

January 28, 2026

**Virginia:**

AT A CONTINUED MEETING of the Nelson County Board of Supervisors at 5:00 P.m. in the Thomas D. Harvey Meeting Room (#420) located on the fourth floor of the Nelson County Courthouse, in Lovingston, Virginia.

Present: Dr. Jessica L. Ligon, South District Supervisor  
Jesse N. Rutherford, East District Supervisor - Vice Chair  
J. David Parr, West District Supervisor  
A. Cameron Lenahan, North District Supervisor  
Candice W. McGarry, County Administrator  
Amanda B. Spivey, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk

Absent: Ernie Q. Reed, Central District Supervisor – Chair

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Ligon called the continued meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. with four (4) Supervisors present to establish a quorum. Mr. Reed was absent.

**II. CONFIRMATION AND END OF LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION (R2026-04)**

Ms. McGarry explained the County declared a local emergency on January 25, 2026, and the Board needed to confirm that declaration within five (5) days of the declaration. She noted that staff was proposing that the declaration be confirmed, and also declare that said emergency has ended. She explained that proposed Resolution R2026-04 would confirm and end the emergency declaration.

Mr. Rutherford moved to approve **Resolution R2026-04** as presented. Mr. Parr seconded the motion and there being no further discussion, Supervisors approved the motion by vote of acclamation, and the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION R2026-04  
NELSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY TO EXIST IN  
NELSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

**PREAMBLE**

Pursuant to the provisions of §44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia, Nelson County's Director of Emergency Services declared on January 25, 2026, the existence of a local emergency due to the extremely hazardous winter weather conditions that were impacting Nelson County and the inability of the Board of Supervisors, due to the extreme weather conditions, to convene in public session to formally declare the local emergency. Subsequent to the emergency declaration on January 25, 2026 and pursuant to §44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia and Nelson County Code Article III, Section 2-74, the Board of Supervisors has convened in a continued meeting to formally declare the local emergency and, to take similar action to end the declared emergency, as set forth hereinafter, as follows:

**AT A CONTINUED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NELSON COUNTY,  
VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE NELSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN LOVINGSTON, VIRGINIA,  
ON JANUARY 28, 2026 AT 5:00 P.M...**

**RESOLUTION R2026-04 DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY TO EXIST IN NELSON  
COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Nelson County, Virginia, does hereby find as follows:

1. That due to the occurrence on January 25, 2026 of extreme and severe winter weather conditions, Nelson County is facing a condition of extreme peril to the lives, safety and property of the residents of Nelson County;
2. That as a result of this extreme peril, the proclamation of the existence of an emergency is necessary to permit the full powers of government to deal effectively with this condition of peril.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED** by the Board of Supervisors of Nelson County, Virginia, that a local emergency now exists throughout Nelson County; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of this emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the Emergency Services organization and functions of Nelson County shall be those prescribed by the Laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Ordinances, Resolutions, and approved plans of Nelson County in order to mitigate the effects of said emergency.

**AND, IT IS LASTLY PROCLAIMED** by said Board of Supervisors, meeting in public session this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026 to formally declare a local emergency that began on January 25, 2026, that this Board now acts in accordance with §44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia and Nelson County Code Article III, Section 2-74 to formally establish that the herein declared emergency has now ended.

### **III. OTHER BUSINESS (AS PRESENTED)**

Mr. Rutherford asked if there was a reschedule date for the joint work session with the Planning Commission that was initially planned to take place that evening. Ms. McGarry noted that the initial purpose of that meeting was to bring Mr. Lenahan up to date on the Zoning ordinance updates and staff would now set up a time to meet with him to do that. She indicated that she did not think the joint meeting would be rescheduled. Ms. Spivey indicated that that next joint work session would take place on April 1, 2026, following public engagement.

Mr. Lenahan asked the Board and staff about updating the County Code to match the State Code regarding local emergency declarations which would change the timeframe of confirming a local emergency from five (5) days to forty-five (45) days. Ms. McGarry proposed that the Board could authorize a public hearing on that amendment at their next meeting.

### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:05 p.m., Mr. Rutherford moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Lenahan seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Supervisors approved the motion by vote of acclamation and the meeting adjourned.