

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA
MINUTES
Special Meeting
February 7, 2018

Call to Order A special meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Meg Bohmke, Chairman, at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, in the Board Chambers, George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center, 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, VA.

Roll Call The following members were present: Meg Bohmke, Chairman; Gary F. Snellings, Vice Chairman; Jack R. Cavalier; L. Mark Dudenhefer; Wendy E. Maurer; and Cindy C. Shelton. Note that the George Washington District Supervisor position was vacant due to Mr. Robert “Bob” Thomas, Jr.’s election to the Virginia General Assembly representing the 28th District.

Also in attendance were: Thomas C. Foley, County Administrator; Rysheda McClendon, Deputy County Attorney; Marcia C. Hollenberger, Chief Deputy Clerk; associated staff and other interested parties.

Mrs. Maurer motioned, seconded by Mr. Dudenhefer, to adopt the agenda presented.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (6) Bohmke, Cavalier, Dudenhefer, Maurer, Shelton, Snellings
Nay: (0)

Ms. Bohmke noted that the Board called a special meeting to hold interviews of the candidates selected from the applicants for the vacancy of the George Washington District Supervisors seat on the Board of Supervisors. Those chosen for interviews were Thomas C. Coen, Gordon Silver, and Anthony DeTora.

CLOSED MEETING

At 10:02 a.m., Mr. Snellings motioned, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to adopt proposed Resolution CM 18-06.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (6) Bohmke, Cavalier, Dudenhefer, Maurer, Shelton, Snellings
Nay: (0)

Resolution CM18-05 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Board desires to hold a Closed Meeting for discussion, consideration, and interviews of candidates for an interim appointment to the vacant George Washington District Supervisor seat; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1) such discussion may occur in Closed Meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 7th day of February, 2018, does hereby authorize discussion of the above matter in Closed Meeting

CLOSED MEETING CERTIFICATION

At 1:30 p.m., Mr. Snellings motioned, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to adopt proposed Resolution CM 18-05(a).

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (6) Bohmke, Cavalier, Dudenhefer, Maurer, Shelton, Snellings

Nay: (0)

Resolution CM-18-05(a) reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY THE ACTIONS OF THE STAFFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN A CLOSED MEETING ON FEBRUARY 7, 2018

WHEREAS, the Board has, on this the 7th day of February, 2018, adjourned into a Closed Meeting in accordance with a formal vote of the Board and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, as it became effective July 1, 1989, provides for certification that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stafford County Board of Supervisors does hereby certify, on this the 7th day of February, 2018, that to the best of each member's knowledge: (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were discussed in the Closed Meeting to which this certification applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion by which the said Closed Meeting was convened, were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board.

Following the Closed Meeting, Ms. Bohmke announced that Mr. Thomas C. Coen had been chosen to fill the vacancy on the Board of Supervisors representing the George Washington District.

Mr. Snellings motioned, seconded by Mrs. Maurer to appoint Mr. Coen to the George Washington District seat until an election could be held, which had been approved by the Circuit Court, on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

Ms. Kathy Sterne, Clerk of the Circuit Court, was on hand to swear in Mr. Coen, who held his family bible for the ceremony. Several members of County staff assembled in the Board Chambers to witness Mr. Coen's swearing-in ceremony and applauded and welcomed Mr. Coen to the Board.

Mr. Coen took his seat at the dais and thanked the Board for their vote of confidence in him. He said he was touched and honored and also appreciated the public support. Mr. Coen said that he worked with the County's fabulous staff while on the Planning Commission and at Student Government Day. He hoped to learn a great deal from his fellow Board members who he considered to be friends. He also gave tribute to former George Washington District Supervisors, Dr. Harry Crisp, and Delegate Robert "Bob" Thomas, Jr. who he also considered friends. Mr. Coen concluded his remarks paying tribute to his mother, a phenomenal individual, saying that anything good that he accomplishes was due to her character and qualities... and there was a lot of work to be done.

Ms. Bohmke said that she and her fellow Board members were excited to welcome Mr. Coen to the Board and thanked her colleagues for working well on the process to so efficiently take care of Mr. Coen's appointment.

Adjournment At 1:45 p.m., the Chairman declared adjourned the February 7, 2018 special meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors.

Thomas C. Foley
County Administrator

Meg Bohmke
Chairman