

BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY 20, 2026 MEETING – RECAP

Public Hearings

On Wednesday, June 17, 2026, the Brunswick County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing to address the following matter:

Ordinance Amendment Case #26-017: The Brunswick County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on Ordinance Amendment Case #26-017, which proposes changes to Article 23 regarding Solar Facilities, focusing on Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) due to updates in Virginia law. This amendment aims to align local regulations with state legislation promoting renewable energy and clarifying local government responsibilities, following the passage of several Senate and House Bills. Localities must comply with these mandates by July 1, 2026.

The Board of Supervisors approved the amendment and adopted the proposed resolution endorsing necessary zoning changes with clarifications from the Berkley Group.

VDOT Report



VDOT crews are currently engaged in a range of maintenance activities, which include:

- The first cycle of primary mowing is underway.
- Pothole repairs are being conducted on various routes throughout the county.
- Brush and limb cutting is taking place as needed across the county.
- Ditching operations are ongoing on multiple routes.
- Washed-out sections are being repaired by grading and spreading stone on dirt roads as necessary.
- Comprehensive checks for maintenance and safety issues are being performed on routes countywide.
- Additionally, litter patrol activities are also being carried out.

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will host a Design Public Hearing regarding the replacement of the Robinson Ferry Road Bridge over the Meherrin River in Brunswick County. This event is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2026, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Brunswick County Conference Center, located at 100 Athletic Field Road, Lawrenceville, VA.

Please report any roadway concerns to **1-800-367-7623**.

Brunswick County Public Schools Report

Finance Report:

As of May 29, 2026, the FY26 Revenues and Expenditures data from the Bright System indicates that Brunswick County Public Schools (BCPS) has utilized \$31,952,048.90 from its categorical budget. Additionally, BCPS has received a total of \$29,224,594.15 in revenue. The FY26 budget was established based on an Average Daily Membership (ADM) of 1,293, while the current ADM stands at 1,351 as of March 31, 2026.

Presentations

Special Recognition



Sylvia Allen, Editor of the Brunswick Times Gazette, has been recognized for her remarkable contributions to Brunswick County through her outstanding writing. After 29 years of devoted service, Sylvia will be retiring, effective July 2026. The Board and her colleagues extend their best wishes for her future endeavors.

Resolution - Meherrin River Regional Jail Refunding Bond Financing

The Brunswick County Board of Supervisors has approved an amendment to the Support Agreement with the Meherrin River Regional Jail Authority to facilitate the refinancing of 2016 revenue bonds, with the goal of achieving debt service savings. This amendment reaffirms the County's commitment to supporting the Jail Authority's debt obligations alongside the Virginia Resources Authority (VRA), while also ensuring that all financial commitments remain contingent upon annual appropriations.

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Planning Director's Report

Mr. George Morrison, the Planning Director, presented the following items for consideration to the Board of Supervisors:

Rezoning Case #26-011: Lake Gaston Resort has submitted a request to rezone their property from Business District (B-1) to Residential General District (R-2). This change is intended to enable the construction of a single-family dwelling to house the property manager of Lake Gaston Resort, with the possibility of future use as a short-term rental. The Board has approved this rezoning request.

Special Event Permit - Browntown Farms July 4 Event: Mr. Herbert Brown, representing Browntown Farms, is requesting approval for a Special Entertainment Permit in line with Article II of the Outdoor Musical or Entertainment Festivals Ordinance of the Brunswick County Code. The event is set for Saturday, July 4, 2026, running from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Attendees can look forward to food trucks and a variety of vendors. The Board has granted approval for this special event permit.

The Brunswick County Board of Supervisors has approved the following requests to **schedule public hearings** for July, which will be presented before the Planning Commission and the Board:

- **Rezoning Case #26-019 and Conditional Use Permit #26-020:** Submitted by Eddie Morrison, this request seeks to rezone a portion of the subject property from Agricultural (A-1) to Business (B-1) and to amend Conditional Use Permit Case #16-024 to expand the existing Poplar Point Marine parking and marine-related boat storage, located in the Meherrin Magisterial District.
- **Conditional Use Permit #26-012:** Submitted by Virginia Electric and Power Company (d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia) to construct, operate and maintain a substation in the Powellton Election District to be known as the Powellton Substation in the Agricultural (A-1) Zoning District.
- **Comprehensive Plan Amendment Case #26-018:** Proposed amendment to Section 4.6 Utilities: *Challenges and Opportunities: Utilities*.
 - Addition of **Alternative (Renewable Energy) Power** to be included after page 60 of the **Comprehensive Plan [Telecommunications and Broadband Fiber]** and before **Brunswick County Today and Tomorrow** within Section 4.7 Economy Industry of the Brunswick County, VA Comprehensive Plan 2037.

Solar Projects Update: Mr. George Morrison, the Planning Director, also provided the Board and public attending the monthly meeting with a Solar Projects update.

- Simmer Solar, LLC will be hosting a formal Community Meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 6:00 PM in Red Oak Hall, 12 Second Avenue, Alberta, VA 23821.
- Red Oak Solar Farm LLC will be scheduling a future site visit with the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission within the first full week of August.
- Dominion Energy Virginia has notified County Administration and Staff that the Bellflower Solar project has been terminated.
- Monarch Solar reported that on April 27, 2026, the Hearing Examiner recommended approval for their project, which has now entered a 30-day response period. Following this, the Commission will review the records and issue a final order. Furthermore, Monarch is nearing another important interconnection milestone with PJM interconnection. As part of the TC2 Study Cluster, their team expects to receive Phase II Study Results in June of this year.
- Honeybee Solar has requested to modify Conditional Use Permit (CUP) #21-030 by adding four parcels due to a wetland delineation that revealed previously unrecorded wetland resources, reducing developable acreage. They aim to maintain the approved 300 Megawatts while proposing changes to the existing conditions.

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Planning Director's Report - Continued.

2232 Review for Conditional Use Permit Case #26-010: This review pertains to Conditional Use Permit Case #26-010, submitted by CEP Solar, LLC, representing Red Oak Solar Farm, LLC, located within the Agricultural (A-1) Zoning District. The purpose of this assessment is to determine whether the request from Red Oak Solar, LLC for a Conditional Use Permit for a proposed solar energy facility—designated as a “public utility facility” under Virginia Code Section 15.2-2232(A)—is in substantial alignment with the Brunswick County, VA Comprehensive Plan 2037. This evaluation will focus on the general location, character, and extent of the proposed facility in relation to the Comprehensive Plan.

Department / Agency Presentations

Greenville Memorial Foundation Grant Award: Mrs. Devon Jackson, Director of Emergency Communications, announced that the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office has received a \$5,000 grant from the Greenville Memorial Foundation. This funding will be allocated for the purchase of first aid kits, their contents, and Hands-Only CPR kits, which will be utilized during the Public Safety Discovery Camp scheduled for July 2026. This grant equates to approximately \$100 per child attending the camp. These funds will be appropriated to the E911 Communications FY26 budget for the camp.



Old Business

FY27 Consolidated County Budget Approval: The Brunswick County Board of Supervisors has officially adopted the proposed Appropriation Resolution for the County's Fiscal Year 2027 Budget, as presented by the Finance Director.

Appointments

The Board of Supervisors tabled the following appointments until their July monthly meeting:

- **Brunswick County Board of Zoning Appeals**
 - Totaro District - Tabled.
- **Brunswick County Litter Control Council**
 - Meherrin District - Tabled.
 - Powellton - Tabled.
- **Meherrin Regional Library Board**
 - Totaro District - Tabled.
- **Roanoke River Service Authority**
 - Current Member term expires 6/20/26

Economic Development Director's Report

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

Live, Work, Play: The Economic Development Director informed attendees and Board members that several recent developers have expressed interest in locations, such as Brunswick County, that facilitate a lifestyle where employees can live, work, and play. These developers are focused on the revitalization of towns and communities and seek to explore ways to enhance the overall quality of life for their employees.

“Let's Talk Business” Event: The "Let's Talk Business" event was hosted by the Brunswick County Economic Development Department in partnership with RISE. The event centered around discussions about the entrepreneurial ecosystem, networking best practices, and promoting business growth. Attendees pledged to support local shopping. Additionally, the event showcased strategies for scaling and expanding your business, as well as launching a new venture from scratch.

Saint Paul's Improvement Association: Saint Paul's Improvement Association is pleased to announce a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the newly renovated kitchen area and upgrades. This event will take place on August 28, 2026, at 11:00 AM. A formal invitation will be issued shortly.



See you there! August, 22, 2026 - Jazz on the Square

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New Business

Initiating Resolution for Zoning Text Amendment:

During the Board meeting, the Board of Supervisors of Brunswick County, Virginia adopted a resolution to initiate updates to the county's zoning ordinance. The amendments will specifically address data center uses, private power generation, and related buildings and structures.

These updates are a response to new legislation passed during the 2026 General Assembly regarding local regulation of solar and energy storage projects. By officially initiating this process, the Board has directed county staff and the Planning Commission to draft the new zoning rules and schedule them for required public hearings.



National Association of Counties Voting Credentials:

The Brunswick County Board of Supervisors has designated Chair Welton Tyler as their voting representative for the upcoming National Association of Counties meeting in July. Dr. Alfonzo Seward will serve as the alternate representative for the Board.

Solid Waste Department – Surplus Property

The Solid Waste Department has identified an asset that is no longer necessary for operational use. This asset has either reached the end of its useful life, requires repairs that exceed its value, or has been replaced by newer equipment to enhance service efficiency. Retaining this asset in the County's inventory incurs unnecessary costs related to maintenance, storage, and insurance. Therefore, it is in the County's best interest to remove the asset from service.

The staff has evaluated the asset designated for surplus and determined it is no longer suitable for regular use. Below is the detailed information for the asset, including its make, model, and year, for the Board's review:

- 1997 Hudson Trailer, VIN# 10HHSE165V1000970.

The Board approved staff's recommendation of the mentioned surplus property for disposal through sealed bids.



Solid Waste Department - Convenience Center Grading and Erosion Control Bid Award: The Solid Waste Department invited bids for grading services required at various convenience center locations throughout the County, as well as for erosion control at two specific sites. Frank's Lawn Service was the sole bidder, submitting a proposal of \$24,750.00. The Board approved this bid to address the grading and erosion control needs at the designated convenience center sites.



Mid-Year Review: The Board has scheduled a Quarterly Meeting for Brunswick County Administration and Department Heads on Monday, June 29, 2026, at 6:00 PM. The meeting will take place at the Brunswick County Conference Center, where each department will provide updates following the Board's Retreat held in March.

Brunswick County Employee Appreciation Day: The Board has scheduled an Employee Appreciation Day for Monday, August 3, 2026, commencing at 11:00 AM. The event will take place in the Board Room of the Brunswick County Government Building. The Board hopes this event will not only show gratitude but also strengthen the community spirit among county employees.

Brunswick County Citizen Input Form: The Brunswick County Board of Supervisors welcomes feedback from residents regarding county services, programs, and priorities. Please use this **form** to share your comments, concerns, or suggestions.

<https://forms.gle/YkJxAYBAvkXsX74y7> 

County Administrator's Report

Ms. Leslie Weddington, the County Administrator, presented the Board with a comprehensive report outlining the administrative activities for May. This report also included updates from various County Departments, each submitted by their respective Department Heads.

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Finance Director's Report

Mrs. Jennifer Carter, the Finance Director, reported total disbursements amounting to \$685,157.61 as of June 17, 2026, and subsequently sought the Board's approval, which was granted.

The Board also voted to approve Check Register 161024 pertaining to Vendor #6279 for payment to The Hammond Group Consulting in the amount of \$3,333.33. This expenditure will be allocated under the Economic Development budget for FY26, specifically for lobbying services.

General Fund Revenue Appropriations: The Finance Director presented the following appropriations from the general fund, which are essential for supporting the ongoing departmental reconciliations:

- **Sheriff's Office - Law Enforcement and Traffic Control:** \$19,884.71 (Auto Insurance Claims).
- **Sheriff's Office - Animal Control:** \$123.10 (Revenue generated from the Virginia DMV special license plate program). Additionally, \$3,290 in donations and adoption fees were received.
- **Clerk of Circuit Court:** \$8,801.15 in reimbursements from the Virginia Compensation Board.
- **Economic Development / Capital Projects:** \$126,125.23 in grant fund reimbursement from the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission.

The Board approved the recommendation to accept and appropriate all amounts as presented for the relevant departments, totaling \$158,223.19, to facilitate the finalization of the FY26 Budget.

FY26 Appropriations - Other Funds: The Finance Director presented a request for appropriations from departments outside the County's general fund, as detailed below:

- **CSA (202):** \$294,401.69 (Child Services Act Fund, which has been over expended in FY26, necessitating funds from the Undesignated General Fund Balance to cover expenses).

The Board approved the staff's recommendation to accept and appropriate all funds as presented, thereby reconciling the FY26 budgets for the aforementioned departments.



BCSO Safety Camp Donation: The Finance Director reported that the Sheriff's Office has received a \$500 donation from Brunswick Academy for the 2026 Public Safety Discovery Camp. The Board has accepted and approved the allocation of these funds to the E911 Communications budget for FY26 to support the safety camp.

Brunswick County Public Schools request to transfer FY25 Year End Funds: Brunswick County Public Schools is requesting the transfer of \$871,997 from the FY25 year-end funds to the Brunswick County Public Schools Capital Account. These funds, which were originally allocated from state construction funding for the current project, are essential for its completion. They are earmarked for planned purchases, including furniture and playground equipment. The Board approved this request.



Brunswick County Public Schools Telehealth Grant Appropriation: Brunswick County Public Schools seeks the Board of Supervisors' approval for an additional appropriation as follows:

- Fiscal Year 2026 - Fund 205, School-Based Telehealth Mental Health Services Grant: \$218,231.25.

The Board has approved this request.



Bonus Appropriation: The 2026 General Assembly has approved a one-time bonus of 2% for constitutional officers, regional jail superintendents, and employees funded by the Compensation Board. This decision is consistent with previous budget communications and the approval of HB29, known as the "caboose bill," which amends the FY26 budget. A recommended appropriation of \$146,578 from the Undesignated General Fund has been proposed to finance this bonus within the current fiscal year, affecting relevant budget lines, including the EMS and DMV Funds. The Board has accepted the recommendation to allocate the proposed funds for the one-time 2% bonus.