

FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Carysbrook Performing Arts Center
8880 James Madison Hwy, Fork Union, VA 23055
April 19, 2023
Regular Meeting 7:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mozell Booker, Fork Union District, Chair
Patricia Eager, Palmyra District, Vice Chair
John M. (Mike) Sheridan, Columbia District
Tony O’Brien, Rivanna District
Chris Fairchild, Cunningham District

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Eric M. Dahl, County Administrator
Kelly Harris, Assistant County Administrator
Fred Payne, County Attorney
Caitlin Solis, Clerk for the Board of Supervisors

1 - CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, & MOMENT OF SILENCE

At 7:02pm, Chair Booker called to order the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2023. After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed.

3 - ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION:	Accept the Agenda, for the April 19, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors, as presented.				
MEMBER:	Mrs. Booker	Mrs. Eager	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:		Second		Motion	
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

4 - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Dahl reported on the following topics:

Announcements and Updates - New Employees

- Daniel Mowery, Park Maintenance Worker, Parks & Recreation, Started April 10th

Celebrating Children’s Fair hosted by Fluvanna Social Services

- Open to children, parents, and caregivers
- Carysbrook Elementary School
- Saturday, April 29th from 10:00am to 12:00pm
- Free and fun activities, and giveaways

Drive-Thru Rabies Clinic

- Fluvanna High School, 1918 Thomas Jefferson Pkwy, Palmyra, VA 22963
- Saturday, APRIL 22, 2023 from 9:00am to 12:00pm
- COST: \$10.00 (cash only)
- Please remain in your vehicle. Remember to have your dogs on leashes and cats in carriers (1 cat per carrier).
- Vaccines are good for 1 Year.
- 3-Year vaccines will also be available – must bring proof of your pet’s current rabies vaccination!
- Pre-registration form should be filled out and returned prior to clinic. Pick one up at FSPCA. or go to <https://fspca.org> -OR- Scan QR Code

Easter Egg Hunt In The Park

- Parks & Recreation’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 8 at 10am promptly. Egg hunt lasted approximately 12 minutes with over 200 youth hunting eggs!
- We had 4 hunt zones with a total of 7,000 eggs spread out with one “Golden” egg in each zone worth an Easter basket if found.
 - Infant to 3 = 2,000 eggs
 - 4 to 6 = 2,000 eggs
 - 7 to 9 = 2,000 eggs
 - 10 to 12 = 1,000 eggs
- Special THANK YOU to the High School SGA and FUMA Interact clubs whom assisted with various aspects of the event!

Recent Ribbon Cuttings

- U-NIQUE DEE-ZINES, Jodee Jones, Owner, Main Street, Palmyra
- TOWN & COUNTRY STORAGE, Tom Schauder, Owner, South Boston Road, Palmyra

Business Advisor Office Hours

- Meet to discuss business concept, operations, concerns, marketing strategy, and funding opportunities.
- Ariel Bredder, Assistant Director and Business Advisor with SBDC Central Virginia.
- April 27, 1:00pm to 4:30pm
- Fluvanna Chamber Office, 177 Main St, Palmyra VA

Next BOS Meetings:

Day	Date	Time	Purpose	Location
Wed	Apr 26	7:00 PM	BOS Special Meeting – TBD – Adopt FY24 Budget & CY23 Tax Rate	Performing Arts Center
Wed	May 3	5:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Performing Arts Center
Wed	May 17	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting	Performing Arts Center

5 - PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

At 7:09pm, Chair Booker opened the first round of Public Comments.

- Perrie Johnson, 229 Pine Ln, thanked the Board for their consideration and any help they can offer the schools.
- Raghvendra Singh, thanked the Board for all they do.
- James Shoenster, 843 Jefferson Dr, spoke in favor of fully funding the schools budget request.
- Patsy Brown, 22 Mulligan Dr, spoke in support of funding mental health programs in the schools.
- James Kelly, 363 Manor Blvd, spoke in favor of fully funding the FCPS budget request.
- Christopher Kopf, 19 Ashton Rd, asked the Board who among them was not prepared to fully fund the school budget.
- Haden Parrish, 4514 Ruritan Lake Rd, spoke in favor of fully funding the schools.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chair Booker closed the first round of Public Comments at 7:27pm.

6 - PUBLIC HEARING

None.

7 - ACTION MATTERS

County Attorney Temporary Hire – Eric Dahl, County Administrator

Frederick W. Payne is retiring from the private practice of law and will not be a partner in the law firm of Payne & Hodous, L.L.P. from and after May 1, 2023. Since the County has not hired a full-time in-house County Attorney at this point and Mr. Payne is retiring from private practice, he has agreed to assist the County and be hired as a temporary County Attorney employee from May 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023, at a rate of \$3,000.00 per month. Mr. Payne will continue to provide legal counsel in an oversight capacity, attend the two Board of Supervisors meeting per month, attend the one Planning Commission meeting per month, take part in some pre and post meeting preparation and advise the Deputy and Assistant County Attorney’s with Payne & Hodous, L.L.P., d/b/a DeLoria & Hofmann LLP.

MOTION:	Approve the temporary hire of Frederick W. Payne, as an employee for the Fluvanna County Attorney position, representing the County during the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission meetings and other meeting preparation as required, effective May 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, at a monthly salary of \$3,000.00.				
MEMBER:	Mrs. Booker	Mrs. Eager	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:		Second		Motion	
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

Fluvanna County Deputy and Assistant County Attorney Services Agreement – Eric Dahl, County Administrator

The deputy and assistant county attorneys serve at the pleasure of the Board in accordance with an annual contract. This Agreement removes flat rate services or charges. Instead, all services shall be billed hourly at the rates below:

- DeLoria, deputy county attorney--\$328 (formerly \$275)
- Hofmann, deputy county attorney--\$300 (formerly \$230)
- Boggs, assistant county attorney--\$215 (formerly \$165)

MOTION:	Approve the Fluvanna County Deputy and Assistant County Attorney Services Agreement for the deputy and assistant county attorney services, and the continued appointment of Donna R. DeLoria and Kristina M. Hofmann as deputy county attorneys and the continued appointment of Jeremy L. Boggs as assistant county attorney.				
MEMBER:	Mrs. Booker	Mrs. Eager	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:		Second			Motion
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

Fiscal Year 2024 Operations Budget and Tax Rates – Tori Melton, Director of Finance
FY24 Budget Highlights

- Budget totals \$104,199,759
 - Real Estate tax rate of \$0.84 (Equalized Tax Rate \$0.775) (FY23 - \$0.870)
 - Results in a tax increase of 8.38% for the average homeowner.
 - increase in Personal Property tax rate from \$3.70 to \$4.10 (per \$100 of assessed value)
 - No change to the Business and Public Utility Personal Property tax rates (Remains at \$2.90 per \$100 of assessed value)
 - No change to the Machinery & Tools tax rate (Remains at \$1.90)
- Overall increase in total County expenditures by \$5 million, a 5.12% Increase from the FY23 amended budget
 - Largest decreases:
 - Emergency Management: \$484K (Transition from contract to County Department)
 - Largest Increases:
 - Capital Improvements Plan: \$1.6 million
 - Emergency Services: \$1.6 million (Transition from contract to County Department)
 - Schools: \$100K (\$2.2 million County Contribution increase and \$2.1 decrease from State/Federal)
 - County Operations: \$1.2 million (Multiple County Departments)
 - Enterprise Funds: \$84K
 - COLA & Health Insurance: \$887K - 7% COLA for all County staff (\$218K offset by state/fed), health insurance increase.

New Positions:

Position	Department	Notes
Included in FY2024 Adopted Budget (planned for July 2023)		
Asst. County Administrator	County Admin	Position Upgrade
Director of Utilities	Public Utilities	Position Upgrade
Park Maintenance Worker	Parks & Rec	Convert PT to FT
County Attorney	County Attorney	New FT Position
Asst. County Attorney	County Attorney	New FT Position
Paralegal/Legal Secretary	County Attorney	New FT Position
IT System Engineer	Information Tech	New PT Position
Court Deputy	Sheriff	New FT Position
HVAC Apprentice	Public Works	New FT Position
Small Business and Tourism Specialist	Economic Development	New FT Position
8 EMT ALS Provider	Emergency Services	New FT Position
8 EMT BLS Provider	Emergency Services	New FT Position
EMS Supervisor	Emergency Services	New FT Position
Chief of Fire and EMS	Emergency Services	New FT Position
EMT ALS & BLS Providers	Emergency Services	New PT Positions
Not Included in FY2024 Adopted Budget		
Carpenter	Public Works	New FT Position

After further discussion by the Board of Supervisors, amendments were made to the presented resolution. A summary of the changes are as follows:

- Increase to the real estate tax rate from \$0.844 to \$0.844 per \$100 of assessed value.
- Decrease to the personal property tax rate from \$4.15 to \$4.10 per \$100 of assessed value.

MOTION:	Adopt the resolution entitled “A Resolution to Adopt the FY24 Operations Budget, Set the Tax Rates and Appropriate Funds.”				
MEMBER:	Mrs. Booker	Mrs. Eager	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:				Second	Motion
VOTE:	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	3-2				

- Fiscal Year 2024 – 2028 Capital Improvements Plan – Tori Melton, Director of Finance
- FY24 Capital Improvements Plan outlines expenditures that are included in the FY24 budget. FY25-28 Capital Improvements Plan items are approved as planning projects only.
 - This action will allow administration and staff to plan projects and resources accordingly.

MOTION:	Adopt the resolution entitled “Adoption of the FY2024-2028 Capital Improvements Plan.”				
MEMBER:	Mrs. Booker	Mrs. Eager	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:				Motion	Second
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

- Waiver to Administer an Existing Split Precinct for Elections in 2023 and Future Years – Eric Dahl, County Administrator
- The Code of Virginia, 24.2-307, requires the elimination of split precincts for elections held in November, 2022 and all subsequent elections. Fluvanna has one split district in the Cunningham District, near the Town of Scottsville – House Districts 55 and 56.
 - This waiver must be requested yearly as long as the split precinct exists. The proposed resolution will allow the General Registrar to submit waiver requests on behalf of the Board in future years without further Board action.
 - The Department of Elections requires a copy of the minutes from a Board of Supervisors meeting, in which the governing body formally requests a waiver until such a time as redistricting can be completed.

MOTION:	Adopt the resolution approving the request for “Waiver to Administer a Split Precinct” for elections held in 2023; and authorizing the General Registrar to complete the procedures, including submission of requests for waiver on behalf of the Board, required to administer the Cunningham District and Precinct as a split precinct for elections held in 2023 and thereafter; all as set forth in the resolution.				
MEMBER:	Mrs. Booker	Mrs. Eager	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:		Second	Motion		
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

7A – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

MOTION:	Move the Board of Supervisors approve the following Board, Commission, or Committee appointment(s)/reappointments(s):				
BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE		APPOINTEES	APPT/ REAPPT	BEGINS TERM	ENDS TERM
Economic Development Authority (EDA) – At-Large Position		Jeffrey Potter	Appt	4/19/2023	6/30/2023
MEMBER:	Mrs. Booker	Mrs. Eager	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:			Second		Motion
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

8 – PRESENTATIONS

None.

9 - CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved under the Consent Agenda for April 19, 2023:

- *Minutes of April 5, 2023* – Caitlin Solis, Clerk to the Board
- *Minutes of April 12, 2023* – Caitlin Solis, Clerk to the Board
- *Accounts Payable Report for March 2023* – Tori Melton, Director of Finance
- *Magic City Vehicle Purchase Agreement* – Tori Melton, Director of Finance
- *Proclaiming April 23-29, 2023 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week* – Kelly Harris, Assistant County Administrator
- *Job Description update Communications Operations Coordinator* – Director of Human Resources, Donna Snow
- *Job Description update Director of Communication and Technology* – Director of Human Resources, Donna Snow
- *Job Description Communications Services Technician* – Director of Human Resources, Donna Snow
- *NetMotion Mobility Renewal* – Donna Allen, Purchasing Officer

MOTION:	Approve the consent agenda, for the April 19, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting, and to ratify Accounts Payable and Payroll for March 2023, in the amount of \$ 2,791,219.77.				
MEMBER:	Mrs. Booker	Mrs. Eager	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:				Second	Motion
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

10 - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

11 - NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Fairchild asked what the original cost was for the Zion Crossroads Waterline, any additional costs, and where the project costs are now. Mr. Dahl offered to bring it back at a future meeting.

12 - PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

At 8:32pm, Chair Booker opened the first round of Public Comments.

- James Kelly, 363 Manor Blvd, thanked the Board for the funding of the schools, and condemned threatening communications that had been expressed to the Board.
- Perrie Johnson, 229 Pine Ln, thanked the Board for the funding for the schools.
- Christopher Kopf, 19 Ashton Rd, reiterated previous comments and asked the Board how long they believe their inaction will be tolerated by their constituents.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chair Booker closed the first round of Public Comments at 8:37pm.

13 - CLOSED MEETING

MOTION:	At 8:37pm, move the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors enter into a closed meeting, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.2-3711 A.1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for the purpose of discussing Personnel – Employee dismissal, and County Attorney Position.				
MEMBER:	Mrs. Booker	Mrs. Eager	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:				Motion	Second
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

MOTION:	At 9:09pm, move the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors recess the closed meeting.				
MEMBER:	Mrs. Booker	Mrs. Eager	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:				Motion	Second
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

14 - ADJOURN

MOTION:	Adjourn the regular meeting of Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 9:11pm.				
MEMBER:	Mrs. Booker	Mrs. Eager	Mr. Fairchild	Mr. O’Brien	Mr. Sheridan
ACTION:			Second		Motion
VOTE:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RESULT:	5-0				

Caitlin Solis
Clerk to the Board

Mozell H. Booker
Chair

APPROVED



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Fluvanna
Palmyra, Virginia

RESOLUTION No. 10-2021

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FY24 OPERATIONS BUDGET,
SET THE TAX RATES AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS**

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors to approve and control the County’s fiscal plan for FY24; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has received numerous staff reports; received comments from residents at a duly advertised public hearing on April 12, 2023; and has reviewed each request for funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors this 19th day of April 2023, that the Fluvanna County budget totaling **\$104,186,374** is adopted and the tax rates for FY24, the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, are set as given below:

COUNTY TAX RATES

Real Estate	\$0.844 per \$100 of assessed value
Mobile Homes	\$0.844 per \$100 of assessed value
Public Service Corps.	\$0.844 per \$100 of assessed value
Personal Property (Residential)	\$4.10 per \$100 of assessed value
Personal Property (Business)	\$2.90 per \$100 of assessed value
Personal Property (Public Utilities)	\$2.90 per \$100 of assessed value
Machinery & Tools	\$1.90 per \$100 of assessed value

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors does hereby budget and appropriate to the COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET the following revenues and expenditures; this appropriation is also conditioned on the understanding that, with regard to the operating budget for the School system, revenues received from the Commonwealth will be expended prior to local dollars:

GOVERNMENTAL REVENUES

Local	\$53,703,490
State	37,654,720
Federal	<u>5,112,405</u>
TOTAL	\$96,470,615

GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES

General Government Administration	\$ 3,787,321
Judicial Administration	1,580,686
Public Safety	12,494,233
Public Works	3,137,639
Health and Welfare	6,816,620
Education	53,240,498
Parks and Recreation	1,253,332
Community Development	1,453,403
Non-Departmental	1,183,968
Debt Service	<u>10,050,599</u>
TOTAL	\$ 94,998,299

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for budgeting and accounting purposes, the adopted budget revenues and expenditures for the Capital Improvements fund are set as follows:

Capital Fund Revenues*	
Local Use of General Fund Balance	\$ 3,648,123
Grants	1,825,535
Proceeds from Indebtedness	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	\$ 5,473,658
Capital Fund Expenditures	
Governmental	\$ 75,000
Community Services	173,500
Public Works	2,173,658
Public Safety	2,021,500
Schools	<u>1,480,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 5,923,658

*Capital fund revenues are supplemented by transfers from the General Fund.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that for budgeting and accounting purposes the adopted budget revenues and expenditures for the Enterprise funds are set as follows:

	Expenditures	Revenues
School Food Service	\$1,676,898	\$1,676,898
Fork Union Sanitary District	399,421	399,421
Palmyra Sewer*	223,059	20,000
Zion Crossroads Water and Sewer*	965,039	145,782
TOTAL	\$3,264,417	\$2,242,101

*Palmyra Sewer and Zion Crossroads Water and Sewer Fund revenues are supplemented by transfers from the General Fund.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors at the annual Organizational Meeting of the Board held on the 19th day of April, 2023;

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	MOTION	SECOND
Mozell H. Booker, Fork Union District	X					
Patricia B. Eager, Palmyra District		X				
Anthony P. O’Brien, Rivanna District	X					X
John M. Sheridan, Columbia District	X				X	
Christopher Fairchild, Cunningham District		X				

Attest:

Mozell H. Booker, Chair



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Fluvanna
Palmyra, Virginia

RESOLUTION No. 11-2021

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FY24-28 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

At a meeting of the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors held in the Carysbrook Performing Arts Center at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors, the vote being as shown below and recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors to approve the County’s Capital Improvements Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvements Plan recommends the initiation and completion of numerous capital projects based upon staff recommendations and citizen input; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on the proposed Capital Improvements Plan on April 12, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has approved the FY2024 Capital Improvements Budget as part of the overall Fluvanna County Budget;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors that the FY 2024-2028 Capital Improvements Plan hereby be approved.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors at the annual Organizational Meeting of the Board held on the 19th day of April, 2023;

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	MOTION	SECOND
Mozell H. Booker, Fork Union District	X					
Patricia B. Eager, Palmyra District	X					
Anthony P. O’Brien, Rivanna District	X				X	
John M. Sheridan, Columbia District	X					X
Christopher Fairchild, Cunningham District	X					

Attest:

Mozell H. Booker, Chair
Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Fluvanna
Palmyra, Virginia
RESOLUTION No. 12-2023

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A
WAIVER TO ADMINISTER A SPLIT PRECINCT FOR
HOUSE DISTRICTS IN THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA**

WHEREAS, the Cunningham District of Fluvanna County is a single precinct; and
WHEREAS, a portion of the Town of Scottsville lies in the Cunningham District/Precinct; and
WHEREAS, the House of Delegates Redistricting Map (2021) placed the Town of Scottsville voters in House of Delegates District 55 while the remainder of Fluvanna County is wholly contained in House of Delegates District 56;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia:

That the foregoing recitals are incorporated herein by reference;
That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the General Registrar to complete the procedures required by applicable law, including but not limited to Virginia Code Section 24.2-307, and the Virginia Department of Elections to administer the Cunningham District/Precinct as a split precinct pursuant to the 2021 redistricting for elections held in 2023 and thereafter until such time as either (i) this resolution is revoked by action of the Board of Supervisors, or (ii) the following split is removed:

<u>Precinct Number & Name</u>	<u>Split Precinct</u>
401 - Cunningham	House Districts 55, 56;

That, without limiting the foregoing, the request for “Waiver to Administer a Split Precinct” for elections held in 2023 is approved and the General Registrar is authorized to submit such request and subsequent requests in accordance with this resolution on behalf of the Board of Supervisors;
And, that this resolution shall be in effect from and after its adoption.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors at a meeting of the Board held on the 19th day of April 2023, by the following vote:

Supervisor	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	MOTION	SECOND
Mozell H. Booker, Fork Union District	X					
Patricia B. Eager, Palmyra District	X					X
Anthony P. O’Brien, Rivanna District	X					
John M. Sheridan, Columbia District	X					
Chris Fairchild, Cunningham District	X				X	

ATTEST:

Caitlin Solis, Clerk

Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Fluvanna
Palmyra, Virginia

PROCLAMATION 02 - 2023

**National Crime Victim's Rights Week
April 23 - 29, 2023**

WHEREAS, crime victims' rights acts passed in Virginia and at the federal level guarantee victims the right to meaningful participation and use of their voice in the criminal justice process; and

WHEREAS, victim service providers, advocates, law enforcement officers, attorneys, and other allied professionals can help survivors find their justice by enforcing these rights; and

WHEREAS, including and elevating the voices of survivors makes certain they are heard and seen and creates a path to forging and sustaining community trust; and

WHEREAS, engaging survivors creates responses and services that are credible, meaningful, and centered on individual needs; and

WHEREAS, survivors' lived experiences can serve as a catalyst for implementing innovative programs, shifting existing programs in new directions, and changing policies or practices that prevent survivors from accessing services or pursuing justice; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to listening to crime survivors in every space where decisions are made that could impact them; and

WHEREAS, the Fluvanna Victim/Witness Assistance Program is hereby dedicated to amplifying the voices of survivors and creating an environment where survivors have the confidence that they will be heard, believed, and supported; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors does hereby **PROCLAIM** that the week of April 23-29, 2023 as **Crime Victims' Awareness Week**, Reaffirming our county's commitment to creating victim service responses that assist all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and expressing our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice and peace.

Passed and adopted this 19th day of April, 2023.

Mozell H. Booker
Chair, Board of Supervisors