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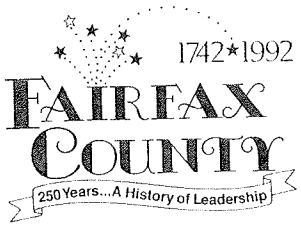

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FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – 1991
Audrey Moore, Chairman, elected at-large
Martha V. Pennino, Vice Chairman, Centreville District
Joseph Alexander, Lee District
Sharon Bulova, Annandale District
Thomas M. Davis, III, Mason District
Katherine K. Hanley, Providence District
Gerald W. "Gerry" Hyland, Mount Vernon District
Elaine McConnell, Springfield District
Lilla Richards, Dranesville District

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Richard A. King, Acting County Executive

FAIRFAX COUNTY HISTORY COMMISSION – 1991
Patrick Reed, Chairman
Reverend Clinton Austin, Vice Chairman
Elise R. Murray, Treasurer
Glenda F. Amick
Donna L. Blackwell
Lea Coryell
Jack L. Hiller
Marty Kaplan
William A. Klene
Virginia B. Peters
Suzanne Rehder
Milburn Sanders
Donald J. Senese, Ph.D.
Edith M. Sprouse
Mayo S. Stuntz

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ADVISORY PANEL (1974–1976)
Bernard N. Boston
M. Patricia Carey
Louis F. Gorr
John K. Gott
Joseph L. Harsh
Robert W. Kenny
Charles P. Poland, Jr.
Ronald J. Savage
Edith M. Sprouse
Mayo S. Stuntz
William L. Whitesides

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MEMBERS, FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Board of Supervisors Minute Books, 1870-1976

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BOSMB No. 1, p. 1
25 July 1870

First meeting, Board of Supervisors form of government

Jonathan H. Gray, President
W. M. Day (Dr.)
Courtland Lukins
John G. Worthington
Henry D. Rice
Richard Hirst

BOSMB No. 1, p. 23
7 August 1871

J.H. Gray, Chairman
J. G. Worthington
J. B. Coleman
Frank Sherman
H.D. Rice
C. Lukins

BOSMB No. 1, p. 46
5 August 1872

J.H. Gray
Frank Sherman
H.D. Rice
John B. Coleman
A.W. Pearson
John G. Worthington, Chairman

BOSMB No. 1, p. 52
10 March 1873

J.H. Gray
A.W. Pierson
John B. Coleman
C.F. Ford

BOSMB No. 1, p. 58
25 August 1873

J.H. Gray
A.W. Pierson
Ira Williams
John B. Coleman
James P. Machen, Chairman
Wm. M. Fitzhugh

BOSMB No. 1, p. 72
December 1874

A.W. Pierson, Chairman
O.E. Hine
Burdett Skinner
John B. Coleman
J.H. Gray

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E.F. Ford

BOSMB No. 1, p. 83
October 1875

J.B. Coleman, Chairman
Ira Williams
R.F. Roberts
R.S. Rotchford
C.F. Ford

BOSMB No. 1, p. 95
20 April 1876

J.B. Coleman
Ira Williams
R.L. Rotchford
R.F. Roberts
C.F. Ford
A.W. Pierson

BOSMB No. 1, p. 120
7 November 1877

J.B. Coleman, Chairman
Job Hawxhurst
R.L. Rotchford
C.F. Ford
George B. Ives
A.W. Pierson

BOSMB No. 1, p. 155
28 July 1879

Job Hawxhurst, Chairman
J.B. Coleman
J.J. Moran
Francis C. Davis
C.F. Ford
A.W. Pierson

BOSMB No. 1, p. 195
25 July 1881

F.C. Davis
J. B. Coleman, Chairman
C.F. Ford

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William Hunter
J.M. Thorne

p. 198

W.S. Smoot

BOSMB No. 1, p. 239
23 July 1883

J. B. Coleman
F.C. Davis
C.F. Ford
Job Hawxhurst
J.M. Thorne, Chairman

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S.H. Snowden

BOSMB No. 1, p. 268
30 June 1884

J.M. Thorne, Chairman
J.B. Coleman
F.C. Davis
C.F. Ford
S.H. Snowden
J.T. Ginnelly

BOSMB No. 2, p. 1
November 1884

J.M. Thorne, Chairman
J.B. Coleman
F.C. Davis
C.F. Ford
J.T. Ginnelly
S.H. Snowden

BOSMB No. 2, p. 16
27 July 1885

Capt. William P. Graham, President
S.H. Snowden
J.H. Hurst
E.S. Fairfax
C.F. Ford
J.T. Reynolds

BOSMB No. 2, p. 77
25 July 1887

J.T. Reynolds, President (Providence District)
Haywood Davis
C.F. Ford
J.H. Hurst
Walter Walton
George K. Pickett

BOSMB No. 2, p. 95
27 February 1888

J.T. Reynolds, Esq., Chairman
Walter Walton
J.H. Hurst
George K. Pickett
C.F. Ford
Haywood Davis

BOSMB No. 2, p. 138

Walter Walton, Chairman
Haywood Davis
C.F. Ford
J.H. Hurst
Benjamin Kenyon
_____ Payne

BOSMB No. 2, p. 194
27 July 1891

J.H. Hurst, Chairman
Benjamin Kenyon
G.K. Pickett
H.D. Rice
Benjamin Simpson
_____ Thomson

BOSMB No. 2, p. 209
28 March 1892

J. H. Hurst, Esq., Chairman
_____ Thompson
Benjamin Simpson
H.D. Rice
G.K. Pickett
Benjamin Kenyon

BOSMB No. 2, p. 240
24 July 1893

G.K. Pickett, Chairman
Haywood Davis
J.H. Hurst
Benjamin Simpson
Walter Walton
Franklin Williams

BOSMB No. 2, p. 251
4 December 1893

George Auld replaces Pickett
J.H. Hurst becomes Chairman

BOSMB No. 2, p. 254
1 January 1894

R.C. Triplett is appointed to fill vacancy left by death of Walter Walton

BOSMB No. 2, p. 254
1 January 1894

J.H. Hurst, Chairman
George Auld
Haywood Davis
Benjamin Simpson
R.C. Triplett
Franklin Williams

BOSMB No. 2, p. 295
22 July 1895

John H. Hurst, Chairman
George Auld (Falls Church)
H.D. Rice (Lee)
Benjamin Simpson (Centreville)
R.C. Triplett (Mount Vernon)
Franklin Williams (Providence)

BOSMB No. 2, p. 311
6 April 1896

John H. Hurst, President
George Auld
H.D. Rice
Benjamin Simpson
R.C. Triplett
Franklin Williams

BOSMB No. 2, p. 354
26 July 1897

John H. Hurst, Chairman
A.L. Lukens
H.D. Rice
Benjamin Simpson
J.M. Thorne
F. Williams

BOSMB No. 2, p. 408
1 May 1899

George T. Harrison is appointed to fill vacancy left by death of Benjamin Simpson

BOSMB No. 2, p. 423
1899

H.D. Rice, Chairman
George Auld
George T. Harrison
J.S. Pearson
Richards C. Triplett
Franklin Williams

BOSMB No. 2, p. 438
2 January 1900

H.D. Rice, Esq., Chairman
George Auld
George T. Harrison
J. S. Pearson
R.C. Triplett
Franklin Williams

BOSMB No. 3, p. 10
22 July 1901

R.L. Spindle (Centreville)
H.D. Rice (Lee)
Richards C. Triplett (Mount Vernon)
J. George Auld (Falls Church)
J.S. Pearson (Dranesville)
Franklin Williams, Sr. (Providence)

BOSMB No. 3, p. 97
25 January 1904

George Auld, Chairman (Falls Church)
G.H. Burke (Lee)
J.S. Pearson (Dranesville)
R.S. Spindle (Centreville)
Richards C. Triplett (Mount Vernon)
Franklin Williams (Providence)

BOSMB No. 3, p. 191
6 January 1908

George Auld, Chairman (Falls Church)
R.R. Buckley (Centerville)
G.H. Burke (Lee)
J.S. Pearson (Dranesville)
F. Williams, Sr. (Providence)
R.C. Triplett (Mount Vernon)

BOSMB No. 3, p. 194
7 February 1908

W.F.P. Reid, Jr. (Mount Vernon) is appointed to fill vacancy left by death of R.C. Triplett.

BOSMB NO. 3, p. 382
1 January 1912

R.R. Buckley, Chairman (Centreville)
G.H. Burke (Lee)
John S. Pearson (Dranesville)
W.F.P. Reid (Mount Vernon)
F. Williams, Sr. (Providence)
Thomas A. Williams (Falls Church)

BOSMB No. 3, p. 503
6 May 1914

R.R. Buckley, Chairman (Centreville)
G.H. Burke (Lee)
John S. Pearson (Dranesville)
W.F.P. Reid (Mount Vernon)
Franklin Williams, Sr. (Providence)
Thomas A. Williams (Falls Church)

BOSMB No. 3, p. 505
3 June 1914

Franklin Williams, Sr. elected Chairman
D.Lee Sanders is appointed to fill vacancy left by R.R. Buckley's resignation.

BOSMB No. 3, p. 525
1 September 1914

Frank L. Ballenger is appointed to fill vacancy left by T.A. Williams' resignation.

BOSMB No. 4, p. 1
July 1915

Franklin Williams, Sr., Chairman
D. Lee Sanders
G.H. Burke
W.F.P. Reid
F.L. Ballenger
J.S. Pearson

BOSMB No. 4, p. 43
3 January 1916

J.R.M. Gheen (Centreville)
G.H. Burke (Lee)
W.F.P. Reid (Mount Vernon)
Frank L. Ballenger, Chairman (Falls Church)
Ronald Blake (Providence)
George F. Harrison (Dranesville)

BOSMB No. 4, p. 296
20 January 1920

D.W. Buckley, (Centreville)
Nathan C. Davis (Lee)
W.F.P. Reid (Mount Vernon)
Franklin L. Ballenger, Chairman (Falls Church)
Ronald Blake (Providence)
George F. Harrison (Dranesville)

BOSMB No. 4, p. 417
8 February 1922

C. Norman Stewart is appointed to fill vacancy left by death of Nathan C. Davis

BOSMB No. 5, p. 1
2 January 1924

D.W. Buckley (Centreville)
C.N. Stewart (Lee)
W.F.P. Reid (Mount Vernon)
F.L. Ballenger, Chairman (Falls Church)
Harry V. Leigh (Providence)
George F. Harrison (Dranesville)

BOSMB No. 5, p. 268
7 September 1927

W.F.P. Reid, Chairman (Mount Vernon)
D.W. Buckley (Centreville)
C.N. Stewart (Lee)
Harry V. Leigh (Providence)
George F. Harrison (Dranesville)
Victor C. Donaldson (Falls Church)

BOSMB No. 5, p. 303
2 January 1928

W.F.P. Reid, Chairman (Mount Vernon)
D.W. Buckley (Centreville)
C.N. Stewart (Lee)
C.H. Powell (Falls Church)
Harry V. Leigh (Providence)

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Mark Turner (Dranesville)
Kyle A. Davis is appointed to fill the vacancy left by death of C. Norman Stewart.

BOSMB No. 6, p. 1
6 January 1930

W.F. Reid, Chairman (Mount Vernon)
D.W. Buckley (Centreville)
C.H. Powell (Falls Church)
H.V. Leigh (Providence)
Mark Turner (Dranesville)
K.A. Davis (Lee)

BOSMB No. 6, p. 162
4 January 1932

W.F.P. Reid, Chairman (Mount Vernon)
D.W. Buckley (Centreville)
Kyle A. Davis (Lee)

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W.H. Ellmore (Dranesville)
G. Wallace Carper (Providence)
C.H. Powell (Falls Church)

BOSMB No. 7, p. 1
3 October 1934

W.F.P. Reid, Chairman (Mount Vernon)
G. Wallace Carper (Providence)
W.H. Ellmore (Dranesville)
D.W. Buckley (Centreville)
C.H. Powell (Falls Church)
Kyle A. Davis (Lee)

BOSMB No. 7, p. 75
6 March 1935

John T. Blincoe is appointed to fill vacancy left by Kyle A. Davis' resignation.

BOSMB No. 7, p. 137
4 September 1935

Miss Edith Rogers is appointed to fill vacancy left by death of W.H. Ellmore (Dranesville)

BOSMB No. 7, p. 192
6 January 1936

W.F.P. Reid, Chairman (Mount Vernon)
D.W. Buckley (Centreville)
C.H. Powell (Falls Church)
John T. Blincoe (Lee)
G. Wallace Carper (Providence)
Edith Rogers (Dranesville)

BOSMB No. 8, p. 193
3 August 1938

W.F.P. Reid, Chairman (Mount Vernon)
Miss Edith Rogers (Dranesville)
D.W. Buckley (Centreville)
John T. Blincoe (Lee)
C.H. Powell (Falls Church)
G. Wallace Carper (Providence)

BOSMB No. 8, p. 552
January 1940

George Wallace Carper, Chairman (Providence)
Daniel W. Buckley (Centreville)
Maurice William Fox (Dranesville)
Charles H. Powell (Falls Church)
John T. Blincoe (Lee)
Andrew W. Clarke (Mount Vernon)

BOSMB No. 12, p. 264
10 January 1944

G. Wallace Carper, Chairman (Providence)
Daniel W. Buckley (Centreville)
Maurice W. Fox (Dranesville)
Burns N. Gibson (Falls Church) fills vacancy caused by the death of Charles H. Powell
John T. Blincoe (Lee)
Herbert Blunt (Mount Vernon) fills vacancy caused by election to the State Senate of Andrew W. Clarke

BOSMB No. 14, p. 196

E.C. Sheads (Lee) is appointed to fill vacancy left by death of John T. Blincoe.

BOSMB No. 15, p. 430-31
7 January 1948

G.W. Carper, Chairman (Providence)
Daniel W. Buckley (Centreville)
Maurice W. Fox (Dranesville)
C.B. Runyon (Falls Church)
E.C. Sheads (Lee)
Arthur I. Shaffer (Mount Vernon)

BOSMB No. 15, p. 549
19 May 1948

Robert R. Dye (Centreville) appointed to fill vacancy left by death of D.W. Buckley

BOSMB No. 19, p. 1
1 January 1952

G.W. Carper, Chairman (Providence)
Stuart T. DeBell (Centreville)
Maurice W. Fox (Dranesville)
Mrs. Anne Wilkins (Falls Church)
C.B. Jett (Lee)
Arthur I. Shaffer (Mount Vernon)

BOSMB No. 20, p. 389
7 January 1953

(Magisterial District lines redrawn)

G.W. Carper, Chairman (Dranesville)
Stuart T. DeBell (Centreville)
Maurice W. Fox (Centreville)
Anne A. Wilkins (Mason)
C.B. Jett (Lee)
Arthur I. Shaffer (Lee)

BOSMB No. 20, p. 460

Additional Supervisor elected, 3 November 1953

C. B. Runyon

BOSMB No. 24, p. 69
4 January 1956

Stuart T. DeBell
Joseph H. Freehill, Chairman
James Keith
A. Clayborne Leigh
William H. Moss
Richard P. Ovenshine
Anne A. Wilkins

BOSMB No. 25, p. 1
17 September 1956

Joseph H. Freehill, Chairman
Stuart T. DeBell
James Keith
William H. Moss
Richard P. Ovenshine
Anne A. Wilkins

BOSMB No. 25, pp. 215, 216, 370
2 January 1957

James Keith, Chairman (Providence)

BOSMB No. 26, p. 456-8
8 January 1958

Anne A. Wilkins, Chairman (Mason)

BOSMB No. 28, p. 79
7 January 1959

Stuart T. DeBell, Chairman (Centreville)

p. 137, 4 February 1959

Thomas S. Gray (Falls Church) appointed to fill vacancy left by death of Joseph H. Freehill.

BOSMB No. 30, p. 1-2
6 January 1960

Anne Wilkins, Chairman (Mason)
Stuart T. DeBell (Centreville)
A. Claiborne Leigh (Dranesville)
Robert C. Cotten (Falls Church)
William H. Moss (Lee)
George C. Landrith (Mount Vernon)
James Keith (Providence)

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John P. Parrish (Mount Vernon) appointed to fill unexpired term of George C. Landrith who resigned 8 June 1960.

BOSMB No. 33, p. 2

3 January 1962

William H. Moss (Lee) elected Chairman

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A. L. Brault (Providence) appointed to fill unexpired term of James Keith.

BOSMB No. 36, p. 1
12 June 1963

A. Claiborne Leigh (Dranesville) elected Chairman

BOSMB No. 37, p. 97
8 January 1964

Stuart T. DeBell, Chairman (Centreville)
Harriet Bradley (Dranesville)
Frederick A. Babson, Jr. (Falls Church)
Joseph Alexander (Lee)
Stanford E. Parris (Mason)
John P. Parrish (Mount Vernon)
John L. Beerman (Providence)

BOSMB No. 39, p. 232
6 January 1965

John P. Parrish, Chairman (Mount Vernon)

BOSMB No. 41, p. 432
5 January 1966

Frederick A. Babson, Jr., Chairman (Falls Church)

(Plan to have different Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 3 consecutive eight month terms.)

BOSMB No. 43, p. 196
7 September 1966

Joseph Alexander (Lee) elected Chairman

BOSMB No. 43, p. 393
18 October 1966

Frank F. Everest, Jr. (Mount Vernon) appointed to fill unexpired term of John P. Parrish.

BOSMB No. 43, p. 468
9 November 1966

C. Meade Stull (Centreville) appointed to fill unexpired term of Stuart T. DeBell.

BOSMB No. 45, p. 130
3 May 1967

John L. Beerman (Providence) elected Chairman

BOSMB No. 47, p. 218
3 January 1968

Frederick A. Babson, Chairman-at-Large
Joseph Alexander (Lee)
Donald R. Bowman (Springfield)
Harriet F. Bradley (Dranesville)
Herbert E. Harris, II (Mount Vernon)
Charles Majer (Annandale)
Harold O. Miller (Mason)
Martha V. Pennino (Centreville)
Thomas B. Wright (Providence)

BOSMB No. 58, p. 1-2

Dr. William S. Hoofnagle appointed to fill unexpired term of Frederick A. Babson

BOSMB No. 64, p. 53
19 May 1971

Virginia E. McEnearney (Springfield) appointed to fill unexpired term of Donald A. Bowman

BOSMB No. 68, p. 1
5 January 1972

William S. Hoofnagle, Chairman-at-Large
Joseph Alexander (Lee)
Herbert E. Harris II (Mount Vernon)
John Herrity (Springfield)
Alan H. Magazine (Mason)
Audrey Moore (Annandale)
Martha V. Pennino (Centreville)
Rufus Phillips (Dranesville)
James M. Scott (Providence)

BOSMB No. 70, p. 295
23 September 1972

Chairman Hoofnagle resigned.

BOSMB No. 71, p. 64
13 November 1972

Jean R. Packard, duly elected, sworn in as Chairman

Warren I. Cikins (Mount Vernon) after special election in January, 1975, replaced supervisor Herbert E. Harris, II, elected to Congress November, 1974.

BOSMB No. 82, p. 269
5 January 1976

John F. Herrity, Chairman
Joseph Alexander (Lee)
Audrey Moore (Annandale)
Martha V. Pennino (Centreville)
John P. Shacochis (Dranesville)
Marie B. Travesky (Springfield)
Warren I. Cikins (Mount Vernon)
Alan H. Magazine (Mason)
James M. Scott (Providence)