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[00:07:24] Good evening everyone. It's nice to see you all this evening. Welcome to our April 22nd meeting of the Henrico County Board of Supervisors. Before we begin tonight one of our colleagues is dealing with a personal matter today. Might be able to join us before we're finished but we sent her our very best on the family issue that she's that she's working with tonight.

[00:07:43] As we begin tonight we will begin our meeting as we always do with a pledge of allegiance and an invocation brought to us tonight by Chaplain Bobby Mead in just a moment. For those who are joining us tonight, I will remind you that public comments will be given from the lectern in the back. For those of you who are online joining us, you can participate in tonight's public meeting by going to the Board of Supervisors webpage at henrico.us backslash supervisors, click on Guidance for Board of Supervisors meeting, and then scroll down to the WebEx event where a moderator will be able to help you out. So again, please join me in standing if you're able for our Pledge of Allegiance and our invocation brought to us by Chaplain Bobby Mead.

[00:08:26] Let's pray. Father God, we thank you as we come together today gathered as our county lord i just thank you for our supervisors those who have been elected to represent us lord i pray over this time that they have wisdom and discernment to lead us in the best way of making decisions for the best of henrico but i just pray over this time and thank you for this previous weekend we had to celebrate the resurrection of your son through easter thank

[00:09:03] you day for all those gathered here and those who cannot be praying for them as well and we pray Amen.

[00:09:26] Chaplain, colleagues, I'll accept a motion for the approval of our April 8th minutes. Motion made by Mr. Rogge, seconded by Mr. Nelson. Those in favor say aye. Any opposed?

[00:09:42] Motion carries, Mr. Manager. Mr. Chair and members of the board, I have no comments this evening. Thank you, sir. Any comments from my colleagues? Seeing none, I'll just take two seconds and say in our work session upstairs, we just witnessed a presentation by a gentleman in our county, Keith Presley, I want to publicly thank, and I know our PR team will share what we saw up in work session, but Mr. Presley and his company, Woodman Life, donated an official 9-11 flag that'll be flown, it'll be posted, I'm sorry, mounted flag that'll be shown in Firehouse 20.

[00:10:17] Sure, it'll be on our social media, Twitter, Facebook, and such Instagram pages, but I encourage the public who's tuned in, and I encourage those in the room to take a peek at that. Certainly a fantastic presentation. We're thankful for Mr. Presley for his gift and donation, and it's incredible.

[00:10:33] It's the size of that mirror in the back. It's enormous. I look forward to having it posted in Fire Station 20. I see no other comments. There does not appear to be any media in the room today. If there are any logged in virtually online, thank you for tuning in.

[00:10:50] Mr. Manager. Mr. Chair, members of the board, you would move into presentations. We have three presentations this evening, and the first is a proclamation for Arbor Day. I'd ask our Vice Chair, Roscoe D. Cooper III, to the podium to present this proclamation to Sam Hudson, our Sustainability Division Director.

[00:11:10] Sam, if you would come forward. Whereas Armored Day is observed throughout the world as a day set aside for planting trees, whereas trees reduce erosion of precious topsoil by wind and water, lower heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, reduce oxygen, and provide a habitat for wildlife.

[00:11:44] And whereas trees play a crucial role in mitigating climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, storing it in their biomass and releasing oxygen. And whereas trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for fires, and countless other wood products.

[00:12:03] And whereas trees increase property values, enhance economic vitality of business areas, and beautify the community. And whereas Henrico's Environmental Action Resource Team, HART, has planted over 7,450 trees since 2023.

[00:12:21] Whereas the Board of Supervisors and County are committed to continuing to maintain and increase tree canopy. And whereas Henrico County proudly celebrates Arbor Day as a way to educate the community on the importance of trees. Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Board of Supervisors of Henrico County, Virginia, hereby proclaims April 25, 2025 as Arbor Day and calls this observation to the

attention of Henrico citizens, signed by Daniel J. Smith, Chair of Board of Supervisors, Tanya in bracket clerk, April 22, 2025.

[00:12:54] thank you um very much reverend cooper and members of the board um looking forward to celebrating arbor day on friday and happy earth day to you all for today uh this proclamation it's really a continuation of the county's commitment to improving the natural environment and improving our tree canopy and there's so much great work that goes into this i i'd like to just

[00:13:29] commend our heart staff particularly zach harwood who has become really our tree guru and also would like to express gratitude to our for our continued partnership with capital trees they really are a force multiplier for all of those thank you thank you next mr chair members of the board we have a proclamation recognizing law enforcement officers week this is may the 11th through the 17th. However, as a reminder to the board, this proclamation will actually be presented

[00:14:09] at the police memorial on Monday, May the 12th, so no action is necessary by the board on this item. Our final proclamation, recognized as May 2025, is Building Safety Month. For this item, I'd ask our Tuckahoe District Supervisor, Jody K. Rogish, to the podium to present this item.

[00:14:30] Bowman Bowles, our director of building inspections, Karina Little, our deputy building official. Joining them are Larry Redford, electrical elevator inspector supervisor, Jeff Reed, commercial building inspector, supervisor Lee Cobb, and Rob Rowley, chief of emergency management and workplace safety.

[00:14:51] Thank you, Mr. Manager. You know, we don't often think sometimes about the men and the women for building inspectors, but this is extremely valuable and important proclamation. So Building Safety Month, May of 2025. Whereas since 1980, Building Safety Month has been an international campaign in the month of May to raise awareness about building safety.

[00:15:14] And whereas Henrico County wants to enforce the need for regularly updated building and fire codes and help residents and businesses understand what is entailed in creating safe and sustainable structures. And whereas Henrico County volunteers will engage with the public in an informal informational event to raise awareness of the importance of safe and sustainable structures where we live, work, learn, worship, and play, and recognize that many lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes.

[00:15:45] And whereas the public can engage with Henrico County employees and volunteers and learn about preparedness for natural hazards, severe weather, earthquakes, and more. And whereas Henrico County's building, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, and fire prevention inspectors, property maintenance inspectors, the design community, the construction industry, the fire marshal's office, and emergency management work year-round to ensure our buildings and our residents are safe.

[00:16:14] And whereas Henrico County is committed to the improvement of building safety, the importance of technology, innovation, economic home investment, and the essential services provided by the county to the community in protecting lives and property.

[00:16:31] Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Board of Supervisors of Henrico County, Virginia, hereby recognizes the month of May as Building Safety Month. Signed by our Board of Supervisors Chair, Mr. Dan Schmidt, and Tanya Brackett, our clerk. Thank you, guys.

[00:16:46] Thank you, Mr. Chair, members of the board, Mr. Manager. It's an honor to accept this proclamation on behalf of employees in the Fire Marshal's Office, Emergency Management, and the Building Inspections Department for their year-round efforts of ensuring that our buildings and citizens are safe.

[00:17:08] To raise awareness of the importance of safe structures and preparedness for natural hazards, we will engage with the public in an informational event at home improvement stores. These events will be held on May 3rd in the east end of the county and May 10th in the west end of the county.

[00:17:25] Thank you for your support in this endeavor. Thank you. Mr. Chair, members of the board, you move into public hearing item. Agenda item 114-25 is an ordinance.

[00:17:40] This is for a vacation of a portion of an alley in Westview subdivision in the Brooklyn district. Late last week, I sent you a letter requesting that this item be withdrawn. It will come forward on a future agenda, but it's not ready for your consideration.

[00:17:57] No action necessary. Correct. No action necessary. which, Mr. Chair, would bring you to public comments. Thank you, Mr. Manager. Again, as a reminder, public comments will be handled from the lectern in the back. We will do those who have preregistered first, and then we'll check with the audience and check with WebEx.

[00:18:15] The first person who has registered is Kate. Kate, I know you're here today. Please use the lectern in the back. Please identify yourself and your address and have at it. Thanks, Kate. Good to see you, ma'am. Thank you. My name is Kate Murggin, and I'm the Executive Director of Jacob's Chance.

[00:18:32] I live at 7338 Hermitage Road, a long-time Henrico citizen. But I am here actually today on behalf of Jacob's Chance. We have been a nonprofit serving people with disabilities for over 12 years, But I've been working with Henrico County probably for 17, starting off as Buddy Ball with Glen Allen Youth Athletic Association, then became River City Buddy Ball, and then now we are now Jacob's Chance.

[00:19:04] And I just wanted to come. I know not often you get to hear groups that utilize your field, your gym spaces, your parks and rec. I just wanted to come and say thank you so much for what you have done for Jacob's Chance.

[00:19:22] We have served over 1,000 people just in the past year and a half. And those 1,000 that we've served, it's been through athletics. It's been through enrichment programs, serving those who have graduated high school. But we could not have done all of this without your support, being able to use your gym space, your fields, and your facilities.

[00:19:45] So I just wanted to come and say thank you, and we recently presented to Recreation and Parks the Jacob Leonard Mission Award, which truly means so much to us. It is an award given to a group or an individual that represents our mission, which is serving those with disabilities ages 5 to 40.

[00:20:13] And, again, just wanted to come and publicly say thank you so much for what you do for the community. Thank you. Thank you, ma'am. And, Kate, I'm sorry, while you're here, I'm going to take advantage of this. We're at another spectacular event at RFMP Stadium early April, just a week or so ago now.

[00:20:29] Yes. A great turnout, again, for a wonderful cause. So thank you for continuing the effort. No, we truly appreciate being able to use RFMP Park to do the Pass the Hat event. Really grateful. It was a

great night. a great opportunity for communities to come together how many years now Kate um we've been doing that for at least 16 years passing the hat so yeah thanks to our community thank you thank you all right next is uh commander Kenneth Harvey is commander Harvey sir out of while the commander

[00:21:08] is heading to the microphone a few of us had a had the privilege to walk in with this fine gentleman

[00:21:12] tonight we're thankful uh for you to be here sir tell you I need to take a deep breath while I drop

[00:21:57] my cane and make a whole lot of noise. I'm Commander Harvey, first name Kenna. I live at 7817 King Island. And thank you. Henrico, we can always give a zip code, but that's 23231. Why am I here? I'm the commander for American Legion Post 233 in Verona, seven miles from the airport and in the middle of Market Road. A lot of history out there. I

[00:22:35] came into a program that was failing. So what I mean by that is the post was about to give up on the community. I had an opportunity to ask the county manager, if I don't mess up his last name, John Baucus, if I got that right. If I don't, then I'm sure we'll talk about it.

[00:22:56] It's been worse. But I want to be honest about something. It's been a while since I've been here. The last time I came, I learned a lot. And what the community has told me as the commander of 233, how do we feel about taking care of people?

[00:23:14] Are we doing that right? So I bring the spirit tonight to talk about the possibility of putting together a fair involving all the communities, supervising board, and I call it pieces of parliamentary.

[00:23:30] I talked with the county manager. He gave me the thumbs up. But understanding parliamentary, we must come to those who navigate him and all the things that go along with that. And so I'm asking for folks to help me put together a fair for the first time in Verona.

[00:23:49] It's going to take some work. It's going to take some energy. It's going to take some talking to people. We've petitioned to think that we may be able to put this together between August and September. Nothing's concrete. With that said, we're looking to partner with the county on several fronts.

[00:24:12] Anything we need to do to take care of these kids that are out on the road doing some mischief, we're looking to get grants out to them as well. But saying that, our job is Americanism through three or four other pillars.

[00:24:28] But I'm going to stick with Americanism. So from that position, if we come together as a team, and I felt like conversation with the county manager was the beginning, I need the board supervisor to get on board with that and assist us and guide us and host us through this process.

[00:24:49] We are not familiar with all the guidelines and what we can and can't do, but I do know Mr. Tyrone is the Verona, if I pronounce his name right, chair, board supervisor, and there's three others.

[00:25:06] Now, I have a flyer here. I should have gave this out, but I'll have one to pass out, and so if I miss a point, it's because time is of the essence and get someone else up here. I want to take you through the leadership a little bit, folks that's going to help me get this done.

[00:25:24] We have a past national commander, Chuck, we call him Chuck Talley, but it's actually Charles. Mr. Temple's here, post commander, I would ask you to stand up, 242. You folks probably know more of

him because of some of the things he's done for our POWs and those MIAs that are lost or some of the parade events and the ceremonies that he attended.

[00:25:55] We have another past commander who couldn't make it. I got a text saying that he's not doing well, he wouldn't come. But the most gracious person in here, not to ignore the others, is my adjutant, my wife, the team that helped me pull post-233 out of the gutters.

[00:26:14] And I'm using that term because we were that far down. When you got nostalgia going on and we're supposed to be serving community, the members of that post is not, and I'm going to say again, should not let that architect fall.

[00:26:31] And that's why I came and said, we got to restore it. We got to get outreach to the community, talk to the kids. We adopted post 500 scouts and 501 Girl Scouts. Let me reverse that. Boy Scouts 500 is the Girl Scouts. We did all that.

[00:26:48] So I'd like to ask my adjutant to stand. We call her V, but it's actually Bonita. She's the golden girl, the adjutant, that holds us together. And I tell you, when I say holds us together, ask me if I spell the word the, who's going to strike me out?

[00:27:06] She will. So we have the assistant adjutant. Please stand. And the reason why I'm going through this chart is some folks I'm going to skip over, But the folks that are here are important to what we do. So the assistant agent is Charlene Burchett, if I'm pronouncing that right.

[00:27:26] But the star of the show is our Sergeant at Arms. Kai Ellison, please stand. And let me share a little subject matter with you. Commander, if you can, though, I don't want to cut you off, but the time has to last.

[00:27:43] If you could get to close up when you can, please. Okay. All right. Let me just finish with that. Kyle Ellison is a blinded bat, serving the community, serving the things that most people say disabled folks cannot do.

[00:28:03] And Kyle, please say now, I'll just sum it up with this and pass this out. The next time I'll be prepared for a short fuse conversation. The short fuse would be that we need your support to help us put together a fair and variety of community.

[00:28:20] I'd like to meet with the county supervisors and talk more about that, set that meeting up. I believe my talk with the county manager put us in a window where we can get it done. And when I say we, I'm asking all the supervisors, board members to check us out or send us some messages.

[00:28:40] With that said, I'll take myself to my seat and move on. Thank you, sir. And you mentioned you have a flyer. If you'd like to leave it with the clerk, that'd be fine. I will pass that down. can you come get this thank you and i thank you sir for allowing me to be here the next speaker that has registered is miss zoe bast i see chris in the back and i'm guessing miss zoe's going to

[00:29:13] speak with us this evening yes sir mr chairman thank you so much um without objections zoe has asked that i provide some remarks first that's all right with you appreciate it um so mr chairman members of the board uh thanks again uh my name is chris bast uh zoe and and her mom and her sister and I live at 11816 Old School Road in the Three Chop District, and our best supervisor, Roundtree, who isn't with us today, we hope to see her soon. We're excited to be with you tonight and with some other Henrico residents and environmental advocates that I see here today to

[00:29:50] wish you a happy Earth Day, like Sam did earlier, and thank you for your leadership and environmental stewardship, and encourage you to continue to raise the bar by pursuing bold and ambitious strategies to protect what we love. And, you know, there is a tremendous amount of focus these days on what is happening in Washington, D.C. There's a lot to keep track of, a lot happening today, and so many things to focus on so much that has flooded the zone that it's hard to know what matters. And yet, you know, so many folks think that the only things that do matter are the things that happen in D.C. and with the federal government. I don't need to remind you. Hopefully, I don't need to remind the folks in this room, but maybe the folks who are listening and other folks in

[00:30:29] our community, that that's just not true, right? What happens in this room matters. What happens in this room is important. I had a conversation with somebody the other day about the sort of local things that we like to do and like to advocate for, and sort of scoffed at the idea that spending time on local issues and problems at the federal level loom so large. But I thought that's precisely why it's so important that we do that work here and in local governments across the country, to take action on the causes we care about, to build a future we can be proud of, and to protect what we love.

[00:31:02] So today on Earth Day, I want to thank this board and county government for continuing to act local, continuing to advance progress on climate, clean energy, and environmental protection. Thank you for continuing to promote safe and healthy streets by lowering speed limits, prioritizing pedestrian safety and walkability, and by installing miles and miles of new sidewalks and bike lanes.

[00:31:22] Thank you for helping change decades of development patterns that prioritize single-family homes over all else and creating more diversity in housing, adding density where appropriate, and creating multi-use communities. We have some work to do there, but let's keep that going. Thank you for helping shift people out of cars by your significant investment in GRTC.

[00:31:42] Let's find some more dollars. Let's keep expanding that to other parts and just more buses, more buses, more buses. Thank you for installing solar energy on, I think, close to two dozen county buildings across county government and school board. Let's leave no roof untouched, and let's keep putting the sun to work for us.

[00:32:00] Thank you for prioritizing energy efficiency in government buildings, not only safe government buildings, but efficient government buildings and across government operations, saving money, promoting sustainability. And let's work with the community to expand energy efficiency programs for everyone. And thank you for your reforestation initiative.

[00:32:15] We heard a little bit about that from the Arbor Day Proclamation. planting hundreds of trees across county campuses, and let's turn that into planning policies to end clear-cutting and keep Henrico cool. And thank you for the free drop-off organics recycling. Supervisor Rogish knows that this is a little bit of a hobby horse of mine.

[00:32:32] It allows us to bring food and yard waste to collection sites at landfills, and let's expand that to curbside composting and put our waste to work for us. And these initiatives are important, they are necessary, and they need to be built upon. So setting a goal for climate progress and being intentional about how we design policy and programs to meet that goal is an important next step.

[00:32:52] So thank you again for your leadership. Thank you in advance for continuing that leadership, pursuing a bold vision for Henrico to be clean, not dirty. And with your help, we can continue to have

smart policy to protect what we love and who we love. And I think it's an appropriate place for me to end and introduce somebody I love, my daughter Zoe.

[00:33:10] Hi, I'm Zoe Best. I'm nine years old and I go to Twin Hickory Elementary School. I think that we should plant pollinator flowers wherever we can because if we don't, bees and other pollinators won't have enough food and won't be able to help our ecosystem.

[00:33:27] My Girl Scout troop is already helping with that by planting native flowers and installing pollinator houses at elementary schools. Henrico County should plant flowers in all of the roundabouts so that there can be more flowers for bees and other pollinators to visit. I also think that it should be required to plant trees at the end of a big construction project to help make up for all the trees that were lost when the land was cleared.

[00:33:51] We can help the environment by not littering because littering can hurt it, not help it. Recycling is also good for the environment because it reuses things and keeps them out of landfills. I think Henrico should hold an annual clean-up day where the community can come to different places and get supplies and tools and help clean up the area together to make a litter-free community.

[00:34:13] Thank you. Thank you, Zoe. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Great job, Zoe. Thank you. Our next speaker that has signed up is Ms. Gibbons. Is Ann Gibbons in the room? Zoe, you are a very tough act to follow. That's very inspiring.

[00:34:44] Speaking of inspiring, my name is, I'm not inspiring, but we mentioned Easter Sunday in the prayer. We've talked about Earth Day, and yesterday was the death of Pope Francis, a personal hero of mine.

[00:34:59] And so I sort of honor him and by the presence of people here who cared about the earth so much as he did. As I said, my name is Ann Gibbons. I live at 2307 Clark Street in the Fairfield District. Over the past year, I've had the opportunity to attend numerous county supervisor and planning commission meetings.

[00:35:20] Each time we gather, I see more new faces representing diverse backgrounds and ages. We have in common, however, a deep desire for a clean and healthy community and planet. We are grateful to be here on this Earth Day, many of us wearing green as a simple sign of our solidarity and concern about climate change and the devastating effects it is already having, not only globally, but locally as well.

[00:35:43] I hope it has become increasingly apparent over these many months that we are not here to whine and complain, attack, or critique. We are here, rather, to offer ourselves as your allies and advocates in addressing one of the most pressing and urgent concerns of our time.

[00:36:01] We recognize and appreciate that some, if not all of you, have been working on a climate action advocacy plan, and for that we are genuinely grateful. We also recognize that the scope of the problem is so large and so complex that no one committee or group can do the work alone.

[00:36:20] So we continue to come before you to offer ourselves as active agents and cooperative collaborators in this urgent task. Gathered in this room are committed and passionate individuals ready to roll up our sleeves and work alongside you.

[00:36:35] We have a variety of backgrounds and skill sets to offer. Some have years of experience with climate-related policy and advocacy. Others are experts in the field of renewable energy, conservation,

and sustainability. Some work professionally with transportation issues like improving public transit and increasing use of electric vehicles.

[00:36:57] You'll also find here folks devoted to ensuring we have green spaces and biodiversity in all of our neighborhoods, regardless of the zip code. It has been documented in other localities like Richmond and Fairfax County that the larger the table of community involvement and engagement, the greater the outcome.

[00:37:15] We are here to serve alongside you, and we're ready to get to work. All we need is the invitation and opportunity to do so. Thank you for your work on behalf of the citizens of Enrico County, and thank you for your time this evening. Thank you, ma'am. Thank you, Ms. Gibbons.

[00:37:34] The next speaker that has signed up is Beth. Beth Crudadis, as she is. Beth, how are you, Beth? Good evening, Supervisors. thank you for your time tonight. My name is Beth Krodotis. I've been a resident of Henrico County since 2007. I'm the mother of two Henrico public school students, and my family and I reside in Fairfield at 2104 Wynwood Road. I'm speaking again tonight to request that the board agree

[00:38:08] to implement a robust climate action plan in line with the plans that many localities across Virginia and the nation have adopted. Our peers, counties such as Prince William, Albemarle, Fairfax, Arlington, as well as cities across the state, have already committed to addressing climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions with ambitious benchmarks both in the short term and the long term. They've invited their residents to the table and collaborated to

[00:38:43] identify ways to address the climate crisis. Many of these localities have already made significant progress toward their climate goals. Residents throughout Henrico County value the security and prosperity of our community, and we are deeply concerned about climate impacts. Many of us are gathered here tonight to communicate that concern and to ask you again to commit Henrico to working on this central issue. If you're here tonight because of a concern about climate change and a

[00:39:15] desire to see this board support climate action planning, would you mind rising? Thank you very much, and thank you, supervisors, for hearing our concerns, and we hope to see Henrico initiate and fully support a robust climate action plan. Thanks for your time. Thank you, ma'am. We have reached the end of those who have pre-registered, so if there's anyone in the room that would like to speak during the public comment portion of tonight's meeting.

[00:39:47] Please head towards the back of the room. Take them one by one at the lectern. My name is Werden Dixit. I live in Westcott Bridge Drive in Glenallen. I'm a physician by profession, and I'm not going to – I probably second everything.

[00:40:07] I couldn't put it better as how Zoe did and everybody else before me. I would like to actually offer some solutions instead of lecturing. One of the most overlooked climate crisis is health care. And I work, it's my workplace.

[00:40:25] Most people don't realize that health care is responsible for almost a quarter of the carbon emissions in the country. If health care was a country in itself, United States health care would be the 13th largest carbon dioxide emitter in the world.

[00:40:43] Let that sink in for a second. And on top of that, we produce enormous amount of waste. Every hospital produces around 30 pounds of waste per bed per day. I would request the board of directors and the county to help those health care corporations responsible and accountable for reducing their carbon footprint and also help them reduce their waste.

[00:41:11] That can be done either positive or negative reinforcement. By positive reinforcement, I mean by tax incentives and asking them to make a pledge and make a difference, and negative, like make them penalize and make them pay for it.

[00:41:28] There are a lot of hospitals and big, huge health care organizations in the West Coast are already doing it, like Casa Pempnante, and they already make a pledge on their own. And we have a lot of big organizations in our county itself, and we can make a big difference.

[00:41:46] These are low-hanging fruits, and if we can ask them to do something, they will incentivize them that we can make a big difference. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Good evening.

[00:42:04] My name is Aileen Rivera. I reside in 1200 Dotson Road in Varina. Thank you so much. I want to thank you all for all the work that you have been doing so far for the environment. I do want to request that, please, I mean, I think we spent two years asking for a climate action plan, and let's make 2025 the year that it gets enacted into the comprehensive plan review.

[00:42:36] We also, a number of members of the community and organization had requested that the Board of Supervisors pass a resolution opposing the Dominion gas plant.

[00:42:54] We haven't heard. We've emailed twice and haven't heard a response on this. And I think that the lack of not addressing the issue, I'm not sure that it shows that there is a true, serious commitment to the Climate Action Plan.

[00:43:18] So if you could please reconsider, we would love to talk to you. There's plenty of people here and in other organizations that are happy to help. We are allies. We have – I could speak for my supervisor – but we work together, and we work together well.

[00:43:39] So I'm just requesting that you please consider that. haven't heard and I think that passing a resolution opposing the gas plan which we have proven and we have given all the data necessary to prove that this is not that this is not to the benefit of the residents especially of Varina that that we that please do you consider that and we're more than happy to speak to that to the issue and to provide whatever you need but um i just ask that you please show

[00:44:19] commitment by by acting on this because this is a serious issue especially for those of us that live in the areas that are at high risk um so thank you so much i appreciate it thank you for your time thank you ma'am anyone else in the room wish to speak is there anyone on webex ma'am there's no one to speak on webex all right thank you very much mr manager uh this would take you to your general agenda. You have two items on the agenda this evening. First is 115-25, which is a resolution

[00:44:54] for signatory authority acquisition of real property for floodplain mitigation. This is 2514 and 2518 Libby Avenue, both in the Brooklyn District. Jackie? Thank you, Mr. Manager, Mr. Chair, members of the board. This board paper authorizes the acquisition of two undeveloped parcels of land, 2514 and 2518 Libby Avenue for floodplain mitigation for the surrounding residents.

[00:45:20] The stream known as Horsepen Branch runs through the properties. The owner, Blackhawk Capital LLC, has agreed to sell the properties to the county for a total of \$140,000. The directors of Public Works and Real Property recommend approval of the board paper. The county manager concurs.

[00:45:36] I'd be happy to answer any questions. Thank you very much, ma'am. Any questions? I'll make the motion as seen it's in Brooklyn, and I'll also make a comment. that I appreciate the great work SASM are doing on this. Had another discussion today about a potential future use, Mr. Manager. We've been talking about capturing these properties every time we can get an opportunity to.

[00:45:56] So I'm really glad to see this. Really, it speaks to what we're talking about today with preservation of an area like that that really is important to not allow many people to build homes and live in there. So thank you for the good work on this, ma'am. Thank you. I'll make a motion to move the resolution.

[00:46:12] Seconded by Mr. Cooper. Those in favor, say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Motion carries, Mr. Manager. Next, Mr. Chair, last item on the agenda, 116-25 is a resolution. This is for acceptance of roads in River Mill, which is in the Fairfield District. Mr. Hughes.

[00:46:28] Mr. Manager, this board paper would accept Harvest Mill Court, Harvest Mill Place, and River Mill Lane into the county road system for maintenance. The Director of Public Works recommends approval of the board paper, and the county manager concurs. Thank you, Mr. Hughes. Any questions for Mr. Hughes, who is speaking in the 6 o'clock hour tonight?

[00:46:45] So while we have him early, anybody want to take advantage of Mr. Hughes? While we have him in the 6 o'clock hour, we're good. All right, Mr. Cooper. Motion made by Mr. Cooper. Is there a second? Second. Second by Mr. Nelson.

[00:47:01] Those in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Motion carries. Mr. Magic. No other items, Mr. Chair. Any other items from my colleagues tonight? I don't have an item. I just want to go on record and say that we are, me and one of my colleagues, are working I'm going on some items as it relates to climate, climate change and environmental issues.

[00:47:28] Some of the persons who are in the room are part of that discussion. Once we have something to bring forward to our colleagues and to the community, we will. I don't want to sit here and say nothing.

[00:47:47] So if I sit here and say nothing, then it means that we're not doing nothing, which is inaccurate. So that's my comment. Thank you, sir. Anything else? All right, y'all have a wonderful and safe evening. Thank you.

