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[00:02:33] Good afternoon. I will now call the February 11th, 2026 Hanover County Board of Supervisors meeting to order as is customary. We'll open with an invocation led by Mr. Hudson and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ms. Floyd. Mr. Hudson. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Would you bow with me? Almighty God, we invite you into our midst. We humbly ask you to guide our tongues and guard our hearts. And we just thank you for all that you've done for us. And we ask that you continue to allow us to do the people's work and to ever be mindful of the needs of others.

[00:03:10] And we just thank you for all that you've done for us and for the wonderful place that we get to call home, Hanover County. For it's in your son's name we pray. Amen. Amen. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. 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.

[00:03:38] Thank you, Mr. Hudson. Thank you, Mrs. Floyd. Honored to have the sheriff with us, Colonel David R. Hines. Thank you for being here, Sheriff. Our treasurer, Mr. Tim Boshan, undersheriff Gregory VI.

[00:03:55] I saw the undersheriff here. Good to see you, Lieutenant Colonel. Also, former supervisor, Mr. Canova Peterson. Where's Mr. Peterson? Good to see you, Canova. Now you're in the seats, you get to make

a seat. You are banned from citizen's time. I want you to know this.

[00:04:12] And it's a personal privilege. I'd just like to recognize Captain Lonnie Carter and Lieutenant Joe Stroman simply because of the United States Marines and for no other reason. So that's chairman's preference. Anyway, thank you all for being here. Now open it up for consideration of amendments to the agenda.

[00:04:31] Mr. Vice Chairman. I have no amendments to the agenda. Very well. seeing them we'll close that item move into comment period uh board member comments are there any comments from board members and seeing none i do have uh some information that just became available literally less than a half an hour ago so i want to take an opportunity to update the citizenry on the subject of school-based mental health counselors the board recognized the need a number of years ago and back when this first began for the funding of school-based mental

[00:05:06] health services with one clinician. Our school system then funded a second position. The county was fortunate to have received a grant from the state that funded four additional clinicians and added a clinical supervisor for a total contingent of seven on that staff. Again, grant funding provided that. Last fiscal year, the county was notified that the state would no longer support that grant or the funding for those four positions. Our school partners utilized one-time funding last year over the current school year to maintain this service for our students as you may be aware our school system like many others are competing for needs and funding and we're aware

[00:05:45] that the adopted budget does not include funding for this program impacting five positions however 15 minutes ago or so I guess at 30 at this point I did receive a call from the county administrator on updated information that came from an outside source and I'd like Mr. Badescu our county administrator to brief the board and the community on the status of this program as well as on the information that he received just moments ago. Mr. Badesky. Thank you Mr. Chair. I appreciate the opportunity to be able to share some information with you today and I want to give a little bit more context. The county as we work with our schools we start our school budget process in

[00:06:22] October and as you may be aware the schools in this room last night adopted their budget the school board budget proposed here to this board last night and next Wednesday I will introduce what's called the county administrators recommended budget for the county in the budget deliberations there's always all sorts of competing needs that both on the school side and on the county side we use to prioritize expenditures in the recommended budget as you may be aware and as the chairman just mentioned that the school-based mental health program last year had received a hit in funding and the school board bridged it in their recommended budget this year it did not include

[00:07:02] those bridge funds that would have made up for the grant. We've been working with our school partners over late fall and into the first of the year to determine what is it that we can do that would continue the program. I know the schools on their side looked at their available resources and priorities and had not included that in their recommendation moving forward.

[00:07:26] Working with our director, Ivy Sager, Brett Chardain, my deputy county administrator, board members have been involved and certainly our school partner has been looking at what is it that we could do because the the needs are still in our schools and what is it that we might be able to do even though the state is no longer meeting their obligations uh in and i will share this again next week so this is a little bit

of a preamble to some of the budget that i'll be sharing the The county had planned to continue to fund at least the two positions that we had funded prior.

[00:08:05] In some of our deliberations in the past few weeks, we were able to reallocate one additional position within the CSB to support this program. So that would have been three individuals. About 30 minutes ago, we were notified by one of our state funding partners that they will essentially provide us funding for a fourth provider to support our schools.

[00:08:28] so that that's where we stand right now there at one point this was down to the two that the county was supporting so we came up with a third and just today we were identified the funding was identified by step Virginia for a fourth I know this is an important program to our community the board has received a large number of comments as it relates to this we will continue to evaluate available resources as it relates to this program. The program is not completely going away at this point. We're doing what we can to put resources towards this, but literally 30 minutes ago we were

[00:09:08] notified of, and the STEP Virginia funding, it's not a long-term funding source, so it is, it's a one-year commitment for that fourth position, and so we'll have to continue to re-evaluate the resources available for that position moving forward, but wanted to share as soon as we had the information, both with the board and our community, this update on school-based mental health. Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Budeski. I also had an opportunity to briefly speak with Dr.

[00:09:36] Penny Cuff after you received that phone call, as well as Chairwoman Welsh. So they're both aware of the information, but certainly not all of the details. So thank you. Again, anything further from board members. Seeing done, I'm going to ask Mr. Badesky and Mr. Herzberg to join me down off of the dais and ask Richard Paul if he would come forward. We'd like to present a proclamation honoring and celebrating his retirement and thanking him for his service.

[00:10:07] Mr. Chairman, I apologize. I do have a few additional comments outside of school-based mental health, if you don't mind, or I can come back to those, whatever you prefer. When I said, Mr. Badesky, I thought you would do it. You know I have more words than that, sir. Richard, you can suck.

[00:10:24] This is what you dealt with for 40 years right here. That's what you dealt with. Certainly, Mr. Badesky. Thank you, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chair, and I apologize. I'll be as brief as I can. I know also in the room today, outside of some champions for mental health, we also have some pickleball champions in the room.

[00:10:42] First, I have to say thank you. You are some of the kindest people to allow a novice like myself and son to join you and learn the game and We just show up and the courts are full and folks let us come out and play And I'm grateful for that because I've learned a lot. I've learned also what not to do on that court So I don't injure myself but as you may be aware this board in our capital improvement plans have made commitments to expand those amenities throughout our community

[00:11:12] Right now in the currently adopted budgets, we have 1.5 million dollars, which will expand six additional courts at Polgrain Park, six additional courts at Taylor Park. Both will include fencing, LED lighting, AEDs, spectator areas, and shade structures.

[00:11:30] As you may be aware, we've already made investments at Polgrain for lighting for the existing courts. we also have funding in the 27 budget that will expand courts on the western side of our county as well with the same amenities and so the process for these the county just like a private partner has to get

approvals and approvals the county will go through a couple application here this this late winter into the spring we'll be bidding those and hopefully late 2026

[00:12:09] no later than early 2027 those amenities will be available to the public and probably outside of splash pads i think pickleball courts have been our second highest requested amenity in our system and so the board has heard you and we continue to make sure we're moving forward with those commitments but i just wanted to share a little bit about where we're at with some of those amenities. A couple other announcements. Tomorrow at 6 p.m. at Country Inn and Suites by Radisson on 11600 Lake Ridge Parkway, we have we've been doing a series of

[00:12:49] community meetings on small area plans. We did Route 33 and we're now working on Route 1 and the geographic area for that's between the Chickahominy River there at the Henrico Line up to the town of Ashland border. We've been learning from our citizens some thoughts and perspectives on what they'd like to see in those areas and your feedback will have an opportunity to shape that even further so we encourage our residents to participate in that process and they're welcome to come tomorrow night at six o'clock we know that that our residents are seeing the pinch here with the cold weather on Dominion Energy and power bills Dominion Energy has shared some

[00:13:28] information with us on some programs they have available for energy assistance those are all on the county social media so if you or you know of someone in need please refer them to those programs or some opportunities to help with cost management there wanted to also share that Dominion does have a project coming that will be taking place along their easement along the fall line trail in the months to come as soon as we get more information on that we'll get that out to the public we don't anticipate too much disruption directly to the fall line trail but

[00:14:06] there will be different construction interruptions and as we get that information we'll be glad to share that with you as well um i know i didn't want to take the anything away from our ashland district but there was a good meeting held on henry clay elementary uh last week ms pritchard and her town hall meeting over 100 citizens participated in that meeting and always a good turnout and we were able to share some of the progress there if anyone has more for me would like more information on that we're glad to share and i want to congratulate our department of public works they want they have won the 2026 american public works association project of the

[00:14:45] year for the route 360 widening project and so i probably need to begin with thanking our citizens for your patience during that project but at the end of the day that project is made major improvements for that corridor but it was also recognized by professional associations i want to congratulate director hardman our transportation manager joe vadunas and the rest of the public work staff on this project and just reminder to our public that the county offices will be closed on monday the 16th in honor of president's day mr chairman that's all i have thank you mr county administrator

[00:15:17] mr paul if you join us mr podesky mr herzberg i've said this many times over the years

[00:15:54] while I've had what I consider the honor to work with Richard. One of the toughest jobs in the county, I mean, without question, because every year people hear from me, right? But the work that you do is so vitally important, and your interaction with what I have always said is a joint constituency means so much.

[00:16:17] I mean, the way you respond to citizens and have responded to citizens in years past is we can't measure that. but it's, it's without parallel. I mean, no question about it. Have the opportunity to go to other localities and you hear some of the things that go on. We had a group of board of supervisors. Who was that?

[00:16:37] Who was it? York County came up here to talk about, uh, different policies for their county and assessments came up and they talked about a number of different things. And we said, well, here's, here's what we do in Hanover. And I mean, they just all started writing notes and I wouldn't be surprised if York County doesn't start implementing some of the things that we've done here through your leadership so we're we're glad to do that now being politicians you do know what we're going to do this year is when folks start screaming about assessments and yelling at us we'll say well I mean we had to get rid of the guy you know what I mean so I just want to let you know that's how it works but thank you for being with us do you have your family with you anybody here

[00:17:15] well come on yeah I want to come down here you don't have to sing or dance or anything thank y'all for being with us I know it's been a been a support network and when y'all go out to eat and go to the grocery store and somebody catches him is upset.

[00:17:34] Y'all dealt with that, too. Well, welcome. So I want to read this proclamation, and then we'll present it to you formally. Whereas Richard Paul graduated from Lee Davis High School and earned his Bachelor's of Science degree from Virginia Commonwealth University in real estate and urban land development, and he began his current career as a real estate appraiser with Henrico County in 1986.

[00:17:59] Richard obtained the designations as Residential Evaluation Specialist and Certified Assessment Evaluator through the International Association of Assessing Officers in 1991. He went on to earn his Senior Residential Appraiser designation from the Appraisal Institute in 1993.

[00:18:16] Continuing to build on his credentials, Richard received his Certified General Appraiser License from the Commonwealth of Virginia Board of Real Estate Appraisers on March 7, 1994. Richard began his service with Hanover County on October 9, 1995 as deputy assessor and continued in that role until his promotion to deputy chief assessor on July 1, 2012.

[00:18:39] On July 1, 2014, Richard was appointed director of real estate assessment. He was instrumental in converting Hanover County's assessment records to the computer-assisted mass appraisal system, bringing innovation and great efficiency to the property assessment process. And Richard has also served as an active and valued member of the Virginia Association of Assessing Officers for many years, including serving as chairman of the membership committee.

[00:19:03] He currently serves as resolution chairman. Throughout his career, Richard trained, mentored, and worked with numerous employees, consistently encouraging others to pursue professional designation and always demonstrating a willingness to share his knowledge and expertise. Under Richard's leadership, Hanover County Assessor's Office was awarded the 2024 Jurisdiction of the Year by Vision Government Solutions in recognition of exceptional performance and commitment to excellence in the assessment profession.

[00:19:35] Richard W. Paul faithfully served the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia as an appraiser with Henrico County, as a deputy assessor with Hanover County, and ultimately as a Hanover County

assessor until his retirement. The Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the citizens, wish to express its great appreciation and congratulate Richard for his 30 years of outstanding service to Hanover County.

[00:19:56] Furthermore, the board joins his co-workers and friends in extending its best wishes for him for a long, healthy, and happy retirement. Congratulations, Richard.

[00:20:11] Mr. Badeski, I need you for Lieutenant Colonel Woody.

[00:21:14] And Ms. Pritchard, if you'd join us, please. I think we'd have two of these in one day. I'm going to ask Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Woody to come down. And I know he's got some family with him. When I saw TJ, TJ, come on, man.

[00:21:30] You get to come up here. This is certainly the definition of bittersweet, no question about it. I have known Tom ever since I've been here, and I remember the first call that we ever went on. I'm going to need you to delete that picture that you took that day.

[00:21:49] How are you? Hey, little one. Yeah, Tom, you're special to me. You've helped me in so many areas. Late night phone calls, sometimes I made the phone call out, sometimes they came in to me from you.

[00:22:06] Many, many opportunities sitting in the command post, watching things go down and keeping the community safe. And, man, you just kept your cool. I've only got one comment. It's true. It's a little disparaging. But when I was getting the better of you at your house on pickle, I mean on cornhole, I'm not going to say you cheated.

[00:22:30] But I want to say when TJ showed up to win the game, I thought that was kind of dirty. I really did. I thought it was dirty. Sometimes you do what you got. You got it, right. But your character is, again, unparalleled. I mean, you're one of the best guys I know. And you're a great cop, and you're a great leader.

[00:22:48] And so this is bittersweet. Thomas M. Woody graduated from Lee Davis High School, then the Virginia Commonwealth University with an associate's degree in administration of justice. He began his tenure with Hanover County Sheriff's Office on March 1, 1987, as a patrol deputy.

[00:23:05] Thomas spent his entire 39-year career serving the citizens of Hanover County. Tom has admirably filled numerous roles with the sheriff's office, including patrol deputy, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, field training officer, general instructor, canine officer, street crime sergeant, officer in charge of personnel and training, major of patrol and investigations, as well as his current role as chief of staff.

[00:23:29] Thomas M. Woody successfully completed the Institute for Leadership in Changing Times, Professional Executive Leadership School, as well as additional training in advanced supervision and incident management. Additionally, Tom has received over 100 commendations from citizens, supervisors, and co-workers in recognition of his outstanding service to the citizens of Hanover County and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

[00:23:53] Tom has trained, mentored, and worked beside numerous employees throughout his long tenure, always conducting himself in a positive and supportive manner. He exemplifies the attributes of the best in public service, working tirelessly to serve the citizens of our county for nearly 40 years.

[00:24:12] The Hanover County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the citizens, wishes to express its appreciation and congratulate Thomas M. Woody for his 39 years of outstanding service to Hanover

County. Furthermore, the board joins his co-workers and friends in extending its best wishes to him for a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

[00:24:29] Congratulations, Tom. I'm going to ask our sheriff and our undersheriff if they would come down, and at this time I'm going to turn it over to Tom, offer a few words.

[00:24:53] Sheriff Hines. First of all, I just wanted to, I'll address the board first. Mr. Chairman, board members, thank you all so much. This is truly humbling, and I never expected in my 39 years that I would be standing in front of you receiving a proclamation.

[00:25:12] And thank you so much. The opportunity that I've had to work with you, the county administrator, Mr. Walter's over there, your office as well. You know, working with you and the constituents in Hanover County, we all do it together. And I think that that has been my biggest drive is just being called to serve.

[00:25:32] And I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to do that. And then to my family, thank you so much. And I know that my kids, I missed a lot of stuff while they were growing up. But I see that I have three wonderful children here with me, and even a grandchild. And then I'd be remiss if I didn't speak about Dave Hines.

[00:25:53] He's the sheriff of Hanover County, and I refer to him more of a brother and a friend. And, Colonel, for the last 15 years, you have imparted a lot of wisdom into me. And before that, working for you and with you, thank you for making Hanover County what it is today through the sheriff's office.

[00:26:14] I know, I know. I'm getting ready to cut it short. I know. I want to thank my wife for showing up today. Thank you, Your Honor. The last thing I want to say is to the men and women of Hanover County Sheriff's Office, here's where I'll cry. Y'all are my extended family, and I'm going to miss you.

[00:26:33] And I'm not going that far away, but, you know, y'all mean so much to me and to my family. For 39 years, I have had true honor to meet the best in this state and this country. and that's everybody that wears this uniform or carries a badge for the Hanover County Sheriff's Office.

[00:26:52] So thank you for what you do, and continue the good work. Thank you so much. Yeah, I'll be very brief, because I'm telling you the truth. I will. I'll cry at a football game. I've known Tom forever.

[00:27:10] When I was in narcotics, he was on the road. We've had the opportunity to work together. I've known his family. TJ's still with us, so the Woody tradition continues. I've known Jackie for a little while.

[00:27:27] We all went to Lee Davis, sort of together with Richard, Richard Paul. Tom, I just want to thank you for everything you've done. You've been a friend. We've had many conversations.

[00:27:43] We've had some very personal conversations. We've talked about a lot of tragedies. And I think you've done a wonderful, wonderful job. Most importantly, you're a good man, and you've raised a great family. And there are a lot of things to be proud of about work.

[00:28:02] But I think I'm the proudest about you, about the man you are and the family you raise. So thank you. Tom, I'm so proud to have you live in my district, number one.

[00:28:22] I've been here just about 10 years. And every day of that 10 years, I've known that you are not only here to serve the citizens of Hanover County, but to be a friend to all of us. We trust you. We love you. There's never been a minute that that's been in doubt.

[00:28:38] And I'm so sorry to see you go, but I know where you live. Tom, thank you, and thank you for your mentorship. I've called on you many times, and you're a great leader, and I do. I hope you have a wonderful retirement.

[00:28:55] The phone calls will come down greatly, I hope, for you, and that you and Jackie are able to enjoy some time together and enjoy this wonderful family. So I think we'll do pictures now, shall we?

[00:29:05] The next item on the agenda is Citizens' Time.

[00:31:04] Citizens' Time is a time where anyone who wishes to address the board on any matter within the board's authority is welcome to come forward you will be given five minutes we ask that you state your name the district that you live or the entity that you represent we do ask that speakers address the board while we don't allow presentations if you have handouts dr brown is here we'll take those and make sure that they're entered into the public record as well as disseminated to each and every board member with that we do have folks that have signed up you are not required to sign up but it does help us with follow-up and getting district specific concerns to the board members in that district I will start

[00:31:43] with mr. Daniel Truett and his mr. Bennett Walter Bennett you here as well you'd be on standby mr. Truett please come forward state your name the district that you live and you have up to five minutes thank you for being with us Truett currently living in the Henry district first of all I'd like to thank you guys for uh giving me the opportunity to speak uh mr budeski thank you for your commitments and

[00:32:17] kind words to uh the shareholders that uh share an interest in pickleball appreciate uh appreciate that uh you know when i requested this time i had you know a pretty good uh you know presentation put together and uh yesterday uh myself and a few other uh pickleball stakeholders had a meeting with uh aaron reid miller and uh and all and i went home last night and i adjusted uh adjusted everything took some things out added some things in and uh you know came in here

[00:32:54] feeling like i was pretty prepared uh to speak to you on more current things and then uh mr budeski you kind of throw it throw it for a loop so I'm like uh kind of winging it right right now I've I've decided to to modify a little bit and and wing this uh just a little bit uh first of all I would like to um thank all of you um county administrator to the board of supervisors parks and rec and and everything else for your commitments not only to pickleball but to the parks and rec in general.

[00:33:33] There's been a lot of capital improvements, both federally funded and locally funded. For that, I think that Aaron Reed Miller and his staff deserve a round of applause and recognition for everything that they've completed recently.

[00:33:54] So thank you all, you know, for, and you all know, maybe the public does or doesn't know, you know, he had some playground projects, you know, the Montpelier Rec Center and library out there, the field fencing, the lighting improvements, especially on the pickleball courts.

[00:34:16] We appreciate that. It's amazing, you know, to go out there in the evening and see different people, you know, youth and and families and and everything else using those pickleball courts after dark and and all that.

[00:34:33] So that's been a great addition. With all that being said, you know, Hanover County, we have four bigger ball courts. Not well constructed, but four. You know, Henrico, 44.

[00:34:52] City of Richmond, 22. Chesterfield, 40, plus 10, you know, dual purpose courts. New Kent, four. And here we are still at four. So, you know, I hear, I see that we're moving forward with this project, this \$1.5 million project.

[00:35:16] Thank you for dedicating that money. But I'm here to make sure that it is a priority. You know, this was in fiscal year, initially was in fiscal year 2025, and, you know, which started in July of 24.

[00:35:33] And here we are, not a spoonful of dirt has been turned over. you know to to do this i understand mr reed miller parks and rack all of us have had numerous projects and and i recognize that but it is time for us to be committed to making sure that this money that's been appropriated is used there's a stiff timeline and that we in fact get these pickleball courts so that the county residents of all ages can enjoy the the courts um so you know

[00:36:11] and and not only that uh with these you know courts that are currently uh planned there's other things you know that are either in proposed budgets that you guys will be looking at fiscal year 27 the bathrooms the parking lots um you know the poor farm pickleball courts um and everything else so i just want a strong commitment from each of you that this is still a priority that pickle ball is still a priority and parks and rec is a priority because that is how many people many

[00:36:49] families de-stress from the 40 hours 50 hours 60 hours of work that they put in uh every single day every single you have 30 seconds sir every single week so uh in conclusion i just want to say thank you um but let's commit to this let's you know ensure that it's done less sure that future you know fiscal year 27 fiscal year 28 still includes uh capital improvements uh both toward pickleball and other things uh and and let's keep hanover county moving forward thank you all for your time

[00:37:25] appreciate it thank you mr mr bennett walter bennett were you able mr bennett able to join us mr bennett very well uh jamie jackson miss jackson please come forward state your name the district that you live you have five minutes ma'am hello thank you board members for allowing me to speak today um i am my name is jamie jackson and i am a resident of the south ana district i am also the

[00:38:03] school counseling director at patrick henry high school and have students in hanover county as well i'm here to speak on the proposed school budget the budget proposes the elimination of our mental health counselors as was just talked about they have said like we just heard that they will be working with the county on a revised program over the next 60 days that would include funding to retain a few community services board clinicians who would be able to work with our students to address our greatest needs we are so grateful with what we just heard thank you that there are now

[00:38:38] four positions that are being spared that is is great news what i would like to speak on now is to help you understand why we were still continue to advocate for those seven positions i would like for you to understand that the history of these seven positions first for years before we had these positions, we had lost one student to suicide every year for several years in a row.

[00:39:04] Our students were so desperate to be heard that on September 23, 2022, 40 of them walked out of Patrick Henry in protest, telling this county that their lives didn't seem to matter. Then four years ago, we all finally acted. We put licensed mental health professionals in all four high schools and two middle schools. The result? We haven't lost a single student to suicide since. Attendance is

[00:39:35] up. Discipline issues are down. Retention is higher. This data is clear. When students are stable, they stay in class and they succeed. No one wants to go backwards with all of this progress.

[00:39:51] I'm providing you with a green folder, hopefully, and in this folder you will find several pieces of information. I want to note that there's some suicide data at the beginning for the past four years. This shows how our students are getting the help they need prior to taking their own lives.

[00:40:11] One of the statements that our school board read at their last two board meetings stated this, it is important to note that students will continue to have access to high quality mental health supports that are provided in our schools. This statement is completely false. As you can see from the data marked on the purple tab, if you have the folders, removing the service from our schools would be removing all of those students on that sheet from being seen and receiving the services that they needed. I want to offer one analogy before I leave. Our school counselors

[00:40:45] are like an EMT. We are the 911. We triage, we provide immediate support, and we clear the path for learning. But our mental health counselors, they're the ER doctor. Let me show you what this looks like in real human terms. Before we had our ER doctor, a crisis looked like this. I would call a parent to say your child wants to die. That parent, obviously gripped with panic, would rush to the school. I would hand them a sheet of paper with a list of phone numbers and I would send them out the door with a suicide child. I was sending a family into a storm with a map they didn't even

[00:41:25] know how to read. Today, the same call sounds very different. I tell the parent their child is in crisis. But I add, our mental health counselor can be with them right now if you give approval. We can conduct the assessment here on site. We bridge the gap to the community services immediately. For the parent battling cancer, the parent without a car, or the parent working two jobs just to keep the lights on, this isn't just a service. It is the only way their child is

[00:41:59] receiving this care. Our school board passed the budget last night. I feel like without having time to review all of the information. Our principals didn't even know these cuts were coming until the ink was already dry. We want to ensure that you all have all of the information to make an extremely informed decision. You will be told that teaching and learning are the priorities.

[00:42:25] 30 seconds. Let's be honest. A student in a mental health crisis cannot learn. A student who is no longer with us cannot learn. The money spent on desks, textbooks, sports is a wasted investment if the student sitting in that desk is fighting for their life. I urge you to look at the school board's budget and ask one question. What is more important than a child's life? Please do not vote to return us to the years of funerals and protests. Reach out to our schools. Talk to our staff. Come

[00:42:58] see us learn what is at stake before we take away the lifetime thank you thank you Meredith Holder Ms. Holder thank you for being with us yes sir thank you for the opportunity to speak with you all my name is Meredith Holder and I am a resident of the Henry District I am speaking about the school board's proposed budget which cuts funding for mental health clinicians within the school building I am a graduate of Patrick Henry High School and I currently serve as a school counselor

[00:43:38] at Patrick Henry. As a school counselor for the last 25 years, I've seen significant changes in our students' overall well-being and their mental health. Our students' realities are often incomprehensible and cannot compare to our own school experiences. Our school-based mental health clinicians provide invaluable resources to our students and their families. We can appreciate the plethora of requests that you receive during the budget process and the intricacies of attempting to accommodate all stakeholders. We were very excited to hear about the latest

[00:44:16] addition. Our principal was the REB runner-up and received resources to support our mental health initiatives. He was able to fund the creation of Hope Squad, which educates about mental health, suicide awareness, while promoting inclusivity. He prioritized mental health as our county did at that time. We ask that this remains to be your focus. So parents will not need to coordinate and seek services for their child. The student would not be taken out of school and miss instruction, which has been stated to be our school board's number one priority. Our in-house clinicians work with teachers, ensuring as little disruption to our students' schedules as possible.

[00:44:56] What a difference if these services are removed. It was also said that the reduction in services due to the grant going away. However, in reality, the money was allocated to keep those clinicians last year, and now the decision is being to cut these services. On the peach tab in the folder provided to you is a reference to the Virginia Association of Counties Achievement Awards from 2022. You will notice that Hanover won an achievement award for our mental health services in our schools. And on the green tab is an article that was posted by Hanover County in January of 2025, stating how important this program is and the impact that it is having on our schools.

[00:45:36] Finally, there is a copy of the school-based mental health program services overview that was presented to our school board. The support provided by our school-based mental health clinicians has been acknowledged and celebrated as an essential resource for our students.

[00:45:51] We are seeking your continued support for these positions to remain. I'm pleading with you to please find a way to fund these positions other than risking our students lives the hanover county public school board's comprehensive plan states that they believe students will thrive in a safe secure and nurturing environment if we consider maslow's hierarchies of needs it is completely unfeasible to believe that our students can learn and succeed when their basic needs are not met Thank you.

[00:46:30] Thank you for being with us. Lynn Dillon. Hi, Ms. Dillon. Thank you for being with us. Good afternoon, Chair Davis and Hanover County Board of Supervisors.

[00:46:49] My name is Lynn Dillon. I'm from the Henry County, and I serve as the Pickleball Ambassador for Hanover County. I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I would like to start by thanking you, the board, for the opportunity that you have provided for Hanover County. We truly appreciate the lighting, the AED at Polgreen Park, the indoor

[00:47:20] pickleball courts at Montpelier, and the removal of the stables at Polgreen Park. That will open up the door for parking and paving improvements. And after meeting with Aaron Reed Miller and members of the pickleball committee. I do understand we are moving forward and that is great. We're adding courts to Pole Green Park. We're adding courts or new courts to Taylor Park and to Poor Farm Park. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart and from the pickleball players that are

[00:47:58] here today for your support of these projects. You'll also notice there are members here from the pickleball community today some of them are standing some of them are sitting but we all support your efforts and we're ready to help in any way we can if you're a pickleball person here today would you please stand and that includes the board the board miss dylan yes miss dylan west do what for you to get back to your comments oh yes thank you thank you and in closing i just

[00:48:35] respect you and ask the board, will you please continue your positive momentum that's already in place because this is a smart, inclusive investment that will benefit Hanover County residents for years

to come. And I thank you for your time, consideration, and all the work that you do. We know pickleball is not the only thing. Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Dillon. Laura McGrath.

[00:49:04] Ms. McGrath, thank you for being with us. Please come forward, state your name, the district that you live. You'll have five minutes, ma'am. Hello, good afternoon. My name is Laura McGrath. I'm from the Ashland District.

[00:49:21] I am a school counselor at Patrick Henry High School, and I would like to first acknowledge the new stated positions. Thank you all so much for our fourth position. We will continue to advocate for all seven of our positions to remain in our school's firm mental health clinicians.

[00:49:42] But thank you for allowing me the time to speak today. I've been a high school counselor for 10 years, and I'm proud to have worked in Hanover for four of those. I truly believe our students are more prepared for life outside of high school because of the team effort the counseling roles bring to the table.

[00:50:00] If we limit the number of school-based therapists we have, it will be to the detriment of our students in our county. Hanover will be less great than before and less safe than before. Many of our students will lose access to vital life-saving therapeutic services.

[00:50:18] If we only have clinicians part-time in our buildings spread across the schools they're currently in, but only with four positions, this means we'll have to limit who has access to these services. It's been suggested that we find a way to work with this.

[00:50:36] So to us, this means we have to find the neediest of students. So how do we find who is the neediest and decide who the neediest is with mental health? Our clinician at Patrick Henry already has a caseload of about 35 of our students.

[00:50:53] Each week she sees them for 45 minutes to an hour. So that totals 35 hours a week seeing individual students for one school. This is already a full-time job for just her in our one school. So how will we split her between multiple schools?

[00:51:11] Mental health needs are on the rise. About one in five teens suffer from anxiety or depression. In the folder you received from Ms. Jackson today, on the very first page, she mentioned our county suicide assessments across elementary, middle, and high schools.

[00:51:29] Yes, elementary, high school suicide risk assessments. That's our 5 to 11-year-olds. Those are on there as well. I will remind you that we only have mental health clinicians in our middle and high schools currently. Level 1 on your sheet in the first page is for lower risk.

[00:51:49] This means we refer students to mental health clinicians for a lower risk. This means they are not in imminent danger of harming themselves. However, they do still need mental health intervention. Level two is for imminent risk, meaning this child is at a risk of harming themselves more immediately and they will need some sort of crisis intervention.

[00:52:15] If you notice in the 2022-2023 school year, we had a total of 535 assessments across all school levels. 101 of those were level 2, meaning they needed immediate intervention. Since then, clinicians have grown in our schools, and we've reduced the total number of suicide assessments every year. Moreover, we have reduced the number of level 2s since the school year to around 78 to 81 students. We know our suicide prevention is working, particularly when level 1 goes up

[00:52:53] the following year and level two goes down. This means we are intervening more quickly. This means our interventions are helping before it becomes a crisis. I would like to tell you about a family that I've worked with just as an example this past year. This family had a parent die by suicide over the summer. And the first thing that they did was they called the school. So can you imagine that grief and their world turned upside down when someone in their family chooses to die?

[00:53:31] The impact on those children and that wife who was still alive. But they called the school first because they knew that most of the time of the day for their children is spent at school. That's where they need the most support. Moreover, the insurance that they had was not easy to get mental health help outside of school.

[00:53:52] So those children needed it. One of them was in high school, and she immediately got referred to our clinician who she started working with. That other child was in elementary school. She did not get the services provided at school. and her mother had a very hard time finding her services in addition to keeping herself together just from the death of her husband unexpectedly. The mother asked me if the services were available at elementary school and I had to tell her I'm sorry but they're not. We need more like this.

[00:54:26] We need more services for these kids. The CSB at school was the only option for the high school student. This is not the only example I have. This is just one of many. I believe I've emailed you many of my examples over recent days. I have students who are homeless. I have students who are 18 years old who can sign themselves up because their parent doesn't bother. I have students who work a job to help provide for their family or who are too busy outside of school. I myself have referred 35 students just over the course of the four years I've been working here. And some of

[00:55:02] those students have been multiple times referred because they couldn't find services elsewhere. So I beg you, please help us find a way to fund all seven. Thank you so much. Appreciate your time. Thank you, ma'am. Anyone further for citizens time? Yes, ma'am. Please come forward, state your name, district that you live you have up to five minutes hi i'm holly manke from the south ana district and i keep asking myself how did we get here why is track trying to build a second data center in

[00:55:41] hanover county why are there two other proposals for data centers on the table in our county i think i have it figured out when the 1200 acre data center in hickory hill was approved you open the door that's all it took now all the others want into hanover track promised you 1.78 billion that's billion with a large b i'm gonna have to stop because all the stuff about the schools has just got to me a lot as a parent of three graduates of patrick henry high school my oldest who is alive and is 33 tried to kill himself three times first time when he was 16

[00:56:18] okay we we did not have counselors then in the school and i went through exactly what she said Trying to get him help. When he made an offhand comment his senior year to another student because he made that he was going to hurt himself.

[00:56:35] That student went immediately to an administrator because they were afraid because they knew what he had done two years earlier. That administrator called me. I rushed up there. They told me it was no big deal because they did not understand. They weren't there two years ago.

[00:56:52] They told me that, you know, he's back in class and everything's fine. I had to get the resource service officer, Officer Shaw, to help me to get him services that day because there was no trained staff.

This data center stuff is important to me, but it matters not if the children aren't surviving, period.

[00:57:11] So I can talk about data centers another time, but I think you need to hear from somebody who's been through it. Three times he tried to kill himself, and the school did not have those services then. Had they, there might have been a different outcome, you know.

[00:57:28] he might not have tried it luckily he's alive but if we don't provide for the children now then then we don't have a future so please they need more than seven seven's not even enough in my opinion take the money give it to them thank you thank you ma'am anyone further seeing none we will close it yes sir please come forward thank you for being with us thank you all for having us uh

[00:58:04] daniel hart chickahominy uh i want to further that sentiment i actually have a daughter that has gone through struggles she's in elementary school why don't we have these services for children that young luckily uh their mother and i could afford outside counsel but even getting normal evaluations and normal considerations is not enough my son who is in middle school gets routinely checked through the iep program and some of the other services he has mental health um check-ins and everything luckily neither one of them but there have been days where my daughter

[00:58:39] has had dark or bad days but yet if we're taking away these opportunities i've even had a wife that's a teacher who recently checked herself in because of this so we don't even have it for our teachers the people who teach our children no services for them or anything they have to seek outside counsel but yet they have struggles they go through it day in day out they live these kids lives and my wife had students that come from broken homes abusive homes and all this these kids need an outlet. They need someone that they can actually talk to, not just remove people away

[00:59:18] from it or rotate someone in and out. I've had that through IEP. Oh yeah, we'll just move it over here and move it over here. That doesn't help. Having someone that they can consistently go in and see and that they know is going to be there, that's what we need. It's consistency in our adults, in the services that we provide. I think, like I was coming here to talk about data centers also, I do information security, data governance and compliance. I understand that a lot, but At the end of the day, we have to provide for our kids and give them opportunities because, fortunately, we can seek outside help, which took six months to get the first appointment.

[00:59:55] That's six months of you're unknown. You're hoping that the kid is going to survive. They're not going to cause any issues. Nothing's going to happen to their children. But yet, they are spending most of their time in our schools. So why can't we find the money or find the time or energy or put forth a better effort for our kids and not try and remove these positions?

[01:00:17] I think it's unacceptable for us to not have that. I'm sure all of you have children, or if not, sorry, but they are the best thing in our lives. My stepbrother, his half-brother died in Virginia.

[01:00:35] He had an accident and died. His dad never recovered. Imagine your children. If they could have just spoken to one person. They're not allowed to use their phones. They're not allowed to call a suicide hotline. They're not allowed to do anything else in school.

[01:00:50] So why can't we give them these services and try and find a way to fund these positions? That's basically all I have to say is I think it's on you guys to step up for our kids too in that manner. It's not just about the IEPs and 504s. It's about kids that are going through difficult situations as they're growing up through puberty.

[01:01:10] And I do think they should include elementary school I mean we can look at the mortality rate or suicide rate of children in elementary school Why haven't we expanded that? So thank you for your time. I appreciate all your effort and your time that you spend doing this I know it's a hard job. Thank you, sir. Anyone further seeing none. We will now close citizens time Thank you. Any board members need to I tell you what we'll take a we'll take a five-minute recess this board is in recess

[01:08:05] Do you need to issue go ahead? Go ahead. Yeah

[01:12:35] Ladies and gentlemen, this board is back in session. Next item on our agenda is a consent agenda. Have all board members had an opportunity to review the consent agenda? Are there any changes?

[01:12:53] Anybody wish to pull anything off of the consent agenda? Hearing none, is there a motion to approve the consent agenda? Make a motion that we approve the consent agenda. Mr. Vice Chairman, is there a second or second by Ms. Pritchard in discussion? All those in favor, please indicate by saying aye. Aye. Any opposed? Motion carries.

[01:13:09] Item number seven is a presentation of our fiscal year 2026 second quarter financial report director Lauren mole Finance and management services here director. No, thank you for being with us afternoon My name is Lauren all and I'm the director of finance and management services and here to be here today to present the fiscal year 26 second quarter financial report We'll look at the county's general funds Department of Public Utilities and the school division operating fund for the six months ending

[01:13:45] December 31st, 2025, as well as a projection for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2026. We did review this financial report with the Finance Committee at the meeting last week, and we are going to begin with the general fund. All right, so operating revenues through December 31st totaled \$166.1 million, or approximately 42.1% of appropriated revenues.

[01:14:12] Total year revenues are projected to be approximately \$400 million or \$5.5 million higher than the appropriated budget. We're projecting positive budget variances in several revenue categories.

[01:14:28] General property taxes are estimated to be \$4.1 million higher than the current year's budget. The variance is primarily due to real property taxes. Personal property taxes are projected to be \$1.4 million higher than fiscal year 25. but \$1.2 million below the current year's budget. Other local taxes are projected to be \$500,000 above budget due to recordation taxes, and revenue from the Commonwealth is projected to be \$711,000 higher than budget due to human services programs. Year-to-date expenditures and transfers

[01:15:07] totaled \$172.1 million, or 41.1% of the appropriated budget. Total year expenditures and transfers are projected to be approximately \$408.8 million. This is \$10 million or 2.8% less than the appropriated budget. The estimated budget variance reflects personnel savings of \$3.9 million, operating savings of \$2.6 million, and an anticipated return from the school board of \$3.5 million. So revenues collected above budget along with personnel operating savings

[01:15:45] and a return from the school board is the general fund operating balance and that brings it to about fifteen point five million dollars this projected balance is primarily planned for use in the fiscal year 27 county and school budgets and five-year capital plans next we'll look at the Department of Public Utilities total projected revenues are thirty eight point four million which is approximately four hundred thousand above budget charges for services and investment income are projected to be slightly higher

than budget, while capacity fees are expected to be consistent with budget. Projected operating expenses for the year are

[01:16:24] \$30.1 million, or approximately \$2 million lower than the appropriated budget. Public utilities anticipate savings and personal costs of about \$608,000 and savings in operating of about \$1.4 million. Finally, we'll take a look at the school division operating fund. Revenues for the school division are projected to be \$262.4 million, or 3.1% below the appropriated budget, and this does

[01:16:57] include the general fund return of \$3.5 million. Non-categorical state aid is projected to be \$2.3 million below budget due to lower enrollment. Federal revenue is expected to be \$282,000 below budget, and that is driven by the timing of federal grants. Expenditures are projected to be \$264.4 million, which is 3.5% below budget. School personnel savings are estimated to be approximately \$4.7 million, and operating savings are estimated to be \$2 million. At this point in

[01:17:33] the year, the school division anticipates a projected return of the local appropriation of approximately \$3.5 million that will be returned to the county's general fund for use in the fiscal year 27 school budget. And this concludes my presentation, and I'm happy to answer any questions you might have. Thank you, Ms. Nolfe. First turn it over to chair or members of the finance committee. Any comments? No, sir. Mr. Davis. Anybody else on finance? Nope. Okay.

[01:18:04] Anything for board members? Thank you, ma'am. Appreciate you. Deputy County Administrator, Mr.

[01:18:20] Kilduff, Mr. Tom Menace, Senior VP of All Points Broadband are with us today for a presentation for the quarterly broadband update. Thank you for being with us, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chair, Members of the board, Mr. Badesky, Mr. Walter, my name is Todd Kilduff, Deputy County Administrator.

[01:18:36] And I have the quarterly broadband update for you. And I want to thank Mr. Ennis for being here from All Points Broadband to provide you with a presentation after I'm done. And I also want to thank our Assistant Broadband Administrator, Mr. Rook Rogers, who's sitting back to my right for being here as well and for everything he's been doing for us on this project.

[01:18:53] Lots of good updates. Again, we update you every 30 days or so on these projects. Have you seen this slide before? Brightspeed which is the rural digital opportunity fund piece of this of the project. We don't really have a say in that project That's not a contract that we have. It's a contract with the state and bright speed directly But they are officially done with their mainline fiber install as I mentioned last month But they are still making home connections So I just wanted to keep that on the slide just to refresh your memory that bright speed is still out there And they still are making home connections and all points broadband has is obviously still moving forward And I'll be giving you some numbers here on this slide So last update, there was about 789 home connections.

[01:19:32] And when I say home connections, I mean, that literally means somebody's paying a bill to all points they have the service. Because there are connections to the outside of the house. They may not have the Wi-Fi connected inside yet, so there's a little bit of verbiage there. But this is actual homeowners that are paying a monthly bill with service to all points broadband. So this update, they're about 980.

[01:19:50] As a matter of fact, after I wrote this slide, I think probably another 8 to 10 more, Mr. Innes might correct me on that, Another 8 to 10 more have been connected as well, which is really good news. So

with that, gone through a little bit of the math, but shooting to the bottom of the screen there, what we do, and this isn't a metric we hold their feet to the fire over in any way, shape, or form.

[01:20:09] This is just a metric we use internally to see are we on track with this project to be completed for all the home connections by the end of the year, 10 months left in the year. That number last month that you saw was 24 home connections per week, and it has decreased because more home connections per week are being taken place so that's actually really good news so we're pleased with that um and if we're still going with the 30 take rate that's about 1859 total connections if you subtract it out do the math they're a little over 50 complete with the home connection so again these are just metrics we're using internally just for gut checks how we do on the project where are we do we need to change anything do we need to adjust

[01:20:46] anything that kind of stuff so as always we're updating our website this was just updated yesterday with our new numbers so if anyone wants to go to the connect Hanover.com website you'll see these two brochure pieces on the front screen as always after this presentation this presentation will be posted to that website as well in addition to mr. Innes's presentation so we're trying to be as transparent on the project after we started doing this many many months ago we were getting lots of questions we started doing this we got less and less questions so and it's because we've been steering citizens to the website and they've been we've actually had some calls that were specifically say thank you for putting this out there we really appreciate it and there's a lot of

[01:21:23] large appreciation for updating it on a monthly basis so the broadband funding which is the third and final funding source from the state and again that's not a funding source to us to the contractor like our contract currently is with all points broadband this is a contract directly with the state and the provider not nothing's happened since I reported this 30 days ago where as far as we know we're still under the NIST review the National Institute of Standards and technology, and the contracts are still expected to be March of 2026.

[01:21:53] I had removed it from the slide, but I'll just mention it again. There's still some questions we have. So if this gets awarded in March of next month, I should say, if this is awarded next month, what does that mean for a notice to proceed, timeframes? There's several providers that are being awarded this money.

[01:22:08] So some have a lot of home connections in their contract. I think Comcast, if I remember correctly, was a little over 2,500. And then there's a few that only have a handful, some providers. So there's Comcast, there's All Points, there's Bright Speed, Verizon, several different contractors.

[01:22:23] Our internet service providers are a part of that, and we just don't know what all that means just yet. So does Comcast, does everyone have 12 months, does everyone have six months? These are questions we have that we will make sure we relay to you as the full board and our citizens when we have it. Still, I'm hesitant to call this a challenge anymore.

[01:22:42] We are, I say we, All Points Broadband is working diligently on the private road piece of this. And just to touch on that, anything in the public right away, they just need to get a permit with VDOT and they can move forward and get that work done. With private roads, it's a little different. You have to get private easements from the homeowners that live on those roads.

[01:23:00] And that had been a challenge when we first started this. It's becoming less of a challenge, but we're still looking for neighborhood champions. We have a lot of people who have raised their hands for us in different neighborhoods. Maybe it's one road that has 10 homes on it. Maybe it's one road that has 15 homes on it. But we've been very blessed in this county to have our citizens, one, raise their hand and say, I'll help you with this.

[01:23:20] I'll help knock on doors and get my neighbors to sign these easement documents so high-speed fiber can be installed in our neighborhood. So we've been very blessed on that front. All Points Broadband has actually hired somebody internally to do notarizing, which is a part of the easement process. Mr. Rogers is also a notary as well if we needed him to knock on any doors and help any citizens. So we're trying to make it as easy as possible for our citizens is the point. So and with that, I just list my email address and Mr. Rogers email anybody can reach out to us any time. And with that I will oh, sorry. Any questions for me before I pass it over to any questions from board members.

[01:23:57] Do you if you extrapolate out which I know kind of what you're looking at now? Mr. Kilduff is at 30% take rate maybe this is for Mr. Ennis he can address it is that do you feel reasonably comfortable that that's going to be the continued take rate or when you get to certain areas might I was just wondering I know how you got there but looking at your data trying to turn that into some information you think that holds at 30? Yeah that's a great question we want the number to go up obviously the higher the number the better as far as we know it's been 30% but your point it's probably better if Mr. Ennis because he's going to know the more up-to-date.

[01:24:37] information on how many people are calling now has it gone up to maybe 31 or 32 or something I just I just don't know but Mr. Ennis thank you for being with us afternoon Mr. Chairman members of the board thank you for this opportunity to provide an update on our broadband project we've made a lot of progress since the last update I got a few slides here and then open it up to any questions that you may have so our main line fiber construction is substantially complete we're

[01:25:12] waiting on a handful of railroad crossing approvals in Hano 6. That's a Buckingham branch railroad with CSX ownership there I hope to have some good news this week we're at the stage where they need to schedule some flaggers and then we can go ahead and do our crossing that'll close out all the mainline construction and have the rest of Hano 6 active for service expect to get that notice this week and then we'll do the work in March we have about a thousand active subscribers here with another 300 in process so that is their home site is being surveyed for an installation.

[01:25:50] or we're doing the work in their yard or we've completed everything and we're just waiting for them to sign up uh in a two-hour window to come do the indoor portion of this there's about 400 on a private road that I'll get to at the end but so right now we have a thousand active 300 on public roads that are in process and about 400 in a private road strongly encourage folks to go to apvfiber.com register for service now if you're in some portions of Hano 6 that the purple section we're not scheduling your install because you're on the other side of the railroad.

[01:26:25] tracks but everyone else we're going to get you in the queue to sign up for installation to your home so we're doing a lot of promotions right now we want people to take advantage of this investment that we have made that you have made that the state has made there are about 6,000 locations right now that can sign up and get their install scheduled the rest are in a pre-order phase waiting for those railroad

crossing permits so we do two mailers a month right now we have a promo code for hanover residents the promo code is extend 25 you get 20 bucks a month off of your internet

[01:27:01] bill and if you refer your neighbor to us we'll give you 150 credit to you and to your neighbor so really pushing to drive that take rate up make sure everyone is aware and takes advantage of the investment that you all have made periodically we'll have some local events tomorrow we're going to be at williams bakery down in mechanicsville i know that's not technically in our broadband service area but it is a popular place to be and then we'll switch and we'll go back out to the beaver dam district or south and district in the western side for our next event we'll talk quickly about the private road process so we discussed this last time

[01:27:40] for certain neighborhoods where we do not have beat out right away and we do not have aerial fiber access we need to get notarized easements from homeowners even if they are not intending to be customers of all points broadband. So we can get service to the end of the cul-de-sac or back off of the main road. Takes right now about six to eight weeks depending on the size of the neighborhood to get those easements in place and then two to four weeks for construction. The vast majority of folks will sign this easement the day or the week that we send it to them. There are some stragglers and that's what takes six to eight weeks. I really appreciate the help from

[01:28:20] Supervisor Hurstburg, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Kilduff, out there in the field collecting these easements. The last couple of homes in each neighborhood is a lot of work to get them over the line. So certainly appreciate the help there. We are actively soliciting HOA representatives or community advocates.

[01:28:41] If they notify the county, we'll put them as a community leader. We'll send them the documents once we have them drafted. They can go out and encourage their neighbor to sign up for service and encourage them to sign these easements. Once we notarize them, we'll get the construction crews out there, we'll build along the main road, we'll do the drop to the individual homes who have signed up for service.

[01:29:03] Right now we have about 180 homes in this private road situation that we're processing that is finalizing the easements and construction is underway of the 400 or so who have signed up and are subject to a private easement. And we're bringing on additional resources at all points specifically for handover to work through this process and that is going out meeting folks explaining to them what is the easement and where the fiber will be in their yard and then getting them to sign that regardless of whether or not they want to be an all points customer so this will be an ongoing

[01:29:40] process from now until you know we've signed up all 6200 locations and it is not subject to the time limit on the overall VADI grant so if you're in a neighborhood and your neighbors haven't signed their easement, you're not missing out. We're going to keep working on this through the end of the grant deadline. Before we get to questions, I just wanted to touch real quick on the BEAD program. So all of the BEAD awardees, of which All Points is in Hanover, they've begun the environmental review process. We expect that

[01:30:15] to take 45 to 60 days. That is a prerequisite for the federal funds to be allocated to broadband providers it's a federal program so they're doing that environmental review that has kicked off it would be great if we had the bead contract signed in march it's probably more like april and most bead providers have committed to 36 month completion on that project for all points will be done by the end of 2027 for

any bead awards and most of that for for us is just extensions off of this vedi program and the whole network that we have designed is made to be expandable to additional

[01:30:53] addresses so with that i'd be happy to answer any questions thank you mr dennis mr vice chairman thank you mr chair uh so thank you for your presentation mr janice um so i had a question you know it sounds like the bead pro bead program in the in the uh the grants that will be awarded might not cover all this all of our residents in hanover county and i'm specifically talking about it in the far western uh west western tip with like green bay and ben gale and out that area Because we've got some areas that you have boxes really close.

[01:31:25] It'd be really easy to run the drops in there, but they're not covered. Yes. And so they don't get awarded that B grant for those locations. Is there a plan in place to go ahead and serve those customers? So for all points, most of our network is expandable to add locations that we would call on the way.

[01:31:46] So let's say three out of four homes on a road are in the Beatty program. One of them is not. we usually have capacity to serve that extra home now they may not get the same benefits in terms of a thousand foot installation or if they have a really long driveway they may not get the same savings as a vady project location but the the capacity is there so last week all points and many providers in the state got a list of potential locations about 28 000 locations that that didn't make it for vady and they didn't make it for bead and the state still wants to

[01:32:21] fund them so they are going to have another round of the vady program to pick up those exact locations so if they've slipped through the cracks they don't want a home with a thousand foot driveway to have to pay that installation fee because that is a substantial cost we don't know exactly when this program will roll out could be in march but they are going to do another vady program to catch those locations that fell through the previous funding so we've got one more thank you very much for that i've got one more question technical question you know i got an email to you so so anyway you've come out and you've surveyed uh property for me and uh so my question is did

[01:33:01] normally you call before the installers come out or do they just come out and install in an ideal world you get a text message or an email that technician is automatic that day for your your installation right we typically unless unless a homeowner has said i need to be there for the survey those are typically they don't happen um when the homeowner is there we don't notify uh homeowners of the the survey but the actual work you're supposed to get a text message or an email

[01:33:37] saying i'm on my way this is my name and i'll i'll be here at an approximate time period perfect thank you very much anything further mr hersberg thank you mr chairman thank you very much for your presentation mister in this and thank you very much for being here I had a question about the promo code the extend 25 is that something that's entered when they when the customer goes to the website yes how does that work it's part of the onboarding process on the website I forget how many pages in you

[01:34:12] have to be to enter a promo code but that is a promo code for savings on all all of our plans. We're also running a number of other promotions, but you can enter that in at apbfiber.com. You got to put your address in, your contact info, pick a plan, and then it'll offer the promo code. Okay, I understand. The next question is, so currently All Points is working in a certain area, and then there's other areas that y'all aren't working. So when does that change

[01:34:46] where all points would go into other areas that's not part of the vadi contract well we've done that in in certain small lateral sections so if we are we're talking about a couple of homes off of a road where we've built we may do a cul-de-sac here or there but major expansions off of the network for right now we're really focused on the private roads that are in the vadi contract that we have obligation to serve before we do expansions beyond the current network my guess is probably

[01:35:26] third or fourth quarter before we would go in and and build and expand off of the network that we're building today um our focus is on the private homes private roads well i'm certainly glad to hear that mr ennis some of those people have signed up for quite a while um and then the question the other the next question i have has to do with uh you know the snow and ice i'm sure So the crews couldn't work and the underground utility markings were not able to be done.

[01:35:59] So you saw how the ground looked here on your way here. Are those crews able to work now? Are the underground utilities able to be marked? Where do we stand with that? They're starting to call back in to locate tickets to mark utilities.

[01:36:16] If they believe a site survey to a home is all aerial, some of the crews will go out and do site survey work. but they are not back up to full capacity like they were before the storm. If you go out and spray paint orange on the ground to mark existing telecommunications and then the snow melts two days later, it doesn't do us any good.

[01:36:43] So I think I heard you say that some of the utility markings are being requested now? They're starting to request to put those tickets in. Okay. In the hopes that by the time they go out to mark the ground?

[01:37:00] They'll be marking ground and not snow. and they usually paint yes sir they put flags up too yeah that would help i think okay just trying to get a feel for the progress and keep the work moving yes so there'll be a backlog i think march will probably be our best number of installs and partly because we're adding resources but partly because of the backlog during the storm i understand well thank you very much sir sir thank you anything further from board members uh mr jenis wanted to also let you know you were

[01:37:33] Talking about other locations, you get out to Beaverdam, you know, we have county assets, municipal assets, Montpelier Center and different things. I mean, the Fast Mart there in Beaverdam might be better. There's a lot of traffic there. But should you want to hold any of these things that you're doing down there at Williams Bakery, you know, we do have some availability.

[01:37:56] The county assets around, you know, have some high volume or a little advertising. So that's available to you as well. Simple use policy, just coordinate with the county, or Mr. Kilduff, and he'll be able to help you out with that. Might get a little bit broader exposure, but that's available as well.

[01:38:15] Okay, thank you. Yes, sir. Anything further? I did want to just make one note. Mr. Rogers is with us, and, you know, yeoman's work. I mean, seriously. I mean, every time you call me, you've got somebody in the background that you're working with.

[01:38:31] I know you're out there pounding doors and you're on site, But you make Kilduff look good. You really do. So I appreciate all your hard work. I mean a lot. So thank you. Ms. Dennis, thank you, sir. Thank you. Item number nine is a presentation on the Route 1 small area plan.

[01:38:50] Director Joanne Hunter from Planning and Community Development. Thank you, ma'am. Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, members of the board. This is a quick update, kind of a mid-session update on the Route 1 small area plan.

[01:39:08] Just to remind everybody, the study area. So this is the Route 1 corridor from Henrico County to Ashland, with the eastern boundary being the Licking Hole Creek and the western boundary Stoney Run. We are on time with the project.

[01:39:25] We have done background research. We're starting through the engagement and continuing. We're beginning to develop recommendations. the plan would be before the board in likely April of this year so as you recall the board did request staff to do a small area plan for each economic development zone in the county which there are ten of the goal of those plans is to create a cohesive vision for the route one corridor this was selected to be our second one with the first one being the route 33 one that which has

[01:40:05] and complete it the route 1 corridor was selected because there is new growth and development occurring by right today there is a need for an organized plan to have more coordinated development in the area and this was identified in the comprehensive plan as a revitalization area it's also one of the major gateways to the county with connectivity on the east coast with route 1 and 95 and then two recent catalysts for the area has been the fall line opening of the fall line

[01:40:39] trail which is the west eastern boundary of the study area and then the henrico sports and event facility in henrico county um with as well as meeting with business owners working on this they have all indicated they are seeing a significant upkeep uptick of sales when there are events going on at the sports arena so most important in our small area planning process is public engagement as we do each one of these small area plans they are following a

[01:41:14] similar format however we are making them unique based on what is needed for this area so this area is a large area there's lots of property owners so we started with some stakeholder focus groups which we would not do in the Route 33 plan so we invited some real estate experts and business owners from the area and sat down with them and talked about some of the strengths and weaknesses of the area what their vision is for the future and what they think could occur

[01:41:47] in the corridor got some great feedback from them there are some large landowners in the area with some vacant land as well as some areas uh prop large properties that are would be conducive to redevelopment so we sat down and met with them they were able to share with us what type of people were approaching them what type of uh interest they were getting and for what uses and then we also had a focus group with our local and state agencies um vdot was uh participated in that as as well as a lot of our department directors.

[01:42:25] We also did a community workshop back in November. We had 63 participants attend that meeting. With there not being a lot of residential in the area, we were pleased with that number. And then we also had an online survey that had almost 300 participants.

[01:42:42] So what we heard, these are the high-level takeaways from those comments through the focus groups, community meeting and through the survey biggest concern was traffic congestion concerns it's the same thing we hear when we have a lot of community meetings and things like that route one getting

backed up when 95 is backed up particularly in the summer being more difficult to make a left turn out on route one there was some concerns with the proposed road extension that is shown on the

[01:43:16] comprehensive plan for that area again you can kind of see that the the conflict between some of the comments we get and it's sort of the balance that we have to do people are concerned with traffic but then there's a road that could potentially cause you know some relief in there and in the future if it was built so we really have to balance all of these comments there was opposition to additional warehouses people were very concerned that they felt like in a very short time over the last five years the route one corridor has sort of become the warehouse corridor opposition to high-density housing there was a desire

[01:43:53] for more neighborhood services as well as medical uses in the area talking a lot about the unattractive development along the corridor it has developed over time probably over the last 70 years so there's a lot of different architectural styles and things like that and there's a you a desire for use transitions especially with some of the large warehouses wishing they had bigger setbacks and things like that some of the things people were recommending on what they think could help the route 1 corridor is more tree preservation a lot

[01:44:30] of interest in having more landscaping more buffers more shielding the buildings with trees and things like that desire for greater building setbacks particularly for large warehouse buildings people seem to think that traditional architecture is what the character of the area should be and would prefer smaller buildings a lot of talk about the Hanover feel so we'll see if we when we bring out bring back our recommendations if we got that right improvements and less signage in the corridor desire for parks was very

[01:45:10] strong particularly with the fall line trail being there some desire to have something some area where people can park their bikes have bathroom facilities as they're using the fall line trail and then a strong desire for sidewalks along the route 1 corridor and I think all of us see it as we drive the corridor there lot more people walking along route one as mr. burdesky mentioned in his comments we will be having our second engagement community meeting tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m. what we're going

[01:45:45] to be showing at that meeting is we're going to have recommendations based on our background information and all of that input that we have gathered and submit recommendations for mobility which would include street designs as well as pedestrian mobility some opportunities for parks and open space in the corridor development opportunities we have for we have identified four areas that are either vacant or prime for redevelopment and some recommendations on the type of businesses as well as the character of those areas how they should be developed

[01:46:23] and then design guidelines we will take that to the community depending on their feedback hopefully we got it right if we didn't get it right we'll revise this schedule but if we did get it right this is tentatively would go to the Planning Commission for a public hearing in April and then to the board in March but that could shift a month or two depending on our feedback from the community that we get tomorrow evening so as that one has start that plan has

[01:46:57] started wrapping up we have begun the route 30 corridor Doswell study we have determined the study boundaries we have done selection negotiations beginning negotiations for selection of a consultant looking to have probably the first community meeting for that plan probably March so it's sort of a tail end once we get into the public hearing phase of this one immediately starting the the route 30 corridor and looking at an adoption of that for some time in

[01:47:33] early fall I'd be happy to answer any questions thank you madam director any questions miss Percher thank you miss honor um I understand the desire not to to have so many warehouses and to have the Hanover feel but in fact we have have warehouses was there any sentiment around softening those areas where we already have the warehouses and I mean in many cases that's private property

[01:48:09] right up to the road any thoughts about we've had lots of discussion if some sort of landscape elements at this point with it already being a lot of them already being constructed really the only option is to do that you know we've had some people come up with some creative citizens who said you know we should hire muralists and paint murals on the wall and make them public art and things like that so those are some of the things we're looking at but I think landscaping has been the overwhelming desire from the citizens to sort of address that but moving forward they did want more design standards for if a

[01:48:48] future warehouse came in having greater setbacks uh to sort of soften that okay anything further mr hersberg thank you for your presentation can you go back to the slide with the map that showed the area sorry and you mentioned the the road that there was a i think it was in the comp plan for adding a road so if you can see lewistown road so here is route one here lewistown

[01:49:25] is located here the convenience center for the county is here there there's a road in the comprehensive plan that comes along and comes out to Cedar Lee Cedar Lane adjacent to this Cedar Lee development and in fact when Cedar Lee was developed they did dedicate some right-of-way if you look at the plan that's with people talking about construction that's really one of the only options to have east west connectivity in the corridor however there is a large creek there

[01:50:05] which would require significant infrastructure to go over that keep creek so wallop road may be a good idea there on paper in reality to construct it it would be very difficult so whether it comes off or not I think I think if it even if it stayed on construction would be a very expensive proposition okay thank you very much anything further thank you ma'am there any announcements about board members very well mr. county

[01:50:44] administrator mr. county attorney very well this board will adjourn until our next regularly scheduled board meeting which is will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday February 18th 2026 for the budget introduction to be held in the Hanover County boardroom located at 7516 County Complex Road we are adjourned



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