



Mathews County Board of Supervisors

Special Called Meeting/Workshop
Board of Supervisors and MCVFD
27 Court Street
Mathews, VA 23109

Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dave Jones , Chairperson.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL / ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board of Supervisors Members	Vice-Chair Paul Hudgins
Present:	Supervisor Jackie Ingram
	Supervisor Mike Walls
	Chairperson Dave Jones

Board of Supervisors Members	Melissa Mason
Absent:	

Staff Present:	Mrs. Ramona Wilson, County Administrator, Clerk
	Ms. Judi Green, Senior Executive Associate and Deputy Clerk to the Board

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: On Motion of Paul Hudgins, seconded by Jackie Ingram, the Mathews County Board of Supervisors voted 4-0-0 as follows: Paul Hudgins, Jackie Ingram, Mike Walls, Dave Jones - aye; None - nay; to Approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Paul Hudgins, Vice Chair - Aye
Jackie Ingram, Supervisor - Aye
Mike Walls, Supervisor - Aye
David Jones, Chairperson - Aye

5. FIRE STATION #1 DISCUSSION

Presentation has been published with the original packet.

Donnie Lewis, President of the MVFD stated that one of the main reasons for the need for a new fire station is to improve the safety of our growing community. Many of the county's events are held on the

court green, causing congestion, lack of parking and the danger of citizens attending these events parking in front of the current fire station. The current building was built in 1974 and no longer provides the space needed for parking the fire trucks.

Ronnie Lewis, Fire Chief of the MVFD explained the lack of space concerns. The latest truck created a \$3,000.00 additional expense in door modifications in order to park the truck inside.

Steve Ray, Assistant Fire Chief of the MVFD, expressed the lack of having a ladder truck due to space limits. There are several locations within the county that would have to be burned down in order for the current fire trucks to be able to reach them. A larger building would also allow for larger fundraisers. Currently, the only space is upstairs, making it difficult for the elderly and handicapped to participate. Chairperson Dave Jones told the volunteers that the county is lucky to have them as volunteers-knowing they all work full-time jobs as well. The board is aware that fire station one has outlived its use. RFP's will be put on the eVA website as well as the county website. The next step will be to obtain some grants to help with funding. The conversation continued with suggestions and ideas moving forward. The video link can be found on our meeting portal @ [Special Called Workshop Meeting](#)

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZEN COMMENTS *(One opportunity of 3 minutes per speaker)*

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: On Motion of Paul Hudgins, seconded by Mike Walls, the Mathews County Board of Supervisors voted 4-0-0 as follows: Paul Hudgins, Jackie Ingram, Mike Walls, Dave Jones - aye; None - nay; to Adjourn

Roll Call Vote:

Paul Hudgins, Vice Chair - Aye

Jackie Ingram, Supervisor - Aye

Mike Walls, Supervisor - Aye

David Jones, Chairperson - Aye

Dave Jones, Chairman
Mathews County Board of Supervisors

Ramona Wilson, County Administrator
Clerk to the Board

Judi Green, Senior Executive Associate
Deputy Clerk to the Board