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[00:02:24] Check, check, check, check, check, check. That sounds good, Fred.

[00:02:36] Good evening.

[00:08:20] Thank you for joining us for our April the 23rd, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting. We are excited that you are here. Once we get to the public section portion tonight, we're going to ask that you give your remarks from the lectern in the back.

[00:08:41] For those of you who are watching us online and watching our live stream, you can participate remotely in the public hearings and the public comments portion of the meeting. And so go to the Board of Supervisors webpage at henrico.us forward slash supervisors.

[00:08:59] Click on guidance for the Board of Supervisors meeting and then scroll down and click on WebEx event and a moderator will let you know when it is your turn to speak. I want to ask that you join us for our invocation, Miriam Yaqob with St. Murray and St. Philippa Mercurius Coptic Orthodox Church.

[00:09:32] And I'm sure I butchered that, so you might want to just restate that for us.

[00:09:49] In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, ameen. From the psalm of our teacher David, the prophet, may his holy blessings be with us, ameen.

[00:10:10] Oh, praise the Lord, all your nation. Praise him, all your people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord. Alleluia.

[00:11:09] We have a request for the approval of minutes from both the regular and special meetings of April 9, 2024. Colleagues, is there a motion?

[00:11:26] Motion made by Reverend Cooper, seconded by Ms. Whitehead. All in favor say aye. Aye. Opposed? Mr. Manager. Mr. Chairman, members of the board, members of the audience, I have two comments this evening. And I begin, I'm going to ask Miriam Yacoub, who said the wonderful prayer, if you would come forward and bring all the folks that you are with, because I want to note that our county is an extraordinarily exclusive home for individuals from around the world.

[00:12:02] April is National Arab American Heritage Month. Often, Heritage Months are dedicated to celebrating how our country is enriched by people's many contributions, ranging from the arts to technology. Heritage Months are also a time for getting to know our growing communities, how they are enriching Henrico, and how the county staff and residents can be actively involved in making connections.

[00:12:29] Perhaps, even more importantly, we learn how we can stand in solidarity. In honor of National American Heritage Month, we invite, so Miriam Yacoub is a My Henrico Academy participant from 2024, and she will share some of her insights about Arab countries, people, languages, and local festivities.

[00:12:54] So without further ado, Miriam. Thank you. Greetings, respected chairman, honorable member of the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Manager and guests. In recognition of Arab American Heritage Month, I'm honored to represent the bold spirit of immigrant Arab people who bring a range of culture, custom, backgrounds, and beliefs from the world, 22 Arab countries located in the Middle East and North Africa.

[00:13:26] My name is Miriam Yaqub. I'm Egyptian, a mom for three wonderful boys, a family advocate for Henrico County Public School, and a member of the St. Mary and St. Philippateer Mercurius Coptic Orthodox Egyptian Church.

[00:13:43] This evening, I have my family and friends joining me. I have Ms. Sahar Ahmad from Sudan, my boys, Yusuf, Adam, and Saif Elias, and I have Ms. Inesad and her beautiful daughter, Diyo Fahim.

[00:14:00] Thank you for coming. I have had many beautiful experiences working and living with a different Arab culture. I wish everyone would do the same and get to know more about others and understand their needs and interests.

[00:14:16] There is such diversity in the culture, traditional, and backgrounds. According to the 22 cents data, there are nearly 3.7 million Middle Eastern and North African people in the United States.

[00:14:34] Virginia has over 150,000 Arab Americans. Across most Arabic-speaking countries, Egyptian Arabic is the most widely spoken and understood Arabic dialect due to the influence of Egyptian cinema, music, and TV series in the region.

[00:14:57] Hospitality holds a special place in Arab societies where guests are warmly welcomed and treated with the generosity and respect. Sharing meals and spending time together are an important way

of fostering relationships and building community bonds.

[00:15:17] Newcomers need support when we must learn different rules for school, traffic, election, taxes, and other areas of daily life. One of my goals is to help all newcomers.

[00:15:34] I believe whatever your nationality, your language, your background, all of us have a common goal to live in a safe place and have a better life for our children and families. I'm hoping as a My Henrico Academy ambassador, I will be able to help and serve this community.

[00:15:55] As we explore Arab culture, let's approach it with an open mind and willingness to learn from one another. By appreciating and understanding different culture perspective, we can cultivate empathy, respect, and global citizenship.

[00:16:15] So I invite everyone to the Lebanese Festival Foods. It's going to be May 17 till 19, and it's the fifth annual Egyptian Festival coming this fall.

[00:16:34] My church proudly hosts this festival, and everyone is welcome to join. The 2,000 people who gather every year to test Egyptian food and experience the culture firsthand. Please visit the Henrico County Multiculture Community Engagement website for more information.

[00:16:55] Thank you so much for all you do for our community and make it a better and safe place for our children and family. God bless you. Second comment.

[00:17:22] I'm going to ask Mr. Alvin Christian to come forward. He's the Assistant Director of Public Utilities and Chris Atkins, our Water Treatment Facility Director. So, members of the audience, these two individuals and the Department of Public Utilities recently were recognized by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as the Virginia Department of Health for a 2022 Water Fluoridation Quality Award, which you can see right there, and 20 years of water production.

[00:17:58] Our Department of Utilities is the recipient of the 2022 Water Fluoridation Quality Award. Now, community water fluoridation has been recognized by the CDC as one of the 10 great public health benefits or achievements of the 20th century.

[00:18:18] Why? Because CDC recommends water fluoridation as one of the most practical, cost-effective, equitable, and safe measures a community can take to prevent tooth decay and improve oral health. So the award recognizes communities that achieve that excellence in community water fluoridation through drinking water supplies.

[00:18:42] In addition, our water treatment plant is celebrating 20 years of water production on April the 26th. On April the 26th, 2004, 4.3 million gallons of production left the facility for distribution to county residents for consumption.

[00:19:02] Today, ladies and gentlemen, the facility produces an average somewhere between 20 and 30 million gallons a day. Mr. Chairman, members of the board, members of the audience, please join me in congratulating the staff on these achievements. Two humble public servants, no comments.

[00:19:28] Mr. Vice Chairman, I have no other comments. Thank you, Mr. Manager. As our chair comes back up here, any comments from our colleagues? Mr. Chair, do you have any comments? No.

[00:19:46] Hearing no comments. Whoa. I don't see any news media. I don't see anybody from there. Oh, yeah, we do. No, she wouldn't put me out there like that. Hearing no comments, we do have news media

here today.

[00:20:05] I think WTVR. Is that right? Yes. Anybody else here with us? News media. All right. Seeing none. Mr. Manager, presentations. Mr. Chairman, we move into presentation. We have a proclamation for Crime Victim Rights Week, which is April the 21st through the 27th. This proclamation recognizes that week as Crime Victims Rights Week and reaffirms the county's commitment to creating a victim service and a criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime.

[00:20:40] And I'm going to ask our Vice Chairman, Mr. Dan Schmidt, to the podium to present the proclamation to a number of individuals led by Shelley Schumann-Johnson, Director, our Commonwealth's Attorney, Shannon Taylor, is here, Renee Duffy, Taryn Giroux, Nicole Mayton, Kate Bennett, Maria Chamberlain, Ashley Cruz, Natalie Kent, Carolyn Wagner, and Susan Haynes. And if I didn't read out a name, it's because I don't have it. All of you all, please come on down. Thank you, Mr. Manager. I'm certainly proud to read this proclamation

[00:21:18] noting Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 21st through the 27th, 2024. Whereas surviving a crime can have a myriad of lasting effects on victims, including physical, psychological, social, and financial issues. And whereas we know that countless survivors never tell anyone about what happened to them. And whereas each of us has a moral responsibility to actively participate in the healing of others. And whereas it is necessary to create safe environments for survivors of crime, providing not only support, but also access to critical services and above all hope. And whereas victim service providers, community members, businesses, places of worship,

[00:21:57] colleagues, neighbors, and family members are capable of providing victim-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive support. And whereas we must listen to survivors and be willing to create new options for support to ensure that all victims of crime can receive help and seek justice.

[00:22:15] Whereas we must do everything we can to show survivors that hope, the belief that the future will be better is not just tangible, but within their reach. And whereas National Crime Victims' Rights Week encourages all people to ask themselves the question, how would I help a victim of crime?

[00:22:33] And whereas the county of Enrico, Virginia, is hereby dedicated to raising awareness of options, services, and hope for crime survivors. Now, therefore, it be proclaimed that the Board of Supervisors of Enrico County, Virginia, hereby recognizes April 21st through 27th, 2024, as Crime Victims' Rights Week, reaffirms the county's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year, and expressing our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime

[00:23:11] so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace. And if I can, of note, bring attention to National Crime Week daily with DUI awareness, stalking awareness, assault, gun violence awareness, child abuse awareness, and certainly homicide awareness on Friday.

[00:23:30] there are colors and you'll note several of us are wearing purple for today's awareness day on tuesday so again mr chair thank you for the privilege of reading this proclamation and i will turn the mic over thank you glasses on now um members of the board mr chairman mr manager thank you so much for this proclamation um it is truly an honor for us to be able to receive that from the county i do want to

recognize um the fact that shannon taylor the commonwealth attorney is here we couldn't do our jobs without her and also the people behind me the advocates that actually

[00:24:08] do the work. They're amazing. They do a great job. And I couldn't be luckier to have the staff I have and also have your support. This year we did a lot of different events. So I'm going to go over just a couple of those. We were able to create a public service announcement that has Shannon Taylor and Chief English in it. And that was done with Karina from the Office of Public Affairs from the Police Department who helped us put that together. That is on our Facebook page and on the website. So if you haven't had a chance to see it, it was really well done. My office was able to create the content and she did an amazing job putting it all together for us. So we appreciate

[00:24:45] that. We also had a victim specialist that was on a Spanish news channel for us talking about Victims' Rights Week. There was an article in both the Community Connection and then RICO Citizen about Victims' Rights Week. There's a banner outside of the administration building.

[00:25:01] Thank you for the manager for allowing us to hang that in the last several years. And I think that's a good way for people to remember that this week is going on. There was an all-county email sent, hopefully you all received one, that talked about Victims' Rights Week and the things that are going on, and the awareness campaign that's out this year. We have posters around the county and the police department in several buildings about Victims' Rights Week, and we also participated in the VCU program and resource program for victims of crime. And most importantly, this proclamation, because I think it's very important that the

[00:25:36] county recognizes not every county does that not every board supports the victim witness program as this board does as our manager does as the county does and i think our victims are very lucky to have all of you so thank you because i can't ever take up the opportunity to speak on the mic mr county manager so first of all mr chair and all members of the board i do believe this is the first time i've appeared before you all since the beginning of the year so first of all i just want to say

[00:26:11] thank you for what you've been doing this far and to also because Shelly doesn't give herself enough of the accolades. She has been the director of this victim witness office for gosh 20 almost 30 32 years and so when she talks about what she has seen in her capacity as being an advocate and and being the director of this office and really telling you all here in terms of the leadership of this county about what it means to have the support, I hope that that really means something. I know at least many of you on the board, you hear from victims in a different

[00:26:49] capacity, whether it be your other jobs or being with your members of your congregation or just being the board member that you are, that you're being reached out to and people are asking for help. I also want to recognize specifically, while it was a great take with Chief, we only did it three times. We did a good job and even spoke together without practicing. But I do also want to recognize that with his leadership and particularly the men and women of the Henrico Police Division, when we talk about when crimes have occurred and people are being directly

[00:27:23] impacted, we rely on them to do the work to find the people to be held accountable. And so we can't, you know, we can help people in that process, but to really kind of bring families who are impacted by crime and individuals have been directly impacted by crime, we need their help to help kind of close that circle of accountability and then healing, which is the most important part.

[00:27:47] So I want to say thank you for what the chief does with his leadership in the men and women of Henrico Police Division, your support of the police, as well as for my office. And I just want to say thank you very much.

[00:28:17] So we can see it. Open it up, open it up. All right, thank you. I'm not going to know how to stand. It's your little tiny. Now we're going back. Okay. Time. Appreciate it, sir. Thank you.

[00:28:40] I'll see you tomorrow. Thank you. All right, you guys. Have a good work. Thank you. I'll see you later. Thank you. I'll see you. You met Taryn up here. I had no idea.

[00:28:58] Taryn, with your concurrence, we move into public hearing items.

[00:29:29] The first agenda item is 133-24. This is a resolution for authorization to apply to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development to amend the Henrico County portion of the City of Richmond North Henrico County Enterprise Zone.

[00:29:47] Mr. Sachs. Thank you, Mr. Manager. Good evening, Mr. Chair and members of the board. The item before you is a resolution to authorize the county manager to submit an application to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development to amend the county's enterprise zone.

[00:30:04] An enterprise zone is an area of the county that is targeted for business development and support by providing access to state grants and customized county incentives. The Enterprise Zone is an important component of the county's economic development and commercial revitalization program.

[00:30:20] In a typical year, Enterprise Zone businesses receive over a million dollars in state grants and a similar amount in county incentives for physical improvements to property. The Enterprise Zone was first created in 2003, and it was created as a joint zone with the City of Richmond but operates completely independently of the Richmond zone.

[00:30:44] Since its original adoption, the zone has been amended several times to modify the boundaries, mostly to expand the boundaries and to add or modify some county-provided incentives. The proposed amendment contains two components.

[00:31:02] The first is a series of boundary changes. These changes were removed from the zone several recently completed or under construction residential projects as well as some government-owned and airport-owned properties. This total about 167 acres and these are properties that really don't achieve any benefit by being in the zone as it's a program for businesses. The amendment would also add a total of 194 acres of commercial and industrial properties in various locations throughout the county. With these boundary changes, the zone would now be just under the size limit allowed

[00:31:41] by the state. The second component of the amendment adjusts some of the county offered incentives. Several of the direct grant amounts would be increased, something that has not occurred since their original establishment. Four other incentives are no longer unique to the enterprise zone. They still exist. It's just that they're offered countywide now, so they would essentially be undesignated as specific enterprise zone incentives.

[00:32:11] Prior to this point, staff conducted a public meeting last month for which we notified potentially affected property owners and businesses. Staff was able to address requests that were made by four different property owners as a result of this outreach as they brought some new information to our attention.

[00:32:32] and I would also point out because this is technically a joint zone with Richmond the city does need to formally support the amendment and we believe that the required action by City Council will occur in June following that the amendment will be submitted to to the State Department of Housing Community Development and once approved all new enterprise zone properties will be notified and of course I would be happy to answer any questions the board may have colleagues do we have any questions as i know this is we talked about this um work session

[00:33:10] had meetings and everything so uh anyone have any questions all right this is a public hearing is there anyone here in the audience who wants to speak to this particular resolution is there anyone on webex there's no one to speak to this item all right is there a motion motion by miss whitehead second by mr roguish all in favor say aye aye any opposed motion passed mr manager Next, Mr. Chairman, 134-24 is an ordinance that would amend and reordain an ordinance approved on June 13, 2023,

[00:33:48] which established the Henrico County Home Purchase Assistance Program to assist employees with the purchase of homes in the county. Mr. Sachs. Thank you again, Mr. Manager, Mr. Chair, members of the board. The item before you is an amendment to the ordinance approved in June of last year that established the Employee Home Purchase Assistance Program.

[00:34:11] The amendment implements two minor adjustments to the program. The first adjustment changes the forgiveness schedule to align with the 24 pay periods and makes it consistent with the income tax withholding schedule. So the amortization sort of changes slightly from annually to by pay period benefits the employees slightly.

[00:34:30] The second adjustment clarifies that if a participating county employee transfers full-time employment from the county or the school board to the economic development authority or the sports and entertainment authority or any other authority that council may establish, they would still be considered a qualified county employee.

[00:34:49] So it's just minor technical adjustment. And, of course, I'll be happy to answer any questions that the board may have. Questions, colleagues? Again, another subject we've spent a lot of time on with staff. All right, this is another public hearing item.

[00:35:05] Is there anyone here to speak to it in person? Yes, ma'am. Can you hear me? Yes, we can. Okay, thank you. Pardon my voice.

[00:35:22] It is hay fever season, as probably a lot of you here know. Mr. Batulcas, Mr. Nelson, members of the board and county officials, my name is Faye Weems. I live in the Brooklyn District. I appreciate the time to comment on the ordinance to amend and reordain the Home Purchase Assistance Program for county employees.

[00:35:40] I had expected to find the full text of the ordinance somewhere in the agenda, summaries or minutes of board meetings, however using Agenda Graham, a very useful tool I might add, to search those documents from this year and last year, I was unable to do so. The notices that appeared in the Richmond Times Dispatch also apparently did not include the full text.

[00:36:02] I went to the county code thinking I would find it there, but I was unsuccessful. Ultimately contacted the manager's office and was transferred to the Board of Supervisors office where Ms. Brackett located the full text for me. It can be found under the heading of services on the board's homepage via a link labeled Board of Supervisors Meeting Participation Registration. I have a copy of that page right here,

which I did find on your website. Since I originally had not intended to speak tonight, I would not have thought

[00:36:37] in a million years to look there for the text of this ordinance or any ordinance. Ms. Brackett also transferred me to the county attorney, Mr. Newby, who answered the question of why an approved ordinance could not be found in the county code.

[00:36:54] Mr. Newby explained that this particular ordinance was a non-codified ordinance, something I did not know even existed. He also explained why it was an ordinance rather than a resolution and why it was non-codified. I would like to suggest to the Board that in the future, the full text of any and all ordinances, codified or non-codified, as well as all resolutions, be attached to the meeting agendas when such ordinances or resolutions are first introduced and later when they are to be voted upon.

[00:37:27] As to the question before the board tonight, upon searching for Henrico EHPAP on the Internet, I found this notice on the HR employee portal as late as this afternoon. It reads, and here's a copy of the notice.

[00:37:44] You can find it on the Internet. It reads, due to the overwhelming volume of applications received to date, the program is currently not accepting new applications. The program administrator will work through the applications received to determine if and when they will resume accepting EHPAP applications.

[00:38:09] In red letters, it says, please do not submit Oracle Initial Employment Verification requests at this time. Requests and applications will not be processed. Entitlements or perceived entitlements can and usually do rapidly expand beyond their envisioned scope and eventually require ever more funding and more complex administration.

[00:38:35] A program like EHPAP benefits only a small, select portion of those governed, and in this particular case, only those who actually govern, either directly or indirectly. Buying a home is difficult these days for just about anyone, And for most, coming up with the down payment is the hardest part.

[00:38:57] In this regard, through EHPAP, certain employees of the county have a distinct advantage over the majority of the community that they serve. The program could also have the unintended consequence of negatively impacting the morale of employees who may have scrimped and saved to come up with their own down payments, only to find that as current or prior homeowners, they do not qualify for such a large, interest-free, 100% forgivable loan of up to \$25,000, which is in effect a grant.

[00:39:32] By tying the benefits of EHPAP to continued employment, the job performance rating system may be compromised, and the county could find itself facing unintended litigation. I do not know how or why this particular program came about.

[00:39:50] At the time it was introduced, there were apparently no other municipalities in Virginia offering this kind of employee benefit or inducement. But I worry that it could become problematic for the county. Rather than amend and reordain EHPAP, I believe the board should table this item and reconsider whether its benefits to a select group outweigh any potential problems that it might potentially create.

[00:40:17] thank you very much thank you miss williams can you um i want you to speak to that before we vote mr manager certainly yeah let me see is anyone else is anyone on webex there's no one to speak to

this item all right so i i've got a comment but mr magic can you speak to several other concerns yes um it was miss williams right weems yes ma'am okay so um miss williams you're absolutely right

[00:40:56] Any ordinance that we have on a public docket should be available to any resident that is going out there and looks for it. So we will check on our back end to make sure that we're doing everything that we need to do to ensure that this information is available to you.

[00:41:15] As far as the mortgage assistance program, not accepting more applications, the application process mr sachs we have um you have processed a number of applications there are folks that are having are going through the program but basically you are in a process of vetting uh yes mr manager and members of the board very quickly there um there were initially about 220 applicants that came put employees that submitted their initial application through

[00:41:50] the oracle system um and they're again referred to the partner in this which is a housing Opportunities Made Equal Virginia. That basically initially overwhelmed our partner, so the applications were cut off. It's been recently just reopened, and so there are now 260 employees who have submitted, translating to about 228 that have made their way to Housing Opportunities Made Equal. And down at the other end of the pipeline, I'm pleased to report that the first employee has closed on the purchase of their home, and so all the rest are somewhere in that

[00:42:24] pipeline. Thank you, Mr. Sachs. So, Ms. Weems, you noted ever more funding in complex administration. One of the things that we have prided ourselves as a local government is using these private entities to do a lot of the administrative functions in different areas. In this case, we have a private entity that is managing the program. The Board of Supervisors has allocated \$2 million in the first year and \$2 million in the second year.

[00:42:56] um that is all that has been allocated there is no additional funding over and above but earlier we had a work session on home affordability and that work session mr chairman went quite a while and there's some statistics that we have in our community that are really um we haven't seen before so we looked at a just in the past uh four years uh home in virginia has gone the price has gone up by 34%. If you factor in the difference in interest rates, the cost to get into that home,

[00:43:35] which has gone up by almost 40%, cost has gone up by 76%. And so we showed statistics and information regarding police officers and teachers and budget analysts and planners and other public employees and residents of the county. This is how much you make. And so there's an issue that we have, not just in Henrico County, but in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and I dare say the United States of America, as far as affordability of housing. That is not a political statement.

[00:44:11] It is a mathematical statement based on data. So, you know, many large employers, and we are a very large employer, are doing whatever they can to induce their employees to stay, because the cost of turnover for us between a senior level employee leaving and a new employee coming in is about 45 percent. That's a huge differential. And the senior employee that leaves oftentimes takes knowledge and whatnot with them. And we can't have too much turnover in certain positions because we can't continue to do what we do. So it's not just Henrico. There

[00:44:50] are other localities in Northern Virginia that have taken this approach. There are private sector, companies that have taken this approach for their employees. And it is something that we literally, you just heard Mr. Sachs say, we've just started. But we're hoping to, with some sort of effort, be able to get

employees into homes that continue to appreciate and value because there's absolutely no supply. Does that answer your question, Mr. Chairman? I think you've more than enough answered that. I just want to say last year I wholeheartedly supported this. I

[00:45:25] wholeheartedly support it again not only are we talking about how to assist our employees but we're also looking at how to do that with residents as well so you're probably going to hear more i don't know if it's going to upset you or make you smile but the housing conversation is here and we got to deal with it colleagues comments all right can we get a motion all right motion by reverend cooper second by miss whitehead all in favor say aye aye any opposed all right mr manager mr chairman Termin 135-24 is a resolution for signatory authority.

[00:46:06] Mr. Newby is going to cover this item, but basically signatory authority for exchange of real property at Virginia Center Commons in the Fairfield District. And Mr. Anthony, as you were coming forward, please come forward. I didn't mean to cut you off, but if both of you could cover this item, Mr. Newby, if you would just kick us off.

[00:46:23] Yes, sir, Mr. Chair, Mr. Manager, members of the board. I have the pleasure with Mr. Anthony our director of real property to present this item which authorizes the county manager to execute an exchange agreement and other documents necessary for the county to acquire approximately seven point acres of real estate at Virginia Center Commons in exchange for 1.3 acres approximately that the county currently owns.

[00:46:45] So why are we getting such a good deal seven acres for 1.3 there's additional consideration that the board has already approved to the tune of two million dollars to help with this acquisition. The acquisition is necessary for parking at the Sports and Entertainment Center at Virginia Center Commons.

[00:47:00] And, Mr. Anthony, have I left anything out? No, sir. Mr. Newby, that was an excellent job, sir. We'd be happy to answer any questions. Questions, colleagues? This is a public hearing. Is there anyone here to speak to this particular resolution? All right.

[00:47:16] Is there anyone on WebEx? There's no one to speak to this item. Thank you. I need a motion. Thank you. All right. Motion by Reverend Cooper, second by Mr. Rogish. All in favor, say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Thank you, Mr. Manager. next mr chairman 136-24 is an ordinance in this case vacation a portion of right-of-way at athens avenue and bridgeport avenue this is the garden city subdivision in the fairfield district mr anthony yes sir thank you mr manager mr chairman honorable members of the board ladies and gentlemen this ordinance vacates portions of athens avenue and bridgeport avenue the owner scott place

[00:47:54] developer llc has requested this vacation for the development of its property the rights of of way are not necessary for public transit. The real property division has processed this request to the departments of planning, public works, public utility, public utilities without objection. The director of real property recommends approval of the board paper and the county manager concurs. I'll be happy to address any questions. Questions. This is a public hearing. Is anyone here to speak to this particular ordinance? Is there anyone on WebEx? There's no one to speak to this

[00:48:30] item colleagues is there a motion motion made by reverend cooper second by mr roguish all in favor say aye aye any opposed thank you mr manager next mr chairman 137-24 is an ordinance for vacation of a building line in this case roslyn hill subdivision at 208 melwood lane which is in the tuckahoe

district mr anthony yes sir thank you once again mr manager mr chairman honorable members of the board, ladies and gentlemen. Mr. Dye, Troy Dye, and Julia Dye, who reside at 208

[00:49:05] Melwood Lane, has requested this vacation. The Real Property Division processed this request through the Departments of Public Works, Planning, and Utilities without objection. The Director of Real Property recommends approval of the board paper. The county manager concurs. I'll be happy to address any questions. Questions? This is a public hearing. Is there anyone here to speak to this particular ordinance anyone on webex there's no one to speak to this item all right thank you colleagues is there a motion motion made by mr roger second by reverend cooper all in favor say

[00:49:39] aye any opposed mr manager next mr chairman we move into public comments uh we do have two individuals that have signed up to speak first i see mr ray beasley in the audience mr beasley if you would come forward so for others that wish to speak the board does ask that you limit your time to a five-minute time period that you state your name and address for the record.

[00:50:02] Mr. Beasley. Five minutes. I can go home and write some more stuff. Mr. Chair, members of the board, Mr. Manager, my purpose for speaking today is to say thank you to Mike Feinmail, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety, the County Manager, and to the Board of Supervisors for the decision to support a first tee addiction and recovery golf program.

[00:50:29] For a quarter century, I've been a passionate and dedicated advocate for the game of golf in Henrico County. I know firsthand the work county leadership has done to help build pathways to opportunities through the game of golf to date. Your efforts will have tremendous impact regarding golf in Henrico County through the prism of diversity, gender, veterans, education, and citizens with disabilities.

[00:50:53] As a disabled veteran, I was first introduced to the therapeutic values of golf. Golf therapy literally provided me replacement for some of the medications for treatment both physically and mentally. This life-affecting experience has made it so easy to sing praises of golf with great bias to others.

[00:51:18] I am inspired that my government leadership in its effort to leave no stone unturned in the fight against addiction and for recovery has included golf into the therapeutic solution pot. I know there will be many folks for whom my comments are going to be like seeds of a dandelion blowing in the wind my words will disappear as soon as they leave my mouth because you don't understand this mission but for the swath of people who advocate for the same things that god has assigned me this is two fish and five loaves of bread so i thank you for having

[00:51:55] vision enough to see the possibilities in this opportunity thank you mr beasley next we have timothy drew mr drew are you here yes sir if you would go to the podium timothy a drew uh i live

[00:52:22] Tuckahoe District. Members of the board, the chair in particular, many thanks. She left the building, but many thanks to the Commonwealth Attorney, as well as the crime victims advocates. I appreciate their service very much, as well as many thanks personally to Henrik of Law Enforcement. They have assisted me in my personal trials and tribulations as a victim of ID theft.

[00:52:53] Very common crime, and a very notable one in this day and age. Thanks again for this opportunity to speak. Notably, most importantly, why I'm here today is to comment on water resources.

[00:53:11] And again, many thanks to the Water Department leadership, and congratulations on the award of delivery. What I wanted to comment, and I will write additionally on this as well, my personal

experiences as well as the research that I've offered other venues of government as it pertains, and the housing issue is particularly notable given the explosive growth that we're experiencing as well as costs.

[00:53:47] The municipal water system is heavily demanded, as are all utilities. What I am offering to begin a conversation and to add to this wonderful conversation and a great group of elite people, obviously, that can deliver these things, is that we augment our water systems with how can we offer and target the water cycle to increase efficiency.

[00:54:25] And one of the things that we've had success with in other countries, as well as this country, is rainwater harvesting. Additionally, on a residence-based delivery, the other is what can we do in a household system that will not only harvest rain, but you're effluent from that point.

[00:54:54] What we're dealing with is an overabundance of solids in water treatment. So what can we do when we're generating solids and there is energy recovery potential of those solids, instead of dumping them into a fluent, if there is infrastructure that can be developed that takes solids and offers them immediately back to the waste stream in terms of energy recovery.

[00:55:23] Rainwater on every roof to harvest rain and basically store at every point. Government actually could lead on this issue with our own system of government and its buildings here. For example, if we harvested every raindrop that hit a government roof here and stored it, what our blessed people at the municipal water treatment would find is that

[00:55:57] your demand would be lessened and your supplies would increase, therefore accommodating your I've got extensive personal writing through my business with the Department of Navy that was ordered by our Commander-in-Chief, President Biden, that ordered further research into water resources best utilized at these levels.

[00:56:32] That is the conclusion of my remarks here today, just to attempt to inspire another exam. Not only the existing municipal system of treating solids, but augmenting with rainwater harvesting as well as better management of waste affluent.

[00:56:59] Thanks so much for your time today. I love being in front of small government. I love local government. I've spent my entire life involved in such things on a volunteer basis and as well as returning to federal service and looking forward very much to doing so thanks so much to the county of henrico god bless you thank you mr drew is there anyone else that wishes to address the board yes ma'am

[00:57:28] if you would go to that lectern hi my name is eileen davis and seeing as how it's water day I thought I'd ask a question.

[00:57:50] About a year and a half ago, I was told that we were going to take Build Back Matter money and take the houses remaining in Henrico, including some of the developments that were built in the 80s, that have water and septic, well water and septic, and we're going to get them retrofitted over to the sewer system and the water system because a lot of the septic systems in these earlier planned communities have septic systems that are aging out.

[00:58:18] My question is, where are we on that? So, Alman, if you would come forward with your indulgence, Mr. Chairman. In particular, I have a neighbor that's looking to do an addition on their home, and they're waiting.

[00:58:36] One of the reasons they want to know, because they want to know how all of that's going to impact where they want to do their addition. So a lot of everybody knows about it, but it seems to be sort of like no update in a while. So it was \$60-some-odd million, \$64. Thank you.

[00:58:53] So I will talk to you outside and give you my contact information. And that way you can reach out to me and I can let you know. Right now, water and sewer projects are under design, so we'll be able to share some of them. And, ma'am, there are, Alvin, if you would point her to the five areas, I think, that we are focusing on.

[00:59:17] But going forward, the board is also hoping to allocate pay-as-you-go dollars. So this is not going to end with that slug of federal dollars, if that makes sense. You're going to see continued effort to expand water and sewer in Henrico.

[00:59:39] Is there anyone else? I think. Okay. Anyone else on WebEx? There's no one to speak on WebEx. Okay, Mr. Chairman, members of the board, seeing no one else, you would move into the general agenda.

[00:59:56] Agenda item 138-24 is a resolution funding for regional homeless services. Ms. Miner. Thank you, Mr. Manager, and good evening, Mr. Chairman, members of the board. This is a resolution which would appropriate just over \$800,000 in the current fiscal year to be carried over into fiscal 25 for regional homeless shelters and wraparound support programming.

[01:00:22] This amount represents Henrico's contribution to a regional partnership with other Central Virginia localities And to not-for-profit community partners to address this issue Funding will come from the balance within the general fund And the director of finance recommends approval of this board paper and the county manager concurs Be happy to answer any questions Question Yes, sir Use the word counties with an S I said Central Virginia localities.

[01:00:53] Oh, localities. Yes, sir. So, Mr. Manager, we've been working on this for this whole regional. So we already have our own efforts that we do. Yes. But we've been having this regional conversation for how long? Mr. Chairman, this regional conversation is two, three years in the making.

[01:01:12] It started with some federal funds that were allocated. The region got together, the big three localities, if you would, and we're attempting to do something for regional homelessness. That fell by the wayside for a number of reasons. This board paper would actually allocate these dollars from Henrico for an effort that would serve regional residents, Henrico residents, and it's basically Henrico County and the city of Richmond.

[01:01:42] So it was Henrico, Richmond, as a part of these conversations, it was Henrico, Richmond, and Chesterfield. Yes, sir. And Chesterfield is doing how much? They're not included in this. They have chosen not to participate. Okay, but we're participating, 25%.

[01:02:00] So I'm assuming it was 50% for Richmond, 25% for Henrico, 25% for Chesterfield. Yes, sir. Okay, any other comments? Mr. Chairman and Ms. Minor, I've gotten, even in my short time in office, several emails from folks, from constituents wanting to know or asking about the fact that we don't have an Henrico shelter per se.

[01:02:25] And I've answered those emails based on information that I've gotten from staff, But just assuming that there are others who may want to understand why we don't have a shelter within our limits, per se, but why we choose to go about it this way.

[01:02:41] And I'm going to defer to Ms. Callahan for that answer, just because she is our resident expert on community engagement and has been working very closely on this project. So, Monica, when you answer that first, and then second, can you just talk about the partners and all that since you're up here?

[01:03:03] Sure. So, Mr. Chair, members of the board, yes, Ms. Whitehead, to answer your question, we have gotten many inquiries about why Henrico does not operate an inclement weather shelter because we have partners that we've invested in, as the manager stated, through CBDG dollars, federal dollars, state dollars, and local dollars that we've historically provided supports to who know and operating emergency sheltering is their business.

[01:03:32] that is what they do. So we have not stood up an emergency shelter for that reason. And this allocation of funding, 3.2, 3.2, is the dollar amount, the 25% that Henrico has committed to will go to two operators who have historically provided emergency sheltering in this region, the Salvation Army for the 1900 Chamberlain Avenue Center for Hope, and Home Again, which is an operator that shelters families. So those two providers are two providers that this is not just

[01:04:08] the first time we funded. And we have historically funded the emergency sheltering that has taken place at 1900, even when it was operated by Commonwealth Catholic Charities. So we have a So our \$800-plus-thousand dollars does not subtract away from some of the other things that we are doing first.

[01:04:37] And then second, this is an expansion. So from what I understand, the city wasn't running multiple sites. So us being able to contribute, and if Chesterfield is able to get in at some point, we can have a more robust regional response.

[01:04:56] Yes. So the city did stand up temporarily where they were operating out of their 1900 building for emergency sheltering in response to what their constituents were calling for. But as we all know, homelessness is a very transient issue. These are not people who would historically be, some were Henrico residents or could have been last residency in Henrico County.

[01:05:20] But for the most part, these residents, as we learned in the point in time count that we did just this past January and will do again in July with our partners at Homeward, we know that they come from all over. And so having this, yes, more robust initiative in partnership with the city, we are supporting two providers who are providing not just sheltering, but wraparound support, resources, and services to the people in this demographic.

[01:05:50] to help them get to a point of finding either some of the supportive housing resources to get to a place of more temporary housing or sheltering or to home ownership, which is ultimately where we would like to see people get to.

[01:06:09] And both of these organizations are ones with proven track records. We know they're doing the good work. We know that we're getting good bang for our buck, so to speak, and they are open and transparent and accountable to us. Absolutely. So we have in a memorandum of understanding where we are upholding the contract that was done with the city.

[01:06:29] We did not put additional terms on these two providers because looking at the contracts, our county attorneys all agreed that what the stipulations or the criteria in which they will operate for the next year with hopes that they will continue to operate these shelterings beyond 2025.

[01:06:48] But yes, we will have quarterly check-ins. We will receive data from the continuum of care to which the family sheltering at Home Again, the referrals of the families come through the Home Again system as they do for the shelter at St. Joseph's Villa, which is located here in the county, Hilliard House, which is located here in the county.

[01:07:09] This is not new for us. We've been supporting these efforts for many years, and we will continue to support the efforts of sheltering, which at any given point, any given day in this region, there are 1,000 beds available for sheltering, whether it be single men and women or families through partnerships such as Caritas, YWCAs, et cetera, et cetera.

[01:07:30] we've we've been at the table and we've been supporting this is just a targeted more direct effort to supporting emergency and inclement weather sheltering in the region i'm cool so quick question so i think you've broached it briefly you kind of knew preemptively what i was going to ask how can we determine that the funds that we extend benefit those who may have been or are residents of henrico county sure so that i mean well in all reality they're not going to check people at the door and saying show me your you know last place of residency this is available

[01:08:06] for for anyone who is in need on a daily basis when we're talking about the months of inclement weather and then uh the months now that we're in right now which is emergency so should we have the unforeseen or hurricane tornado uh tornadic activities periods of rain and flooding of course that sheltering would be available till it meets capacity and then it would the activation of the continuum of care with the referral service would then kick in but Reverend Cooper to answer your question the providers know that Camryco County is a supporter of this and so there will be a

[01:08:43] percentage we will get that data the same way we do right now from the continuum of care each of providers that I just mentioned, YWCA, Homework, Hilliard House, excuse me, St. Joseph's Villa, the same way we receive that data on a quarterly and annual basis of the county of Henrico residents, last residency being Henrico County that they serve, we will receive that data and that information. And then we can reevaluate again from year to year. That's why these memorandums of understanding and contracts are annual. All right. I think we've exhausted the

[01:09:20] questions i mean we know we we know that the homeless community is transient and ultimately at the end of the day we just whatever we can do to get people off the street and into um into inside where it's warm or cool or whatever be the case and hopefully other localities will come along and join us is there a motion so move mr chairman all right motion made by reverend cooper second by miss whitehead all in favor say aye aye any opposed thank you mr manager next mr Chairman agenda item 139-24 this is an introduction of ordinance and this would

[01:09:57] allow alternative bond requirements for certain public comment contracts by adding another section to the code titled indefinite delivery or quantity contract performance and payment bonds this would be added to the code of the county there was a letter when they came to the board last week on this item Ultimately, this is about an additional step for flexibility in procurement.

[01:10:26] Jian Chong Liu is here to present the overview. Young man. Thank you, Mr. Manager. Mr. Chairman, honorable member of the board, this board paper introduces the advertisement and the public hearing on May 28, 2024, proposed ordinance to provide the county flexibility with small job auto-contracting projects to allow contractors to furnish performance and payment bonds equal to the dollar amount of the individual tax orders, as opposed to the overall contract amount.

[01:10:59] The purchasing director recommends the approval of the board paper, and the county manager concurs. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you. Colleagues, any questions? All right. Hearing none. Is there a motion?

[01:11:15] Second. All right. Motion made by Mr. Rove is seconded by Mr. Smith. All in favor, say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Thank you. I mean, all in favor, say aye. Any opposed? Thank you. Mr. Manager. Next, Mr. Chairman, a highlight, if you will, 140-24 is an introduction of ordinance.

[01:11:33] This would expand the eligibility for the recap program, which was established in last year's budget with some changes this year. Mr. Chafin. Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Manager, Mr. Chair, members of the board. Good evening. This board paper introduces for advertisement and a public hearing on May 28, 2024, an ordinance to expand eligibility for the recap program by increasing the gross combined income limit from \$105,000 to \$125,000, and net combined financial net worth limits from \$700,000 to \$750,000.

[01:12:05] The change would take effect January 1st, 2025. The Director of Finance recommends approval of the board paper, and the county manager concurs. Welcome to answer any questions. Questions from my colleagues. Mr. Chairman, move the introduction of the ordinance.

[01:12:23] All right, motion made by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Roker. All in favor, say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Thank you. Mr. Manchin. Next, Mr. Chairman, 141-24 also comes to you from the budget. This, again, is an introduction of ordinance that would raise the threshold for the BPOL tax.

[01:12:41] Mr. Chapin. Thank you once again, Sarah. This board paper introduces for advertisement and public hearing on May 28, 2024, an ordinance to increase the threshold for imposition of business license taxes from \$500,000 to \$1 million. Under the new threshold, businesses earning a million dollars or less would not have to pay business license taxes to the county.

[01:13:02] Similarly, businesses making over a million dollars would be able to deduct up to a million dollars from their earnings before calculating the amount of their business license tax. The Director of Finance recommends approval of this board paper, and the county manager concurs. Questions, colleagues?

[01:13:19] All right. Is there a motion? Move the introduction of the ordinance. All right. Motion made by Mr. Smith. Second by Mr. Brogis. All in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Thank you, Mr. Manager. Next, Mr. Chairman, 142-24 is a resolution. This is an award of contract for an elevator replacement project at our human services building.

[01:13:40] Mr. Massey. Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Manager, Mr. Chairman, members of the board. This board paper awards a fixed price contract for \$329,700 to SRC, Inc. for the elevator replacement at Henrico County Human Services Building.

[01:13:56] The county received one bid on February 26, 2024, in response to ITB 24-2636-1JL, an addendum number one. Based on a review of the bid, SRC is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

[01:14:15] The Director of General Services recommends approval of the board paper, and the county manager concurs. Happy to answer any questions you may have. We have any questions, colleagues? No questions, sir.

[01:14:31] Move the resolution. Second. All right. Motion made by Mr. Smith. Second by Reverend Cooper. All in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Thank you. Motion passed, Mr. Manager. Next, Mr.

Chairman. 143-24 is the resolution for signatory authority. This is for a memorandum of understanding with the Happily Natural Day Community Farm Program.

[01:14:52] Mr. Tina. Thank you, Mr. Manager, Mr. Chairman, honorable members of the board. This board paper authorizes the county manager to execute a memorandum of understanding with the Happily Natural Day, a 501c3 nonprofit organization to establish and manage a community farm on approximately 20 acres of a county-owned property on Willis Church Road, also referred to as the Runnymede property.

[01:15:17] The initial term of this MOU is two years and may be renewed for additional terms. The initial budget for this program is \$50,000. The chief of staff recommends approval of this board paper, and the county manager concurs. I'm happy to answer any questions. Questions, colleagues?

[01:15:34] Karen, what's the time frame that we're looking at? So we have already been working with the director. His name is Duran Chavis, and we've outlined the 20 acres of the site, which are towards where the access road is. And so we'll be working with Recreation and Parks and Extension Agent to establish the infrastructure, which will take approximately six months.

[01:15:58] and we hope to have applications open for the growing season next spring. All right, so the MOU is with Happily Natural Day, so that's the community farm program.

[01:16:15] Deron Chavis is the founder of that group, so his people are managing it, but our focus is small farmers in Verona. Correct. Okay, so we're not trying to outsource this out of Henrico County.

[01:16:32] We want small farmers in Varana. Absolutely. We just need an expert in this area, and he has much experience throughout the region and in Henrico County on how to start a program like this. Right, and we have this type of public partner, like the reforestation of trees is with?

[01:16:54] Yes, so this is exactly like a reforestation program with Capital Trees, which is a nonprofit, and they started in the city and wanted to grow their reach. They manage our reforestation efforts at parks and schools, and we use their expertise to help us grow the canopy.

[01:17:12] And the same thing with farmers, no pun intended, but he will help us grow that presence in Verina. And this is also very similar to what you heard about, the Employee Home Purchase Assistance Program, where we're using somebody who has expertise to administer the program.

[01:17:27] All right. So not to belabor the point, but since it's on public record, I just want to make sure that nobody's taking any of this out of context. So this is our first time doing this program, right? Yes.

[01:17:41] And this came out of a zoning case where some persons wanted to impose upon the case a community farm as a part of the rezoning, which technically we didn't think was right to do that because then the homeowners would have to take on the additional responsibility of manning and womaning the farm on their property.

[01:18:12] So it would drive up the HOA fees. So, County of Henrico, his incredible staff, and the supervisor that represents that area decided, hey, we own a lot of land, and running meat is 1,000 acres.

[01:18:30] Let's carve out a part of that. Let's start our own community farm. So, first time we're doing it, and we wanted to focus on small farmers in Verona. Correct. So, I'll read one whereas in the board paper, just for the record.

[01:18:47] Whereas the Verena Magisterial District has been the epicenter of agriculture industry in the Commonwealth of Virginia for centuries, and the county desires to continue this practice for future generations and is intended that those future generations are Verenians.

[01:19:02] Okay, thank you. And I know we've been saying we are farming vegetables to start. We're not doing animals or any of the other outside curricular farming activities.

[01:19:19] Correct, yes. And the plots can be rented, and I use that term loosely. We're not trying to put up any fees or regulatory barriers for anybody. But there will be around one to three to five acres, depending on the experience and the type of produce that the individual wants to grow.

[01:19:38] And really the beautiful thing about partnering with the Happily Natural Day organization is that they have experience in training individuals not only just how to harvest and grow but how to grow their business as well so really we could be supporting entrepreneurship through this program as well yeah so talking to Mr. Chavis and then I think also talking to you talking to the manager and meetings the farmers because one of the concerns that I heard from a resident was there was no platform for them to sell what they grow but to me I feel like that's a part of farming you know you if you're growing something you know you're going to have a result

[01:20:18] and you need to figure out what to do with it when you get it but i think we have a partnership with the henrico food bank that may end up purchasing some of said um crop and selling it through the food bank that's correct okay all right well it sounds pretty good to me kerry so i'm gonna this was a beautiful idea by that supervisor i'm gonna i'm gonna move i'm gonna move the resolution before we move guys one question mr chairman sure um so i'm excited about this first of all just because of all of the implications if we uh evaluate this after

[01:20:58] the two-year term is there the capacity to add more acreage to it yes and we could also consider looking at other pieces of property not just runnymede as well mr chairman i second your motion thank you sir um all in favor say aye aye any opposed motion passed thank you next Mr. Chairman, agenda item 144-24 is a resolution.

[01:21:25] This is approval of retention of sales proceeds by the school board for a property that is located at 7850 Carousel Lane, which is in the Brooklyn District. Mr. Anthony. Yes, sir. Thank you once again, Mr. Manager, Mr. Chairman, honorable members of the board.

[01:21:43] This board paper approves the school board's retention of proceeds from the sale of 4.78 acres of Mount Vernon Adult Education Center. to richmond hebrew day school doing business as rudland torah academy for 3.6 million on february 23rd of 23 the school board declared this acreed surplus and on april 18th of 2024 held a public hearing and approved the contract of sale state law requires the approval of the board of supervisors for the board for the school board to retain the sales proceeds the superintendent of schools and

[01:22:19] and the school board requests approval of this board paper, the county manager concurs. I'll be happy to address any questions. Questions, questions, questions. No questions, sir. Just for public knowledge, it has become known that this was in the hands of the school board, its earliest development through their relationship with the Baptist Church.

[01:22:42] So this seems about right. Mr. Chairman, move the resolution. All right, motion has been made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Rogan. All in favor, say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Motion passes, Mr. Mitchell.

next mr chairman 145-24 is the resolution for signatory authority for revocable non-transferable license agreement for 5300 and 5302 walker avenue this is in the fairfield district mr anthony thank you once again mr manager mr chairman honorable members of the board this board paper authorizes the county manager to execute a revocable non-transferable license agreement

[01:23:18] allowing linda wood to use county-owned parcels located at 5300 and 5302 walker avenue for the cultivation of a garden for her personal use miss wood agrees to maintain both lots and restore them to their original condition when she no longer intends to use them for gardening purposes the directors of real prop the directors of recreation and parks and real property recommend approval of the board paper county manager concurs she has done this in the past there was an issue with the soil and it needed to rest for a 10-year period so she uh has still

[01:23:52] has interest in that i'll be happy to address any questions all right questions all right is that motion so moving shannon all right motion by reverend cooper second by mr rogers all in favor say aye any opposed thank you next mr chairman agenda item 146-24 is a resolution for signatory authority this was discussed in work session this is a letter of agreement with dominion energy for magellan parkway utility relocation which is in the fairfield district mr hughes thank you mr manager mr chair members of the board the department of public works has negotiated an

[01:24:29] agreement with dominion energy under which the county will pay dominion energy for the materials equipment and work necessary to relocate the electric distribution facilities in conflict with the proposed improvements for the magellan parkway project from park central drive to brook Road. Under the agreement, the Department of Public Works will pay \$901,441 to Dominion Energy to cover the cost of utility relocation for the segment of the project. The board paper authorizes the director of public works to execute the agreement in the forms approved by the county attorney. The director of public works recommends approval of the board paper and the county

[01:25:06] manager's questions on this one. Colleagues, questions? All right, what's your pleasure? Some more. All right, motion made by Reverend Cooper, second by Mr. Smith. All in favor, would say aye. Any opposed? Thank you. Next, Mr. Chairman, 147-24 is a resolution. This would authorize the county to apply for multimodal project discretionary grant and state its intent to finance short pump area improvements. These are in the three-chop district. Mr. Hughes.

[01:25:40] This board paper authorizes the director of public works to apply for funds in any amount from the multimodal project discretionary grant or NPDG program of the U.S. Department of transportation for fiscal year 2025-2026. The MPDG program supports surface transportation projects of national or regional significance designed to strengthen supply chains, spur economic development, and improve safety and daily life. The county has identified the short pump area improvements as an eligible project. The project includes the construction of a new interchange at North Gaten Road and I-64, a reconstruction of the interchange at West Broad

[01:26:18] Street and I-64, improvements on West Broad Street, and improvements on I-295 between I-64 and Knuckles Road. With concurrence from the Federal Highway Administration and the Virginia Department of Transportation, the project may be constructed in phases. The Central Virginia Transportation Authority has already awarded \$64.895 million in regional funds for the project, and VDOT has awarded \$26 million in smart scale funds towards designing and constructing these improvements.

[01:26:48] these are mostly on broad street the estimated cost of the project is 305 million dollars the county will pursue other sources of local regional and state funding for this project and intends to request mpdg funds of 60 million dollars this board paper would allow what would also state the county's intent to participate in financing of the short pump area improvements up to 60 million dollars in county debt either through the full faith and credit of the county if supported by voter referendum or through the Virginia Resource Authority bond.

[01:27:21] The director of finance and public works recommends approval of the board paper and the county manager concurs. So I'd be happy to answer any questions on this one. Thank you to where are any questions? All right. Sounded like it was in the three chop district.

[01:27:37] I think some move back. Ms. Whitehead. Who got this? All right. Second by Smith. Rogish at the same time. All in favor, say aye.

[01:27:52] Aye. Any opposed? Thank you. Next, Mr. Chairman, 148-24 is a resolution. It's with authorization to submit a letter of intent to participate in the Virginia Department of Transportation Smart Scale Program for FY2026.

[01:28:09] This item was discussed extensively in work session. Mr. Hughes. So move the resolution. Second. Motion made by myself, seconded by Mr. Smith. All in favor, say aye. Aye. Aye. Any opposed? Did you have anything you wanted to say, Mr. Hughes?

[01:28:26] Okay. All right. Mr. Manager, is there any more business? No other business this evening, Mr. Chairman. Meeting adjourned. Oh, I'm sorry, colleagues, anything? I'd like to make a comment, Mr. Chairman, in part because there's something I want to say and also because I understand certain of my colleagues may take bets as to whether I'm going to make any comments during the meeting.

[01:28:45] So I'm trying to get you lunch again there, Deputy Chief. As I look back over or look through what we discussed tonight and with any agenda, A lot of what we do impacts certain segments of our population, and I look back even for today.

[01:29:03] Not everybody is going to take advantage of ReCap. Not everybody is a business owner. Not everybody is interested in farming. Not everybody is going to use 64, yet we do these things because we recognize the benefit of using our seats to do what we can for who we can.

[01:29:20] And so I simply put out there that I am proud to be a part of a board and of a county that takes action to use our resources even recognizing it won't impact everybody the same way at the same time but again we do what we can for who we can over and over again that was good uh we're gonna let you we're gonna we want you to do the recap at the end of all the meetings going forward all right colleagues meeting adjourned



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