County Economic Development team an opportunity for a private tour of a data center.
- Legacy T's & Lounge is set to open soon. A new owner, emerging from the previous Brunswick County Country Club, will reopen the golf course and pro shop, alongside a new restaurant and lounge. Further updates will be provided as they become available.
- The Crater Planning District Transportation
 Authority is assisting Brunswick County in exploring
 transportation services connecting Brunswick to
 Petersburg. This initiative aims to improve access to
 larger job markets and additional health services for
 the residents of Brunswick County.
- The VGR Welcome Event is scheduled for Thursday, August 21, 2025, from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Brunswick County Economic Development, in collaboration with Greensville County and the City of Emporia, will host a welcome event for our new regional economic development partner at the Brunswick County Conference Center.
 - Project Stonewall: Construction crews commenced boring under Highway 58 on Monday, August 18, 2025, to install essential utilities for the Brunswick County IT Industrial Park, beginning with water utilities, followed by sewer connections.
- Project Whitehouse: Chris Suber, Developer of Project Whitehouse Development LLC, provided an update to the Board regarding the hotel project. They are currently finalizing their franchise agreement with the Wyndham Hotel Group, which is expected to take approximately two to four weeks. Upon completion, the existing Hotel Elle signage will be replaced with the new branding, including Wyndham's logo.
- Powelltown District Town Hall Meeting: Staff attended this event and provided updates from the Economic Development Department to the citizens of the County in attendance.

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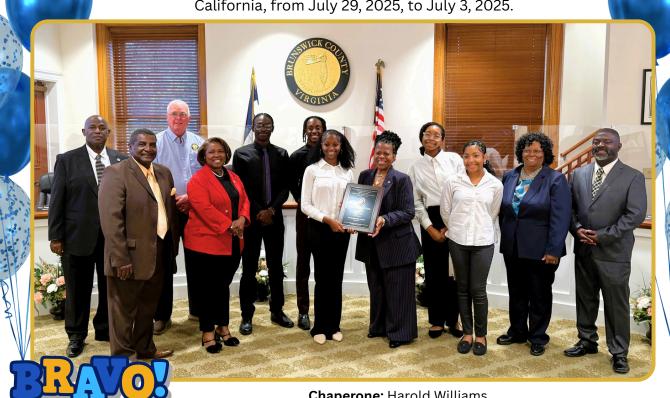
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Presentations

The Brunswick County Board of Supervisors proudly acknowledges the Future Business Leaders of America Chapter for their participation in the FBLA Nationals held in Anaheim, California, from July 29, 2025, to July 3, 2025.





Chaperone: Harold Williams

Chapter Advisor/Chaperone: Regina Williams

FBLA Workshop Attendees: Andrew Craft, Samira Crutchfield,

Kennedi Drummond, Kori James, Meziah Townsend Electronic Career Portfolio Competitor: Bianca Jones





The Brunswick High School FBLA students paused to express their gratitude to the Brunswick County Board of Supervisors for their support on their journey to Nationals, while also sharing insights about their experiences during the trip. Mrs. Williams, the Chapter Advisor, mentioned that their chapter has achieved recognition as a Gold Champion Chapter.