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[00:00:00] led by Vice Chair Stoneman and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ms. Floyd. Mr. Stoneman. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Will you join me as we go to the Lord in prayer? Dear Heavenly Father, Lord, we are so grateful that we can come before a mighty and awesome God and give thanks for the many blessings that we receive each and every day.

[00:00:18] And Father, we just want to make supplication. We want to make our needs known to you, Father. And I know with great expectation we can do that. So, Father, I just want to thank you so much for this opportunity to come and be together to do the business of Hanover County.

[00:00:36] Father, we're so lucky and blessed to live here in Hanover County. And I just know that my colleagues and I, we're so blessed to work alongside such wonderful and talented people that we have in our county administration, our support staff, and for all the folks that work out there and our first responders, Byron EMS, our Sheriff's Department, and our county schools, Father, we're just very blessed here.

[00:00:59] And Father, I just want to thank you, Lord, that you've given us an opportunity to share our concerns with you that relate to Hanover County, for all those that come today to speak their heart. Lord, I pray that you'd bless them, Lord, that their words would be with respect and kindness one to another.

[00:01:18] And I pray for our presenters today, Lord, those that are presenting budgets, that are presenting improvements on Hanover County through our broadband and all those things that go on in this county each and every day. We're grateful for this opportunity.

[00:01:35] But, Father, we're so blessed here. But I would be remiss if we didn't look outside of our borders and outside of this country. Father, those are folks that are struggling. You know, our concerns and our problems are small compared to others around this world.

[00:01:52] And Father, I just pray, Lord, that you'd bless nations that are out there fighting for their freedom and for their rights and their liberties that we take for granted each and every day. And Father, I want to lift up those that have given the ultimate sacrifice to help them achieve that. Father, I pray that you'd bless the families that are left behind.

[00:02:10] Bless those that have had injury in the conflict. And, Lord, I just pray, Lord, that you would bring these things to an end soon, Lord, that we can rejoice in the goodness. I know that in a time when this world seems it's full of chaos and confusion, Father, we know that we can trust in you and you work all things for our good and your glory to those that love you.

[00:02:32] So, Father, I ask, Lord, that you bless this meeting, bless our time together. It's in the name of Jesus that we pray. Amen. Amen. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. I pledge allegiance to the United States of America, to the Republic of all nations.

[00:02:59] Thank you, Mr. Stoneman. Thank you, Ms. Floyd. The next item on the agenda is consideration of amendments to the agenda. Do any board members have any proposed amendments? Hearing none, we'll move into item number three, comment period. Board member comments, are there any board members who wish to express any comments?

[00:03:19] Seeing none, Mr. County Administrator. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have a number of events and recognitions I'd like to share today. First, we're announcing a new paper shredding event in Western Hanover. This will occur on Saturday, March 21st from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Montpelier Recreation Center and Library parking lot.

[00:03:38] We have one at the East Verde Lane across from the McCandeville Convenience Center on March 28th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. That's both a hazardous waste and a paper shredding event. Some folks may not realize that each year we recognize centenarians in Hanover County.

[00:03:54] That's those that have achieved birthdays 100 plus. do that recognition and we have so for the past fourth year this year we'll do so again on May 21st at Covenant Woods if anyone would like additional information it's available on our website and the community resources department we host a finding value in your prime active aging event this is offered free to our community engages local seniors through presentations and resources. It's also a great opportunity for families in support of senior resources. It's

[00:04:29] scheduled for Thursday, May 14th from 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fairmont Christian Church. Registration is required for this and that's also available through our Department of Community Resources. I did want to recognize a couple of additional activities. Tomorrow at 3.30 p.m. we will join our

school partners and break ground on the replacement Washington and Henry elementary school projects and communities welcome to join us there as well and appreciate the opportunity to celebrate with the school community or

[00:05:06] and our students tomorrow as well everyone should be aware that the fall line trail that that starts in the town of Ashland and now goes down into Henrico County ultimately will go to Petersburg is now open other than some delays there with Dominion doing some work around that trail, it is open for the public and we are seeing great interest in that trail and very high utilization. We just ask everyone to to also make sure that as the weather continues to improve and there's high traffic, please just make sure that we're

[00:05:43] being courteous to everyone on the trail and look out for everyone's safety. We're excited that more permanent wayfinding markers have been completed and will be installed shortly on the fall line trail. I do want to recognize a couple of honors that our community has received.

[00:06:00] First, we just celebrated the RVA Sports Awards, several impact awards, and our own Parks and Recreation Department and Polgreen Park had received the Event Impact of the Year Award this year, and they were competing against the final week of the Squirrels, the final Dominion Cup, and some other very strong nominees and very proud of the work that our Parks and Rec team does and everyone who puts on the track and field events at Pilgrim Park.

[00:06:34] But I'd be remiss if I didn't also recognize some other folks that were recognized there. Randolph-Macon Women's Softball was recognized as the Team of the Year and a player also as the woman athlete of the year and resident Ron Pumphrey was recognized as the sports fan of the year as a super collector I have not seen his collection but I hear it's amazing and Ron it's I'm available on Saturdays if you're open also would like to recognize that our public schools and county government's been recognized with an active RVA award this program recognizes employers and schools across the Richmond region implementing innovative and effective programs to

[00:07:13] promote physical activity and if you have not seen the newest love sign that was unveiled here in Hanover County really encourage you to take the opportunity we did this with our school partners I believe it was just last week all the pictures are online but if you participate in a number of our 250th celebration events over the next year you will have the opportunity to see that I for one I'm going to make an offer of this campus to be the permanent home of that sign but really want to give a shout out to the teachers and staff and volunteers that helped with that and the students that helped bring that to life

[00:07:51] and so it's going to really be a nice addition to our community Mr. Chairman that's all I have today. Thank you Mr. Badesky. The next item on our agenda is a series of presentations of proclamations. The first one is for Mr.

[00:08:06] Jonathan England. Is Mr. England here? Good to see you sir. I'm going to ask Miss Floyd and Mr. Longshore to join me and Mr. Englund you're free to bring your family and friends and

[00:08:16] whoever's come to celebrate with you. Jonathan Englund began his career with Hanover County

[00:09:04] Department of Public Utilities in January 1989 initially as a meter reader then an operator at the Doswell Water Treatment Plant then the longtime superintendent of the Doswell Water Treatment Plant and lastly as a department's first division manager of water operations.

[00:09:19] Jonathan met and exceeded the many technical challenges of operating a conventional water treatment plant and providing high quality potable water for the benefit of the Hanover County citizens as well as our business community during that time. He has always been tremendously dedicated to achieving excellence while inspiring those around him to also achieve that excellence.

[00:09:42] In addition, Jonathan met and exceeded the many leadership challenges during that time while he was responsible for the operations of the Doswell Water Treatment Plant, including maintaining adequate staffing levels consistently exceeding regulatory compliance levels and mentoring multiple generations of waterworks operators for the betterment of the water industry in Hanover County notably under the leadership of Jonathan England the Doswell Water Treatment Plant received the gold award for excellence in clarification filtration and backwash from the Virginia Department of Health Office of Drinking Water for 20 consecutive years for 20 years 20 consecutive years wow two days that's amazing that is amazing

[00:10:22] while recognizing the unwavering commitment of Jonathan and his staff to achieve these challenges federal and state regulatory compliance requirements noted as well Jonathan England has demonstrated through all of his actions the best qualities of Hanover County employee for over 37 years he will retire from his position as division manager of water operations on March 31st, 2026. Jonathan's knowledge, professionalism, positive attitude, commitment to excellence and dedication to the citizens of the businesses and the businesses of Hanover will leave a lasting impact on the Department of Public Utilities and everyone that has had the opportunity of

[00:11:01] working with him. The members of the Hanover County Board of Supervisors expressed their sincere appreciation to Jonathan England for his dedicated service and outstanding leadership while acting in the best interest of the citizens in Hanover County. The Hanover County Board of Supervisors does hereby extend its best wishes that during his retirement he shall have continued good health, prosperity, and enjoyment of life for many years. Congratulations.

[00:12:07] I'd just like to say that I've had a great career here, and a lot of that is due to the people that I've been surrounded by all these years, a few of them that aren't here anymore, on the earth anymore but they gave me my start and they they were examples for me to follow but I would be

[00:12:44] remiss if I didn't say that I would not have been able to do any of this if it hadn't been for my wife all the times that we had hurricanes and snowstorms and everything else and I had to stay at the plant and she was there with the kids at home holding things down. I would not have been able to do any of this without her. Thank you so very much. I'd also like to say that among all the people that I have worked with, I may not have worked with them personally, but all the

[00:13:23] different boards of supervisors that have been here through the years, the things that I felt needed to be done at the plant to maintain the quality that we were able to maintain was through their passing the budgets that were prepared and put before the board and their ability to see that this was an important thing and getting it passed and I do appreciate all

[00:13:51] that as well uh thank you thank you your best is yet to come okay I'm going to ask uh miss Nancy Scott, if she would come down, along with Mr. Berdesky, Sheriff Hines, and Ms. Scott's family, anybody she wishes to have with her.

[00:14:28] That's up to her, though, so if she doesn't allow you to come down, don't hold it against the board. So, all friends and family.

[00:14:49] I know all your family. We could have a cocktail hour.

[00:15:03] Nancy B. Scott graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School and then from Virginia Commonwealth University with a bachelor's degree in business education. She began her tenure with the Hanover County Sheriff's Office on July 1, 2005, as an administrative assistant in the personnel unit.

[00:15:25] In 2011, since 2011, Nancy has admirably filled her role as executive assistant to the Sheriff of Hanover County, Colonel David R. Hines. She has worked for 20 years serving the citizens of Hanover County and has interacted positively with applicants, citizens, and callers looking for information or guidance, kindly offering to help each and every one.

[00:15:47] And Nancy has received multiple commendations from citizens and supervisors in recognition of her outstanding service to her co-workers and the citizens of Hanover County. And Nancy has worked beside numerous employees throughout her tenure, always conducting herself in a positive manner and presenting a friendly and approachable demeanor, assisting anyone who asks for her help.

[00:16:09] Nancy exemplifies the attributes of the best in public service, working tirelessly to serve the citizens of the county for over 20 years. The Hanover County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the citizens, wish to express its appreciation and congratulate Nancy B. Scott for her 20-plus years of outstanding service to the citizens of Hanover and the county as a whole.

[00:16:31] Furthermore, the board joins her co-workers and friends in extending its best wishes to her and her family for a long, healthy, and happy retirement. Congratulations, Nancy. This was my second career, actually, and it was the best career I had, and I had the best boss ever.

[00:17:00] That was good. I hope Mr. Badesky says the same thing. I like that. That was nice. Colonel, would you care to say anything? Gosh, you know, my wife at home, Nancy just takes care of me at work.

[00:17:25] She always has. She's just one of the sweetest people I know, most efficient, professional. No matter whose mistake it was, she always jumped in there and just said, hey, I'm sorry. You know, she never looked to cast blame.

[00:17:42] And when people came in, they were met with a highly professional individual that greeted them at the door and brought them back. And Nancy understood everything I needed. That was just unique that before I needed it, normally she had it on my desk for me.

[00:18:03] And that's why I'm retiring, because Nancy left. So Nancy, thank you for everything you've done for us, and thank you for everything you've done for everybody. And, you know, Nancy and my wife, we're all great friends also. So we'll still be seeing each other on Friday nights for cookouts at houses.

[00:18:22] And now Jonathan has time. But thank you, Nancy, for everything you've done. I think we're going to do pictures, Ms. Nancy, and then we'll let everybody head back their way.

[00:18:40] Nancy, thanks for being with us. I mean, what the sheriff said is absolutely correct. I mean, you send stuff directly to my calendar as well. I don't know if the sheriff knew you did that or not, but that kept me straight, and I just, I can't thank you enough. It was just, it was such a pleasure working with you. I mean, just your demeanor, your administrative skills are impeccable, but your demeanor and your willingness to help, I mean, you just made other people's jobs easier.

[00:19:04] And it was, it's just, it's great working with you, and you're a wonderful person, that on top. You're a good person.

[00:19:10] I'm going to ask the entire board if they would join me down here, along with the undersheriff, I believe who's already here, for a presentation of a proclamation.

[00:20:13] to Colonel David R. Hines, our sheriff. And Colonel, would you like to have your family here with you? I think Mrs. Hines is here. I saw Mr. Hines, the younger, Miss Hines for a short period of time, and all of our constitutional officers who may be in attendance.

[00:20:37] If you're a constitutional officer, would you please join us up here, please? Mr. Boshan, the treasurer, Ms. Babinchenko.

[00:20:56] Thank you, board. Ladies and gentlemen, David R. Hines graduated from Lee Davis High School, then from Richmond Technical Center, and began his tenure with Hanover County Sheriff's Office on July 16, 1984, as a patrol deputy.

[00:21:16] He worked his entire 41-year career serving the citizens of Hanover County. David has admirably filled many roles with the Sheriff's Office, including patrol deputy, vice narcotics, investigator, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, major, and lieutenant colonel, as well as his current role, sheriff of Hanover County.

[00:21:38] Sheriff Hines successfully graduated from the Richmond Regional Criminal Justice Center at the University of Richmond in the 195th session of the FBI's National Academy. He has received countless commendations from citizens, supervisors, and co-workers in recognition of his outstanding service to the citizens of Hanover County and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

[00:21:59] Further, Sheriff Hines has been recognized by multiple Virginia governors and been appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse as well as the Governor's Board of Juvenile Justice. Sheriff Hines has received an award for leadership by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and has been recognized by Homeland Security today for his Homeland Security and anti-terrorism efforts.

[00:22:22] Sheriff Hines has provided the highest level of leadership and public service to the residents of Hanover County and through his commitment to excellence has been instrumental in improving public safety measures and preventing crime from occurring across this region. Hanover County Board of Supervisors on behalf of all of the citizens of Hanover County wish to express our deep appreciation and congratulate Colonel David R. Hines for his 41 years of outstanding service to Hanover County.

[00:22:50] Furthermore, the board joins his coworkers and friends in extending its best wishes to him for a long, healthy, and happy retirement. Congratulations, Colonel Hines. Thank you all.

[00:23:19] That was mighty kind of y'all. Look, I don't have a whole lot to say. We're having to open the house on Friday between 1 and 4 if you want to come by and say hi or scream at me one last time, that's okay, too. I just want to tell you what a great career I've had here.

[00:23:37] I've worked with some of the most amazing people in public safety and just in the county in general. And for that matter, a lot of amazing people throughout the state, commonwealth, and world. Those amazing people are still here, and they will continue to do amazing jobs here, and I know that.

[00:23:58] I've never felt more confident about what I was doing than what I feel about retiring. And it's not for me that I feel the confidence is for this agency and for the county. You know, when Stuart Cook left, he appointed me as a sheriff.

[00:24:15] And I hope he had the same confidence that I have in Greg Six in taking over this agency. And not only just in Greg, but in the staff that he will have coming up and the staff that he has today, because they are the most amazing people around.

[00:24:34] those people are just tremendous. To my family, thank you. I know there was always maybe a Christmas I had to miss a little bit or a birthday, but in the long run, y'all always stood by me. You know, Pat and I dated since eighth grade, so she thinks all men are like me. So, you know, we're working on our 47th year marriage, and she's just been wonderful. I just want to thank all of everybody here all the citizens that have ever uh that we've served and i want to thank this

[00:25:12] board for everything you've done and previous boards but this board has been very very supportive of our efforts and you hear me say this a lot and i'll continue to say it even in retirement there is such a great partnership here between the sheriff's office the board the citizens uh the county government uh i've told you before i think you had the best uh county administrator around and mr podetsky and i believe and i truly believe that i'm not just saying it i mean i'm i'm leaving i don't have to say that uh but he really is he's been a pleasure to work with

[00:25:49] i want to tell you that you've got a great fire chief he is fantastic i thank the world of chris and i just know that in and with cheryl buchanan and i always forget cheryl cheryl knows that no matter where we are I thank everybody for being there and at the end I have to go Cheryl I'm so sorry Cheryl I didn't forget you this time but Cheryl does a fantastic job and just thank everyone that's helped make my career and I really want to thank Stuart Cook for having the confidence in me to appoint me and I just know that my appointment of Greg is better than the appointment

[00:26:26] that Stuart made so how's that Greg congratulations and thank thank all y'all Sean you've been like a brother thank you so sheriff you moved me to budget in 2013 and one of the things i was responsible for was the property room and you know that i don't like to keep things and i throw things away quick and you also know how many times we've reorganized that property room

[00:27:01] this uh i have a retirement badge here that says sheriff on it we don't give those out very often i think all right now that we got that out the way i can talk we don't give these out very often And so once in the last 36 years, and it's my honor to do it for you.

[00:27:29] I've got to get out. One more thing. You're quick to give out Retirement Yeti Cups, so now you get your own. We're going to do a series of pictures, Sheriff, and then I'm going to ask all of our public safety executives if they would come down, Cheryl and the chief, and then we can do whatever we want to do.

[00:27:59] But we'll start first with whatever you tell us to start with and whatever group you want to thank.

[00:28:14] Captain Sullivan said he had a few things he wanted to say about the sheriff, but you wanted to wait until April 1st.

[00:29:48] Was that what it was, Terry?

[00:29:50] The next item on the agenda is Citizens' Time.

[00:30:29] We do have two folks that have signed up. However, you're not required to sign up, nor are you required to fill out a card. However, we ask that you do, should you choose to, because it helps us with getting district-specific information to the board member or follow-up. Citizens' Time is a time where anyone who wishes to address the board on anything within the board's authority is welcome to come forward.

[00:30:49] We ask that you state your name and the district that you live. You're certainly free to have handouts and present those to the board and make those part of the public record. While we do not allow during Citizens' Time presentations, we will accept those handouts or any information. Dr. Brown is here, and he will take those and make sure that they get to the board and, again, are placed into the public record.

[00:31:11] How many folks do we have that wish to speak at Citizens' Time? Show of hands. One, two, three, four. So there's four so under that will allow five minutes. I do have miss Ashley Covington from the Cold Harbor district If she you're welcome to come forward Please state your name in the district that you live or the entities that you represent. Thank you for being with us Thank you. We're gonna do five minutes Five minutes five minutes now because we don't we've only got four or five folks. Great. Thank you. And Ashley Covington Cold Harbor District Supervisors said that residents speaking against data centers haven't been bringing facts

[00:31:50] So here are the facts, verified, sourced, and documented, not from Facebook. First, data centers blast 55 to 85 decibels continuously above the WHO's safe limit of 40, with low-frequency noise being heard in a two-mile radius where we have county schools.

[00:32:09] Fact, data centers are causing water crises in rural communities across the country. FACT. Diesel generators emit nitrogen oxide and fine particulate matter linked to asthma, heart disease, and cancer. FACT. A 2024 peer-reviewed study found that by 2030, U.S. data centers could contribute to nearly 1,300 deaths annually, creating a public health burden exceeding \$20 billion.

[00:32:37] FACT. Our electricity bills will rise, just like they have in Loudoun County. Fact. Data centers are now targets for war using drones. Fact. Tract has never completed a data center anywhere. Fact. Tract hires their sister company, Fleet, for construction. After completion, data centers create only 30 to 50 permanent positions. Fact. Tier 4 equivalent is a lie.

[00:33:06] Emergency generators can legally run on dirtier Tier 2 engines. Developers buy Tier 2 engines, add minimal parts and call them tier four equivalent. If they don't use diesel exhaust fluid, they're running a dirtier engine. Fact, we don't know who will operate here. Tract has no tenant, but we do know what other tenants have done. If it's XAI, they installed 27 methane gas turbines in Mississippi without permits. Thermal drone footage shows that they're still running.

[00:33:36] In Memphis, they added 100 megawatts of gas turbines without environmental review. They were caught running turbines without required air permits. In Oregon, Amazon is using contaminated water for cooling, concentrating toxins, and spreading them on farmland.

[00:33:55] Residents report high rates of miscarriage and cancer linked to nitrate exposure. Oregon fined Amazon. In South Carolina, Google paid \$4.5 million to settle a lawsuit over groundwater contamination from a coal ash site.

[00:34:11] Fact, Hanover County does not have the resources to go up against whatever trillion-dollar company takes over and starts polluting. If this were good for Hanover, developers would hold town halls from the very beginning. There would not be private meetings, NDAs, and email threads going back years before the residents were made aware.

[00:34:34] So today, I'm asking you to consider one thing, a moratorium on data center developments for at least one year. A year to study the impacts around the country. A year to ask the hard questions. A year to demand transparency before we commit hundreds of acres of our rural land to an industry that everywhere it goes hides the truth until it's too late.

[00:34:59] Municipalities across the country are considering or have enacted moratoriums. They're asking these same questions. We have a choice. Rush forward with no tenant, no transparency, and no plan, or pause and study. Demand developers show their hand.

[00:35:16] Things that are good for communities don't need to be hidden or rushed. Places across the country that have constructed these AI data centers are finding that out with horrifying consequences. Instead of gambling away our land, focus on building strong local economies that deliver long-term gains and positive impacts.

[00:35:38] I will send each of you an email tonight with verified sources for all the facts I just presented. I will let the community know who responds and who doesn't. I hope to hear from every single one of you.

[00:35:55] Thank you. Thank you, ma'am. Mr. Bob Nelson, please come forward, state your name, the district that you live, or the entity that you represent. Thank you for being with us. Good afternoon, Chairman Davis and Board Supervisors. My name is Bob Nelson.

[00:36:11] I reside in the Ashland District. At your last meeting, I discussed Tracks' failure to develop its Hickory Hill project. Today, let's look at the big picture. TRACT has 14 active data center projects in seven states.

[00:36:28] Total acreage is over 21,000 acres. That is equal to over 21-31% of Hanover's suburban service area. Total megawatts is 18,700. That's 9.5 times the capacity of the North Anna nuclear plant.

[00:36:48] TRACT has big plans, but it doesn't have an operational data center anywhere in the country. TRACT is a land speculator, not a data center developer. Last month, TRACT claimed that Dominion would energize Sladen Creek, a Hickory Hill substation, in the second quarter of 2029.

[00:37:13] Yet, in a report to a PJM committee dated yesterday, TRAC now shows a December 1, 2029 in-service date. One month has passed. Six months of delay have been added. Two years ago, TRAC presented a slide showing \$100 million in county tax revenues in 2028, 2029, and 2030.

[00:37:44] In fact, TRAC will not receive any property tax revenues in those years. Zero. Gone. Vanished. Given TRAC's record, under no circumstances should the board approve the Mountain Road Project.

[00:38:03] That was my recommendation last month, and it hasn't changed. TRAC has done nothing to move the development needle. It's going backwards. I have 10 copies of documents supporting my presentation and my comments today.

[00:38:18] thank you very much okay ladies and gentlemen thank you uh next speaker i think i saw some other answers yes ma'am thank you for being with us good afternoon everybody my name is peggy lavender i'm mechanicsville district and you'll be glad to know i'm not here to complain about anything or

fuss about anything i'm here to invite you to a program at mechanicsville library you know probably that i'm a longtime friend of mechanicsville library and all of our area

[00:38:55] libraries are participating with various programs and information sessions trivia all kinds of fun stuff for the Virginia 250 celebration and the Friends of Mechanicsville library is very happy to be sponsoring one of those programs it's called Liberty or Death and it's a full cast production of the Patrick Henry speech full costume full cast will take place inside the Library on March 21st from 2 to 3. It's a free program. Everyone's invited. And as a friend

[00:39:30] of Mechanicsville Library, I'm very happy to be part of the group that's helping to sponsor this program. I gave some flyers so everybody can have one. Please share them widely. And we hope to see you there. Thank you. Thank you, ma'am. Anyone else? Yes, ma'am. Please come forward, state your name, the district that you live, or the entity that you represent. Thank you for being with us.

[00:39:53] Good afternoon. My name is Patricia Hunter Jordan, and I live in the Coal Harbor District. I wanted to say this afternoon that it was great to hear about the love sign that's coming. But I also need us to understand that love is an action word. It is what we show to each other.

[00:40:15] And I feel that in the county, a lot of times we show love to a particular group, but we leave others out. And I would ask that we do show love to each other instead of just placing that sign.

[00:40:36] What do I mean when I say that we don't show love to each other? Well, I look at some of our schools and I look at the way some of the children in our schools are treated. And when the reports are given about how they have been treated, nothing is done.

[00:40:57] We have kids on school buses being spat on, nothing being done about it. And so I'm going to ask you all to look at your districts and find out exactly what's going on with our schools. I look at how we, and I'm a Christian, and I'm going to say that when we open our meetings, we always pray to Jesus.

[00:41:23] And our county is not just made up of Christians. Our county has other people. And we should think about them. and at least do a prayer that does not be exclusive of others.

[00:41:42] Our data centers, everybody is, the county mostly seems to be against those. And we listen to you all. And I'm asking that you listen to all of the citizens and not just a group of people.

[00:42:03] I'm asking that you hear the facts that were given to you about data centers and know that when we came to Hanover County, all of us came here for the peace and the quiet and not the industrialization. I hear a lot of you say all the time, you don't want D.C. here. You don't want Richmond here. Well, what are we doing when we are bringing all of the data centers here? We're bringing that type of environment to Hanover County.

[00:42:33] The facts show that, yes, we need additional data centers, and maybe we need one and maybe two in Hanover, but we don't need 15. We need you to look at the facts. Place those data centers that we must have because all of us are using AI, because all of us are continually on our laptops and on our phones. Because of that, we know we have to have one, maybe two, but we don't need all

[00:43:08] of them. And look at where you place them. Find an already industrialized area and place them in industrial parks. We need you to listen to all of the citizens of Hanover County and not just your buddies and your friends. So we ask that you do that, that you show love

[00:43:36] to everybody put it in action thank you thank you anyone further anyone we will now close citizens time the next item on the agenda is the consent agenda if all board members had an opportunity to review the consent agenda does anyone wish to pull anything off of the consent agenda is there a motion to approve so moved we have a motion to approve is there a second second we have a motion to second by vice chair all those in favor please indicate by saying aye aye any opposed

[00:44:09] motion carries the next item on the agenda is school board nomination procedures pursuant to the authority granted by the code of virginia and the voters of hanover county the board is responsible for making appointments to the hanover county school board the terms for each school board member in hanover county are staggered and each year there are either one or two terms that are coming to an end this year the term of the representative for the mechanics field district is coming to an end school board members can be appointed to consecutive terms again two

[00:44:46] consecutive terms not two two consecutive terms i just want to be clear that wording some folks have asked school board members are not limited to two terms consecutive consistent with this process in prior years the board will be using the following schedule to consider nominations for the mechanics field seat one the board will hold a public hearing to receive nominations at its second Wednesday meeting in April, which is April 8th, 2026. And number two, at its fourth Wednesday meeting in May, which is May 27th, the board will make that appointment or at least have it on the agenda to make an appointment. The board's process, in addition to the public hearing

[00:45:23] and the formal appointment at the end of May, is as follows. One, information about the nomination and appointment process will be placed on the county's website after today's meeting. County staff will work with Hanover County Public School staff to place the information on the HCPS or Hanover County Public School website. Two, the individuals interested in serving may indicate their interest to the board member or county administrator up to two weeks prior to the public hearing at which time the names will be placed in nomination. As a public hearing is on April 8th,

[00:45:57] individuals can provide that information beginning on March 25th, 2026. All names for consideration must be placed in nomination at the april 8th public hearing i just want to make that clear we've in the past we've had some folks say they'd express some interest to be clear all names for consideration must be placed in nomination at the april 8th public hearing regardless of whether an individual has otherwise expressed interest individuals interested in serving must provide contact information including a telephone number and email address to the board no later than the close of the public hearing at which time the names are placed in nomination. Interested applicants

[00:46:36] must complete an interest form and may provide curriculum vitae or resumes, so their CV or their resume. The contact information must be provided on those documents and will be provided to all board members. After the public hearing, the names of nominees will be placed on the county's website county staff will work with hcps to place the names on the hcps website and finally the supervisor for the mechanics field district will interview all individuals whose names are placed in nomination other supervisors are encouraged to contact prospective appointees making appointments

[00:47:13] to the school board is one of the most important roles that the board has and the board has established this process to ensure that all eligible interested individuals are aware of the process and to ensure that the public has an opportunity to see who is being considered for appointment should you have any questions about the process please go to the county website for more information or reach out to

board members if you have if your questions are not answered there you may also contact the county administrator's office and again i just want to let folks know you have the website uh you have the county administrator's office but all board members cell phones to the best of my knowledge are still on the website uh for for board members or uh if

[00:47:52] you have any issue with that you can always call up county administration and all board members contact information is public information and you can reach out to board members there mr hudson do you care to make any comments sir thank you mr chair um my my comments are that i want to be uh up front and transparent i will respect the process i will interview everyone that is placed into nomination but i do want to uh be honest rather than have someone come up here and

[00:48:26] tell me what they already know. At this point in time, it would be my intention to reappoint Mr. Martin. He has expressed an interest in continuing his service on the school board. But with that, I do understand and have an obligation to interview and speak with everyone. Because as we all know, things happen, family things and things like that. So as I do with all of my appointments I try to keep a pipeline so I look forward to it and seeing who comes forward but I did want to be honest so thank you for your time mr.

[00:49:04] chair the next item on the agenda item number eight is a presentation the span center miss Amy Streit president and CEO of span centers with us thank you for being with us ma'am good afternoon you speak with you today my name is Amy Streit and I'm the president and CEO of the span center your capital area agency on Aging. I'm joined today by my colleagues, Alexa Van Artrick and Colleen Wilhelm. We appreciate the opportunity to share a little bit about our work and our partnership with

[00:49:38] Hanover County. Hi, I'm Alexa. Thank you so much for having us here today. I know many of you are familiar with the work we do. So we changed our name back in 2024 from Senior Connections to the SPAN Center. So if Senior Connections sparks anything for you, we are the span center now. Nothing has changed. We've just rebranded. We are Hanover's official area agency on aging. We also serve the localities on the slide, Goochland, Powhatan, Chesterfield, Richmond City, Henrico, Charles City, and New Kent. Our mission is to support older adults,

[00:50:17] adults with disabilities, and family caregivers, and almost all of our services are offered at no cost. This is a lot on this slide. This is just a snapshot, a high-level overview of the services we offer as your area agency on aging. We've broken them into the buckets of support, connection, and advocacy, which are our three pillars. I won't go through each of these today, of course, but our website goes more into depth of what these services are, who they're for, and a lot more. So that website is spancenter.org at the bottom right. So there is a growing need

[00:50:56] in Hanover County. Hanover County's 60 plus population covers over 30,500 individuals representing 26 percent of the county's total population. So that's one in four people you meet in Hanover County are over the age of 60. And year after year we've seen that consistent growth in the volume of services for older adults requested in Hanover. So those are calls that we're receiving as the Area Agency on Aging. And this growing population is including an estimated 638 additional residents 60 plus added to hanover county in the past year and this places a demand

[00:51:31] and on existing services on older adult services on caregiver services and we at the span center see so much value in older adults older adults are workers they're volunteers they're caregivers they're kinship families or grandparents raising grandkids and we just want to make sure that we're prepared for

this demand that's going to be placed on us in the coming years so this is a snapshot of our 2025 services we had to support Hanover residents. So we supported over 2,700

[00:52:05] Hanover residents in 2025. This is through 1,268 one-way transportation rides through our friendship cafes. We have two friendship cafes located in Hanover County, 20 total. These are cafes where we support older adults. We invite them to come in regularly. They're kind of like senior centers and we offer meals and education and gathering and connection for those that attend the cafes. So like I said, we have two of those in Hanover County. We supported 110 residents through one-on-one support through our care transitions, options counseling, caregiver support

[00:52:45] and care coordination. We served 14,235 nutritious and delicious meals through our cafes, through our home-delivered meals program, and through our care transitions, hospital-to-home meal support. And then dozens of residents received health and wellness education via our disease prevention and health promotion classes. And continuing, we offered 6,586 hours of care through adult day support and home services and respite, 933 volunteer hours supporting all Hanover County residents, 241 residents receiving Medicare counseling through VICAP, and 56 residents

[00:53:22] received free legal services through our county-specific law days, and those are located in Hanover County. And lastly, we're responsible for gathering community feedback, and this is what residents in Hanover County told us their critical needs are. Care coordination, caregiver support, nutrition, health and wellness support in classes, transportation, and access to volunteer opportunities. And the services that are needed are legal services, safe and affordable housing, friendly visiting to help reduce isolation and loneliness, and help understanding Medicare. And that, like I said, is just a snapshot of what we're hearing from

[00:53:58] your residents about what they need. And we as the area agency and aging will work to meet those needs. And I'm going to turn it over really quick to Colleen Wilhelm, who is your county liaison. Hello, thank you for having us here. I'm Colleen Wilhelm. And in addition to working with our leadership team at the span center to support the work of our agency. I'm also honored to serve as the community liaison for Hanover. The community liaison role allows every locality that we serve

[00:54:33] to have one direct contact at the span center and while your residents if they need support or one of our services should really continue to access the services through our intake and referral folks My goal is to strengthen our connections, enhance communication, and make sure that Hanover residents know about all of the services that we need, all the services that support them through our program and advocacy work.

[00:55:00] A big part of my role is to collaborate and, when possible, help to expand programs, develop new programs, work with Debbie back there to provide information and referral. And in the process, I really had the privilege to work with the Hanover Food Network, the Hanover Triad, the Hanover Council on Aging.

[00:55:23] And I'm also part of the housing subcommittee with the Hanover Department of Health, the Hanover Community Health Improvement Plan. I appreciate the opportunity to see, you all can see my face. I am your liaison as well. If there is something that you need, you can always reach out to me.

[00:55:43] So really quickly, we want to make sure that you are aware because we invite each of you. We are having a breakfast on March 31st to hear from local leaders in government. And we want to hear what

you're hearing from constituents and really figure out how we can be a support to each of you.

[00:56:02] So I'd also like to take a moment to recognize Debbie Preston, who represents Hanover County on the SPADS Board of Directors. We are grateful for her leadership and for the perspective and commitment she brings to our organization and to older adults and caregivers we all serve.

[00:56:19] And finally, I want to thank you for the ways Hanover County, as a community, I want to thank you for the ways you at Hanover County, where people can grow older with dignity, connection, and care. We appreciate the opportunity to be here today and to continue working alongside you to make Hanover County a wonderful place to grow old.

[00:56:40] So thank you. Thank you, ma'am. Any questions from board members? Mr. Hudson. Thank you, ladies, for that presentation. I just have a couple questions that have been posed to me in regard to SPAN.

[00:56:56] Have you all, well, let's start with the name change. Was that something, how did that come about? Was it discussed across the region, just in Richmond or Henrico, Chesterfield? I don't know. You tell me. No, we really were very intentional about the name change and wanted to get perspective from others, what we were hearing.

[00:57:16] And one of the things we were hearing, the word senior really was very defined, and we wanted to make sure that people could access us at any age. So we felt that the SPAN Center, when we look at the word SPAN, it's lifespan, health span age span we wanted to make sure caregivers family caregivers could access us and adults living with disabilities and so we wanted to expand access and the opportunity to to connect with us and then when someone from span calls anyone doesn't does it show up as span it shows up as the span center the span

[00:57:54] center okay good because I'd heard that it shows up as span and some folks were thinking it was spam uh-huh we we have heard that and what we're what we're doing we also our official title is the uh the um capital air agency on aging yes and so we're really clear to we do business as the spam center so we also want to be clear when we call and make sure that people don't feel concerned and we have had we have had that feedback and we're trying to address it okay wow that's i mean that seemed like such easy questions and you did a great job of actually

[00:58:29] explain it i'm a sense relief because i really had gotten that feedback and i'm glad to know that you all are aware of it we really appreciate that and we're trying to address it we want people to feel safe and comfortable and access you did you did a great job of answering it thank you anything further i have a question um do you mind going back to the area oh there we go so i think that's interesting i was looking at some information uh the critical needs it says here's what hanover residents told us what was a communication channel for them to to voice these really really good question and let me just take a moment we have a

[00:59:09] mandate to create what's called an area plan it's for your plan and what we do we go out into community in various ways we want to hear from people in closest proximity to challenge and solution and so we do that in a variety of ways we host a variety of of sessions out we want to make sure we're reaching all of our localities so we have in-person sessions we've also we have also had virtual sessions and we've also created survey opportunities when we have this breakfast I wrench I mentioned on March 31st

it will be an opportunity to hear from you all what you're hearing and that will become part of our area plan as

[00:59:46] well so I see it says here's what the residents told us what was the communication channel for you to receive that feedback um do you want to talk sure as we hi as we work on our area plan process we really partner with our communities to host in-person listening sessions either through a triad the Council on Aging last year we hosted we hosted one and advertised in the library system we also promote our online survey which goes out everywhere social media

[01:00:22] and that is filtered out by county so that I'm able to sort everything so I can tell you that this is kind of what we see across the board in all of our localities but I can really drill that down to what is happening in Hanover and we're getting ready to start our planning for our fourth year of our four-year plan and so we'll be connecting with folks to do listening sessions again in the community and I'm happy to share with the board any information that we receive council any information that we see yeah I mean it's obviously I mean you've hit

[01:01:00] the nail right on the head so you've reason I ask that question is because this is what we've heard over the years and uh in different areas have worked with different agencies not just as board members in our official capacity but in volunteer capacities a number of board members uh legal services um helping understand medicare that that's a huge one not just for folks who are going on to the medicare program but oftentimes those who have been on there for quite some time and you start talking about donut holes they have all these things it it is overwhelming to those folks so i just thought that that was really interesting my initial thought was you really have your finger

[01:01:36] on the pulse now my thought is you know so how do we um how do we check those off the list right We want to yeah, we want to work, you know where we can so I think that's I think it's great I think you're obviously doing a great job with that and I look forward to partnering In other areas and receiving that information So if we can make adjustments as Hanover County government we will or if we cannot in any way, you know Use that platform to bring more folks in For you know targeted care resources. I think that'd be great too. So well, thank you. Thank you. Thank you all Thank you for being with us The next item on the agenda, item number nine, is a presentation on the Barrett JCC.

[01:02:17] Discussion, consideration of purchasing real property for public use. That is GPIN 8718-240841. Presenting this afternoon is Deputy County Administrator Todd Kilduff. Thank you for being with us, Deputy. Thank you, Mr. Chair, members of the board, Mr. Budeski, Mr. Walter.

[01:02:34] Do you want me to announce the P.E. after your name? Do you like that? I just didn't know. That's quite all right. It's all good. I'm reluctant to just say everything you just said, but this is a presentation on the consideration of the acquisition of real property with the Jeep in there, and more commonly known as the Barrett Juvenile Correction Center, Barrett JCC.

[01:02:54] Just want to start out by saying we had, throughout this process-- and this is for board consideration of the property purchase-- we had worked with several state agencies. Just want to list a few of those there. There's DJJ, the Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of General Services, and there was actually just A few others that we worked with, the state's attorney's office and a few others, to get access to the site and a few other things to be able to compile enough information to provide you with the presentation today.

[01:03:20] But just for proximity, this property is just a few miles from the building we're in right now. It's down Georgetown Road on the corner of Georgetown Road and Chestnut Church Road. Just some site characteristics, it's approximately 144 acres.

[01:03:36] We did do our own site survey, which is why we had to work with another organization, DOC, Department of Corrections. They had a site access agreement we had to go through to enter the property to get a survey complete. So we got a survey complete, and it's about 144 acres. So on day one, the comprehensive plan lists that as rural, agricultural, and the property is assessed at \$5.8 million.

[01:03:57] There's approximately 11 structures on site, and I say approximately because some of them are small, little structures that could either be considered office-based. They could be considered storage or warehouse. If you've seen some of those buildings, you'll know what I'm talking about. But there's some larger ones that are literally for storage, lawnmowers and things of that nature.

[01:04:16] There is an on-site water and wastewater treatment plant. Just as an example for the structures, right next to the wastewater treatment plant is also a little structure that the water operator goes into literally every single day, take samples of the waste and actually provides that information to the state just to make sure that the wastewater treatment plant is treating the effluent appropriately. I'll get into that a little bit more here in just a second. So having said that, the state approached us as a county back in roughly August of last year in giving the county the first right of refusal to purchase this property because the state was trying to relinquish it and surplus it and not utilize it anymore.

[01:04:56] Staff provided the board with the information that we had at the time. There's a lot more information now, but at the time we had very little information other than what I'm explaining right now for board consideration to move forward with the potential to purchase that property. So the board authorized county administrator and administration to obtain an appraisal and begin negotiations for the property.

[01:05:18] So with that, the state does a little bit about their process. They do their own appraisal. Of course, we wanted to do our appraisal. As part of their process, they actually have to take both of those appraisals and compare them and just make sure they're within reason, of course. If ours was, let's say, \$1 million and theirs was \$12 million, obviously there's a massive discrepancy there.

[01:05:37] But we were pretty close. Just to explain theirs, which is that first bullet point, their appraisal had two numbers in it, \$365,000 and \$1 million. The reason why they have that delta is the \$1 million was for the property and all those structures on site. They did a really nice thing for us or for anybody because it's appraisable that anyone can consume.

[01:05:58] They said, hey, we know some of the structures on site are not in great shape and may need to be demolished. So they actually had another number that accommodated for the demolition of some of the structures on site. So that's why you have two numbers there. We did our appraisal. Ours looked through the lens of the entire site, which would be, which include the structures, which is why I see our number there around 900,000.

[01:06:20] Mr. Badeschi and I met with the DGS staff, Department of General Service staff, who was actually doing the property sale. And we sat and negotiated with them back and forth. It actually went really well. They were very receptive of our offer of \$300,000. Just so you know, there was a little bit of back and forth there. But we settled on \$300,000. And that number is a little bit lower than their lower appraisal

number for the reason I have up here on the screen, because it's not just purchasing the property. We would have to maintain that site on day one.

[01:06:53] As soon as we sign on the dotted line, the county would own the property and would have to maintain it, mow the grass, make sure the lights are on, electricity's flowing, those kinds of things. And they recognized that that would be a heavy lift for us because they basically weren't hands-off completely on that site. If you were walking some of those buildings, they would feel good. They would have the air conditioning on. So they were paying the bills, but they would not be putting the amount of manpower on this site that we would. So they recognized that and they agreed to the \$300,000 number. But I did have a few things up here for Parks and Rec of what they'd be mowing and maintaining the property. We'd be owning and operating the treatment plant and things on site.

[01:07:29] There's a little bit more to say on that here in just a moment. But general services would maintain the structure, the electricity bills, those kinds of things. So we would have some staff time associated with the property purchase, which leads to sort of a little bit of the fun piece this which is a little bit of the brainstorming if the board was to approve this this property purchase here in just a few minutes um what could we use it for what would be the purpose of this purchase parks and rec could use it almost on day one i don't want to say day one just because they haven't programmed anything yet there's nothing that's been programmed out there but if you know the history of the site a lot of the fields out there have been used for soccer we've heard that from numerous citizens they would love to have that open back up for soccer fields there could

[01:08:09] could be other recreational activities that kind of thing out there we have talked about decreasing some of the square footage in the public safety building we've been pretty vocal about that in several of our meetings and shifting some of that square footage to this property there already is a 25 000 well there's about 80 000 square feet of buildings on this on this site but there's one structure that's about 25 000 square feet that could be renovated to move some of the public safety building space which obviously is not constructed yet down to bear it's a little bit cheaper to renovate a structure than to build a new one. So that may be advantageous for us.

[01:08:42] And then there's the future. What do we do in the future? We haven't thought through that yet. We don't own the property. We haven't been authorized to purchase it. But what we would at some point would want to sit down with our different committees and go over master planning the site. What structures do we keep, not keep, that kind of thing. So a lot to consider there. So today we had been, I mentioned the county attorney's office, our county attorney's office, and the state's attorney's office. We've been back and forth in a very good way, I should say, On the resolution that you have in your board packet with a draft motion, both our attorney's office, Mr. Walters office and the state's attorney's office have agreed to the draft motion, the resolution and the quick claim process.

[01:09:22] Just touch briefly on that. The state only relinquishes property through the quick claim process, if you're familiar with that. So that's the only process they use. And everything has been approved and road ready and should be in your packet. So with that, I know that was a lot of information, but if there's any questions, I'm happy to take them.

[01:09:40] And if the board is in approval of this, we have a draft motion for the property purchase. And the last piece of that is to authorize the county administrator to take all steps necessary to complete the

transaction. That would be the transfer of funds to make this a purchase as well. So with that, Mr. Chair, if there's any questions.

[01:09:56] Thank you, sir. Any questions? Any comments? Starting Ms. Pritchard. Sorry, I don't want to be preliminary here. This might be a question for Mr. Reed Miller. I know that one of the problems that we have with our current athletic fields and maintaining them is that we don't have enough space, and they're being used all the time, and there's no off time.

[01:10:20] Could this possibly provide some relief for that? Okay. He's nodding yes. Yes. He's saying yes with his head, so I'm going to say yes. Yeah, it would be definitely additional space, and Mr. Readmiller, I know, is pretty anxious to go out there and sort of get the acres of the fields, the square footage, what can we put out there, how can we best maximize the use of that space.

[01:10:39] I know that's taking place. That's a great comment. Thank you. Anything in part of that? Ms. Dibble. I was actually going to ask you if you were going to talk about the public safety building piece, but I would be glad to do it at this time. I think it's, we sort of glossed over it, but one of the main reasons that we took a good hard look at this opportunity was that we could utilize the existing buildings and then decrease the size of a future public safety building, resulting in taxpayer dollars

[01:11:13] saved significant taxpayer dollars. So I'm glad we were able to get this at the supervisor's suggested price of \$300,000 that some people laughed at and thought it was ridiculously low, but thanks for pulling it off. And again, I just want to let people know that this is not just buying something to buy it. We actually believe that in investing in this property, will in the future result in a significant savings so thank you mr chair anybody further anyone so

[01:11:51] the property is unique and for many reasons uh but i think for us it's a legacy property in hanover county it has a history and then it's gone into public use um it's got a rich history and we know that if that was sold out on the private sector some of that just through the market uh obviously would be lost and uh and there wouldn't probably be some of the restoration efforts, all of that. But then when it was used for, and this was just for public information, when it was used as a juvenile detention facility, because it's gone through a number of iterations,

[01:12:24] Director Gooch decided to no longer use it. While juvenile crimes were down, at that time, the severity of the crimes were up, and that campus-style housing wasn't used. Then Secretary Decker came in, I believe it's Justice Decker now, and designated that for use for the National Guard as a training center. And we're able to keep some of the history there and make sure that the demolition didn't get too far out of hand. And the idea was to put the National Guard there during their training. What they found out was is that the deployment time from that facility

[01:13:01] to places down in Richmond and surrounding areas became somewhat prohibitive just because of travel and expediting the deployment of National Guard troops. It was great for a training facility. And then it kind of went dormant. I think people tried to find uses for it.

[01:13:19] And, you know, folks would go out there on the treatment plant. State folks would come in. So all of the constant wire was taken down, the 12-foot fences. But, you know, I believe the state's done a rather admirable job of making sure that that was protected in the way that we would have wanted to protect it.

[01:13:35] So they've always communicated with us. When this became available, one of the things that I saw as we brought this out, started talking about it in the public, was I was just worried that somebody at the state was going to see that price. And, of course, everything we have to do in public and pull that contract and say, you know, what are y'all doing?

[01:13:54] But I think they know we'll be good stewards with the property. And I believe that Hanover owning it, one, protects a legacy, but also provides a true critical and material solution to a need that we have. And that is public safety, making that a training center, having multiple opportunities for classes, for folks to come out there and do certain things.

[01:14:19] And we'll bring that to the public and certainly get their input as well as the public safety community's input. But the price is good, but that wasn't the sole factor. lot of it is being able to keep it in our in our inventory here in a critical area where it did have public use prior and so this this is something that I'll certainly support hearing no other questions I'll turn it over to the facilities chair chair Floyd thank you I want to echo mr. bulls sentiments about the great negotiations that were done we're getting this at a wonderful price so good job with that I'm very excited about this opportunity and investment

[01:14:58] it's a beautiful piece of property and it will save us money on the public safety building which did come into play so with that i would like to motion to adopt this resolution approving the purchase of the real property consisting of approximately 144.6 acres located at 11365 barrett center road from the commonwealth of virginia department of juvenile justice to prove supplemental appropriation of assigned capital fund balance in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars for the purchase of land and to authorize the county administrator to take all steps necessary to complete the transaction second we have a motion has been properly second is there any further

[01:15:37] discussion hearing that all those in favor please indicate by saying aye aye any opposed motion passes unanimously the next item on the agenda item number 10 is a monthly broadband update our presenters director deputy county administrator mr. Todd killed up thank you for being with us sir thank you Mr. Chair, members of the board can just go through that again.

[01:15:59] I'm Mr. Badesky, Mr. Walter. My name is Todd Kellis, Deputy County Administrator, and I do have your brief monthly update for broadband. Again, for those sitting behind me or those listening home that haven't seen this before, we do a brief monthly update. And then every three months we do a quarterly update where we invite our Internet service providers to come in and provide you updates directly from them.

[01:16:19] But this is just a brief update. Brightspeed is the they're actually not contracted with us. They're contracted with the state, and they're working with the Rural Digital Opportunity Funds. They are still making home connections, as mentioned last month. As far as we know, they are complete with their mainline installation.

[01:16:36] They are working on private roads still and doing home connections. So that's the last we've heard from them. But our contractor is All Points Broadband, who has been working on what we call the VATI grant, V-A-T-I. And almost all the public right-of-way fiber has been installed with really all that's left, and we've mentioned this several months in a row, are the private roads.

[01:16:55] It's been a pretty big issue for us, and we have a weekly meeting with them. Every Thursday, we meet with All Points Broadband to talk over the private road progress, and I want to thank Mr. Herzberg

for being on those calls with us every week. And it's come down to even when you go down public right-of-ways, they can kind of fly down that as long as they get the appropriate VDOT permits, and then as long as citizens have signed up, whoever that may be, can go ahead and sign up, and that's a relatively quick process.

[01:17:22] The private road piece is almost a knock-on door-by-door-by-door process, so it's a lot slower. And the reason is the easements in almost all the private, not every single one, but almost all private roads don't have the easements for these providers to go down, so they have to obtain those easements.

[01:17:38] So there's a lot more to it, but if you have any questions, I'm happy to answer that. And we are checking their metrics every week just to make sure we're still on track, and we're still in really good shape as far as the mainline fiber install. And we sort of look at the project in two pieces, the fiber install, the mainline piece, and then home connections or passings.

[01:17:57] We call them passings because as long as they pass a house, they can get credit for that if the homeowner has been contacted and said yes to the service or said no to the service. That would be considered a passing. A little different is the actual home connection where somebody did raise their hand and say, yes, I do want to be connected as you go by my house.

[01:18:14] So a little discrepancy there in the terminology. So we were looking at, in the contract, there's 6,198 total passings. We're looking at a take rate, which is the actual home connections of about 30%, which would be, if you do the math, about 1,859 potential connections.

[01:18:31] That number changes a little bit here and there. Our goal, obviously, is to try and get that number as high as we can. We know it's never going to be 100%. I've said this a few times, because we already know there's people that said, thank you for going down my road. I just don't need it. I don't want a high-speed internet. And that's fine. That's a personal choice.

[01:18:46] They don't have to. but at some point in the future, what wasn't there is now there. So they could connect at some point in the future. It's just a different cost for them because right now it's free. And for the 12 months after they get contacted, it's free. But at some point in the future, they would have to pay for that connection. So we're encouraging anyone that calls us to connect, and we explain that to them.

[01:19:04] But again, it's a personal choice. About nine months left in the home connection piece of this. We're looking at about 24 home connections per week to sort of stay on track. again that number of areas depending on on what we're seeing every week when we meet we go over these numbers we go over the quantities which i'll skip ahead one slide we actually update those quantities in the image on the left there's a little box that says construction update and the county is broken up into seven pieces that fsa that's fiber service area that's their designations that they created for our county and it has all the different quantities in there which which is kind of nice so every week we update that but going back to this the number has increased

[01:19:43] a little bit only because we had a lot of snow a lot of ice and that has negatively impact that negatively impacted almost a full few weeks of the project so the good news is the all that's melted missed utility tickets have been called and the project is back underway and has been for a few weeks now but but there was that lull between the last meeting and this one so we're still working with them on the private road piece and again we are updating our website we know a lot of citizens we've actually had several call

in and say thank you for updating your website because they look at it and they hadn't called us as a result of us just getting that information

[01:20:17] out there. So we're very thankful for our team for pulling that together. Our IT team posts it. Ms. Walker sitting here actually does that brochure for us. And Mr. Rogers, I'll just give him a quick shout out. He is behind me. Rook Rogers is our assistant broadband administrator. He is actually the one that pulls together that information and works with Ms. Walker and her team and the IT team get that stuff posted so appreciate that what's interesting is this presentation is probably within the next few weeks of finding out a little bit more about bead unfortunately today we just don't have that so i just want to this is the same slide you've seen for for a while now uh that the bead was sort of awarded what i mean is all the internet providers that are getting the bead

[01:20:57] funding have been told they're getting it what hasn't happened is the signing of the documents and that what we've been told for for a while now it's going to be march 2026 it's now march and we haven't heard just yet uh but we hope to hear something very soon because they've stuck pretty darn close to that march month so and and if it all does go through which knock on what it should uh that would be about 3525 3525 passings um so that would cover everyone else in the county and we're very excited about that so again private roads mentioned those a few times uh try not to talk ad nauseum about them but that is sort of the last big thorn that we're dealing with

[01:21:34] on the project um we have and this is i mentioned this last month uh one good thing that we sort of thought ahead on is getting mr rogers to be a notary the notary piece is helping move forward these private road easements a little bit faster uh and mr rogers correct me if i'm wrong i want to say he has personally notarized about 280 roughly 260 280 easement documents on behalf of the county and that's great because that's work that we did to help all points broadband through their project um they actually were hiring a notary and something happened where that person didn't didn't get hired or was like oh or something i'm not too sure what happened there

[01:22:13] but anyway we have somebody on staff that's just doing it so that's that's great for us um and with that that's your brief update for the month but if there's any questions i'm happy to answer any questions for deputy county administrator killed off vice chair stone thank you mr chair Thank you, Mr. Kilduff, for your presentation.

[01:22:34] I just want to give a testimonial. I have got high-speed internet in Beaverdam. And as painful as this process has been that we inherited, and I'm just so grateful for Mr. Rogers and the assistance that he's lent us.

[01:22:50] I mean, I just got to the point where I just forwarded him the issues, and he handled them expertly, and so I was really appreciative of that. But the process for getting the connection to the house was painless and in all points did a great job.

[01:23:09] And just, you know, like I say, I know it's been frustrating for the citizens and it's been tough for us, too, to try to handle those calls, not being able to really physically do much to move things along. And so it's nice that this is finally coming around and the folks are getting the kind of service that they deserve.

[01:23:30] So I'll thank you so much. Thank you, sir. Anything further? I just want to mention as briefly as I can, I was in Washington the past two days meeting with our congressional and senatorial staff and the

representatives up there in their offices and Bede funding came in and there's a lot of consternation in D.C. now, not dissimilar from any other time in history. Things just sometimes get gridlocked up there.

[01:23:59] But when you're there and you're talking about, you know, with planning district commissions and you're talking about a number of different things, there are some things that just become easier, I think, for senators and congressional members to support. And I have found over the years, particularly the last, say, half decade, that has been sending things to the local level to get completed. They just say, hey, if we can get this funded and get those tax dollars back to the locality from whence they first came, by the way. There's no federal dollar. It's all a local

[01:24:34] dollar that goes up then comes back down other than what they print. There's a lot of support in Congress for putting more and more programs in at local levels for the localities to administer. And one of the things that we talked about was just the fact that the local government still deals with many of the same things that the private sector was challenged with and why broadband access wasn't there, right? And so initially, they just came in

[01:25:08] for a funding solution. And so that was done. Taxpayer dollars funded it. But that didn't help in and of itself work through all the FCC regulations and realizing what needed to be done there to encourage some folks to move quickly. It didn't help with supply chain issues, getting these specific bolts that are required to put equipment on a pole. It didn't take into account that you have a sitting board member who was actually knocking on doors in their locality, speaking to their neighbors, helping negotiate right-of-way or at least impress upon somebody

[01:25:47] why right-of-way would be needed when they initially said no and then successfully got that constituent to agree to allow that right-of-way so their neighbors could get internet access. It didn't take into account that somebody's walking around with their cell phone and their notary stamp, 280 documents notarized in order to get this done. I mean, that is the definition of having work boots on the ground and the success of the program again coming through you know people like Mr. Herzberg who are banging on constituents doors trying trying to

[01:26:25] help out being there the first connection somebody like Rook and I've said this Mr. Stoneman's absolutely right Rook we wouldn't have been able to pull this off without you no question whatsoever would not have been able to pull it off I've always said you make Kilduff look really good But this is what it takes.

[01:26:44] The private sector obviously wasn't going to do it. They didn't have the resources to turn around, the human resources to make this happen. And so when folks say, well, when are we getting it? I get it that the main priority for most people is the deliverable.

[01:26:59] And we are in the deliverable business. But this here in Hanover County, I just want you to know, I'm just going to drop this on you now. Hanover County gets the Gold Star Award up there in Congress, at least in Virginia. Amongst the delegation, Hanover County is recognized for moving this forward.

[01:27:17] So you think about that amongst the Senate and Congress. Hanover County is one who was highlighted for their broadband work and being able to deliver. And, I mean, it's tough. It's tough.

[01:27:32] So I commend you both for doing that, and I want to thank Mr. Badeski. I know he worked on that back when he was at Goochland. And then the board members who've been able to say, you know, this

is a priority and then move quickly with approving policy to make it happen, it's something to be looked at.

[01:27:50] And, again, Hanover has achieved that in textbook fashion. So everybody here should be commended for responding to the citizens and delivering in such a way that we see these results. So thank you, Mr. Kildow. Thank you to the full board for helping us and supporting us through this.

[01:28:06] Oh, Ms. Dibble. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Could we go back to the slide on the updates and the figures? That one. So the 980 that have been connected and the 879 remaining, does that include the private road individuals?

[01:28:30] So a little devil in details. The 1859, which is the 30% take rate, that could be private and public. That's just a mixture. I couldn't give you a percentage break out of that. We're just assuming the 30% is the take rate. So 879 would be public and private, some combination of those two.

[01:28:47] So nine months, 24 home connections per week includes the private roads as well. That's correct. So we anticipate in nine months, Sue Dibble might possibly have a connection.

[01:29:03] Is that right? That would be correct. And as a matter of fact, your neighborhood's a little unique in that we've determined, and I know you've been working with Rook on this, that you have easements. So there isn't really the need to go out there and get the notarized and everything. We just need to get them in there to do the work.

[01:29:19] So that's low-hanging fruit as far as we're concerned, to get in there and get your neighborhood completed. And that's fine, but I give my own personal testament. I predicted two years ago I'd be the last one up here, and I am. So just going on record, I might get it in nine months. That was bad to say.

[01:29:34] So I feel the pain still out there in the beautiful South Anna district that has a lot of beautiful subdivisions with wonderful private roads and want to make sure that we don't celebrate too much and not forget about our wonderful little private roads, especially with the Bede anticipated beginning in March.

[01:29:55] I'm very concerned about we don't have enough boots on the ground anyway, so how in the world are we going to start Bede now? It seems to me we need to finish these nine months' worth of 24 home connections a week before we start Bede.

[01:30:11] Correct. and and we are uh there there's the contracts we have now exist so they have contractual deadlines that that that's where these numbers actually came from sort of the backward pass right from the end of december until now um so they do have a contractual obligation the bead would be a separate contract with its own deadlines but that that was one of the major questions we mentioned a few months ago is what is that i don't know when it starts is it it does it start in march does it start in april to start july 1st start of the fiscal year and when does it end some providers only have two or three homes believe it or not in their what they're being awarded with beads but some have 2,500 so it's a little all over the place so I would imagine so we can assure

[01:30:49] the folks that are not connected yet that they are a priority that is correct yes I can say thank you for that yep and I too want to give a big shout out to Rook Rogers who has been absolutely invaluable day in and day out working with me talking to people going to their homes and I've Also found two more notaries that are volunteering to help in that mission.

[01:31:14] They're retired and ready to hit the road wherever you may need them. He already has, I think, four or five homes scheduled as soon as the day ends today. He's going to be after hours. So, again, I appreciate that and appreciate you verifying for us that we're not going to quit with our momentum.

[01:31:31] We're going to keep going until we finish those 879 that are sitting out there. You got it. Yes, ma'am. to expand just 10 more seconds anyone that calls in that's not part of the baddie that we know is going to be a part of the beat we are tracking that we have a spreadsheet that literally is listing out anyone that calls in i mean we have our own lists but anyone that calls in we just verify yeah rook has shared the uh the private road list with me and i'm running through it trying to it's it's a lot calm nerves out there it's a lot of information mr keldoff there are private roads in other districts in this county yes yes sir i didn't hear yes sir there are i knew there

[01:32:09] I just asked if there were private roads in other areas of the county. There are, and I want to speak for them, too. We're all in this together, private roads club. So with that, celebrating the success of a program where somebody has received the benefit of this shouldn't be received as they got that benefit or that hookup at the expense of someone else, not the resources are being allocated and and we're going for first the ones that you get the most bang for your buck if you will where you have the right of ways and those types of things so I

[01:32:45] just wanted to be clear we're not doing internet expansion per district with favoritism towards one or the other we're looking at it as an entire county map nor are we excluding a district there will be times where resources will shift very quickly depending on right-of-way and again boots on the ground but success for one doesn't mean it comes at the cost of not receiving services for another that was to clarify my statements now with that thank you sir we'll now move into item number

[01:33:19] 11 presentations the proposed fy 27 budgets capital improvements program mark highfield budget division Director, Mr. Highfield. Thank you for being with us. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, members of the board. As he said, my name is Mark Highfield. I'm the Budget Division Director for Hanover County and I'll be going over highlights in the Capital Improvements Program. This presentation, along with all the budget presentations to date, will be on the county's website. The Capital Improvements

[01:33:58] Program is one of our key budget planning tools for Hanover County. It's a five-year plan and one that includes major capital investments and how we will pay for them. There are major funding sources for the CIP, including transfers from the general fund, which support projects of all sorts, such as fire apparatus. It includes CVTA revenue that supports our road improvements. We use prior year savings in the CIP, where the county sets aside a portion of the unspent revenue at the end

[01:34:33] of each year for capital projects. And the CIP allocates those savings throughout the five-year plan. And last I have up there is long-term debt where we borrow for larger projects such as replacement schools. There are other smaller sources like grants and the airport and public utilities also use customer revenue to support their projects. In his presentation, Mr. Badesky showed you this map of major capital investments over the previous five years. Highlights some of

[01:35:10] our parks, our fire stations, and schools. This map highlights locations of capital projects with new funding over the next five years. Again, more fire stations, schools, there's park playgrounds and restrooms, and major road projects. And here we've put them all together. And this shows that Hanover County has funded projects all across the county over this 10-year span.

[01:35:39] And again, these are only the larger projects. The CIP also includes maintenance, technology, equipment, vehicles, and smaller road projects that would have choked the map if we tried to put everything up there. Now, before going into details, I want to take a moment to talk about inflation and the CIP.

[01:35:59] It's a question that I regularly get. amounts shown in the CIP over the five years do not include inflation. The amounts shown are what the projects are estimated to cost if they started in year one of the five-year project. So for example, Mechanicsville and Elmont Elementary Schools would each cost \$50 million if we replace them in fiscal year 27. So \$50 million is the amount that shows in the CIP. This helps keep pricing consistent across our different departments and help citizens see the relative

[01:36:38] scope of projects over years. They'll know that a \$50 million project is the same as a \$50 million project, that they are the same scope. So we prepare for future price increases by including an allowance for inflation in our general fund five-year plan. And I'll say this is an allowance across all CIP projects, and we know that inflation isn't even across all projects.

[01:37:04] So we don't promise inflation for individual projects. Instead, we prepare for increases that may happen. So I'll show you. If we applied that countywide assumption to the school estimates, then today's \$50 million project could be \$52.5 million in next year's budget process.

[01:37:31] Now, again, we don't promise that increase, but we are prepared in our five-year plan for departments and schools when they update their prices for FY28. Dr. Pennykopf and Ms. Stone covered the school projects in their presentation.

[01:37:51] So this is just a reminder of those capital investments. The highlights, of course, are the two planned school replacements. The next school replacement, Pearson's Corner, is outside the five-year CIP and so doesn't show here yet. So now we'll pivot to county investments. Over the next five years the CIP includes nearly 181 million dollars of roadway improvements. So on the left we highlight some of the projects that are in the CIP and on the right we show the funding sources. Now Hanover

[01:38:30] receives dedicated sales and fuel taxes through the Central Virginia Transportation Authority. Those are restricted for road improvements. Hanover also retains any unspent CVTA funding at year-end.

[01:38:46] So including the use of reserves, of CVTA reserves, local CVTA funding covers just over half of the cost of our roadway improvements in the five-year plan. The remainder is grants, federal, state, and otherwise.

[01:39:03] And all of these projects are funded without general fund money. The CIP also includes parks projects, including a million and a half in fiscal year 27 for pickleball courts with parking as well as trail improvements.

[01:39:25] The pickleball project at Poor Farm Park is intended to add six courts and 78 parking spaces. Parks projects from FY28 to 31 include new restrooms at Polgreen and Courthouse, a larger restroom facility at Poor Farm, playground replacements, renovations to school practice fields, a dump truck, and trail improvements throughout the system.

[01:39:52] So across all five years, about \$7.2 million dedicated to parks. Pivoting to public safety, the five-year plan includes \$34.7 million for sheriff, fire EMS, and court services vehicles, engines, apparatus, ambulances.

[01:40:15] Replacement of fire station 8 was first approved as part of the fiscal year 25 budget at \$13.8 million. So with construction now planned for fiscal year 28, the CIP includes an additional \$2.7 million for a total new project cost of \$16.5 million. Then replacement of Fire Station 10 in Chickahomedy is funded for \$18.5 million in fiscal year 29. Other public safety projects include equipment

[01:40:51] and improvements to enhance security at the sheriff's firing range. Rounding out the county improvements fund, this table summarizes the remainder. Vaughn-Bradley building renovation is planned for fiscal year 30 after the sheriff's office has moved into the public safety building.

[01:41:14] The CIP also holds regular work to maintain and improve our technology and our facilities. These are primarily managed by our IT and general services departments, but the work benefits us all. I'll point out fiscal year 27 includes more funding for facilities, maintenance, and improvement, including a major HVAC project at the Human Services Building and at the Fleet Building.

[01:41:43] So our Public Works Department manages stormwater projects and is also planning improvements to the entryway and scales at the transfer station. Other equipment and vehicles run from cars that county employees drive to solid waste compactors to voting equipment.

[01:42:00] And finally, the CIP has a reserve for revenue for grants or other funding sources that we might receive in the middle of the year. Final projects for the overview today are for the airport.

[01:42:17] The airport's projects are primarily funded with federal and state grants, just over \$8 million of the \$10 million in their five-year CIP. Something new is that the airport is also planning to issue \$1.8 million of revenue bonds in fiscal year 28 for the T-hanger construction.

[01:42:41] So the airport will pay those bonds back over time with future lease and rental revenue. And then before I conclude, this is a reminder for the members of the public, there will be a formal budget hearing in April, but Hanover's budget development is a year-round process.

[01:43:01] input from citizens is welcomed at any time through multiple channels and then this slide lists the upcoming sessions that we have with the board on the 25th we'll talk about state impacts and amendments on april 1st are the budget public hearings and then on april 8th the board will be asked to move forward with adoption mr chairman that concludes my presentation thank you sir if you'll leave this slide up any questions or comments from board members this way mr yeah

[01:43:36] Ms. Pritchard thank you ma'am. Thank you Mr. Chair. Thank you. Thank you neighbor. Um I feel obligated to say this every year when we do the budget. I think to me the CIP is the most straightforward easy to understand piece of what we do and the one that the public understands the least. And what I have said the entire time I've been in public service once I understood it is that the CIP is no different than what you do at home. If I need a new roof I have to save up for it. If I if I want a new car I have to save up for it.

[01:44:08] for it. And the CIP is basically our savings account for things that we project in the future that we will need. And I think the more we can make the public aware of what we're doing with that, the better. And I think you did a great job. Thank you. Thank you. Anything further? Mr.

[01:44:24] Badesky. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And appreciate the board's opportunity to go over this. This should not be new. I mean, we've been talking about many of these projects have been working their way through. The board's been delivered about your investments in public education, public safety and the

ongoing efforts to for the quality of life kinds of things like the parks and rec and keeping up with our maintenance and those kinds of things i did and i appreciate the chair asking to leave the slide on the screen the opportunity for the board and to take additional public comment is available through the 8th and we always reserve some time after each of the

[01:45:04] budget presentations that are provided throughout the process that if the board has any amendments to what has been introduced where we have staff here today to try to assist with any of those questions and or could be prepared for the upcoming meeting your meeting on the 25th if you recall we scheduled that meeting to start with a workshop on water resiliency planning and that should that should take about two hours we estimate so there should be some time after that discussion on the 25th uh for additional board uh discussion and amendments certainly we can take time at the

[01:45:40] public hearing and or before budget adoption on the 8th but at this time mr chairman if there are any additional board amendments for discussion on the introduced budget we're prepared today to begin those discussions and or answer any further questions the board may have thank you mr podesky with that i'll turn it over to the board now we're going to workshop format should we need to are there any discussion on anything relating to the upcoming budget anybody have a desire to place any amendments on the table at this point seeing none then we'll move forward with these

[01:46:15] dates thank you sir thank you miss dibble mr hivriel thank you for your presentation i so appreciate your statement that the budget is a 12-month process and as a chair of the finance committee I certainly appreciate what you do as well as the rest of your finance team for all 12 of those months you might just stand here once a year and present a budget but we do absolutely roll up our sleeves and I want to thank Mr. Davis and also Ms. Pritchard to serve with me on that

[01:46:49] finance committee for us showing up and they show up every month ready to roll and take a deep dive with you and we appreciate your willingness to have such open conversations with us so again thank you for your presentation today and thank you for everything you do thank you sir thank you ma'am thank you mr high fair thank you the next item on the agenda is closed session uh turn it over to vice chair stoneman mr stoneman thank you mr chair make sure i got my stuff together here

[01:47:25] i'm looking in my sorry about that so i would i'd like to make a motion that pursuant of the virginia code 2.2-3711 subsection a3 discussions on consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose gpn 7795-99-9936 second we have a motion and there's a second is there any discussion all those in favor please indicate by saying aye aye any opposed motion carries uh we are in closed session uh for the public record we're going to have uh chairman

[01:48:05] Hayden, members of staff from Economic Development Authority, Director Turner, and be with us and anybody who is on the EDA at the chairman's discretion, Chairman Hayden's discretion is also authorized under this motion to stay. And of course, any staff members supporting the board for this discussion are authorized to stay.

[01:48:27] With that, we are in closed session. Thank you.

[01:49:50] Rogadek. Vice Chair Stoneman. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'd like to make a motion at this time that the Board of Supervisors move the meeting, 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 business matters as were identified in the motion of closed session were discussed.

[01:50:15] there's a motion is there a second we have a motion in a second is there any discussion all those in favor please indicate by saying aye aye any opposed motion carries are there any announcements from board members i have one yes miss floyd um i have a town hall coming up on uh tuesday the 17th which is st patrick's day this upcoming tuesday at the atlee library at 6 30 so that's all i have anything further mr county attorney mr county administrator

[01:50:49] at the conclusion of this meeting and the adjournment we will reconvene at 2 p.m on wednesday march 25th 2026 for a special meeting followed by 6 p.m meeting with a regular board meeting both meetings will be held in the hanover county boardroom located in the hanover county administration building here at 7516 county complex road hanover virginia 23069 as well as live stream hearing nothing further this meeting is adjourned



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