



**York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office  
Citizens' Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 18, 2024**



**CAC Community Forum - Minutes Approval by Chair/Committee: Approved**

**Present:** Amy Brown, Toni Chavis (Zoom), Shana Gist, David Gorwitz, Eileen O'Brien, Stephen Roane, Tara Taylor, D'Shawn Wright

**CHAIR:** D'Shawn Wright and Rob Carpenter

**YPSO:** Maj. Tommy West, Lt. Damon Radcliffe, Deputy First Class James Robinson

**Secretary:** Linda Hutchinson, 11/18/24 minutes by Eileen O'Brien

**Bylaws & Membership:** David Gorwitz

**Treasurer:** Krystyn Reid

**AGENDA TOPICS:**

1. **Call to Order** – Chair D'Shawn Wright called the meeting to order around 6:00pm.

**1. Chair and Community Updates: D'Shawn Wright**

- Please mark your calendars and attend, if possible: Monday, November 25 at 7pm, York County School Board Office, upstairs in main hall. Our own Linda Hutchinson will be honored by York Middle School for her work with her therapy dog River. This work connects with CAC through a connection established three years ago at the Back to School event in Lackey.
- Tara Taylor will be the new administrator of the CAC Facebook page.

**2. Board of Supervisors Update: Stephen Roane, BOS Chair**

- The recent joint session with the Board of Supervisors and the School Board was productive. Many topics were raised, including school safety, population growth and the potential impact on schools. Discussions also included traffic overflows due to fewer bus riders and increased parent drop-off/pick-up especially at Dare, Grafton Bethel, York Middle, Tabb, and others.
- Several new businesses have opened in York County, including an assisted living facility and an ice rink, named Chilled Ponds, whose co-owner also owns Norfolk Admirals. As a sign of respect, for one game they are switching the name to Yorktown Admirals to show support
- BOS is seeking more input from county residents on its website <https://www.flashvote.com/yorkcountyva> which currently has a couple hundred users. The BOS would like to see a couple thousand. Each poll runs for a limited time, then closes. An example of a poll topic is: Wo we really need another vape shop?

- A new concern the BOS is soon to consider is the cost of recycling which is potentially prohibitive. The supervisors will be scheduling town hall meetings to explore alternative solutions to curbside residential pickups, as well as on the budget in general.
- Related to budget and limited services: Since Animal Control does not have an after-hours line, there is concern about whom to contact when a dog is loose in later hours. Major West informed said that at those hours citizens should call the YPSO and they are able to call out Animal Control.

### 3. YPSO Updates – Maj. Tommy West

- Recent serious crimes in county include one homicide off Goosley Rd., several burglaries into businesses especially vape shops, and some brutal acquaintance rapes. All have resulted in arrests. Close to 30 threats to schools have been reported since the start of the school year. YPSO takes each seriously. It is important to note that behavioral, non-criminal accusations are administrative matters to be handled by school authorities, not police.
- The Celebration of Life service for K-9 Saber who died of cancer in late October had an outpouring of community support, with approximately 500 people in attendance. Between a large donation from Bargain Box and various private donors for items such as bulletproof vest, there will be no taxpayer cost for a new K-9. The search is underway.
- This year's Shop with a Cop, a community service for children and families in need, is set for Saturday, December 7 at 7am at WalMart Tabb. Over 100 children are scheduled to participate. Sheriff's deputies will also deliver food to families' homes.

### 4. Other Business:

- Mayflower shift is available November 22 from 3-5pm. Contact D'Shawn if interested. Individuals are requested to volunteers as there are no longer group volunteers.
- "Not in York County" t-shirts (hoodies, and all style and color choices) are available now, at a cost of \$25 with \$5 going to the YPSO K9 program.
- **Community Concerns:** Members discussed the lack of places for teens to socialize since law enforcement may be called as youths gather on private business properties, such as Kroger. Brainstorming will continue, so the community can come together to create mutually beneficial solutions for teens, families, business owners, and community.

### 5. Membership and Bylaws: David Gorwitz

A second drive for applications for CAC membership was issued, increasing the application pool from 16 to 30. Chairman Wright in consultation with Sheriff will select the three new members. Current members will vote on them at the December meeting, and they will be introduced at the January meeting.

### 6. Adjournment – Chairman Wright adjourned the meeting at 7:15pm

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2024.