

MEETING MINUTES

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BILL WOOLF, BRENTSVILLE*

March 18, 2025

*ABSENT FROM MEETING
** ATTENDED MEETING VIRTUALLY

6:30 P.M.

Development Services Building, Room 107

Open Meeting

Chair Laurie Wilson opened the meeting at 6:37 PM.

Approval of Minutes-

Minutes of the February 18, 2025, Board meeting were approved [CT, LHT; approved].

Public Comment

None.

Presentation

Georgia Bachman, Acting Director, Community Services (CS) spoke to the Board about the Crisis Receiving Center.

Tonya Golden, Acting Assistant Director, DSS Homeless Services, presented a report on Panhandling.

Action Items

None.

Chairman's Time

Chair Wilson asked the Board if any member has an interest in taking her place as DSSAB's representative to the Housing Board.

Director's Time

- Social Worker Appreciation Month proclamation was given at today's BOCS meeting.
- Pinwheel Garden planting will be on April 8 at the McCoart Ellipse. DSS is asking that folks wear 'blue' to the event and well as to wear blue every Friday during the month of April in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- Work session with BOCS On April 1, the Director will be attending a 2 PM work session with BOCS. The session will focus on the current proposed PWC Budget. DSS currently has 15 positions included in the budget. The Director asked Advisory Board members to reach out to their Supervisors and ask for their support for these positions.
- March 25 there will be a meeting with BOCS on the current County vacancy rate.
- Donated Mobile Unit The mobile unit donated to DSS by Serving Our Neighbors is up and ready to go! Will be dropped off at Manassas Presbyterian Church and a press release will be sent announcing the mobile unit to the public. Unit will be staffed and open every Wednesday and Thursday to serve the homeless in the west end of the County from 3 PM 6 PM in the Manassas Presbyterian parking lot.
- Child Advocacy Center aiming for full accreditation on April 2nd and 3rd.

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Board Members' Time

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

MOTION made to adjourn the meeting [IO, CF; unanimous]. Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:17 PM.

APPROVED: Linda Meier
Clerk to Board