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Commission on Local Government

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9:00 A.M.

**New Market Town Office - Board Room
9418 John Sevier Road
New Market, VA 22844**

Members Present

Ceasor T. Johnson, D.Min, Chair

Edwin S. Rosado, Vice Chair

Diane M. Linderman, PE

Robert W. Lauterberg

Call to Order

Members Absent

None

The Commission on Local Government (CLG) Chair, Ceasor Johnson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. LeGrand Northcutt, Senior Policy Analyst at the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) initiated a roll call vote. Mr. Northcutt informed the Chair that a quorum of Commissioners Johnson, Rosado, Linderman, and Lauterberg were present.

Administration

The agenda was adopted unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Linderman second by Commissioner Rosado.

The minutes from the January 6th regular meeting were adopted unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Linderman second by Commissioner Lauterberg.

Chair Johnson opened the floor for the public comment period. There were no public comments, and the public comment period was closed.

Chair Johnson left the meeting. Commissioner Rosado assumed the responsibilities of the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.



Staff Report and Updates

Mr. Northcutt gave an update on articles of interest to the Commission that were distributed in the meeting packet. The articles were presented for informational purposes only on issues that may relate upcoming cases before the Commission. There was no discussion.

Mr. Northcutt gave an update on the 2023 General Assembly Session. HB1671, HB2494, and HB2161 are awaiting action by the Governor and are of interest to the Commission. If the legislation is signed by the Governor and becomes law, those bills will be discussed further at the May regular meeting when staff will give a full update on the legislative session.

Cases before the Commission

Mr. Northcutt updated the Commission on the state of negotiations between Loudoun County and the Town of Leesburg and presented the proposed revised review schedule for the case.

Loudoun County and the Town of Leesburg

Commissioner Linderman suggested that the Commission’s business in the Town for this case should conclude at the end of closing arguments on Friday, August 25th, and that the Commission meet in executive session on Friday, September 8th, to discuss the case immediately following its September regular meeting. The Commission agreed with the recommendation.

Proposed Revised Review Schedule

Commissioner Lauterberg moved the adoption of the proposed revised review schedule. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Linderman and passed unanimously.

Schedule of Mandates Assessment

Ms. Wheaton, Senior Policy Analyst at DHCD, presented the proposed schedule of mandates assessments for 2023 to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Linderman moved to adopt the schedule with a second by Commissioner Lauterberg. The motion passed unanimously.

FY21 Fiscal Stress Report

Ms. Wheaton gave an update on the FY21 Fiscal Stress Report. Report results will be delayed for six months to allow four remaining localities to submit their financial information to the Auditor of Public Accounts.

Other business

The Commission discussed its meeting schedule for the remainder of the year and any potential attendance conflicts. To accommodate Commissioner Rosado’s travel schedule, the start time of the May meeting might change.



Executive Session

The Commission convened in executive session to discuss the Voluntary Settlement Agreement between the Town of New Market and Shenandoah County.

Adjournment

After returning from executive session, Commissioner Rosado moved to adjourn until the next regular meeting with a second by Commissioner Linderman. The motion passed unanimously.

