



Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

October 15, 2025

MINUTES

Chair Angelena Kearney Dunlap called the October 15, 2025 Work Session to order, followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. Other Commissioners in attendance were Tare Davis, Al Cooper, Victor Hunt, and Bertadean Baker. Others in attendance included County Manager Crystal Smith, Assistant County Manager Matt Garner, County Attorney Shiekel Richardson, and Interim Finance Officer Chuck Murray.

1. ADOPT SUGGESTED AGENDA

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Baker, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Suggest Agenda was approved.

For transparency, Commissioner Hunt stated that he participates as a patron and a vendor at the Farmers Market. He further stated that he has disclosed this information to the County Attorney and they do not feel that there is a conflict that would prevent him from participating in discussions or votes regarding the Farmers Market project.

2. PRESENTATIONS

A. Solar Farms: Property Values, Land Use, and Policy Considerations - Dr. Chenyang "Nate" Hu, Ph.D., Virginia Tech

Dr. Chenyang "Nate" Hu, Ph.D. of Virginia Tech attended through Zoom and provided information regarding solar farms and property values, land use and siting trade-offs, decommissioning risks, and policy options.

3. FOLLOW UP

A. Consider Approval of ABC Commission Request to Realign Membership to Have Terms Ending in June:

Corei Somerville - Current Term Ending Date of March 2028 - Change to June 2028

Effie Adams - Current Term Ending Date of November 2027 - Change to June 2027

Danylu Hundley - Current Term Ending Date of October 2025 - Change in Term Ending Date will be Addressed with Reappointment or Appointment

Steve Pelfrey - Current Term Ending Date of June 2026 - No Change

Henry Durham - Current Term Ending Date of June 2028 - No Change

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Baker, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the ABC Commission request to realign membership to have all terms end in June was approved as presented.

B. Definition of Relationship Between ABC Commission and Warren County - County Attorney Shiekel Richardson

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Senior Center Updates - CPL

Ellison Laughton of CPL provided an updated site plan and information on the proposed Senior Center. The estimated project cost is \$11,795,963.

B. Consider Approval of Agreement Between Warren County Government and the Warren County Tourism Development Authority (TDA) Board Establishing the Terms and Conditions for the Position of TDA Manager

On motion of Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the agreement between Warren County Government and the Warren County Tourism Development Authority (TDA) Board establishing the terms and conditions for the position of TDA Manager was

approved. The funding source for this position is Occupancy Tax revenues.

C. 429 W. Ridgeway Street Farmers Market Project - Farmers Market Project Committee

On motion of Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, and duly carried by a 4-1 vote, the purchase of the pavilion for the Farmers Market and submission of application to Local Government Commission to apply for funding through loans was approved. Commissioner Davis cast the nay vote. On motion of Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Cooper, and duly carried by a 4-1 vote, the bid from G & G in the amount \$2,847,840 for construction of the Farmers Market Pavilion was approved. Commissioner Davis cast the nay vote.

D. Board of Commissioners Retreat Date

By consesus, the Board of Commissioners agreed that the Board Retreat will take place on November 6, 2025.

E. Rental Facilities Updates

County Manager Crystal Smith provided information regarding the rentals of facilities such as the Armory, Senior Center Cafeteria, 429 E. Ridgeway Street, Courthouse, Library, and Recreation Facilities. A group will be looking over current rental policies to make recommendations on necessary changes to current regulations and fees.

F. Consider Acceptance of 2025 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Funding in the Amount of \$93,450 and Warren County Matching Funds of \$40,050, for a Total Project Cost of \$133,500. A Budget Amendment is Required for this Project - Connie Calloway, Grants and Contracts

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the 2025 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Funding in the amount of \$93,450 and requiring matching funds of \$40,050 was approved.

5. ADJOURN October 15, 2025 BOARD MEETING

On motion of Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Cooper, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the October 15, 2025 Work Session was adjourned.

Paula Pulley, Clerk to the Board