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[00:03:39] Good afternoon, everyone, and welcome to the afternoon session of the April 22nd Board of Supervisory Meeting, Madam Clerk. Mr. Chair, the first item on the agenda is certification of 15-day closed session pursuant to sections 2.2-3711A1 and 2.2-3712B, Code of Virginia 1950, as amended, solely for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the position of county administrator.

[00:04:06] We need a motion to certify that to the best of each member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act were discussed in closed session to which the certification applies. And only such business matters identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered by the board.

[00:04:29] Thank you, Madam Clerk. Can I please get a motion? So moved. Second. All right. Any discussion? Madam Clerk, please call the roll. Mr. Engel. Aye. Ms. Schneider. Aye. Dr. Hilton. Aye. Mr. Carroll. Aye. Dr. Miller. Aye. Item two, approval of minutes for the April 8th Board of Supervisors meeting.

[00:04:48] All right. Thank you, Madam Clerk. Board members, is there a motion to approve the April 8th minutes? So moved. Thank you. Can I get a second? Second. All right. Thank you for that. Any discussion

at all? All in favor? Aye. Item 3, request to postpone agenda items and additions, deletions, or changes in the order of presentation.

[00:05:10] Staff has one request. We would like to replace item 22A, adjournment and notice of next scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors to add the convening of a 15-day closed session. That is all we have. Thank you, Madam Clerk. Board members, is there a motion to approve the agenda as amended?

[00:05:27] So moved. Thank you. Can I get a second? Second. Thank you. All in discussion? All in favor? Aye. Aye.

[00:05:37] Madam Clerk. Item four, Everyday Excellence. Dr. Casey. Good afternoon, members of the board and the public that's here and the public that is watching. Just as we start every board meeting entitled Everyday Excellence, it's just really respecting and acknowledging that we have so many people in our organization who do so many good things on behalf of the citizens of Chesterfield County. Today is no exception. In fact, we probably should call it Every Year Excellence because it's not just a day or two or three. It's been thousands of days because I'd like to call up Chief, Police Chief Colonel Carpenter. I see Lieutenant Colonel Mike Louthier and our special

[00:06:13] everyday excellence person, Tammy Wyrick, who I didn't even know what her position title was. I just called her the go-to with intel. And if you need to know what's going on and really understand the fabric of what makes Chesterfield good from a public safety perspective and the people itself, Tammy has done that and so much more. And I think the only promise I ever made that Tammy says, this is your last police chief.

[00:06:40] Thank you, Dr. Casey, Board of Supervisors, Mr. Meeks. It's truly an honor to recognize this young lady standing here before us.

[00:06:56] She's very humble. She doesn't like recognition, but she's a pillar and cornerstone within our police department. Just want to share a few words. She's probably going to get really upset with me for putting her on the spot, but I'm going to share how much she means to this organization and the community of Chesterfield County.

[00:07:15] Ms. Tammy Warrick serves as the administrative assistant to the Office of the Chief, where she plays a pivotal role in coordinating the complex operations of the police department's executive leadership. Tammy has been employed with Chesterfield County for 30 years and recently reached her 20th anniversary in her current position serving chiefs.

[00:07:38] And she reminds me on a regular basis that I'm her fourth chief, And she didn't want any more chiefs after me. With her decades of experience and unmatched institutional knowledge, she ensures seamless communication, scheduling, and organizational alignment across command staff.

[00:07:54] She has the nickname among the staff as the boss. And I affectionately call her Command Sergeant Major. For those that have served, know what that means. Known for her professionalism, adaptability, and unwavering dedication, Tammy is a trusted resource, a steady force behind the scene, and an indispensable contributor to the effectiveness and success of the Chesterfield County Police Department.

[00:08:20] She deserves this recognition, and we are so grateful for her commitment, dedication to CCPD and the community in which we serve. And I think it's really fitting that she'd be honored today because

today is Administrative Professional Staff Day, and Tammy has been the epitome of that for over 30 years.

[00:08:40] Thank you. Any comments from the board? Mr. Engel. I just want to say thank you because recently I needed some help, and I called the chief, and he sent me to you, and you got it done.

[00:09:00] Thank you. Other comments? Ms. Schneider. Well, they do say that behind every, you know, good man is a strong woman that is taking care of everything that they, you know, allocate to them or to have them take care of.

[00:09:18] And there's another one over there. Thank you so much for, wow, 30 years and 20 years in the position. You must really enjoy what you're doing, and that's all that matters in my mind is that you get so much joy out of your work, that you stay here for that long, and thank you so much.

[00:09:41] We'll try to keep this one here for a while so you don't have to have another chief. Any other comment? Mr. Carroll. Well, other than Mike, I think I've known you longer than anybody else around here, actually.

[00:09:58] I remember when you first started. I might even help you out with a few things way back in the day, if you remember. You know, one of the things that the county, I think, it's gotten better at doing is really appreciating our support staff and administrative staff.

[00:10:16] I know there was a time that, at least from a financial position, we didn't do that. And you've always had a level of professionalism that has been amazing.

[00:10:34] And quite frankly, Frank's lucky you still want to be here, truthfully. So you can't quit, sorry, yesterday. But thank you so much. You started out where?

[00:10:53] Yeah, yeah. But you took a turn. Tell everybody some of the other places you were at. You get a mic. Yeah. No, no, because you served in a bunch of different roles. Hold the mic up.

[00:11:12] Yeah. You made a big difference in different parts of the department.

[00:11:33] That's the point about that. So thank you very much for everything you do and helping that guy to be successful. I appreciate it very much. Dr. Hillel. Just a comment about gratitude, you know, and thinking people that work with us every day for what they do. You know, I often try to imagine people not being there and the gaps that their absence would create. And so it seems like, you know, if you're not there, it'll be a huge gap.

[00:12:06] I think about that as a whole from the county. You know, different departments were not there. the gaps that we have covered while they are there. And it's very, very important to understand just the impact.

[00:12:22] And so as I hear my colleagues speak, as I hear your colleagues speak about you and their tremendous impact, it's just great to have people like you standing in the gaps for us to make sure that we have what we need.

[00:12:39] And what citizens have issues or concerns or anything like that, that you're standing there for them also in providing that quality service that we all seek to provide so just want to say thank you for that thank you dr. Hilton Tammy when did you find out about that you're going to be honored today okay so you knew something was happening yesterday afternoon

[00:13:14] or someone came in okay see that's the thing is that the minute that I knew that you were selected for everyday excellence. It was like, oh, good luck keeping this. Because you truly are, you have so many fingers and everything that's going on. And to kind of keep a lid on it, we knew it was going to be hard. So we actually did really well. But the truth is that just how humble you are, even when you were standing, getting up over there, you rolled your eyes like,

[00:13:47] okay I have to go through this but you know being able to take that in you're so good at giving it give us an opportunity to give to you and receive it with the heart that we really have and so thank you for everything that you're doing what you've done for truly mentoring four chiefs because they

[00:14:15] all knew, without a shadow of a doubt, you were the boss. So thank you. Item five, work sessions,

[00:14:36] a planning commission annual report. Mr. Gillies. Mr. Gillies, how are you? Good. Good afternoon to you all. Tommy Owens was going to make this presentation, but unfortunately he had a emergency

[00:15:11] come up with his full-time job and could not make it. So you get the B team tonight, but I think I can fill in and get most of the information to you guys. It's a great pleasure to be here. 2025, as you all know, is a pretty banner year for the Planning Commission and the Planning Department. We got a lot of things accomplished, and I'm happy to share some of those things with you today. So first of all, I wanted to at least remind you all who all was on

[00:15:44] the Planning Commission in 2025. We had Frank Petrosky, who was the chair, and we had Gibb Sloan, who was the vice chair, and then Tommy Owens for the Matoaka district, Elizabeth Hardin, of course, for Clover Hill, and then last but not least, we had Dr. Hilton at the Dale district.

[00:16:04] So it's a good team, and we accomplished a lot during that period of time. Currently, we have Mr. Owens as the chair and Ms. Harden as the vice chair, and we now have Charlita Richardson, who is the newest member taking over the appointment for the Dale District.

[00:16:24] She's doing a great job, and with her background in education, I think it's a great addition to the Planning Commission. The two big historic accomplishments, of course, that we got through in 2025 was ZOMA, the new zoning ordinance, 19.2, and its little cousin behind that, 17.1, the subdivision ordinance.

[00:16:49] Both of those things together were a huge step forward for Chesterfield County, and I think both are going to be useful tools for the future 20-plus years here in Chesterfield. In addition to that, we did one ordinance amendment.

[00:17:08] As you remember, in the fall is when we passed ZOMOD and the subdivision ordinance. And then in December, we had a tweak. We wanted to make sure we got through before the beginning of the new ZOMOD. So that was for the auto sales going to conditional use.

[00:17:26] And then we wanted to make sure that, you know, we kind of synced up with the utility ordinance, the 18 point, chapter 18. And then we also wanted to make sure that the site plans that had come in under 19.1 and 17, the original subdivision ordinance, could still be worked through with those older ordinances.

[00:17:49] So we gave them a year to kind of get all that done. So that was the amendment. And then we had four comprehensive plan amendments on top of that. And we had 104 zoning actions that took place. 86 of them were recommendations for approval, but we had five denials on some cases, and we had 13 deferrals.

[00:18:12] So I think one of the things in the years I've been here is we've really eliminated a lot of the deferral cases that we get through the cases pretty well on that particular night, and we don't have 20 or 30 deferrals like we did back in the 18s and 19s.

[00:18:35] We also had four plans reviews. This is kind of an unusual aspect of something that maybe was different than the original site plan that was proposed or the concept plan that was in the zoning ordinance would go before the planning commission.

[00:18:51] So we had four of those this last year. And then we had the substantial accord for the new park, Rockshire Park, next week. I think we have the ribbon cutting for that, which is going to be exciting. But that was our substantial accord for 2025.

[00:19:10] Moving on for the comp plan, we did four significant projects with the comprehensive plan in 2025. The first one was the Northern Route 1 corridor plan.

[00:19:28] And that went, I thought, very well and was successful in public engagement as well as the overall product of it. Dr. Hilton was very involved in that project, as well as Mr. Holland, and I thought it was a successful project.

[00:19:45] Chapter 9, we made a couple changes to the environmental chapter of the comp plan. And then Chapter 10, as you recall, in coordination with ZOMOD, we wanted to relabel some of the zoning categories, future land use categories, to have them sync up better with ZOMOD.

[00:20:06] And so that was an exercise we did. And then Chapter 13 was the transportation chapter where we eliminated the East-West Freeway. So all those very big projects that came through in 25. Oops, sorry.

[00:20:28] Did I skip one? Here we go. Yeah, again, ZOMOD was a six-year effort for us to get through. I think one of the benefits looking back is we did not hurry this process at all.

[00:20:46] We really did go through four different strong drafts of this. It took us some time. We listened to people. We had a lot of public engagement. We had a lot of meetings with you all, and so I think we came out with a good product there. Subdivision ordinance was also something we worked closely with.

[00:21:05] A lot of the surveyors and engineers and attorneys that deal with land use and made sure we were fixing some of the problematic obstacles that were within the subdivision ordinance so that it would run smoother and things could get through a little more streamlined.

[00:21:23] And then, as I mentioned earlier, we did the auto sales conditional use requirement, which I think will pay off in the long run, too. This slide you guys are normally pretty interested in. I think the general public doesn't understand that, you know, how many potential requests for zoning come in to the planning department during the year.

[00:21:47] And the 247 zoning opinions, those are more of the official requests from an applicant saying, I'd like to get an official position from the planning department as to if I want to do this on the corner of X and Y, what zoning district would I come into, what are the challenges that are facing me, and so forth.

[00:22:11] That does not include a lot of the phone calls we get, emails of folks that just cold calls want to figure out if with their particular piece of property, if there's a real reasonable possibility that they could do what they want to do.

[00:22:29] So on top of that 247, there are probably another 50 to 100 calls that come in that we just let the applicant know that that's going to be a very challenging opportunity for them to get through and possibly not very realistic. So the 247 is kind of the base number that we know we can officially kind of say we're submitted for an opinion to be made. Of those, in the 2025, We had 139 pre-application meetings.

[00:23:08] Again, they still haven't paid a dime into having a case looked at, but they're getting the comments from both the planning department as well as utilities and all the other community development departments and VDOT as to what the reality is, what their challenges might be for doing that particular case.

[00:23:30] And then from that roundtable discussion, those comments are given to them, And then they make the final decision as to if they want to pay the money and start an application. And of those, we had 109. So going from 247 to 109, a lot of the unreasonable cases get washed out.

[00:23:52] And you guys, for the most part, and the Planning Commission, see the cream of the crop of what's come through in our office. Mr. Carroll. You know, for the community who may be watching, as an example, right, someone may look at a piece of property and say, I would like to put multifamily on it.

[00:24:15] And then you look at the property and you look at it and it says that, well, the comp plan doesn't call for that. And so although they may want to do it, you may tell them, well, it doesn't conform to the comp plan, so it will be an uphill battle for you to even move forward with this.

[00:24:32] And so that's just one example of where a company or an individual would call up. There's probably a lot of those examples that happen. I know I get the phone calls. Matter of fact, I had someone who was going to fly in from Atlanta to talk about this, and I said, I'm sorry, but what you're asking for not only does it meet the comp plan, but we don't have sewer capacity there to do that, so we'd save them a trip.

[00:24:55] But like you said, there's probably another 50 on top of that that don't even get recorded. And that's absolutely true. And I think, you know, with this next year, we're trying to, within the department, maybe keep a better count of those kind of informal call-ins that we get.

[00:25:14] And maybe next year we can have a better number of those unofficial requests. But I didn't feel comfortable really putting that in this slide. But the official ones that we had were the 247. But you're absolutely right. We do get to call out a lot of the unreasonable cases early with just having a frank conversation with the applicant as to this is going to be a really hard nut to crack for you to get this thing approved.

[00:25:42] Mr. Engel. Out of the 86 cases that were recommended by the Planning Commission to approve, how many of those received final approval from the Board of Supervisors? I think we had right at 86, the whole amount.

[00:25:58] So you don't think that we said no to any of the cases that were recommended for approval? I find that hard to believe. I think there were a couple of withdrawals. Yeah, we had. But they didn't make it

to an approval. Right. So I'm just trying to, right now it looks like out of the 247, which is probably actually closer to 300, somewhere between 33% to 44% of the inquiries actually make it to a zoning case.

[00:26:28] And then out of that, only 21% made it to a recommendation for approval. And I believe there was a couple of those cases that were not ultimately passed by the Board of Supervisors, which means only about 20% of the cases that actually got filed made it to an approval by the Board of Supervisors.

[00:26:49] I think it's really important for the citizens to know that only 20% of everything that actually makes it to a zoning case a much smaller percentage of the actual number of inquiries makes it to final approval because people think that we just rubber stamp everything and that we never say no to anything. And I just think that it's very important that people understand that. Good point. And I just want to kind of pick up on that in that when you're going through the process and people have, okay, I have this idea, this is what I would like to do with the land, but then they are told, no,

[00:27:25] it's not going to work. Your staff that are very public forward facing that are at the desk when these folks come in and they're heard, they hear no, that they, your staff has incredible people skills to be able to navigate those waters and how well they do it. I just so happen to have been passing through with someone who was hearing the no and how great your staff were to work with them and to try to explain, but they were so vested in their idea,

[00:28:02] but still not going to be best for the community, not going to be best for what we're trying to, as our vision of Chesterfield. So I want to just compliment your staff and how great they do with when they hear the no's. Dr. Casey.

[00:28:19] Mr. Engel, and I'll defer to Mr. Gillies, but that's a good statistic also, and maybe what we can do. I mean, this report, as you're seeing, is live right now, But, you know, if we can determine the changes that are made between planning commission to board, I would also say for full disclosure, there's sometimes cases that the planning commission denies that the applicant works with what the questions are and other things that the board actually gets comfort in and approves too.

[00:28:43] So if we're going to disclose once, but it does happen, so we would just disclose it. But that would be an asterisk that it may not be exactly written the same way. The cases do change between planning commission to board based upon further community meetings, public hearings, and other proper conditions.

[00:29:01] So on what you see on the screen right now, during 2025, we had the 991 cases that got zoning case recommended from both the Planning Commission and approval from the board.

[00:29:19] That's in the 2025 period of time. That's a little different from the number I showed a little earlier because we always have that oddity of something being approved at the Planning Commission on a December meeting and then it gets approved by you all or a recommendation of approval by the Planning Commission in December and then you all approve it in January.

[00:29:40] So the numbers don't ever sync up quite right, if that makes any sense, but this is what we actually did in 2025. And you can see the split being, you know, about a quarter of those being residential, about half of those, a little more than half being non-residential, and then the other 16 are basically either second dwellings or ADU-type situations or just amendments to existing cases that we were bringing forth.

[00:30:11] So it's a good mix of cases. This is more than we did. In 2024, we had 79 of these zoning cases and actions. This year, in 25, we had 91. On top of all the work we were doing, the ZOMOD and the subdivision ordinance and other revisions to the comp plan.

[00:30:32] Mr. Carroll. Well, some of this was also down zoning, right? So we had a case, for example, that in relation to the comprehensive plan where we removed 911 houses from around the schools. In other cases, and I think it was, it may have been last year we did a summit at Magnolia, but we reduced that from 1,300 units down to 900 units.

[00:30:56] So in some cases, when something's brought forward from before, we've actually been able to make modifications to make it an even better case than it was when it originally passed. Yeah, exactly. Mr. Engel. And to that, the slide with the breakdown, it might be your next slide.

[00:31:13] It might be a slide ahead. Get that slide there. The total permitted dwellings, that's what you're saying was allowed by the zoning cases, right? Not actually building permits applied for it.

[00:31:30] Yes, sir. This is just zoning related. That is actually just the number of cases that those, our number of units, those cases allow. but to Mr. Carroll's point, if we say we're going to allow 364, but there was 500, which is actually a reduction, are you reducing the number? You're not. You're putting the 364 in, right?

[00:31:52] We're going with what actually got approved during that 25. So what I'm saying is that the 3714 is actually not 3,714 new dwellings being approved because there was some cases that downsized that got counted as the new number not as a negative number but as a positive number that was merely what was in the zoning cases for 25 i just wanted to make sure that we're clear about that that we did not actually truly permit 37 14 um because we took some numbers out that aren't in the then yeah the net number is much lower well maybe not much but

[00:32:31] is definitely lower. I think one of the important parts of this slide is kind of the mix of single family being about 34 percent, townhouses being 31, and multifamily being 35. It's split kind of three ways almost evenly. That's the first time in the eight or nine years I've been here where it was that kind of a third, third, third. Last year, just to give an idea, it was 50 percent was multifamily and 28% was single family and 22% were townhomes. So increase in the townhome

[00:33:08] kind of entitlement, again, not permits, but entitlement for lots or units. And then an increase in the single family to 34% and the 1283 actual lots that were entitled within that period of time. So it's interesting shift to see us going away from multifamily and 25 and going more towards some more of the owner occupied product of townhouses and single family in our zoning cases. Let me ask you a question though. Sure. So just as I think this will make Mr. Engel's

[00:33:47] point, we'll talk about the mad green case we did last year, right? We actually had to redo the commercial portion of that. But in that commercial portion that's probably included in this was the 244 multifamily units that were part of that commercial piece and the other 150-something that were approved. But those units were originally approved back in 1991. But it was one of those nine cases that was brought back up. And so those units were already on the books from 91, but they actually get dropped in this total because they were part of one of the zoning cases

[00:34:26] that we reviewed last year. Does that make sense? Yeah. So I think that's what he's trying to get to is that there's some cases that when people look at this, they go, oh my God, you approved 3,714. Well,

no, because in that case, there was 350 units that were approved back in 91, but they get totaled in in this because they were part of a zoning case we reviewed last year.

[00:34:46] And we have some of that data in our office. It wasn't in this particular presentation as to kind the subtractive math involved with what was actually the downzoning of some of these cases. No, I mean, this is great, great information.

[00:35:02] We just, there are some people who look at this and go, oh, my God, this is horrendous. You approved all this. But I have to understand these numbers actually reflect, especially of those nine previous cases, for example. Those numbers that were approved in those nine previous cases get carried into this.

[00:35:17] Right. And they're not new numbers. They're historical numbers. It's just they get carried in because they were part of one of those zoning cases. I think that's the point you were trying to make? Left and right brain over here. All right. We also had 53 non-residential cases.

[00:35:38] This is up from what we had in 24. We had 46 non-residential zoning cases in 24. Pretty much the same. We had a little increase in the commercial and in the industrial cases for 2025 than what we had in 24.

[00:35:56] And most of the other categories stayed pretty much the same. Solar cases and family daycares and everything were pretty much even across the board for this year compared to 24. And then this was interesting.

[00:36:12] This is the overall zoning cases by magisterial district. Surprisingly to me, Midlothian, we went down from 18 cases in 24 to 13 in 25. And in Matoica, we went down from, we did go up a little bit, I'm sorry, from 18 in 24 to 23 cases in 25.

[00:36:39] In Bermuda, we went down from the, and we now have, we had the 29 cases this last year. And in the Dale District, we went down from the 14 we had in 24 to 11.

[00:37:00] And Clover Hill is where we saw the most increase in activity in 25. We went from five cases in 24 to 15 cases. So we had a lot of activity in Clover Hill during the last year.

[00:37:17] Some of those cases were like an accessory dwelling unit, right? Yeah, these are all of the cases. So I think it's important to point it out because people are going, oh, my God, look at all the houses they approved. No, it's not all houses. Well, we have an accessory dwelling unit, or it could be a daycare. It could be a home daycare where they're taking care of children.

[00:37:34] I mean, there's a bunch of different cases, not just a residential component. Correct. So where do the numbers for the Roseland overlay fall? Do they get put into that? Well, I'm just saying because there was one last year that I had.

[00:37:52] We had Crossroads, and we had North Falls. They are included in these numbers, but as mentioned, those could be looked upon as maybe being a down zoning because in the original 2008 case of Roseland, we had 5,400 units.

[00:38:11] We have the overlay now for Roseland that's 4,500, and both the North Halsey case and the Crossroads case came in with numbers that were less than that and complementarily consistent with the overlay district.

[00:38:34] So, yeah, I think you could look at it as a bit more of a sensitive de-densifying of what's going on in the Roseland area. We did have right at 95 different types of community engagement meetings in 25, though we had our typical 12 meetings of the Planning Commission.

[00:39:02] None of those meetings got canceled or moved. We had over 73 zoning case community meetings. Again, going to the option of being able to do a virtual meeting or an in-person meeting has really opened us up to being able to increase this number of virtual meetings to get the news out to the community as to what zoning cases are going on.

[00:39:32] So I think that's been a big benefit. And then with the ZOMOD and subdivision ordinances, as well as the comp plan amendments we had in 2025, we had 10 special called community meetings throughout the county.

[00:39:48] So I think it was a pretty good outreach to public engagement during that period of time. Looking ahead, we've got a couple things going forward.

[00:40:04] First, as we promised you all back in 25 when we were approving the ZOMOD and the subdivision ordinance, we're bringing forward kind of a housekeeping edit of ZOMOD, some of the other changes that we've now that we've been using it for six months that need to be a tweak tweaked a bit or we've had some sort of text that we need to correct the language on that's coming to the planning commission and in may and we'll be you all will be seeing it later

[00:40:38] in in june or july for your approval hopefully but that is going to be like a group of of amendments that will be pertaining to 19.2 and then of course where you are we're we're in the midst of busy working on draft one of plan mod and that we're anticipating being having a public hearing before in in the fall we will be having draft one go before the Planning Commission in July for kind of a work session and then

[00:41:10] moving forward with our public engagement for the rest of July August and September and then October it'll be hitting the public hearing hopefully for the planning commission and you all in december so those are we have in addition we're wading through some of the general assembly bills with the county attorney's office and and trying to see what changes we need to make to zomod based on some of those bills that have been passed and the governor has signed as well as some of the

[00:41:47] comments or adjustments that the governor's asked for in that legislation, but we're still in the midst of doing some of that. Some of those changes will be occurring in this amendment, housekeeping amendment, that we'll be bringing forth to you all in July, but some of it, a lot of those bills, they don't take effect until 27, so it probably won't be in this first round of housekeeping, but would be in the second round of housekeeping, which we anticipate bringing forward to you all probably in December of 26.

[00:42:23] With that, happy to answer any questions you have and see if there's anything else the department or the Planning Commission can do for you all. I just had a question for you, Andy. I want to kind of get a sense of the characterization behind what is ZOMOD and what is PlanMOD.

[00:42:48] I think that there were a lot of misunderstandings as to what ZOMOD does and that really what they were referring to was PlanMod or the comprehensive plan. Can you take a moment and just speak about that and especially the importance of the community being involved?

[00:43:05] Certainly. First of all, ZOMOD was the zoning ordinance, and the zoning ordinance is basically the rule book, the specific details as to what needs to be, what uses can actually be used in a particular piece of property, what the dimensions are, setbacks, size of the lot, so on and so forth.

[00:43:25] They're the actual kind of rules that must be followed. Plan Mod, which is the comprehensive plan title that we're using for the modernization of it, is more of the vision of the overall county. It's more the direction that the county would like to go in reference to land uses and to density and to development trends.

[00:43:51] But they're advice, and they're not rules exactly. They're just guidance as to the direction, the blueprint, so to speak, as to what the county wants to be in the next 10 to 20 years. So we're in the process of trying to make sure that we make the new version of the comprehensive plan the vision that you all and the citizens would like to see for the next 10 or 20 years.

[00:44:20] And so far, in what we've heard with going through the whole ZOMOD process, is, you know, the idea that we need to look at maybe de-densifying some of the future land use categories that were in the comprehensive plan.

[00:44:39] make it so that maybe we're not quite as oriented towards multifamily development or the higher density types of residential and still provide opportunities for single-family and owner-occupied situations.

[00:44:56] That's part of the trend that we're trying to include in the new vision of the Comprehensive Plan and to provide opportunity for mixed-use projects, but maybe not as dense of mixed-use projects. The idea of doing more of a village style of mixed use versus a higher urban style of mixed use development, which was somewhat outlined in the older comprehensive plan.

[00:45:23] So the idea of getting citizens' input and thoughts on what they would like to see in their community from a future land use perspective is probably more applicable for the general public with plan mod than it is for zomod does that answer your question yeah that does dr casey and again this is worthy of a good conversation amongst all of you and others one of the simple ways i've explained it to people where they seem to nod their head because it gets confusing as you would

[00:45:59] imagine, because it is lots of words and diagrams and so forth. As I kind of describe, the ZOMOD process is as you're driving down the street and you're looking left and right, and what's being built is that look right and seem right for what it is. You know, the way it's set back, the signs, the buffers, things of that nature. I view the plan mod is something when you're flying across the sky and you're looking down, when you're looking out your window, what does it look like today but also for what you don't see what may it look like tomorrow and and you know what the rules and restrictions on that should be not just to make everything be developed but what could

[00:46:36] also be preserved in its current state and so it's it's i viewed and then it's driving at ground level versus you know the the comp plan really is is the proverbial 100 foot perspective i mean that kind of analogy is really important for folks to understand. And that everyone that was expressing a great deal of concerns around what we were doing at PlanMOD, I mean with ZOMOD, is really what should be happening with PlanMOD. And I think that I don't want that to get lost,

[00:47:12] that this is where we need the input. This is where we need thoughts about what would you, what is the vision of Chesterfield County, but it was kind of getting caught in the weed, so to speak, of what

was happening with ZOMOD. So you want to pick up on that?

[00:47:29] If I may. Part of the discussions that we had with the public during ZOMOD were when they were expressing their more visionary ideas of what Chesterfield should be from in reference to land use and so forth. So we took good notes during the whole ZOMOD process, and some of the comments that they had during that, and we've incorporated some of those thoughts as we've moved forward with the rewriting of the modernization of the comprehensive plan this time around.

[00:48:02] So hopefully we didn't lose any of that during the summer and fall discussions that we had on ZOMOD. We've applied those to PlanMOD because that's more appropriate as to where those comments probably should land.

[00:48:20] I can tell this wasn't your first rodeo because it's exactly right, is that, you know, it could get lost, but I'm glad you've taken great notes and now moving that forward. It's going to be the last. Yeah, we're talking about that in a second. So, how did you know it was going there?

[00:48:35] So, you know, how much we appreciate your wisdom in being able to recognize, okay, this is a plan mod question. Let's set that aside and make sure we pick that up. When we do plan mod, it's not necessarily applicable to ZOMOD. So recognizing that this was not your first rodeo, how much you're in your last rodeo in this role, and just wanted to take a moment and appreciate you and thank you for all the energy and blood, sweat, tears that went into your career

[00:49:08] and how grateful we are as we find a way to do the transition. It's not going to be easy because you have been you brought such wisdom and expertise and insight to the roles.

[00:49:25] Thank you. Thank you. I have just been to the best place I've worked. I think, you know, Chesterfield is a wonderful county. The support you guys have given the planning department and Dr. Casey, the support he's given, And especially Jesse and his guidance at that level has been really unique in my 30-something years of working that you all work so well together as a functional group.

[00:49:58] And the Planning Commission is a real workable group, delight to work with. And it's been a great experience for the last nine years I've been here. Thank you. Sir Carroll.

[00:50:14] Yeah, I just want to say thank you. you and your staff. You know, I've always said that this Board of Supervisors job could be really great if you didn't have to do zoning cases. It's the most difficult thing, I think, that we deal with, with the community, because nobody wants anything done. I got mine, and I don't want anything else put in. Or, when can you get me more restaurants? Or, when can you get me this? Or, when can you get me that? So it's not an easy job for your staff. It's not an easy job for the

[00:50:49] Planning Commission. And we know it's not the funnest part of our job. But when you look at, and I've been here a long time, when you look at some of the things that we've been able to get out there for the community by allowing some of this zoning to take place, we're effectively helping people with that quality of life that they want. The live, work, and play issue, whether it's businesses like Lego and others, or restaurants like Firebirds or Latitude Seafood, or others that have made it down to the Clover Hill District and the Matoka District.

[00:51:26] And so I just wanted to say thank you to your staff for all the hard work. I know it's not easy, and we call you up and bug you all the time. And so that's it. Thank you very much. You have a great staff. I mean, including me, you're not going to miss a beat.

[00:51:42] And they are the best chemistry I've ever had within a department is there now. So you are fortunate in having a very good staff. Dr. Helen. Yeah, I've worked directly with you.

[00:51:58] I think we've worked together for about six years on the planning commission. It was a joy to work with you and your staff. I was a little nervous when I became a planning commissioner going back. And if you Google certain things about the planning commission in other localities, you're like, oh, wow, that's crazy.

[00:52:17] I don't know if I want to do this job. But then as you look in Chesterfield and you see how we work together in civility and that we really listen to citizens here and make modifications to cases and, you know, tell applicants, you know, no at times when they need to be told no or just any, you know, any ideas that kind of just run through my mind of what we've been through in the past six years.

[00:52:48] You know, I'm just grateful for your leadership, grateful for your staff. You know, I was hoping that we'll get some things out before you leave in terms of affordable housing, but I think it's going to come. You know, I think you laid some good groundwork for it.

[00:53:05] But it's been great. The special area focus plans that you brought, they were amazing, award-winning. You know, thank you for your vision and the staff that you have, their vision. And it was just great to work with you all.

[00:53:22] So I just, I say thank you. And I knew that the person was going to backfill me, that they were going to be treated the same way and caught up to speed very quickly because of that's the kind of the character that you all have is to make sure everybody's informed and that we work together.

[00:53:40] So just want to say thank you for setting that tone. You know, that's really set by you as the director of planning. So, you know, thank you for all you've done. Thank you for staying in Chesterfield, too. I know we were talking yesterday.

[00:53:55] You said you're going to stay and not move back because you really like the area. Yeah, I love Virginia. I'm staying here. If you guys will have me, I'll stay. Yeah. So, I mean, I think that says a lot, too, for somebody that's in planning that's, you know, been to a lot of different areas for them to say, hey, this is a special place that I want to retire to.

[00:54:16] And, you know, you've got family that have moved here, too. That says a lot about our area, a lot about the credibility that you bring to the job. So thank you for everything. Thank you, Dr. Hill. Any other thoughts? Thank you, Andy.

[00:54:35] B, Police Department annual update, Colonel Carpenter and Lieutenant Colonel Louth. What, Tammy's not here? No.

[00:54:50] Who's going to supervise you two? Good evening, board. Good afternoon, board.

[00:55:07] Dr. Casey, Mr. Minx. It's our honor to present the annual briefing in reference to the police department. We're excited about what's taking place and what has taken place. As you know, we have four tenets that we stand firmly on, and we ask our people to look at these four tenets before making a decision.

[00:55:28] And should they not align with these four tenets, then we really have to ask ourselves if, in fact, we should be doing it. And as you know, it's the preservation of human life, the protection of the vulnerable, problem-solving partnerships, and personnel. And personnel from the standpoint of

recruitment, development of top-tier talent, and ensuring the success of our people. As you can see here, these are some key numbers that took place in 2025. We had 200,000

[00:56:00] calls for service, 218,000 calls for service and assists. Officers executed 35,437 traffic stops and investigated 5,537 crashes. The crashes that were handled by CCPD were assist as well as the initial reports.

[00:56:21] The ones that we actually handled was 4,415. And, of course, of those crashes, we had 20 fatal crashes, 18 of which were in Chesterfield County, and then two that were handled by CCPD. The officers issued over 24,000 traffic summonses, along with 17,000, almost 18,000 written warnings.

[00:56:45] But more importantly, they were actively looking for individuals who were operating motor vehicles under impairment, and they ended up identifying 970 DUIs. In the course of investigations, they have come in contact with over 1,100 field interviews in the course of their investigations to identify information involving cases, as well as suspicious individuals.

[00:57:12] Some additional key numbers that I think are important, they may not necessarily be the meat and potatoes of things, but they're extremely valuable when you think about the support side of the house, and specifically our volunteer hours. I'm extremely pleased to announce that 22,924 volunteer hours took place in the Chesterfield County Police Department.

[00:57:34] We recognize that these individuals who do this job, they do it. They're not paid, but they love what they do, and they appreciate partnering with the police department. We're grateful for this service. There were 16,338 pieces of evidence stored, 90,471 evidence transactions during the year, and then, of course, we processed 2,718 applications.

[00:58:00] Of those applications, 110 were full-time staff that we hired, and again, 553, 595 total calls handled by ECC, which is another partner of public safety.

[00:58:17] Of those calls, 151,000 were 911 calls. So extremely busy on the support side of the house. We recognize that the operations piece is what a lot of people see, but the support side is equally as important.

[00:58:32] in the police department. I will add that currently we're understaffed by 45 sworn officers and we have eight PSA vacancies as of April the 6th. We're actively looking and continuing to recruit talent within the police department and we're grateful for the most recent academy classes that have been over 20 participants. Another important part. Mr. Carroll. What do you say your staffing numbers are right now? Staffing numbers total? Yeah. For the full-time sworn?

[00:59:07] 563, sir. 563 and they're all sold? No, sir. They're not. 563. So when you look at your 563 positions and you look at that across a population of 401,000, have y'all looked at what that staffing number looks like? Yes, sir. Per thousand? Yes, sir. Close to about 650 officers. That's what you should be at? Yes, sir. Right. Yeah. I think it's important to point that out to the community because it's been very difficult for public safety across the United States, especially law enforcement, to hire new employees and retain, so we're in constant competition with others.

[00:59:44] But it's important for the community to also know that the excellent job that you're doing, that the Chesford County Police Department is doing, is they're still, statistically speaking, understaffed from where they should be. And you're trying to do your very best to hire people, and that's the challenge. Yes, sir, that's very accurate.

[01:00:01] I'm grateful for the support staff that we have in place. I'm grateful for the innovation of the men and women who serve in Chesterfield County Police Department. We recognize that we're not where we need to be, but our service level continues to rise to the occasion. I think it's important for the community to hear that.

[01:00:17] And we as a board have said, hire, hire, hire. And if you need more people, let us know as far as what we need to approve in additional staffing. Because we want to make sure that, just like with the fire department and other departments in the county, we have the right staffing levels to provide the best level of service.

[01:00:36] The more officers you have, the lower your response times are, because you have staff to actually handle stuff. Not to mention, I'm sure you're going to talk about in a minute, how much time officers are spent tied up on certain calls for service. Yes, sir. Thank you.

[01:00:56] Another area, we're extremely grateful, and I'll talk about this a little later, animal services unit which is another unit in need of staffing as well they handled 9 931 calls for service uh 1983 dogs and cats were picked up what i think is most important about this information is 621 were returned to their homes in the field so even though they were picked up they were actually identified and the owners were identified and those animals returned to their homes and then And 531 were actually returned to owners, specifically.

[01:01:33] We've had 701 adoptions, and 307 were transferred to rescue organizations. And currently, our save rate is about 76% overall. Just circling back on our appreciation for the Animal Services building that's currently under construction.

[01:01:58] I think many around the table know the desperate need for this building. We're excited that it's on the way to fruition, and the animal shelter in and of itself will be three times larger than the current animal shelter. And I want to recognize and thank the Board of Supervisors for making this a priority, county administration for making this a priority, because as you know, in this community, we get a lot of calls for service in reference to animal control calls, but we don't necessarily always have the space to be able to support those calls for service.

[01:02:33] So now that the facility will become 10,000, over 10,000 square feet, I'm sorry, currently 10,000 square feet, it will increase to 30,000 square feet, almost 31,000 square feet. The animal capacity inside the actual building will be able to house 134 dogs, 120 cats, and eight exotic animals, should we come encounter with those, all of which will be housed on one level.

[01:03:02] You may not know this, but when you have multiple rungs of animals, sometimes animals can be big, sometimes they can be a little out of control, and animal service officers were getting injured, taking animals from off the second rung. So everything's on the first rung, not only animal services officers being injured, sometimes the animals are injured as well.

[01:03:23] All right, there'll be a separate intake and adoption lobby that'll be available for those that would like to adopt, as well as process in animals. It'll be equipped with a full-time veterinary service as well as surgical center, which is major.

[01:03:38] When you think about the amount of money that we spend contracting with outside organizations, we'll be able to do this in-house solely. We also increase the outside space for the animals to actually get exercise, as well as a 1,400-square-foot barn that will be available.

[01:03:58] We've had occasions to come in contact with cows and camels, and I think we had a llama or two back in the day. So we'll be able to house those animals at that facility. So we look forward to the ordinance that we've been in conversation and discussion with the board about.

[01:04:15] It should be on the May agenda. This will be the felony animal cruelty registry that we hope to get up and running as soon as possible and be able to provide that information to our community. All right, let's talk about five-year crime totals.

[01:04:35] Overall, crime totals in Chesterfield County has decreased year over year. This has been the second year we've seen some of these decreases. As you can see on the line, we did see an uptick in homicides. I would like to note that four of our 20 homicides in 2025 were a result of neglect of our vulnerable adults and children, which is unusually high.

[01:05:00] We continue to conduct training on prevention and recognition of elder abuse and child abuse through our vulnerable populations units and detectives. And 16 of our 20 homicide cases have been cleared by arrest. One has been exceptionally cleared by death of the offender.

[01:05:19] That leaves three remaining that are pending at this time. A lot of times, as you know, they may be pending. We may have a suspect, but we're even on pertinent information before we actually charge and clear the actual case. All right, moving on.

[01:05:37] Our crime criminal apprehension suppression team, as we like to call CAS, has two phases and was successfully run from May 21st through September 6th in 2025. And during that time, the team collectively were responsible for multiple criminal arrests, facilitating illegal narcotics.

[01:05:59] assisting arrests as well as assisting patrol services with calls for service so i know we talk about our staffing challenges but what we have identified is a way to level up our actual engagement in the enforcement side of the house but not deviate from the call for service aspect through leveling up this enforcement action they've also removed multiple legal firearms from the community. The team members work in variety of schedules to address crime trends and investigative anonymous tips, assist with fugitive apprehension, and support patrol services

[01:06:38] in the Investigations Bureau. Their efforts yielded 435 traffic stops, 228 vehicle searches, 190 traffic summons, 190 written warnings, \$13,500 in U.S. currency seized, Also, 40 weapons seized and 305 arrests and generated criminal arrests and generated 119 reports.

[01:07:06] So we recognize that this force multiplication that takes place in the summer is truly needed. We continue to work on a year-long suppression team to be able to address some of these concerns and issues in communities that have been plagued with crime and violence.

[01:07:22] This CAST team is an excellent example for an opportunity for officers to be developed as well as to get experience to be able to go into specialty areas as well. All right. Thank you, Colonel.

[01:07:42] Good afternoon, everyone. As we continue the presentation, the pivot to professional staff, much in the same vein of what Mr. Carroll talked about a little while ago, where we are staffing-wise and what the future looks like and even potentially where we would want to be or need to be staffing-wise, I feel like the department's been very intentional and strategic about looking at positions that, you know, for years have been occupied by police officers, that we've looked at transitioning those into professional staff positions.

[01:08:15] So as you can kind of see here, a couple of the positions that we've done is the forensic supervisor, the assistant academy director, the HR administrator and services chief, and then two digital content creators. All those positions previously have been occupied by sworn police officers.

[01:08:33] We've been able to reassign them back to road positions or other places around the department to get them back to doing what they came here to do. So that's been very advantageous for us. Also in that same line of things with the police service aid program, that program has been huge for us.

[01:08:52] As we kind of look at where we've come with that program and the direction that we're going, we're still employing those. and quite honestly, they've been one of our greatest pipelines to the position of transitioning from a PSA into a police officer. Of note, they handled 12,594 calls for us in 2025. That's a huge relief from the actual officers that are on the road, taking calls for service or non-priority one calls, the vandalism to a mailbox, directing traffic, so many different uses that the PSAs have contributed to the organization with really does make an impact.

[01:09:29] Also, some of the positions that we are very grateful for was the caseworkers that are assigned to our vulnerable populations. We actually have people that are assigned to do child abuse, human trafficking, sexual abuse, elder abuse, and domestic violence. They make an impact every day with victims of crimes.

[01:09:46] That's made a huge impact within that unit as well. And also, I think the educational component to that has been huge, too. They go out and do, you know, presentations very often about to, you know, church groups, community groups, businesses to kind of educate them on some of the things that we have available for them.

[01:10:05] In terms of force-multiplying technology, you know, we've long looked at technology as a force multiplier, and we continue to learn and lean into it. In 2025, a new feature, Axon Respond, was added to our body-worn cameras.

[01:10:23] This feature allows ASOC to view active BWC feeds in real time during critical incidents, which is huge as you're making decisions on what to do with officers as far as resources or just kind of what's going on in that very moment. So that's a huge thing for us.

[01:10:40] We've also streamlined the collection of digital evidence in 2025 by issuing every officer a cell phone equipped with Axon Capture, so they're able to capture that digital evidence when appropriate. We've partnered with our public safety counterparts, the fire and the sheriff's department, as we set to launch, yes, pun intended, our DFR program that's coming later on this year.

[01:11:03] We've continued to add camera feeds through our Community Connect program. I understand discussion around ALPR continues, but we have numerous examples of their investigative value. The slides show stats for calendar year 2025, but it seems that since inception of our LPR program, they've been involved either directly or indirectly in solving 16 homicides, 23 robberies, taking 69 illegal firearms off the road, and recovered 365 vehicles, which is very important.

[01:11:39] A couple of things that we have in progress. I want to certainly say thank you to the board as well as county administration for our up-and-coming Fallen Creek Station. I can't tell you how appreciative our folks are to have a marquee facility like that to be able to go into in the future.

[01:11:57] So I'm glad we had the opportunity to be at the groundbreaking for that one. So we're all looking forward to seeing that through fruition. Also, the public safety radio project is ongoing. The cutover is tentatively scheduled for the spring of 27 with final acceptance anticipated in the summer of 2028.

[01:12:16] In terms of our community connections, many of you remember this. The picture to the left was one that was taken by Virginia Statewide Incidents and went viral. I think it was over 8 million views that this one got.

[01:12:35] But, you know, actually we received an outpouring of support on this one, and, you know, we certainly listened, and we took the opportunity to carpe diem, if you will, to parlay that one into a calendar.

[01:12:52] that we actually were able to use to raise money for the animal shelter as well as the Chesterfield Domestic Violence Task Force. I believe we raised about \$3,000 for that one. I knew there was a comment coming from Mr. Carroll. Yeah, we bought six of them. And I gave them to my family up in Rhode Island.

[01:13:13] I gave one to my brother, my other brother, and my sister. And my little brother Michael even had to have one. So I thought it was very well done. But they wanted to know how come he wasn't on the cover. I said, well, I didn't make the calendar, but, you know. But it was a great idea.

[01:13:29] It really was. Just amazing how well it took off, just a simple picture like that.

[01:13:45] Moving right along. That's right. All right. In terms of agency recognition, there are a few things that we're definitely proud of. We earned our CALEA Tri-Arc Accreditation, which means Chesterfield County is served by an internationally accredited emergency communication center, law enforcement agency, as well as our training academy.

[01:14:08] To have that trifecta is huge. We're one of only a handful of jurisdictions in the state of Virginia and even in the country that actually have that Tri-Arc Accreditation. He's that tall. Yes, ma'am.

[01:14:25] Yeah, he definitely makes me look small when I stand near him, so I have to step back a little bit. It was a little small. Top-tier talent. I know as Colonel Carpenter mentioned, that's one of our mantras, is recruiting, employing, training, and retaining top-tier talent.

[01:14:48] And that's something that I think is very important for us in terms of when I look at the people that work for the organization, both sworn as well as our professional staff, I feel like we hire some outstanding people. And quite honestly, I think Colonel Carpenter would agree that what they do on a daily basis, making an impact in the community that we serve is probably they could always be acknowledged for the contributions that they make. They do an outstanding job out there, but there are a few

[01:15:24] of them that we certainly want to recognize here, and you can probably look and see. Yes, they are smiling, but they're probably just as nervous as Tammy Weirich was when they were standing up here. They typically do not like that recognition. That's not where they show up to do the job. I believe our folks show up with a servant's heart, and they're not looking for that recognition, but when they do outstanding things, it's worthy of being recognized for it.

[01:15:48] One of our officers received the YMCA's MLK Social Responsibility Award. Six of our officers earned the VACP Valor Award. Officer nominated for the Chesterfield Domestic Violence Task Force for Outstanding Service Award. We had officers that were honored at the Central Virginia Ruriton clubs for their public service request, an officer that was earned a MAD Lifetime Achievement Award for DUI enforcement efforts, and six of our officers earned the Silver Valor Award, and one earned the Gold Valor Award from Valor RVA, which used to be the 100 Club. So, Mr. Chair.

[01:16:30] Yes, Dr. Elmer. One thing, I don't know if you all are going to talk about it later, but But as I got onboarded and knowledge of what the police department does, one of the figures I didn't see was how many medical calls you all respond to.

[01:16:46] That was something that I wasn't aware that you all were doing. But if there's an EMS call and someone is very ill, you have police officers that will respond and sometimes get there before EMS do get on scene.

[01:17:03] And I think that that's something to highlight, that that's just the kind of brother and sisterhood that public servants and I would say public safety has in our county. And so I was very proud to hear that you all are responding to those calls, too.

[01:17:23] So I don't know if you have any figures, but that might be something later to bring up in a future presentation just to highlight the efforts that you all have in those calls for service. I don't have any numbers for that today, sir, unless Colonel Carpenter has something up his sleeve that I'm not aware of.

[01:17:41] Yeah, I'm not asking for it now, but I just think that's a good news story because, you know, just to give your department the full credit of what you all are doing, the breadth and depth of calls for service that you're taking on, just shows what kind of heroes and sheroes you have in your department.

[01:17:58] Well, the very first P that was up there that he mentioned was preservation of life. So anything we can do to preserve life certainly is paramount for us. Mr. Carroll, then Mr. Engel. Thank you, Laquan, Dr. Hill, for bringing that up, because one of the things that people don't realize is that many of our police cars have AEDs in them, and then oftentimes officers are dispatched for emergency calls for services when there is a heart attack or choking for a child.

[01:18:27] They also have bag masks available and first aid kits, and they're trained in providing this part of their job and they respond to these calls and I guess of that 218,000 and change calls that's some of those calls for service that they went on and many times they do get there first especially sometimes even on the motor vehicle crashes to render first aid to people who are injured until the fire department gets on scene or the rescue squads gets on scene Mr. Engel and just to add one more highlight to that we just went to the fire awards

[01:19:07] and promotion ceremony, and there was multiple police officers awarded by the fire department as part of a life save that very possibly would not have happened had the police officer not been there in a timely manner with the AED to get chest compression started and or to administer a shock that bought time for EMS to get there to get a good outcome. All of those awards were the ones that someone was saved and those are so powerful because many times the uh person they saved

[01:19:42] actually comes up to join them at the front and um that that's really protect you know protecting life and having our public safety work that close together as mr hilton said or dr hilton said is um just uh it's remarkable because not that many areas have public safety where the police sheriff and fire

all back each other up in many ways just as the fire department send in a fire marshal to help with an unruly situation to help a police officer because they also have arrest powers so

[01:20:20] I'm just so proud of our public safety and what all of you do so thank you. One of the things that struck me during that award ceremony is that you have a police officer that shows up with an AED and we would love to think that just one shock is going to solve the problem or at least get it to you know, back to rhythm. But it could be a half a dozen times. And the tenacity of the police officers until the fire and EMS show up, but more often than not, at least in the stories that were being told, is that by the time that, you know, the fire EMS, those folks have returned back to

[01:20:55] sign his rhythm. And it just, it's, we talk about what it means to be a hero is not giving up. So, Yeah. If I can just say, I appreciate the board and that recognition. The men and women, Chesterfield County Police Department, Viring EMS, and the Sheriff's Department have a seamless relationship. And as many of you know, I've had the opportunity to speak with leaders from around the country and world. And that is very unusual that we have the relationship that we have, but it's one team. And when you go about the mission as one team, one family,

[01:21:30] it makes it easy. So not that we look for that recognition or praise, but we're just grateful to be in a space where we can do it as a family. Ms. Schneider. I think another one of the things that you guys, I mean, the sprint team is another one of those things that you guys do together with not just fire EMS and police, but also with some of the other organizations with mental health and sometimes I think in community engagement and those types of things get involved as well.

[01:21:59] So I just think working together often comes up with the best outcomes and shows the community how invested we are in making those things happen. So, yeah. Dr. Hill? Yeah, I would like for those numbers to be on future presentations because I think that our public, our citizens, we owe that to them for them to know what you all are doing, and you're doing a tremendous job.

[01:22:28] So I just think that they need to know that. I had the opportunity to do a neighborhood walk with you all. Got there a little late because we were in another meeting. But it was great to see even the community embrace the police in the way that they did.

[01:22:48] And so I just want to highlight those types of efforts that I've seen from your department, not only at National Night Out, but just everyday interactions like that. it's good to see kids coming up and talking to you all and and one of the events that we had it was interesting to see a kid walk away and say I want to be a police officer and I was like wow you know so you all are definitely heroes in the community and deserve the recognition for what you all are doing so please make sure we know all those numbers so we can tout those to citizens we'll

[01:23:26] definitely make sure we have that future presentation and how many community days and and those sort of things that you all are doing, how many walks you all are doing, neighborhood walks, all that sort of thing. I think that those would be even, I know it might be a little hard work for you all to get those numbers, but I think that it's important to see from the community perspective what you all are doing.

[01:23:50] - Duly noted, we'll make sure it's in the next presentation. - Slide. - Okay, and then lastly, our memorial service is coming up at 11:00 a.m. on May the 6th of this year, So, certainly, everyone can attend that one.

[01:24:08] Mr. Schneider. I was just going to say, unfortunately, four of us will be in Phoenix. Well, five, including him. Yeah, so, please share our thoughts.

[01:24:26] We would really like to be there, but, yeah, we're going to miss that. So, sorry. Well, Mr. Carroll will be there. Yeah. Holden Dell, the fourth. Yeah. Well, I just want to thank everybody for their time and attention.

[01:24:45] We really appreciate the recognition that has been stated here today. We don't do it for that. We do it for, you know, the purpose, the community, right? And we just want to make sure that we're always operating at a level of excellence as we serve the community of Chesterfield County.

[01:25:02] So thank you guys for your time and attention, and if you have any questions. Board, any questions? All right, thank you so much. Madam Clerk. C, Environmental Stewardship Update.

[01:25:18] Mr. Bowles. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, members of the board, and Dr. Casey. While everybody is getting settled, I want to thank you for the opportunity to present this year's Environmental Stewardship Update.

[01:25:42] I think particularly appropriate with today being Earth Day, so that was planned well. And, you know, as usual, we have a wide range of updates this year. This is truly a team effort for the county, and lots of departments are involved.

[01:26:04] Joining me today, Neil Luther with Parks, John Neal from General Services, Rich Billingsley, Community Enhancement, Steve Hosh from Planning, and Matt Rimbold from Utilities. Also want to mention that a critical component of this program is our partners in the community.

[01:26:25] There are many, but just to name a few. James River Soil and Water, District Cooperative Extension, Master Gardener Program. We have some of those fine folks who are here with us today. Kim Hines and Katrina Entzminger from Central Virginia Waste Management Authority.

[01:26:46] Howard Nestor with the Farm Bureau. Thank you, Howard, Kim, and Katrina for being here with us. But again, their participation in partnership is critical to be. Chief Carpenter mentioned a force multiplier, and I think we had the same relationship here.

[01:27:06] So you can hit the Earth Day slide. So before I turn the mic over to the rest of the team, this year we had our annual Earth Day event back on April 11th at the fairgrounds, as well as the L.C. Byrd High School parking lot.

[01:27:29] Had a great day this year, more than 650 attendees, 35 volunteers, and 34 participating vendors and departments. A couple of highlights this year, we were able to incorporate a shredding event as a companion to Earth Day.

[01:27:52] Those events are well attended even when they are standalone, so this was no exception and a nice compliment to this year's event, as well as litter pickup, some folks having opportunity to do litter cleanup in the vicinity of the event.

[01:28:11] Of course, had all of the typical attractions, play zone for the kids, food trucks, all those things that we typically are part of this event. One spotlight that I did want to mention is this year's Chesterfield Youth Advisory Board's Environmental Stewardship Project.

[01:28:35] This year they focused on composting and the environmental impact within the Chesterfield community. John will have a couple things to mention about composting as well in his comments. But they were able to distribute composting kits and educational brochures to attendees.

[01:28:57] This was collaborated through General Services Waste and Resource Recovery Team and Cooperative extension for for them to learn about these opportunities and develop their materials so there will be more information about this at your May meeting but certainly a nice nice feature of this year's event so with that I believe Steve is next and we'll get the rest of the presentation all right good afternoon members of the board dr. Casey my part of this

[01:29:34] presentation will focus on the land use side of environmental stewardship the map before you can see there are the lands that are protected in Chesterfield County either in conservation easements or that are owned by the state or or county government or federal government just to give you a figure on that all those numbers add up to about 19,000 over 19,000 acres of land in the county which is about 30 square miles and just to for a frame of reference the city of Richmond is 62 square miles. So basically we have preserved in Chesterfield County an area half the size of the city of Richmond just as we are here today. You may also notice for your benefit Mr.

[01:30:13] Carroll that the Swift Creek Preserve is shown on this map although it is not a county park officially the zoning restrictions that are in place on that property with the upper Magnolia Green Case basically lock that property down for very limited trail kind of uses and environmental things. So we've included that in these numbers here. Just as far as our other tools that we use in the planning department, the two main tools that you heard about today already are zoning ordinance. We do a lot of environmental stewardship through our ordinance, especially with our new amenity space requirements where all new developments, whether they're commercial,

[01:30:52] whether they're residential, need to set aside some areas for spaces for people to socialize. and typically those areas are green and for people to enjoy the outdoors and to and to get touch grass and you know have some ability to to socialize and relax we also have a lot of protections through buffers and natural areas that we typically enforce through zoning cases that's usually the number one thing we see when a zoning case comes forward is somebody wants a buffer against whatever is being proposed and that natural area means a lot to the community and then of course we have new

[01:31:27] in ZOMOD, RPAs are no longer in our lot areas. So the RPA, resource protection areas, which are part of the Chesapeake Bay Act, typically in the past, those have been parts of people's backyards. And of course, people generally don't realize that. They clear those areas out because they think it's their lawn. They plant grass or something there, but they're actually eating into those supposedly environmentally protected areas. So under ZOMOD, those areas are outside of lots and protected. And then we have our comprehensive plan. Our comprehensive plan, as Mr. Gilley spoke earlier, is going through an update in plan mod. Earlier in 25, we amended chapter 9, which is the

[01:32:05] environmental chapter, to add several of the things that the county does in environmental stewardship. But through our comprehensive plan, we really want to try to preserve rural areas and rural lifestyles, and that includes the natural environment, especially in the southern and western part of the county. But also even in our developing areas, we want to make sure through requirements like street trees and setting aside of natural areas for the benefit of residents that every neighborhood and community has

access to the natural beauty that we have in Chesterfield County. And the plan also supports further easements. Our office reviews conservation

[01:32:42] easements as they come in through various private and non-profit sectors and sometimes government sectors. We review those and make sure that those easements are, you know, going to be done right and protect the environment as well as not block any future development that the county may have as well. So with that, that's my part of the presentation. Turning it over to Matt. Good afternoon, Board Supervisors, Dr. Casey, Matt Rembold with the Utilities Department. It's my pleasure this afternoon to be able to present some highlights about how the Utilities Department works through our industrial pretreatment program to meet the environmental stewardship goals of

[01:33:19] Chesterfield County. Quick highlight, our wastewater facilities are generally designed to treat domestic wastewater, but we have industrial customers that discharge to us, and there's potential for those industrial dischargers to cause harm, either to our pipes, our facilities, our employees, and if we don't treat effectively the environment.

[01:33:38] And while we have a dedicated staff that we call them our pre-treatment team, basically what their job is is to make sure that these industrial customers appropriately pre-treat their wastewater water before it gets discharged Chesterfield County. There we go. All right. So through our program, we're fully capable of taking necessary enforcement action when industrial permittees don't comply with the terms of their discharge permits, but that's never our preference. You know, we're seeking compliance with the permit. We want to protect the environment and truthfully,

[01:34:16] so do our industrial partners. We view it as a partnership and really what we try to do with our program is celebrate the success of the industries. They're doing the right thing in the county and so what we do who are kind of visionary in leading the Richmond industry in this way is we have an annual pre-treatment awards where we highlight and celebrate through certificates and trophies the demonstrated compliance performance with our industrial partners. These are folks that have had either made the most improvement, folks that have had a year of no compliance violations. Then also our platinum awards. Those are folks that have had

[01:34:52] five years of demonstrated compliance. The industrial partners, they love these awards. As you can imagine, they all have owners and reputations that are at stake, particularly if they seek loans, investments, credit ratings. These awards go a long way towards the reputation of these industries within the county, and we get a lot of positive feedback from these industrial customers through our program. So, you know, as Chesapeake County, as the Utilities Department embarks on being stewards of environmental resources, we also want to take a moment to just celebrate the success of those industrial partners that help us complete our mission.

[01:35:32] I'm going to change gears ever so slightly, but still staying on utilities topics for environmental stewardship. Our wastewater treatment plants treat the wastewater in Chesapeake County, but they're also what we call nutrient removal facilities. On the Chesapeake Bay you're aware we're required to remove nitrogen and phosphorus from the wastewater before it's discharged in the James River. The state DEQ in looking at their goals for the James River in fact tightened our phosphorus effluent limits this year. We took a 60 percent reduction in our

[01:36:07] total phosphorus discharge limits. On the board's agenda this evening you'll see that we've requested award of a construction contract to make phosphorus removal improvements at our Falling

Creek wastewater treatment plant. A similar project will be coming before the board later this calendar year for the Proctor's Creek facility. These projects are required to reliably meet this new tighter limit. I try to explain nutrient removal is like trying to squeeze water from a sponge.

[01:36:36] Right now we're dealing, as the sponge is fully laden with water, you don't have to squeeze very hard to get a lot of water out. Right now we're dealing with a pretty dry sponge. We remove a lot of nutrients already to squeeze the last few drops out of our wastewater. It becomes expensive.

[01:36:52] The contract award before you this evening is going to be \$9.3 million to make necessary improvements to the chemical feed systems at Fallen Creek. But you can see that the proof is in the pudding with what that investment buys. We remove, we're on schedule this year to remove of 372,000 pounds between our two facilities of phosphorus.

[01:37:11] That's a very large number of 50-pound bags of 10-10-10 fertilizer. Just a good illustration of what this investment means for Chesapeake Bay and for our goals in preserving the Chesapeake Bay. And with that...

[01:37:29] Mr. Schneider. Yes. I think it's more the juices and the squeeze, you know, would be a better metaphor. Yes, yes, noted for next time. Mr. Engel. Is there a market for the phosphorus that we pull out?

[01:37:45] So that's a good point. So the phosphorus that settles out of our wastewater, we precipitate it out. It ends up in our biosolids. And the biosolids are a beneficial product, byproduct of the wastewater treatment process. Our biosolids go towards land applications, so they end up on agricultural fields for products that are not for human consumption.

[01:38:04] Typically, we see it applied to sodgrass fields. and it's a very beneficial product. One, for the utilities department, this is a cost-effective way for us to dispose of our biosolids, and then it's a valuable source of fertilizer for those agricultural fields.

[01:38:20] So do we sell that product to somebody, or...? We pay a lot less to have it hauled off for us than it would if we were sending it to, say, a landfill. Okay, so there's a cost reduction in it. It's not a check coming to us, but it is a decrease in the expense going out.

[01:38:38] That's correct. Thank you, Mr. Engel. So I was asked to talk a little bit about our efforts to put in synthetic turf as part of, in terms of environmental context.

[01:39:00] And I know that probably catches some people off guard because there's, you know, a lot of conversation that swirls out around synthetic turf. So I wanted to kind of put some points of emphasis on the reason why the blend does help the environment.

[01:39:18] Everybody, as you all probably know, you get calls all the time about the condition of the fields. Everybody wants understandably aesthetically pleasing, safe fields. Natural grass in the climate that we live in has a, for a typical grass field, best agronomic, best practices has about 650 hours of use on it before you can start to see severe degradation.

[01:39:44] That's typically beginning of the growing season. April, most of our grass really doesn't start coming in until April, depending on when we get the first frost in November, it will typically die out. So by those metrics, we would run out of field capacity and best practices in about 12 weeks.

[01:40:04] So for us, I always tell people, and these are the new fields at Rockwood where we did the synthetic blend with the hybrid arrangement, grass outfield and synthetic infield. These fields, like all of

our fields this time of year, are getting 15 to 20, sometimes upwards of 25 games a week.

[01:40:26] I'm a big baseball fan. Pick your stadium you see on TV. A Major League Baseball team plays 81 home games spread over 60 or six months. We'll do 100 games in a month this time of year through July.

[01:40:46] So you can see the math and the demand that we have for the fields out there. And so what these synthetic conversions are allowing us to do is to selectively improve quality without requiring all of the restrictions and maintenance efforts that have to go into grass.

[01:41:07] Neil, I just want to ask you a question. When you're talking about 100 games per month, you're talking about 100 games per month per field. Per field, correct. I'm sorry, yes. Just to paint our portfolio, we have 220 grass fields that we maintain over the county.

[01:41:24] About half of them are irrigated, and I will get to our water consumption and fertilizer consumption in a minute, but you're going to be surprised at that. But the synthetic fields we're using, number one, they're designed to drain. They actually serve in the layup.

[01:41:41] They provide retention capacity. in a heavy storm event, they are designed to slow down the infiltration. They're designed to drain out, but there is storage capacity built in to the padding layer that's underneath to slow down the time to discharge before it hits the pre-treatment basin and then into the actual waterway.

[01:42:06] Again, playing time or capacity is the biggest multiplier. A synthetic field is virtually unlimited. I mean, you could play on it all the time without severe degradation over its life cycle. The conversion is one turf field equates to the amount of use you can get in three to four regular grass fields. We don't use any, obviously, pesticides or any kind of application on a synthetic field. I'm going to talk about what we do use on grass fields in a moment. But so, in other words, when it does rain, there's nothing really, there's nothing washing out through these synthetic fields that's harmful.

[01:42:46] All the synthetic products we use meet all of the U.S. and European standards for environmental compliance. And then the last thing is that all of the turf products that we use are fully recyclable.

[01:43:02] They're basically, the filament is polyethylene. It's the same material that you see in milk jugs and things like that. So it is fully recyclable and the industry has set up reclamation facilities just to do that as turf comes out of service, it gets recycled and put back into another product life.

[01:43:23] So this is a life cycle cost comparison. And here, this is from the industry. We did another exercise that's more locally based. I was going to save that for my departmental update, but the numbers will be about the same. What I wanted to do here is use dollars as a way to represent resources.

[01:43:42] It's just an easy way for people to understand. And you can see the comparison across the different kinds of fields that we have. The pivot is a proprietary filament, but it's what we use currently. It's what's out there in place right now.

[01:44:01] When we have a grass field that we need to keep in good condition and fight against the overuse, We typically will put 800,000 gallons of water on a field over the course of a year.

[01:44:19] Our fertilizer application rates, in total we use mostly nitrogen and potassium. It comes out to about 8 pounds per 1,000 square feet, which means a typical field over the course of a year gets about 525 pounds of fertilizer applied to it.

[01:44:39] I was curious because I asked Matt what is the average household consumes about 64,000 gallons a year. If you do the math and take the 105 irrigated fields we have currently, we're consuming about 84 million gallons of county water through our irrigation cycle a year.

[01:45:06] I was even more curious just to do the capacity. I went to the Internet and Swift Creek Reservoir has about a five and a half billion gallon capacity. So the math would say that in a year, our irrigation system is using about 60 percent of static capacity of Swift Creek Reservoir.

[01:45:24] So when I say that synthetic fields help conserve resources, there is a tangible relationship in doing the math. And, of course, they also help tremendously in the other resources that are peripheral, the amount of staff time, travel time, gas spent to keep up the maintenance.

[01:45:46] So they do have a story to play in being environmentally responsible and helping blend a portfolio out where we obviously have a tremendous amount of demand for use of these athletic fields. Do you guys use the Eye on Water app in the?

[01:46:06] We do. We do check often because we sometimes question whether our meters, we have leaks quite often, to be honest, in irrigation systems. And so we're constantly running water use checks against our billing. My husband has cut my irrigation down like by half because the first time he looked at how many gallons we ran on our acre lot of 14 zones was.

[01:46:33] We know who the environmentalist in the family is. Any other questions before I transition?

[01:46:54] I'm going to hand it over to John to talk about recycling. But in the transition, I will also mention we are aware and we're working with SV&E. A lot of our use, particularly, again, at the athletic complexes, generates a tremendous amount, particularly a single stream waste.

[01:47:13] So we have a tournament. They're selling Gatorade. You get lots of empty plastic Gatorade bottles. So we are working to improve how we can capture on-site recyclables for those kind of materials and really get targeted and making it easy for the general public in those areas where we know there's going to be a lot of recyclable waste generated to make it easy for them to help us recycle.

[01:47:40] Dr. Hillman. Could you also talk about the fields at Rockwood and how that would alleviate the rain delays because of the drainage and all that? I think that's important for the general public to know also. Yes, sir. I mean, the idea for diamond fields, baseball fields, softball fields are by far the most labor intensive we have because the clay in a traditional infield requires a lot of hand-holding to keep it in a good condition. It requires regular grading, it requires dragging,

[01:48:17] it requires conditioning, and that conditioner that you apply down, which is calcine clay, also needs to be removed. Otherwise, you create future long-term problems. So the long and short of it is, is that the synthetic infield is ready to play in 30 minutes. So the problem that we run into, particularly around a typical time of year, this is an unusually dry year, obviously, But baseball starts, to be honest, they start tryouts in late January, early February.

[01:48:45] Their grapefruit season begins early March. The synthetic fields are going to allow, even though the outfield grass is dormant, the wear and tear and the predominant maintenance issue on a diamond field is in the infield area.

[01:49:02] And the synthetic setup takes that off the table. The lines are permanent. The turf is permanent within its life cycle. So there is a greatly reduced amount of maintenance and a consistency in

the playing surface that the user groups are going to get day in and day out, regardless of the weather condition.

[01:49:22] And we have, we are, Rockwood is done, obviously in use. We are, the contractor is starting at Horner. That project has just started. We're in the design and permitting phase to convert all seven fields at Bird at that complex.

[01:49:42] and we also have a design contract to get the Manchester complex ready for a turf synthetic hybrid conversion next summer.

[01:49:57] - Thank you, Neil. So I get to talk about the remaining four bullet points on this slide here, and we'll start off with recycling. Just another great message that our continued strong efforts with our community recycling centers, we've increased the number of pickups at many of our community recycling centers and increase the number of bins there.

[01:50:18] So we're seeing a great response with that. Also, we've added, as Clay mentioned earlier, we've added composting at our convenience centers. And since we started in November, we've collected about a ton of composting material. And we're working with CBWMA partners with that effort.

[01:50:36] So we're excited about that. We do have some upcoming shred, e-cycling, and HHW events. That's June 27th at Thomas Dale High School. August 8th at Clover Hill High School and then November 14th at the county fairgrounds.

[01:50:53] So those are always well attended. Just wanna make sure we get that message out that those events are coming up. And again, that is another partnership that we're doing with CBWMA. We have our solar arrays. We have 12 that are in service now and they offset about somewhere between 40 to 45% of our electrical usage for those facilities.

[01:51:13] We have eight government buildings and four schools. We are also evaluating solar arrays at our closed landfills, have a ballasted type of array that they could put on our closed landfills. So we're looking at that. We just finished up a tour this morning with the company looking at our three sites of Carver Heights, Northern, and also at Bonaire.

[01:51:37] So excited about that opportunity and those possibilities that may come with that. Our electric vehicle charging, we're partnering with ChargePoint and Blue Whale to install charging stations. We have seven sites that have been identified, the two parking lots of Cogbill and CTC Hull, Midlothian Library, LaPrade Library, Deep Creek Middle School, Falling Creek Middle School, and then also one here at the county complex.

[01:52:05] Those charging stations will be set up where users will pay for their refueling recharging of their vehicles so blue whale and charge point have that type of capability set up where we can work with them on the on the charging aspect of it so that that's a great opportunity that's coming this year and then lastly I just want to point out our industry awards our fleet services team again has done continued to do a tremendous job and was recognized as the 32nd best green

[01:52:38] fleet. And a lot of that is attributed to the alternative fuels that we use in our vehicles and also our electric, our four electric buses. So we are, we continue to move forward with that and being recognized as an industry leader in that, in that element. So I'll turn it over to Rich, unless there are questions. Thank you, John. I want to talk a little bit about LED streetlight conversions. In fiscal year 25,

General Services and Community Enhancement undertook a joint project to begin conversion of our traditional street light fixtures to LEDs.

[01:53:17] Goal of this was to reduce our energy consumption and hopefully recognize some financial savings out of it as well. So far, well, we started off with about 5,000 street lights at the time. Working with Dominion so far, we've converted about 1,200 of those lights. We have about 3,000 left to go. There were about 800 when we started that were already LEDs. With those 3,000 that we have left remaining, our target is to get about 1,000 of those done every year. So hopefully we can wrap this up within about three years. When you're trying to figure out what the savings is

[01:53:54] over time, we have a number of different street lights fixtures in the county. So each one of those has some different specs to it. But roughly you can say that your LED fixtures are consuming about half the amount of power that a traditional streetlight would. When you get Dominion to run the numbers for you in the end, we're hoping to save about \$384,000 a year with our streetlight bill when this is all done. And traditionally, these type of projects are measured in what's your payback over time. When we did the math for that, it's about a two and a half year payback

[01:54:27] on this type of project. The LEDs probably last longer too, so you don't have as many bulbs to replace. That's one of the things Dominion sells us on. When we pay for a street light, it's a non-metered, what Dominion considers a non-metered type of charge, which means they don't measure how much power goes to it. They just charge as a flat fee every month. In that fee is maintenance. So they're telling us they can not only reduce the energy consumption, but the maintenance that they have to do on the light as well.

[01:55:01] Did we get the colors of the lights right? I know that was a big consideration for some citizens. Yes, sir. The colors were one thing. We also, I think we've hit upon a good fixture style for a lot of folks.

[01:55:18] One of the complaints we used to get a lot was when, especially when we put a new light in somewhere, the first complaint we would get is this light is much too bright. I think we've got a fixture type now, especially in our residential areas, that directs a lot of that light down to the place you want it, which is on the ground, either on the sidewalk or on the street, which seems to satisfy a lot of that.

[01:55:40] Any other thoughts? Yeah, I just wanted to say thank you for that. And I just want to say we commended our public safety earlier for how well multiple departments work together. But we have, again, multiple departments under two different deputy county administrators up here making a presentation on how we're working together as a team to be environmentally conscious.

[01:56:05] So I just want to thank all of the teams for being able to work together to help us to achieve, ultimately, a better quality community at a lower cost. So thank you. So first I want to mention that I got one of those countertop composting buckets from the Youth Advisory Board at the Earth Day.

[01:56:36] They were giving them away at the event. And then you can just take the bags and put them in the composting there. I do have my own composting, but the kids did a great job. I actually sent Sarah, I think, a picture for the board reports if you need any pictures.

[01:56:55] We took some pictures, but it was a good event. It was a great day at the event this year, not as cold and windy as last year. So, yeah, it was a great Earth Day event. Also just wanted to mention that I'm working with Marley on a project for Woodlake to get some community gardens built also that they're very happy about.

[01:57:23] They've been looking for a location, and so we were able to identify something and get that taken care of. So that's another project that they'll help with the community to get those resources out there. Thank you. Other comments? I just wanted to appreciate all of you.

[01:57:42] Kind of when we were going through this, there was this moment of awe that kind of came over me of the level of expertise that is in the room, especially all of you together. I haven't seen this kind of grouping before, and it was like whoever had this idea, rock and roll. It was the right group to be able to pull this together.

[01:57:59] I also want, so for a starter, just appreciation for all that you all are doing. I also want to put an appeal out to the community. What are we not thinking of? So if there is something that we're not thinking of, please reach out to us so that we can continue to enhance and continue to take care of our environment in the best way possible.

[01:58:20] We can't be doing everything. We can't have thought of everything. So if there are ideas that are out there, please, that appeal to the community, reach out to us. Other thoughts? All right. Thank you all. Clay. Thank you very much for the great work.

[01:58:39] Dee, consent agenda highlights. Mr. Smith.

[01:58:59] So I have quite a few really nice items on your consent agenda tonight. I sort of grouped them together thematically. So the first handful are all transportation projects. Chess is here if you have any further questions. But we have the Early Settlers Road sidewalk.

[01:59:16] This is just under a \$2 million project out there on Early Settlers Road from Robius to Huguenot Park. So, again, sort of the idea of connecting people to places. It does also include a pedestrian signal there at Early Settlers and Robius so that pedestrians can safely cross from one side of the road over to the park.

[01:59:36] So really nice amenity in that part of Midlothian. And a great idea that came from the community. Absolutely. like oh this is right on let's see we can make this happen a great example of that it's like we don't think of everything but this was something fantastic idea most of our best ideas come from folks in the community speaking of which sort of the next two also community generated so speed cushions we're continuing down down that road so resolutions of support for two more one is on Pocono Drive I think that's actually in your district here district miss Schneider so we that started probably two years ago I think it was so nice to see really that one come to fruition

[02:00:13] and then the most talked about one I think we've ever had is North Panetta I think even Mr. Carroll as a young police officer remembers writing tickets out there so been a been a problem for a long long time so happy to see that one you know get to the point where we can put some things on the ground transitioning to another long talked about project actually in the Dale District a courthouse road extension. We have that on the agenda. This is sort of our omnibus permission request of the board so that we can keep things moving quickly. I'll put the pressure on Chess

[02:00:48] of the Hope is really to get that one, I think, under construction next year if we can. So not a lot of right-of-way involved because it does go through the majority of its school property or county property where a school is located, so a few things to do there, but we are hoping to get that one moving to open up sort of that part of the county, access to the fairgrounds as well as to spur continued development over in courthouse landings.

[02:01:14] Another really nice project. Speaking of nice big projects, Pauai Parkway Extension Phase 2 we have on your agenda to appropriate the \$8 million that Congressman Whitman delivered in a novelty check that Joe tried to cash not once but twice. It was direct deposit, shocker, to find out.

[02:01:32] So we do have that funding. It actually arrived later on that day. CHESA has the novelty check. We, as a community, have the \$8 million. So, again, nice story to tell there. But that allows us to get kicked off on the formal design, geotechnical work that's necessary to continue bringing that project to bear.

[02:01:56] Another sidewalk project. This is actually in Clover Hill. Reams Road. The start was actually, so Ian Stewart, that used to work for VPM, I met him out there one day. Actually, my daughter goes to school there now. She was not at school there then, but she'll be graduating from that elementary school this year. But a really nice project. If you go out there in the mornings, there are lots of kids that cross the street. It's an uncontrolled intersection, no crosswalk, lots of activities. So again, a nice project that will add both

[02:02:32] sidewalk and pedestrian crosswalks for the adults and the kids that live near the school. Moving on from transportation projects, we are asking the board to set several public hearings for May 27th, your May 27th board meeting. So first is a tower lease at Meadowville Wastewater pump station. This is just renewable lease, renewal of a lease. The language and actually the way that the document was done was hard to read. So the new lease is just asking us to

[02:03:08] re-record that so that it's legible. Second is the FY27 through FY32 secondary road six-year plan and the FY27 secondary road budget. So this is the time of year when Rebecca and Chesa come before you, Rebecca from VDOT, Chesa from our transportation department, and it's about \$2 million more or less in state funding that could be used for a variety of different things.

[02:03:35] Most of it's contingency, but you can look at doing traffic calming, speed cushions, some of the smaller things that are eligible, And they'll cover that plan with you prior to that public hearing. We also have a request to set a public hearing for an ordinance amendment that speaks to setbacks from transmission lines.

[02:03:56] I know we covered this a little bit in detail with Dr. Miller and Mr. Carroll earlier today, but the genesis of this was the Western Transmission Line and the large project that Dominion has to require now a 100-foot vegetated setback on both sides of their transmission line, really to protect future residents from the visual and other impacts of what a transmission line is.

[02:04:25] So I went to the Planning Commission last night. The only person that spoke to it was Mr. Turner. So that will come up again on your May agenda. So we're looking forward to that one to really to provide protections for for future residents.

[02:04:40] And then the chief, Colonel Carpenter, mentioned this, but also the local animal cruelty registry, that public hearing we're proposing for May 27th. A couple of different resolutions. One is a adopting policies and procedures for both design, build and construction management methods of construction contracting.

[02:05:02] So these are just different tools of the procurement toolkit. We use design-build already on transportation projects because state code allows you to do that without having specific local policies and procedures. This would allow you to expand that to other things that more fall under clay suite of things, so nice to see those happening.

[02:05:25] And then I think this was also mentioned earlier, but the approving participation in the settlement of opioid-related claims. Mr. Mink certainly has details on that if you have questions. And then I think we have some retirements. Michael's giving me the thumbs up.

[02:05:42] So, yep, there we go. Lori Gale over at Community Hancement is retiring after 37 years. So I'm sure Rich is sad to see her go. Brad Badgerow, 33 years. Hard to believe he's been here. I'm sorry. Apparently not.

[02:06:06] We'll talk to the chief about that one. But, yeah, Brad's been here a long time. I know I've had the pleasure of working with him. Really an asset to not just the police department, but really to the community. He is on the squishier side of police guys, and we have really enjoyed working with him.

[02:06:24] He's been really good to work with. And then, Colonel Ronnie Robinson from police, 16 years. So, a lot of talent walking out the door. Thank you, Mr. Smith. Madam Clerk. E, other informational highlights, Dr. Casey.

[02:06:45] Yes, I have about six items for you, most notably, fresh off the press, Natalie Spillman, our intergovernmental relations leader there. I'm just going to read to her what she had sent me. So this afternoon, the House and Senate reconvened to consider bills back before them, including bills that had been vetoed or amended by the governor.

[02:07:07] There were eight bills vetoed and 180 bills amended. 972 have been signed into law. Both the House and Senate use procedural moves to effectively reject the governor's recommendations on collective bargaining and the cannabis retail market bills. What that means is that the bills will be back before the governor in their original form as they left the General Assembly.

[02:07:30] She has now 30 days to sign or not sign, and the bills become law or veto, and the bills die. So those are the two prominent issues that we've been before you throughout this session. The General Assembly will come back tomorrow to gavel in for a special session. We're not hearing any progress that has been made, and tomorrow will be the start of the special session to deal with the budget.

[02:07:51] First course of action will be to mutually agree upon a revenue number before further deliberations. As more develops, of course, Ms. Spillman, and again, Mr. Minx will be working closely with her, as for the laws that actually do come into law, we'll be before you in May or June for what may or may not be local ordinance amendments or impacts to Chesterfield County.

[02:08:13] So that is fresh off the press. Chair. Yes, Mr. Carroll. In reference to the information Natalie sent with the two bills that they rejected and sent back, the governor has 30 days to take action on.

[02:08:29] But if she vetoes the bills, no, no, they come back to the House for consideration in the Senate to see if they can override the veto, and they have to have two-thirds of each House to do that. You're right, Mr. Carroll. I think Natalie didn't put that in there because it's, but you're correct.

[02:08:47] Technically, they have that ability. I just want to make sure. I don't want us to lead anybody to believe that there's not a recourse after that that could be attempted. So, one way or the other. Thank you, Mr. Carroll. And just for some of the other items to mention, you know, we're restaurant week from all initial reports was a success for the 40 participating businesses.

[02:09:09] We'll get more information on, again, the food bank and how that all prevailed with them. But as one event ends, another one begins. Our team is working with the schools to host our inaugural, what

we call Create Chesterfield, with its Arts in Action at Rockwood Park on April 26th, 1 to 4 p.m.

[02:09:28] Free, family-friendly event brings art to life through student-led demonstrations, hand-on creative experiences, and collaborations with local arts organizations. It would also feature the unveiling of a new community mural designed by Chesterfield students in collaboration with a regional well-known artist named Matt Lively.

[02:09:47] In addition, we are hosting, we're in the process of our 13th annual diaper drive. We collected over 36,000 baby diapers for families enrolled in our Families First and Infant and Toddler Connection programs underneath our mental health department.

[02:10:05] There's still opportunities to donate. In fact, one event that's going to be used as a donation site will be our 14th annual Boxer Brief 5K, which is hosted by a Chesterfield nonprofit, Hitting Cancer Below the Belt, and that will be June 6. And, of course, people can donate diapers year-round through Chesterfield.gov backslash diaper drive.

[02:10:26] For the fifth consecutive year, Chesterfield has been recognized as a top workplace award. only 22 employers have been named five years in a row, and Chesterville is the only local government named in our particular population band. Just as a footnote, there's 35 million-plus employers in the nation, private and public sector. So to be recognized amongst those 22 for that duration is an honor in itself. In addition, in relation to our workforce, we got awarded the Top Virginia Workplace for Interns Award given out by the State Council of Higher Education of Virginia.

[02:11:02] That's the third year in a row we've gotten that. And that's for our provision of a high-quality career-launching internship program with our paid position, structured mentorship, and ideally opportunities for them to come back for full-time employment. We received on this last round a record number of internship applications, 766. That actually is an amazing number to the degree we have the capacities. We have over 16 of them hired thus far to start ideally in the next month, but we are going to continue to look for ways to best deploy these students so they can hopefully

[02:11:39] come back to us or come back to Chesterfield. Another topic is website ADA compliance. The Department of Justice a few years ago gave us all in the public sector a certain period of time to have our websites be all accessible for those that have, you know, various disabilities and site, sound, and so forth. We were actually on the path to be compliant with this by the due date, which was in the next week or so. As was expected, many local governments and public sector entities are not anywhere near compliance, so the Department of Justice is giving everybody, including us,

[02:12:16] another year to become compliant. We're proud to report we don't need that extra year. We're already on our way. And again, this is providing sites that really is how we designed and tested so that, again, they're working on all types of devices in all manners. So much so, we've done so well in this program. We've been featured in NACO's County News. And then last year, we were recognized with the NACO Achievement Award and a Commonwealth Technology Award for our digital accessibility for all initiatives. Last but not least, and I think Jessica Cigaro from our

[02:12:51] Community Enhancement Department sent out a message that we're going to have an extra \$150,000 plus or minus to reinvest into our eligible CDBG and home-type entities. \$100,000 is just federal additional dollars. \$50,000 or so is, unfortunately, from Chasmin, which has made a public announce that it's going to cease its operations.

[02:13:15] You had already provided in your budget about a \$50,000 appropriation. so that \$150,000 has to go through a federally compliant process of advertising the redistribution of it. Tentatively, we've just proposed to have it go through existing entities, HOME, CIS, Humankind, and ACTS for which you already fund, as well as also to better maximize a recovered cost component that, again, the general fund provides.

[02:13:39] So that will be through a public hearing process to meet, again, the federal processes that will be on your agenda in May. That enables us to get the monies out to the door and secure these contracts with our nonprofits by July 1st.

[02:13:56] Chair, Vice Chair, that concludes my comments. Thank you, Dr. Casey. Mr. Carroll, do you have anything you'd like to speak to? I do. I don't know if they actually have the, well, other than that picture. You've got to have a better one than that. There you go. There you go. That's what we're looking for. It really came out tremendous.

[02:14:14] If you don't know what this is, this is Epitcon down off of Epps Falls Road in Chesterfield County. The house stabilization and repainting work at Epping has been completed, which is just in time for the community to take a look at the upcoming History Between the Two Rivers event, which will be held on May 2nd at 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

[02:14:33] I hope the public will come out to experience portrayals of 17th century exploring, Captain Christopher Newport and 18th century depicting aspects of the Continental Army, like musket drills, military music, and period cooking. There will be crafts, trades, food vendors, and children's activities of the time.

[02:14:51] So please mark your calendar on May the 2nd and come out and take a look at this historical gem that was Thomas Jefferson's sister's house here in Chesterfield County. And I have to give them credit. There was some window damage that had to be restored, and they restored it in such a way that it's really restored back to its period state.

[02:15:14] And it's painted. They did a really great job. Yeah. Is it new clay or is it painted? Yeah, I thought so. Yeah, they did a nice job. It really looks great. So I hope to see a lot of people out there on May 2nd, because I know I will be there that morning.

[02:15:30] Thank you, Mr. Chair. You're welcome, Mr. Carroll. All right, Madam Clerk. Item 6, reports. Are there any questions regarding the reports? Seeing no questions, let's consider the reports approved. Item 7, 15-minute citizen comment period on unscheduled matters.

[02:15:50] We have no speakers. Thank you, Madam Clerk. Item 8, Closed Session 1, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711A1, Code of Virginia 1950 is amended to discuss prospective candidates for appointment to the position of County Administrator.

[02:16:07] and 2, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711A3, Code of Virginia 1950 is amended to discuss the acquisition by the county of real estate for a public purpose or the disposition of publicly held real property where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position and negotiating strategy of the public body.

[02:16:31] Mr. Chair, we need a motion to go into closed session. Thank you, Madam Clerk. Motion? Can I get a motion? So moved. I get a second. Second. Any discussion? All in favor? Aye. All right. We are in

closed session.

[02:16:43] Well, good evening, everyone.

[02:20:39] A lot of energy in the room this evening. That's a good thing. Everyone, welcome to the evening session of the April 22nd Board of Supervisors meeting. I have verified that all board members have received copies of the comments posted to the online comment portal for consideration on the matters before us tonight.

[02:21:04] These comments are part of a public record and will be attached to the meeting minutes. In addition, for those members of the public that are here for a zoning portion of the meeting, we have two deferrals, and those are two deferral requests.

[02:21:21] I have requested a deferral of Case 25 SN1254 Robius Road rezoning and adjustment to May 27th meeting. Mr. Carroll has requested a deferral of Case 23-SN-0124-Taylor Ridge rezoning and exceptions to the May 27th meeting.

[02:21:42] At this time, I will ask Mr. Carroll to give the invocation. Thank you. Let's pray. Heavenly Father, on behalf of my colleagues on this board and the people of our community, I ask you to guide us in our deliberations this evening. Father, we ask that you protect our members of our public safety, our military, and all of our county employees as they continue to provide the best services they can to our country and our community.

[02:22:07] I would also ask you to keep in your grace the family of Christopher Seth Guy, who worked for Chesford County, who recently passed away, and keep his family and friends as they heal from the loss. We ask all of this in your heavenly name. Amen. We would like to call forward Deputy County Administrator Clay Bowles to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

[02:22:30] Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, for liberty and justice for all.

[02:22:49] Item 12, county administration update, Dr. Casey. Good evening, members of the board and the public that's here and the public that is watching. On the agenda, we have a Virginia State University update, and we just got a message from Dr. Abdullah.

[02:23:05] He's running a few minutes late, so when he does join us, he will then proceed with his annual update to the board of supervisors. But I have just a few other minor updates to give you. One is, it is Economic Development Week, May 4th through the 8th this year. And again, we participate in this in many different ways of trying to foster innovation, supporting business, and really improving the quality of life for those that live here.

[02:23:28] This year, we're going to host a Small Business Week event with the partnership of Bryan and Stratton College, May 8th. And again, BizWorks and the U.S. Small Business Administration will also be there, amongst many others. Again, just doing nothing more than helping our small business owners become a little bit larger. In addition, just as an accolade to give Economic Development Director Garrett Hart, he will be featured in the June issue of Virginia Business Magazine as a 2026 Virginia C-Suite Awards recipient. Again, it's recognizing private and really private executives,

[02:24:05] very few public executives who consistently demonstrate remarkable leadership, vision, and performance. So I wish him congratulations on behalf of staff. Internal audits month is also the month of

May. And again, while we don't necessarily talk about internal audits all the time, it's an essential function of a good quality organization and of all the external audit they help perform, as well as the investigations of fraud, waste, and abuse, for which we call it our hotline. So this is just our annual reminder that for any employee or resident who suspect wrongdoing involving fraud, waste, or abuse of Chesterfield government or schools, you

[02:24:44] know, assets or resources, please do call the Fraud, Waste, and Abuse hotline, 804-318-8000. It's a confidential line. Only the internal auditors themselves have access to it. And then there are multiple other ways to report on the internal auditor's webpage.

[02:25:00] But we're not shy at trying to promote that, that we have this service available. The internal auditor, in essence, is also accountable to the Audit and Finance Committee, of which we have two board members who serve on that committee. We all know that June 5th is coming up as a tax due date, so as a reminder from our treasurer's office, please, to avoid penalties or interest, to try and get your taxes paid for the bills that are in the mail to you or have been received thus far prior to the due dates.

[02:25:28] And the county, in conjunction with the treasurer's office, has offered many different ways to pay their taxes, including an online payment portal, online banking, Automated payment service, telephone, mail, kiosk, in-person, and payment plan. So I think any and all ways in which we can collect funds, we try and deploy them for the purposes of citizens and businesses to pay taxes.

[02:25:50] Last but not least, if I could have Michelle Smith, who's in our audience, come to the podium. As a tradition of the county, we always like to introduce to the public and to the board any new directors that have been selected. As many of you remember, Marilyn Brown has served us very well as Juvenile Justice Services Director.

[02:26:11] We are hoping for the same nice career for Michelle Smith, who brings 30 years of leadership experience in this topic. Most recently, you know, leading and being a leader in Loudoun County. She moved down here to Amelia, I believe, just to be closer to some family, just to help out.

[02:26:29] And she's now going to help us out as well, in addition to family. So we welcome her, and it was fortunate that her family is from the Amelia area and setting up there. But just like every director before us, I'll give Ms. Smith the opportunity to express a few words to the board.

[02:26:47] Members of the board, thank you very much for having me. Thank you so much for the introduction. I am so grateful to be chosen for this position, and I am super excited to get on board and continue the good work that is happening here. Marilyn and I have known each other for quite a long time as colleagues, And she's done amazing work, and I just look forward to continuing the work that she's done.

[02:27:08] Thank you very much. Thank you. You're taking the job. You're very welcome. I'm excited. Thank you. And that concludes my report. As I noted before, Dr. Abdullah should be here shortly, so I suggest we proceed with the agenda.

[02:27:23] And then at every pause we have between agenda items, we can then see if he's ready for his annual update. Sounds good. Item 13, board member reports. Fantastic. Mr. Ingle, it helps if you turn on the microphone.

[02:27:40] Recently, Dr. Hilton and I had the honor of joining members of the Chesfield Historical Society of Virginia's African American History Committee, along with First Baptist Church, Bermuda 100, and Dr. Casey, for the unveiling of a state historical marker.

[02:27:59] This marker commemorates the church's rich history. The marker pays homage to the First Baptist Church, Bermuda 100, and honors more than 18,000 enslaved Africans who passed through this location. It serves as a call for reflection, remembrance, and a deeper understanding of our shared history.

[02:28:19] And there's two women in the picture, one next to me and one next to Dr. Hilton, that we were actually also helping to stand up a little bit because they're both, we won't say their exact age but they're both over 90 and they've been lifelong members of the church so um it was incredible to be able to have conversations with them and to understand the history of this area next and uh if you got a few minutes to kill and um you want to uh go on over to uh our podcast

[02:28:58] I was on the latest episode of the Chesterfield Behind the Mic joined by Brad Franklin to discuss some of the big items facing the county for 2026 and a number of updates on projects in my district. If you want to listen, you can go to chesterfield.gov forward slash podcast and hopefully you'll enjoy it.

[02:29:24] And if you don't, I'm sorry. That concludes my report. Who do we have up next? It's me. All right. So Rockwood Park fields, we had a ribbon cutting. We celebrated the reopening of the seven newly renovated baseball and softball fields at Rockwood Park. The diamond fields have been transformed into hybrid facilities. They're amazing. They have turf infields and grass outfields

[02:30:01] alongside the replacement of all the fencing, backdrops, new seating, and dugouts. This was all part of the 50th anniversary of the park that was last year, and so this is just the completion of that project.

[02:30:18] And we had some awesome young folks there that were excited to get their first games played that night. So if you haven't been there, please go and check it out. Yeah, so this was a beautiful celebration of the late, our former board colleague, Mr. Holland.

[02:30:47] We went to the Excellence in Virginia Government Awards Luncheon with Governor Wilder from the VCU Wilder School. And the ceremony honors Virginians who have made significant contributions to government practices and the well-being of our communities and residents.

[02:31:08] Mrs. Holland was there to accept this Lifetime Achievement Award in memory of her late husband, and the award recognized Mr. Holland's decades of public service. It was a great luncheon celebration.

[02:31:28] And this was the Sports Hall of Fame. That was Friday night, Chesterfield Sports Hall of Fame ceremony hosted by our sports visitation entertainment team celebrated a powerful blend of athletic excellence, community impact, and inspiration highlighted by the induction of Loree Sugg, Morgan Moses, Will Bates, and the late Stan Morgan.

[02:31:56] This event also honored Sherman Litton with the inaugural Rudy Johnson Community Impact Awards for decades of service in youth sports. while Daniel Lewis and Erica Figge were named the Play Chesterfield Scholar Athletes of the Year, recognizing the next generation of leaders excelling in academics, athletics, and community service.

[02:32:23] And then on Saturday, I had the pleasure of joining a group of volunteers, my husband and some community members, to assist with the renovation of this home in Bexley.

[02:32:42] The property at 8801 Ram Circle was acquired by the county following a long and thoughtful initiative aimed at supporting the owner occupants with the unique health and living challenges. I happen to have been the president of the HOA at that time, so it was kind of a, this has been a full circle moment for me, but let's see.

[02:33:06] Well, so the house definitely needed some help, and so the acquisition of this was made possible through federal housing grant funds and was subsequently handed over to Richmond Habitat for Humanity for rehabilitation.

[02:33:22] The goal is to sell the home to a Chesterfield County family in search of affordable housing option. The Maggie Walker Community Land Trust will oversee the land and provide ongoing stewardship, ensuring that the home remains accessible, affordable, and for future families.

[02:33:39] I was definitely sore the next day. I was installing flooring. I don't think you realize how old you are until, well, you are. And that's the end of my report. Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Schneider. Dr. Hilton. Well, I'm here to report that Chesapeake County has talent.

[02:33:58] As evident at Meadowbrook High School, we had 180 students from Chesapeake County Public Schools spanning from kindergarten to 12th grade, participating in the talent show, and again, I'm here to attest that we do have talent in Chesterfield. Next, the Chesterfield County NAACP had a sneaker ball for moms and kids, and I was happy to attend with the chairman of our board, Dr. Miller. We had a great time dancing and socializing with the community. It was a great

[02:34:35] time. For all, I want to highlight that Dominique Chatter is also attended from the school board who represents the Dale district in Chesterfield. Subject to any questions or comments, Mr. Chair, yield my time back. Thank you. Mr. Carroll. Tough crowd. As you can see, there's many events that we all attend, and we had conflicting events for some of these events, which is why some of us weren't there. I, one of the nights the event was going on, I had the opportunity to meet with the

[02:35:15] alumni from Chessfield's signature programs, including the Chessfield County Government Citizens Academy, my Chessfield Academy, the Police Academy, and more came all together for an evening filled with connection, conversation, and community. And they really, Dr. Casey and I had the opportunity to answer a lot of questions that all of these people who have attended these programs in the past had. And they had an opportunity to meet each other and allow for people who went to class together to reconnect and share different experiences they may have had, you know, from the Citizens Academy to the Police Academy. So it was a great event. I was glad to be

[02:35:55] here. Next. I also had the opportunity to do my podcast of Behind the Mic on a recent episode. I I was joined again by Brad Franklin to discuss how it feels to be vice chair again and discuss some of the bigger items affecting the county in 2026 as well as many updates on the Matoka district.

[02:36:17] And if you're having trouble sleeping, you can tune in. I did try and talk nice and soft. I know you find that hard to believe, but it may help you in sleep. But, you know, we do these podcasts to try and make sure we get information out to the community that perhaps not everybody, you know, gets to come to a board meeting or whatnot so we really do try and make the content interesting but so anyway and as Mr.

[02:36:44] Engel said if you don't like it I'm sorry but we tried. So this is a new program that my board colleagues and I participate in at the VCU's Heart Heroes Teach Blood Pressure Program at Ettrick Elementary. It's the first of its kind in Chesterfield. This initiative is designed to educate students on recognizing high blood pressure and understanding how it can negatively affect your vital organs, including their hearts. Members of a fire and life safety division, alongside with doctors from VCU Health, dedicated four days teaching students about heart health

[02:37:21] and blood pressure. And then that night, you know, the students were, had the blood pressure cuffs and they could practice. And then that night their families came in and they took their blood pressure. So the week of learning culminated in that family night and the children were actually the ones showcased. And so I was on my way there talking to my planning commissioner about a zoning case and I decided I was going to let one of these young kids take my blood pressure. That was not a good idea. They said, you need to go to the hospital. I said, I'm fine. The poor little kid was like,

[02:37:56] yours is really high. But this is a great program. We hope we can expand it out to the whole community. This is the fourth graders. It's really about raising awareness on the health at an early age. And then maybe you may find them go home and one of their parents might have high blood pressure and didn't even know it. And maybe this will get them interested in becoming a nurse or a doctor or a paramedic or a firefighter in the future. So it's really, I know VCU does this with Hopewell, I think, already. And this is our first year. But it was a great program. Great received, other than my blood pressure. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

[02:38:35] Thank you, Mr. Carroll. I'm compelled to mention that Mr. Engel and Mr. Carroll are extraordinarily modest and humble. They did a great job on the podcast, and I really want to encourage folks to watch them, because it kind of gives you just a feel of having a conversation back and forth.

[02:38:59] Brad does a great job and provides an opportunity for you to kind of get a feel for who we are and what we're thinking about and what motivates us to be on your board and to be serving all of you. So I appreciate how modest and humble you both are, but I listened to both of them, and you guys did great.

[02:39:21] To Mitch Schneider and to Dr. Hilton, they've set the bar. And then also I wanted to pick up on the heart heroes in that for my board report, I wanted to start out by talking about the Forest View Volunteer Squad.

[02:39:39] We just recently, my wife and I recently had attended the annual awards banquet where they recognize many dedicated, highly skilled volunteers for their dedication and personal sacrifices made in order to provide essential services to our community.

[02:39:58] And so I'm hoping that by them, these kids participating in the Heart Heroes, that it'll inspire them to possibly be part of the volunteer rescue squads in our community, in our county. One of the things that I noticed is that I've attended now four times their annual banquet.

[02:40:20] And I know that I was there with Dr. Casey. i mean it's such a wonderful community and they they're just so tight and they truly love each other and they take good care of each other and you have folks that have been volunteering for over 50 years um it is really quite a community so um i uh i am hoping um for folks that want to participate and do something like that i highly recommend it um chesterfield uh

[02:40:50] Proudly marked a major achievement with the topping off of the new animal shelter, services shelter, symbolizing the placement of the final beam on the facility crafted to enhance the care for pets

and their devoted owners. Jessica, you were hanging out with the most adorable of all of us.

[02:41:06] If you can see in that picture, I mean, the two critters that you all are hanging on to. This is so important for our community. know, a mark of a true community is how we take care of those in the most need and the most vulnerable, and that includes our pets. So very excited about it. It's scheduled to open up in the fall. This space signifies a transition toward more compassionate and modern care for our community's beloved four-legged family members. This is also, this is the

[02:41:39] Virginia Association of Local Human Services officials. My colleagues and I, we were there. Dr. Worsley, I don't know if you're still in the room, but there you are back there. Thank you for all the coordination that you did for this.

[02:41:55] This year's event held a particular significance because with fresh leadership in the governor's office, all of the, I mean, just the folks that came out from her cabinet to really provide an opportunity for exceptional opportunity to engage, listen, and learn.

[02:42:12] Grasping the governor's priorities and goals is crucial. It's absolutely crucial for aligning our efforts and ensuring that the voices of local communities are recognized and integrated into policy. Equally important was the chance this conference provided for networking.

[02:42:28] By sharing ideas, information, resources, we can make impactful progress together. I had planned to just hang out and do kind of my opening remarks, and I thought that I would need to take off, and I didn't.

[02:42:44] I couldn't. It was one of those things where it was such an important conference. In many ways, I didn't even realize what I was walking into. And that, to Dr. Worsley, for your just coordination of it, I think it was so important for everyone that was there. Carl Leonard was there.

[02:43:00] Sheriff, and of course, Laquan was there, too. It just was an incredible opportunity for everyone to learn what the priorities are. And I mean, there was HE double toothpicks for me to pay because I didn't leave, but it was worth every moment of it. that I was able to stick around and participate in that conference.

[02:43:22] And then finally, lastly, the board reports web page. I want to call this to your attention. You only got a small appetizer of everything that we're doing in the community. And we could sit here for 45 minutes, I think we have in the past, and just talk about the things we do in our community. But this includes updates that we share at each meeting, featuring district highlights, community involvement, and recent accomplishments.

[02:43:46] You can subscribe to our district updates list to receive board reports in your mailbox or scan the QR code. And that concludes my report. And I am going to yield my time back to Dr. Casey. Yes, thank you.

[02:44:01] And as I mentioned at the beginning of the meeting, I have a dear friend of mine over 10 years. Dr. Abdul is here to give his annual update of the Virginia State University. And I'll say, with me leaving in another month or two, I've met many people. But I will tell you, you do meet people who care about people.

[02:44:18] as you mentioned, Dr. Miller and the others, about the citizens of Chesterfield. Here's someone who cares about every student that enters their campus, and for the time they have them, to make them a

little bit better by the time they leave. And ideally, the best would be is that they stay here with us, and it's a win-win for everybody.

[02:44:35] So, Dr. Abdullah. Mr. Control, okay. Thank you. Thank you. Well, first, I wanted to say, Mr. Chair, thank you so much for encouraging your colleagues to come on out to our groundbreaking in a couple of days tomorrow.

[02:44:56] It really is fantastic. Right. It really is fantastic. Our relationship with Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors has grown so much, and so I'm just excited that you all are coming out. It'll be good to see you there. Supervisor Engel, we're going to miss you, Supervisor Snyder, but your presence will still be somehow in the air.

[02:45:17] As I reflect on you know, kind of 10 years at Virginia State University, you know, names like Steve Elswick and Jay Stegmaier, who served on our board after he left Chesterfield County, but also Joe Casey. You know, it's been a real pleasure to get a chance to know you and get to work with you, and I just wanted you to know from Virginia State that we're very appreciative of your service to Chesterfield County. And as we continue to move forward, Mr. Carroll, thank you for everything.

[02:45:48] I swear you're on campus so much, we need to give you a degree, give you a scholarship. And of course, we are honored and proud now to have a member of the Trojan family, Dr. Laquan Hilton, to be a member of the Chesterfield Board of Supervisors. So congratulations on your new position.

[02:46:06] And of course, congratulations on being a Trojan and having graduated from Virginia State. Okay, this is the part where I try to get through Eldon's presentation. Our enrollment, our enrollment is up. We like to show this slide because, again, we're about 4,000 students in 2020, almost 6,000 students now, with a growth of almost 50% over the past five years.

[02:46:30] It really has been a testament to the wonderful work that's happening at VSU. But I remember just a few years ago, we were worried about whether we would have a level of interest. And now our challenge is, are we going to be able to house enough students that want to come to Virginia State? And so we're really happy about that.

[02:46:48] Our U.S. News and World Report rankings, it's kind of common in academia that when your rankings go up that you report them, and when they go down, you wait for them to go up, and then you report them. But we had the largest growth in our rankings for all universities.

[02:47:07] We moved up to 12 spots, number 11, on best HBCU list just outside of the top 10, and I think it really shows the level of improvement that's happening at Virginia State. There are other rankings here. Regional institutions were up, public schools were up, and also best value.

[02:47:24] We are the most affordable, the best value in higher education, a four-year higher education in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and we're proud to hold that distinction. Here's a couple of things that are going up. You guys are coming to hang out with us for our new residence hall that we've just completed, and we also have a crane up for our new welcome center, our new admissions building.

[02:47:43] In addition to that, we've got two more buildings that we will break ground on in the coming months, and we have a building coming after that. So we hope to continue to have cranes and continue to invite you all out to witness the success that's happening at Virginia State.

[02:48:00] Walk for Peace. We were very fortunate to have the monks take a walk through campus. For those of you who had an opportunity to see them or get to know them, there were two things that were terribly interesting. One of them is when you hear Walk for Peace, your first thought is, you know, kind of world peace.

[02:48:18] And then you think about it again and you realize that they're monks and they're talking about inner peace. And so they gave a really nice lecture to the students on how to gain more inner peace. But second, I didn't know that you could have 200 students in a room that were not looking at their phones and paying attention.

[02:48:36] That was incredible. They really captured the young people's hearts. And in that way, I know that they learned something. Thank you. It's always wonderful to partner with Chesterfield County on our Black History Month scholarship celebration and on Black History Month.

[02:48:54] And so, as you know, Chief Justice Cleo Powell was a speaker, a very powerful speaker. And Chesterfield County, along with Virginia State, awarded scholarships to six students to attend colleges and universities across the Commonwealth. I, of course, offered them additional scholarship money to attend Virginia State University.

[02:49:12] and we'll see. I think we've got one who might take me up on it, but we're proud of them because we're proud of all of our universities, we're proud of all of our schools, and we're proud of these young people. The first Robotics Chesapeake District Championship, where we generally play basketball, we cleared the entire floor, and students from not just local high schools, but we had high school students from D.C. and Maryland, as well as Virginia, were there competing in a robotics competition. And so that was very exciting, presented by CCAM, the slide says.

[02:49:46] Very exciting. And we love to have that kind of academic involvement from our high schools and have that connection with our high schools. And something tells me this is last but not least. Is this the last one? Eldon has no idea. It's his presentation. He has no idea.

[02:50:05] Come on, Eldon. We have two commencement speakers that will be speaking on May 16th. The governor will do the 1.30 ceremony and Jay Jones will do the 5.30 ceremony. And so we're honored to have an opportunity to have the governor and the attorney general at our commencement ceremony.

[02:50:23] And hopefully they'll get a chance to enjoy the way we do it at Virginia State University. All right. It was the last one. Thank you, I say. That's what I'm supposed to say. And really, thank you. We are proud to be Virginia State University and our alternate name, Chesterfield County University, being Chesterfield County's only four-year institution.

[02:50:45] And I'm excited to be in front of you, and thank you for everything. Thank you. Any questions or comments? Ms. Schneider. So is this the one that we were at the groundbreaking for that's getting the dormitory that's getting?

[02:51:02] Yes. Yes. Okay. So I was at that. You were. I will try to be there. It's just that it's hard to transport back into the city with no travel time in between. I've got back-to-back. I will be at this event, though. Visitor Schneider, you've got so much goodwill built up.

[02:51:20] If you've got to get one, we can be okay. All right. Thank you so much for coming. Any other comments from the board? Mr. Carroll. Yeah, Mr. Carroll. I will be there tomorrow. I'm not going to miss

it, and we will be there. My wife and I will be there on the 25th for the gala.

[02:51:36] She's very excited. I'm very excited. Should be a lot of fun. Boys to men. Yeah. Nice, nice, nice. Talk about a gap. It's not unknown as to why that school has seen, your school has seen such an increase, right?

[02:51:53] There's so many tremendous things that are going on, including all of the, and it's not just, I mean, obviously it starts with your leadership, right? But then it goes all the way down through your staff, the education that the kids are getting, and certainly all of the new buildings, the campus looks, it's just coming to life.

[02:52:12] I mean, it was to life already anyway, but now it's like big, beautiful, brand-new facilities, and I only see it getting bigger. So we're doing a great job, and I think they also, we've got another probably ribbon-cutting coming in the future on the alumni building, right?

[02:52:27] Yes, sir. Yeah, because they're working on that pretty fast right now. They are. That's almost complete, too. Yes, sir. Awesome. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Engel. I look forward to seeing you tomorrow night. And I also look forward to seeing Mr. Carroll as an alumnus of your institution.

[02:52:47] That's right. And maybe one day all of us will be. There we go. There we go. We have scholarships for all of you to come to Virginia State University. Dr. Hilton said that I had to do that. He didn't want to be the only alum. Dr. Hilton.

[02:53:04] You know, Dr. Abdullah, this just goes to show the testament of your leadership. Anytime you see cranes and more cranes and more construction and things moving on the university, it means that they're growing. And I'm glad to see the university growing in such a positive way.

[02:53:22] And it's just a testament to your leadership. I think you've been there for 10 years now. And so I hope they'll have you another 10, 15, 20, however long you stay because you definitely have a good vision for university.

[02:53:37] So just a great testament to your leadership. And I just want to say thank you for being such a valuable partner of Chesterfield County. So thank you. Thank you, sir. Thank you for the kind words. You know, I'll just kind of echo and say, you know, when you're down on the campus and you're hanging out with the students, the feeling is palpable.

[02:53:54] I mean, there is a community that's there that is just, you can't miss it. And it's just lovely spending time down there with you, your students, and I look forward to being with you tomorrow. Thank you. Thanks for coming out. Thank you, sir. Yeah.

[02:54:10] And thank you to Kim Conley. I didn't say that, and I don't want to get in trouble. Yeah, I don't believe that. I should say that, too. She loves it if you call her up to stand next to you while you give the presentation. That's a good one. I will do that next time. Thank you so much. Jim, I would make sure you leave with the sheriff this evening.

[02:54:31] All right. Item 14, resolutions and special recognitions. A, recognizing Captain Bryce C. Ford, fire and emergency medical services upon his retirement. Will Captain Ford and his guests please join the board on the stage?

[02:55:17] Well, good evening, Mr. Chairman, members of the board. It's my honor to introduce to you Captain Bryce Ford, who recently retired after 26 years of dedicated service to the residents of Chesterfield

County. Bryce leaves us as one of our most experienced and highly trained members of our department.

[02:55:33] He's also very likely one of the most highly decorated members of our department, having received six Valor Awards, six Medals of Valor. Now let that sink in for a minute. Does anyone have a guess how many Valor Awards the average firefighter gets in the course of their career?

[02:55:51] Exactly. So that means that Bryce was always at the right place at the right time, And when faced with a difficult situation, he pulled on his courage as a former Marine. He drew upon his training and experience, and he often went into harm's way to make a difference in others' lives.

[02:56:10] And so he certainly should be commended for that in all those years of service. He's also a highly respected member of our organization. And for me as a leader, it was always good that I could go and talk to Bryce and use him as a sounding board. He was always willing to tell me what I needed to hear, not what I wanted to hear.

[02:56:26] And so for that, I'm very appreciative of all those years. We had discussions in the back of the fire station. He certainly will be missed in our department, but I know he was a mentor to many. So his legacy will live on. So Bryce, congratulations on reaching this milestone. Whereas Captain Bryce C. Ford retired from the Chesterfield Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department in Chesterfield County on March 1st, 2026.

[02:57:02] And whereas Captain Ford started his career with Recruit School No. 29 in March 2000, served as the class leader, and has faithfully served the residents of Chesterfield County for 26 years as a captain and paramedic at the Centralia, Dutch Gap, Chester, and Cleverhill Fire and EMS stations.

[02:57:23] And whereas Captain Ford served as a paramedic from 2007 to 2020. And whereas Captain Ford served as a member of the CFEMS scuba rescue team beginning in July 2003. And a member of the Virginia Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team, or VA HEART, from 2012 to 2020.

[02:57:45] And whereas Captain Ford served on the CFEMS technical rescue team from 2004 to 2014. And whereas Captain Ford served on the CFEMS Honor Guard from 2000 to 2022. And whereas Captain Ford was awarded an EMS Lifesave Award for his involvement in the successful outcome of a patient in cardiac arrest on August 1st, 2001.

[02:58:12] And whereas Captain Ford was awarded a CFEMS Medal of Valor and the Firehouse Magazine Medal of Valor for his role in rescuing multiple citizens clinging to a tree in floodwater during Tropical Storm Gaston on August 30, 2004.

[02:58:30] And whereas Captain Ford received a Bronze Valor Award for rescuing a trapped child during the Toddy Street Structure Fire on March 2, 2007. And whereas Captain Ford was awarded Bronze Valor Awards for rescuing citizens trapped in rising water in Colonial Beach after the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee on September 9, 2011, and for rescuing a man who had fallen into the James River and was clinging to a boat at the Dutch Gap boat landing on December 28, 2011,

[02:59:01] And whereas Captain Ford was awarded Lifesave Awards for preventing a citizen from falling from an overpass after being struck by a vehicle on March 8, 2013, and for rescuing a patient trapped in an overturned gasoline tanker on July 24, 2014, for which he also received a Unit Citation and Bronze Valor Award.

[02:59:23] and whereas Captain Ford was awarded Unit Life Save Awards for rescuing multiple citizens in immediate danger on the Appomattox River on June 13, 2021, and for rescuing multiple residents trapped on balconies during an apartment fire on October 22, 2023, for which he also received a Medal of Valor.

[02:59:44] Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors recognizes the valuable contributions of Captain Bryce C. Ford, expresses the appreciation of all residents for his service and dedication to the county, and extends appreciation for his dedicated service and congratulations upon his retirement.

[03:00:04] Mr. Chair, that is the resolution that was unanimously adopted by the board on March 25th. Well, you had to retire because we can't fit any more on a plaque, so I'll just leave it at that.

[03:00:20] You know, first and foremost, this is a brick. It has your name, your tenure with Chesterfield County, and, again, it's going to be placed in front of a historic courthouse steps amongst many of your brothers and sisters you've served with for 25-plus years. So for that, we're eternally thankful.

[03:00:38] So that's your brick to keep, and we have one in front of the historic courthouse. The second thing I will say is, other than maybe the honor guard, all those other things that were specialized trainings are things that you know you had the skills to do and the time to train and are trusting you in doing that and so you know you could a lot of people can have a great career and not necessarily push themselves further to put themselves in harm's way to save other people all those listings of things that you did I know some of them lent themselves to the Valor Awards we should have publicized whenever you were working for everybody just to stay

[03:01:13] indoors to be safe and just the other accolade about Valor Awards because we reference it all the time and for those that don't know this is a central Virginia award and I think you know I've been to him many times and it's for police firefighters sheriff deputies you know those that put themselves in harm's way and each year I think there's about 10 or so people in total who may get these awards so you know they're just talking about the percentages and the odds this isn't just a Chesterfield fire accolade this is all of central Virginia and as you can tell it's for your deployment when you help those outside of Central Virginia for your specialized

[03:01:49] skills so again I couldn't be more grateful on behalf of staff for everything and anything you've done for Chesterfield County and you've earned exactly everything that's to your right to spend more time with so I respect that more than you may know thank you sir just want to say thank you for your service that's a lot in one career and we just really appreciate what you've done for Chesterfield County, so thank you so much. Again, thank you for your service to our citizens.

[03:02:24] Thank you for being in the right place at the right time so often. I don't even know how to say thank you enough for all the things that you've done for not just Chesterfield County, but for citizens across the state and probably in other places as well. And I tell you, it's hard to see somebody with your credentials retire because we know that's going to leave a hole.

[03:02:53] but we hope that you passed on a lot of your wisdom to the next generation so that they'll be ready when you're not able to be there because you're actually enjoying some other time doing something else or a honeydew list. I'm not sure which one. Well, thank you so much for everything that you've done, and thank you for all the sacrifices that you and the family have made as well during those times.

[03:03:20] I know it's hard. My dad wasn't a full-time firefighter. He was a volunteer, but, I mean, you definitely get stressed out wondering, you know, are they going to be okay? And so I understand that, and so thank you so much, and hopefully you enjoy some time doing things together and doing other than honey-do-less.

[03:03:45] So, yeah. First, I want to thank you for coming here tonight. You know, you have a lifetime of service, and at the end of that service, at least this chapter of what it is.

[03:04:02] I'm sure you'll have more after this. I think it's really important for the community to understand just how lucky we were and how lucky we are to continue to hire great people for Chesterfield County. The only thing I can say, and I know Ms. Dingle's going to say, I wish I had said that, is that God put you here in Chesterfield County for the purpose of the things that he knew you were going to do.

[03:04:28] And everything you did was of his purpose, and you did it wonderfully. So thank you on behalf of the grateful community for everything that you've done and for your family for allowing to share him with us. You're a pretty awesome dude.

[03:04:46] I imagine that you came home after a relatively busy day and your wife said to you, how was your day? And you went, oh, same old, same old. And I suspect that why you would say that if you did was because you didn't want to worry her.

[03:05:03] Because you would probably have said, you did what? Here's the thing, as I was listening to the resolution, And this doesn't happen to me all the time, but I was just listening and kind of like these pictures are coming up in my mind of what you did and how you helped the community and how you supported us.

[03:05:24] And I do wonder when you take a moment and read the resolution if the same slideshow will come up and what will come up for you and those kind of experiences and what you did.

[03:05:44] And just please know that what you went through and what you did for our community and what you did for these folks that were clinging to a tree or a rock or in a river or wherever it was that you are and will be always their hero.

[03:06:03] And that's what it's about. But I suspect when you showed up at any of the Valor Awards that I was just doing my job. And it was just same old, same old. So thank you for all the work that you've done here, all the love and the commitment to Chesterfield, to your family, and to your community?

[03:06:28] I kind of lost words. I wasn't expecting all that, but I do appreciate y'all having me here and the kind words that everybody said. Most of the stuff I did just in the right place at the right time.

[03:06:45] Not any different than anybody else. Luck at a draw. I said this at my retirement party that my wife threw for me. The real heroes are the spouses that are at home. Some of these things I did, I kind of, I don't know that I regret them, but it makes me feel bad the situation that I could have put her in.

[03:07:08] She definitely, you know, last-minute deployments, going out for a week at a time sometimes, or, you know, getting mandatory. She had to hold down the fort with two small kids. My son's not here. He's an active-duty Marine, so he wasn't able to be here. But my kids are a year apart, 21 and 22 now.

[03:07:28] So she had kids during some terrible storms at home alone, two kids in diapers holding down the fort. And I speak that for all public safety, you know, police officers, sheriffs as well. I don't think the county really can understand some of the stuff that public service sees on a day-to-day basis.

[03:07:48] This county has gotten hectic. It's very big, and there's a lot of people out there that do the same stuff I do every day that just isn't recognized, and it's not seen. It's not on the news, and a lot of people don't see it, but I appreciate everything.

[03:08:06] Oh, yeah, so this is my wife, April. We've been married. We actually got married while I was in recruit school. It wasn't planned for recruit school, but we had already set the wedding, and a guy got hired by Chesterfield, and it just so happened, so we had a honeymoon 10 years later because we didn't make any money. My daughter, Emily, my son, Hunter, like I said, he's active duty in the Marine Corps, so he wasn't able to be here.

[03:08:30] My last battalion chief, Chief Coleman, Tommy Solak, one of the firefighters that I was with for about 10 years. He came to work when I was at Dutch Gap at 14 as a rookie, and he left me for a little bit to go up to Clover Hill at 7, and I followed him behind.

[03:08:49] Firefighter Roach, Brian Roach, worked with him for many years and his father-in-law as well, and firefighter Chris White there on the end. I guess Chris is 20-plus years on the job now, so I've known him a long time.

[03:09:06] But a bunch of hard chargers, all of them do the same thing that I've done or would do, And, you know, thank you to them, too, for keeping on.

[03:09:22] All right.

[03:10:28] Madam Clerk. Item 15, new business, A, appointments. Mr. Chair, we have one appointment to the airport advisory board. Motion to approve. Second. All in favor? Aye. All right. All right, Madam Clerk. Last, we have two appointments to the Camp Baker Management Board.

[03:10:47] Thank you. Can I get a motion? So moved. All right. Second? Second. All right. All in favor? Aye. All right. Madam Clerk? B, consent items. Mr. Chair, Supervisor Engel requests removal of item 15B2A1, acceptance of a parcel of land adjacent to Perrymont Road from 8610 Perrymont Road, LLC, for discussion by the board.

[03:11:14] Thank you, Madam Clerk. Board members, are there any other requests to remove items from the consent agenda for discussion by the board? All right. If not, may I get a motion to remove item 15.B.2.A1?

[03:11:30] acceptance of parcel of land adjacent to Perrymont Road from 8610 Perrymont Road LLC from the consent agenda, and then approve the consent agenda as amended. Can I get that motion? So moved. Second. Thank you. All in favor? Aye. All right.

[03:11:45] Madam Clerk. Item 15B2A1, acceptance of a parcel of land adjacent to Perrymont Road from 8610 Perrymont Road LLC. Mr. Chair. All right. Thank you. Mr. Ingo, did you want to explain at all your request to remove the item?

[03:12:03] Is that fit for you? Yeah, I just, even though I don't have a legal conflict of interest, I am tied to the owner of this property, and I feel like even though there's, all we're doing is the owner is giving that parcel to the county, I should recuse myself.

[03:12:22] All right, well, thank you, sir. Yep. Is there a motion to approve item 15B2A1, acceptance of a parcel of land adjacent to Perrymont Road from 8610 Perrymont Road, LLC? So moved. And can I get a second? Second. Is there any conversation, any discussion on that?

[03:12:40] Okay. All in favor? Aye. Madam Clerk. Item 16, 15-minute citizen comment period on unscheduled matters. This time is designated for citizens to talk to the Board of Supervisors. It is not a time for dialogue with Board members, and it is not a question-answer period.

[03:12:59] Those conversations can easily occur with Board members outside of the Board meeting. As a reminder, the board's procedure state, no citizen shall speak on any matter of business that is a subject on the board's agenda for that day, and each speaker shall have three minutes to address the board. We have one speaker, Jerry Turner.

[03:13:17] Good evening, Mr. Turner.

[03:13:37] Good evening, Jerry Turner. I originally was going to talk to you all about the budget, but something happened last week that changed my subject, but I'm going to start back on case number 21, SN0697.

[03:13:56] At that time, it was called Spring Rock Green. Now it's called Spring, I think it's Spring Line now. But during the Planning Commission, this is March of 2022. It's been a few years ago.

[03:14:15] The reason I'm bringing this up, because I actually got up and said something about this, because it's a connection to Bowfront Spring Drive, a private road. If I have time, I'll come back to that, but that's not why I'm here. In both the planning and the supervisors, on the road project upcoming within the adjacent road work, route 60 spring rock green to rutherford road pedestrians improvement federal funds have been secured to construct position of pedestrian facilities and signals as well as safe vehicle

[03:14:55] safety and operational improvement along route 60 from spring rock green stone bridge to rutherford road preliminary engineering is underway construction is attempt anticipated in 2024. it doesn't say the funds are being worked on it said they have been secured and that was in 2022 four years ago i drove through there yesterday last thursday nothing has been done the existing

[03:15:31] sidewalks that are there do not meet the uh the ada american disability act standards so nothing has been done where's the money it was secured back in 2022 and nothing has been done maybe we need to get the audit people on this one and find out where that money went to thank you for your time oh since i nobody taught me yet let's go back to uh the bowfront spring

[03:16:04] drive that was originally supposed to be from the from the west part of that complex into a private drive it's now going to be up to the county to do that because somebody within the county let them connect to the north part of it so now they still got two exits which what they're required to have But the one they originally were going to cross, cross a gas line.

[03:16:35] That's very expensive to do that. That's the reason they didn't do that. Now the county is going to have to pick up that bill if they connect that road, which it really needs to be done. My time's up. Thank you for your time. But somebody needs to look for these funds because they're not there.

[03:16:53] Item 17, deferred items from previous meetings. We have none. Item 18, zoning requests. Mr. Chair, you have two deferral requests. First is 23SN0124 in Motolical Magisterial District.

[03:17:11] Taylor Ridge Rezoning and Exceptions is a request to rezone from Agricultural A to Community Business C3 with conditional use to permit townhouse and multifamily uses plus conditional use plan development to permit exceptions to ordinance requirements fronting approximately 1,360 feet on the north side of Hull Street Road, 450 feet east of Doss Road.

[03:17:37] The 116.16-acre property is proposed for a maximum development of 677 dwelling units. A mixed-use development consisting of commercial, multifamily, and townhouse uses is proposed. Residential dwellings in this development will be age-restricted, except for a maximum of 250 townhouse dwelling units located in land bays 3 and 4.

[03:18:03] The district supervisor is requesting deferral to the board's May 27, 2026 public hearing. Good evening, everyone. This is a public hearing on the deferral of case 23SN0124, Taylor Ridge rezoning and exceptions.

[03:18:21] Is there anyone who would like to speak to this deferral of this case? If so, please come forward and state your name. Seeing no one, I'm going to go ahead and close this public hearing on the deferral. It's back before the board as cases in the Matoka District.

[03:18:37] Mr. Carroll. Thank you, Mr. Chair. We deferred this last month to this month for an issue that they were trying to work out, and the issue has not been completely resolved. I've been assured that it will probably be or should be resolved, actually, since May 27th, so I'm making a motion to defer case number 23SN0124 to the May 27th meeting.

[03:19:02] Okay, I'll second it. Any discussion? All in favor? Aye. Anyone opposed? Madam Clerk. The second deferral request is 25 SN1254 in Midlothian Magisterial District.

[03:19:20] Robius Road rezoning and adjustment is a request to rezone from agricultural A to transition residential TR with adjustment to ordinance requirements for development standards fronting approximately 250 feet on the north side of Robius Road, 375 feet east of Cranbeck Road.

[03:19:39] The district supervisor is requesting deferral to the board's May 27, 2026 public hearing. Everyone, this is a public hearing to consider the deferral of case 25 SN1254, Robius Road rezoning and adjustment.

[03:19:55] Is there anyone who would like to speak to the deferral of this case? If so, please come forward and state your name. Welcome. Good evening, Mr. Chairman, members of the board of supervisors, Dr. Casey, Chesterfield County staff.

[03:20:13] We appreciate you all hearing the case this evening and then, of course, the deferral request. And we would just like to request some additional clarity, if possible, in terms of the reason for the deferral this evening. At this point, to our knowledge, we have full staff recommendation for approval, unanimous recommendation for approval from the Planning Commission.

[03:20:34] we completed a traffic study for this project that has been accepted by CDOT and would just like to, if there was any ability to provide additional clarity on the deferral. Thank you. Thank you. Is there anyone else who would like to speak to this case? Seeing no one, I'm going to go ahead and close the public hearing on this. This case is in front of the Midlothian District. I want to kind of provide, there's more information that I need with regard to this particular case, there are some questions that came up.

[03:21:13] I know you had mentioned that there was a traffic study, but there appears that there may be more information that I want to get as far as the kind of traffic that this kind of a development could produce, so I'm asking for 30 days to be able to get that information, and I appreciate your patience on it until I can sort it out.

[03:21:39] So with that, I'm going to go ahead and make the motion to defer this case to the May 27, 2026 meeting. Can I get a second? Second. All in favor? Aye. Anyone opposed? Any kind of discussion, I should say? All right.

[03:21:55] Well, thank you so much. Madam Clerk. Mr. Chair, you have six zoning requests on your consent agenda for this evening. For the benefit of the public, consent items are those cases where the applicant accepts staff's recommendation and there is no previous opposition.

[03:22:11] With all the consent cases tonight, staff has received written confirmation from the applicants that they agree with the conditions being imposed and that all proffers are offered in compliance with state law. First is 24SN 1304 in Bermuda Magisterial District. Chalkley Place signage is a request for conditional use to permit a computer-controlled variable message electronic EMC sign in Neighborhood Business NB and Corridor Commercial CC districts on 6.33 acres, known as 12230 Ironbridge Road.

[03:22:46] An EMC incorporated into the freestanding identification sign for Chalkley Place Commercial Center is proposed. The existing identification sign will be removed and replaced with a new freestanding sign with an EMC sign component. Planning Commission and staff recommend approval subject to the conditions in your staff report.

[03:23:07] Thank you, Madam Clerk. Everyone, this is a public hearing on case 24, SN1304, Chalkley Place signage. Is there anyone who would like to speak to this case? If so, please come forward and state your name. Seeing no one, I'm going to go ahead and close the public hearing, and it's back before the board.

[03:23:26] This case is in the Bermuda District. Mr. Engel. Thank you, Mr. Chair. For Mr. Turner's sake, even though it has nothing to do with this case, I just wanted to point out the sidewalks in in front of this property. With that, I'd like to make the motion to approve case 24 SN 1304 subject to the conditions in the staff report.

[03:23:46] Second. I hear a second. Any discussion? All in favor? Aye. Anyone opposed? Madam Clerk. Next is 25 SN 1095 in Bermuda Magisterial District. Rivermont Multifamily Rezoning and Exceptions is a request to rezone from General Business C5 and Light Industrial I1 to Residential Multifamily RMF.

[03:24:12] plus conditional use plan development to permit exceptions to ordinance requirements located at the western terminus of Riverhaven Avenue. A multifamily development with up to 92 condominiums and 288 apartments is proposed. Modifications to the typical residential multifamily RMF development standards are requested, including density, access drive width, number of accesses to a public road, parking standards, distance between buildings, and the maximum number of units per floor.

[03:24:44] The 35.84-acre property is proposed for a maximum development of 380 dwelling units. Planning Commission and staff recommend approval subject to the conditions in your staff report. Thank you, Madam Clerk. Everyone, this is a public hearing on Case 25SN 1095, Rivermont Multifamily Rezoning and Exceptions.

[03:25:06] Is there anyone who would like to speak to this case? If so, please come forward and state your name.

[03:25:22] Jerry Turner. This is another one of those cases where, yeah, we're putting sidewalks in, but only the people inside the community can use them. And I'm not sure where you're going to be able to put a sidewalk that could be being surrounded by the railroad track and the understate.

[03:25:52] But anyway, you need to put sidewalks in. I'm going to get up every time y'all don't put sidewalks on the street. So thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Turner. Is there anyone else who'd like to speak to this case? With that idea of anyone else, I'm going to go ahead and close the public hearing and it's back before the board.

[03:26:16] This case is in the Bermuda District. Mr. Engel. Make the motion to approve case 25 SN 1095, subject to the conditions in the staff report. Do I have a second? Second. Any discussion? Mr. Chair, I just have a quick question. I can't see it on here, and I know there's sidewalks on the interior.

[03:26:35] What road does it end up touching? And I imagine that the sidewalks probably go along the road that it touches on the, I guess that would be the northern tip of it as it ties back in. Is that right? Jeff, you got an answer for that? Mr. Geiger. I mean, Mr. Geiger.

[03:26:53] Oh, okay. Wrong Jeff, wrong Jeff. I don't have the map memorized, but he probably does. If you did, I would be impressed. Very. We'll trade spots at once. Mr. Chairman, Jeff Geiger here on behalf of the applicant, Mr. Carroll.

[03:27:09] There's an existing public road on the property that brings you down to the existing Rivermont apartments. We are going to extend off of that with a private road. So you have the public road. We'll then come off the cul-de-sac. That's where the public road ends, and then it's a private loop around, and there'll be sidewalks.

[03:27:31] Okay. And does the sidewalks extend to where the public road is? That exists. Yes, we are not adding any sidewalks to the existing public road. I'm not familiar enough with the property to know if there are some there today.

[03:27:49] But it leads up to it? The public road leads up to it. The sidewalks that you're building interior lead up to the public road? That is correct, sir, into the cul-de-sac. Okay. Yes, sir. Thank you. Any other discussion? Just to clarify that, because it's a private road, there's no ability.

[03:28:08] The county will never be asked to put those sidewalks in because it's only a private road. And as Mr. Turner identified, there's a railroad on one side and an interstate on the other. It's kind of a little peninsula. Any other discussion?

[03:28:26] All right. I have a motion and a properly seconded. All in favor? Aye. Anyone opposed? Madam Clerk. Next is 25SN 1169 in Cloverhill Magisterial District. Adkins Road Rezoning and Adjustments is a request to rezone from Agricultural A to Semi-Rural Neighborhood SR with adjustments to ordinance requirements for development standards on property known as 500 Adkins Road.

[03:28:55] The 4.08-acre property is proposed for a maximum development of three dwelling units. subdivision of the existing parcel into three residential lots is proposed the owner of the property will retain the existing house on one lot and create two additional lots for the construction of two new homes adjustments are requested related to sidewalk installation and buffer plantings along atkins road planning commission and staff recommend approval subject to the conditions in your staff report thank you madam clerk everyone this is a public hearing on case 25 SN 1169 Adkins road rezoning and adjustments is there anyone who would

[03:29:34] like to speak to this case if so please come forward and state your name seeing no one I'm going to go ahead and close this public hearing it's back before the board this is in the Clover Hill District

Miss Schneider thank you mr.

[03:29:51] Turner I'm kind of surprised you didn't come up I thought of you when I saw it saying there were it's gonna be sidewalks but that's besides there aren't any sidewalks on Adkins to begin with, and I don't know that there's enough, I don't know, right away to put them in if we wanted to right now, but I think this is an optimal situation. They're bigger lots than, I think they're each over an acre, and so I just think that it's perfect use for this

[03:30:26] land. There aren't any trees. They are going to add some trees right now because it was a field, So it's been cleared. They're going to add some trees on each of the lots. So I move to approve case number 25SN1169 with staff recommendations.

[03:30:49] Second. It's subject to the conditions in the staff report, right? Yeah. Yeah. Okay. All right. All right. So I have a motion and a second. Any discussion? It's just one question. I see that they're giving relief to having to build the sidewalks, but are they leaving right away there?

[03:31:05] They are. Perfect. Yes, they're doing the ditches and leaving the right-of-way, adding an extra addition, yeah. Okay. All right, all in favor? Aye. Anyone opposed? Madam Clerk. Next is 25SN 1225 in Dale Magisterial District.

[03:31:22] Motley fence height adjustment is a request to rezone from suburban community SC to suburban community SC with adjustments to ordinance requirements for development standards known as 5160 Goldburn Drive. Specifically, the applicant is requesting a two-foot height adjustment to construct a six-foot-tall fence within the corner side yard of the property.

[03:31:46] Planning Commission and staff recommend approval subject to the conditions in your staff report. Thank you, Madam Clerk. Everyone, this is a public hearing on Keys 25 SN 1225, Motley Fence Height Adjustment. Is there anyone who would like to speak to this case? And if so, please come forward and state your name.

[03:32:11] Good evening, Renee. Don't make me feel so short. Good evening, Renee Eldred. I'm not against this. I just want to point something out. The one that you're looking at now, if I'm not mistaken, they had a six-foot fence up, had a code enforcement issue that's not supposed to be six-foot, so they cut theirs down.

[03:32:41] Then the one across the street, who was also six-foot and literally in the easement, said, I want to keep mine, so they got a conditional use, I think it was last year.

[03:32:57] So this one came back, and it's like, if he gets his, I want mine. So I know everybody says that when you do these, you take them one at a time, and that one does not affect another one coming up. But this is a prime example where it does.

[03:33:15] These are literally across the street from one another. I'm not sure if both cases had code enforcement issues. It probably did because the other one was in the easement. But when you do conditional use for zoning issues, maybe we need to go back to not giving conditional uses to ones that have just done what they wanted to instead of asking, planning what they're supposed to do.

[03:33:47] So it's just a fault. Thank you, Rene. Mr. Turner. Jerry Turner, I think this is another one of those cases where you need to change the rules.

[03:34:07] Six foot is not, you know, I'm six foot. I don't want people seeing, looking in my backyard. If I want to put a six foot fence, I should be able to put one up. But because of the way the rules are written, you have to get permission to put up a six foot fence.

[03:34:25] You shouldn't have to do that. And they shouldn't have to come to this board to do that. That's a waste of everybody's time. Thank you. Anyone else who would like to speak to this case?

[03:34:41] Seeing no one, I'm going to go ahead and close the public hearing, and it's back before the board. This case is in Dale District, Dr. Hilton. Hey, thank you, Mr. Chair. Totally understand what everyone says about the six-foot fence.

[03:34:57] I do recall the one that was across the street. And I agree that, you know, there are some areas in the county where, you know, we definitely, residents definitely deserve to have privacy in their backyard. So with that, subject to the conditions in the staff report, I make a motion for approval.

[03:35:20] Thank you. Do I have a second? Second. Any discussion? ms schneider so is this a rule inside of the hoa because any rules that i've ever seen if it's behind the back plane of the house it can be six feet if it's a privacy yeah this is a side this is the side and because they're on the corner the corner okay both houses are on the corner and they they have literally no privacy yeah so i've i've taken the liberty of riding by and taking a look at it, even as a planning commissioner and as a board of civil advisor.

[03:35:58] Just one of the things I like to do is ride and see what citizens see and understand it from the applicant's perspective. And, you know, I would definitely, if I was in either one of those properties, I would want a six-foot fence in order to just protect my kids playing in the backyard and, you know, if I had a pet or anything else.

[03:36:20] And just because it's on the side of, you know, the street there, You know, there is a standing clause that says that you can't have a six-foot fence in those areas. So, you know, I would take it upon us to have staff take a look at that so we don't, you know, in the words of Mr. Turner, waste everyone's time with something of this nature.

[03:36:45] And also the applicant's money because they have to go through an application process. So, but that's something that we have to consider as a board, and staff has to work through those limitations that are in the current policy. But as today, you know, I make a motion that we accept it subject to the conditions of the staff report.

[03:37:08] Thank you. Mr. Engel. Can someone from planning come up? I thought we had something coming up in the ZOMOD changes to address this.

[03:37:28] Am I wrong on that? The stuff that we're going to pass in May? Let me check with Donahue. ZOMOD. ZOMOD. We're going to make some updates to ZOMOD. We do have some, because of the feedback we've gotten from the board, we are looking into some changes for corner side yards in particular in regards to the height of the fences. We understand the feedback that a taller fence might be appropriate in certain situations, so we're exploring making changes to the code. Let's do a little more than exploring. Let's get it ready

[03:38:05] from me. Fair enough. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Any other discussion? Mr. Carroll. I agree. Let's get it ready. Yeah. I think we're all in agreement there, too. Yeah. All right. We have a motion, properly seconded. All in favor? Aye. Aye. Anyone opposed? Madam Clerk. Next is 25 SN 1326 in

Midlothian Magisterial District. Peterson Midlothian self-storage is a request to rezone from corridor commercial CC to corridor commercial CC plus conditional use to permit self-storage on 15.69 acres fronting

[03:38:45] approximately 115 feet on the north side of Midlothian Turnpike at the intersection of North Tuxford Road. A one-story self-storage facility containing approximately 130,000 square feet is proposed. In order to minimize potential impacts of this use, the applicant has proffered conditions that address police access, security surveillance, fencing, building architecture, and materials, and hours of operation.

[03:39:14] Planning commission and staff recommend approval subject to the conditions in your staff report. Thank you, Madam Clerk. Everyone, this is a public hearing on case 25 SN1326, Peterson, Midlothian Self-Storage. Is there anyone who would like to speak to this case? If so, please come forward and state your name. Seeing no one, I'm going to go ahead and close this public hearing, and it's back um before the board this is in the midlothian district can i get someone from playing i just have

[03:39:41] a quick question i think one up so hi welcome hi good evening um i have a quick question around the back of it um i'm noticing that there there seems to be a buffer in the back i was wondering if you could tell me more about that yeah um so there is i believe it's a hundred foot buffer um and jeff's there i know he can confirm that as well but it is a hundred foot buffer along the back side and the eastern side that borders those residential properties thank you yes sir yeah i just wanted

[03:40:17] to make that point for the community so um thank you for that um this is a unique property if anyone knows it on midlothian um it's going to be actually set back from or behind and off of midlothian it's going to be kind of hidden back there and we have that hundred foot buffer around it so i feel very comfortable with this um if i remember correctly it used to be i mean that whole thing got filled in it was it used to be like a quarry there and so this is a good use for for the land there and the way it's been set up I want to definitely put some appreciation to Frank Petroski by Planning Commissioner and all the

[03:40:55] work that he did to pull this together he did a just a great job and with that I'm going to go ahead and move for the approval of case 25 SN 13 to 6 subject to the conditions in the staff report?

[03:41:11] Second. Thank you. Any discussion? The only thing I'd say, Mr. Chair, is I see that they have a good retention pond on there, and I think that's important because, you know, as you know, there are issues up in that area with water, and so this will actually help to manage that.

[03:41:26] Yeah, so thank you for pointing that out. I think it's good. That was part of it, too. Thank you so much. All right. All in favor? Aye. Anyone opposed? Madam Clerk. Last is 26 SN2017 in Bermuda Magisterial District. Happy Hill Road rezoning is a request to rezone from Agricultural A to Warehouse and Distribution WD for 0.69 acre located on the north side of Woods Edge Road and to Corridor Commercial CC for 1.24 acres located on the south side of Woods Edge Road.

[03:42:01] The property, which contains approximately two acres, was divided into two non-contiguous portions when Woods Edge Road was constructed. The property owner would like to subdivide the property into two separate parcels so that each side may be sold separately.

[03:42:18] No specific uses or development plans have been identified for the property. Planning Commission and staff recommend approval for this request. Thank you, Madam Clerk. Everyone, this is a public hearing on Keys 26 SN 2017, Happy Hill Road Rezoning.

[03:42:36] Is there anyone who would like to speak to this case? If so, please come forward and state your name. Good evening. Good evening. I am Sharon Stewart Murphy, the great-granddaughter of James Swan, who purchased three acres on Happy Hill Road in 1885.

[03:43:02] For 61 years, we, the family, have been trying to get the two parcels legally separated and rezoned. I am here this evening to publicly express my family's sincere and heartfelt gratitude to Supervisor Jim Engel for enabling the rezoning and the separation of the two parcels. I would also like to thank Commissioner Sloan for his assistance in moving

[03:43:36] the case forward, and Richard Sauters, the zoning case manager who managed the zoning case and kept me fully informed and made the process seamless and stress-free.

[03:43:53] Again, on behalf of my entire Swann family, those living and those that are deceased, I express my sincere gratitude to all involved. Again, thank you.

[03:44:10] This has been a long, long process. Thank you. You're welcome. Good evening, Renee Albert. I'm not against this at all. But my only thought is somebody has to change the address.

[03:44:32] The parcel that's being changed up top and the parcel on the other side of Wood's Edge to the side, both have the same number. Okay, because when I first looked it up, I'm like, wait a minute.

[03:44:50] So that was all I was concerned about is like, please, somebody change the number because everybody's going to be going back and forth. Thank you, Renee. Anyone else would like to speak to this case? with that i'm going to go ahead and close the public hearing uh this uh back before the board this is the bermuda district and with mr engel thank you mr chair um obviously this case has been well drawn out um when when the road split the property this should have been taken care of at

[03:45:24] that time i apologize that it's taken this long um when i found out about it i actually don't sponsor too many cases, but I asked Mr. Sloan to do this on behalf of this family, as it should have been done for them when we split their property. So we're just righting a wrong that's been there for many years, and I'm glad that it was brought to my attention and that we're actually finally able to fix it. And to Renee's point, that is their problem. They can't sell the property because it's split, and it has the same address.

[03:45:58] And one side was zoned one way with what was around it, and the other side wasn't zoned with the things around that. So we're fixing all of that in this case, and I'm just truly thankful to this board for helping me right this wrong for this family. With that, I make the motion to approve case 26-SN-2017 subject to the conditions in the staff report.

[03:46:21] Do you have a second? Second, Mr. Chair. Any discussion? yeah mr carl um i commend mr engel for doing this this is we can't fix problems we don't know about and so i'm glad that you brought it forward that the other people in the county in previous years have known about it well this is the first time i know about it and we knew about talk about us we meaning us can't fix problems we don't know about that's right we are trying we have tried to fix a lot of problems that other people knew about and we're fixing them And this is just another example, and I commend you for bringing it forward to get it fixed and doing what really needed to be done.

[03:47:01] Any other discussion? Yeah. Dr. Hilton, did you have any discussion? No. Ms. Schneider. Okay. All in favor? Aye. Anyone opposed? Madam Clerk. Mr. Chair, that concludes your consent agenda for this

evening. You have one discussion case, which is 23SN0136, Dorsey-Acres Utility Exceptions.

[03:47:22] Mr. Saunders. Good evening, Mr. Saunders. Good evening, Mr. Chairman, members of the board, and Dr. Casey. This request is for exceptions to Section 18-60 of the Utility Ordinance for connections to the public water and wastewater systems.

[03:47:43] The applicant is seeking to subdivide the property into four residential lots and will need these exceptions in order to allow the proposed subdivision to occur. I want to note that this request is subject to the procedural and development regulations provided in Chapter 19.1 of the Zoning Ordinance and Chapter 17 of the Subdivision Ordinance.

[03:48:03] Since the subdivision plat for the property is being reviewed under Chapter 17, it is also being reviewed under the version of Section 18-60 that existed prior to January 1, 2026. Here's a zoning map of the property.

[03:48:19] It's currently zoned, semi-urban, residential, and contains just over four acres. here's an aerial image as well as a land use map the comprehensive plan calls for residential neighborhood four which suggests the property is appropriate for residential development of up to four units per acre the applicant proposes to create a residential subdivision containing four single-family lots that would all have furnace on dorsey road the construction plan for the proposed subdivision was initially filed in january 2014 with the most recent submission

[03:48:58] received in December 2025. The proposed lots are required to meet the bulk standards of the zoning ordinance for the residential R7 district. A conceptual drawing of the proposed subdivision and associated easements is shown in this slide. The utility ordinance requires the proposed subdivision to connect to public water and wastewater because the property was located in mandatory water and wastewater connection areas as of the date of the most recent construction plant submission. As such, the applicant is requesting exceptions to the public water and

[03:49:35] wastewater connection requirements. If these exceptions are approved, the proposed lots would be developed with private well and septic. The utilities department has requested that the applicant provide public water and wastewater easements, which are shown here. Existing homes along Dorsey Road are not served by public water or sewer, so a future extension could serve these properties. If approved, the utilities department requests that the board impose conditions that guarantee the provision of these easements to the subdivision process which are conditions one and two in the staff report the planning commission also recommends imposing condition three which

[03:50:15] was consented to by the applicant that would require that all water wells be constructed to a depth of at least 180 feet and this was to address concerns that were raised at the planning commission and at community meeting the health department has also reviewed and approved the proposed locations for well and septic systems based on a soil report that was submitted by the applicant. The planning commission with the unanimous vote recommended approval of the request subject to the conditions identified in the report plus the condition that had the requirement for water well depth. The utilities department does not support the requested exception since there

[03:50:53] are no physical conflicts or system capacity limitations that prevent the extension only money and that concludes my presentation. Mr. Chair. Remember yeah are there any questions for

[03:51:07] staff, Mr. Engel. Do you have the approximate cost of the water line and wastewater line extension? It was over a million dollars, wasn't it? I think the applicant has that amount, but I believe it was around \$500,000. Or \$500,000. Did you have any additional questions, Mr. Engel? I do not. Okay, Ms. Schneider. I jotted down during notes, the water exception might have been \$400,000 and the sewer was \$1.2 million. That's what I thought. I thought it was like \$1.6 million. I thought it was well over a million dollars to

[03:51:41] do that. So for four lots that could be as many as 16 according to its zoning. So what is the difference between the connection of the eight inch water line underneath this road as opposed to the 12 inch water line that would be 400,000 but going under the road would be 166,000 because that's just going under across the road to make that connection. It's on slide 12. I'm pretty sure It goes under the road and through a railroad track.

[03:52:15] Yeah, I know the required water connection. They'd have to borrow under the railroad and under Dorsey Road to get to the site, or under a, excuse me, Chester Road. Okay, I'm just asking. It's showing it here as an option for \$166,000, so that's why it was...

[03:52:32] Even at \$166,000 for four lots, that'd be \$40,000 a lot just to get water to it, and then they'd have to pay connection fees. Any other questions for staff?

[03:52:49] We're in the case of the talk about the depth. What page is that on for the wells? The water well depth? It was an imposed condition from Planning Commission, so it's in the conditions section of the report. Okay, that's why I didn't see it.

[03:53:04] So is that the last page? It's on page 10, condition 3. That was imposed because the majority of the wells in the area are shallow wells, and they asked to make sure that they went to a depth that would not interfere with any of the shallow wells.

[03:53:24] Okay, that's good. Well, hopefully they hit some good water. Yeah, any other questions for staff? Okay, all right.

[03:53:39] Is the applicant present? Yes. Yeah, I have a couple questions for you if I could. Do you want to give a presentation? Is that the thought? No, that he has a presentation prepared, but he's here.

[03:53:55] Okay, public hearing would be after he, yeah. The applicant has it. Yeah. Good evening, folks.

[03:54:11] I'm Warren Joseph, the owner of this site. What we're looking to do is, I have four one-acre-plus parcels. We have a couple local builders. They're not the local custom builders to build on these homes.

[03:54:31] And we want some upscale product to what's already there. And I've had a bunch of folks give me quotes on utility contractors to cross Chester Road, the tracks, the Dominion Energy easement.

[03:54:54] It's in excess of \$500,000. And staff says you can bring water across for \$144,000, I think. That is not what I got. The people, the contractors I used, it was about \$325,000 plus to bring water to the site.

[03:55:18] And then we still have to run it to the individual sites. So that's our plan. I'll be glad to answer any questions. Thank you. Hang out for just a second. I want to send this to a public hearing, and then maybe we'll have some questions for you.

[03:55:34] Thank you, sir. Everyone, this is a public hearing on case 23 SN0136, Dorsey Aver's utility exceptions. Is there anyone who would like to speak to this case? And if so, please come forward and state

your name.

[03:55:56] With that, I'm going to go ahead and close the public hearing. It's back before the board. This case is in the Bermuda District. Mr. Engel. I make the motion to approve case 23SN1036, subject to the conditions in the staff report. Do I have a second?

[03:56:15] Second. All right. Is there any discussion? I have a couple of questions. I just want to kind of get clear on this. You said, sir, upscale homes. What does that mean to you, if I could? What you have in there, it's really a mix of different products.

[03:56:35] There's, you've got a few that are 2,500, maybe 3,000 square feet, a few. You've also got a good number that are less than 1,200 square feet. The property adjoining this is less than one acre, and it's 1,240 square feet.

[03:56:57] So you've got a bunch of little, and they're great people, and nice product and whatever. We're going to be from 1,400 to 2,000 square feet, plus garages. So I think it's going to be a big plus to the folks there.

[03:57:17] Do you have a sense of what the cost of those homes will be, what they'll sell for? I'm sorry? What the cost of the homes will sell for? Do you have a sense of that? Probably going to be at least \$400. In today's world, I think they're going to be from there to \$450 or so.

[03:57:35] Maybe upper threes, but that's going to be hard. Okay, great. Thank you. Okay. Any other additional discussion? All in favor, say aye.

[03:57:54] Aye. Anyone opposed? Madam Clerk. Thank you so much. Thank you. Item 19, public hearings. A, to consider an ordinance to amend County Code Section 7-3, precinct boundaries and polling places, to change polling place location for Drury's Bluff Voting Precinct 105.

[03:58:15] Mr. Minks. Mr. Chairman, members of the board, this is a public hearing to consider the adoption of this ordinance, which will move the polling place for the Drury's Bluff voting precinct from Bensley Recreation Center actually back to Bensley Elementary School.

[03:58:32] It was at Bensley Recreation Center temporarily during construction of the school. That's supposed to be completed in the summer and should be before the August 4, 2026 primary election.

[03:58:48] But as it turns out, the August 4th primary election will also fall on the same day as National Night Out, and the Bensley Recreation Center will be pretty much all used for National Night Out.

[03:59:07] So this would be an opportunity to move it back to the school. So we're just asking to have a public hearing to adopt the ordinance, and with the understanding that it still has to go to the Attorney General's office like all changes like this for certification. Thank you, Mr. Minks.

[03:59:25] Board members, are there any questions for Mr. Minks or for staff? Everyone, this is a public hearing to consider an ordinance to amend County Code Section 7-3, Precinct Boundaries and Polling Places, to change polling place location for Drury's Bluff Voting Precinct, which is 105.

[03:59:44] Is there anyone who would like to speak to this issue? If so, please come forward and state your name. Seeing no one, I'm going to go ahead and close this public hearing, and it's back before the board. Is there any discussion, Mr. Engel? I just want to say that it was great to have the community center to be able to move the polling precinct while we were rebuilding the school.

[04:00:12] Schools come along very well. It's going to be ready in plenty of time, and it will be much better traffic flow to that facility as well as getting it off of the same night as National Night Out.

[04:00:28] But the real thing is it belongs back where it started, and I'm glad that we're able to make that happen. So with that, I make the motion to move the precinct back. Second. This would be to adopt the ordinance.

[04:00:43] To adopt the ordinance. Thank you. Second. I heard a second. All in favor? Aye. Anyone opposed? Madam Clerk. B, to consider a lease amendment with new singular wireless doing business as AT&T. Ms. Snow. Mr. Chairman, members of the board, Dr. Casey, this is a public hearing to consider a lease amendment with new singular wireless doing business as AT&T.

[04:01:16] New singular wireless has leased space on the county's Bonaire Tower, located at 1900 Chatwith Avenue since 2006. They're requesting the lease be extended for five additional five-year terms beginning November 1, 2026. Rent will be \$30,000 annually with a 15% increase each renewal term.

[04:01:37] Since the tower is located on state property, half of the rent will be paid to the Department of Juvenile Justice. A public hearing is required to lease county property. An approval is recommended after the public hearing. Are there any questions for Ms. Snow or questions for staff?

[04:01:55] Everyone, this is a public hearing to consider a lease amendment for a new singular wireless doing business as AT&T. Is there anyone who would like to speak to this issue? So please come forward and state your name. Seeing no one, I'm going to go ahead and close this public hearing.

[04:02:12] It's back before the board. Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, could I get a motion? So moved. Second. All right. All in favor? Aye. Anyone opposed? Madam Clerk.

[04:02:28] C, to consider a lease amendment with T-Mobile. Ms. Snow. Mr. Chairman, members of the board, Dr. Casey, this is a public hearing to consider a lease amendment with T-Mobile. T-Mobile has leased space at Alberta Smith Elementary School since 2017.

[04:02:48] They are requesting the lease be extended for an additional five-year term beginning January 15, 2027 with four five-year renewal terms. Rent will increase 15% over the current payment to \$16,791.15 annually and increase an additional 15% each renewal term.

[04:03:07] A public hearing is required to lease county property. Approval is recommended after the public hearing. Thank you, Ms. Snow. Board members, are there any questions for Ms. Snow or any staff? This is on which elementary school? This is Alberta Smith.

[04:03:23] Alberta Smith. So as part of this agreement, do we have regular testing that's required of the site itself? Do you know what I'm talking about?

[04:03:39] So we did, on that particular site a couple of years ago, We actually had to hire someone to come out and do a testing of the signal strength coming off of the tower. And in many of these agreements that we signed, Jeff, you can correct me if I'm wrong, we require for periodic testing.

[04:03:59] And different times of year, my concern is that, you know, like during the winter when all the leaves are off, it's fine. Signal doesn't get degraded. During the summer when the leaves are on, signal can get degraded. and so I want to know if there is built into this agreement a requirement for them to do annual testing on signal strength coming off of the tower.

[04:04:21] I am sorry. I do not know the answer to that. I do not know either, but you could go ahead and specify that as part of this if the board chooses to approve that they have a provision like that, and if it's already in there, it would be fine, and if not, we can add it. I would like to make sure it's in there because of the proximity to the elementary school.

[04:04:41] That would be my motion. I'll make a motion to approve as long as that's added. Yeah, I need to go to public hearing. So let me do that. Everyone, this is a public hearing to consider a lease amendment with T-Mobile. Is there anyone who would like to speak to this issue?

[04:04:58] If so, please come forward and state your name. With that, I'm going to go ahead and close the public hearing. It's back before the board. We've had some discussion with regard to the adding of an amendment that the tower be, or the signal be definitely tested.

[04:05:14] Tested regularly. Do we want to put some sort of a provision on there or how often it should be tested? I thought at one point we had something that was part of these agreements when they were on school property. I think you are right, Mr. Carroll. Yeah, and I think it was specifically for this school, but I just don't recall what that particular provision is.

[04:05:40] But, I mean, we can certainly... Their contract extension is for six years? Five years? Five years with three, yeah, three additional on top of that, yeah. So it's due every three years. Okay. And the question is, who would do that?

[04:05:57] Is it an outside vendor? Is it something we do? How does that work? They would be required to do it and send us a report. As lessee on the property. Okay. Yeah. Okay. So we would not have an independent individual doing it, it would be them. Okay. I think they're required by FCC rules now to do it when requested, if I remember correctly.

[04:06:18] Okay. but I would like the manual testing done. Yeah, I think, like you, that there is already provision in it, but I just don't recall. Right, and I probably should have asked something about this prior to the meeting, I suppose, but it just popped into my head because I remember being here when it was brought up a couple of years ago, and we actually had someone went out and tested it, and it was well within the specifications that it was supposed to be in.

[04:06:45] But, you know, because they're switching all these towers to 5G, And there was some debate about the health of 5G technology, which is why we had it tested. And so this is, I believe it's probably going to be 5G technology on this tower, which I think everybody's gone to.

[04:07:02] I just want to make sure that they're required to test. Got it. Okay. I think I'm going to be okay. So has someone made a motion on this? I did. You have. Can I get a second? Second. All right. All in favor? Aye. Anyone opposed?

[04:07:17] Madam Clerk. D, to consider the vacation of a 16-foot drainage easement crossing lots 33 and 34, Old 100 Mill, Section E. Ms. Snow. Mr. Chairman, members of the board, Dr. Casey, this is a public hearing to consider the vacation of a 16-foot drainage easement crossing lots 33 and 34, Old 100 Mill, Section E.

[04:07:41] Carrie Gibson requested the vacation of an easement that is no longer needed. A public hearing is required to vacate the easement, and approval is recommended after the public hearing. Thank you. Board members, is there any question for Ms. Snow or for any staff? Everyone, this is a public hearing

for you to consider the vacation of a 16-foot drainage easement crossing, Plots 33 and 44, all 100 mills, Section E. Is there anyone who would like to speak to this issue?

[04:08:10] If so, please come forward and state your name. Seeing no one, I'm going to go ahead and close this public hearing. It's back before the board. Is there any discussion? Could I go ahead and get a motion? All right.

[04:08:26] Can I get a second? Second. All in favor? Aye. All opposed? Madam Clerk. Item 20, 15-minute citizen comment period on unscheduled matters. We have no speakers. Item 21, closing announcements. Mr. Chair. Thank you, Madam Clerk.

[04:08:42] I'm just going to open it up to the board if there are any closing remarks that y'all would like to speak to. Mr. Chair. Yes, Mr. Engel. I received word today that the 250th anniversary flag for the country that is going to fly in at least one location, I believe only one location in Virginia, before it goes on to D.C. and to the commemoration, is going to be flown tomorrow at 1 p.m. at the USA Iron and Metal location at 1800 Coxendale Road,

[04:09:19] underneath the American flag for a period just long enough to commemorate and take pictures because they have to take it back down and basically mail it to the next location pretty much right away.

[04:09:36] So the flag has made it across the world to veteran cemeteries and I'm honored to know that it's going to be flown in Chesterfield County. So if you want to come out and see that, it's only five by seven, so it's going to look like a postage stamp up there, but they're going to fly a drone and get some good pictures of it up there.

[04:09:56] But it's an honor to have that flag fly in Chesterfield County. Thank you, Mr. Ingle. Any other comments? The only thing I want to speak to is that we as a board continue to move forward on interviews as far as county administrator is concerned.

[04:10:15] So you may be noticing in our adjournment that we're going into closed session. You're noticing Madam Clerk is about to read. We're doing it again for a 15-day closed session. But if you all are wondering what that's about, it's about we continue the interview process for County Administrator.

[04:10:35] Madam Clerk. Mr. Chair, we need a motion to adjourn and convene a 15-day closed session at undisclosed locations pursuant to sections 2.2-3711A1 and 2.2-3712B, Code of Virginia 1950 is amended solely for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the position of County Administrator.

[04:10:57] The Board is adjourning to its regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting on May 27, 2026 at 2 p.m. in Room 502 of the County Administration Building where it will come out of the 15-day closed session and certify the closed session at the beginning of the meeting.

[04:11:13] Thank you, Madam Clerk. Can I get a motion? So moved. And a second? Second. All in favor? Aye. We stand adjourned.



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