

Southside PDC Annual Dinner Meeting
Hosted by Brunswick County
The Brunswick County Conference Center | Lawrenceville, Virginia
October 30, 2025

Opening Remarks..... Tom Tanner, Chair

Welcome Message..... Dr. Barbara Jarrett Harris,
Chair Brunswick County Board of Supervisors

Special Recognition..... Andy Wells, Executive Director

Invocation..... Alfreda Reynolds,
Director of Economic Development Brunswick County

Dinner..... Catered by 313 Franklin

Southside Planning District Commission
Business Meeting

Call to Order..... Tom Tanner, Chair

Roll Call..... Andy Wells, Executive Director

Consent Agenda (motion to approve)..... Tom Tanner, Chair

- Agenda
- Meeting Minutes (July 24, 2025)
- Treasurer’s Report (September 2025)

Executive Director’s Report..... Deborah Gosney,
Outgoing Executive Director

Introduction of Speaker..... Tom Tanner, Chair

Guest Speaker: Bob Holsworth, DecideSmart, LLC

Closing Comments & Adjournment..... Tom Tanner, Chair

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Annual Dinner Meeting Speaker:

Bob Holsworth
Managing Principal, DecideSmart, LLC

Bob Holsworth, Ph.D. is one of Virginia's leading political analysts, featured in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and on major TV networks including the BBC. He is the regular political analyst for WTVR in Richmond and was named one of the "100 Influentials in Virginia Politics" by *Campaigns & Elections* magazine.

The author of five books and numerous articles, Bob was the Founding Director of both the Center for Public Policy and the Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University, where he received the university's Outstanding Teaching Award and the State Council of Higher Education's Outstanding Faculty Award. He now serves as Managing Principal at DecideSmart, a consulting firm for governments, nonprofits, and businesses.

Bob has chaired and served on multiple state commissions and boards, including Governor McDonnell's Bipartisan Redistricting Commission, Governor Warner's Efficiency and Effectiveness Commission, and Governor Wilder's Commission on Urban Areas. He also served two terms on VCU's Board of Visitors, chaired the GRASP scholarship program, and currently sits on the Executive Committee of RVA757 Connects.

He holds a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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