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[00:04:58] yes sir yes sir hello everyone the time is now two o'clock we're now called the Hanover County Board of Supervisors meeting to order as is customary we will begin with an invocation led by mr. Jeff Sturman and the Pledge of Allegiance led by a supervisor Dibble mr. Sturman thank you mr. chair would you bow with me dear heavenly father Lord we humbly come before you this afternoon with

[00:05:32] praise and thanksgiving we praise you lord because you're a great and mighty god and we're thankful that you show us your love your grace and your mercy much more than we deserve father i ask lord today that you would grant my colleagues and myself wisdom compassion and discernment as we seek to do your will and to serve the people of hanover county with all compassion and love father i do pray that you'd bless this entire proceeding today lord may we accomplish much and do all things in your name.

[00:06:06] In Jesus' name I pray, amen. Amen. Please stand as you're able and join me in the pledge. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

[00:06:31] Thank you, Mr. Stoneman. Thank you, Supervisor Dibble. Next on the agenda, consideration of amendments to the agenda, Mr. Davis. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I move that we add an item 10B, a closed session, Virginia Code subsection 2.23711A7, consultation with legal counsel pertaining actual litigation, Blagman v. Hanover County.

[00:06:58] There is a motion and a second. All in favor of amending the agenda, please indicate by saying aye. Aye. The agenda has been amended. Next is comment period. Chairman and board member comments.

[00:07:13] I will begin by recognizing us all Sheriff Hines. Good to see you, sir. Chief Anderson, good to see you, sir. Mr. Boshan, our treasurer is here. Welcome, sir. And our Commonwealth Attorney Mackenzie Babuchenko is also present.

[00:07:29] Thank you for being with us today. I have a very brief comment. You know, as we all know, our schools opened back up, and I believe we had a successful rollout of our opening school last week in our hanover county public school division this is not the school board but i do just want to touch on uh some traffic concern i heard and saw you know as is customary pretty much happens every year the first day or two or three of school the drop off lines back up and some of that's

[00:08:04] because most parents or a lot of parents more than usual parents drop their kids off the more parents at the school and of course we have some little kiddos that have the jitters little nerves so we understand that. And so our school staff is working diligently to make sure that the lines are short to help keep the traffic off the road. And that's where it gets tricky is when the traffic backs up on the road. As drivers, as parents, and I'm one of them, we have a responsibility also to try to make sure our kiddos are ready to get out of the car. And we as drivers are not supposed to get

[00:08:41] out of the car. We're supposed to allow our school staff to assist the students in getting out of the car. And the other thing I want to mention is when we're in line, we don't need 12 feet between our car and the car ahead of us. So we need to keep that distance kind of short so we can get more cars off the road and onto the school property to help reduce the impacts on the road. That's our part. That concludes my comments for today. I recognize Supervisor Pritchard. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I always like to celebrate when we work together on something. And today I have

[00:09:17] something truly worthy of celebration. After several years of concerns and comments about the noise surrounding the Wegmans warehouse, our board chair and my friend, Mr. Herzberg, accompanied me on site. We met with the Wegmans folks and they promised us some really big changes and man did they deliver. We went over, I guess it was last week, week before and walked around. They have converted all of their diesel refrigerator trucks to electric while they're on site so they drive on site with with diesel they turn off the diesel

[00:09:53] engines plug them into the electricity on the dock and you can't hear it from outside the warehouse we walk through and the difference is just absolutely amazing and I am so grateful to the folks at Wegmans to mr. Herzberg for everybody who made this come together. And on top of that, they have found a solution to the noise from the backup beepers. I admit that I don't quite understand how that works, but apparently it does.

[00:10:22] And I feel like this is a real step forward for that neighborhood and as well as work by members of the Board of Supervisors. The second thing I want to say is far less positive. Our beloved

friend and colleague John Hodges passed away on the 1st of August. John worked for the county first in planning and then as a deputy director I mean a deputy administrator for 30 years. I never met a person who didn't like him and as soon as he retired he went to Ashland around where he lives

[00:11:00] and ran for town council and he's been the vice mayor for a long time. He is beloved by every member of our community and i can honestly say john is probably the most decent human i ever knew um if you could extend your your good thoughts to his wife vandy and their family as as they try to figure out a way to move on without their best friend so thank you thank you for your comments ma'am any other board members wish to make comments mr hudson thank you mr chair i just wanted to let everybody uh know that on september 23rd at the mechanicsville branch of the pamunkey

[00:11:39] Regional Library. At 7 p.m., that's a Tuesday, September 23rd, we'll be having a town hall. Everybody always says, well, what are we going to talk about? So we're going to plan to have a representative from VDOT and some other folks maybe come by and say hello. But overall, we're going to talk about some things that are going on around the district and what I've been doing.

[00:12:00] And it'll be open forum from there. And we do try to keep it to an hour. And so if you will help us spread the word. We are going to be sharing that across all of our county government platforms, but word of mouth never hurts as well. So that's all. September 23rd, 7 p.m. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

[00:12:19] Thank you for your comments, sir. Supervisor Dibble. Thank you, Mr. Chair. After many years of not having a Montpelier day, which used to be the big real thing happening in western Hanover back in the last century. We are bringing back our Montpelier Day Festival, and this is going to be on September the 27th, and it will be kicked off. It will be up at the Montpelier Center, and we will kick it off with a parade at 10 a.m. that will start at Bethany Church Road and lead

[00:12:55] to the Montpelier Center, where we're going to have a whole slew of family-oriented events. We'll have music. We've got bands. We've got vendors. We've got a kid zone area with jumpies and face painting. We'll have food vendors. We've got a small car show, touch a truck, and a lot of historical memorabilia. So everyone is invited. Bring the family. It's going to be a great, great fun day from 10 a.m. until about 4 p.m., and I'm super excited, and I believe Mr. Stoneman

[00:13:33] and I will be riding in the parade, so we look forward to doing that, and it's just another way of bringing our community together. As you know, we built the rec center up there recently, and really trying to roll out the theme that this really is the place where we meet and enjoy each other's company in Western Hanover. So thank you very much and hope to see everybody there.

[00:14:00] Well, thank you for sharing that information, Supervisor Dibble. Mr. Stone. Thank you, Mr. Chair. So on behalf of the citizens in Western Hanover, I'd like to speak to the issue of the broadband rollout. We've been experiencing a lot of difficulties out there, a lot of outages, and a lot of extended outages for people that are still on the copper program and I just wanted to say to my my constituents and also uh to the constituents in South Anna that Ms. Dibble and I are are very concerned about this we are doing everything that we can uh to reach out to our state delegates uh and anyone who will listen um in order to try to

[00:14:38] resolve this issue and to get a better response time for our constituents I know that uh the ones that are on copper with bright speed they're experiencing outages up to 30 days which is totally unacceptable we hear you we're doing all that we can and it's not falling on deaf ears it's just we don't have

the authority to get as much done as we'd like to for our citizens but we are putting forth every effort possible and and we hope to see that but on the bright side uh you know the the fiber is going in the ground uh there's going to be some birth pains uh while we're delivering this baby but as soon as is we get all the fiber in the ground i think that we

[00:15:16] we'll experience a lot less outages um in the future and i think the service the quality of service in the western hanover area will will be uh much more acceptable so just want to let everybody know that we are working hard sue and i we field calls every day and we're doing the best that we can um to deliver on on the needs of our community so thank you thank you for your comments mr stoneman next mr davis thank you mr chairman uh mr chairman as many folks know tonight we have planning public hearings and under um the agenda item 14 g uh there's a recreational substance

[00:15:54] retail store uh ordinance amendment uh ordinance proposal uh what i'm going to speak on now is not that i want to be very clear we're not having a public hearing on that um but i do need to speak about a public safety matter uh in hanover county uh number a while back uh hanover county sheriff's office did an authorized buy under state law with underage buyers entering certain retail establishments, commonly known as vape shops, and out of the approximately 20 in Hanover

[00:16:26] County, 18 were potential buys, and out of those, 55% of the total, 20, 11, did sell to an underage buyer with no ID, and those were, I believe, successfully prosecuted by miss babinchenko are currently in the process uh this morning and the sheriff is here with us uh hanover county executed a number of search warrants on uh commonly known vape shops uh the term commonly known vape shops or recreational substance facilities um a substantial amount of cash was seized uh i believe two search warrants were were actually executed on a home or two homes uh related

[00:17:05] to that so you can see that the potential criminal activity alleged criminal activity was was much broader than the vape shops so this could be part of the discussion uh this evening i imagine that the um the folks in the community will will uh hear about this shortly uh and if it would please the board and the sheriff would be willing i'd ask sheriff hines if he would be willing to come up and share some of these public safety matters uh the tremendous work that was done this morning

[00:17:31] with the board welcome sheriff hines the podium is yours sir good afternoon this obviously i didn't realize y'all were having a conversation uh dealing with vape shops uh we we run a underage

[00:18:05] buyer program as i think many of you know in our alcohol retailers and it's just something that we do it's not a trick we've oftentimes actually advertised that in the next couple of months we will be sending out a underage buyer and we make sure that our underage buyer looks underage We make sure that our underage buyer doesn't have an ID.

[00:18:32] And all we ever require is for someone to ask for an ID. And if you ask for the ID, you're told, I don't have one. And then I think we know what you're supposed to do. At that point, you're supposed to say, well, I'm sorry, I can't sell you this. Regardless as to the product, whether it's an ABC establishment or a state-run ABC establishment, or for that matter, a vape shop that, as I understand it, you have to be 21 years old to purchase.

[00:19:04] Far on the age buyer, we were able to do 18 of the 20. 11 of the locations sold to us. They sold a vape product of some type. Those cases were brought to Ms. Babachanko.

[00:19:22] Our office took them to court, and those cases have been disposed of now. We got information that some of our establishments were selling marijuana illegally. I think we all know that marijuana is legal in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

[00:19:42] You can't buy it, and you can't sell it, but it's legal to use. I agree with you, Ms. Floyd. It didn't make a lot of sense to me either. In fact, I spoke against it. I had someone go to the legislature and speak against it.

[00:19:58] It didn't make much sense to me legalizing a gateway drug in the midst of a heroin epidemic coming across our state and country. But that's neither here nor there. I now understand that marijuana is no longer considered a gateway drug.

[00:20:15] I was just told that the other day I'm looking for the research on that anyway uh we were able to make some undercover purchases from uh several of our stores as well as several stores in Henrico we notified Henrico our great partners with us and this morning uh members of the Hanover Sheriff's office and Henrico uh executed simultaneous search warrants at seven locations uh three Three were locations of stores in Hanover, two were locations of stores in Henrico.

[00:20:51] One was on a storage unit in Hanover, and the other was on a residence. And there are now three people under arrest, and we're looking for the fourth now. I know y'all are having, and excuse me, if I go too long, I want you to stop me.

[00:21:09] And if I get involved in something that I shouldn't, I want you to tell me that too. I know you're getting ready to talk about vape shops and maybe their distance to a school. I'm going to say this, and there will be critics that will criticize me for saying this, but I don't know that it makes a difference if the vape shop is a block from the school or if it's five blocks from the school.

[00:21:39] We're a pretty mobile society. Most of our kids drive to school. They're not walking. It's not like they have to walk past the vape shop. I'm certainly not telling you not to do it. That's not my intention.

[00:21:56] I just don't know the true value of it. And perhaps the value is the message it sends. And that's a pretty powerful message. We don't want our children exposed to this. Therefore, we don't want you X number of yards, feet, miles to our schools.

[00:22:15] And that could be a powerful message. I don't know that it's going to stop our problem until we can get others that regulate vape shops into the regulatory business. We look at the illegal activity that goes there.

[00:22:37] That's what we look whether or not a vape product should be in that store and being sold. That's out of my realm. That's a regulatory agency. And my understanding is there are two agencies that regulate food and drug administration and Department of Agriculture. So the dangers of vaping I think are real but we we don't regulate them and I don't think you can but you may be able to regulate how their distance and whether or not that

[00:23:13] makes a difference I don't know but I'll answer any questions you have. Mr. Chairman. Mr. Davis I would remind you we do have a public hearing on vapes towards this evening. Yep we do. So Sheriff you mentioned first of all thank you I know for the members of the Public Safety Committee and the board as a whole uh we've we've had a tremendous partnership um with the sheriff's office commonwealth

attorney's office and i i suspect a lot of things that go on in hanover i know don't go don't go on uh in other localities have you had any conversations with the food and drug or attempted conversations with food

[00:23:49] and drug administration or the department of agriculture we have you have yes were they were they fruitful conversations i think it's uh i you know in court i would withdraw let me withdraw my Well, maybe we can get Ms. Babichenko to object first, and then you can withdraw.

[00:24:06] Yeah, yeah. Thank you. That's fine. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Colonel, thank you so much. I really do appreciate that, and thank you for the information. Thank you for keeping Hanover County safe and the children of Hanover County safe. Thank you. And if I could, Mr. Podetsky, if you do speak with Mr. Patokas, tell him, please relay to him how much we appreciate.

[00:24:27] Henrico Police, their cooperation and their continued partnership with us. Thank you. Thank you very much Sheriff Hines any other comments from board members next County Administrator comments. Mr. Badesky Thank you. Mr. Chair. Just have a few updates that I wanted to share But I did want I hope everyone that's at least with us here in person today had an opportunity to see two new engines sitting out in front of our building here today this those engines Really represent this board's commitment to public safety and investment in public safety It's almost two million dollars worth of apparatus sitting out in front of this building today that will go into that

[00:25:07] are actively now into service for our community. Things have really changed over the years. Certainly, the cost of those apparatus has gone up. In fact, the new ones now cost north of \$1 million to purchase for our community. And so they're major investments.

[00:25:24] Really pleased that we have new, safe, reliable equipment for our providers, the men and women that provide service to our community each day, and glad to have those in service. and so hopefully our residents will get a chance to see those we do have more on order and in process as well i'm proud to share today that that once again hanover county was awarded the government finance officer award for the distinguished budget presentation this budget is actually for the budget that started on july 1 of this year we won the distinguished budget

[00:25:59] presentation award now for 35 consecutive years beginning in 1990. the budget standards have changed but over time we've been able to continue to obtain this distinguished award. I think some folks take for granted because we've received it for so long that it's just something that you can easily get. It's not. It's a great deal of effort to receive this and it really is based on solid policy adopted by the Board of Supervisors along with very competent and capable leadership and application. I'd like to congratulate Lauren Nall, Shelley Wright, and Mark Highfield, and the whole financial management services leadership team for the outstanding

[00:26:38] hard work on gaining and achieving this award. And so thank you for all of your efforts in that area. Also wanted to share that, and some may have seen that there was a press release that went out, our clerk's office, the Circuit Court clerk, has launched a new online jury management system to make service easier.

[00:26:57] Now, instead of filling out the forms or dropping them off and sending them back, our residents can now fill out questionnaires, request excusals, get sign up for text or emails, reminders, and recently about 4500 questionnaires were mailed out to randomly selected residents that I'm sure we're all excited to receive those in the mail to serve on a jury.

[00:27:20] They now can do all that response online. However, if someone still needs mail, that is still available. Wanted to also recognize that that on the street right now is a request for information for any individuals agencies organizations interested in the henry clay elementary school repurposing project that is available now on the street it's on our website we had non-meditory site visits last week and had great turnout and interest in this project bids will come in mid-september and they'll be going through evaluation this fall

[00:27:56] so more work to come on that but it's exciting to get that out and see what proposals the board will have to ultimately consider. I do want to just recognize this coming Monday is Labor Day. County offices will be closed. There are a couple other events coming up. The Route 30154 roundabout public hearing will be on September 9th at 6 p.m. on this campus in our Martha Ann Fields conference room, room 121. We also would like to encourage our residents and to join us on September 3rd for and this is really a particularly special event for families or individuals in recovery or needing

[00:28:35] recovery related services september 3rd is regional recovery day and so we want to recognize individuals and those in need with there's panels trainings information resource fairs and more this is open to the public from 4 30 p.m to 8 30 p.m and this will be at the henrico sports and events center behind virginia center commons this is a regional activity that we're we're doing with our regional counterparts in the adjoining counties. On September 11th, as we've begun three years ago, we will continue a national day of service and working with our not-for-profits here in Hanover County. You'll see a lot of Team Hanover out working in the

[00:29:15] community, but if you have projects or have interest, you can also find more information on this on our website. Another piece of exciting news, and some folks may have already started trying to use the fall line trail that's nearing completion. We are in the weeks to come going to be announcing and celebrating a formal ribbon cutting. The only thing that's holding that project up for completion right now is actually the railing that connects Hanover and Henrico.

[00:29:46] This regional project will run from Ashland to Petersburg. It's going to be a 43 mile trail. Our league is the first that will be fully completed and if you park in the town of Ashland There will be a five-mile loop, so you can park in Ashland, do a sort of a five-mile down and back into Henrico, get some lunch in the town, and really have an opportunity to celebrate that trail.

[00:30:07] We look forward to opening that with our regional partners in Ashland and Henrico County, with the Central Virginia Transportation Authority, who us working with has provided the funds to make that available. So we're excited probably mid to late September. We'll be scheduling and celebrating that ribbon-cutting I do also want to share that in days to come we'll be announcing The annual board workshop dates and so look forward to that information to come Mr. Chair members the board and last thing I have today that I wanted to share with you and and while I'm excited in our community should be excited

[00:30:45] No, no one's more excited than the members of our library board that are here with us today to be able to announce and share that a new director has been chosen, has been on the job for a solid eight days as of today. And so today with us, we have members of our library board and our new director, Zach Roberts.

[00:31:05] Zach has worked in public libraries for nearly 20 years, serving in roles that have ranged from very frontline public service to programming to senior management and leadership. Most recently, Zach

served as the senior library manager for the Prince William Public Libraries. Zach's educational background includes a Master's of Library and Information and Science from San Jose State University and a Master's of Public Administration from Arkansas State University.

[00:31:29] Zach, we'd like to welcome you, members of the library board. We'll gladly give you the podium if you'd like to say hello and say anything else, but we're glad to have you. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, members of the board.

[00:31:46] I appreciate the introduction. Apart from you, I met everyone today. Very nice meeting you all thank you for the support of the library board of trustees that are here with me many of them today I look forward to this venture going forward running the monkey regional library We have a wonderful asset in our community, which is our libraries. They are a wonderful feature of every community I've been to them all I'm meeting with the staff now. We have a wonderful team in our libraries. We have wonderful buildings I'm so glad Supervisor Hudson to hear you have a you know, you're utilizing the spaces. That is a wonderful gift we have for our community

[00:32:24] I'm so glad to be here in the library director role I look forward to working with you and the community to make Pamukki Regional Library a wonderful place So thank you very much. Thank you for your comments, sir. Mr. Badesky. Do you have anything else, sir? That's all for today, sir Thank you. Thank you for your comments, sir. Mr. Walter County attorney. Thank you. Mr. Chairman members of the board. Good afternoon I am happy to introduce the newest member to the county attorney's office

[00:33:03] It's always nice to come before you to let you know when we have somebody new on staffs You'll be dealing with her going forward in some capacities over time Allison Bridges joined the office. She was actually in mr. Roberts orientation class She joined the office on the 16th. She's an assistant county attorney She comes to us from the Henrico County Attorney's Office, but she is no stranger to Hanover County.

[00:33:32] In addition to practicing here for almost 10 years in our courts, she actually was born and raised here in Hanover County. And she is a member of an extended family that has served Hanover County and has been a part of Hanover County for generations, including, as best I can tell, potentially two former members of the Board of Supervisors, Including I believe the second longest serving member of the Board of Supervisors. It's the luck family if you were if you're curious So we are very glad to have her part of the team. We're back up to full staff after about four or five months She'll be supporting a number of departments including purchasing and some of our finance folks

[00:34:11] community resources and she'll be providing additional support for schools and DSS Allison is here. I just told her that I would try not to embarrass her But I did want to make sure that you had a chance to to meet her Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

[00:34:30] Thank you, Mr. Walter, and congratulations, ma'am. Thank you for being with us today. Okay, so that concludes comment period. Next on the agenda is a presentation, proclamation honoring the service of Mr. James Kickler.

[00:34:48] Mechanicsville District, Mr. Hudson. As Jim's making his way down here, I had to get our communications department to give us the Reader's Digest proclamation because I didn't want to be celebrating his birthday, too, while we were down here because it takes so long.

[00:35:15] So, well, Jim, on a personal note, before I begin to read that, over the last seven or eight years, I've gotten to know you, and I want to tell you personally, thank you for being a friend, always treating me fairly, even when it might be uncomfortable for some of the things that we kind of had to go through during my time running for office and serving.

[00:35:39] So with that, whereas James Ellsworth Kickler graduated from Manchester High School in 1967 and was drafted into the U.S. Army that same year, serving during the Vietnam era. Jim returned home, joined the Essex County Sheriff's Department, later becoming Commissioner of the Revenue.

[00:35:58] He earned degrees from Rappahannock Community College and Virginia Commonwealth University with a Master's in Public Administration. For more than 20 years, he served the Virginia Department of Taxation, where he retired in 1999. In 1984, he and his dear wife Elizabeth moved to Hanover County and became deeply involved in county committees, civic groups, and volunteer service.

[00:36:21] Serving on the Commission on Local Government, a CASA volunteer, Hanover Veterans Committee, the Mechanicsville Businessmen Association, and our Economic Development Authority. He currently is active with the Sheriff's Office Foundation, Advisory Commission, and the Hanover 300th Birthday Committee.

[00:36:39] His lifelong dedication to veterans, including leadership with the American Legion Post 175 and membership in disabled American veterans. A devoted leader at Howerton Baptist Church for more than 50 years. An active Mason with Arlington Lodge, Washington Henry Lodge, and the Scottish Rite.

[00:36:59] Jim, on behalf of the citizens of Hanover County and this Board of Supervisors, we want to thank you for more than 30 years and wish you very well in the future retirement.

[00:39:01] Congratulations, mr. Kickler next on the agenda is another presentation proclamation Honoring mr. Aubrey Bucky Stanley at this time. I would like to invite our vice chairman. Mr. Davids our beaver dam Supervisor mr. Sturman down front along with mr. Bucky's family for a presentation

[00:39:25] Well, welcome. Thank you very much for being here. I can see the resemblance

[00:39:59] I did not know mr. Stanley very well but I did have the honor of serving with mr. Stanley and I remember the last night we had our board meeting before mr. Stanley went to the hospital I was sitting right there and I was asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance that night and I stood up and I said would everyone please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance I looked around the room and everybody was rise everybody rose up except for one person that was Bucky and I looked down

[00:40:31] on the dais and Bucky had his forearms on the arms of the chair and he was fighting with every ounce of fight that he had left to get up out of that chair. We actually had to hold the pledge back for a few seconds to wait for Bucky to get up. That's how much and that's how serious he was about standing up for the Pledge of Allegiance. I don't know that he walked much after that so I hope that brings you some comfort how he respected the American flag and how he respected his boardroom and the job that he did for the citizens of the Deaverdam District.

[00:41:11] Mr. Davis. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Bucky and I obviously served together. We served with many people on this board and represented Mr. Stoneman for a long time. And I've got two Bucky accounts, and I think they really show who Bucky is on the inside.

[00:41:31] When I got elected, I was at a Christmas party shortly after the election prior to being sworn in, and a couple of folks were kind of gathered around. And they said, hey, Davis, are you ready to take office? And I said, yeah. I said, you know, I guess I am. He said, are you prepared? I said, well, I think you're probably as prepared as you can be, right?

[00:41:48] You learn some things through immersion and experience. And I said, but yeah, I said, I'm prepared to leave the courthouse one night and have 50% of the people happy with me and the other 50% upset. Bucky, the wise statesman there, turned around.

[00:42:04] He said, let me tell you something, son. He said, if you leave your courthouse and you only have 50% of the people mad with you, you're doing pretty good. I said, okay. He said, and the other thing, the 50% of the people who are happy with you don't live in your damn district. Okay.

[00:42:21] And this is the second story. Bucky was telling me he was running one time, and it was a guy that he knew was running against him because Bucky knew everybody. And he said, the guy called him on Sunday and said, Bucky, I just want to let you know, however this thing shakes out, You know, you've run a really good campaign.

[00:42:38] You haven't talked bad about me. I haven't talked bad about you. He said, but I think I got you on this one, Stanley. I think, of course, we know obviously what happened. But he said, I think I got you on this one. Bucky said, well, you know, made a best man win. And so Bucky goes on Tuesday. There's the election, and that gentleman doesn't prevail.

[00:42:55] So Bucky said Wednesday he didn't get a phone call. Thursday he got a phone call, and the guy says, all right, Stanley. He said, I got two things to tell you. He said, yeah, what's that? He said, first thing is, he said, I'm behind you 100%. He said, I think you do a great job. He said, I just thought I could do better, but I'm here to support you. And if you need any help in your next campaign, I'm there for you.

[00:43:14] Bucky said, all right. And he said, what's the second thing? He said, second thing is, he said, a bunch of my damn friends are liars. And I think that just really, Bucky just knew how to be real with folks. He didn't blow a lot of smoke, kind of say, hey, here's where I'm at. But he brought the community in on every one of his decisions.

[00:43:32] I mean, Bucky made town halls look boring. I mean, Bucky held four or five town halls before 8 o'clock in the morning. He'd stop at different places. And that was the key to a successful policy in Beaverdam for many, many years.

[00:43:49] And Bucky, I'll tell you, he knew the people who didn't always care for him, but he never blocked anybody out and he never played that hubris, arrogant political game where if you didn't support him on every issue, he was going to block you out on something. He just didn't do it. And so I miss Bucky.

[00:44:05] I miss him a lot. He was a great policymaker. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Davis. Mr. Stoneman? Well, I'm one of the few that didn't have the pleasure of serving with Bucky, but I did get to know Bucky very early on. Back in 2000, Bucky supported a project for me.

[00:44:23] I opened a boarding kennel out in Montpelier, and he was my supervisor, and he was very gracious. He supported my project and became a customer. And so I got to know Bucky from a different angle. Two things that he was really passionate about, he would board his dogs on the weekends because he was very passionate about softball.

[00:44:42] So he was traveling with travel leagues, and I would be in there working. We didn't have Sunday morning hours, and I would be in there in the morning cleaning the kennel on Sunday morning, and I'd hear a little tapping on the window, and I'd come to wonder what it was. I'd look around, and Bucky's looking in the window. He wants to pick up his dog, really.

[00:44:59] He did this for – he really was passionate about his Jack Russells. And so, you know, I had to mention to him one time, I said, you know we don't have business hours on Sunday morning. He said, yeah, I know. And so he understood very well that I was going to take care of him. And so that was my earliest recollection, getting to know Bucky.

[00:45:18] And obviously I went to church with Bucky at Beaverdam Baptist for a number of years, and we became good friends and someone that would call from time to time, and we'd have some great discussions and some prayer time over issues going on in the community. And so I really enjoyed Bucky's friendship and, like I said, the town halls he had at the Fast Mart up in Montpelier.

[00:45:39] He would have his Mountain Dew in the newspaper. And I said, well, you're checking the temperature to see how the neighborhood's going. And it was kind of fun to always visit him early in the mornings. So I really miss Bucky, and he was a great asset to our community.

[00:46:00] Thank you for your comments, Mr. Stoneman. And so now I will go ahead and read the proclamation, and then we will present it to you. Whereas Aubrey M. Bucky Stanley was a native Hanoverian who worked hard for his beloved Beaverdam Magisterial District, he graduated from Patrick Henry High School and attended North Carolina State University.

[00:46:28] And whereas Mr. Stanley worked in the lumber and timber business, first with Stanley Lumber, a family business, and later as owner of AMS Timber LLC, and whereas Mr. Stanley was first elected to represent the Beaver Dam Magisterial District in 1983. Mr. Stanley served as the board's chairman six times, he was elected 10 times, and his 38 years of service on the board are the most since Hanover's

[00:47:05] current alignment of seven magisterial districts were created in 1965. Mr. Stanley was a strong advocate for his constituents, which contributed to his long and successful career. And whereas Mr. Stanley was a member of the Capital Region Airport Commission, which oversees the Richmond International Airport beginning in 1986 and was four times elected chairman of that commission, He also served on the Capital Region Taxicab Advisory Board.

[00:47:42] Mr. Stanley served as the representative of the Board of Supervisors on the Facility Space Needs Committee and the Safety and Security Committee and served as chairman of both of those committees. He also served on the board's Agricultural and Forestry Districts and Cannery Advisory Committees.

[00:48:02] And Aubrey M. Bucky Stanley, uh-oh, we have a typo. I'm sorry. Whereas Bucky was passionate about men's softball, he managed and sponsored many teams, including Stanley Lumber, Crossfire, Buckeye Softball, Mid-Atlantic Softball, and Andes of Ashland.

[00:48:28] Through these affiliations, he traveled the country to play ball at the highest levels of the sport. He was recognized by being inducted into the Hall of Fame of several of the sport-sanctioning organizations. He was also a lifetime member of the Virginia Jaycees, and whereas Mr. Stanley passed away on December 31, 2021, at the age of 77.

[00:48:55] Bucky was preceded in death by his parents, Aubrey May Stanley Sr. and Helen Harris Stanley, and his wife, Ellen Epps Stanley. Bucky is survived by his son Daryl, daughter-in-law Sheila, and grandson Wyatt.

[00:49:15] Now therefore, be it resolved that the Hanover County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize the extraordinary contributions of Aubrey Bucky Stanley and rename the Wickham Building Annex on the main county courthouse campus to the Aubrey Bucky Stanley Building.

[00:49:40] Congratulations, and Mr. Kilduff is bringing over the sign. We're not renaming the Wickham building. This is the annex only that's a new sign for the rename of the Wickham annex building to the Aubrey Bucky Stanley building.

[00:50:17] Okay, the time is now 2:48 we will proceed with the remainder of the afternoon agenda.

[00:52:22] Next on the agenda item 6 citizen's time. I do have one card. Is there anyone else who wishes to address the board during citizen's time? Please raise your hand; you will have up to five minutes. We'll read the procedures for citizen's time. Citizen's time is an opportunity for members of the public to present comments and information to the board. Regarding any matter within the scope of the board's authority that is not on today's agenda for a public hearing. There are cards available in the back of the room.

[00:52:57] You are not required to fill out a card. However, it does make it easier for our board clerk to get the spelling of your name correct, and it gives us the contact information in case we need to follow up with you after your comments. Speakers who wish to address the board are requested to follow these guidelines.

[00:53:16] Each speaker is asked to give your name and the magisterial district in which you live. Speakers will have up to five minutes to address the board. The vice chair, Mr. Davis, will keep track of each speaker's time and will try to give you a warning before your time has expired.

[00:53:32] Speakers are asked to address their comments to the board and not to the audience. The board does not permit the use of slideshows or other projected materials during citizen's time. However, speakers are invited to provide printed copies of materials that they have to the board and they can be provided to the deputy county administrator seated there to the right of the podium.

[00:53:57] The board requests that the audience refrain from interrupting speakers during their recognized time. This applies to citizens' time in any public hearing on today's agenda. The board appreciates the public input and cooperation during citizens' time.

[00:54:18] We will now open citizens' time. Mr. Anthony Wells, the Cold Harbor District. Please proceed, sir. You will have up to five minutes. Please state your name in the district in which you live, sir. Thank you. My name is Anthony Wells. I'm in the Cold Harbor District, and I have the best supervisor.

[00:54:39] Ryan, you looking at me? You got to work on it, buddy. I'm sorry if that was... I know Ryan. I really appreciate all that y'all do. I like living in Hanover. I've been here for five years. I spent some of my formative years in Hanover, left, lived in RICO, and I've been back for five years now.

[00:54:58] I really appreciate it. I know I'm probably preaching to the choir here. One of the things I really like is the Hanover Sheriff's Department and what they do. I've recently written a letter to the sheriff about some of his deputies clearing up road debris, which I thought was really amazing. I like the fire department. I like that you all have helped them with the new Station 17.

[00:55:17] I like the fire chief. I don't know him all that well, but we once watched Mutiny on the Cane together about over 20 years ago, and whenever he saw me, he would do a yeoman's whistle. And that's a memory that, I don't know, I thought was kind of cool. I liked it. Anyway, I appreciate the schools. You guys work, this county works very fast on getting schools, and that was part of the reason why we came out here from Henrico.

[00:55:38] And I have a three-year-old, well, it's going to be three, September 2nd, and he is going to Battlefield Park Elementary School. We were able to get him in that preschool program, and the bus picks him up, and that's just amazing. There's so much value in living here. I see that the library folks are here, and I would say, can we get some Ken Burns documentaries on DVD, please?

[00:56:02] Maybe some Nova? I don't have high-speed internet, so I do go and get a lot of DVDs, which is why I'm here. So, you know, I wanted to make sure I said some good things, and I really do like you, Michael.

[00:56:17] But I'm going to have to put my fussy britches on just for a minute. The All Points Broadband, they've come out to my house twice. They've done site surveys. We call them during business hours. They don't answer the phone. And, you know, they were asked to leave Culpeper County.

[00:56:33] That's a matter of public record. So I'm not really pleased about it. Other than that, that's my only real beef. Well, roll point, not roll point. Pole Green Road's kind of rough. That's my only real beef. No, no. The 6% sales tax in Ashland's kind of tough when you've got a family that wants to go to Sweet Frog, which is already a dangerous liaison when you go to Sweet Frog.

[00:56:54] I'm kidding, of course. I love Ashland. I love the trains, and I love the iron, the iron, the iron, whatever it is. Anyway, thank you so much. I didn't want to keep the all five minutes. I appreciate you. I love living in Hanover, and I appreciate you coming by my house to try to set me straight.

[00:57:12] I think you're great, and Ryan, you need to work on it. You're devastatingly handsome. You've been my realtor three times. You've got a lot of charisma, okay, but I don't get an invite to your Christmas party. So anyway, thank you all very much. Y'all make it a great day. Oh, oh, there's one more thing I wanted to say.

[00:57:30] I got two minutes. The vape shops. You know, if you want to look at a community that's in decline, I don't have any ancillary research to back this up. This is just one man's opinion. But if you want to look at a community that's in peril or in decline, you're going to see vape shops. If you guys are going to muscle them out, then heck yes.

[00:57:46] By all means, Godspeed. Thank you. Y'all make it a great afternoon. We love you. Take care. Thank you for your comments, Mr. Wells. Is there anyone else who wishes to address the board during citizens' time?

[00:58:02] Seeing one, please approach to the podium, sir. Please state your name. The magisterial district in which you live, you will have up to five minutes.

[00:58:20] Good afternoon. My name is Earl Wilkins. I live in the Hanover District. I'm sorry, I live in the Beaverdam District of Hanover. I've come before the board a couple of other times to speak about my concerns on the speed of the All Points broadband rollout. I'm very happy to say that they blew me away with their progress over the last four months. It is, you know, it's been certainly tremendous how much

conduit and boxes I've been seeing put in. The traffic's been a little bit of a pain but it's certainly worth it to get the broadband. A few items which I'm working offline with

[00:59:00] all points and Rook to address which is my neighborhood specific but you always expect something like that when you're doing a big rollout. I do want to go ahead and bring up something which I wasn't planning on earlier. I'm currently one of those Brightspeed copper users which Jeff was talking about earlier. My internet has not been down for long periods of time, but I thought it was kind of unusual when you get a message from Brightspeed saying that

[00:59:32] your internet is down and it's not yet. Then 30 minutes later, it goes down for a day. It's like they're planning to shut it off, but they're calling it an outage rather than a planned shut down. This seems a little bit disingenuous, and I thought that you might want that information as you're continuing to work with Brightspeed. Anyway, thank you very much, and thank you to all points with the progress they've made. Have a great afternoon. Thank you for your comments, sir. Anyone else? Seeing one, please approach. Please state your name. The district in which you live, you will have

[01:00:11] up to five minutes. Hi, my name is Christy Schumacher. I live in the Chickahominy District, and I'm presently the chair of the Pamunkey Regional Library Board. I just wanna thank you all for your support of the Pamunkey Regional Library. I wanna thank you for the wonderful board members that you sent us from Hanover.

[01:00:29] And I just wanted to emphasize that we're very happy to have a new library director. We're very excited about Zach Roberts and his vision for the library. We also wanna just say thank you as well to Jamie Stoops who's been our interim acting director for the last year.

[01:00:45] She's done an amazing job in this transition time, keeping the library on track, and we're very excited about the future. So thank you. - Thank you for your comments, ma'am. And thank you, and thanks to everyone who serves on the Pamunkey Regional Library Board for your willingness to serve.

[01:01:06] Thank you very much. Anyone else who would like to address the board during citizen's time? Please approach, state your name, the district in which you live, you will have up to five minutes. Hi, I'm Jenny McMaster. I live in the Mechanicsville District. Talking about the vape shops, I'm going to let you know it makes a huge impact.

[01:01:25] I worked very closely with our former principal at Mechanicsville High School, Mr. Stevens, and when the ice cream shop went out and that vape shop went in, it was a huge smack in his face. He's trying to fight a problem in that school with vaping, and having that right outside, steps away from the school, makes a huge impact.

[01:01:43] So moving that will make a statement. It will make a statement to parents. It will make a statement to students. As I live on the old side of Mechanicsville, I've noticed how the vape shops have brought in certain criminal activity that is not appreciated in my area.

[01:02:01] So it would be a great blessing to see those removed or pushed further out, especially away from the children. That's all. Thank you. Well, thank you, ma'am. And just to remind everyone that we do have a public hearing on the vape shop ordinance.

[01:02:17] I did allow you to make your comments because I know you work so hard and serve on the library board. You're so busy But moving forward we do want to keep in mind that we do need to follow the

rules for citizens time Any matter that's on the agenda for a public hearing should be addressed during the public hearing anyone else who would like to make Comments during citizens time. Okay seeing none. We will now close citizens time. Mr. Chairman. Mr. Davis Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[01:02:49] Mr. Chairman, I've received a message from the sheriff's office, um, just, uh, for the community. And of course, maybe we might be able to put something out Mr. Badesky, uh, I think at this point, many people are aware of the tragic incident that has taken place and currently unfolding, uh, in Minnesota with a school shooting at a private, uh, Catholic educational institution.

[01:03:08] I believe primary school, uh, the community has always briefed on that. Our shield program, uh, just got a message from the sheriff. Our SHIELD program is monitoring that, and we do liaise with all those communities. With that, as is customary, there will be a heightened police presence in our schools tomorrow.

[01:03:26] We know folks will have concerns, as it is unsettling in any community. Certainly, our hearts go out to these folks whose lives have been affected by this. But while this investigation is going on, we know a lot of folks will have questions, and it does reverberate through communities.

[01:03:45] And it will be a heightened police presence at our schools, which is customary on major national events that the sheriff has done for many, many years. And again, I just received that message from the sheriff and asked to have that shared if appropriate. And I do think it was appropriate. Thank you, sir. Thank you, Mr. Davis.

[01:04:02] Any other comments from board members? Seeing none, we will now move on. Next on the agenda, the consent agenda, Mr. Davis. Mr. Chairman, I've heard no one who wishes to remove or amend the consent agenda, so I move for approval. Second.

[01:04:19] There is a motion and a second to approve the consent agenda. All in favor, please indicate by saying aye. Aye. Consent agenda is approved. Next, agenda item 8, presentation, Connect Hanover, broadband initiative, vendor update, Mr. Todd Kilduff, Deputy County Administrator.

[01:04:41] Members of the board, Mr. Badeski, Mr. Walter, Todd Kilduff, Deputy County Administrator, and as always, I want to thank you for the opportunity to get in front of you on a quarterly basis and give an update on our broadband project our connect handover broadband initiative project you actually received an update about 30 days ago i appreciate mr rook rogers back there our broadband administrator covering for me while i was on vacation so you may be asking why 30 days later are we giving you an update well two reasons one is our internet service providers were unable to make the last meeting so i want to thank mr tom ennis with all points broadband for being here and Mr. Stewart French with Glow Fiber for being here.

[01:05:22] Mr. Chris Dillon with Bright Speed was invited and received a calendar invite. There may have been some crossover on his calendar, but they were invited as well. But with that, we also have received so much great progress in the past 30 days that because our internet service providers said they could be here today, we wanted to give you those good updates.

[01:05:40] So moving forward, we still have our handover team. I just want to make sure you get this back in front of you. With your support, we're able to move forward with this project. I want to thank Mr. Herzberg for his leadership on our weekly calls with all points. Ms. Stibbles attended a few of those meetings, so we really appreciate you as well. You are the eyes and ears in the field.

[01:05:56] You have the citizens calling you. They call us, yes, but they call you sometimes first. So we appreciate you helping us through some of those. But the good updates are this. We have been well underway with fiber installation technically since February, but it's ramped up so significantly that it's almost hard to keep track of all the fiber that is going in.

[01:06:15] By the way, that's a good problem to have. We enjoy that. We like seeing that. That's one of the reasons why Mr. Rogers is here with us. He's able to hop in a car, drive around the county, meet with the contractors, make sure everything's going smooth. He's knocking on citizens' doors that call in with complaints. So everything at the moment is going relatively quick.

[01:06:32] You heard Mr. Wilkins say earlier that it's a tough project to move this quick and not have some issues. So we do run into issues. We're retrofitting a brand new utility in existing areas, existing neighborhoods, existing homes. It's not going to go perfectly. There's going to be driveways that get hit, irrigation pipes that get hit, those kinds of things.

[01:06:50] They happen, and I'm happy to report, we saw almost all of them relatively quick with the internet service providers. Obviously, they're the ones doing the work. It's very rare when something lasts a little bit longer than that that we've dealt with throughout the project. But Chris Dillon wasn't able to be here, but just with his project, again, Bright Speed is not our contractor.

[01:07:10] They are contracted directly with the state. But they are reporting about 99% completion as of today. The last update three months ago was about 57%. So as you can see, they're moving really quick, and they're making a bunch of home connections now as we speak.

[01:07:25] So what I'm trying to get is the quantity of those home connections. What Mr. Dillon did tell me also was that they ramped up the amount of contractors they have in the field. We haven't verified this just yet. I just wanted you to know what we were told. They've ramped up contractors so that their current contractors can focus on the copper lines.

[01:07:43] Again, that's hot off the press. We just found that out just about an hour ago. So we haven't verified that. We're not sure if that's true, but wanted you to know what we knew when we heard it. So we're going to verify that for you just to see if that is, in fact, true in that. Because I'm speaking to this a little bit at length, only because Mr. Wilkinson was here specifically to speak about his DSL line.

[01:08:02] So we'll see about that. Oh, let me go back one. All Points Broadband, I don't want to steal too much of their thunder as they're here to give an update, but they are our contractor. We have a contract with them on the VATI grant and the VMRR funding. As you can see on the screen, we're at about 230 miles installed of a 326, and last update was 168, so you can do the math.

[01:08:24] Significant progress over the past several months, so we are moving quick. And even better news, fiber going in is one thing. The mainline fiber is one thing, but getting home connected, that's where we're at. That's really what everyone really cares about. Getting the fiber in is great, but people want to know, when are you going to come to me?

[01:08:41] When are you going to connect me? And that's really where a lot of the phone calls we've been receiving recently are about because people are seeing the fiber go down the road. And the assumption is that as soon as it's down the road that they're going to get connected. That's not exactly true or entirely true. Once the fiber is installed, it has to be turned on.

[01:08:59] They call it lighting it up. They have to light up the fiber. They have to do significant QA, QC testing. They have to do outreach. They have to get marketing involved. Long story short, it could be several months before somebody is actually connected after they see fiber go down. And it could even be longer depending on the volume and capacity of calls that come in.

[01:09:16] But we're happy to report three months ago, we had our first connection, Mr. Tiffany, and we're now at 179. So we are moving, and I should say All Points is moving relatively quick, and they have ramped up their connections recently. So what that means is there are in the contract about 6,200 homes and businesses to be connected.

[01:09:38] There is a current 30% take rate, meaning that of all the homes that have been contacted so far, about 30% have said, yes, I want to be connected. They may have already paid their \$90 fee to connect. But at that rate, we are looking at an average to be completed in about 15 months of about 31 home connections that need to be connected a week.

[01:09:59] At that rate, I think, all points, I think it was about two weeks ago, they did 40 home connections. Last week, they did 30 home connections. So at that take rate pace, they are meeting that pace. So we're very happy to report that. As you may be thinking, as the word gets out, as All Points is making these connections and neighbors start to get connected, that take rate is probably going to increase.

[01:10:21] So we are accommodating for that, and I should say All Points is accommodating for that, by hiring more contractors. They hired one to help because the capacity was more than what they could do in-house. They just hired a second contractor to help because the capacity was more than their in-house and the first contractor could handle. and they're continuing to ramp up as the calls come in from people saying they want to connect.

[01:10:39] So we're very excited about that. And when we say connect, I do want to define that just real quick on the slide. There's the home connection, which is the slide on the left or the image on the left that shows the gray box on the outside of the house. That means the home is connected. That's great. Somebody wants to know when are you going to get in my house and put that router in there, which is the image on the right. That's a scheduling piece. That's really up to the homeowner at that point to call BrightSpeed or sorry, all points and say, hey, I'm available Wednesday between nine and noon. I'm available Thursday between eight and 10, that kind of thing.

[01:11:09] That's where that comes into play. So that's really more of a gray area on the scheduling item. But with all this happening now, and we're moving so quick, Steve, would you mind hitting the next slide? Yeah, right there, before you hit play real quick. It sort of means what now? What does that mean for me as a homeowner? All Points has gone down my road. They have contacted me. I'm ready to connect. But I don't really know what that process is. It's not as simple as somebody just running a line from the pole right inside your house.

[01:11:39] It's not that simple. There's a few steps, and we're very happy to report that AllPoints put together a really nice YouTube video for us that we have posted on our website that sort of talks through those steps. So it's just a minute or two long, so Steve, if you wouldn't mind. Thank you. AllPoints Broadband is excited to bring fiber broadband to your home.

[01:11:59] The installation process will commence approximately 60 to 90 days after last mile fiber construction is complete in your area. and after you have subscribed to service. This video describes the typical installation process.

[01:12:16] An All Points Broadband Technician will survey your property and identify the best path for installation wire to connect your home to the newly constructed last mile fiber. Prior to installation work beginning, existing utility owners will mark their utilities to ensure there are no issues during placement of the All Points Broadband Installation Wire.

[01:12:39] The utility marking may be on your property for up to two weeks. Property owners are asked to mark their own private utilities, such as dog fences, septic lines and any power leading to a shed or light post. The installation wire to your location may be attached to utility poles or placed directly underground or a combination of both types.

[01:13:04] The aerial portion of the installation wire will typically be installed first, and this step does not require you to be present. The remaining portion of your installation wire will be buried directly underground with minimal disturbance.

[01:13:20] This section typically runs from the nearest electric utility pole to the side of your home. A small gray box installed on the outside of your home connects the outdoor installation wire to the All Points Broadband device inside. The indoor portion of your installation is scheduled by you at your convenience and is performed by a different technician than the one who installed the outdoor portion.

[01:13:45] A technician will confirm that your service is active prior to departing. Your high-speed broadband internet is now up and running.

[01:14:03] Oh, I think I got control. Thanks, Steve. So that video you just saw is now on our website. We've made some website updates, which I'm going to go over in a few slides here in just a second, but that has been uploaded to our website.

[01:14:19] So anyone or anyone on the board, if you get questions or comments from citizens, what does this mean for me now, you're more than welcome to send that link. You can direct them to us, whatever you would like to do. Part of the notification process, and I'm only bringing this up only because we have received some notifications, well, we have received calls and some emails from citizens on the west side of I-95 that All Points has reached out to them and said, hey, you're going to be connected in the next four to six weeks.

[01:14:43] Thank you for Mr. Innes and his leadership on this one. That shouldn't have happened because getting connected in the next four to six weeks on the west side of I-95 was not, it just wasn't going to happen because we're ramping up on the east side of I-95. That's where all this activity has taken place, all the actual home connections. As AllPoints ramps up their crews and they start to hire more contractors, it's highly possible they can start to get to the connections on the west side of 95.

[01:15:06] But we just wanted to let you know that there have been notifications that have gone out. They've got their hands around that. They're going to hold off on making any notifications until they're absolutely sure they've got enough contractors to make those connections. Because the last thing we want as a citizen to get a notification, right, saying, hey, you're going to be connected, and then two months goes by or three months, and they get connected in month three.

[01:15:24] But wait a second, you told me I was going to get connected in month one. So I think we got that under control. I know Ms. Dibble and Mr. Stoneman have received those calls and comments, so I just wanted to make sure we address that for you. As far as the project goes, now, you just heard me say everything's going swimmingly.

[01:15:41] We're in great shape as far as schedules go. There is a possibility of a second extension request. Just, you know, there was a first extension request, I think it was early last year, that had to do with the make-ready phase. I can go into depth on that if you want, but let me know. I wasn't really prepared to talk in depth at that, but I'm happy to if you have any questions.

[01:15:57] That's really where the VMRI funding came from, the Virginia Make Ready Initiative funding. That was to take the fiber off of the poles and go underground to make this process faster because the Make Ready phase was taking so long. State recognized it. We recognized it. The service providers recognized it.

[01:16:13] And because of that, we had to have an extension request. A second one may come only because we're at a point now where they've moved so fast. Almost everything in the VDOT right-of-way is done. Not everything, but we're moving really quick there. But there are private roads that we're working on right now in railroad crossing. Private roads, and we're doing the calculations now, we think there's probably all collectively probably about 70 to 80 miles roughly of private roads.

[01:16:38] This is in the rural areas of handover, so you're going to have some private roads. So to accommodate for that, All Points has, and they promised us they'd get us something in August, and they did, which was an easement language for anyone on a private road that can sign the document saying, yes, you are legally allowed through an easement to go down my road.

[01:16:56] So it's a little cumbersome. You could have two people on a road, you could have 15 homes on a road. But in order to make it as easy as possible on our citizens, they've also hired somebody that's a notary on staff that will physically go to everyone's home, knock on the door. By the way, there's going to be plenty of warning. It's not just going to be a cold knock on the door where they would knock on the door with the notary, with the easement language.

[01:17:15] Everyone can sign right there, and then all points will take it right to the courthouse, record it, and move forward. So we're trying to make it as easy as possible. This is not a new item, by the way. I think it's a new item as presented in the quarterly update. But this is something that DHCD, the state's agency that's in charge of all the broadband projects, has known about for several months.

[01:17:33] And we are, I think we're ahead of the curve. We got everything in place. All Points has everything in place. So we're doing Fraley Road right now in the Cold Harbor District. Fraley Road is sort of our guinea pig. We're knocking on all the doors. And so far, Mr. Innes can update us on that. But I think there hasn't been any issues.

[01:17:49] To be clear, not all private roads require these easements from the citizens now. They may have an easement already. What we're finding out is there's a few select neighborhoods. Somebody had the foresight back in the 80s when they did a neighborhood that they said, let's put some utility easements in these roads.

[01:18:05] No utilities went in it, but the easement exists so we can utilize it. The providers can utilize it. So when I say don't think of the private roads as a huge hurdle because not all of them have to have this

notary piece of it because it may already exist, but we are prepared for the ones that don't.

[01:18:20] To the update on the website, our citizens spoke. We listened. they want more updates on the website, and we're happy to do that. We have lots of updates, lots of great information. So what you're seeing on the screen is something that is on our website as we speak. If you want to go there, you can see these two images. You've seen these images before, but the information in them is much different. The image on the left, there's a box that says construction updates. The last time we did this, we didn't have any homes connected.

[01:18:46] Now we have 91 homes connected in Fiber Service Area 1. That's FSA 1. 39 homes connected in FSA 2, so on and so forth. So every single month, we are now going to update this. We are only doing it quarterly. But now that we have so many good updates, and we're moving really quick, we're going to update this on a monthly basis. We're going to keep these historically. But in mid September, we're going to update it, you'll see September 2025 up on there, and all the numbers will change and increase. So we wanted you to know that. And as reported last time, all the that's our report, but also we have all points broadband's monthly reports and bright speeds monthly reports those are not ours they actually get uploaded to the state's website it's actually

[01:19:24] called cams cams once their information is loaded we get a copy of it we print it we put it on the website for our citizens to see and i can tell you a lot of people pay attention to this we get a lot of calls and compliments thank you for putting this on there i'm so glad you guys give us these updates so we're always looking for ways to do even more and more updates and on that the last little bullet point there is a little silly but we did have latest news in the upper right corner didn't really make sense anymore so we just changed it to updates. So if you go to our website you'll see updates in the upper right corner. We think that's a little bit more in your face so if anyone wants to know where updates are they just click on the updates button.

[01:19:57] I mentioned VMRI earlier. This is the state's funding option. It's actually complete. All the funding's been distributed. Everything's done with this so if there's no questions on it I probably won't be touching on any future quarterly updates but if you did have questions let me know. This is probably the biggest thing that's happened in the past 30 days other than the homes that we've connected so far is what's called the BEAD funding. What we've been talking about for probably arguably two years, maybe even longer, is we feel that the VADI program with all points and the ARDOF funding with Bright Speed was still going to leave probably around 5% of the

[01:20:31] county unserved. So the state recognized that, but it's not just us, it's across the state they recognized there were sort of Swiss cheese pockets, little holes in these build-outs that weren't covering everyone. So the state created what's called the BEAD funding, broadband equity access, and deployment what we just found out this is hot off the press by about a week and a half ago is that the state made their announcements of who which broadband providers internet service providers would receive funding the quantities and the dollar values associated with that so the next several slides are going to be a series of maps that show the individual providers and the last

[01:21:05] slide i have all the layers turned on so you can see all the providers at once but um oh sorry i I should mention this. The state has announced the providers that are receiving the funding, but there is one catch to it. The NTIA, which I underlined there, National Telecommunication and Information Association, I think is what it stands for.

[01:21:26] They have to approve this, and they have 90 days to do so. So fingers are crossed, assuming there's no issues with NTIA, in the end of November, beginning of December, NTIA's window of opportunity to decline it or anything like that, it will have passed, and it will be approved to move forward.

[01:21:42] So fingers are crossed, we still have a 90-day window, but all the internet service providers have been told. So we mentioned the 5%. That is not that quantity you see at the bottom of the page, that 3,525 passings. That number not only encompasses the 5% we had always been talking about, but it encompasses almost the entire county, which you'll see in these slides.

[01:22:06] So just moving through them quickly, Amazon Cooper, which is a satellite company, has 14 locations. And I apologize for the way this map looks. This is DHC's website. It is not ours. I could not turn off layers in Henrico or Caroline County. So they're on here. It's the state's website. I couldn't turn those off.

[01:22:22] But 14 red dots represent satellite provider, Amazon Cooper, that has received funding through Beed. Really hard to see because they use like a very pale pink color. But Starlink has received six locations. All Points Broadband has 662 locations in the pink.

[01:22:45] Bright Speed was awarded 415 locations, and this is where the 5% that we've been talking about kind of goes out the window. Comcast has been awarded 2,428 locations throughout the entire county. So this may be of particular interest to those in the higher density areas, Mr. Hudson, Ms. Floyd, people in your district that may not have internet, that weren't a part of the original BATI and ARDOF, should, as long as the NTIA approves it, be a part of the BED funding. So that's something we were not predicting that came out just about two weeks ago.

[01:23:17] And this is the last slide that has all the locations turned on. So as you can see, there's a significant amount. We firmly believe that some of these locations do have connections. But what's interesting is when, again, fingers are crossed, if everything moves forward with Beed, some of our citizens are going to have two, some that didn't have any service at all, may have two options, three options, potentially even four options for high-speed internet or satellite option which is is pretty interesting so before I move on from bead oh yeah with the NTIA there are some questions we have that we just don't have answers to unfortunately

[01:23:55] at the moment if NTIA I keep saying that if they approve this what we don't know is when does it begin what what's the length of the contract with the contractors is it a 12-month window is it a 24-month window we don't have a lot of oversight on this one as a county this is being treated just like the RDOF funds with Bright Speed, the Rural Digital Opportunity Funds, where they are contracted directly with the state.

[01:24:18] So that's really what this is as well. So we all have a little oversight, but we've built up a pretty good rapport with a lot of our providers. We're going to try to continuously get those either monthly updates or even weekly updates if we can get them, if all this moves forward. And actually, this is my last slide, and I'll stop here.

[01:24:33] But we continue to get calls from our citizens, as I mentioned earlier. So I just want to throw on the screen, connect handover at handovercounty.gov, Mr. Rook Rogers contact information my contact information they are more than welcome to reach out to us at any time and we still do have a pretty high volume of people calling in because of all this activity and I would imagine that again if beads moves forward the funding for beads and these contractors there's going to be some overlap and we're probably

going to get even more calls but we're here to help our citizens as best we can with that I'll take any questions from the board and if there aren't any questions I will bring up Mr. Tom Ennis with all points but there's any questions from

[01:25:10] board member, supervisor Pritchard. Thank you, Todd. This is kind of a low level question, but in the video it said that citizens need to be responsible for marking all their home utilities like underground pet fencing and stuff. What kind of notice will people get and how accurate will it be? Because if you have an underground fence, you can mark it, but if you cut your grass twice, the mark is gone. So I don't want people to get phone calls about unnecessary disruptions in people's homes yeah it's a little bit of a coordination effort to be honest but it's not

[01:25:46] gonna be done in a vacuum it's really the citizen that's gonna say hey I'm ready to hook up then all points will contact them and say this is when we're coming out what wasn't really in the video is that when you call Miss Utility they will call Miss Utility not the citizen can if they want to mark stuff on their own property Miss Utility doesn't do private stuff they only do public things so in theory everything all points does should cover everything but once they're called Miss Utility has three days to mark. Markings are good for about 14 days, so on and so forth. But there's a little bit of a process. What I would recommend, they could either spray paint their yard. You're right, when grass grows, that gets mowed. You can also do flags. You can buy little white flags and put them in or something like that. I think All Points would be very appreciative. What we have

[01:26:23] found with All Points and with Glow Fiber, whenever they knock, either they themselves or their subcontractors knock on the doors, they will literally walk out into the yard with a citizen and say, you know, is there anything here I need to be aware of? Which has always been really nice it's been very rare that they've hit irrigation pipes but it's happened it's been very I don't think they've hit invisible dog fences maybe they have but I just haven't heard about it but that may happen but they've been pretty good about communicating and knocking on doors and letting people know yeah good question thank you any other questions thank you for your presentation sir all right and thank you very much and mr. Thomas with all

[01:27:00] points broadband and then after that we have mr. French thank you for being with us, Mr. Ennis. Yes, sir. Thank you. Before you started, I just wanted to address the two public comments. I recognize the name Mr. Wells, and I believe he lives on Flanagan Mill, and I know he's on our list that you send me, and I don't know exactly his status, but I will get that by the end of the day. I share that with you for him. And then for Mr. Wilkins on ancient anchors,

[01:27:36] I have Alan told him that he should be the community leader when we come out to do our private easements, which he appreciated. So good to know that folks are keeping track of what we're doing, recognizing where there's progress, and also pointing out where there's room for improvement. A couple things we always touch on in our updates, the dependencies for last mile construction. Most of these are either complete or well on the way to being complete. So one is the middle mile capacity in place. Dominion Energy Virginia completed their middle mile network in eastern

[01:28:10] Hanover earlier this year. Also, you'll see some good news later on. We are relying on some Rappahannock Electric Cooperative Middle Mile to connect Western Hanover. It actually goes back to a point in King William County for us. So big shout out there to the RAC team and Mark Ponton in particular has been very helpful there. For several years, we've been focusing a lot on utility pole make ready. That

process is complete. I believe it was done the last time I gave an update the permitting has focused primarily on vdot permitting for these last several months

[01:28:48] when i was here in april we were not quite done but a month later vdot returned all of the mainline permits so i want to give a shout out to vdot hunter goodman james kitchen ben may lori potts the people who really do the work for vdot have made this project so successful we turn in our permit applications 30 days later to get them back. That's when we can get the crews out there.

[01:29:14] That's why we have so much progress in these last 90 days is that we have VDOT land use permits in hand. I know everything doesn't go exactly according to plan. We've touched about 3,700 parcels across the county before we get to customer drops. So that's either a wire going across their yard or under their yard. So working a lot with VDOT there and making sure we're following the rules, addressing those construction issues as they pop up.

[01:29:42] Number three, the upstream internet connectivity. So we have a cabinet in eastern Hanover. That is our primary source to the internet in eastern Hanover. We have three of the four in the west are complete. One is now connected to REC Middle Mile, very close to turning on the other three cabinets in western Hanover.

[01:30:06] This relies on a lot of communication between all of our stakeholders. Again, pointing out the construction in the West has relied a lot on VDOT land use permit approvals, coordination with REC and with the staff from the county.

[01:30:23] Mr. Rogers is out there on a daily basis, checking on constituent issues, following up with construction complaints, working with our team, resolving issues as quickly as we can. So certainly a team effort there, a lot of stakeholders making sure this is staying on track.

[01:30:41] Todd's presentation when I gave him the stat we're at 179 active customers now we're just under 200 so adding more every single day we are bringing on additional vendors to work through that installation queue so that's the outside portion of your home and the inside portion getting some positive feedback from customers there either in our google reviews or directly to supervisors I have a slide coming up about our private road utility easement collection process which I will discuss in detail. We are on track, and I checked before I came, we're on track to

[01:31:19] finish the last mile construction by the end of September. This is setting aside some of the specialty permits and the private roads, but the last mile construction where we have our VDOT permits under approval, we're going to be done by the end of September. Q4, our focus is going to be on some laterals, specialty permits, private roads. So we are working towards completing the Beatty funding and the county-funded network by the end of the year. As Todd identified, if there's a risk for a potential extension to that, we can work through it. But we are tracking

[01:31:55] towards completion by the end of the year. It does not include all of the drops to customers. That's going to go on for years. As long as people sign up, we'll get out there and do the work. But by the end of the year, we're on track to finish our mainline construction. In terms of miles constructed, we have 54 miles of Dominion fiber.

[01:32:17] That's all in the Hano 1, 2, and 3. About 230, 240 miles of all points last mile is done. This does not include the private roads. The cabinets for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 are constructed. 6 is under construction today.

[01:32:36] And if the folks in the community want to see our construction process, I have a link here. That's where that video is. So a map here to refresh our memory of the different fiber service areas. We are now active on the west side of I-95.

[01:32:57] This is also hot off the presses. So 544 locations in Hanover 7 now have active light at the terminal near their home. In about a week, they'll be able to sign up on our website, and about two weeks after that, we'll start the marketing campaign for them.

[01:33:16] I want to make sure all of our ducks are in a row before we start telling people that we're coming out for an install, but this is certainly a milestone. The cabinet west of 95 is active, so we now have some folks who can sign up in the South Anna District, which has been on our list for a while, so very good news here.

[01:33:37] That brings our total of locations that are released to sales to about 1,900 in HANA 1 through 3 and in 7. All of the rest of the locations are in a pre-order phase, so they can create an account, they can sign up, they can select their service, but we're not collecting a fee from them, we're not scheduling an installation, we're just collecting their information.

[01:33:59] The mailers and the email campaign are underway. We're trying to manage expectations there, but marketing will continue to go out. We'll make sure that they say it's pre-order. You know, we're not taking your installations yet to manage expectations, but we do want people to come in to our website and create their account.

[01:34:17] We have promos that will happen occasionally. One right now is back-to-school sweepstakes. So you can go to apbfiber.com forward slash school. Give us your contact info, sign up for marketing campaign.

[01:34:33] We'll award a \$2,500 gift card at the end of September. And this is an example of just the marketing that goes out, you know, come, we're coming soon. Please go to the website, provide your information. The marketing message will change in Hanover 4, 5, and 6 once we're ready.

[01:34:55] But right now, we're still saying we're coming soon, just create a pre-order. We have a very complicated workflow of the private road process. I tried to get it down to a couple of steps here. But at a high level, we need a notarized easement to place our fiber underground along private roads where there is not a beat-out right-of-way.

[01:35:18] Right now, we're working on a trial process in Eastern Hanover on Frehley Court and Frehley Drive, just a small private community. We also have two different HOAs where we're doing a trial run there, and that'll have a slightly different process where we work with an HOA and a formal organization versus individual homeowners.

[01:35:39] Those will be done by the end of September. We're going to scale up that process in October and really focus on that in Q4. We expect to take about four to six weeks, depending on how quickly people can sign their easements. And there's no difference at the end of the day with the service level if you live on a private road versus a publicly maintained road.

[01:36:00] So basically the steps are once 30% of the homes along that private road have created a pre-order, we will finalize our title research draft the easements we'll contact property owners we'll tell them the steps that they're going to take over the phone and in an email they'll have a very detailed drawing

about what's going to happen with their the easement in front of their home we will modify our fiber route so some homes homeowners may say i don't want you to come on my property we got to go across the street go down the street and then come back to the side that we want to be

[01:36:35] yet. So there's a little bit of back and forth on our fiber design. We keep them up to date on who in the neighborhood has completed their easement, who has not. We reach out to community heroes to ask them to tell their neighbors, hey, please go and do this notary, a notarized easement with all points broadband. We will offer that online. You can go and do it on your own at the library or we'll come out in person with a notary to get that signed at each parcel owner's property.

[01:37:09] It's not just one person per title, it's everyone who's listed on the title. Then we record the easement, we finalize construction plans, we'll come out, we'll talk to the community leader, we'll share the plans with the folks in the neighborhood, and then we go and we will actually put the conduit along the side of the road, put in the handholds, and if you have signed up for service, we'll do the drop portion, which is the outside section to your home.

[01:37:32] We'll do that all at the same time. And then at your convenience, you can sign up and do the inside portion of your installation. So it's a lot of steps here that we don't have to do in areas where we have a public easement or if there are attachments on a utility pole.

[01:37:54] But this is underground in a private road, a special process. And we're doing a trial run now, really going to focus on this in the fourth quarter. So next steps, please send people to apvfiber.com, do your pre-order.

[01:38:10] We think that the Hanover 7 area is going to be released to sales in about 10 days. But again, we're going to make sure our marketing goes out once the team is ready. We are going to turn on, on a rolling basis, Hanover 4, 5, and 6 throughout September.

[01:38:29] Again, here's a reminder of where we are on the map. So with that, I'd be happy to take any questions. Thank you for your presentation, sir. any questions from board members mr stoneman thank you mr chair well uh mr indus thank you for your presentation and uh you know i've really i've done that work a little bit and i see the guys out there getting that getting the interduck in and and i know they're doing a great job and and they're working real hard um but we do have a few issues out in the western part uh with uh the cuts and things that um you know i know that uh this utility is marking marking the lines and

[01:39:06] and everything and and so you know with some of the customers that uh they're not really you know as understanding about it you know i do know that we can make mistakes and all we get in a hurry but what are we doing to address uh the the number of cut lines that we're getting so uh we we put in our utility locates and if the the ticket is marked as cleared then our crews go out and do their work. If the existing utility is not marked correctly, or if the ticket was

[01:39:42] approved and they didn't go out there, our plow will find that copper, and that does happen sometimes. We coordinate with Brightspeed or other utility owners outside of the locate process. Unfortunately, even if our crew knew how to repair the copper, which most of them do, we are prohibited from making those repairs on other people's or another company's utilities you know that for some of the outages that that question would go to a bright speed or

[01:40:21] whomever else owns those utilities but we do coordinate with them we try to minimize the damage you know we're out there all the time working to to resolve those issues but again we can't repair other people's utilities even if we know how to yeah i get that yeah i guess um you know back in the day when i was doing you toes if you got out and you obviously noticed that there was nothing marked and you got a clear ticket yes you could always call in a two-hour emergency and you'd wait two hours and then you could go ahead i mean are we following that process that's still in place yes they're they will do an emergency locate we're also having

[01:40:57] contractors but you can look at the side of the house and you see that there's a connection there and you know next to the pole there's the other end of it and they have the ability to do those kinds of locates on their own. So we're going to ask them to start doing that on their own as a precautionary measure, regardless of what the locate ticket says. Sure, thank you. Appreciate it.

[01:41:19] The only other question I had is, I know there's an issue up in the western part up in there, near Ancient Acres, with extremely long drops or laterals, whatever you want to call them. You know, what is the thought process behind that? If you've got a long, you know, a long drop, and then obviously down the road if somebody connects, and then you're going to come back connect a few others and you've got to plow down the same thing and you know the the risk of uh you know damaging you know one existing drop while you're putting in the others i mean so can you explain that process to me a little bit yes sir so that would be where um while ancient anchors if

[01:41:54] the existing conduit box ends i think it's pretty close to mr wilkins home and we have six or seven other parcels down the way we're not going to run six or seven individual drops we would run a section of conduit further down the road one time put a 12-count fiber inside that conduit so there's only one installation and then get the the drops actually to the home closer to them but ancient acres is a it's a private road so we don't have that easement yet okay um but you're absolutely right we don't want to be running multiple drops unless we have to so the idea

[01:42:29] there is that we would put a 12-count fiber inside a conduit do it one time get it closer of the homes once we have the easement yeah all right good that uh sounds like you you've resolved that that that question in everybody's mind there that that sounds good i mean i know that back in the day we'd you've had 100 pair and you drop it to a 50 pair you know until you know right cascades yeah yeah cascades down yeah i appreciate it well thank you very much yes sir any other questions from board members well seeing none i have a few questions and a few comments sir first of all i sincerely thank you for being here and you've been very responsive to phone calls and emails

[01:43:09] your willingness to come here today is greatly appreciated and you know there's been some some tough spots on the project you know but one of the bright spots is collaboration we have been able to work together for everyone who's watching I've personally met with Mr. Ennis 20 times this year that's not an exaggeration that's a lot of meetings it's a lot of communication and you know if I tried to call some other companies I don't think I could get one meeting so that is greatly appreciated and your willingness to communicate have the presentation come

[01:43:46] before the board which is not always easy and answer some tough questions says a lot about you and your company also will state that I know personally you've been in Old Church on the ground at some residences at the Old Church Community Center so your willingness to do that is highly valued I do have a question we do have mr. van de ploeg here I don't we don't need a long drawn-out presentation but

if you because because fraley drive and fraley court is a private road it's the first one as you've said can you give us just a very brief 30 second status update on that

[01:44:24] process yes so fraley drive and fraley court i think it's maybe five or seven parcels right now the mainline fiber has a there's a handhold at the entrance to the neighborhood that is active. We contacted Mr. Vanderplug as a community hero, so to speak. We have presented him with all of the easement packets for all of his neighbors. We got some back and forth, some feedback from him. I believe that was about 10 days ago. We went out in the field

[01:45:04] and met with him last week with our head of real estate and site acquisition and our head of drop installations. We walked the route that we were going to do our cable installation with him. we got some feedback from him um the the ball so to speak is in is in his court where we're soliciting these easements and getting a notary to sign them he thinks that he's pretty confident that all of his neighbors are going to sign them by the end of this week but we're you know a couple days from the end of the week uh we'll stay on that make sure those easements get signed get

[01:45:41] recorded uh i believe actually at the end of the field visit last week he took us over to another neighbor and talked about her issue maybe down the road so very involved knows what's going on we expect that by the end of september all the conduit and all the drops for folks who have signed up will be done on fraley court and that you know working back from there we need the easements we call in the locates we go out and we do the work that'll take about 10 days so we're on track to finish in september working with mr vanderplug and expect to replicate that

[01:46:20] process elsewhere. Okay, thank you. You also mentioned two HOAs in the area. Yes, it's Pamunkey Riverview. Correct. And then Farmington. Farms. Farmington Farms. Okay. Do you know when that those two process are these two you mentioned by the end of September and then you'll ramp up the rest in October. I, yes. So I don't know off the top of my head exactly the status for those two HOA's but we do have the contact info and I believe we've contacted the

[01:46:57] president of at least one of the HOA's okay and in the meantime we still have quite a few folks and mr. Wells is one who signed up in in April and they did you know they did pay the \$99 they did register so they're they're committed and they're ready for the service so what steps are all point is all points currently making for the people who are on the VDOT roads who may have the service across the street or in the neighborhood already. So on the VDOT roads or if their neighbors are signing up, that's just that's a backlog and a

[01:47:36] queue that we're working through. We've added vendors to help us with that. There are occasions where we do need to submit a crossing permit for VDOT to go under a road or let's say there's a Dominion Pole that we didn't have a permit to attached to previously, and so we'll submit a permit for that. Other than that, it is mainly a communications issue to make sure that the folks on our team are following their guidance and their script and making sure that tickets don't get lost between one department and the

[01:48:14] other. For Mr. Wells, while I was sitting there, I sent a message to the head of customer care, check on this one, make sure that we're following this ticket. I believe there may be a permit in front of their installation on Flanagan Mill but we work those every single one that you send to me we track and we we follow up with the customer. Well very good sir we don't have I could go on all day we don't have time I'm going to make a final question I saw the word extension somewhere and I'm a little concerned about that can you tell me what that means and what that would be for?

[01:48:56] I feel like the only, we're not going to ask for an extension. There is, part of the VADI process is to include all of the final paperwork by that deadline.

[01:49:12] So we may ask for a little bit more time to put all the paperwork together, but the miles and the locations in the VADI project will be done by the end of the year. Okay, thank you very much. So I would like to conclude with some comments, because, you know, this issue and this work has gotten a lot of attention.

[01:49:34] I'm sure you're aware. I just would like everyone to know that this board is committed to seeing this project completed. I do believe that All Points is committed to seeing the project completed. There's been quite a bit of process. The first week of April, we had one live active service, and then I think by May we had four.

[01:49:57] They were right there on Old Church Road near the cabinet number two. Now we're close to 200, so that's quite a bit of progress. All points is that over 200 miles of mainline fiber across the county. And it's not always easy working from the Old Church Community Center in the far, far east and also working as far west as Beaver Dam and Rockville and all these places in between.

[01:50:21] So it is challenging. It's always been true that there would be some people that would be hooked up earlier and some people who would be hooked up later. Somebody would be hooked up first and somebody would be the final connection. That has always been the case. And so I hope that some people will not give up and will continue to have confidence that this work would be done.

[01:50:44] And we're committed to seeing it done. I know you've added a crew, and that's appreciated. And sometimes a second site survey, I know it may not always look like, oh, you know, what's going on here? It's taking too long. But sometimes a second-site survey may be required just to make sure you get it right, or maybe there was something you didn't see.

[01:51:04] And so we have some people out there, and Mr. Wells mentioned that, and I understand that. I've done second-site surveys in HVAC dealing with Virginia Natural Gas and dealing with Dominion Energy. So these types of things can be part of the work, but the work will be done. Is that true, sir?

[01:51:20] Yes, sir. Okay, that concludes my comments. Anyone else? All right, Mr. Van De Ploog. You know, we have another gentleman. It's 3.47. We also have Lauren Null. Let's take a five-minute recess right now, and then we'll pick up on the next presentation.

[01:51:39] Five-minute recess. Times 3.54. Board is back in session.

[01:59:03] Chair recognizes Mr. Stewart French, Government and Community Affairs Specialist with Glow Fiber. Thank you for being with us, sir. Thank you for having me. Mr. Chairman, the board is here to provide, hopefully, a short and sweet update. I know we've heard a lot of broadband already, so we'll keep our update pretty succinct here.

[01:59:24] So to give you some stats, so over the last two or so years since we've begun construction here in the county, we have built over 1.3 million feet of fiber. So that's 263 miles across the county in all the different areas that we're serving.

[01:59:42] 17,500 homes now have service available. We talked about having that competitive aspect. So these are all homes that were in existing provider service areas. Now those folks have at least two options of who they want service from.

[01:59:58] Ours is a full fiber offering of all three services, TV, internet, and phone. So remaining in our general project, we have seven general areas that we're building. That's just over 3,500 homes, 3,600 homes that are still in process of being built.

[02:00:17] So just another 47 miles worth of fiber to build. We're estimating right now close to the end of the year before those seven jobs are done and wrapped up. I will say substantially complete will be the position by the end of the year.

[02:00:33] We have a lot of those same situations you were just talking about with all points, HOAs, MDU complexes, so apartments, townhomes, and the like. Those require an extra access agreement with the actual owners of the homeowners associations that we have to come to an agreement on before we can then just go and build them.

[02:00:53] So those will continue to be taken care of as those agreements are addressed in the coming years. Challenges, same as everybody else in the broadband industry, make ready, locate, utility damages. We try to minimize any of these affecting the project, But the reality of it is that they will rear their ugly head at some point throughout the project.

[02:01:17] And we've tried to maintain as clean of a project as possible. And I know we've addressed some issues as they come up as quickly as we can. So that's where we are in terms of the stats. Just a quick visual of what we've built.

[02:01:33] Green is built and done. Orangish-yellow, that is our current active construction area. So the seven jobs right now are right there in the central to the west of 301. So this will continue to expand as, again, we finish this active construction area, as well as we take on additional HOAs in multiple dwelling unit areas.

[02:01:57] So just a quick reminder, kind of marketing slide here. These are the tiers of Internet that we offer, 600 megabit all the way up to 5 gigabits. And streaming TV, it operates just like a traditional TV package, so you can choose which channel lineups you'd like, and then unlimited local and long-distance calling through the phone product as well.

[02:02:18] And here are the current prices. So not to blow through the update too quickly, but I just wanted to get to any questions the board had or any issues I can address while I'm here. Any questions or comments from board members?

[02:02:38] So I have, I'm sorry, Supervisor Dibble. I was just looking at the prices. So are these standalone? So if like, if you want 600 on the internet, it's \$70.

[02:02:56] If you also want to stream the local TV, it's an additional 61. That's correct. Yes, ma'am. So you could conceivably have delight, which if you're a big TV fan might be good.

[02:03:11] in a sports fan maybe yeah so delayed is our high-end that's every channel that exists out there essentially yeah and then so you could easily spend \$250 on your TV that's correct yeah internet okay just want to clarify any other questions from board members mr. Badesky I want to just thank you you guys there have been issues but you've been responsive to our citizens and working with our staff so we're we're appreciative of that we knew when we

[02:03:49] started going underground that this was going to create some challenges and not only in your project but but others so thank you for being responsive I'm hopeful that as we continue to work through

the end of this calendar year we see that same responsiveness and appreciate you working with us mr. chair I just wanted to clarify one other thing not so much for GLOW but going back to mr. Ennis just stepped out but he we had in Todd's presentation he talked about the 6,200 connections and passings that's our VATI grant. That work contractually now and you had asked the question you're getting about extension and so I just want to clarify just a

[02:04:28] couple things. The passing work is the mainline fiber work that has to be done as part of the core VATI grant. He indicated that he doesn't believe they're going to need an extension. We share a little bit of concern about the private roads and so if we get you know down to 10 percent of the the private roads, and we're going to hold them to the end of December contractually.

[02:04:53] We just didn't want to pass up that 10% if there's a holdout. And believe it or not, on some private roads, we have residents that don't want fiber, and they'll tell us, we don't want you going past our house, and that impacts the two residents on the other side of them.

[02:05:10] And so there are some challenges. I'm hopeful by the end of December, those are all resolved. But if there are risks to meeting that end of December, that would likely be the risk that we couldn't get all of the private roads complete by the end of December. From a historical installation standpoint, they're on pace to meet that no problem.

[02:05:30] When we're at the mercy of individuals and easement acquisition, that's the risk I think that we have between now and the end of December. The paperwork, we can work with them on the paperwork side. But most importantly is the connections, right?

[02:05:45] So if they take through the end of December to get the infrastructure in, Many of the connections, even at a pace of 30 to 40 a week, as Mr. Kilduff mentioned, as that take rate grows, they're going to have to grow the numbers of connected homes per week.

[02:06:02] And so that work will continue throughout all of calendar year 2026. So contractually, they have one year from the end of the current contract to complete all the requested connections. Some people will sign up during that year, some people will not. After 2026, or after that year of notification period it's possible that all points as an independent provider they could pass on more of the connection costs to the residents to run those to their home during 2026 and since their notification they're getting that at a discount because they're working under

[02:06:37] our grant and those conditions but we're hopeful that through 2026 and all of those connections that are requested by our residents that that's really not much of an issue but after 2026 if someone goes to connect it's possible when there's no further county oversight or regulation on the vadi side that as a private provider and glow could do this themselves those costs and fees are born and shared at the provider level not in relationship to the county so we anticipate that you know we're seeing a strong ramp up of connections that will have been happening almost

[02:07:13] weekly and will continue throughout 2025. 2026 will be a substantial number of connections even though the passing work is done and and it likely will be the bulk of connections because we do as Mr. Kilduff said 30% is good but we think that at one point we believed that that take rate was going to be over 50% and at that pace 30 to 40 a week would not meet that demand and so we're hoping that they'll grow as that demand grows. Well thank you for your comments Mr. Badesky I still have something for you but I would like to respond to Mr. Badesky's comments when and you

[02:07:49] know I asked because I didn't know what one concern I have is we've got all these residents who have signed up and then you know we've told them hey they need to be out there by the end of December 31st 2025 and if there's some extension that gets requested and we don't know about it and next thing you know it's okay we don't have to get them done by the end of December we'll just kick them in the next year that that would be a problem and I just want to make sure that does not happen. Okay, sir, my question for you is mainly about geography. I have glow fiber, so I'm

[02:08:29] very familiar with the product. I've had it for several months. It's never cut off, and I appreciate that. The one question that I do get is, can you give us a general idea of the area that you're working in? At one point, we were told only within the suburban services area. Does your company have plans to go out into the rural areas so we're definitely going as a competitive overbuilder so as a new entrant to the market being the county we obviously focused on the most dense areas first so this is the initial first two-year build-out plan as we continue to be here over the years we

[02:09:09] do extend out and we can you know put you in reference with other areas that we've built in a couple years back and we've already started this process we do expand as much as necessary So, frankly, if we get an entire new neighborhood or there's a new county development, we work with you all as the leadership, but also the local residents to say, hey, we're a new 20-house neighborhood.

[02:09:31] We'd love to have your service. If the interest is there, we extend into it. Now, whether we pick up our initial build areas right here, kind of central to the east side versus let's just go build a random neighborhood on the far west side just because, no, that's not as economically feasible for us to do.

[02:09:48] But, yes, long-term, we look to expand as much as possible as far as we can. Okay, so just to make sure I understand it correctly, currently you're in the two-year plan, and within that two-year plan, your company's not going out and expanding. After the two-year plan, if there's interest or something is feasible, your company would look at it and possibly do it.

[02:10:11] Okay. Any other questions or comments? Okay. Well, thank you very much for being. Thank you all. Appreciate it. And, you know, I really appreciate your willingness to be here, too. Absolutely. Happy to do it. I'm sure there's lots of places you could be. You took the time to come here, answer some questions, so thank you very much. Absolutely. Anytime. Okay, moving on. That closes out agenda item eight. Agenda item nine, presentation fiscal year 2025. Preliminary year-end report, Ms. Lauren Null, Director of Finance and Management Services. Thank you for being with us. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the board. I'm happy to be here today to close out the presentations for the afternoon.

[02:10:52] my name is lauren nam the finance director today i'm going to be presenting the fiscal year 25 preliminary operating results for counties general funds public utilities and the school board operating fund we did review this report in detail with the finance committee last week and i just want to point out that these are not audited numbers so there's a potential for for these to change we are kicking off our final field work with the audit starting september 8th and we will be back to present the results in the annual comprehensive financial report at the first meeting in November.

[02:11:30] All right, let's get started. So the general fund revenues total \$395.1 million, and with a revenue budget of \$374.3 million, the projected revenues are approximately \$20.8 million above budget.

[02:11:49] We saw significant positive budget variances in several categories. General property taxes is \$6 million above budget. About \$1.5 million of this was due to real property taxes. And then another \$1.5 million was due to other taxes like public service tax, machinery and tools, and merchant's capital.

[02:12:12] We also had collections of delinquent taxes above budget by about \$2 million. Revenues from the use of money and property are \$12.7 million higher than budget, and that is due to investment income. Total year expenditures and transfers are also favorable to budget.

[02:12:31] They total approximately \$378.3 million and are about 95.1% of the appropriated budget. Personnel savings are estimated at \$5.6 million and operating savings are estimated at \$10.3 million with a \$3.7 million return from the school board.

[02:12:54] The total projected operating balance for the general fund is the difference between budgeted actual amounts. Revenues were \$20.8 million above budget, personnel savings of \$5.6 million, operating savings of \$10.3 million, and a school board return of \$3.7 million give us an operating balance of about \$40.4 million. The total projected favorable balance is primarily planned for use in the fiscal year 26 county and school budgets and five-year capital

[02:13:27] plan. While the operating balance is \$40.4 million, the anticipated increase in fund balance is \$17.1 million for the general fund, which is projected to end its year with the fund balance of \$146.8 million. The non-spendable and restricted fund balance categories are projected to be \$400,000 and about \$3.8 million. These balances represent sources such as inventories that are non-spendable and amounts to be used for specific purposes that are restricted by grantors or state and federal government agencies.

[02:14:07] The committed fund balance is for economic development, and that remains at \$500,000. And we're expecting assigned fund balance to be about \$88.8 million. And then the unassigned fund balance is estimated to be \$53.3 million.

[02:14:22] And this is maintained at 13.5% as we've done the past several years. County policy requires at least 10%, but we target a higher percentage to maintain the county's triple AAA bond rating. Let's see, let's shift to the Public Utilities Fund.

[02:14:47] Year-to-date revenues total \$39.6 million, and that's approximately 110% of the appropriated budget. Charges for services were above budget by \$1.7 million, and interest income was above budget by about \$1.5 million, as we also saw in the general fund.

[02:15:05] Year-to-date expenses total \$25.8 million, or approximately 86% of the appropriated budget. Personnel costs are \$600,000 below budget, and operating savings are about \$3.4 million. and that consists of contractual services which were about 1.4 million below budget and other operating charges that were about 2 million below budget. Public utilities preliminary year-end results are operating results presented on a budgetary format and that excludes non-budget items like depreciation but those will be included in the audited financial statements that we

[02:15:45] present in November. Now we'll take a look at the school division. Revenues for the school division operating fund are approximately \$248.5 million, and that's 97.3% of the appropriated budget. Revenue from the Commonwealth is estimated to be \$1.1 million below budget, and federal revenue is projected to be below budget by about \$1.6 million, and this is due to multi-year grants.

[02:16:14] Expenditures total \$247.7 million, and that's 96.1% of the appropriated budget. Personnel savings are estimated to be \$3.9 million, and that relates to the positions funded by grants. And operating savings are approximately \$6.2 million.

[02:16:33] As I mentioned previously, the school division anticipates returning approximately \$3.7 million to the general fund. So that concludes my presentation, and I'm happy to take any questions. Thank you for your presentation. Any questions from board members?

[02:16:52] Supervisor Dibble. I just really had a comment. Just as the chair of the finance committee, I want to thank you and your team for always giving us a very comprehensive report. It's easy to understand, and we especially appreciate your graphics.

[02:17:11] They really help, the presentations. It's a quick snapshot. Looking at a bunch of numbers on a piece of paper is difficult in a short period of time, but with these graphics that you and your team include, it's really, really helpful. And we really appreciate all of your hard work. Thank you. I appreciate it. Thank you for your comments. Anyone else? Thank you very much for being with us today, ma'am. Okay, moving on agenda item 10 closed session. Mr. Davis. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman. We have two matters to discuss in closed session.

[02:17:47] Both of which are covered by dip both of which are covered by difference code section so i move that the board of supervisors move this meeting into closed session pursuant to the following authority virginia code section 2.2 3711 a3 consideration of acquisition of real property for public purpose pole green road widening project g pen 87 15 45

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[02:18:59] 87-15-97-67-92, 87-15-97-57-32, 87-15-97-97-61, 87-25-07-24-63, and 87-25-18-60-92.

[02:19:22] This is in the Henry Mechanicsville Magisterial Districts. And further, Mr. Chairman, under this motion, the additional item authorized under Virginia Code Subsection 2.2-3711-A7, consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual litigation, Blagman v. Hanover County.

[02:19:43] Second. There is a motion and a second to enter into closed session. All in favor, please indicate by saying aye. Aye. Board is in closed session.

[02:19:58] Time is 6.03 p.m.

[02:20:55] The board is back in session. Mr. Davis. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors certify that, during closed session, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion of closed session were discussed.

[02:21:16] There is a motion and a second. All in favor, please indicate by saying aye. Aye. Any opposed? None. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors authorize advertisement of a public hearing on September 24th, 2025 at 6 p.m.

[02:21:33] regarding adoption of a resolution that would approve the acquisition by condemnation or other means of fee simple right-of-way and easements for the parcels with G-PINs listed in the agenda item under item 10, our closed session, in connection with the Pole Green Road widening project.

[02:21:51] Second. there is a motion and a second all in favor please indicate by saying aye aye motion passes mr chairman i move that the board of supervisors approve the proposed settlement in the blagman v hanover county under the terms as were discussed during closed session with the county attorney and outside council second there is a motion and a second all in favor please indicate by saying aye aye motion passes okay next on the agenda at citizens time i do have a card

[02:22:25] Show of hands. How many people here would like to address the board during citizens time? Okay, seeing none, sir You will have five minutes Okay, so so you're saying mr Johnson that you filled this card out to speak at the public hearing for the route 33 gateway plan

[02:22:54] Okay, anyone here like to speak at citizens time to address the board final call seeing none citizens time is now closed Now enter into our public hearing phase agenda item 13 is a public hearing Hanover County Airport Lease of real property 1115 to airpark Road, Hanover, Virginia Department of Public Works Magisterial district

[02:23:26] Ashland mr. Charles Sabrito manager Hanover County Airport. Thank you for being like good afternoon. Mr. Chairman members of the board Mr. Podeski and Mr. Walter. This is a public hearing for the Hanover County Airport ground lease with Beta technology for the installation of an EV charger for aircraft, electric vehicle charger.

[02:23:49] Before I go any further, I just wanted to pass on a long apologies from Beta. They were trying to make it today, but go figure they had some aircraft issues, you know, regular aircraft issues, and couldn't make it. So I'm going to do my best to mutter through any kind of technical questions once we get there.

[02:24:09] So what does this deal look like and what opportunities does it bring to Hanover County? Beta has approached us willing to pay all up front construction costs for the installation of everything from the transformers to connections, equipment, airfield chargers, all design work, all FAA approval studies, including airspace, all at their cost.

[02:24:32] there's no upfront cost to the county to to get an aircraft charger what we do is we provide a little bit of space and we pretty much gain the opportunity to provide an alternate fuel source in the future if you look to the picture up on top right there you'll see their network of chargers that's their main agenda is to get these chargers in place and we can we could probably go back and forth a lot about the advantages and disadvantages of battery versus the the regular fuel but one of the most important ones that I think is beneficial to aviation as a whole in the long run is they're very quiet aircraft

[02:25:08] so I don't foresee any issues there and I feel like it's gonna be really good exposure for Hanover County moving into this space as one of the first in the area so down on the bottom right you'll see a little notice down there about the charging infrastructure itself basically this charger is universal and fits all aircraft and including vehicles as well sometimes there's a need for an adapter but it'll be multi-purpose multi-functional the lease itself if you look to the top left there the those you're familiar with the terminals see the dark green box there that's the terminal and the three buildings to the

[02:25:47] four buildings to the left and right and lime green are the existing hangars and the future build-out shows for the hangars that have been identified into ALP there for layout plan we've located that spot down where the X marks the spot there um as the uh the best layout and best position for that if you move to the right side of the screen there you'll see their aircraft and there's two little small squares right

there on the corner that represent the first charger potentially a second should should technology take off and then to the far right you'll see where the main infrastructure sits for the

[02:26:22] transformer uh right there beside my tractor tractor would be moved of course um this is a pretty standard 10-year ground lease to start just very typical to our uh leases that we have with our if someone wants to build a a uh hanger uh with the differences that at year five we have an option to change to a usage fee or what they call a um margin sharing should you know should technology take off and they should be you know actually actually moving along with with aircraft in there we can make that decision at year five it's important to note there's no airport maintenance responsibility at all to the equipment it's a phone call away uh you know their support their

[02:27:02] equipment their teams we just provide access and and basically information uh this is a excuse the error there i realize greenbriar is not in virginia but the uh west virginia this is a greenbriar uh setup that they have it's about a year year or two old at this point but on the right hand side you'll see what the charger looks like it's a plug and play type thing right there beside the the FBO sign and then on the left you'll see a example of the equipment similar to what we would install here you'll notice the right right box which is a standard you know Virginia power transformer style and then the three pieces of

[02:27:41] equipment necessary to to convert and transform we've been real real pleased with the information we've gotten back from different staff members and committee inputs especially with the airport committee silly committee and of course our extensive legal review that we did on the on the lease itself this is kind of new in the area so it is a uncharted territory for most folks and next steps if the board supervisors approve the lease will continue with the the environmental and finalized design plans and permitting and you know I'll

[02:28:16] finish up the lease and help support through construction and you know this is pretty quick plug-and-play process we could be in the electric aircraft business about you know hopefully the end of year so with that I wanted to be brief it's such a beautiful day outside yeah so so I hope I can answer your questions and willing to take a stab at it and if not you know again I apologize for beta not being here they are the experts in no you know battery technology so if you stay away from battery technology I'll probably be pretty good some questions well thank you for your presentation sir any

[02:28:52] questions from board members thank you very much sir this is on the agenda for a public hearing we've already heard a presentation we will now open the public hearing is there anyone here who wishes to speak in favor of the lease is there anyone here who wishes to speak in opposition of the lease seeing none the public hearing is now closed supervisor Pritchard thank you mr. chair as the proud representative of our very dedicated Airport Committee I move to

[02:29:29] approve the lease of real property 11152 Air Park Road in Hanover, Virginia, as described in the presentation. Second. There is a motion and a second. Any discussion? All in favor, please indicate by saying aye. Aye. Application is approved. Next on the agenda, Mr. Andrew Pompey, Deputy Director, Planning Department. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The first public hearing we have tonight is a

[02:30:04] a case in the Chickahominy District. St. Paul Lutheran Church is on Shady Grove Road, again in the Chickahominy District, and they are requesting to amend the sketch plan approved with a previously approved conditional use permit to add some additional features, and I'll provide more details on their request. Again, the church is on Shady Grove Road, just east of Interstate 295. The property itself is zoned R1, places of worship require conditional use permit in the R1 zoning district, and most of the

surrounding properties are zoned in one of our residential zoning districts. The church is requesting to amend the CUP sketch plan to show a few additional

[02:30:40] features, including a pavilion behind the sanctuary and a row of columbarium, which are burial spots that will be behind the church office. Here's an overview of the sketch plan revisions, and I'll zoom in on some of these areas as well. But the yellow is the existing building, the orange is the existing office building, and the features will be behind those. Here's a close-up again of the existing sanctuary with the proposed pavilion, which 40 by 80 feet behind it it'll be mostly open with some indoor supporting areas and you can see the elevations on the bottom of the screen and then behind the existing church office will be two rows

[02:31:16] of columbarium which again will be a burial spot for church members and family members these are the staff's recommended conditions most of these conditions are from the previously approved cup's which date to 2006 with an amendment in 2007. the only new condition will be the first one which relates to the pavilion and its materials and appearance the other ones are similar to what was adopted with the previous approved cup and its amendments that concludes staff's presentation i'd be happy to answer any questions the board may have and the applicant's representative is here

[02:31:53] as well tonight thank you for your presentation any questions from board members seeing none thank you sir this is on the agenda for a public hearing is the applicant present please approach state your name the district in which you live or the entity that you represent good evening mr chairman chairman ladies and gentlemen of the board of supervisors my name is gary lee scotto uh i am the director of landscape architecture for coons brian johnson williams and enrico

[02:32:27] i represent the applicant in this case which is uh saint paul's lutheran church and staff has done a wonderful job with the presentation as well and we've worked with staff going through the conditions and i can answer any questions you might have any questions from board members seeing none thank you sir we will open the public hearing anyone here who wishes to speak in support of the application is there anyone here who wishes to speak in opposition of the application seeing none the public hearing is now closed chickahominy district supervisor floyd thank

[02:33:06] you so much um we have had no opposition to this case the chickahominy district is very happy to have this church and with that i motion to approve cup 2025-0006 as submitted second there is a motion any second any discussion amongst board members seeing none all in favor please indicate by saying aye aye application approved mr pompey the next two public hearings

[02:33:42] involve special exception requests for accessory family housing units in different parts of the county the first one is a request in the south in the district again for an accessory family housing unit off of quaker church road the property is on quaker church road just south of its intersection with state route 54 and that is east of montpelier this part of the county is designated rural agricultural on the general land use plan the property itself is zoned a1 as are many of the surrounding properties in the a1 zoning district an accessory family housing that requires a special exception here's an overview of the property the house is on the northeast side of the property

[02:34:20] close to quaker church road and then the proposed unit would be on the southwest corner in that wooded portion of the property so again this is a request for accessory family housing unit for the applicant's mother to live on site the property is within the quaker run estate subdivision there are no deed restrictions that would prohibit this type of use and the proposal meets the use standards for

accessory family housing units. This is a sketch plan again that shows where the existing house is and where the proposed unit will be. The existing house is in the dark blue in the northeast corner of the property and then the proposed unit will be in the southwest portion

[02:34:56] of the property. One unique component of this property is at the end of where state maintenance is on Quaker Church Road. That's the hash part. That portion of the road to State Route 54 is a public road. State maintenance ends and the remainder of the frontage on Quaker Church Road is private we don't have verification that they have legal access to access the private portion of the road but they have worked with their adjoining property owner and they have given written consent to grant access to this easement if it's needed there are related conditions that relate to this condition on the road and some of the feedback from the community meeting

[02:35:35] that relate to the easement itself maintenance of the road in any and correcting any damage that that may occur to the private portion of the road. These are the elevations of what the unit will look like. As I mentioned, this is in Quaker-Rent Estates.

[02:35:51] It includes lots that are 1 to 100 acres, zoned A1. The property or the unit itself will be behind the main house, farther down Quaker Church Road. The unit will be iron ore in color, which is a dark gray-black, which will help it blend in with the wooded portion of the property.

[02:36:08] And as I mentioned previously, there are no deed restrictions prohibiting an accessory family housing unit. There was a community meeting on this particular property, and there were some questions and comments on how this proposed use relates to the private portion of the road, road maintenance, and how any damage may be repaired if it does occur through the construction process, and there are conditions that relate to that.

[02:36:27] And then some questions about the materials used for the unit and concern that it may be used for short-term rental or that they wanted some guarantees that it would not be used for that particular use. As I mentioned, many of the staff recommend that conditions address or relate to the feedback received at the community meeting.

[02:36:46] There are a few changes that staff has recommended based on feedback received since the packet has gone out. Conditions 1 through 3, which relate to the Accessory Family Housing Unit, its appearance, not using as a short-term rental, and its size requirements remain the same.

[02:37:02] There is feedback to remove condition number 4. and then five would remain the same about parking. Six, there was a feedback that there should be additional language that says they must obtain an easement to access Quaker Church Road or provide evidence from a licensed surveyor that that access does exist. And then the remaining conditions would remain the same since the packet was distributed based on staff's recommendation that they would sign on to the maintenance agreement for the private portion of Quaker Church Road. They must restore the road to pre-construction conditions, provide a 50-foot buffer or 25 foot buffer rather along Quaker Church Road and then some of our

[02:37:41] standard conditions about validity for three years and that adherence to all development regulations so again based on some feedback since the package has been distributed removing condition number four is recommended by staff and adding language to condition number six that the easement is obtained or proof provided by a licensed surveyor who has the capabilities to validate whether there is

access to that easement that concludes staff's presentation the Applicant is here tonight. They don't have a formal presentation plan, but they're happy to answer any questions the board may have

[02:38:12] Thank you for your presentation any questions from board members. No questions. Thank you very much Is the applicant present? Do you wish to make a statement? No statement. Okay. Thank you very much We will now open the public hearing. Is there anyone here who would like to speak in support of the application?

[02:38:38] Seeing none. Is there anyone here who would like to speak in opposition? Seeing none the public hearing is now closed South Anna district supervisor dibble. Thank you. Mr. Chair Just want to give a big shout out to miss Christ and her mother who are here with us tonight And thank you for opening up your home to myself and the planning staff and your awesome neighbors It's a very close-knit community they are we had a very interesting and

[02:39:15] positive meeting and i feel that all of the neighbors in the area are most supportive of this uh this is about bringing mom to her daughter's property so mom can help with the farm that they have they raise miniature i'm gonna get this wrong but it's their cows but they look like big dogs so uh they're cute as a button um they have chickens uh and and other farm animals so um

[02:39:44] You know, in Hanover County, I always say we're all about family, and a case like this brings great joy to me to be able to support this, to have your family together on your property. And so with that, I move approval of case SC 2025-00012 with conditions listed with exclusion of number four and the revision of condition number six.

[02:40:16] second there is a motion and a second any discussion amongst board members seeing none all in favor please indicate by saying aye aye application approved mr pompey the next public hearing item is another request for an accessory family housing at this time it's in the eastern part of the county in the cold harbor district the property is located at the end of falling view lane which is a private road off of market road again in the cold harbor district and the comprehensive plan this area is designated rural agricultural the property itself

[02:40:55] is zoned a1 again an accessory family housing unit in the a1 zoning district requires approval of a special exception most of the surrounding properties are zoned a1 as well this is an aerial view of the property you can see most of the property or much of the property is wooded and again it's located at the end of falling view lane at the cul-de-sac as part of this request for an accessory family housing that the applicants who live on site would like to build the unit for their parents it's low and it's located in a subdivision again off of Market Road the HOA has confirmed that the proposal conforms with the covenants and deed restrictions for that subdivision and the unit itself meets all the use

[02:41:34] standards this is an overview of the property the sketch plan that was submitted with a special exception request the house itself is towards the middle of the property in the dark blue and then when you're facing the house looking to the left that pink square is where the accessory family housing unit be with access off the shared driveway this is the elevations of what the unit will look like as part of the conditions the building materials and colors will be similar to the main dwelling which pictured on the screen so the subdivision contains lots that range in size from 2 to 13

[02:42:09] acres and again it's zoned a1 the property is shaped triangularly with the point being the cul-de-sac of falling view lane and some of the existing vegetation provides screening these are of the staff

recommended conditions there are six conditions and these are pretty standard for the accessory family housing unit cases that have been reviewed maximum building size building elevations and colors would adhere to the principal structure building interest and access short-term rentals be prohibited and our standard conditions about validity and adherence to development regulations that concludes staff's presentation the applicants are here tonight they don't have

[02:42:45] a formal presentation planned or have you have answering questions the board may have thank you for your presentation, sir. Any questions from board members? Seeing none, thank you very much. The applicant is present. Do you wish to make a statement? Thank you very much. This is on the agenda for a public hearing. We will now open the public hearing. Is there anyone here who would like to speak in support? Is there anyone here who wishes to speak in opposition? Seeing none, the public

[02:43:20] hearing is now closed. This is in the Cold Harbor District. We do have a letter signed by the president of the HOA dated June 24th that states in summary that the accessory family dwelling unit has been determined to meet all applicable covenants conditions restrictions amendments and or waivers of record so it's in line with protective covenants I've heard no opposition there's a good buffer there's really only one neighbor and so I'm

[02:43:55] going to make the motion to approve SC 20 25 - 0 0 0 1 7 second there is a motion and a second any discussion amongst board members saying none all in favor please indicate by saying aye application of true application approved congratulations Katie and bar mr. Pompe the next public hearing item is an amendment to the comprehensive plan which would be adoption of the route 33

[02:44:31] Gateway Small Area Plan. That's the first small area plan that's been completed or prepared since adoption of the Envisioned Hanover Comprehensive Plan in 2023. So we're excited to be presenting this plan to you all tonight. The study area looked at Route 33 between the Henrico County line, which is the Chickahominy River, north to Winds Church Road. And the goal of this plan is to work collaboratively with stakeholders, residents, businesses in the area to create a unified vision for how this economic development area should develop moving into the future. This has been planned for economic development since 2013 when it was first identified as an economic

[02:45:08] development zone. So this creates a clear vision of what the community expects as economic development occurs moving forward. The study area again goes from the Henrico County line at Route 33 which is the Chickahominy River moving north to Winschurch Road. The eastern boundary is Grassy Swamp Creek And then on the west, it extends about 1,000 feet from the western edge of Route 33.

[02:45:31] And all this area is about 900 acres. The planning process began in January, and there was a series of public engagement events, which I'll provide more detail on later. But from January through June, the plan was prepared based on community feedback and analysis of the area.

[02:45:49] The Planning Commission held a public hearing in July, and now we are at the Board of Supervisors public hearing in August and of course you all have the final say as to whether or not this plan is adopted. In terms of public engagement there's a variety of in-person and virtual engagement opportunities. In January we had our first in-person meeting with about 100 participants. Right after that we had an online survey through late January through February with about 250 participants and then our second meeting where we showed some of the plan recommendations and concepts, we had about 75 participants at Kitchen 33.

[02:46:22] Throughout this project, we have more than 4,000 website views, 300 people actively participate on the website, and about 600 comments. Through those comments, we heard some key themes. Some of the concerns that residents have with the current state of the study area is traffic along Route 33 and the appearance of some of the existing commercial and industrial buildings. But one thing that people really think is an asset for this particular community is access to transportation corridors. It's very close to the Route 33, Interstate 295 interchange, which helps you get throughout the Richmond region pretty quickly. And then they were proud of the Chicomany River

[02:46:58] and the natural resources along that. In terms of future development, they really expected to maintain the rural character and feel as development occurs. They wanted some neighborhood-oriented services. They prefer economic development uses that generate limited traffic. Again, they're concerned about traffic on Route 33, so they wanted industrial uses that were you know, lower traffic generators, and then providing recreation opportunities.

[02:47:22] So based on that feedback, the study was developed, and the main components of the study are the conceptual plan, showing where different land uses and transportation infrastructure may occur, and then design guidelines for the different parts of the study area. So this is the conceptual plan. It shows commercial uses along Route 33 from Overhill Drive towards the Chickahominy River. That's the orange on the conceptual plan. Industrial uses will be located east of Route 33, interior to the site. That's the teal color. This area, the industrial area, will have an internal road network that's served by three entrances from Route 33, and then

[02:48:01] one possible emergency or secondary access to Winschurch Road based on further study. Conservation areas and a trail network along the Chickahominy River, and then some wider medians as Route 33 is widened to help create identity and gateways to the area. This is a rendering of what the area may look like as it fully develops. Again, showing that campus-like feel with the commercial uses along Route 33 and the industrial further to the east. Based on that community feedback that I mentioned previously, the recommended industrial uses in the industrial area would include light

[02:48:36] industrial uses, clean manufacturing data centers, and some supporting uses. The industrial uses that would be discouraged or prohibited would include distribution, heavier industrial, industrial flex, and outdoor storage. The 900 acres roughly is divided into four different character zones. You know, even though this is a relatively compact area, each area is intended to have a different feel and character based on the uses and where it's located in proximity to some of our major thoroughfares. So character zone one is the Route 33 commercial I mentioned in orange, which is from Overhill down to the Chicomany River. Character zone two is Route 33 north in the white. Character

[02:49:13] zone three is the industrial zone in the teal. And then the Windstretch Road corridor is character zone number four in the lighter green and I'll go into a little more detail about each of these character zones because the study itself provides recommendations regarding site design, building design and place making techniques for each one of those character zones. So one of the more visible parts of the project will be the commercial zone again from Overhill down to the Chickahominy River and some of the major components or features that are promoted and recommended based on the study area is having the parking to the the side or rear minimizing the parking people indicated in the public engagement they not want to see large parking lots

[02:49:52] so the parking is tucked away behind the buildings having a 50-foot landscape buffer with existing visitation retained where possible and the uses in this commercial area really supposed to be neighborhood oriented which aligns with our B1 and B2 zoning districts serving the surrounding community with a maximum building height of 35 feet the buildings again with that maximum height of 35 feet are intended to have architectural features and materials that are traditionally found in Hanover. You can see the pitched roofs, the brick and siding, again, reflecting kind of

[02:50:23] the rural and historic character of the area. As you move north from Overhill, the Route 33 North Zone is really intended to retain its rural character with not much happening in this area, retaining significant natural buffer supplement of landscaping where needed, and the industrial uses that are farther to the east would access the internal road network where possible. So this is the intended look along Route 33 north of Overhill. Once you get into the industrial zone, it's really intended to have more of a campus type feel. Again, those industrial users would not have direct access to Route 33,

[02:51:03] they would be accessing the internal road network and attempting to create a more campus-like feel with street trees, landscaping as shown in one of the example diagrams, sidewalks and pedestrian paths along one side of each street, those light industrial uses. Again, creating a campus-type feel with a maximum building height of 62 feet.

[02:51:24] That height transitions to a maximum recommended height of 35 feet once you get closer to Winds Church Road. But again, the intent of this is to accommodate those desired or recommended industrial uses in that campus-like environment. And then Winds Church Road is intended to retain its current character with having significant buffers along Winds Church Road itself, and then having transitional buffers adjacent to any existing residential parcels. Beyond that transitional buffer, as I mentioned, you have a transition in height going from 35 feet near the transitional buffer up to the recommended 62 feet in height. So that's a high-level overview of the

[02:52:03] concepts and design recommendations. One of the key tools we used was the project website, which was interactive and people could provide comments and submit surveys. Some of the comments that we received since the packet was distributed are on the dais as well.

[02:52:18] In addition to all the previous public engagement that Planning Commission held a public hearing and heard some additional feedback, there are four speakers. One speaker wanted the plan delayed until there was more concrete information on the users for the area. And then the other three speakers really commented on the potential access to Winds Church Road.

[02:52:36] There's concern about the industrial area having an access Road from that particular roadway. Based on the public feedback, and I'll show you a map of what this looks like, the Planning Commission recommended approval but had two changes.

[02:52:52] The first change was converting some of the area along the eastern side of Route 33 from the Chickahominy River north to a buffer area with industrial behind, removing the commercial, which I'll show you what that looks like in a minute.

[02:53:07] And then changing the access from Winds Church Road to being one of the secondary entrances to an emergency access within a 50-foot right-of-way, which would accommodate, again, emergency access, but it might be able to use for a secondary connection if it's deemed appropriate based on a detailed traffic study.

[02:53:24] So this is what it looks like on the plan. That revision one area, that was previously orange commercial going all the way down to the Chickahominy River. This shows a 200-foot buffer with the industrial uses behind.

[02:53:40] So again, trying to create a wooded gateway as you enter the county from Henrico. That was revision one. The Planning Commissioner recommended is included in the plan. And then revision two included some changes up here. Originally where that number four was, it showed a solid line to Winschurch Road.

[02:53:56] That's become dotted and some of the language says it'll be reserved as a 50 foot right-of-way for emergency only and a potential secondary access based on detailed traffic study when a specific user comes in. They also added a third interest to Route 33, which is the dotted line at the bottom of that circle, to facilitate circulation in that area.

[02:54:19] So, again, those were the two changes that were reflected in the plan based on the Planning Commission's feedback and what they heard from citizens at the public hearing. That concludes staff's presentation. I'd be happy to answer any questions the board may have before or after the public hearing. Any questions from board members?

[02:54:38] Mr. Chair, do you only want questions or comments? Questions or comments are fine. Mr. Hudson. Sure. Thank you, sir. I just want to say I look forward to running out here. I have reviewed it, all 43 pages or so of it, several times. And I'd like to congratulate staff and Ms. Dibble and, honestly, the citizens of the South Anna District. I'm excited for it and in support of it.

[02:55:05] And many folks know that Ms. Dibble did this sort of thing in her previous life or most of her life. And I am excited to have her come out and do a ride along with me in the Mechanicsville District for some things that we want to do to revitalize our area.

[02:55:25] So strong work. And she has been tweaking this. I think she wakes up in the night and writes down ideas nearly until we got here today. so congratulations to everyone involved and thank you mr. chair for your time okay we have not had the public hearing yet so any other questions for mr pompey okay seeing none thank you sir we will now open the public hearing and i have a card here for mr dan johnson please approach sir state your

[02:56:02] name your magisterial district in which you live you have five up to five minutes yes sir daniel Johnson, South Anna District. Project 33. When I first heard about Project 33, I was somewhat skeptical. I said that somewhat skeptical before I had conversation with our Director of Economic Development, Mr. Brandon Turner. After our first meeting, I emailed our County Administrator, Mr. John Badesky, that he had won the World Series, World Cup, and the Super Bowl all at one time.

[02:56:42] I went for a few meetings with Mrs. Joanne Hunter and Mr. Andrew Pompey. Hey, these people know what they're saying. More importantly, I saw that what they said you could take to the bank. And may I also say this, what Mr. John Badesky tells you, you can take to Fort Knox.

[02:57:07] When the first public hearing was introduced, Project 33, the theme was, citizens, tell us what you want and what you don't want. Very clearly, quickly, it was very evident that what Mrs. Hunter and Mr. Pompey meant exactly what they had been saying.

[02:57:33] We listen, and from the actions we are taking, we hear what you are saying. Too long the cry has been, keep Hanover County country. Well, citizens, we can keep sticking our heads in the sand and continue to be economic tortoises or realize this is the 21st century.

[02:58:00] The horse and buggy days are over. I know every board member is sitting before you, and I can assure you that everyone is totally committed to adhering to the comprehensive plan, being sure that every I is dotted and every T is crossed.

[02:58:20] Hanover County is envied by all for its school system. The Hanover County Sheriff's Department is known worldwide. It is constantly wielding state and national awards in every department. It is time now for Hanover County to become the powerhouse of economic opportunity.

[02:58:41] No longer will we accept Hanover County to be the bedroom community for Henrico County, Richmond City, Chesterfield County, Fairfax, and Fredericksburg City. We have the team in place that will raise the bar whereby everyone will seek to rise to and also hope to rise above, but realizing their efforts are fruitless.

[02:59:12] The standard question will be, what is Hanover County doing? That is what we need to be doing. Millions of dollars we spend training some of the most capable students in this nation. And to see other counties and cities receive the reward is idiotic.

[02:59:35] Let our citizens know, we have a high-paying, challenging job here in Hanover County. Put that horse of economic past out to pasture. Join the fast train of economic success and see what this county will become over, what we could only dream about a few years ago.

[03:00:01] Thank you. Thank you for your comments, sir. The public hearing is still open. Is there anyone here who wishes to speak in support of the comp plan amendment? Seeing none, is there anyone here who wishes to speak in opposition?

[03:00:19] I see one gentleman here at his hand first, another. Please approach, sir. Please state your name the district in which you live you will have up to five minutes. Hi. Thank you I appreciate your time. Mr. Chair and board members. Thank you. My name is Rob decoy I live off about a half mile into Windischurch Road and St. Anna district I'm not fully opposed to the plan. I think it's comprehensive and Relevant I do I would like to make a couple comments one

[03:00:55] In it has to do with getting up with the times as we just heard There's no doubt that the county is with the times all you have to do is ride a walk through Ashland Mechanicsville and around the Lake Anna area where development has been Really coming. There is a lot going on in this county. We're not poor. We're not broke We're not behind the times. I am concerned about the atmosphere I chose to have here at Winds Church Road with my property and I am a I have a concern more than an opposition, and mine has to do with the valuation of the

[03:01:34] homes in the area, particularly my own, in regards to developers coming in and offering some of the folks in that area with different values of homes immediately around my home, being offered prices that would benefit the developer but hurt me and my property value in the long run.

[03:01:58] I think the 200-foot buffer is reasonable, but what does that mean? One tree or 20 trees? Or does that mean a big berm that just totally detracts from me driving to my driveway as I approach it and lose the sense of privacy and distance from all the activity that I currently feel?

[03:02:24] So I just want to express a concern with one of the comments that was made earlier in these discussions about who really has the checkbook right now and is going to be doing the developing.

[03:02:43] Because I think that has an impact on who would be offering folks in the area to buy property for the long-term revenue, but in the short term, my property valuation is hurt. So I'm concerned about that. And with that, I do appreciate your time. Thank you.

[03:03:03] Thank you for your comments, sir. Next, please state your name. The district in which you live, you have up to five minutes. I'm Russ Malone. I'm the South Anna district. I'm just mainly concerned about the buffer. I own the B3 process that's already zoned. And I've been told that, you know, the pictures y'all show of the retail look great, but they don't show the trees.

[03:03:25] if you put 50 feet of buffer in there and make it too thick to me that's something that should be left up later on and not included in this as a requirement because if you have retail and try to hide it to me that's that devalues the land and really just it chases away people that want to come to the to the area. Other than that I think the plan looks great it could be good but 50 feet and 200 feet against that is a lot of land to be given up it's like a land take almost to me but uh i'm definitely against the buffer idea thank you thank you for your comments sir anyone

[03:04:04] else who wishes to speak in opposition seeing none mr pompey would you kindly come back to the podium can you address the citizen comments about the 50 foot buffer is that accurate or yes so um the plan recommends a 50 foot buffer in the commercial area by ordinance right now a commercially zoned property along Route 33 has to provide a 25-foot landscape buffer. The Conference of Plan countywide

[03:04:37] recommends a 50-foot buffer along major thoroughfare. So the current situation, again, ordinance requires 25, countywide Conference of Plan recommends 50, and this plan also recommends at least 50 feet for a thoroughfare buffer. And then the other gentleman asked about the composition of the buffer along winds church road page 33 speaks to that within the winds church area a minimum 200 foot wide buffer measured from the ultimate right away should be provided along winds church road with existing vegetation preserved and supplemented as needed to minimize views of new development so the intent in that area is to maintain the natural vegetation where possible and

[03:05:17] provide additional plantings okay any other questions from mr pompey while he's at the podium Seeing none. Thank you, sir. Okay, the public hearing is now closed. This is in the south of the Anna District Supervisor Dibble. Thank you, Mr.

[03:05:35] Chairman. Um, I think I'll make a couple comments first. Um, this plan, uh, and this whole process is really our attempt to capture the vision and the expectations of the citizens of Hanover County and more specifically of the South Anna District and Beaverdam District that drive this gateway into Hanover County on a daily basis. And what we're doing here is trying to create development requirements and guidelines that will allow us to bring this vision to reality.

[03:06:14] And in this process, it did include two community meetings, and I saw the numbers up there, 94. There were actually much more people than that. We met at Kitchen 33. There was just simply no more room so some people had to leave so we had very good attendance at both of those meetings and we also had online surveys in addition to capturing the notes from our most recent 14 community meetings that

South Anna had with regard to the update of the comprehensive plan about a year ago and you combine all of

[03:06:52] that with the conversations and the emails that myself and my Planning Commissioner, Mr. Larry Ledbetter. And I had, we've had quite a bit of community concerns and comments. So I also want to thank the county staff, Mr. Pompey and Ms. Joanne Hunter. They really did listen. And this is not my plan. It's not their plan. It truly reflects what we heard the community say that we wanted. And I still do want to acknowledge that there are still folks that

[03:07:31] live out that way that would prefer to have absolutely nothing. And I get that. But we have to look at this area as the facts are that it has been an economic development area since 2013. We do have utilities, water and sewer in this area, and we are in close proximity to I-295.

[03:07:55] And I fully believe that if we fail to plan now, then we will fail to protect the vision that we want and the look that we want. And I will quote from not me, but my constituents, that it is not their desire to look like 301 or 360.

[03:08:20] Not that there's anything bad about that, but that's just not our vision. And so I really do believe that these guidelines with regard to materials and so forth are really going to allow us to create something that's unique and brings income into the county without destroying our beautiful rural character that we do have.

[03:08:47] And I do want to say that when we look at the plan on the left and even the sketch on the right, this is all at this point very conceptual. And any development-specific projects that were to occur on this property would still have to go through the public hearings.

[03:09:09] So we're not deciding what goes where tonight. There's still ample time, and the process will be the same moving forward. With that being said, there are a couple of tweaks I'd like to make to the plan on the left.

[03:09:28] I don't want to disappoint Mr. Hudson. At the end of Winschurch Road, there's a little dash line indicating proposed high-volt power line.

[03:09:48] Although this is a schematic plan, I'd prefer to take it off. I don't want anyone to think that we are proposing that that is where this development could possibly tie into that high transmission line.

[03:10:04] I'd just rather label the existing transmission line as the existing transmission line, noting its proximity, and take the connection off. And secondly, with regard to my Wins Church Road folks, I'd like to keep the looped road, 33, as a black solid road.

[03:10:26] And the remainder of the roads, especially those that head towards Wins Church, change those to a dash line, optional internal road. We don't know what those roads are going to be right now, so I don't want to put something on a plan.

[03:10:43] and then we find out after we've got a detailed proposal that we don't need them and then we have to change the plan. So I think this gives us much more flexibility to react to the plans as they come forward in the future. And with that being said and with those tweaks, so that would mean that we are going to accept revision number one from the Planning Commission and we are revising revision number two based on what i just said if the county attorney is okay with that i think so

[03:11:22] long as your fellow board members understand what the motion is i think you can proceed are you saying you don't understand i i've been trying to follow along this devil um but yes i i think there i think there's clarity as to what's going forward so long as uh planning staff doesn't have any objections to the direction i might add that i did review these with staff prior to the meeting and we're on the same page so to speak so that is my motion second there is a motion and a second any discussion amongst board members supervisor

[03:11:58] Pritchard thank you mr. chair this is just a really a comment and I am such a great believer in small area plans and I think that when miss hunter came and mr. Pompey I think we got to finally realize some of the long-term design goals that we had and I think along that corner which I drive twice a week it is so important not to let things happen just kind of organically we have to plan for what we want I'm all about the rural county but the best way to keep the

[03:12:35] rural parts rural is to make sure the developed parts lead into them appropriately so I congratulate you all but I specifically thanks staff for bringing us these these ideas and and helping us get what we want to get thank you for your comments anyone else mr. Stoneman thank you mr. chair just real quickly I think that this it emphasizes the 360 corridor what happens when you don't plan and so I think that gives us more even more reason to want to look to

[03:13:08] future like this and make sure that we don't let that happen again any other comments from board members seeing none all in favor of amending the comp plan as proposed please indicate by saying aye aye comp plan amended mr. Pompey the next several public hearings remaining tonight relate to ordinance amendments the first ordinance amendment ordinance 25 - 10 involves short-term rentals it

[03:13:47] was a proposed amendment to address short-term rentals located in accessory structures by modifying definitions, modifying use standards, and requiring a special exception for accessory detached short-term rentals within agricultural and residential zoning districts.

[03:14:03] The CDC reviewed this request in May and the board authorized it in late May. So a short-term rental is the rental of a dwelling for less than 30 days for transient occupancy. Prior to December of 2024, the county code did not address short-term rentals. With the adoption of the short-term rental ordinance in December, owner-occupied short-term rentals were permitted by right in all residential zoning districts, and non-owner-occupied short-term rentals require a special exception.

[03:14:35] As the ordinance has been implemented, there were some questions and concerns about certain elements of what was adopted. Applicants are required to provide restrictive covenants for non-owner occupied properties as they pursue the special exception but there's no restriction on short-term rentals within owner occupied properties that are located within a residential subdivision so a lot of the questions related to short-term rentals and residential subdivisions as part of the proposed amendments it would address short-term rentals in accessory structures on owner occupied properties so short-term rentals and accessory detached structures would require a special

[03:15:14] exception in all residential districts. There are some revisions to related definitions. There's proposed language in the use standards for accessory family housing units that cannot be used as a short-term rental without appropriate zoning approvals. That's something that we've been incorporated into special exception requests, so that would be codified. And then use standards be added for short-term rentals, accessory detached. They'd be the same standards as what is implemented for non-owner-

occupied short-term rentals. One thing to consider as we pursue any ordinance amendment is the enabling legislation from the state. In 2024, there was some state-level

[03:15:52] provisions adopted on how localities can address short-term rentals. The one that relates to this ordinance is that communities cannot require a special exception, a special use permit, or a conditional use permit for a short-term rental within an owner-occupied property, the owner's primary residence. So that's why in the current ordinance and the draft amendments that are proposed, short-term rentals within an owner-occupied property are permitted by a right throughout the county. This would impact the detached building. So this is a summary of all

[03:16:27] the different scenarios if this ordinance was approved. On an owner-occupied property, meaning the owner lives there for at least 185 days a year, they can operate a short-term rental within their primary residence by right subject to use standards. They would not have to go through the special exception or conditional use permit process. If this ordinance is approved on an owner-occupied property, the owner lives on the property, but they want to rent as a short-term rental and accessory building, a detached garage apartment, a guest house, whatever, any type of structure that's not attached to their main house, if this ordinance amendment is approved, they would

[03:17:06] have to get a special exception and adhere to the use standards that are proposed. Investment properties, non-owner occupied per the current in effect ordinance and what's proposed, it's the same. They would have to get a special exception and adhere to use standards. So three tiers, owner occupied property in their house, owner occupied property in an accessory building on their property, and then investment properties is how this ordinance as proposed would divide the different types of short-term rentals. The planning commission did hold a public hearing on this case and recommended approval with a vote of six to one. No members of the public spoke during that

[03:17:44] public hearing. That concludes staff's presentation. I'd be happy to answer any questions the board may have prior to the public hearing. Any questions from board members? Seeing none, thank you for your presentation. Okay, this is on the agenda for a public hearing. We will now open the public hearing. Is there anyone here who wishes to speak in favor of the ordinance amendment? Is there anyone here who wishes to speak in opposition of the ordinance amendment. Seeing none, the public hearing

[03:18:16] is now closed. Supervisor Dibble. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have this here before us tonight because what was discussed and adopted or recommended for approval by the CDC was not reflected in this original document that we here approved. So we're basically coming back and revising it to truly reflect what was discussed and recommended by the CDC and what we thought we were, most of us thought we were approving, but we really weren't because the language wasn't

[03:18:54] quite right. So I apologize for not catching this sooner. But with that being said, I'd like to move approval of ordinance 25-10 as submitted. Second. There is a motion and a second. Any discussion amongst board members, Supervisor Floyd. Thank you. I believe that this goes against the state code which has been brought up here, 15-2-983. Even as a detached unit, such as a garage apartment, it's on the same G-PIN. It's one G-PIN with the house and the detached accessory unit. If it's all

[03:19:33] one residence with one mailing address and it's being taxed as such, how can you separate them now so for me i don't think i can support this for the obvious reason of the state code and i'd rather not get into the gray area thank you for your comments any other comments from board members okay

seeing none we will now call for the vote all in favor of approving the ordinance amendment ordinance 2510 please indicate by saying aye aye the call for the vote all in

[03:20:10] favor of approving the ordinance amendment please indicate by saying aye aye all the closed please indicate by saying no no madam clerk please poll the board miss Pritchard aye miss Floyd no mr. Davis aye miss Dibble aye mr.

[03:20:35] Stoneman aye mr. Hudson no mr. Herzberg aye ordinance has been amended mr. Pompeii. Involved some changes to the zoning ordinance. This would involve changes to multiple sections of zoning ordinance to allow secondary kitchens by right in single-family residential zoning districts. The community development committee reviewed this request in May and the board authorized advertising the ordinance amendment in June. So the Home Builders Association of

[03:21:13] Richmond requested the county consider allowing spice kitchens or secondary kitchens with a special exception. So that's how this particular issue came to our attention, the attention of the Community Development Committee. What is a secondary kitchen? Some households use these secondary kitchens, also known as spice kitchens, to cook spicy or fragrant foods. Typically they're near the primary kitchen but have a smaller footprint and they may have more robust ventilation systems to remove some of the food-related aromas from the home. So it's kind of a secondary kitchen, a working kitchen, with some of the same features like a sink and a stove with that additional ventilation in many instances. This is an example what that may look like in a floor plan so you have the primary

[03:21:52] kitchen that's open to the rest of the house in this example and then the secondary kitchen is a smaller but located near the primary kitchen to provide that additional functionality. We don't allow this in Hanover County currently based on the language and the definition of family so essentially the way we define family and residential units is that they can only have a single culinary facility so based on those definitions it's been enforced that a house can only have one kitchen so we also don't define what a kitchen is in the zoning ordinance so this would

[03:22:31] define a kitchen the main kitchen as well as this concept of having a secondary kitchen and amends that definition of family that just showed to allow more than one kitchen in a home secondary kitchens to this ordinance amendments approved will be allowed as an accessory use in our agricultural districts and our single family residential districts including the repeal districts and there are a few use standards we'll go into for secondary kitchens to help ensure that they retain their status as a single residence these use standards include having the kitchen on the same level as the primary kitchen designing it so that it's part of the dwelling

[03:23:07] overall and doesn't create a second unit it can't have a separate electric or water meter and it has to be accessible to the entire home there can't be walls put up or anything like that that will prevent one part of the house from accessing the secondary kitchen again this is intended to be a secondary kitchen and not result in another dwelling unit the planning commission reviewed this request at a previous meeting after holding a public hearing the recommended approval with a vote of seven to zero no members of the public spoke during the public hearing and that concludes staff's presentation i'd be happy to answer any questions the board may have any questions from

[03:23:43] board members I have a comment if you'd rather me hold it we don't have the public hearing open yet so if it's specific to mr. Pompey's presentation that's fine it okay any questions from board

members thank you sir okay this is on the agenda for a public hearing we will now open the public hearing is there anyone here who wishes to speak in favor of the ordinance for spice kitchens is

[03:24:17] Is there anyone here who wishes to speak in opposition seeing one please approach? State your name the district in which you live you have up to five minutes again. Thank you for your time and the opportunity Rob decoy Lake Anna district. Sorry long day I don't fully oppose this change in ordinance, but I do have great concerns in regards to

[03:24:49] This opportunity to have a second kitchen to be, to circumvent the whole thing about the rental of your property. We just had that ordinance change. And I'm very concerned about my neighborhood, people renting and, you know, having 10 cars show up and three different families because of the convenience of, like, you can rent a room for me but have a separate area to kind of make your food and store your food.

[03:25:18] I'm just concerned of that being abused and I would I would ask that consideration be giving to the previous ordinance change when we talk about renting your property in the three categories that we sort of tie that together to kind of make sure that this cannot be abused so it's more of an ask not a full opposition but short of some correlation of these two ordinances I would be I would oppose I would oppose the the ordinance I appreciate your time

[03:25:50] thank you thank you for your comments anyone else in opposition seeing none we will now close the public hearing okay this is an ordinance Supervisor Floyd thank you so spice kitchens it sounds like a really fun idea to me these fancy kitchens in these beautiful homes that I'm sure I can't afford where they have a second kitchen. I don't think it is meant, obviously, for what the citizen had comments

[03:26:27] about, about people renting. I think it is for, as the Home Builders Association said and spoke to in our community development meeting, these specific high-end homes to have this kind of second kitchen where you would have a butler's pantry, more of a work kitchen. And I think that's a really interesting idea and a great idea. So it did come out community development with full support and with that I would motion to approve the ordinance 25 - 12 as proposed second there is a motion and a second

[03:27:02] supervisor Pritchard thank you mr. chair to the citizens concern I think the ordinance is set up specifically so that these kitchens cannot be walled off as separate entities they must be an inclusive part of the house so it would not work for for Airbnb kind of kind of work but what I want to say is not only are they a cool idea but I think that's the direction high-end homes are going that this is more of an amenity that we see time after time and I think it's a it's a matter of keeping up with the times and

[03:27:37] making sure that the homes we build in Hanover County are as attractive to the audiences we So we want to serve as they can be so I'm very much in support of this any other comments from board members mr Mr. Davis. Thank you. Mr. Chairman. I actually see it a little bit differently I'm not sure it's just for high-end homes, but to what the what the gentleman Brought up at you're exactly right sir, and I'm speaking to the public But I'm also addressing your concern when this first came up This was one of the concerns is that we wanted to make sure that somebody was not putting a kitchen at the other end of the house

[03:28:15] having a separate entrance okay and there's no there's no connection or congruity between the main kitchen and this secondary kitchen and you end up doubling the density using it as a rental Airbnb something that it wasn't really designed for I think if you go back and you look at some of the things that

we've done with pool houses over the years we used to prohibit folks from having a warming oven and those types of things now because we didn't want somebody to use it as a secondary residence so I was very concerned about that and that's why it was crafted this way and I will give credit to the board

[03:28:52] members when they spoke to me about it I said we need to be very mindful and again I don't think it's just high-end high-end homes right now somebody wanted to build a pantry and put a second stove and a microwave in a pantry a walk-in pantry it'd be prohibited and I know many folks have talked to me about building out a pantry or putting an addition on their home and having a pantry room where they want another another dishwasher they'd like to have a warming oven another stove and and maybe you know a sink area or whatever in the pantry much like people were doing wet bars but certainly on a larger

[03:29:30] level and and that was prohibited just having a second stove and we had folks putting stoves in their garages and different things like that you know trying to find ways so I hear exactly what you're saying and we just talked about this during with the county administrator and the county attorney myself and chairman hersberg on monday is it's crafted so somebody can't be at one end of a ranch style home and have their kitchen and then drop in a a spice kitchen off of the master bedroom on the other end of the home for the exact reason that you brought up so i know that was a concern but i do think that this is a good idea and maybe it's not just tying home certainly home styles

[03:30:08] change and and that's fine we went from split foyers to to georgians and all kinds of different things but but this is this is a good idea it gives people options for a lot of folks who were here that weren't building new homes just trying to renovate their current homes and were unable to have a stove and a separate dishwasher and and a built-in warming oven in their pantry so for that reason thank you for bringing it up for that reason I brought it up to the committee members they've done a fantastic job on that so thank you for that and I'll be supporting the

[03:30:40] Thank you for your comments any other comments from board members seeing none. We will call for the vote all in favor of approving ordinance 25-12 Please indicate by saying aye Ordinance 25-12 is approved board will take a five-minute recess

[03:31:14] The time is now 720 boards back in session mr. Pompeii the next request is in

[03:38:15] Proposed ordinance amendment to address retail stores, recreational substances, or vape shops, which would impact several sections of the zoning ordinance. The Community Development Committee discussed this request in May, and the board authorized advertising the public hearings in June. So vape shops are stores that sell tobacco products, hemp products, and similar products, and accessories associated with those products are becoming increasingly popular.

[03:38:40] Based on staff's review, we found 22 stores countywide. Most are in the Ashland and Mechanicsville areas, but there have been some concerns that have been addressed. We heard some concerns from the comprehensive plan process and through some other venues that these particular types of use have the potential to impact the community, especially those living on neighboring properties, and they may also have additional impacts on community facilities.

[03:39:06] So in the current ordinance, vape shops are classified as tobacco stores. Tobacco stores are permitted by right in the B-1 zoning district. way our zoning ordinance is structured uses pyramid up from B1. So if it's allowed in B1, it's basically allowed in all of our commercial and industrial zoning districts. So vape shops could occur by right without any special approval in many of our commercial and industrial

zoning districts. This particular use and issue has been addressed by some of our neighboring localities in the region in recent years, including Chesterfield County, Henrico County, and most recently the

[03:39:41] City of Richmond who've looked at the issue and revised their zoning regulations. The most common use standard that many of these localities have adopted relates to the distance of the vape shop from other vape shops as well as community facilities such as schools and public parks. This gives you an idea of what other localities are doing in terms of that in distancing these types of uses from similar uses in schools, generally about 1,000 to 2,000 feet. City of Richmond and its most recent ordinance amendment addressed some other uses as well. So based on the review of other localities and feedback received through the comprehensive plan process, other

[03:40:19] venues, and the community development committee, this ordinance amendment was crafted to address a variety of issues. It creates a definition for recreational substances and recreational substances retail stores. It removes tobacco stores from the list of permitted uses in the B1 zoning district, which again, the way our ordinance is structured, we remove it from other commercial industrial zoning districts as a by-right option. It would amend several sections of the zoning ordinance to require a conditional use permit for this use in the B2, B3, M1, and M2 zoning districts. And then it creates some use standards based on the review of other localities

[03:40:55] and the feedback from the community development committee. This is the definition of recreational substances that addresses a variety of different recreational substances, including tobacco, nicotine, hemp, and another one, kratom. I never know how to say that one. Anyway, and then recreational substance retail store is any store that sells those substances and it takes up 15% or more of their display space or they allow the on-site use. So you're a recreational substance retail store. Again, 15% of your shelf space is for that type of product or you allow people to

[03:41:33] use it on the property. A conditional use permit would be required for the use in the B2, B3, M1 and M2 zoning districts. And then you'd also have to adhere to these use standards in addition to any conditions imposed with an approved conditional use permit. The vape shop would have to be at least one mile from the property line of any public or private school. As the ordinance is currently drafted, a half mile from any park in the town or in the county, at least 2,000 feet from an existing store. Hours of operation will be limited to 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

[03:42:11] And then there are some use standards regarding lighting since we have received complaints about a variety of different vape shops that have lighting that does not meet community expectations. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on this case and recommended approval with a vote of 7-0. No members of the public spoke during the public hearing. That concludes staff's presentation. One thing I did want to mention though is even if this ordinance is approved as adopted. Existing vape shops could remain in operation. They'd be considered non-conforming uses, so they could not expand, but they would remain in operation. And if the space was vacant

[03:42:47] for two years or more, another vape shop could not move in. But again, that concludes staff's presentation. Are you happy to answer any questions the board may have? Questions from board member Supervisor Pritchard. Can you go back to the slide that deals with hemp? Okay. Any product, any raw materials from hemp that are you okay I just wanted to make sure that the hemp thing was only about food or because many things including clothing are made from hemp I just want to make sure that we were specifically talking

[03:43:25] about hemp that was made for ingestion okay any any other questions from board members mr. Hudson thank you mr. chair mr. Pompey to speak directly to the little addition that you just made or a clarification in regard to existing. I'm hung up on these lights. Mr. Herzberg and myself, we have one on the corner of his, it's actually his district, it's on the corner of mine. I get a lot of calls about that one particularly and the lights that blind people coming through the intersection. What you're

[03:44:04] saying is that this ordinance will do nothing for that. I know that Ms. Hunter and our staff have received complaints on that this this ordinance would not um apply to that existing use they have to meet our current lighting regulations but any new regulations for the vape shop use would not apply to that existing vape shop do we have a method to determine if they meet our current because another one is uh in my district uh at uh across from the arby's uh the the name just so the street just escapes me but anyway that's okay uh and then i get them about

[03:44:43] the one in the bell creek shopping center mr hudson the uh lighting ordinance does require dark sky compliant lighting um so if you want to get with me we can do an inspection of that property and see if the lights are in compliance with the lighting ordinance or not okay i mean i would be worried somebody driving with a seizure disorder sometimes and it's kind of haha but not No, it's a real thing. Lights can affect people with seizure disorders, migraines, etc.

[03:45:14] And then just to clarify, there is nothing that we can do for the current ones. They're here to stay, if you will. They can remain in operation in their existing footprint. If they want to expand or move to a different spot in the shopping center or anything like that, these rules would come into effect if they were adopted. But if they stay in their existing spot and their existing footprint they are grandfathered in they become a non-conforming use and they can continue to operate we had one shutdown in my district and that thing was reopened by somebody else in days

[03:45:51] and that's that's a another i should say by somebody else that's another uh component of the non-conforming use if a vape shop is operating is non-conforming and it closes a new one can open in its spot if less than two years have lapsed.

[03:46:11] And there's no way to shorten that two years? That's a, and I think, I believe that aligns with state code. That's a, in the ordinance and it's a state code requirement. Once again, what comes out of Richmond is harmful to the rest of us. Thank you, Mr. Pompey. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

[03:46:28] Any other comments or questions? Questions from Mr. Pompey. So I have one question, but I do want to address the vape shop on Cold Harbor Road. The lighting has been fixed. And I drive by there every night.

[03:46:43] I know the lighting was horrible. It was blinding. It was harmful to the eye of the driver sitting at the red light, and it's adjacent to a residential use. I will say that zoning compliance went out, and the lighting was turned down, and that was good, and then it was turned back up, and then zoning compliance went out again, and the lighting has not been an issue since.

[03:47:14] I drive by there every night. I have no problem with the lighting now. All they have is the red light for the store and maybe one or two outside floodlights. So that's good. And that's where, you know, that's what our ordinances are designed to do, protect the public from impacts like that. And I think the zoning compliance in the ordinance did eventually do that.

[03:47:40] The mobile food truck that was there for days was another issue. So mobile food trucks are not permitted for days, just sitting parked. The zoning compliance, I think, had to go out on that twice. I haven't seen the mobile food truck in a year, so thank you all.

[03:47:57] So that's a comment. The question I have is the portion in this ordinance that deals with the inside lighting, it's a red line. It's a red line inside lighting. It's the ordinance. It's paragraph 7.

[03:48:19] All interior lighting shall be designed to prevent the light source or high levels of light from being visible. From a public right-of-way or adjacent properties, the use of neon LED rope lighting or similar lighting is prohibited.

[03:48:35] Now, when I read that, I wrote the word good next to it as I read through this and studied this last week. and I know I believe this is good is this enforceable if this ordinance is passed tonight is this is this paragraph enforceable tomorrow on existing businesses yes question that's no okay the other question I have is I do understand here I want to make sure I understand it correctly currently these have been permitted by right in B1 that's correct if this ordinance is a

[03:49:13] passed the way that you have presented it here starting tomorrow these would not be permitted in B1 is that correct that's correct they would not be permitted at all it can be one very good sir thank you that's all the questions I have anyone else thank you for your presentation sir okay this is on the agenda for a public hearing is there anyone who wishes to speak in support of ordinance 2511 is there anyone here who wishes to speak in opposition of ordinance 2511 seeing none the public hearing is now closed

[03:49:50] supervisor floyd thank you i am very happy to bring this to the board this ordinance gives us the opportunity to keep our kids and our community as a whole safe where we're able to as the board of supervisors land use is something that we have a say in however this is a bigger problem than just the vague shops it does require a multifaceted approach to solve as we heard earlier from the sheriff but this is our part so I fully support this ordinance this comes out of our community development meeting or committee I'm sorry with a unanimous recommendation so as the chair of

[03:50:30] community development I motion to approve this ordinance 25 - 11 as proposed second there is a motion and a second any discussion about this board board members. Mr. Chairman. Mr. Davis. Mr. Chairman, I do thank the committee for their hard work on this. I think it's very important when a board member votes on something that they speak to why they support certain things. And what happens, and thank you, Ms. Floyd, I think what happens sometimes is people say, well, if you support this, then you'll vote yes. Or if you

[03:51:05] don't support this and fill in the blank you'll vote no. I actually had some concerns with this ordinance. I didn't see a connection initially with the distances from schools and so on and so forth having a direct corollary to child safety or succession of vaping by children and I wanted to make sure that when we address community issues that we do it the right way in an open transparent way and we weren't trying to go around uh the the back of the building and try to

[03:51:43] prohibit um a law-abiding business because we thought that maybe they were uh at some point gonna gonna break the law in the future and so I had a lot of discussion with folks on the community development and I gotta tell you y'all dug very very deep I mean you really did um and And my thought process was, well, a mile from a school and folks saying, hey, there's problems with vape shops.

[03:52:11] We just heard of the major action taken by Colonel Hines and his team today on some vape shops. And what I didn't want to do was have folks come in and say, hey, we have a problem with our children in the community and some unsafe access to certain things.

[03:52:31] and then we put in a land use ordinance it doesn't address the impact that we're really looking at and then you come out with with the the politician statement says well i did this and somebody comes back and says yeah that didn't address it and you're trying to give yourself political cover um but i don't think that's upon further reflection and digging deep and knowing how hard the folks with community development work to us i don't think that was the intent at any point i just wanted to make sure that that wouldn't be the effect um we're still going to have the ability i just want to get this on the record there could still be vape products sold in stores

[03:53:06] that aren't designated as a vape shop uh in close proximity to a school i think if you're a law abiding business and you're near a school then you should be able to lawfully run your business um you know there's a liquor store near a school but that doesn't i don't think condone drinking of alcoholic beverages by children uh one board member and i were talking we used to have uh our children uh park in a bar parking lot there over at the formerly davis now mechanicsville uh we had had an agreement but i don't think that condoned uh kids going to the bar but this is a

[03:53:42] good ordinance uh it is a good ordinance i'm not sure the distances uh are exactly where they should be but you never get everything that you want and quite frankly um looking at this where where i initially was and where i'm at now i don't think voting against it means that you want children to to go out and have access to vape products and i don't think voting for it i want to be very clear uh means that that we've taken a major step towards uh things that could harm our children in the community because we have other options to do that but there have been some real land use

[03:54:17] issues with this and and providing for a conditional use permit for this type of shop when i go back and look at all of the other uh things that require conditional use permits in Hanover County and this doesn't, it only seems reasonable that this would require a conditional use permit.

[03:54:37] So, again, there's no way to get around that in my view. There's other things that have been requested by the Community Development Committee in Ordinance 2511, all of which I think are really good, and it went through public access to the Community Development Committee, public hearing at the planning commission and so i'm more than willing to to support uh some some maybe some amendments to the distances just to make sure that we're not we're not out there

[03:55:13] getting getting a little too wonky uh but as it goes now it's it's really important i believe that these these retail establishments uh must go through a conditional use permit uh and and i'll i'll be supporting it uh even if it's not amended i will be supporting this so thank you sir thank you very much for your comments any other comments from board members i do have uh some comments and i do have a proposed amendment to the ordinance proposal first of all i do appreciate all the

[03:55:50] diligent work that has been put into this ordinance having the definitions is very helpful i fully support the removal of this use out of B1 which is actually called neighborhood commercial and I don't see a smoke shop as a neighborhood type commercial use. Anything we can do to strengthen restrictions and reducing the impacts of lighting that I have seen and personally witnessed is a good thing. I do believe that these uses I do support the conditional use permit product. I also

[03:56:27] want to make the point, and I've heard it made here earlier, that tomorrow some of these problems are just not going to go away. They're still going to be there, and I do want to limit, I do want to list some of these out. So the products that are sold, we don't have authority over products here. These products should be regulated by federal and state legislators and the FDA or whoever does that, whatever the group is. Any activity that is not legal, that needs to go and be reported to the Hanover County Sheriff's Office or the State Police. And

[03:57:06] then any type of criminal charge needs to go through the judicial process, the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office and the court system. So what we're doing here here today doesn't fix everything. This is one step. It's one part. It's our part. And this is a land use decision. And I support the policy. I do have two minor amendments. As I read through the draft last week, I do not sit on community development. The first time I saw this was last

[03:57:44] week. And I would like to make a motion to make some friendly amendments. This is not a controversial amendment. Paragraph two from the proposed ordinance to remove the words around schools, residents, and public parks. So the paragraph would simply read, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the additional impacts these facilities have. So they can have impacts more broad than schools, residences, and parks. And I just think that's an approved language.

[03:58:23] This amendment would allow for any and all impacts, not just around schools, residences, and parks, and would not specifically state any one type of impact.

[03:58:39] So that's the first amendment in the motion. The second amendment in the motion will be to amend Section 26-292.8 recreational substances. When I read the draft, I had an issue with one mile.

[03:58:56] I've never seen that distance used before, and when I looked and asked about other localities and other ordinances, such as like a gun-free zone and all these other things that exist, typically what I've seen is 1,000, I've seen some 2,000s up there, 5,280 feet seems a little heavy to me.

[03:59:22] So I do want to send a message that this is a strict policy, and we do take this seriously. So the proposed amendment in the motion will be to amend that language to 2,000 feet from a school property line or 2,000 feet from a park.

[03:59:45] This amendment still allows for the ordinance and the cut process, still gets us where we want to be, and the distance is more in line with other localities in the region. So there is a motion for that is that a substitute motion. Mr. Chairman. It's an amendment. Mr. Walter Can we vote on the amendment first?

[04:00:07] So there are two ways that the board can handle that if the original maker of the motion is agreeable to the amended motion and the person who seconded that If that board member indicates so and the one who made the second did so in essence The original motion is amended without having to go through a more formal process. You okay with that? Okay Can you please state that for the record Supervisor Floyd? I'm fine with the friendly amendment. I think Miss Dibble has a comment, though

[04:00:38] I think I think now would be a good time Supervisor Dibble. I will not be supporting that friendly amendment because I feel very strongly that we Really went into great detail great discussion and we deliberately wanted to make a statement to our people I am perfectly fine with a mile.

[04:01:06] Chesterfield wants 2,000 feet. Henrico wants 1,000. Richmond wants 1,000. That's fine. I just really feel that our parents don't want these things near our children, in close proximity to our children.

[04:01:23] I feel very strongly about it. And we deliberately made these distances more because we are different. and I'm not the least bit concerned about what Richmond, Henrico, or Chesterfield are doing with these because my message is I don't want them, period.

[04:01:43] That's me, and that's what my constituents want, and that's where I'm going to be. Any other comments from board members? Yeah, I have to second Ms. Dibble on that. I do agree Hanover is different.

[04:01:59] We're not like Henrico, Chesterfield, or Richmond, so yeah, I've got to go with her on that one. any other comments mr. chair supervisor floyd i want to withdraw my acceptance of your amendment regarding the distances okay with the first amendment correct i'm with miss floyd on that i didn't withdraw or weigh in yet but i'm good with the amendment of the language but let's leave it a mile okay well it seems obvious to me that there's not enough support to reduce the one mile

[04:02:35] to 2 000 feet so we will now proceed with a vote on the original the original ordinance proposal with the first amendment that i proposed which removes the words around schools residences and public parks from paragraph two the distances will remain as is as proposed in the policy Mr. Chair, I just want to clarify that removing those words doesn't mean it doesn't have

[04:03:11] impact on those items or those places, that the impact is much larger, so I don't want people to be confused, okay? I'm kind of confused. Mr. Pompey, what does that revision do, please? Mr. Chairman, if I may, Mr. Pompey, please feel free to go on up, but the proposed amendment is in the introduction for the ordinance.

[04:03:34] Those are usually language that indicates some of the board's intent. 99% of anybody who looks at the ordinance will look at the language itself. This provides some background as to why the board got to where it is in terms of making this decision.

[04:03:51] As I understand, the friendly amendment that was offered by the chairman, it was to remove the specific restrictions for parks and schools and just recognize the overall impacts that they have. Provide some greater clarification that the board is concerned about the impacts, not just on parks and schools, but on the community as a whole.

[04:04:13] Mr. Chairman, point of order. Mr. Davis. Mr. Chairman, while it doesn't come up much, the vice chair has generally been de facto parliamentarian over the years. So I want to be clear for the record that the amendment, while it removes the words around schools, residents, and parks, has no corollary effect to distances whatsoever.

[04:04:37] It is a background statement of non-material effect to the ordinance. And what I would ask, Mr. Chairman, at your authority is, is that your amendment to remove that language?

[04:04:54] And if it is yes, then do we have an audible acceptance as an amendment from Mrs. Floyd? Is that your request to remove that, sir? Yes. Is that an acceptable amendment? That's acceptable. Very well. mr chairman back to you the board would now be discussing and possibly voting on an amended ordinance with just the removal of the background non-material aspects of the words quote around schools residents and parks that would have no corollary corollary impact on distances around

[04:05:28] those structures or venues any other discussion amongst board members okay we're going to call for the vote to approve ordinance 25 11 as amended all in favor please indicate by saying aye aye ordinance 25 11 is approved okay next on the agenda is announcements any board member with announcements county administrator mr walter seeing none we will now move to adjournment to 2:00 p.m. On Wednesday September 10th

[04:06:08] 2025 for a regular Board of Supervisors meeting to be held in the Hanover County boardroom 7516 County Complex Road. We are adjourned



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