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[00:02:18] Hello, everyone. The time is now 2 o'clock. We'll now call the Hanover County Board of Supervisors

[00:03:25] meeting to order. As is customary, we will begin with an invocation led by Mr. Stoneman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Floyd. Mr. Stoneman. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Will you go to the Lord with me in prayer? Dear Heavenly Father, with a grateful heart, I come before a mighty and awesome God to seek your favor and to ask your blessing on this time of service to our wonderful hanover county today father i lift up each one of my colleagues my fellow board members county administrators and staff lord i pray that

[00:04:01] you'd bless each and every one and their families for their sacrifice of time and talent to the service of our county father lord as we we come together lord i just pray lord that you'd bless us with discernment and wisdom and father that all that we do and say here today would be pleasing in your sight that would be filled with uh with care and compassion and love for one another brother i ask all these things in the name of jesus amen please rise for the pledge of allegiance

[00:04:31] 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. Thank you, Mr. Stoneman, and thank you, Supervisor Floyd. Next on the agenda, consideration of amendments to the agenda. Mr. Davis, Mr. Chairman, I move to add a closed session under

[00:05:06] Virginia Code 2.2-3711-A7 consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual litigation Hatcher v. the County of Hanover as agenda item 13. Second, all in favor of amending the agenda please indicate by saying aye. Aye. Agenda has been amended. Any other amendments from board members? Seeing none, next on the agenda's comment period. I will begin today is my last day of the one-year term for me to serve as chair of the board. It's been an honor. I am thankful.

[00:05:43] To fellow board members for the opportunity to serve and also county administration and each and every citizen and all the good things that we accomplished in the past year, I do want to mention three board initiatives that I mentioned on January 15th. Last year, these were Board of Supervisors, board initiatives for 2025. The first that I mentioned was the water crisis that we had, and that was a big deal at the time. It was on the mind of a lot of our citizens, and one thing that

[00:06:18] we pledged to do as a board was to take that issue very seriously and work together on that issue and try to make some progress. We can't go down there and replace pumps or anything like that, but we did one of the things we did was we had a historic meeting with the full board of supervisors in Henrico County with a full board of the Henrico County Board of Supervisors and we found a lot of areas of common ground and one thing that we certainly agree on no matter anything else that's going on is that everybody does want good, safe, reliable, dependable water and that we

[00:06:55] understand that. We want to work together to be sure that that takes place for our citizens and we were willing to work together with the city and Chesterfield County to try to get some improvements to bring security to our residents. And we did that. One of the other things we did last year was I had the opportunity to meet with the city mayor and the president of the city council and also Governor Youngkin down at the Patrick Henry building. Their county administrator was there and we had some very good substantive discussions and how important this was and the city assured us that they were making positive

[00:07:31] changes in the right direction and they've done that. They have made some very concrete positive changes in the right direction to bring more stability and more confidence in that water plant. I'll point out that even though we had those couple days of really tough, tough times, my water went out was out all day for one day and the other two days it was low pressure. So I certainly understood what many of our fellow Hanover citizens understood is it has been a very reliable system for 99.99% of the days.

[00:08:04] In the last 30 years. And we're going to continue to make sure that we do our part to provide support and advocate that that plant be kept up to date and improved. The other initiative I mentioned last year was Fire Station 17. We all had the honor of participating in the opening ceremony, the ribbon cutting, and that's important to send a message to our citizens that public safety has been and continues to be a priority for the Hanover County Board of Supervisors and county

[00:08:37] administration. And it's been a great asset. I believe that it opened up on time and under or at budget, which is always a good thing. We didn't see long, long delays. So it was an efficient process. Tweaks can be made. And so when the next one, it'll be even better. That's the hope and the goal. And so even if you're not in the fire station 17 service district, I'm not. I'm in the fire station 7 district. Station 17 helps

reduce the burden on the other fire stations, station 6, station 7, station 12, station 3, because it provides more assets in the area and it can

[00:09:16] provide more staffing to provide support for those other service districts. So that was a great accomplishment here for our county for public safety. And then the third thing that I mentioned last year was the expansion of high-speed broadband internet across the county. We have a lot of residents, had no option, and it really showed during COVID when schools were closed and it became an educational issue. It was a priority for the board then. It continues to be a priority for the board now. All Points Broadband now has 700 homes approximately connected in Hanover

[00:09:54] County. This time last year it was zero. That's a lot of good progress in one year. And not just that, Glow Fiber has expanded in the suburban services area to provide competition and choice. We've seen Verizon. They've expanded. They began down in Black Creek down there near Station 12, and they went up McClellan Road, they went into Black Creek Estates, and this is important because it gives our citizens some options in some areas, maybe one or two options, and in some cases, I've seen as many as three.

[00:10:25] So I do think we made some really good progress on the board initiatives over the last year, and I'd like to just thank everyone in county administration and everyone on the board for all of your good hard work over the last year. And that concludes my comments.

[00:10:41] Any other comments from board members? Mr. Hudson. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I want to just first thank you for your service as chairman and congratulate you on crossing the finish line with that. But citizens of the Mechanicsville District, be on the lookout. I'll be working with staff to set up a community meeting, town hall type meeting that I've been having. So just stay in tune for date, time, and location. Thank you, Mr. Chair, that's all.

[00:11:12] I'd also like to take the opportunity to recognize that Sheriff Hines is with us today. Good to be with you, sir, and also our Fire Chief, Chris Anderson. Thank you for being with us, gentlemen. Any other comments from board members?

[00:11:28] Seeing none, Mr. Badesky. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I noticed you recognize the sheriff there. Some folks in our community may have noticed a notice went out about our sheriff here in the past few weeks. So tonight is not, this afternoon is not the time to share.

[00:11:46] We've got a few more months with the sheriff before he gets to move on to a well-deserved retirement. But I hope everyone gets that opportunity over the next few months to share their well wishes to our sheriff. For those of you in the room that are wondering why is my Verizon phone not working right now, you are not the only ones.

[00:12:03] Half of Verizon's network on the East Coast apparently appears to be down right now. So you're probably seeing an SOS message. I have Verizon. Two of my kids don't and are freaking out right now. Mine does seem to have a signal. It is a widespread issue.

[00:12:20] So I just stopped my daughter from frantically driving to the Verizon store. So it's not something that's going on specific here at the county. It does appear to be a much wider spread outage, and we are not aware of a restoration ETA at this time. So I just wanted to share what I knew on that matter.

[00:12:38] A number of our property owners in the county received their annual assessment notice. I know in some cases assessments anytime assessments go up it is a concern to our property owners wanted to make sure and just remind everyone in our community that if you received an assessment that you disagree with there are opportunities for you to have those reviewed both at the informal level directly with our assessor and you're welcome to contact the assessor's office directly to go through that and there is also a board of equalization process that you can appeal a local

[00:13:14] decision to the assessment notice is not a bill that would come out in your biannual tax bill but you do if you do believe the assessment is inaccurate we encourage you to take your opportunity to go through either the informal process and or the board of equalization to share your thoughts and perspectives on those assessments obviously it's a concern anytime an assessment goes up and there is a potential tax implication to that we take that that implication serious and as we evaluate the budget process certainly we'll be taking that into consideration um i do want to share just a couple other pieces of information we wanted to welcome will spindle

[00:13:53] our new deputy director of general services will i think i saw you in the room is it welcome will to our team and so thank you uh we're glad to have you on board um tomorrow at noon upstairs is our facilities committee amongst the items that the facilities committee will be hearing is an update on assessment of our cannery.

[00:14:17] So the committee will be hearing that tomorrow. So if anyone has any interest in learning more about some of the assessment, that'll be tomorrow at noon upstairs in this building. Tomorrow is a busy day on our campus. Tomorrow night is our planning commission meeting, and we're aware that there is a great deal of citizen interest in a case that will be presented to the planning commission.

[00:14:37] Just want to give everyone a heads up now. As soon as, even though the meeting doesn't begin until 6, we're aware of gatherings beginning as soon as 5 p.m. on campus it may be a very well attended meeting we're certainly going to do our best to manage within fire codes all the individuals in this room in the lobby and make sure that folks can participate safely in tomorrow night's planning commission meeting I do want to share that in the days to come staff has been working on a guide to lane use and planning and zoning that we look forward to sharing with our community and And so if you're not actively involved in land use planning or zoning or comp planning,

[00:15:17] some of those practices and processes can be foreign. And so we want to help educate people to our community to those processes. So look forward to sharing that with you on the county's website in the days to come. And we'll share that broadly on our websites as well.

[00:15:33] There will also be a guide to assessments for more information that will be put out here in the days to come as well. And so look forward to sharing that with our community. This Friday, upstairs as well, is our joint education committee meeting at 2 p.m.

[00:15:48] And then that will, that's always an opportunity for both the board of supervisors and our school board to get together to talk about joint interests in our public school systems. Last night at Randolph-Macon College, I and a number of the board members were proud to be part of Firing EMS's graduation ceremony.

[00:16:06] 25 new members of our Firing EMS department went through graduation last night. one of the largest classes in Hanover history. The other piece of that was a bit of information was shared that

everyone who took the EMS exam and nationally, the pass rate on the first attempt is 65% to 75%.

[00:16:26] All members of that class, all 25, passed their first time at 100% rate. So congratulations. Well-deserved to that team. We're excited to have them join service to our community.

[00:16:44] I do want to share that on February, beginning in February, I will be introducing what's called the County Administrator's Recommended Budget for the fiscal year that starts July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. That budget is an introduced budget, a balanced budget. Counties have to do that in the Commonwealth, unlike some other governments in our nation.

[00:17:07] We will introduce a balance recommended budget from February through April. There will be about seven to nine opportunities formally in this room. We encourage all of our residents to share their thoughts and perspectives on the county budget. And certainly we will take any impact as it burdens our residents seriously with taxes and also meet the service demands and expectations our residents have come to expect.

[00:17:34] So we encourage you to participate early and often. I just want to remind folks the budget process is not a one-night process. It's an ongoing process So we take the emails the calls this the the visits and meetings that we take on feedback on the budget seriously Not just one night during a public hearing but throughout the entire process So encourage our residents to share their thoughts and perspectives and we do include those in the ultimately in April The board will adopt what will be the final budget That will be adopted beginning July 1. So there's a lot of work and deliberation that will go through the budget process

[00:18:09] And so we encourage our residents to participate in that process and finally I hate to leave things on a sour note But last week many of our residents especially on the land use and public utility side New former deputy Frank Harkson County administrator. He passed suddenly and we celebrated his life with his family last week and just keep our thoughts and prayers For his family moving forward. So Mr. Chair, that's all I have today sir. Thank you. Mr. Badesky Any other comments from board members seeing none we will move on the citizens time We do have two registered speakers by a show of hands

[00:18:49] Anyone else the total of I think we have a total of five so I believe you would have up to five minutes citizens 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.

[00:19:12] There are cards available in the back of the room. You are not required to fill out a card. However, it does make it easier for our clerk to get the spelling of your name correct, and it gives us your contact information in case we need to follow up with you after your comments.

[00:19:28] Speakers who wish to address the board are requested to follow these guidelines. 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 will keep track of each speaker's time And we'll try to give you a warning before your time is expired 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 citizens time However, speakers are invited to provide printed copies of any materials that they have to the board

[00:20:08] Handouts and other materials can be provided to the Deputy County Administrator seated to the right of the podium right there, who will ensure that the information will be distributed to board members and the board clerk. The board requests that the audience refrain from interrupting speakers during their recognized time.

[00:20:27] This applies to Citizens' Time and to any public hearing on today's agenda. The board appreciates the public's input and cooperation during Citizens' Time. We now open Citizens' Time. First registered speaker, Mr. Bob Nelson, please approach.

[00:20:43] Mr. Nelson, you will have up to five minutes. Please state your name for the record in the district in which you live. - Good afternoon, Chairman Herzberg and Board Supervisors. My name is Bob Nelson.

[00:20:59] I reside in the Ashland District. I started working on energy issues in 1973. For almost 30 years, I litigated a broad range of electric and natural gas cases before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and on appeal, including cases involving regional transmission organizations. PJM is a regional transmission organization. Virginia is one of 13 states within PJM. So imagine my surprise two years ago when I was literally grabbed by the arm and lectured on TRAC data center electric needs. The message? The grid

[00:21:39] will provide. The grid will provide is a dangerous and irresponsible mantra. TRAC requires 2,400 megawatts, more than the North Anna nuclear plant, and doubled the capacity of the Doswell Energy Center. With other pending projects, Hanover data centers would need 5,100 megawatts, enough to serve 30 times Hanover's population. Dominion experienced record peak demands last

[00:22:12] January, in the winter no less. The federal EIA has reported that Virginia relies on out-of-state resources to meet 30 to 40 percent of its annual electricity needs. These are huge red flags.

[00:22:28] A capacity auction was recently held to meet PJM's forecasted electrical demand. Despite a record maximum price, the resources bid in the auction were inadequate to meet PJM's reliability requirements by 6,500 megawatts. The capacity auction was a wake-up call to the market and regulators. PJM's growing reliability problem is a top FERC concern. Last month, the FERC issued a

[00:23:07] 120-page order requiring PJM to make fundamental changes to its electric tariffs because of data centers. Major problems have been confirmed by data center consultants. Cushman and Wakefield stated last August and I quote, power constraints remain a critical challenge. Across many markets in the Americas, utility power queues are swelling. Delivery timelines are lengthening.

[00:23:40] And interconnection requests are rising. Cushman and Wakefield doesn't need to be grabbed and told what to think. Its assessment is spot on. I'm not alone. The grid is not providing. PJM is in crisis mode increasingly unplanned and unreliable. This board cannot ignore data center electricity issues in Virginia, Dominion Service Territory, and Hanover County. Thank you. I provided 10 copies of my prepared remarks to the clerk and for distribution. Thank you very much. Thank you for

[00:24:20] your comments, sir. Next, Mr. Don Ward, please approach. State your name to the record of the district in which you live. You will have up to five minutes. Good afternoon. Thank you, supervisors, I appreciate the opportunity to stand in front of you. On a personal note, before I get on into my prepared remarks, I'd like to personally thank Sean Davis for being my representative, my wife and I. Sean and I

have known each other for a number of years, and while we don't agree on everything, we do agree on a lot of things. Sean has always been open to receive conversations

[00:24:56] from me, and Sean, that is a valued commodity in this day's world to be open and to be able to discuss. Thank you. My name is Don Ward. My wife is Beth. She's with me tonight. My wife grew up in Hanover, and I've lived in Hanover since 1977 when I bought my first home in the Cold Harbor area.

[00:25:20] We currently live in the Henry District in the Locust Green subdivision at 4380 Locust Green Lane with 10 other families. We have two kids, Ashley, who's the principal of King William High school, and Ben, who's currently looking for work and a volunteer in scouts locally and a volunteer with the local sheriff's department. Our two kids attended Hanover County Schools, and both are successful as adults, and they're on their own. My wife and I, since we retired, volunteer our time

[00:25:53] with MSF, Meals on Wheels, Hanover Cert as a unit leader, Motorist Assist volunteer with the Hanover County Sheriff, in scouts, in several community organizations such as the Rotary and in Ruiton. Currently, I also serve as chair of the Hanover Social Services Advisory Board. My wife and I keep ourselves busy, and our roots do run deep in Hanover. We believe that we are fully vested in both the past of Hanover and in its future. But there's another perspective. Not long ago,

[00:26:30] we received our real estate assessment notice from the county. Once again, Hanover is providing us the opportunity to see the value of our real estate. This time it grew by about 12% over last year. That's great. Land rich and money poor seems to be a way of life for us retired folks.

[00:26:53] Since 2018, the assessments on our property at Locust Green have seen an average increase of 25% in assessments. That's since 2018. The largest single increase came this year when that assessment over 2018 assessment increased 65%. I'm betting every resident probably has similar data. I know that we have always talked about keeping the real estate tax rate at 81 cents

[00:27:28] per 100 of assessed value. Here's another perspective. The last year, Hanover County sent a legal notice to all citizens. In it was a proposal to adjust real estate property taxes. The total assessed value of real property in Hanover exceeded the previous year by 6.3%. This then, by statute, necessitated a lowered rate to offset the increased assessments.

[00:27:54] That lowered tax rate was advertised that it was going to be 77 cents per 100. That would have given property owners a reduction of 4 cents. The Hanover County budget last year was stated to increase by 13.2 percent.

[00:28:10] These are numbers from Hanover County. To provide for that budget increase, that same legal notice advertising a reduced rate came out and proposed to increase the real estate tax rate to 81 cents per 100 back up four cents more that would in the words used then that would be in the words used then the effective tax increase and it effectively raised the real estate tax by 5.2 percent this board approved that real estate

[00:28:44] tax increase and that then again was an effective tax rate increase that taxes have been increasing and yet we've not seen much improvement in the services that we've received. For example, my wife and I in our subdivision still do not have high-speed broadband access.

[00:29:06] Many years ago, Sean and I have talked. We talked about the need for communication services. Most recently, my address was overlooked twice, even though I and my neighbors registered our address

on the site provided for planning purposes.

[00:29:23] By the way, I definitely appreciate having Rook Rogers involved in the process now. My subdivision has now been included in the BEAD funding, and since that was only recently approved and no implementation planning has come to my knowledge as yet, I still wonder when I'll be able to receive online medical services, stream video, have security cameras, monitor home appliances, turn on and off lighting, and control heating and AC with my cell phone at my home.

[00:29:49] Thirty seconds remaining, Mr. Ward. I do like surprises, so prove me wrong. Will the taxes collected from the proposed data centers lower real estate taxes? I wonder. Again, Hanover County services, from my perspective, have improved marginally.

[00:30:07] We do have paid parking lots in the county parks and lights on pickleball courts, and that's good, just not for the greater good. I encourage more diverse events in the county parks, targeting young, single, and married adults as well as our seniors. Clean up and improve the two dog parks and no more vape shops and car washes.

[00:30:25] Improve and increase the number of walking and bike trails. Mr. Ward, you're over time. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I appreciate it. luck in your coming deliberations god bless our county our commonwealth and the united states thank you all thank you for your comments sir next mr chairman mr davis mr ward if you hadn't finished your comments and you have further comments you can email them you can call me or you leave a copy but i'd like to hear the rest of your comments thank you sir thank you mr chairman okay moving on with citizens time is there anyone else who would like to address the board

[00:30:59] you'll be next after please approach ma'am please state your name the district in which you live you have up to five minutes hi i'm holly makey of the south ana district i live about a mile as the crow flies from hunting hawk i'm speaking you to speaking to you today about the proposed hunting hawk technology park i urge you to deny the requested change to our comprehensive plan deny the zoning request changes and deny the exemptions to our ordinances hunting hawk is located at the mouth of the chickahominy river the very beginning of this chesapeake bay watershed

[00:31:37] river. It is imperative that it is protected from industrial development that could threaten the river and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. Hanover County is a great county. It has everything for the people that live here. Data centers bring nothing to our county, only empty promises of what could be and might be as evidenced in this mailer that was sent to my home. \$8 million over 10 years that's around 72 dollars per person in this county i don't think it's worth it you've

[00:32:17] done so much to make this county great and protected our resources both natural and financial please continue to show the citizens of hanover that you will protect them from the inherent harm that data centers will cause to our county for years to come the danger to our natural wildlife constant 24 7 noise and the construction traffic that is just like our neighbors in rockville goochlin are dealing with right now we are a strong county because of your guidance without any operating data centers we are a thriving county because of you without any operating

[00:32:53] data centers please continue to protect our county from empty promises of the data centers and the harm that will surely follow to our great county the land is only ruled once before it is changed forever thank you thank you for your comments next please state your name the district in which you live

you have up to five minutes my name is jeff gilliam from chickahominy district afternoon as chairman members firstly if i take a couple of moments i want to thank the board

[00:33:28] for what i believe is good fiscal stewardship of the resources that are provided to you like everybody else i say ouch and oh my goodness no less loudly when the bills come due but i have lived a lot of other places been in this county since 2012 and i think that we receive value for our tax dollars not saying they couldn't be less but i do believe they are spent with the good intentions and spent well and i certainly think that our sheriff's department our emergency services

[00:34:03] and the county staff do a really good job i've appearing for you this afternoon to ask the board to reaffirm a resolution which was passed in december of 2019 as we speak legislation is being introduced into the general assembly which will severely impact the gun ownership rights of law abiding citizens many of whom are veterans many of whom have taken an oath to support and defend

[00:34:36] and uphold i think it is imperative while i realize the board has no legislative jurisdiction here to send a message to richmond and to our elected officials that we believe in our second amendment rights and that they should be protected the second defends the first there's absolutely no question about that so i urge the board to again or reaffirm that decision or that uh

[00:35:11] resolution rather that was passed in december of 2019. i also would like the board to take note as all of my federal fellow citizens that april 19th 1775 was about gun control lexington and concord and that is what set us on the path that we are on right now i thank you for your service and everything that you do for the county thank you for your comments sir next kristin stevens

[00:35:48] please approach state your name for the record district in which you live you have up to five minutes kristin stevens mechanicsville good afternoon unlike many here today i am not here to speak about the proposed data center in fact build them because i'd much prefer to have a data center in hanover county than an ice detention facility yesterday i stumbled upon a spreadsheet that was posted to social media it was part of the dhs ice data breach that was exposed online

[00:36:27] and is continuing to be exposed today much to my dismay there's a property listing in ashland at 11525 lakeridge parkway it is available for lease it's located next to green top shooting range down the road from Bass Pro. This property is available for lease via CBRE Global Real Estate Services. It was toured by a DHS agent yesterday, and this info has been confirmed. The spreadsheet data lists that the space is being able to house up to 1,500 beds. It's listed within the ice as connected to the ice processing site operating out of Stafford, Virginia. Anyone who lives here knows

[00:37:07] enough Stafford to Ashland so quick drop down 95 and we're at this facility mile off 95. While I recognize Hanover is an attractive county to house a nice facility I promise it will not be welcomed here. We may have been nicknamed Clanover but I will not stand by as a resident and allow the atrocities that we are watching happen in Minneapolis and other parts of this country happen in my county and in my community. I have never felt less safe in my community than I do now

[00:37:42] knowing that our rogue federal government eyes hand over as a safe space to do business. And I don't expect many of you up there to understand, especially not the men, because guess what? When I come to these meetings, I don't feel safe. I know we have sheriff deputies in here.

[00:37:59] I park along the side under a light right next to the sheriff's office. I know many people in this community don't like me because I speak out. I protect my children. I don't hide them. I don't hide my

opinions. And I'm not going to conform to what this county is historically known for.

[00:38:23] So I hope that you guys are willing to actually take this up and look into it and not welcome this into our community. Because not only is it technically in Hanover, it borders Henrico, and I can promise you Henrico is not going to welcome it.

[00:38:41] It's not far from there. They have residences just down Lake Ridge. They're not going to welcome it. Stafford, people in Stafford already know that this is being looked at. I thought I was, like, unique in finding this. I've heard by more people today. This information is getting around.

[00:38:58] And additionally, just so we're clear, Hanover is a 60-40 Republican-Democrat county. It'd be really nice to see Ms. Pritchard appointed to vice chair or chair at some point so that there is representation in a higher seated position. Thank you.

[00:39:15] Well, thank you for your comments. Anyone else? Please approach. State your name and the district in which you live. You will have up to five minutes. Good afternoon. My name is Patricia Hunter-Jordan, and I am in your district, the Coal Harbor District, and we'd like to thank you for your service for the last year.

[00:39:37] I'm here, and most of the people here have basically said what I wanted to say. Number one, I personally am not in favor of where we are planning to place data centers in Hanover County.

[00:39:57] The one currently that we're looking at, there's only about 2,000, less than 3,000 feet between it and Hickory Hill Cemetery. So you want to place a data center right next to our ancestral burial ground.

[00:40:19] So we oppose that. Number two, again, the assessments we need to look at. This county has five or so schools that have below-poverty enrollment, and we keep on saying we're going to increase in assessments.

[00:40:39] So if we have so many rich people that can afford this in Hanover County, why are so many of our schools having enrollment of kids who are below the poverty line? So we need to look at that. We need to understand that correlation. And lastly, Kristen took what I was mainly going to say to you. We're about to celebrate Dr. King's birthday. And Dr. King was all about equality and doing what is right.

[00:41:16] We wonder why our children aren't doing what's right, while this board for years has denied Ms. Pritchett the opportunity to serve as the chair, simply because she is a Democrat.

[00:41:38] She is the second largest, longest serving person on this board. No reason for you not to appoint her. If common sense tells you even a vote, you outvote her.

[00:41:56] So why can't she serve as chair of this board? If we want to set a good example for our kids of fairness, of doing the right thing, then she should be provided that opportunity to serve as the chair of this board.

[00:42:19] I hope you will consider that. I know plans probably have already been made. You probably already went through your Republican rotation of who can be chair. But Democrats live in Hanover County, and we deserve to be represented as well.

[00:42:41] Thank you for the opportunity. Thank you for your comments. Anyone else? Please approach. State your name, the district in which you live. You will have up to five minutes. My name is Donnie Freeman.

[00:42:58] I live in Montpelier. I'll be 70 years old in April. I'm a veteran, and I've lived in Hanover County for 39 years. I live off of 715 down a gravel road with a gravel drive. This past tax assessment, my taxes went up 16.8%.

[00:43:17] I called around to other counties. I'd researched it, and based on what you assess my house at, it's in the ballpark. It's in the ballpark. But my problem is being a senior and the relief that you give your seniors.

[00:43:37] Right now, you got us at \$60,000 and \$400,000 of net value. Between my wife and myself, our annual income is \$44,000. The way I look at it, based on what you and on my vehicles, y'all quit using the Kelley Blue Book and you went to the J.D. Powers assessment, which added another \$400 to my assessment of my vehicles.

[00:44:05] Between paying my personal property and paying my taxes, it cost me \$316 to park my vehicles in my driveway at my house. And I disagree with that. I contacted Henrico, I had a sister-in-law that lives in Henrico County.

[00:44:23] There are qualifications, you can have an annual income of \$75,000 and a net income of \$500,000. That net income, that net income is not a true figure because it's not actual cash that you can put your hands on.

[00:44:40] If you got a 401 and you got an annuity, it might be worth \$300,000. But if you go to get it, you're going to pay 20%. So it's going to be 20% less or whatever you assume that we're netted in. And I disagree with that.

[00:44:57] I think you need to raise what seniors are allowed to have. That's basically all I've got to say. Thank you. Thank you for your comments. Is there anyone else who would like to address the board during citizen's time?

[00:45:17] Seeing none, citizen's time is now closed. Next on the agenda, annual reorganization session. This is where we will begin. this is where we will do our annual reorganization session election of our chairperson for the 2026 Board of Supervisors year beginning today. We'll now open the floor for nominations. Do we have nominations for election of a new chairman? Mr. Chair. Mr. Hudson. Yes, sir. I'd like to recommend Supervisor Sean Davis from the Historic Henry District to serve as chair for calendar year

[00:45:56] 2026 for the hanover county board of supervisors okay mr davis has been nominated any other nominations mr chair i move to close nominations nominations are now closed we will now call for the vote to elect mr davis as our next chair all in favor please indicate by saying aye aye mr davis congratulations sir thank you mr chairman mr chairman the next item on the agenda is election of vice chair chair will open up nominations is there a nomination for the election of vice chair. Mr. Chair, I'm very aware of the comments that were made here today and I'm

[00:46:35] grateful for the support but I think we know at this juncture that's not going to happen and because of that I certainly don't want to make this about me. I think it is time for Mr. Stoneman to take his place as vice chair and to have that experience and I have full faith that he will do that with all of the good consciousness that we expect from him. So I nominate Jeff Stoneman.

[00:46:58] Mr. Stoneman's been nominated. Any further nominations? Move to close nominations, sir. Thank you, ma'am. Nominations are closed. All those in favor of Mr. Stoneman, please indicate by saying aye. Aye. Very well. Congratulations, Mr. Stoneman. Mr. Herzberg, will you join me down on the floor, please?

[00:47:16] Thank you.

[00:48:26] And I think it's not a kind of energy deficit, but it's a personal job.

[00:48:44] Funnily, it's a cool life here. There are little things that happen. Well, the money's there, and so it's going to happen. And all of a sudden, you run into a right-of-way.

[00:49:00] And I'm here to tell you, Mr. Herbert has gone out in the neighborhood and negotiated with citizens on right-of-way, with the Internet company right there by his side. He's literally saying, hey, this is what you used to do in order to run the Internet.

[00:49:16] You've been there day and night.

[00:49:45] Just so you're good, Mr. Herbert is not opposed to calling. He's by his chair, but I'm going to tell you that. It does not bother him. It certainly didn't bother me. He'd get up early in the morning. But if I went through all the things that I've seen you do with the individual districts, So I just want to congratulate you, Mark, for you.

[00:50:04] We appreciate you and yourself. Firstly, I want to thank you. Thank you very much. It's been a pleasure serving with you. We had a lot of great conversations.

[00:50:19] We agreed on 98%. The truth is we didn't. Something really, really, really simple. Both understood and both worked it out. It was great to work with you.

[00:50:40] A little note. Priority to Mr. Edwards, since you've been elected. And so you didn't know this was coming, but I know a few phone calls, talk to the sheriff, the fire chief, there's Reckie Buchanan, y'all would come on down, the sheriff, once the other sheriff would come, that would be fine to see, the chief Anderson, Reckie Buchanan,

[00:51:20] Colonel Hines, Colonel Woods here, we'd love to have him in the sheriff.

[00:51:29] I want to start by thanking the citizens of Hanover County for allowing me to be in service.

[00:56:00] To them, it is my goal to continue to respond and to deliver on the expectations and demands that the citizens rightfully have for their elected leadership. To my fellow board members, I'm also at your service. Should there be anything that you need at any time, know that I'm ready, I'm willing, and I'm able to help where you see fit.

[00:56:24] And I just ask that you would reach out to me at any time that you feel that I can be of service, and certainly I will respond. To the employees of Hanover County, I've always said that we serve a joint constituency. I do not believe it's a senior-subordinate relationship. While we have different roles as board members, we do serve the same people, and I believe that that joint constituency and that joint service is very important.

[00:56:49] We have some of the finest employees of any locality in the nation, and your continued support of serving our citizens is going to be needed, required, and you have delivered in the past and I know that you will deliver in the future but I just want to thank you for that continued service. You really are what

makes Hanover special. I ask that the committee chairs schedule within the next 30 days an opportunity to convene an inaugural meeting of all of your committees by February 13th. I thank all of the committee chairs for their service and ask that the county administration be available to those committee chairs as we do

[00:57:27] start to schedule these inaugural meetings we will have a very busy year and it's time to get to work so again i thank you the next item on the agenda is the annual reorganization session adoption of proposed board of supervisors meeting scheduled january 2026 through december 2026 all board members have had an opportunity to review that if they haven't please say so now is there a motion to adopt motion to adopt we have a motion is there a second second motion in a second any discussion all those in favor please indicate by saying aye aye any opposed motion carries the adoption of the additional holidays all board members have an opportunity to review the stated holidays to

[00:58:07] be authorized by the board should it be an affirmative vote any board members not have an opportunity to review is there a motion to approve so moved mr. chair i have a motion is there a second second so motion a second any discussion all those in favor please indicate by saying aye aye motion carries next item on the agenda is the appointment of board members to committees all board members had an opportunity to review the committee assignments any changes additions deletions or corrections is there a motion to approve motion to approve so we have a motion is there a second we have a motion the second any discussion all those in favor please indicate by saying aye aye motion passes and finally the consideration and readoption of

[00:58:47] board of supervisors standing rules and procedures all board members had an opportunity to review those standing rules and procedures any corrections

[00:58:54] deletions or additions. Is there a motion? So moved. We have a motion by Ms. Pritchard. Is there a second? Second. Second by Mr. Hudson. Any discussion? All those in favor, please indicate by saying aye. Aye. Aye. For the record, that motion passes. Consent agenda. Have all board members had an opportunity to review the consent agenda? Is there any changes to be made to the consent agenda? Is there a motion to approve? So moved. We have a motion by Ms. Pritchard. Is there a second? Second. Second by Mr. Hudson. Any discussion? All those in favor, please indicate by saying aye. Aye. Motion passes.

[00:59:28] agenda item number seven is a presentation by the american legion enforcement for the law enforcement officer of the year and firefighter and emt of the year commander kevin glather american legion post 90 is with us as well as the vice commander jim sisk from american legion post 90 gentlemen please thank you for being with us good afternoon supervisors i do appreciate the terms of service used today so all the rest of the government services as well as those in the audience today we appreciate you my name is kevin

[01:00:02] here to recognize some of the individuals here uh and their uh service uh and excellence this past year um i want to make sure i don't forget anything i wrote a couple things down this year sean just so we didn't miss it so um again thank you again uh from america just post 90 for having us to honor and celebrate the excellence of the individuals in both the hanover county sheriff's office and the office of the fire chief i'd like to recognize first of all uh today jim sisk You mentioned his name. He's the individual at the Post who actually makes this happen.

[01:00:37] He is the committee chair for our National Security Committee and works in what you call the public safety realm for us to recognize our county servants. So thank you, Jim, for doing that. And the

folks that are in the back scenes here to help the chief and the sheriff get the candidates up here.

[01:00:56] Are you aware that in Hanover County, we are the only one of our kind in Virginia? There are no other counties in the state of Virginia that have more than one post, American Legion post, and Hanover County has three. So on behalf of also not just Post 90, but Post 175 in Mechanicsville and Post 206 in Ashland, we do again want to extend their congratulations to the awardees today.

[01:01:25] They were not able to make it. In addition to that, our district commander, Warren Rice, was not able to make it today. He is a member of Post 175, but he also wanted to make sure that he extended his congratulations to the awardees today in his absence. Again, lastly, I'd like to thank Chief Anderson and Sheriff Hines for allowing this opportunity.

[01:01:49] And I'm just going to take one side note here quickly. I'm aware also, Mr. Badesky, of the sheriff's past. We appreciate that information coming out. The one thing I'm very confident about is that the sheriff's office will be left in good hands because I have inside ball from the sheriff himself that there's a Marine taking that position.

[01:02:07] So, yeah, we appreciate having that many Marines running around here, even though Jim may disagree. All right, today we're going to go ahead and award the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, the Firefighter of the Year, and the Emergency Medical Technician of the Year.

[01:02:24] I'd like to ask that Sheriff Hines comes forth, and we'll go ahead and take care of the sheriff's office first.

[01:02:58] Law Enforcement Officer of the Year awarded to Investigator Jamie Baines in recognition of your commitment, dedication, and service to the citizens of western Hanover County, Forgotten Country, on behalf of American Legion Post 90 in Beaverdam, January 2026.

[01:03:21] I just want to thank the American Legion. I also want to thank Jamie. Jamie, step up here just for a second. Not only is Jamie an outstanding investigator, you know, Jamie gave 20, 25, 27, 27 years to the city of Richmond.

[01:03:44] And I saw a post the other day where I think it was you under alias said that when he first met the sheriff, he was sitting in there waiting to do his interview and he was in the lobby. And I walked out and had a cup of coffee and sat down, talked to him for a while, turned round when the background investigator walked out I told the background investigator good boy anyway Jamie came with us with a lot of experience but I want Jamie if you don't mind I know kind of putting you on the spot this is something else that Jamie has done on his own with some other people and I'd

[01:04:22] like for you to explain what you're doing sure yeah one of my jobs within the sheriff's office is to handle the unclaimed remains um in hanover county and surrounding jurisdictions and working with sandra moore at the cemetery veteran cemetery out in amelia we found out that veterans if they fill out a certain amount of paperwork or get a full burial benefit and what that entails is is they go out there we take the cramies out there whatever branch of service they're in, they send representatives, they will do taps, they'll do a full flag

[01:05:01] ceremony, and they get buried within the cemetery itself. This past June, we were able to find 11 unclaimed veterans, and between us, all the local jurisdictions, local fire departments, we had a procession from the funeral home, Bennett's funeral home, out to the cemetery and along the way fire

trucks would stop at overpasses hang flags salute and there was a member of every branch of the service there each unclaimed remain each soldier sailor

[01:05:37] marine got their own flag their own service and their own plan taps so i'm honored to be able to do that we're going to keep on doing it um until we get all the unclaimed veterans buried

[01:05:51] thank you yes sir thank you all right thank you sheriff hines i'd invite chief anderson to come

[01:06:44] forward please and and his uh awardees as well fighter fighter of the year award awarded to christopher a garrett in recognition of your commitment dedication and service to the citizens of western hanover county forgotten country on behalf of american legion beaver dam post 90

[01:07:18] january 2026 commander uh just provide a brief highlight in some of the accomplishments of of Austin that we prefer him to. Austin is currently assigned to station six in the Henry

[01:07:54] district. His professionalism, his leadership, and his dedication is really what earned him this award today. As a senior firefighter, he often steps into some of the leadership roles when other supervision is needed, such as a lieutenant is off, as a mentor, as a guider, bringing the next folks and the next generation up into the ranks. He's also deeply committed to others. As I mentioned, he mentors others on a frequent and regular basis. He recently participated in our Officers Academy, which continues to further reflect his commitment and leadership and growth. For this,

[01:08:32] all of this leadership ability is what earned him the Firefighter of the Year award. So thank you

[01:08:37] very much. Emergency Medical Technician of the Year awarded to Douglas H. Jones in recognition

[01:09:23] of your commitment, dedication, and service to the citizens of Western Hanover County for God country on behalf of American Legion Beaver Dam Post 90 January 2026. This one this one's unique although there's somebody that looks a little bit older than the next. Doug is actually one of my mentors when I first came into the organization nearly 30 years ago this coming November. So believe it or not he was at station six as a volunteer and and helped me achieve to where I'm

[01:10:02] at today. So this one is pretty special from that standpoint. Doug exemplifies the excellence in emergency medical services through his leadership, his clinical expertise, and his commitment to developing others. As a field training officer for paramedics and EMTs, he plays a critical role in preparing our providers to deliver that confident and elite service that we do for our community.

[01:10:24] As a senior member of a shift, Doug frequently assumes leadership responsibilities and serving as a trusted resource for both clinical decision making and accountability as well as professionalism across the board. For this accomplishment and for what he does on a day-to-day basis and throughout

[01:10:41] his entire career is what has earned Doug the EMS Provider of the Year Award. Let it never be said

[01:11:33] that everyone gets a chance to excel over there at Post 90. Again, the supervisors, ladies and gentlemen, appreciate today. Chairman Davis, thanks again for the opportunity. Appreciate y'all and what you do for us. Thank you. Thank you, Commander. Very grateful for the American Legion recognizing uh these folks in our community who serve so well so honorably so thank you for that ladies and gentlemen we've been made aware that there is uh some technical issues uh as it relates to uh some streaming maybe

some audio vid uh so we're going to have to take a five minute recess uh that's a fluid five minutes but we don't think that it'll take any longer than that

[01:12:09] the time is 308 so we are going to recess for at least five minutes thank you the time is 318

[01:21:45] and the board is back in session uh as some things developed we did have some technical difficulties and that's why we waited on this but i do want to provide an update to the citizenry um so last night hanover county became aware of a document without knowing the origination of the document that was shared by a resident with a board member here on the board of supervisors that references a warehouse address in the county as a possible site being considered by the u.s Department of Homeland Security. Since becoming aware of the information as we received it and as

[01:22:20] is customary in working with our law enforcement partners, both local, state, and federal, Hanover has always had a strong partnership with all law enforcement agencies. County staff made a number of attempts to confirm the document's accuracy and to learn more about this situation because we had not uh had direct contact with the department of homeland security and again this document was provided to a board member the board member responded contacted county staff and so those efforts did not produce any additional details uh no one at this time no one from dhs or any

[01:22:58] federal agency has contacted hanover regarding the use of any facility in the county again private facility, not a public facility, and the county will continue to seek clarification where appropriate and will share any verified information with the community if it becomes available. I have spoken to Colonel Hines. Colonel Hines has a very strong relationship with many law enforcement partners and that is to include, as has been in years past, a strong relationship with our federal law enforcement partners. So we just wanted to provide some accurate information.

[01:23:35] With that, Dr. Pando is with us, and we're so glad to have here the president of J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College to provide an annual update. Doc, we're so glad to see you. Happy New Year. Or should be saying Happy New Year.

[01:23:54] So we've landed on January 15th, if it's the first time you're seeing someone. Good afternoon, everyone. Congratulations, Mr. Chairman, and congratulations and thanks to the outgoing chair and to all of you, and thank you for your support of Reynolds.

[01:24:10] I am here today to share with you, I think, some really extraordinary news about where our college is going, the significant investments that are being made in Reynolds Community College, and those investments really being about our preparation meeting opportunity.

[01:24:27] Last year, one of my favorite books that I read was from my culinary muse, "I in a Garden," and it's called "Be Ready for When the Luck Happens," but it's preparation meeting the opportunity and it's not just luck. I want to begin by thanking and recognizing Owen Matthews, who serves as our college board chair, and he is in the audience behind me, as well as Anne McDougall, who serves on our college board, who could not be here today.

[01:24:52] But as I say every year, for the whopping salary of \$0, they work tirelessly to not only advocate on behalf of the college, but also representing the needs of the counties and communities they serve. We have spent a lot of time enhancing the learning environments, not just for our students, but for our faculty to ensure that they're teaching in 21st century learning environments, enhancing our healthcare programs, our skilled trade programs.

[01:25:23] Our students are learning in top-notch facilities. In the fall, we actually moved our horticulture program into the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. So you might imagine what kind of laboratory space our students have access to now by having our campus partner with Lewis Ginter to be the home of our horticulture program.

[01:25:46] Again, I talk about this last academic year really being about planning, prioritization, and disciplined execution, which means saying yes to some things and saying no to a lot of things, including some things we love to do. But if we look at our data and if we look at the outcomes, as much as we loved doing some things, they do not have the outputs.

[01:26:10] And when you have limited, precious resources, they must be prioritized in the highest impact places. So we've leaned in very, very heavily into our health care programming. It is where we have the highest demand to date at our college.

[01:26:26] In the first time of our college's history, we have almost as many people, qualified students, waiting to get into our health care programs as we are allowed to admit them. These are people who have passed their general educations, any kind of entrance exams, and our health care programs are booming.

[01:26:46] We have partnered with Virginia State University to be the first two years of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program that they will be offering. We have partnered with Bon Secours, where they are paying their current employees' tuition to upskill and credential their workers to have higher-level, higher-paying jobs within their institution.

[01:27:08] We have a simulation ambulance, so all of our paramedic and EMS students are in an ambulance rocking and rolling with smells and a stone was hit, you're moving and so forth and having to do the work in the simulation environment.

[01:27:27] And VCU continues to be an outstanding partner in virtually everything that we do, including clinical placements and the sharing of nursing faculty. We also aligned with our evergreen transfer mission, transfer part of our mission, developed a one-of-a-kind dual admission program.

[01:27:49] This is not your typical transfer program. this is a dual admission program, meaning a student registers and becomes a VCU student and a Reynolds student at the same time. And during significant milestones in a student's career while still at Reynolds, they get a VCU ID. They're able to start attending cultural events and student life making it real. Perhaps the most important thing, and this doesn't, it's a highfalutin word, not the sexiest part of that partnership, but perhaps the most meaningful is the respecting

[01:28:24] of the catalog year. So in a typical transfer partnership, a student would come to Reynolds, they would graduate, let's say they started in 2023, they've graduated in 2025, now they transfer to James Madison University, and they have been following the curriculum aligned with James Madison. However, when James Madison, and I'm picking them out of the blue, it's not picking on them, when they arrive at James Madison, they may say, well, we changed the catalog in 2024,

[01:28:56] so now you have to take those classes, and students incur cost, time, frustration. By respecting the catalog year, if they start at Reynolds in 20, if they started in 2022, graduated in 2024, they're at VCU. It is the 2022 catalog year. So even if the university has made some curricular changes along the way, the student does not have to retake courses because it's the catalog year upon which the student registered with us as a duly admitted student that is the catalog year

[01:29:35] that is recognized for a student's graduation. Again, doesn't sound like much. That's actually the heaviest lifting in these kinds of partnerships to ensure that all learning counts and that they're not paying for additional classes because somewhere along the line a curricular change was made and that was launched.

[01:29:53] First impression, as you know, we have a lot of high-need students who are going out on interviews for internships, for jobs, and so forth. And we have opened, we don't call it a clothing closet, we call it a professional boutique first impression and our students have access to gently used beautiful professional clothing so that they can go out whether they're interviewing to get into a university a job an internship feeling confident that they are appropriate appropriately dressed and we just opened that this fall we continue to invest in our workforce as you know finding new talent is harder

[01:30:31] than it is to develop existing talent and so we have through our unlocking potential program, really invested in our workforce to help position them for advancement opportunities within our organization. And some of the folks that you're seeing on that screen are nationally recognized folks who are speaking to our college community about how to build a career, building a career with authenticity.

[01:30:56] The gentleman on my left, on your left, David Boehm is the Senior Vice President of the American Association of Community Colleges for Government Relations, talking about the federal and local political landscape in higher education that's changing. All of those things are really important for our workforce to understand so they can grow as professionals. Last year, we shared with you, we began our surgical technician program. It was accredited in May, not just we passed the test, but with highest commendations from the accreditors. And this December, we graduated our first cohort

[01:31:31] of surgical technicians. And I will tell you, friends, that we are hearing from our hospitals that we cannot produce enough surgical technicians to meet the needs. And so we are aggressively pursuing funding to ensure that we can double and triple capacity in some of our highest demand programs so that our hospitals and our employer partners could have the talent that they need, which then actually impacts the health of the communities that the hospitals serve.

[01:32:02] As you know, Central Virginia has become a hub for the pharmaceutical manufacturing life sciences biotechnology region. I'm proud to share with you that Reynolds Community College was front and center in that conversation. In fact, our chief workforce officer was actually on the plane with the governor to Indianapolis to make the case that the community colleges in Virginia, specifically Reynolds Community College, can help deliver the talent that Eli Lilly, that made the announcement, the \$5 billion facility in neighboring Goochland County.

[01:32:37] And so we're really proud that we are part of that story. So it's not just about the tax incentives and it's not about all of the ways that we're going to play nicely together, but proving the ability to produce the talent that this growing industry will need.

[01:32:53] And as you know, Eli Lilly may be here in Goochland County, but we also have Merck and AstraZeneca just neighboring counties away. So it is a growing region, and we're very proud to have played a part in landing Eli Lilly in our service region.

[01:33:10] Because of these kinds of successes, we have had a banner year in terms of private philanthropic dollars as well as federal dollars. Our private philanthropy grew 150% from fiscal 24, raised more than \$3 million privately.

[01:33:31] If you look at our public grants, and again, these are metrics, associated outcomes, et cetera, more than \$11 million awarded, making it the largest fundraising year in the history of our college. Again, this is about preparation, meeting that opportunity.

[01:33:47] When a funder says, we have some dollars, we've got projects. We've got them ready. They're baked. We can tell you what the outcomes are from your investment. We've got all of our metrics. We can tell you to the dollar what that investment would produce, which leads us since then.

[01:34:04] So that was last year, 24-25 academic year. Since then, the college recently learned we were awarded one of the most competitive federal grants through the Department of Education. That is the FIPSI grant, the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education, all, again, in the expansion of our health care workforce in short-term programs, clinical medical assistant and certified nursing assistant.

[01:34:29] I will tell you this is one of the most competitive grants, and what made it even that more demanding this year is typically these grants open up in the spring, and colleges are informed around December whether or not they were the recipients of this grant. This opportunity was not opened up until one week before Thanksgiving.

[01:34:50] One week before Thanksgiving. But again, we were prepared. We've got 12 projects that we can take our grants team. And we have the metrics. We've got the numbers. We've got the square footage, all of the needs. And so we were able to make a very compelling case and be one of the very few community colleges across the country who received a PIPSI grant.

[01:35:11] We also received a historic high, our largest private philanthropic donation from a foundation, which we are not yet at liberty, to share who they are. But it is by far, by five times, the largest gift in the college's history. Again, this is about investment, knowing where the outcomes we are delivering on, what we are expected to do. It's not smoke and mirrors. We said we were going to produce 200. We produced

[01:35:44] 230. We said we were going to hit X metric. We exceeded that metric by 10%, and that invites investment. We were also selected as only one of 55 community colleges across the country by the Aspen Institute to join the Unlocking Opportunity Network. Unlocking Opportunity works with community colleges across the country to ensure that the degrees, the programs, and the certifications that we are offering actually provide opportunities for living wages. And so examining a three-year

[01:36:19] engagement with the Aspen Institute to dig into our programs and understand where there is opportunity, those programs that may fall short of a living wage, what do we need to do to those programs to bring them up above the line? Is there a certification? Is there a certificate?

[01:36:39] it. Is there an experience that would then bring a particular program above the line? So if it's below the line, that doesn't necessarily mean we will be closing that program. It's examining and developing strategies to bring it up so that we can make sure that somebody who invests time and precious dollars to attend our college, that they are better off for having done that. And so we're really excited about that work and the Aspen Institute commented on the level of preparation at Reynolds Community College to do this work.

[01:37:10] So really proud of that. I wanted to share very quickly with you, our enrollment continues to grow steadily. We had an 8% increase in our enrollment in both headcount and FTE over last fall. So we continue to grow, which is great.

[01:37:26] I wanted to share this metric with you to see we have, as you know, very strong data capacity at Reynolds Community College. and we do all of our planning, starting with Data First. We set very rigorous and stretch goals for each one of the schools within our institution.

[01:37:42] And I would have you take a look at that 126% of goals, specifically in our School of Health Professions. The demand in school for health professions is skyrocketing. Dual enrollment, and we continue to not only meet and exceed those goals.

[01:37:59] So very strong performance across all of our schools. You might be interested in what's happening in Hanover County as it relates to Reynolds Community College. We have nearly 1,300 students from Hanover County enrolled this fall, 60% of those students are the first in their family to go to college, 37% of those students qualify and receive Pell Grants to be able to attend, and 27% of those students are above the age of 25.

[01:38:28] They used to call them non-traditional learners, but there's nothing non-traditional anymore about 25, 30, 40, 50 year olds coming to college. In addition, 83 students took programs through our non-credit short-term credentialing, so it could be everything from a certificate, an IT, a CNA, a CDL for truck driving and so forth, so we're seeing strong enrollment from Hanover County. Our advanced college Academy continues to grow, and Hanover County has a very strong representation. Currently,

[01:39:04] we have almost 100 students enrolled from two of the high schools, Mechanicsville and Patrick Henry. But if you look at, it looks like only two schools are enrolling. But we actually have, for example, Hanover High School buses students over to Patrick Henry High School to enroll in the Advanced College Academy, and the same with Attlee and Mechanicsville. So we're seeing enrollment from across the high schools, but they are located at Patrick Henry and Mechanicsville.

[01:39:35] So they continue to grow. To date, we have 327 students from Hanover County who have graduated from high school at the same time that they're graduating from college with an associate's degree. And an additional 385 students are enrolled in some dual enrollment. Not every student is going to finish a college education while in high school.

[01:39:57] But 385 students are taking 15, 30 college credits while they're in high school and being able to parlay that into significant savings for their families. But also sometimes it's just a lighter load. I don't have to take 15 credits this semester.

[01:40:12] I can take 12 because I have 30 college credits in my pocket. And this year, I will end here, and of course, with questions over 1.2 million dollars in scholarships and aid awarded to Hanover County residents this past academic year. So the students, the residents of Hanover County are being very well supported through private scholarships and financial aid and other kinds of awards that we're able to kind of fill in that gap where a student's ability to finance an education and what they're actually earning, where there's that gap.

[01:40:52] We want to make sure that money is never a reason why a student cannot finish their degree program. And so with that, I will end my presentation, and if you have any questions, I'm happy to answer them. Pardon me, Mrs. Pritchard.

[01:41:11] Hi, it's good to see you, Dr. Piero. I think I've probably said most of this before, but my career, which I'm now retired from, 30 years in higher education, and so when I began teaching what was then J. Sarge was where you went when you couldn't get into real college, and we love Dr. Rhodes and all the

things he did to move Reynolds forward, but your presence here has been explosive. That we now see it as having its own niche. It's not what you do when you can't go to college. It's what you do when you have very specific goals, it helps students who are work-oriented, it helps students who are

[01:41:51] not quite sure about a four-year degree. I could not be more impressed with what you've done, and I think this entire community owes you a debt of gratitude. Thank you so much. That's very kind. We have an exceptional team at the college. We really do. Thank you. Anything further? Mr. Hudson. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

[01:42:12] I also say it every year, I'm a proud graduate of the J. Sargent Reynolds community college school of nursing and i have to say my wife is a double vcu graduate and then she taught adjunct nursing at reynolds and she always felt that her students at reynolds were better prepared than her than her own peers and i know that she still believes that today and so it's sorry i had to step away from your presentation but i just am so proud of all that really our Virginia community college system does as a whole. And I do believe that it is

[01:42:50] probably the greatest thing that our state legislator created in the 20th century to actually deliver something for everyone, all the citizens of the Commonwealth. So thank you for coming every year for your presentation. And you never know, I might come back and go back to school one day. Always an invitation. And by the way, my license plates say Jay Sarge. Much to the chagrin of the communications team. Anything further? Dr. Pando, I echo many of those comments. It's a great asset here in Central Virginia. And of course, I remember one time I did go with Dr. Rhodes

[01:43:27] where I thought I was going to tour a facility. And so we toured all of them. And I was having to text and call and tell people that my afternoon was going to be. So he said, when he said tour jay sarge i thought we were going to be in parham and so we were and then we traveled um but the diversity in program offerings is really interesting um as that's developed instead of just saying hey i've got this program and you know whatever this is right the technical uh expertise that you've

[01:43:59] had with those who are teaching and providing particularly uh in the skill area of of our cte program that continues. It's really, it's huge, you know, and I know in years past, folks were talking about the, go to these different training facilities, these private training facilities, they would pay for these classes and they just didn't have the instructors that were up to par.

[01:44:21] Maybe they had their certifications, but the equipment was, you know, left off some truck and it was donated. And that's simply not the case. I mean, these are highly technical laboratories that your electricians, your HVAC folks, and certainly the medical field are working in. I've talked to many constituents about this, many family and friends at gatherings over the holidays.

[01:44:42] This is the route you're going to want to take, and you're going to want to take it quick. If you're in your latter junior year, your senior year, you need to get in there. You need to see those facilities. You know, I've been very open and welcoming, having folks come in and look, and having those family engagement opportunities with the decision-makers and families.

[01:45:00] So big fans here, no question about it, because the deliverables are there. So thank you for being with us. Thank you all so much for your continued support. Happy New Year. Thank you. Our next item, item number nine, is transportation update.

[01:45:16] We'll start with highway matters. Mr. Frazier is with us. VDOT, how are you? Thank you for being with us, sir. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, members of the board, staff.

[01:45:33] Phillip Frazier, resident engineer at the Ashland Residency, representing VDOT. I believe you have the maintenance report in your packet. I'm not going to go into details about the report, but feel free when I'm finished. If you have any maintenance concerns or any questions, I'd be happy to take them.

[01:45:49] I want to provide a couple updates on some VDOT investment program or grant opportunities that the county has recently pursued. The first one being TAP, which is the Transportation Alternatives Program.

[01:46:07] This is a program that the state administers that requires a 20% match from the locality, 80% from the state. And it's focused on alternative transportation projects, things like sidewalks, pedestrian related.

[01:46:24] So recently, within the last week, the scorecards were released and presented to the Commonwealth Transportation Board. And one of the projects that Hanover County applied for scored seventh in the state and second in Richmond District.

[01:46:42] So that is a very good scorecard. That was for the project at Attlee Road in Combs near 301 and Barnfield, that Kroger over on that side of town. That has not been fully approved yet.

[01:46:57] It will have to continue to be brought before the CTB and then adopted into the six-year improvement plan. But I just wanted to point out that county staff did a great job of developing that application, and it did score very well.

[01:47:13] So leading into that, I want to let you know that we are in the season of SmartScale. That is another grant program where localities across the state are able to apply for funding. So there is a training session being held for both VDOT and locality staff at the Richmond District Office tomorrow at our JSOC.

[01:47:38] I want to let you know that on March 2nd, the pre-application process will open up, and then on June 2nd, the full applications will open up. So again, I believe county staff is very familiar and comfortable with those programs and have been successful in the past at applying for projects.

[01:47:57] So good luck to Hanover County and your pursuit of any kind of capital improvement funding. With that, I also want to let you know that, give you an update on VDOT's resurfacing program. This is the time of year where we're starting to gear up for all of our resurfacing efforts.

[01:48:15] We have three different types of contracts that we typically put out. Plant mix, so that's your traditional asphalt resurfacing. It can be a mill, so removing that top layer of asphalt and replacing it with a new layer or just a common overlay, basically taking two inches of asphalt and putting it on top of the existing pavement.

[01:48:37] That's our plant mix program. We also have a slurry seal program. Well, let me skip that. We have a surface treatment program, and I believe many of you are familiar with surface treatment. That is the chip seal, the common phrase where you put that tar application and then follow it up with a stone treatment.

[01:48:55] Those are used typically on our secondary roads. And then finally the slurry seal contracts, which is very similar to surface treatment, but with an extra application of a slurry seal or similar to a driveway sealer on top of the chip seal. We commonly refer to it as a cape seal.

[01:49:17] So we've had some good success with that type of applications, specifically in subdivisions That do not historically meet the needs for for plant-mix asphalt So those are those are the three different contracts. I want to let you know that there's about seven point eight million dollars Investment that is going into our resurfacing program in Hanover County. Some of the big ticket items are Route 33 301 and 360 I have a list here that I will be happy to share with County staff

[01:49:53] so that it can be distributed to the board by the end of the week but it has a list of all of the different routes that are going to be included so with that I don't have anything else I have a couple maintenance items that I just want to follow up with the board on if give me a chance so Mr. Hudson we've had a ride along a while back there was a couple things that we talked about some brush clearing on 360 that is still ongoing we were we started a few weeks or maybe even a month ago and we had a tractor breakdown and so we're back out there this week there was a concrete

[01:50:31] ditch that you and I looked at or lacking of a ditch and so our staff was able to get our contractor out there and finish up that concrete ditch actually poured about about 40 feet worth of new ditch where the existing earthen ditch was failing so we've made we've made some strides along those lines. Mr. Stoneman, I have one for you. I know you and I have talked a little bit about Shiloh Church Road, and I know that there's some concerns with the rideability with Shiloh Church. I've been talking to the construction team. That contract is closed out.

[01:51:11] However, we have reached out to them and said, hey, there's some rideability issues. Would there be any kind of interest in coming back and maybe fixing some of those issues? And they were receptive to that, so we're continuing to partner and work with them to see if we can make that happen.

[01:51:29] It wouldn't be done early in the spring because, frankly, any time you put surface treatment on a road, you want to wait until it's a little warmer and you can get a good cure time with that application. So I would expect that we might be able to have that finalized before the summer.

[01:51:46] So with that, I have no further updates. I'd be happy to take any questions. Thank you, Mr. Frazier. Anything for us to start? ms pritchard um philip you know i'm the first one to complain when there's a problem so i want to also be the first one to say thank you um i think most of our board knows we've been really struggling with what to do with the route 1 vdot resurfacing and a particular business that was going to be heavily impacted and i want to say between you guys and todd and the town of ashland a perfect solution has been worked out they couldn't be happier i was in there the other day

[01:52:26] and they're very grateful for the way that everybody worked with them and i think it's just a really sometimes when we think about vdot we think of you as being very separate from what happens in our day-to-day world and i think this was a really good example of how we all worked as a community and made something really work so thank you i appreciate those kind words because it was a cooperative effort thank you yeah thank you um i appreciate you bringing up the atley and Atlee and Combs application for the pedestrian improvements, the people in Chickahominy District are really looking forward to that.

[01:53:05] When will we know if that's going to be awarded? So typically, the process finalizes July 1, the new fiscal year. But in June, the CTB will have a public hearing. Well, they have the public hearings. Sorry about that.

[01:53:22] Yeah, no, I won't. I learned previously at another board meeting, I never come without something to drink. My voice failed. So Typically in June is when they they finalize The selections, okay, so we should look forward to that in June. Okay. Well, we'll be hoping for that. Thank you Mr. Hudson. Thank you. Mr. Chair. Phillip. I think you were being a little modest with your updates I've noticed other things such a strain Avenue and things like that. I know I've texted you but I did want to go on the the record with you and

[01:53:57] Two things, maybe if you can make some notes or ping me back if I forget, is that I am continuing to receive calls from citizens in the Hanover Grove subdivision in regard to Spicewood. I know that you are familiar with the rub of the VDOT requirements for speeding, the thought process that if the local law enforcement gives you 10 miles over, then VDOT should as well.

[01:54:28] So, I've really been working on that since day one, and I have explained to the citizens, at least at the time, that we were told we could not get speed tables because of snow plowing. Apparently, we lack snow plow drivers that can read signs so that they would know to lift their blades, but I'll leave that to them.

[01:54:46] So I want to continue to advocate for that as well as back over in the Cold Harbor Road, Atlee Road, 360 business area. The Mechanicsville smokehouse owner has reached out to me with a couple of questions so that you and I can circle up on that.

[01:55:07] But overall, I am very grateful for your willingness to address items head on, many of which that have been neglected for years and you validating that fact. and getting, like you said, the 40 feet of new ditch along the 360 Business Corridor.

[01:55:24] So thank you for your work and look forward to continuing to work with you. Thank you, Mr. Hudson. Mr. Herzberg. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much for being here for your presentation, sir. I just wanted to bring one matter to your attention. I'm not asking for anything today.

[01:55:41] We've had, over the years, a lot of complaints from McClellan Road with trucks. And I thought all along there was a no-through-truck resolution there, because there's definitely a sign down at 156 and there's a sign up on 606 on the other end.

[01:55:57] But I think what we have discovered is some trucks coming out of New Kent. And they're coming out of New Kent and they're going into Hanover and then they're going up McClellan on that. And when they go up McClellan, they end up at 606 at your favorite intersection in eastern Hanover.

[01:56:14] So I just wanted to bring that matter to your attention. I know that's a long, a long route. What I wanted to bring primarily to your attention today is the difficulty of that intersection, which you're already aware of. And I believe when the intersection was studied, VDOT said, it's limited sight distance.

[01:56:34] That's why we'll be willing to do the work. And I think the work has been great. I go through there two, three, four times a week. I think it's great. But just imagine 18-wheel tractor and trailers going through there. So that's what I've asked Mr. Vaidunas to look at.

[01:56:52] Yes, sir. I will circle up with Joe Vidunas and we'll work on that and provide a response. Thank you very much, sir. Sir. Mr. Stoneman. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Well, Philip, I do appreciate our partnership, and I appreciate how responsive you are, especially in the Beaverdam area where folks are very concerned about the traffic or the road situation out there.

[01:57:15] And thanks for addressing the Shiloh Church issue. I just wanted to point out, I don't know if you can take a note of it today, but there's some more potholes that are forming on that section where they resurfaced it or did the full reclamation. And so I get hit at least once a week with somebody that lives on that road.

[01:57:34] And I was just wondering, is it possible that once we find out for sure if the contractor is going to come back and make some repairs, could you give me some kind of time frame on that when you have that information available so that I can respond to the citizens? So it's something I do get frequent questions on.

[01:57:53] absolutely i appreciate it thank you so much mr fraser thank you for being with us all right thank you our traffic engineer from the department of public works mr fadunas there's joe to buy dunas thank you sir good afternoon mr chairman members of the board pleasure to be here i have 18 projects that i want to run through rather quickly stop me if you have questions i'll do my best this project will create shelly lee drive essentially from a dirt path to a paved

[01:58:29] surface road with enough room for two cars to pass the contractor has begun work last month with some tree clearing next several weeks maybe it's already happened he will be removing the the logs and clearing the stumps much of the what it remains to be accomplished from here on out is going to be weather uh determinant so if we continue with some of this milder weather we expect to see more progress if things turn south so to speak maybe not so much but that said we're probably looking at having all the road work completed by

[01:59:07] early spring except for maybe the final paving which requires a surface temperature minimum of 40 degrees preferably higher and rising this project will convert the southbound shoulder section of 301 between Atlee and Atlee Station Road to continuous right turn lane. Unfortunately, as the contractor was about to begin, new utility handholds and conduit installation were observed within the project area. So we stopped things at the moment, have been coordinating with various

[01:59:44] utilities to determine if in fact there are conflicts. One provider in particular, Shintel, which was not initially identified within the project area, was found to be in conflict. They have since developed relocation plans and are in the process of scheduling this work, and it should be resolved in the next 90 days. VDOT awarded the first set of FDR roads to colony

[02:00:17] construction for \$3.6 million. FDR, also known as full depth reclamation and pavement overlay, is the process whereby the road gets milled to a depth of approximately 10 inches or so and then that sub base material is treated with cement to provide some stabilization and then the entire road section is overlaid with an asphalt pavement this would be different than the process on Shiloh Church which use a tar and chip surface we're going back with an asphalt pavement type

[02:00:54] surface. So this first set of roads was awarded. VDOT intends to issue a notice to proceed on April 7th. The contractor will have until November 20th to complete all the work. Our understanding, based upon the pre-construction meeting, he intends to get started right away.

[02:01:14] So that completion date shouldn't be a problem. But if he does fail to complete the work on time, He's subject to about a \$1,350 a day liquidated damages charge. Last month, the Transportation Committee approved kind of the next sets of roads for FY27 and FY28.

[02:01:36] I'm only showing the FY27 routes. Those have been provided to VDOT for review and approval. We need VDOT to sign off on those. We do expect that they likely will, as many of those roads came based upon VDOT recommendations.

[02:01:52] We are playing a bit of a catch-up, just due to delays in getting starting, as well as the contractor's capabilities on the previous shoulder wedging and overlay. So you'll notice that we have more miles at a higher cost, but we're going to try to get back to about \$2.5 million per year once we get through FY28.

[02:02:19] So this project will convert the intersection of Lewistown and Ashcake Roads to a roundabout. All rights away and easements necessary to construct the project have been acquired as of last month, and Verizon will begin relocating their facilities beginning next month, and that work will probably continue into the summer.

[02:02:37] you know at that point if things continue as planned we expect to advertise for construction in late summer and be under construction in the fall okay so this project will add a signal and turn lane at the intersection of route 1 and 30 we're wrapping up the stormwater design which has delayed the acquisition on the west side however while that has been taking place we have completed the right-of-way acquisition on the east side there are a total of four parcels we've acquired the two that were required on the east side. Once we get final sign-off on the stormwater design,

[02:03:16] which I feel is imminent, so to speak, we will proceed with the acquisition of those remaining two parcels. And as things stand now, we're tentatively looking at a late 2026 advertisement date, so later this year. This is the two-lane reconstruction of Hickory Hill Road. Design has been advanced to the 30% stage and we're anticipating holding a citizen information meeting this

[02:03:44] spring. Tentative add date for this project is early 2027, a little over a year out. This is in the courthouse area. This project will significantly enhance pedestrian access in the courthouse area. The design has been advanced to the 60% stage and a design public hearing is planned in the spring. We recently reviewed the design with the Architectural Review Board and they approved the plan as it was presented. We have a tentative add date for the spring of 2027.

[02:04:27] This project will replace the traffic signal at Cold Harbor Road in Old Mechanicsville with a roundabout. Plans have been advanced to the 60% design stage. However, similar to the situation we had on 301 during a recent constructability review. We discovered utility installations actively taking place within the project limits. We traced the work back to SEGRA. We've been in contact with them. They have been cooperating, and they were putting together plans to adjust their facilities. Fortunately, they didn't put any live facilities in. I think it was mostly

[02:05:06] conduit work but it's just one of those unfortunate things as despite our best efforts we do coordinate very closely with VDOT on these types of things but you know sometimes things slip through the cracks. This project will convert the the 2T intersections on Walnut Grove Road to roundabouts. Right-of-way acquisition is currently underway and we expect to make offers to owners in the next several months

[02:05:44] there are four remaining parcels we've already acquired uh one parcel in the um get my directions right northeast quadrant of creighton parkway and walnut grove road we have a construction advertisement date uh right now of mid 2027. okay so this project on creighton road will provide left turn

lanes to the residential developments via sled lakes road as well as tammy lane in the next six months plans will be advanced the right-of-way acquisition phase

[02:06:22] and we have a tentative add date of the summer of 2027. this project which i'm very familiar with is the pole green road widening project certificate of takes were filed last month on the remaining parcels allowing the project to move forward with utility relocations since filing we have reached a verbal voluntary settlement with one of the owners so now we're down to two owners amongst those remaining parcels and we'll continue uh to uh to negotiate and communicate with them

[02:07:01] in hopes of reaching voluntary settlements on the remainder so um as things currently stand we're We're looking to go to add in mid-2027, but the fact that we have now secured the right-of-way, we have issued notice to proceed to the various utility companies and have been coordinating with them on scheduling to have that work begin.

[02:07:30] Mr. Fidunas? Yes. If you'll go back one slide, sir. I don't want to make any assumptions about this. No agreement as of last Friday. Is that right? just it says 10 now oh yeah just one night just last Friday supposed to be 12 9 but yes oh 12 9 yes 25 12 9 26 I mean excuse me 1 9 26 1 9 yeah I got so I had the zero in there I needed to get rid of that 1 9 26 no I and but that's obviously changed with some so so yeah parcel parcel 2 and

[02:08:05] 3 there that's the same owner um then we've been communicating with that particular owner they have verbally agreed we've provided them with the documents and waiting for those to come back and then that leaves all of the the cluster of parcels in gray to the far right are essentially the same owner and then parcel 16 to the left is an unidentified owner and how do we deliver the documents to two and three we hand deliver those but they have we were able to email

[02:08:35] They and that was acceptable with to them. Perfect. Thank you, sir. Um, okay. So this is the This project will convert the Ashland ash cake Greenwood Church Blanton Road intersection to a roundabout We held a public hearing last month and are in the process of compiling and addressing those public hearing comments There seems to be consensus for closing Greenwood Church Road in Blanton Road During the construction phase or up to six months and detouring traffic

[02:09:13] This will shorten the construction duration by several months and will provide Probably at least five hundred thousand or more in cost savings by doing that In the coming months will be advancing plans the right-of-way acquisition stage to begin it to be able to begin right-of-way activities Later this spring this project will construct a roundabout at 301 54 connection over the past several months There's been quite a bit of environmental and utility survey working survey work taking place

[02:09:52] Next quarter we'll be advancing the plants the right-of-way acquisition stage to be able to begin right-of-way activities Later this spring. Okay, so this is the proposed roundabout at Sliding Hill, Ashcake, Mount Hermon and Peaks intersection Next quarter will begin preliminary right-of-way activities pending federal right-of-way authorization Which is anticipated in February right now. We're looking at a late 2027

[02:10:25] advertisement date this slide is Showing the phase 2 section of the at least Asian Road widening The parcels shaded in darker gray represent the right-of-way acquisition parcels we have prepared offer packages and may have actually um distributed some package or um presented some offers uh we had a initial set

[02:11:01] of seven packages that we have reviewed and um in our presenting and are in the process of reviewing kind of that next set there's roughly 35 parcels so we decided to break it up into groups of about seven or eight um in order to kind of manage um that that that workload so um right away activities will continue probably for uh throughout the the year uh into probably early next year and hopefully when i come back in three months we'll have some of these parcels shaded a different color

[02:11:38] okay coming to the end um this is a safety improvement to add a left turn lane at 54 and in Gaudens Hill. The next quarter we expect to advance the plans to the 30% stage and are anticipating holding a citizen information meeting later on in the spring. This is a phase three section of Atlee Station Road widening. We held a citizen information meeting last month and collected a lot of really good feedback regarding access from the connecting neighborhoods as well

[02:12:14] as bike and ped accommodations. We received over 300 survey responses overwhelmingly in support of enhanced bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The next significant milestone will be to hold a public hearing.

[02:12:29] And we're thinking that will happen in the fall. And lastly, this is our latest project. This project is the result of a successful state smart scale application.

[02:12:45] So we submitted a grant application and awarded funding. We're just getting underway. The main elements include pedestrian improvements to include a sidewalk and crosswalks between time dispatch Boulevard and Rutlandshire drive. Um, as well as, um, some, uh, adjustments to lane assignments and signal timing, uh, and other signal adjustments at the three intersections in that stretch, uh, design activities will get underway later this month

[02:13:17] as we work towards a, uh, 10% design being available, uh, later this summer. Um, and yes, Mr. Chairman, I think that's it. All 18. Thank you, Mr. Valdunas. Anything for Mr. Valdunas?

[02:13:36] As always, thank you, Mr. Valdunas. We appreciate that update. Deputy County Administrator, Mr. Kilduff. Mr. Kilduff with us. There he is. Next item on the agenda is a Connect Hanover Broadband Initiative update.

[02:13:54] Thank you for being with us, Mr. Kilduff. Thank you, Mr. Chair, members of the board, Mr. Badesky, Mr. Walter. My name is Todd Kilduff.

[02:14:09] I am Deputy County Administrator. I'm happy to provide your monthly update on the connect hanover broadband initiative project. If you recall, we were doing quarterly updates for a very long time. And we've moved that to monthly because so much has been happening on these projects. We have a lot of engaged citizens on it. We've been doing monthly updates on our website, which I'll get into in just a second. But I want to thank you for your help and support throughout this entire project and Mr. Herzberg as mentioned earlier. Thank you for your leadership. We have weekly calls with our provider. Mr. Herzberg's on those calls. Miss Dibbles been on a few of those as well and those calls are extremely advantageous for us to gauge how

[02:14:46] the projects are going and where the pinch points are where any challenges may be that we can step in as a county to help so some updates from last month. Bright speed is not our contractor. They're actually contracted with the state through the rural digital opportunity fund program. They have officially closed out with the department of housing and community development but they have not left the county. They are still making home connections as we speak so mainline fiber has gone in. They are complete with

that now it's really the last piece of the puzzle which is connecting anyone who wishes to connect to their fiber that they've gone down and they've done their individual marketing to those homes so that's going to be ongoing for a while

[02:15:25] and all points broadband which is our contractor is near completion with their mainline right away fiber that bright speed is already complete with they just had less work to do but we still have about 70 miles of private roads to complete I will actually get into that number in a later slide and dissect it a little bit more for you but just wanted to give you that high level update first so in the last update we had about 626 home connections that's a great win for us since that update as of the last Thursday's call we've had 789 we're averaging anywhere

[02:16:02] between 30 and 40 home connections on a weekly basis. That's great news. That's really, if you picture it, an All Points broadband employee going to somebody's home that has signed up for the program. They've scheduled, said, yes, I will be home tomorrow at noon if you can make it at noon. It doesn't always work out perfect like that, but the majority of the time it does. And then they go home, stay home at noon. The All Points contractor gets to their house, goes inside their house. The box is already on the outside. They go ahead and connect the Wi-Fi. They get the router installed and all that stuff. So we're averaging about 30 to 40 of those per week, so that's great news.

[02:16:37] So I've mentioned this in the past several presentations, but in the contract with All Points Broadband is about 6,198 passings. That's not actual home or business connections, that's just passings, because what we've learned is that not everyone actually wants to connect to the fiber.

[02:16:53] Our job, and that's fine, if you don't want to connect, you don't have to. Our job really is to get the fiber to all the locations for anyone who actually does want to connect. They can connect now if they want to or they can connect at some point in the future so what that means is about we're looking at probably a 30 take rate is what that number actually is so where does that number come from that's coming from all points broadband they're saying that as they move through the county and they start to market to the different homes hey we are now in your area and hey now you can connect about 30 of that marketing is returned by citizens that have actually signed up for the program so that's where that number actually comes from so it varies i mean it could go up it could

[02:17:30] down a little bit we're hoping that it just continuously goes up as people learn that hey somebody actually is down the road a provider and i can connect so we know it's never going to be a hundred percent um but again our goal is to get the fiber down all the main roads all the private roads so at any point in the future somebody could connect because right now or before this program started that opportunity wasn't even there so if you do some simple math which i have at the very bottom uh the 30 of the 6200 is about 18 to 1900 subtract that we've already done in order to hit that these are just metrics we keep internally the metric would be about 1070 homes still

[02:18:08] to connect and the project should be in theory completed in 11 months which is at the end of this year actually and that would be an average about 24 home connections per week is the metric we're trying to track and as i already mentioned we're in like the 30 to 40 home connection which which is great. So we're exceeding that metric. We always update our website every single month.

[02:18:27] We have a calendar reminder for ourselves, me and our broadband administrator, Mr. Rook Rogers. He was here. He had to step out. Rook's been a great asset to the team. We love Rook. And he's in charge of actually doing these updates with Ms. Shelby Walker sitting here. She does a lot of the graphics

for us. And we make sure that that's uploaded to our website every 30 days. And as you can see we have January 2026 update so if anybody wanted to go there they can see this and as always when this presentation is over today we'll make sure this presentation is also loaded as a monthly update so just a quick up that we've talked about two of the funding sources already but the third and

[02:19:06] we're thinking the final one would be the bead funding I've talked a little bit ad nauseum about it not much of an update this month but just know that it's still with the National Institute of Center and Technology NIST for their review and a fun fact I actually worked at NIST for three years when I graduated college. It was a really cool place to be. But they are actually reviewing from an environmental perspective. It's our understanding. It's more of just a formality at this point.

[02:19:28] The contracts are still expected to begin in March of 2026. It's going to cover about 3,500 additional connections. And that's the finances. And again, this is not from the county. This is this is not county money being added in here in any way, shape or form. This is just an additional funding source from the state and the federal government. So more to come on that. You may have some questions which i brought this up last month in the month before is so if everything starts in march what does that mean we have i think it's about seven different providers that were awarded bead funding what does that mean for each of the providers do do they have a 12-month window do they have an 18-month window we don't know just yet but that is a very very good question

[02:20:07] that you probably have we will find that out as this program moves forward and things get awarded so more to come on bead fund and by the way we will also update our website with that information accordingly. What's interesting is what we're finding out is there are some homes that aren't covered by any of those. The number at the moment, I think, is less than 10. And that's actually good news. It's not good news that they weren't covered, but it is good news that we've tracked that.

[02:20:30] That's something that Mr. Luke Rogers is doing. And the good news is those homes are next to the high-speed fiber. So they're right there, right next to it. And we do have a program ready to connect those homes as well. So I just want to be clear, every home and business that wants to connect, we'll be able to connect when these programs are complete. So I think that's the most important piece. As I mentioned earlier, the private roads have been a little bit of a challenge. I still have the 70 miles in there. We've had that for a while. It's actually less than that because they have gone down private roads. They have received easements from a lot of the private roads on the east end of the county. Not all of them, but a lot of them. And Mr. Herzberg, again, thank you for your leadership on that. Mr. Herzberg and Mr. Rogers have actually

[02:21:10] gone and physically knocked on doors, talked to people after hours, even on the weekends saying, hey, here's what this means. So for those sitting behind me and those listening at home, what does the private road mean? Well, they don't have access to go down a private road. It's a private road. It's not a public road. To do a public road, they just need a permit from BDOT. And as long as BDOT awards that permit, they can go down that road. That's not applicable to private roads. They actually need easements from the private home owners to do so. So that's a process and it is a longer process it takes a little bit of time to do that but the good news is again we have Mr. Herzberg and Mr. Rook that have been knocking on doors as we've gone through this

[02:21:46] process and become pretty good at it we found that having a champion on each road depending on how many homes are on that road having a champion has been great for us we found a lot

of champions in Hanover County that are willing to live up that live on that road that are willing to knock on their neighbor's doors and inform them on what this actually means and try to alleviate any concerns in that because it sounds a little scary for knocking on your door and saying hey we need an easement down your road we get that we try to be as gentle as possible with that and one thing that we thought through is all these easement documents need to be notarized which all points broadband has hired an internal person that their job specifically is to go out with these documents

[02:22:21] and also notarize that is a new development from the last meeting but we also said well hey we they can do that we can too so we had mr. Rogers go through the notary program he's got it he's got notary so if we ever need him we have an internal guy to do it at the last meeting we did request the second extension for again this is just specific to the private road work it's not the public road work and we are awaiting DHTD's review on that there's been requests they're inundated right now with these requests we have no reason to believe it will not be honored by them because they're doing it throughout all these all these programs throughout the state so i know that was a

[02:22:58] Brief update on the broadband project, but if you have any questions or comments or concerns, I'm here to answer them. Any comments from board members? Any questions? All right. Mr. Kilduff, thank you, sir. Thank you very much. You know, I am going to say something, Mr. Kilduff. I said I wouldn't.

[02:23:15] I was in a meeting with Senator Warner, and he made a very poignant and accurate comment. He said, if all of Virginia doesn't have broadband by the end of 2026, it is not because of a funding issue.

[02:23:35] And I thought, wow, that's exactly accurate. I was talking to Ms. Pritchard about it. I was talking to Mr. Herzberg about it. That's accurate. It's been paid for. It's been paid for. It's done. What everybody's experiencing now is why you didn't have it before.

[02:23:52] The only thing the government did was take away the funding problem. So it's paid for. Getting down these roads. I mean, you've got a board of supervisors, remember, having to go out and trying to get people to do right-of-way. You know, if you say, well, man, where is it? You know, you've got bolt issues that you literally can't hang the equipment onto a telephone pole, you know.

[02:24:12] And these aren't the things that I think you kind of think about earlier. I told folks, we had a concession. We met out in the middle of the road a number of years ago, many years ago, and we were talking to Comcast. And Comcast said, it's going to be about \$50,000 to run it to your neighborhood.

[02:24:30] And one of the neighbors said, I got it. He said, I'll work out a repayment plan. He said, make my house business. I'll buy what I need to buy, business size line, right? He said, I'll do it. I said, okay. We're standing in the rain. We're talking about it. We go over to kind of ink the deal at Comcast.

[02:24:48] And they get there, and they're like, we were off a little bit. And he said, ah, that happens. He said, it's actually \$120,000. We had a bunch of neighbors sitting there. And he was like, what? I mean, within a matter of 14 days. So I really, I do have to agree with Senator Warner. You know, it's been painful, but all of the other things that come along with the, you know, FCC and all of those things, that's the reason it wasn't there before.

[02:25:12] It wasn't profitable. We've covered the profit issue. We've covered it, right, by the transfer of tax dollars over and said, okay, now it's people. But then it created another issue. And that was when all that money got dumped into the initiative, now you've lost kind of the free market side where, you know, folks

are going and they're competing for, now it's like, well, I got the money, I kind of get there when I get there.

[02:25:36] And everybody's flooded the market and it's created a huge demand on supplies, even tools. That was an interesting thing, the crimpers. Yeah, that's correct. These guys are like, I don't have any crimper. I'm like, but that's what happened. So, you know, I really – I think you've done a fine job with telling, you know, what is a passing, right?

[02:25:58] You know, hey, what do you call these guys? Road champions? Is that what it is? Just neighborhood champions. Does that get it any quicker? Because I was going to make Mr. Ward a neighborhood champion. If he gets it any quicker, we'll give him a badge or something. We'll give him a hard hat and a safety vest. But, you know, seriously, and that's something that is true.

[02:26:15] You know, you've got somebody there who's in tune to it. And I would imagine Mr. Ward's probably the guy who knows the most in his neighborhood about this. He's tracked it for many, many years, that if there is an issue, it's important to have a point of contact instead of just all points or somebody from the government knocking on the door when they see somebody, their friend, Ms. Jones, who's been working on this, or somebody like Mr. Ward says, hey, that could be beneficial, and maybe we need to be mindful of that, that we kind of get that neighborhood person, if they're willing to, to say, hey, help us.

[02:26:46] Can you help us with a contact? Can you help us, you know, maybe go to this door if we run into an issue? So yeah, thank you for that That's one of the best updates Okay, thank you. Thank you, sir. All right Deputy County Administrator Shardine. Mr. Shardine, thank you for being with this presentation of the Human Services annual report Good afternoon chairman board members. Mr. Budesky, Mr. Walter I appreciate the opportunity to share some updates on happenings from our Human Services Department from the prior year These are those departments that help do that work and make it happen social services our community services board parks and recreation

[02:27:26] Community resources court services. They recently have been folded within the human services umbrella Community Corrections and of course our local and regional partners with the health department the monkey regional jail and the Middle Peninsula Juvenile Detention Commission that runs the Merrimack Center in Williamsburg Start with community resources Their core functions are senior services, youth services, volunteerism, our CASA program, DASH specialized transportation, and then being a facilitator for various community groups such as the Hanover Human Services Network of nonprofits, Food Pantry Network, and the Council on Aging.

[02:28:03] Some of the key trackers we look at, these stats are from 2024, don't have the 2025 ones yet, but over 267,000 hours of volunteer service logged, investing \$8.9 million approximately back into Hanover County. our hanover youth services council completed 85 projects over 1800 hours of service and then our big annual push on our 9 11 day of service we carried out 278 sorry 278 volunteers carried out 27 projects contributing over 800 hours of volunteer service dash transportation since being

[02:28:38] implemented has continued to rise every year so last year crossed over 22 000 rides and then if And if you look at the bottom, the percent of missed rides, transportation industry-wide, we're told 10% is about a margin that they shoot for. As you can see, we're less than 1%, actually closer to half of 1%, making us USERV's most reliable locality that they serve.

[02:29:00] So the vast majority of the time when people call, we are able to link them with a ride. Some achievements. A big part of this department is putting on events, so I had another great caregiver expo. I appreciate Supervisor Pritchard and Supervisor Dibble being there and participating in that, support, our centenarian celebration which was this year's VACO Achievement award winner, and then the Finding Value in Your Prime active aging series that we've put on. We launched a Dash user of riders app, makes it easier for people to reserve and book rides on that, and then just wanted to highlight the response, the county response to the federal shutdown. When that was happening both our Dash

[02:29:37] transportation and our SNAP food benefits were in jeopardy of being cut putting some of our most at-need risk most some of our most at-risk residents in a bad position and just wanted to commend how staff leadership and this board came together to come up with plans to bridge that gap if was needed ultimately the federal government reopened that was not needed but how quickly and swiftly we are able to react and put a plan together to keep people safe and fed was very very good looking at community Corrections so their function areas are probation pretrial services adult recovery court and then We have the Community Criminal Justice Board that's chaired by our commonwealth's attorney,

[02:30:17] Babachinko. Some achievements. We graduated our first adult recovery court participant. So Crystal there, a great accomplishment going through that program. We supervised over 5,000 hours of community service, collected over 21,000 supervision fees.

[02:30:35] And currently, that office is relocated to Attlee Commons. Their existing office is undergoing renovation, so they've been relocated. but just want to give a shout out to our Department of General Services under the leadership of Dana Fox did an outstanding job making that seamless in the transition again as seamless as possible for both our staff and the public that we serve court services unit they cover civil intake processing juvenile intake probation as well as community support not all youth that are charged are best served by entering the criminal justice system so where appropriate there's diversion measures such as counseling mentoring community

[02:31:14] service things like that can be done and last year had a 97 percent success rate at keeping those youth out of the criminal justice system and diverting them through these other measures and for Health Department our local Chickahominy Health District some of the key trackers from your strategic plan that we look at tell you we're meeting the strategic plan goals on all of these all of them with the exception of years of potential life lost are also improving and getting even better all of them are tracking state and national Trends so where we're going up state nation is going better. We're better than the average state nation

[02:31:49] But we're all kind of heading the same direction same with that potential years of life loss figure nationally. It's trending downward But we are still in better than the state and national average there some of their achievements Adopted the community health improvement plans. This is kind of the health department strategic plan that puts forward some of the measures to improve health outcomes for Hanover County residents and then some good acknowledgments for staff there Caitlin Hodge was awarded the Virginia Department of Health's population health manager of the year and Emily Hines was awarded Virginia Department of Health's agency star. Monkey Regional Library and we were glad to welcome our new director there, Zach Roberts.

[02:32:28] I've been doing a great job jumping right in and with both feet. So stats from the prior year: total annual visitors were over 448,000 with 359,000 of those at Hanover Branches specifically and that

accounted for over 30,000 35,000 unique patrons over 558,000 unique pieces of material were distributed at various programs had approximately 56,000 attendees over 17,000 members of the community use the facilities for community use and over 4,700 new library cards were issued Parks and Recreation

[02:33:05] and the core function areas you're familiar with facilities community recreation maintenance and then we have the Parks and Rec Advisory Commission or prac that's citizens from every district the board appoints and appreciate mr. Stoneman and mr. Herzberg your service on that board some achievements the board of supervisors adopted the master plan so that's our 10-year guide and roadmap for programs facility improvements and beyond for parks and recreation in the county and then one thing we have heard from the public they like to have something in their hand not just digital so we relaunched a printed version of our rec guide that comes out you have copies up there and if you need more to hand out constituents either let me or Parks and

[02:33:45] Rec know and we can get you a stack of those but since starting that we have distributed over 8,000 printed copies and it's been downloaded more than 9,000 times digitally a number of capital improvements took place this year so significant improvements to athletic fields paving across various parks and still ongoing now to playground replacements pickleball court lighting as well as putting AEDs in our park spaces looking at social services core function areas are benefit programs family services children's services act

[02:34:20] and then again you appoint citizens to the DSS advisory board and appreciate mr. stoneman your service on that as well some of the key trackers by far the biggest area is Medicaid funded medical assistance and family and children so that accounts for over 30,000.

[02:34:38] Then second would be food assistance through the SNAP program, which is over 8,500. And then others, things like temporary assistance for newbie families, VUE, education, and cash assistance. CSA, one thing we're tracking is the children's services.

[02:34:55] We're seeing more larger groups of children coming into the system, as well as children individually needing a greater, more intensive level of service. So you can see the individual child cost continues to climb. that's something working with our C CSA CPMT as well as our finance department to track and watch that very closely and we've just relaunched our CSA review committee which is a group of us that come together look at the higher cost more intensive cases to make sure we're balancing fiscal responsibility with getting children the most appropriate service that they need some achievements refurbish the family room so if you've been in our social service offices one

[02:35:33] thing we try and have it not be too cold or stuffy or government you'll see you know bright colors murals messages of hope in there and one achievement was refurbishing the family room so somewhere where children families can kind of decompress because when they're in that building it's often you know some of the hardest times of their life so that's a great space to give some of that comfort and feel safe with our regional partners we launched the Caritas cold-weather shelter which was right on time because we've had significant snowfall and cold weather so Ashland and Handover residents have been using that sense opening and then again just highlighting our response to the federal shutdown how quickly our social services leadership and this

[02:36:11] board were able to put together plans to make sure most at-need residents were served if the government didn't open back up which which fortunately they did community services board core areas would be mental health developmental disability substance use services and then again this board

appoints citizens to the community services board from each district and mr. Hudson serves on that appreciate your service there you can see about two-thirds are mental health youth and adult and then about one-third is substance use adult with a small portion being substance use youth some of the key measures looking at

[02:36:51] services 794 in assessment and evaluation services emergency services and crisis 434 and then a bulk of it is mental health both medical and outpatient services in 2025 another thing that we track developmental disability waivers so this is the first time in recent memory that individuals receiving waivers outweigh those waiting on them so the blue line being those who are getting waivers the green line those that are waiting on them and then on the bar graph if you look at blue the priority one the most at need individuals is continuing to go down the number of people that are on the wait list and we anticipated told the

[02:37:30] state will be releasing more waivers this year so expect to see more improvement on that priority one wait list this year as well. Some achievements. Implemented Marcus Alert. So this was certainly a team effort with our emergency communications and sheriff's office. So when individuals call 9-1-1, oftentimes a law enforcement response is most appropriate. But if it's a mental health crisis, this gives us a tier of options to connect somebody with support if that's what they need in that particular instance. Launched a client portal. One of the great things about this is we can send out reminders for appointments to help people make that first appointment or second appointment make that more accessible at our second

[02:38:10] annual regional recovery day that was a Vaco award-winning project from the prior year that we've continued and then Naloxone by mail have crossed over a thousand boxes each has two doses so that's over 2,000 doses in the community and I think here good to highlight that this was something that came up I believe during a finance committee meeting a supervisor Dibble had made a suggestion that let's work with schools and see if we can use that to get it out into the communities more you'll have a meeting with school board I believe a week or so later they were all on board and within just a few weeks of that being a suggestion an idea it went out in the schools and almost overnight we were able to double the number of boxes distributed in the county I'm still

[02:38:48] trying to go over that program something that we're just launching right now is several pharmacies within the county when you get your medication in the bag soon the bag will have information about the lock noxone by mail program on it so again trying to get that out more into the communities and that's a quick snapshot of some of the things that we have in 2025 for our human services departments. Happy to answer any questions. Thank you, Mr. Chardon. Any questions for board members? Any questions for board members at all? Chardon, thank you so much. It was very comprehensive. We appreciate that.

[02:39:19] Thank you. Appreciate the board support. Okay, we have our airport master plan proposed adoption. We have a number of folks from the airport and FBO here. I'll turn it over to Mr. Kilduff, and then Mr. Sobrito is also with us.

[02:39:38] Chuck's with the airport and is our airport manager. So thanks for being here, Mr. Sobrito and Mr. Kilduff. Y'all calling it audible? I'm sorry. I'm sorry, I missed it there. Oh, I'm sorry. Thank you, Mr. Chair, members of the board, Mr. Pradesky, Mr. Walter.

[02:39:55] I'm, again, Todd Kilduff, Deputy County Administrator. I'm just going to have two very brief comments before I turn it over to the team. The first thing I wanted to do is thank the team. Any master plan or master plan update requires an entire team effort. And the team for this was much larger than what you see behind me here.

[02:40:14] I want to thank Ms. Pritchard for her leadership on the airport advisory committee and throughout this entire master plan update, the airport advisory committee just in general. We have several individuals here. Obviously, Mr. Chuck Sabreto will be here in just a second right behind me as our airport manager, Randy Hardman as our public works director parish and partners our consultant John McCalmont and uh Hillary Crawford and I did see our our airports um committee chair Mr. Jackie Dankos here thank you for being here sir we really appreciate it and I think I saw Mr. Farmer in the back yeah Mr. Mr. Dankos is here yeah thank you very much guys we really appreciate it

[02:40:50] um but the one thing this is the last thing I'll say is with this plan um I think it's important that our citizens know how important it is for this board of supervisors to reach out to our citizens anytime we do a plan as you know we did a significant outreach for the comprehensive plan and several other plans since and this was no different so the reason I'm mentioning this is because we created what's called a citizen outreach group when we talked to our consultant about this they said we've never done that on any airport master plan we've ever done but let's do it so we did that and with with your help we found some citizens we had several from the Brown Grove historic Brown Grove district on this group we had several residents from adjacent neighborhoods

[02:41:29] We had several business owners from the industrial park, which sets this airport master plan different from any plan that they've ever done before So I just wanted to call that out and thank the citizens for their time for serving on that That was free of charge and they have actually helped reshape this plan to be better So I just want to say that so with that I want to thank thank you for that moment and it's just Chuck and Chuck Sabreto and Our consultants will take it from here. Thank you. Mr. Chairman members of the board. Thank you Todd did steal a bunch of my thank yous but I'd like to say thank you to as well to Boardman Pritchard over there let's see here this is one of my favorite sides

[02:42:07] because also on here we talk a lot about the different committees and all that that have participated as we've gone through this process and and without the guidance and that leadership from both Faye and Jackie and Will in the back and and all of our community members I don't think we would have been able to form this up like it has it's uh it's been a very good pretty good project very enjoyable for me to be on so so that's a bunch of circles and squares they each represent the different community uh meetings that we've had and the public information meetings and and everything else and we're pretty excited here to uh get this across the board so my thank yous have been shortened thank you all

[02:42:46] but I'm going to introduce here John McComie and Hillock Crawford who are going to be a little bit more interesting me because they have the meat of the presentation so okay um yeah so we won't do any more thank yous but so what we're here for is basically this has been a little over a two-year process I think I've been in front of you before uh earlier in the stage but now we're to the point where we have essentially a final draft ready so we need to now take it and get it packaged up and send it off and get it reviewed by FAA and take it to the next step but before we do that

[02:43:22] we wanted to make sure that you were fully aware of what the document included why we did it how we got here and what it says but on a broad level we can go into any kind of detail you want to because

we'll be here all night if you want we love talking about it but we want to give you a broad brush first and then that way you understand pretty much what you're accepting as the plan you know because it is an airport master plan but it's still representing the county and their goals so what is the airport master plan it's basically your roadmap for development of the airport you all know what master plans are it's very similar to what any other master plan or or comprehensive

[02:44:00] plan that type of thing is that you're used to in the county what it does also though is if this master plan is not up to date and accurate you're in jeopardy of not getting federal funding and federal matching of grants so the projects that the airport is going to undertake if they involve federal funding or state funding or any sort of grant funding it has to be in in this master plan has to be represented and what that does also is the airport's responsibility is basically to provide a safe operational space for the public so they're not it's not a business they're not really

[02:44:37] necessarily trying to bring people in per se they're trying to make that that area that facility safe for the people that do come in and do use the airport. So things change, things grow. We have algorithms and tables to tell us what's coming in the future, some forecasts. So that's what we used in this. So we use this plan to kind of forecast out a 20-year period to see what's coming, what we need to do to make sure we can be there and be ready when they get here. So generally speaking, that's where we are, or that's what it is. I think everybody had access to the full document.

[02:45:15] I'm going to guess nobody read the full document. It's several hundred pages long, but you also did get an executive summary, kind of the front page, and then probably a couple of key highlights and key tables, drawings and whatnot to kind of give you a picture of what we have.

[02:45:32] So what we're going to do now, though, is there are sections or chapters in this master plan. So Hillary's going to go through and kind of describe what the chapter is and generally what it includes. that way once we get through that maybe that'll spark some questions and if you have some at the end we can kind of go from there and see if there is any further diving you want to do so um as john mentioned there's about a 300 page uh narrative report that's kind of how we got to um the airport layout plan set which is about a 19 page plan set that gets submitted to the fa i'll go through some

[02:46:11] of the pages of that later but this is really the meat of how we got there um so our first real chapter here is the inventory of existing conditions it's exactly what it sounds like we took survey of the airport dimensions of pavement ages of facilities of the pavement themselves the square footage fuel flowage anything existing at the airport and that's how we built our baseline for the plan so next we did our aviation activity forecasts so there are three main points that came out of that you can see up on the board our overall aircraft operations

[02:46:49] for the airport an operation is a takeoff or a landing so when an aircraft comes in and leaves that's two operations so the operations and then the fleet mix which is a based aircraft aircraft that are housed at the airport how many are there now how many do we think they're going to be there in the future and then our critical aircraft which is an aircraft or grouping of similar sized aircraft that operate 500 operations annually there here now and then projected in the future

[02:47:23] so the faa actually approves this section of the report we've sent them each section as we've gone along but they actually approve this section of the report and then one of the sheets of the alp at the end. So that's it's a very important chapter of the report. So next is our demand capacity and facility

requirements. That's where we compare what the forecasts say may operate here in the future to what you have existing. So we identify any surpluses, any deficiencies, and then what you'll

[02:48:00] need in the future to accommodate those in the 20-year plan. From there we developed alternatives that meet those capacity analysis so we did three distinct airfield alternatives so that's your runway taxiway system and then three general aviation alternatives that is your hangars fuel farms things like that things that the aircraft are parked in or on the ramp and things

[02:48:34] like that so we developed each of those three distinct alternatives and that's where our community outreach program really helped out a lot there we were able to define a draft preferred alternative that was really a mix of little bits of all of those alternatives and then we took that out to the public meeting and then even refined it even more after that so that is how we came up with our preferred alternative that is going to be on the plan that is submitted to the faa

[02:49:05] and approved by them for funding the future we also do an environmental overview and this this chapter actually gets submitted in the beginning with the inventory and the forecasts sort of a baseline review of any of the environmental conditions out at the airport currently and then it also gets pushed to the end of the report after the alternatives we take a look again at the environmental after we have the alternatives after where we defined where we think the facilities are going to be and see if we see any showstoppers there and reassess

[02:49:43] what kind of environmental considerations may need to be done for each of the projects out listed and then going on to our implementation plan so that colorful alternative you saw previously was phased based on what our demand capacity said you would need and those five ten twenty year increments but the implementation plan really comes back in and reassesses those for financial feasibility so they're kind of still in the same order but reconfigured so they are financially feasible for the airport so we did do a rough order of magnitude cost estimates for each of the projects there the five-year CIP gets submitted

[02:50:22] to the FAA yearly so we put a real big emphasis on the first five and ten years so you're set up for that period of time really well on your CIP and then we did cost estimates all the way up through the 20 years worth of projects so included in inflation factors and everything in those right and as I mentioned this all comes into the airport layout plan set when people talk about an airport layout plan they're really focusing probably on the airport layout drawings so these are your roadmap for development you can see three

[02:51:00] on the board here so one is your existing one is future so that's the zero to 20 year plan and then we also have an ultimate one it's like your pie in the sky 20 year beyond 20 year plan just to make sure everything stays organized if you exceed the forecasts you you're already set up for success in the future there so we actually usually combine the future and the ultimate plans into one sheet but since there's so much ultimate development shown here we have broken it into three just so that it's easy to look at and easy to understand

[02:51:37] but as john mentioned anything that the faa pays for or doav needs to be on this plan for them to pay for it right but as i mentioned there are 19 pages in the airport layout plan set so other other items include the land use and airport property maps so this is sort of like your gis but for the airport and so you can see we defined on or airport land uses existing and future and we overlay those with the zoning uh county zoning on there um and then we also do an airport property

[02:52:14] map it takes a look at all of the historic parcels of the airport who they were purchased from and any future land acquisitions or surrounding property owners are listed on there as well and then another important piece of the airport layout plan set is your obstruction analysis so back at the beginning of the project when we were doing those surveys of the airport features we also had obstruction surveyed so any any penetrations to air navigation we want to make sure those are cleared so it took a look at those around the airport so that those can be logged

[02:52:51] with the faa as well oh there it is okay so just probably a little color i guess too and then chuck will come back but um expanding on on on some of that stuff one thing i want to say is there there were throughout the process several times that we met with the public and with the committees and with all the groups that went through this and we did that strategically

[02:53:28] because from a technical standpoint we can look at the numbers and see what's needed but what we want to also do is put something out there that the public can stomach so to speak and And then we got from working with staff and figuring the citizen outreach group, which turned out to be amazing.

[02:53:47] We have the message that our technical advisory group came up with. That's how we want to move forward with the development. And that's where the airport needs to go. But what that citizen group did was we said, OK, we brought the citizens in, the representatives of each of the groups, and said, this is the message that we need to try to convey.

[02:54:08] How do we do this? How is it going to be best received by your constituents? What can we do that, you know, what are the hot buttons? If we try to do this, is there someone that's going to raise their hand and say, no, don't do that or don't do this? So going through that, we actually reshaped and kind of reorganized part of the process when we went through from the first meeting on to the last meeting.

[02:54:32] So we did change the message of how it was going to be developed. And the way Hillary mentioned on the ultimate plan, it separated out from ultimate because the ultimate needs that were shown through the process was too much.

[02:54:49] Citizens didn't want to see it. It's too much development. So we took it off, took it off the plan because it needs to be palatable by the people who are going to live it. And it needs to be feasible to build it and fund it to make sure that everything kind of jives and works together.

[02:55:06] So that's just another, I guess, big part of this process was bringing everybody in and how that kind of helped with the process. So Hillary did mention that FAA has seen this throughout the process. They approved the first thing they approve. The next step in our process is to submit the final document, final draft document to FAA so they can go through their reviews and then send it back and say, this is an approvable document, and then we'll take it.

[02:55:35] And then the representative from the county side, the airport sponsor side, will then sign that document, send it back to FAA, and get all their signatures. And then it will become an approved document. But this step is to take the document and get it to FAA so they can do their last review of what they're looking at.

[02:55:54] So technically that requires a signature from us saying that we agree with what's going on out there. If I can fast forward just to the next one here real quick. Another thing we've been real proud of is the information we've been trying to get out onto our webpage.

[02:56:15] This document, once it does become approved, becomes accessible from here on out as a public document for anybody who's interested in developing around the airport. So it's critical. Not all of it's out there right now, but as we get it out and get it going, the whole 400 pages will be downloadable and accessible to everybody.

[02:56:36] So with that, I think we're willing to entertain some questions, and I appreciate these guys because they go through it a lot quicker than I do. It's a lot of information. It's a lot of stuff, and thank you, Hillary. Excellent job.

[02:56:53] I concur. Thank you, Mr. Manager. I'll open it up to board members. Board members want to speak to this first. Ms. Pritchard, obviously. Mr. Davis, since I represent the board on the airport committee, I would like to go last because I have quite a bit of nice things to say. I'll start at this end. Mr. Hudson, Mr. Herzberg, Ms. Dibble. Yes, ma'am. Yes, thank you for that presentation. I'm just wondering, is there any discussion or appetite with regard to, in the future, receiving private, foreign aircraft?

[02:57:27] I think there's appetite for basically having customs available on field, but that's been a pretty hard no, and I think it exists right now as a pretty hard no. There were some programs that the customs had available that were almost like Bookmobile.

[02:57:47] Chesterfield had it over at their airport. They took it away from Chesterfield, and they've centralized all their energy now at Richmond. So I don't think there's much of an appetite for that, and as we all know, customs is pretty busy. So I'm gonna say I guess my question was more is there an appetite from your board to Continue to pursue something like that or not. No, I don't think so at this time I will also say mr. Well, we met with congressman Whitman about that issue And I think we're pretty clear about his position on this, but we really haven't talked about pursuing it much

[02:58:27] Well, serving on the airport in Henrico, we have had those discussions about the possibility of putting customs back in Chesterfield and possibly in Henrico.

[02:58:42] So I think that my board would advocate with you if there was a desire and just wanted to document that. And just to get particular with it, that desire would come from any of the business owners that fly corporate jets in there who basically want to fly direct in.

[02:59:00] We'd welcome it. Very well. Ms. Floyd, Ms. Vice Chairman, turn it over to Ms. Pritchard. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I will say first that I have some questions from a citizen to ask, and I think Mr. Sobrito knows that.

[02:59:17] But I want to start by saying, first of all, what an amazing committee we have. I have represented the airport committee for 10 years now, and I don't think I've ever worked with a more cohesive group of people. But when you think about where we've come, how far we've come in 10 years, when I first was on the airport commission, we had this tiny little building over in the air park that people couldn't even identify, right?

[02:59:49] And now we have a beautiful airport with beautiful hangars, a really professional situation over there that we have a lot to be proud of at the airport. And the first question my citizen asks is, what's the benefit of the master plan to the county and its citizens?

[03:00:09] Well, that's a pretty easy one to answer out front because the work that we've done at the airport makes it a really wonderful economic development opportunity for the county, but at the same

time respects the people who live around it.

[03:00:28] And I have to also say I grew up within one mile of what was then Byrd Airport, so I'm keenly aware of how problematic living in a neighborhood around an airport can be. and when we started this process from day one we said we are going to start with citizens and I am such a fan of what Mr. Kilduff and Ms. Hunter did with Envision Hanover that I wanted our airport plan to look almost exactly like that that we would reach out we would make the community a part of this and we would say hey look this is a great thing over

[03:01:03] here but we don't want to change your quality of life in your homes and I think the benefit of this plan is it takes both of those things into consideration um so i'll start my questions but i just first want to say i'm so proud to work with this team all everybody on the team and jackie you know there's not enough words to thank you um we don't even pay you right all right so my the first question my citizen asked is what's the difference between the current b2 category versus the c2 category just without getting into the a little bit louder for me

[03:01:40] because i'm hard of hearing without getting into the very specific details because there could there's a lot that goes into that because that those are are designations for aircraft the first letter is the the approach speed of the aircraft and it's like a a b c d and it's based on the speeds how fast it's coming in on approach the next number is the is the roman numeral one two three four and it's based on the wingspan so it's how big the aircraft is so the a or the b to c

[03:02:15] difference what that means is you have a little bit slower aircraft using the airport now but then if you go to a c that means that the majority of the aircraft that are using the facility are going to be faster so you need to be able to accommodate those aircraft coming in at a faster speed to land at the facility so in doing that you want to provide a little bit more space around the runway that's basically all it is so there's protected areas there's runway safety areas and object-free areas and a couple others but there are protected areas that you want to keep clear of obstructions

[03:02:54] within that environment so to go from a b to a c those areas get bigger we won't go into the details of the numbers but they get bigger and then there is a little bit of difference that could come on the separation from the center line of your runway to the center line of your taxiway or to any other development that's from the runway. So, but basically it boils down to the clearance around the runway in the runway environment because the aircraft are coming faster. But I also will say that to the letter designation, like Hillary mentioned before, it's based on a grouping of aircraft that use the facility with 500 or more takeoffs or landings.

[03:03:35] So before it's going to be considered to maybe go to a C category or a C classification, that means that an aircraft with a C category or a family of aircrafts with C categories are going to have to have over 500 operations at the airport.

[03:03:53] That could be a while based on the forecast. So that's generally what that means. And my other two questions. I'm sorry, Chuck, did you want to? I was just going to say last year we had about 105 C2 aircraft land. Okay. give you some kind of general idea my last two questions are very related um so the first is will larger planes like golf stream jets be based here so so we we have a hangar space most of our hangars are basically lined up to be 100 by 100 on the master plan itself um if somebody a golf

[03:04:30] stream could land at the um at the airport uh matter of fact i think we probably have seen maybe 30 to 40 of them over the course of the last year would it be based here that would that would depend on whether or not somebody wanted to build a hangar here which we invite i think the concern my citizen has is and and i i'm i'm really interested in what our citizen group has said about this is will our corporate hangars increase jet volume and noise level because that's what really citizens care about is the noise level sure so what are we doing to attenuate that

[03:05:08] and do we do we think that our master plan will bring more more larger airplanes that are going to bring more noise so and i think that's what we you know correct me if i'm wrong but i think that's exactly what we're looking at with the the increased traffic i mean we look at what the the need on this traffic would be if we if we landed a few more a few more uh home-based jets what would that do um as far as the noise goes the you want to comment on the noise model so maybe i'm I think I'm going to spin the answer a different way.

[03:05:42] So it is a fun fact that the noise modeling from this exercise actually reduced from the last time. So the impacts of noise changed. That's because FAA changed their modeling plan, changed the way the aircraft noise impacts of how they're operated and the software that's used took that into account.

[03:06:05] So it's gone down. That's shown on the plan, and that's the 20-year plan. So right now, unless something changes, it's going to be less, theoretically. The other thing is the master plan as a document is not bringing anybody anything.

[03:06:22] That's one thing to acknowledge. So what the master plan is doing is it's forecasting what might come based on what has come in the past and what's projected to potentially come in the future. And if those people or if those aircraft do come, how are you going to accommodate it?

[03:06:42] So the master plan is creating a plan to be able to accommodate what might show up because if they do come, what you don't want is a company that says, I'm ready to bring a jet and bring your county all this tax.

[03:06:57] All I need you to do is give me a space for a hangar and you say, oh, I don't know. I can't do that. I'm going to take a couple of years to figure that out. So this is just identifying locations for possible development from that standpoint. I will say I have a citizen who lives basically at the end of the runway in my district, and he's very happy with the plan, just to be clear.

[03:07:19] Thank you. That's all my questions. Are we ready for a motion? Is there a motion, ma'am? Yes, sir. I move to recommend the Hanover County Airport Master Plan on to the FAA, and who else, for review. Second.

[03:07:35] Well, we have a motion for recommended adoption to the FAA with a second from this Floyd Is there any discussion? I have one comment I know a lot of the questions miss Pritchard asked. She already knew the answer to it's important to get it out in a public forum And I think that that that was handled very well I attended one of the community meetings and I and what was interesting is one of the comments that you made is you told some of the folks there This isn't This is an anticipatory plan.

[03:08:05] It's not one that we're designing to create more traffic or whatever, but we do need to prepare for what the future is going to bring. And changing some of that, I really believe there with commissioners there, the chair was there, Mr. Dankus and Mr. Farmer and a number of other folks, there were some misunderstandings that were able to be handled.

[03:08:26] There were some questions that were brought up that folks were very engaged in. And then going out, meeting with individuals, it was done well. And, by the way, it was very well attended. When I walked in, I was really surprised. There were so many people that were there. But there was no hostility from folks trying to say, hey, this is what we know and you don't know.

[03:08:47] You welcomed all of those questions. A lot of the feedback, you said, hey, that's important. We need to address that. And that's how you got to the plan here. So I thank you for your leadership, Ms. Pritchard, on that as well. So we have a motion and a second. If there's no further discussion, we'll call for the question. All those in favor, please stand by. Are we on pause?

[03:09:12] We are in pause, man. Okay. Very well. We have a motion and a second. No further discussion. All those in favor, please indicate by saying aye. Aye. Any opposed? Motion carries. Thank you all. Thank you, Mr. Manager. Chairman Dankus, Mr. Farmer, thank you for being here, gentlemen. Mr. Vice Chairman.

[03:09:34] Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you for this opportunity to execute my second official duty of the day. Let's keep it on a roll here. I'd like to make a motion that the Board of Supervisors move the meeting into closed session pursuant of the following authority.

[03:09:52] It's Virginia Code 2.2-3711A7, consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual litigation, Hatcher v. the County of Hanover. Very well. We have a motion. Is there a second? We have a motion and a second.

[03:10:08] Any discussion? All those in favor, please indicate by saying aye. Aye. Any opposed? Motion carries. This board is in closed session. We are going upstairs, ladies and gentlemen. Yes, ma'am.

[03:11:02] Marie, they're back.

[03:12:16] Mr. Vice Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, I'd like to certify certification of closed session. I make the motion that the Board of Supervisors certify that during the 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.

[03:12:49] Second. We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? All those in favor, please indicate by saying aye. Aye. Any opposed? Motion carries. Are there any announcements from board members, Mr. County Administrator, Mr. County Attorney? Very well. This board will adjourn until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, for a regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting located here in the Hanover County boardroom.

[03:13:14] We are adjourned. Mr. Hudson, you got a second? Thank you. I'll see you in this legislative board of matters.



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