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[00:00:03] everybody welcome to the welcome to the august 26th meeting of the henrico county board of supervisors in a minute we'll get started as we always do with our pledge and our invocation but before we begin tonight i'd like to remind everyone that public comments for tonight's meeting during public comment portion or during the public hearings will be handled from the lectern in the rear of the room for everyone who is watching via live stream for tonight's meeting you can participate remotely in the public comment portions of the meeting please go to the Board of Supervisors webpage at nereico.gov backlash supervisors. Click on guidance for Board

[00:00:39] of Supervisors meeting and scroll down and click on the WebEx event and the moderator will help you out. As we begin our meeting today, we'll begin, please join me in standing if you're able for our Pledge of Allegiance and stay standing for our invocation brought to us tonight by Richard Hamilton, chaplain with Nereico Police Division. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Join me as we

[00:01:19] go to the Lord in prayer. Dear God, I pray for the safety and protection of our first responders by asking you to guard them in their duties. Grant them wisdom in their decision-making. Provide them

strength during challenging situations. I also pray for their families, asking for peace, comfort, and support for their loved ones that work in a dangerous role.

[00:01:40] Father God, I also pray for our state and local officials that you grant them unique ability for their challenges they face today and tomorrow and ongoing. Give them insight into their needs, for their communities and discernment to make the decisions to lead their communities well.

[00:01:56] we just thank you for everything in father's name amen thank you again sir colleagues i will accept

[00:02:35] a motion for the approval of our august 12th regular special motion made by mr cooper second by mr nelson those in favor say any post let's have it mr mr chair members of board i do have one comment this evening and i would like to take a moment to note the recent passing of a teacher scholar, author, and friend of Henrico County, this is Professor Nelson Wickstrom. Dr. Wickstrom passed away last week at the age of 85. He was a longtime professor of political science and

[00:03:13] public administration at VCU. He had the misfortune of having this county manager in one of his classes, and he was my advisor, actually. Dr. Wickstrom was an expert on local government, intergovernmental relations, and the politics of metropolitan areas. He was a popular teacher and greatly enjoyed his time in the classroom with his students. He was also a solid source for local news outlets, which frequently sought his insights and commentary during election season. Dr. Wickstrom was much admired by his peers across the Commonwealth and was awarded the Mario D. Zamora

[00:03:51] Distinguished Service Award by the Virginia Social Science Association. He published a number of journal articles and was the author of five books, including a comprehensive study of Henrico County that was titled County Manager Form of Government in Henrico, Virginia, Implementation, Evolution, and Evaluation.

[00:04:13] His book continues to be an important resource for the county and for students of local government today more than 20 years after its publication. As a personal moment, Dr. Wickstrom is actually the reason that this county manager went into public service.

[00:04:31] I went to go see him my senior year, had a conversation about I wanted to be a lawyer, and I won't tell you what he told me, but he sent me to see a gentleman named Robert Bob, and I interned for a year under Dr. Wickstrom's recommendation, and I just want to say thank you, Dr. Wickstrom, and to your family for everything you've done for so many.

[00:04:56] Mr. Chair, I have no other comments. - Thank you, sir. Any comments from my colleagues? Sir, Mr. Nelson. - Today we remember George Lancaster.

[00:05:13] George Lancaster passed over the course of the past week He was a husband, a grandfather, a father, and an educator. He was also a community leader. He coached thousands of young people here in Henrico as well as his hometown of Chase City.

[00:05:33] Coach Lancaster passed away this past Saturday after a battle with cancer. He was 80. As one of the first African-American coaches who began his teaching career during Virginia's segregated public school system, he was involved in many sports as an assistant or head coach, including baseball, golf, track and field, tennis, girls' basketball, and boys' basketball.

[00:05:58] Back in 2016, as you see pictures flashing in front, the Board of Supervisors recognized Coach Lancaster for his tireless work, which included 37 seasons as the boys' basketball coach at Island Springs High School. During his time leading the Springers, he built and maintained one of the Commonwealth's most highly regarded public school basketball programs, winning two state titles, 26 district championships, 28 district tournament titles, and more than 700 career victories.

[00:06:32] Coach Lancaster was selected to the Virginia High School League Hall of Fame in 2013 after being named state coach of the year twice, region coach of the year four times, district coach of the year 15. To his players, he was a mentor and a father figure. He earned their admiration and respect while teaching sportsmanship.

[00:06:52] perseverance, and teamwork. He believed a coach has the ability to see the very best in a person and help them improve in areas in which they are deficient. Henrico County is grateful for his contributions, for the many lives he impacted, and for the time that he shared with us.

[00:07:09] Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this time. Rest in peace, Coach Lancaster. Thanks for my colleagues. I just have one before we move on. This past weekend, this county was on national television again for six to seven hours and just want to say while the NASCAR races were in town we had you know combined 60,000 people in and out of our county visitation hotel rooms airfare but you know the hundreds of public works employees police officers firefighters that were

[00:07:44] out there again showcased what makes our county so great so proud to have that event in our county proud to be on national television and showcase what makes Enrico in our region wonderful seeing no other comments. I do want to recognize Liana Hardy, who's here with the citizen. Liana, thank you for being here with us again tonight, ma'am. Great to see you. Mr. Manager. Proclamation recognizes September as Recovery Month and provides an opportunity to recognize the achievement of

[00:08:23] people recovering from substance use issues to shed light on the fact that recovery is possible. I ask our three-chop district supervisor, Misty Roundtree, to the podium to present the proclamation the following individuals sarah perkins smith with community corrections joining her shelby johnson directory of community corrections chris jacobson also with community corrections laura toddy our director of mental health christine campbell board member at mhds and leslie martin our director for substance use if you all would come forward please this is the

[00:09:02] team here really important work that you guys are doing in all realms but particularly in the recovery realm so proclamation on of the Board of Supervisors of Henrico County Virginia recovery month September 2025 whereas behavioral health is a fundamental component of personal well-being and whereas substance use disorders undermine many aspects of personal health, employment, family life, and public safety, and whereas prevention and treatment are effective interventions with substance use disorders, and whereas Henrico County

[00:09:39] actively collaborates with private and public partners to combat substance use disorders and support treatment and prevention at all levels, and whereas Henrico County recognizes that when we come together as a community, we enhance the chances of long-term recovery, And whereas Henrico County supports the efforts of the EMPOWER Task Force to support prevention, treatment, and recovery from substance misuse, and whereas Recovery Month is observed across the nation during the month of September to provide an opportunity to recognize the achievements of people recovering from substance use disorders and shed light on the fact that recovery is possible.

[00:10:18] Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Board of Supervisors of Henrico County, Virginia Hereby recognizes September 2025 as Recovery Month, signed Daniel J. Schmidt, Chair, Board of Supervisors, attested Tanya N. Brackett, Clerk, August 26, 2025.

[00:10:43] Naming Mr. Patelkis, the board and guests, September commemorates Recovery Month.

[00:11:02] This tradition began 36 years ago as Treatment Works Month and then changed its focus from treatment professionals to recovery itself in 1998. This year's theme is Recovery is Real, with the letters in real standing for restoring every aspect of life.

[00:11:17] SAMHSA's four key dimensions for the month are health, home, community, and purpose. Health, believing you can recover, engaging in appropriate treatment services, securing community supports, and a holistic approach to care are paramount.

[00:11:34] Home, focusing on safe and stable living environments, help create a sturdy foundation for those working on their recovery. Community, building social connections with families, friends, peer groups, support, a we atmosphere and sense of belonging, and purpose, each person having a sense of purpose, drives positive change and fosters resilience.

[00:11:55] In my last almost 13 years in Henrico County, I have seen a community come together to aid with those challenged with addiction. Our county saw needs of our brothers, our sisters, our mothers, fathers, children, and neighbors, and they said, what can we do to help and how can we show up?

[00:12:12] We all know that these last 13 years have been the most challenging in our county and in our country with regards to addiction. Those standing beside me tonight and many, many more in our community all have found ways to be supportive and innovative in how we encourage recovery.

[00:12:27] From efforts with our children, those incarcerated, pregnant or parenting adults, mobile sub units, recovery housing funds, Narcan, our recovery court and specialty dockets, our reentry efforts, our Empower Henrico task force where our local agencies and community members discuss the needs and goals for Henrico, our big recovery day, regional recovery day on September 3rd from 430 to 830 at the Sports and Events Center, and so on.

[00:12:55] Henrico County has proven time and time again that we will do what we can to help those recovering, those learning what it is, and those that aren't quite sure yet. If one person is all that is saved from all of this, wasn't it all worth it? Thank you again for Recovery Month proclamation, and always wholeheartedly and genuinely recognizing the very humans that need you all every single day, more than just this proclamation.

[00:13:20] Each one is worth it, and you all have proven you're willing to do what it takes. Thank you. Thank you, Sarah. Next, Mr. Chair. You would move into appointments. Agenda item 215-25 is a resolution.

[00:13:38] This would establish the Henrico County Sustainability and Resilience Advisory Committee and appoint initial members. Sam Hudson is here. Sam, if you would come forward. Thank you, Mr. Manager, and good evening, Chair and members of the board.

[00:14:01] This board paper establishes the Sustainability and Resilience Advisory Committee, or SRAC, to advise the Board of Supervisors on Environmental Sustainability and Resilience Matters. The following members of the County Manager's Henrico Environmental Action Resource Team, or HART, committee

are appointed as the initial members of SRAC for terms ending December 31, First, 2025, Josh Byerly, Adam Girard, Kim Edmonds, Barbara Salas, Jeff Wydell, Eric

[00:14:40] Byers, Matt Chafin, Zach Harwood, Ryan Levering, Ashley Austin, Alex Grindle, David Swing, Steve Yob, Rosemary Deemer, and Sam Hudson. The initial members will establish bylaws for SRAC governing the conduct of meetings and the election of officers.

[00:15:01] After the terms of the initial members, SRAC will consist of 10 voting members who will be appointed to serve at the pleasure of the board for one-year terms and compensated at the rate of \$200 for each meeting attended, and second, the chairs of the subcommittees of the HEART committee who will serve as non-voting ex-officio members without compensation.

[00:15:28] And I'm happy to take any questions. Thank you, ma'am. Just to follow up, so this came about because we were having kind of 2-2-1 meetings, as we call them, to discuss wanting to have a robust climate policy in the county, right?

[00:15:49] And so we talked about having a committee that was designed to include a lot of community input, right? And so in looking at this, just to clarify, the initial term, and this is a logistical or structural situation, is that fair to say?

[00:16:08] Yes. Because all of these names that are listed are county employees? Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am. And so when it says initial members will establish bylaws for SRAT governing the conduct of meetings and the election of officers, that's not substantive climate work.

[00:16:26] Is that fair to say? That's fair to say. Okay, so we're waiting to get those community members on board to, say, to get to the heart of the matter. That's correct. And is there, tell me about the time, because just to be clear, so we kind of put out in the atmosphere that this was something that we wanted to see done and the details of it are being brought to us now for the first time.

[00:16:49] Is that fair to say? Yes. Okay, so the timing of the initial term ending December 31, 2025 and the community members coming in after that. What's the reason for that timing? Sure. So for the next several months, we would be working together to really come up with bylaws and our conduct rules.

[00:17:12] And it's really because we want to be able to hit the ground running, I would say. And so we've had a heart committee in place for several years now. And so we're building from that, but we recognize that we need all of the community input that we can get through this SRAC group.

[00:17:31] And so if we expedited it, would we run into, I guess, the preference is to have it, the appointments coincide with the cycle of appointments of other committees, the year-end?

[00:17:47] Yes. Yes. January. Okay. And I'm just wondering, because I know that there will probably be some that would say, you know, it shouldn't take that long just to do bylaws and can we get this up and running sooner? And what would you say to that?

[00:18:03] I think that it makes sense to align the appointment with other appointments for other committees and boards. And so the 10 voting members is, I assume, designed to give us each two selections per district?

[00:18:20] And it doesn't specifically say, I don't think, let me look here. So it's not going to be written in here that each district gets two, it's just that it's 10 total? Yes, it is currently written as 10 total.

[00:18:36] However, our bylaws could clarify that if that's of interest. Okay. And then what about the one-year terms? What was the rationale for it just being one year as opposed to maybe a two-year term? I understand that that is typical for our boards and commissions.

[00:18:54] There's no magic to a one-year, two-year term. You know, the 10 definitely was two per district, and that was the intent. This is similar to the way that the Sports and Entertainment Authority Board was established, in that you had a group of county employees literally that put up the rudimentary bylaws so that, you know, this group of highly qualified individuals that serve on that board really didn't have to spend their first several meetings doing that, and that's the intent here.

[00:19:33] Not to, and because a bylaw ultimately can end up, this new group can add to those bylaws. This is intended to literally governing the conduct of the meetings and the election of officers. And, I mean, certainly the fact that the compensation is \$200 per meeting, which I believe is pretty up there as far as, I mean, we have plenty of committee members that aren't paying at all.

[00:20:00] It's similar to the EDA. Oh, it is. Okay. Okay. So I think that that shows how serious we're taking this. We want strong folks that are willing to serve in this capacity. I had one last question.

[00:20:17] But no, I think the timing, and I keep forgetting we're almost in September, so it's really not that far away at this point. And for anybody wanting to know what is the role that is envisioned for this committee, how strong and robust, what type of impact?

[00:20:37] Certainly, certainly. So we have many, many different environmental projects that are going on at all times, plus new ones that you all have approved as part of our annual budget for sustainability. And so I envision this committee would be advising across that entire portfolio.

[00:20:57] Okay. Will this replace HART? No. Okay. So HART will still exist? Yes. Okay. Yep. And I guess that could also be fleshed out to see what their respective roles are. So, and that is something that as this committee comes on, it's intended to be an advisory committee to the Board of Supervisors.

[00:21:20] HART really has served a purpose. It got us started. And it could evolve into something different. But I see this committee as really spearheading that advisory role to the board, which two years from now could look, we may not envision what it really looks like two years from now.

[00:21:44] I mean, I see this, and certainly when we, Reverend Nelson and I were in our meeting together, we want to demonstrate our commitment to sustainability and kind of stepping up to the next level um with what we're doing in the in the area of climate and green policy and i think we recognize and want it to be clear that there is no way to move forward on that without community involvement and so um there aren't that many committees where we get two per right because we want to make sure

[00:22:19] that we're we're getting good representation on there um i candidly think that you know two years might be better than one because it is such meaty work um and i think about you know how long it took me to kind of get my feet under me in this role um so that's that's the only thing that at this point i think i would propose that maybe we consider making a making them two-year terms that's that's the will of the board that i mean that simply is a tweak if you will um no

[00:22:58] question no question i just want to go on record and say um i think this is something good i don't know what other localities are i'm certain that there are committees i think we are investing um

We're letting those, because we definitely have probably more volunteer committees where persons are not getting compensated than ones that do.

[00:23:24] I think when we are thinking about how important this board should be, will be, I really think this is a good thing. I don't care what anybody else is about it. We want our community engaged.

[00:23:41] And so each one of us will be able to get two people, put them here. They'll be working directly with you and whatever other staff, you know. I don't know. Tell me the other localities that are doing this, and if we can learn more from them, great.

[00:24:02] But I think this is a good start. We started with HART, which was a combination of community and staff. Really, the staff piece is phasing out at the end of the year. And so if it takes two meetings of them to put together whatever, and then bad laws can be amended.

[00:24:21] So if a new board comes on, ultimately it's an advisory committee to the Board of Supervisors. So it's not a committee that we are putting together, none of our committees really, other than the EDA. The EDA and the Sports and Entertainment Authority, they are separate entities.

[00:24:41] But everything that falls upon the government, they are advisory boards to the Board of Supervisors. And so this committee would be that. So I think this is a good thing. I'm indifferent to one year, two years, you know. I mean, if somebody is doing a good job, keep them around for two years.

[00:24:59] If they're not, then you replace them. But I can support two years if that's the will of the board as well. But I think ultimately this is a good thing. It's, you know, let me just stop there.

[00:25:17] It's a good thing. Yes, for citizen participation, and we are even talking about this with the manager, you know, even if during the budget year you set aside, you know, if there are projects that require budgetary additions, you know, beyond compensation for the employee.

[00:25:38] I mean, for the committee member, you know, if there are some sustainability projects that require additional 10, 15, 20, 25 thousand dollars, they see money for the board to do whatever. I mean, that is how board is open to progression in this area as a county.

[00:26:01] Sir, any other comments on this topic? Just to add to the question that was raised on the one or two years, I'm also fine with one or two. If my point was doing a good job at one, I would just reappoint them. especially if they were involved in the media work like you mentioned, the only ask I would add to that addendum is when the current appointees set that up to time the first two-year session to the board seats so we don't have the same problem with them overlapping on weird years.

[00:26:30] Which I think is perfect. I think it actually is perfect. Yeah, that's what we're trying to do now. It actually is perfect. If you end in December, then we make the appointments in January when we make all the other appointments. That's the only thing I would ask that it times up. But otherwise, that's fantastic. Any other comments on this? All right, see you none.

[00:26:48] Is there a motion? so move the resolution motion made by mr roger seconded by miss roundtree those in favor say aye aye he posed motion carries mr manager next mr chair 216-25 is the resolution for appointment of member this is to the library advisory board this board paper would appoint josh gilman from the three chop district to that board for a term that expires december 31st 2025 mr chair thank you sir is there any discussion or is there a motion on the resolution motion made by Mr. Roundtree, seconded by Mr. Cooper.

[00:27:20] Those in favor, say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Resolution carries. Josh, if you would come forward to receive

[00:27:27] your oath. Okay, Mr. Chair,

[00:28:29] we move into public hearing items and as we do, you're going to see this agenda is largely, Curtis is going to take us through a number of board papers, line shares and real property in that realm.

[00:28:44] So agenda item 217-25 is a resolution for signatory authority this is for quick claim of a utility easement 5701 eastport boulevard which is in verona thank you mr manager mr chair honorable members of the board ladies and gentlemen this would authorize the chair to execute a quick claim deed releasing any interest the county may have in a 16-foot utility easement a replacement utility easement has been conveyed to the county and the county no longer needs the first easement real property division has processed this request through the departments of planning public works and public utilities without objection The Director of Real Property recommends approve of the board paper.

[00:29:21] The County Manager concurs. I'll be happy to address any questions. Thank you, sir. Any questions for Curtis? Seeing none, this is a public hearing. Is there anyone in the room that wishes to speak to this item? Is there anyone on WebEx for this item?

[00:29:37] No, sir, there is not. All right, thank you very much, Mr. Nelson. So move to resolution. Second. Motion made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Cooper. Those in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Resolution carries. Mr. Mayor. Next, Mr. Chair, 218-25 is an ordinance for vacation of a portion of drainage and utility easement.

[00:29:54] This is 4411 Saralin Road near the Interport at Richmond Industrial Interport, Verona District. Mr. Anthony. Yes, sir. Thank you once again, Mr. Manager, Mr. Chair, Honorable Members of the Board. This would vacate a portion of a drainage utility easement.

[00:30:11] The property owners have requested this vacation to accommodate an expansion of their business warehouse. County facilities are not needed in the area of the easement to be vacated. The Real Property Division has processed this request through the Department of Planning, Public Works, Public Utilities without objection. Director of Real Property recommends approval of the board paper.

[00:30:28] County Manager concurs. I'll be happy to address any questions. Thank you, sir. Any questions? All right, this is a public hearing. Anyone in the room wish to speak to this ordinance? Seeing none. Anyone on WebEx? No, sir. Not for this item. Thank you, sir. Mr. Nelson.

[00:30:44] So moved. Second. A motion made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Cooper on the ordinance. Those in favor say aye. Any opposed? Motion carries. Mr. Major. Mr. Chair, we move into public comments. I do have a number of individuals who have signed up to speak. Just a reminder for those, the board asks that you limit your comments to a five-minute time period and you begin those by stating your name and address.

[00:31:07] For the record, we begin with Ms. Stewart Goodwin. This is on there.

[00:31:30] Gave it to the board. My property was built in 1925. 100 years old at no time and the easement right-of-way or any right any other right was given to henrico county to enter upon this property on march the 3rd 2024 henrico employees violated my fifth amendment rights by literally carrying away my property in their trucks and um april 17 on

[00:32:00] April the 17th 2024 a surveyor the plat that's in front of you the surveyor validated my claims that there is no easement except along the White Oak Road and that I own everything up to the pay portion of Scandia Road the east side of the ditch along White Oak Road and the south side the ditch along hurop road between july the 11th 2024 and august 15th the west end work crew worked

[00:32:38] hard in an extremely hot heat it was a hundred and like two or three degrees um and to return my property to its pre-taking condition on august the 24th i put up post and tape to to stop people from driving on the grass dirt along scandia road which is the picture in front of you that they that the county employees had worked so hard at these posts and tapes remained in place with the

[00:33:10] knowledge of mr saddler as well as other county employees with no complaints until july 16th 2020 2025 which is photo three the posts and tapes i had asked mr saddler if the county would install the striped post to keep people from driving off the road but i received no response the post and tape were again taken down on july the 16th july the 20th july the 21st and july the 23rd police

[00:33:47] reports were filed each time for trespass and vandalism since the post and tapes were thrown over my fence each time and thrown into my yard each time i reinstalled the post and the tape and they that that had been previously installed on august the 18th i received a time stamped at 9 10 a.m an email from matthew mauer assistant engineer for henrico county advising me that there had been complaints about the post and they needed to be taken down at 9 37 i received a call from a

[00:34:21] neighbor that someone in a white truck was taking down my post i went out there to find a county employee, which you see pictured, had taken down my post and I put him in the back of his truck. He was ordered to take them out of the truck and he did. While he carried them over to my property where I had found the previously removed post, I said to him, so you're the one that's been taking down my post and he responded, I'm not answering that question. His response demonstrates that he was the person taking down the post I put the post and tape back up where they had been had at all

[00:35:00] been at all times on my property and they were not causing any interference and there's a photo of what the roadway looks like with the post and tape there's plenty of clearance and on August the 22nd I discovered the post had been taken down again and they had been completely removed another report was made and the police were given copies of the suspect's photo as well as a photo of the truck the investigation revealed that Matthew Maurer who lives 5319 White Oak Drive which is about a mile from my property

[00:35:39] as the crow flies it appears that Mr. Maurer has taken it upon himself to have the legally installed post and tape removed it appears that Mr. Maurer is using his public office for private gain and In violation of 2.2310, he's violated 18.223, conspiracy to commit trespass and larceny, and 18.2120, instigating such trespass by others.

[00:36:09] I know that this employee, yet to be identified, has also violated the same ordinances or the state codes. Mr. Maurer's email stated he had complaints. I did a survey on Nextdoor, and not a single person stated they had a problem with these posts.

[00:36:26] And I printed out, I have copies of the comments that were posted on Nextdoor for y'all if y'all want to see them. In my opinion, Mr. Maurer doesn't like the post and is using his position to rectify this problem with him.

[00:36:44] On August the 18th, I sent Mr. Nelson, Mr. Vitolkis, Mr. Maurer, and Mr. Sadler an email about the problem, and I received no response. So this is where we are. You have in your hands a no trespass notice that applies to all county employees except police, fire, rescue, trash, recycle collection.

[00:37:04] Any other employees who enter my property must be by invitation or with a 48-hour advance written notice. Otherwise, they will be charged with trespassing. It is incumbent upon you and the directors of each department, and Mr. Chen and Mr. Hughes also have that same notice, to educate the employees as to what is acceptable and what is not.

[00:37:27] I will be putting up my posts again and the tape to protect my property from destruction. This is not the first time employees have violated my right of peaceful enjoyment of my property. I've lived here for 20 years and tend to live here another 20 years, and this is what I want.

[00:37:46] I want restitution in the amount of \$84.05 for the taking of the post, tape, and reflectors. I want Mr. Maurer instructed to leave my property alone and to be formally reprimanded for his acts, and I want to be provided the name of the employee whose photo I showed earlier, and I want to be left alone to live in peace.

[00:38:09] Mr. Chair, I know I shouldn't ask a question, but I do. I just want to make sure for clarity, you received an email from Mr. Malware saying that the post should be taken down.

[00:38:25] At 9.10 in the morning. Right, and then 9.37, somebody came and took the post down. Right. And then did they put the post back up? No, I did. So when they took the post down the first time, they just left them with you?

[00:38:41] He, at 937, when I got out there, he had thrown the post into the back of his truck with the tape and the reflectors and everything, and I ordered him to take everything out of the truck. When he did, he started carrying everything over to where the other post had been thrown these other occasions, these four other occasions, and that's when I said to him, so you must be the one that's removing the post.

[00:39:11] Okay, but they left the post with you. They did, and then they took them on the 22nd. They completely removed them, gone. Okay, so you saw them do that? I did not see anyone on the 22nd. Okay. I have a game camera up there, and whoever's doing this, whoever is behind this has a camera jammer because I've got documentation that the camera was working just fine.

[00:39:41] Okay. And the tape was up, and then it quit working for about an hour, and the tape was gone. Okay. All right. I was unclear about that part. I did receive your email. I shared it with the county manager.

[00:39:59] I'm sure there's a process with this. You filed a police report, so at that point, there's nothing else for me to do, and I don't know what we do with staff. So I think at that point, Mr. Manager, it goes under investigation or whatever be the case.

[00:40:17] Well, Mr. Nelson, the gentleman's name is Mr. Moyer. Moyer. And we don't throw posts into private yards. We put posts into trucks. We respond to complaints from neighbors, which is what has happened here. I'm not sure about next door, but this is not someone driving around looking for posts.

[00:40:36] The posts are actually on public right away. So you have that issue as well. So they're not on public right-of-way. They are on my property. There is no county easement on my property. That plat that I showed you demonstrates that there is no county easement on my property except for the ditch line that is along White Oak Road.

[00:41:02] So, no, they are on my property. They're not even causing a problem with traffic. And I have, I'll be more than happy to leave these copies with you of the comments. So I also have a plat, and I'd be more than happy to share it with you as well.

[00:41:22] I think we've had, you know, last time there was a situation, I think I personally got involved and made, I believe, you were happy with the outcome. And I don't think anybody is here to come down White Oak Road and pick up posts.

[00:41:43] But when we get complaints about they're too close to the road from residents that are your neighbors, I don't need that, Ms. Goodwin. You can leave it. Okay. Mr. Nelson.

[00:42:06] Ms. Goodwin answered my question, and I hear what you're saying, Ms. Amanda, so I don't have any more questions. Thank you, sir. Thank you, ma'am. All right. Next we have Eugene Kavinson, I'm sorry if I mispronounced that.

[00:42:21] Good evening, my name is Eugene Kavinson, this is my daughter Evane.

[00:42:42] First of all, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Ms. Roundtree for partially addressing the issue that we've been writing about for some time now in regards to the Shady Grove elementary school and the intersection in front of it at the intersection of Wyndham Park and Wyndham Lake Drive there was recently four-way stop signs installed there making tremendous difference in terms of the traffic flow

[00:43:20] since the school year have begun but the problem underneath problem still remains intact. Only parts of the students are currently allowed to bike or walk independently to school, including our daughter and any others that live in our community. We are the closest community to the school, and school administration and school board continue to treat the intersection

[00:43:59] as unsafe, and I completely agree with that. However, separating the students in elementary school for simply living at the wrong address. So I would like to ask if there is something that could be done to make this intersection to be considered safe by all involved parties,

[00:44:28] especially during drop-off and pick-up times, where with the new traffic flow, it's a lot smoother and traffic is not as much now but the monitoring definitely you would be required always all we're asking is for the fair access for all of the kids in shady grove elementary school my daughter just have a couple words she would like to ask from thank you very much hi

[00:45:06] my name's bane i'm a student at shady grove elementary school for many years this intersection has been dangerous for kids walking or biking to school. Walking or biking to school should be safe and equal for all students. Right now, some students have safer access than others depending on where they live. That does not feel fair. Every student deserves the same chance to get to school safely without worrying about accidents or dangerous streets. Every day, I ride a bus as a bus safety and I see more than 10 buses waiting to turn out of school. Last year, they always

[00:45:45] get stuck because there were so many kids walking and biking across the road. There used to be a crossing guard there, but my principal told us that she retired last year. Even though the guard is gone, that road was never close to kids. After my mom started to ask questions why this road was not close for kids, and yesterday the principal decided to change the rules that are written in the 25 through 26

student handbook. It feels like the school is closing its eyes to safety for certain children. Sometimes it even seems as if the principal is more worried about a few parents

[00:46:20] being upset than about keeping all kids safe and equal. If the school wants to have a walking and biking program, I believe that it should be for all students who live close enough to the school, not just for some students whose parents have more influence to the school. Safety should be a priority for every child every day, no matter what, no matter where you live, no excuse. Thank

[00:46:45] you so much for it. Mr. Chair, so Evane, beautiful job. You will be a fine lawyer or advocate one day, so please, please consider that path. Very well spoken and said, and we, I know that the concern is equity here, and I was actually speaking with Chief Burnett earlier today about that, and one that I wanted to get clarity on so is it your understanding sir that the school

[00:47:23] is saying is barring or or saying that it's a rule that some students are not allowed to walk? So school administration is telling us they have no jurisdiction over the intersection and for that reason they're not able to make it safe for the people on our side of the street to cross safely okay so for that reason they're uh basically not allowing our kids uh to to utilize that program that kids that live on the safe side where the

[00:48:03] school is can so if if you wanted to and i hear your concerns about about that road i definitely do um but if you wanted to say as a parent i am fine with my child doing so are you saying that the school says you cannot? No, no, you cannot? You cannot. Okay. And the policy that Yvane referenced, so what was it and what are you saying it was changed to yesterday? I believe in the

[00:48:36] recent emails my wife pointed out that the handbook had written that the crossing guard in the back of school was required. That's the path where the other students are allowed to come to school, but that crossing guards have retired in the middle of the last year. So basically it was copy-paste from the last year handbook into this year without addressing the issue. Basically the

[00:49:09] wording remained the same where the actual situation have changed. And again, what we're trying to ask is for the fair assessment there because that wrote in the back of the school where the school bus is turned it should be considered the same way unsafe as in front of the school so and and uh chief burnett um i spoke with him earlier and i know he'd be happy to talk with you there are certain criteria that dictate where where a crossing guard or when when a crossing

[00:49:47] guard is implemented because they that is an arm of henrico police and so i'd love for you to get that information so that you have some some understanding of that that is that is one issue the other issue about what we've talked about with the school saying what parents can or cannot do to me is a separate issue that I I would love to to talk with the appropriate person about further so thank you for for bringing that up and speaking so eloquently tonight and if you can step out there then Chief Burnett will talk with you now. Thanks so much. Thank you. I appreciate it. Thank you sir.

[00:50:27] Next, Mr. Chair, Ian Trapp. Mr. Trapp, are you here? Good evening. My name is Ian Trapp. I live at 8951 Three Chopped Road, which is right across the street from Ridge Elementary in Tuckahoe Middle. And I'm here tonight under some unfortunate circumstances. There was an 11-year-old girl that was hit and killed on Three Chopped Road crossing the street on Sunday at 1130 a.m. I did not know this child. I don't know the family. I have a one-and-a-half-year-old myself, so I can strongly

[00:51:06] empathize, and I feel strongly that this is not something that any family should have to go through or worry about in this county or any other counties. Unfortunately, I do feel like this was kind of inevitable. It was the predictable result of a road that is not safe in front of our three major schools that have over 3,500 students across those three schools. I see on a daily basis the kind of unsafe activities that people of all ages have to take to cross the street safely, whether that be to get to school or just to get to retail. And I actually emailed my representative about this

[00:51:42] a year ago, and we weren't able to implement any changes. So, you know, part of me feels kind of guilty that I didn't push harder on this, and maybe we would have seen a different outcome. So within that half-mile stretch, Three Chops has 3,500 students between Ridge Elementary, Tuckahoe middle and Freeman the county whenever they talk about the design of the road says that it was designed for a speed limit of 45 miles per hour it has been reduced recently to 35 miles per hour which I do give credit for and acknowledge but the road itself is still kind of built with

[00:52:17] with that width and with that speed in a way that makes drivers feel safe going faster even at 35 miles per hour it takes the average driver 150 feet to see something and react and stop and that is simply enough time uh you know when something jumps out of the room in front of you um and i think the the most chilling part about the police report that came from this is that the driver was not speeding there was no alcohol um the driver was was driving legally um and when a driver is driving legally and that becomes deadly. I think it's the road that's broken. It's a system that

[00:52:54] is broken. I think we have a really good opportunity here because currently I live on this road and I feel like it's a major dividing point between the sidewalk on the other side, just my ability to get somewhere safe to walk. I have to cross either illegally in the middle of the road or I have to walk half a mile up to a stoplight in either direction. And quite honestly, neither of those really safe crossings either and this is in front of an elementary school in a middle school I think that we have a big opportunity here to make some changes to this portion of the road I think that we can lower speed limits I know that we

[00:53:33] have school zone speed limits and a lot of the times it doesn't feel like people are following them but I do feel like 25 is a very safe speed limit for that road and safer than 35 because when you mark it as 35 will inevitably go 40 45 there There are sidewalks along Three Chopped in that section, but they're not everywhere.

[00:53:54] My side of the street does not have any, even though all the retail is on my side of the street. So people frequently walk in my yard, which I have no problems with because it's safer than walking on the street. But they shouldn't have to feel like they have to walk on unsafe terrain just to get to the side of the street that they're trying to get to with retail.

[00:54:12] I think that we need some sort of crossing system in front of these schools. I know that Freeman has a crosswalk in front of it with a raised island in the middle for pedestrians to take refuge in the middle of the street if they need to. But we have no such crossing in front of the elementary school and no such crossing in front of the middle school to the point to where I live right across the street and I cannot envision walking my kid to school.

[00:54:37] And I have a one and a half year old. So like it's something that hopefully if we can implement something, I can do that one day. I think that that would be incredible. And we have the opportunity to reduce traffic along this road with a lot of different implementations, right? So we could take an eastbound

lane on Three Chopped and turn that into a bi-directional bike lane that reduces car traffic by increasing bike traffic.

[00:54:59] We could build better public transit options. We could build a bus shelter that's actually, you know, pleasant to use and doesn't keep people on the elements that might reduce road traffic as well. I think that, you know, we see Three Chopped as a major east-west thoroughfare in the county, but you're only two minutes of a drive north to I-64, which is a purpose-built highway to get you anywhere in the county you need to go for the most part, right?

[00:55:25] So I think we have an opportunity to connect the community here. People who are walking, biking, using strollers, they can feel safer on these streets and not feel like there's traffic zooming past them, even when they're on a sidewalk.

[00:55:41] So I came tonight to ask for three things. I know I'm not going to get what I want necessarily, but I would really appreciate immediately lowering the speed limit in this section of three drops between Parham and Forest Avenue to 25. I think that that would get people used to going these speeds all the time, not just during, you know, school pickup and drop-off.

[00:56:04] I think that we need to conduct an immediate independent audit on the safety of this part of the road and figure out what improvements that we could make and what improvements are within the budget to make. So I'm talking things like lane reduction, raised and lit crosswalks, you know, expediting different sidewalk projects to complete connectivity between different parts of the road, and then bike lane creation in order to kind of influence that mode of transit over using cars. So, you know, I think the best use of our time and money is always to be proactive um i think we missed the opportunity to be proactive here so i think that we must be

[00:56:42] reactive um but we can learn from from mistakes and we can learn from things that are not designed quite the right way um so you know i do think we have an opportunity here to really improve things and make things safer for children going to these schools and everybody who lives along this street and within this community sir next uh i think the gentleman behind you mr trapp has been standing there sir are you waiting to speak you don't have anybody else well you've been standing

[00:57:13] why don't you come forward no come on please oh my name is all momquist i live at 5406 israel street since december 7th 1980 prior to that lived at 1600 lindover road from december 1954 they're both in fairfield oh i live in fairfield district and i just want to say i i mean, I'm sorry to hear what's going on around here, but I just want to say I was very pleased

[00:57:49] at the police performance at getting the traffic out at the race last weekend. Having lived over there all those years, I remember when it was a little flat, dirt track oval, and we could climb the trees along the backstretch and watch the races for free. I'm one of them.

[00:58:06] And as Paul Sawyer worked and worked to make a turn of goldmine, which has been a real goldmine for y'all in Henrico County. I don't know how much y'all have benefited, but I know When I drove through there the other day during the race, I saw people park their cars in the neighbor's parking lot, and I'm sure they made a bundle.

[00:58:28] And I'm hoping that with what Governor Youngkin said, that trying to get a second race at the track, weekend for the track, is hopefully endorsed by everybody on this board. Because that is a goldmine just waiting to be tapped.

[00:58:44] And I don't care if it's X-Fanty Series, Arca, or even the IndyCars. I wish Dennis Bickmeyer was here because he would know how much money area generated because of the racism. Okay, so that was basically what I was going to say.

[00:59:00] I will say one other thing in regards to the last speaker. I watched a police report on news. Kid was crossing the street, middle of the street, without a helmet. And the police officer stated on Channel 12 News that she would have survived the crash if she'd been wearing a helmet.

[00:59:18] And I see more and more of that every day. Kids not riding helmets, not realizing when they become a bicyclist, they have to follow the rules of the road, and they're not being taught that. And I would organize that the police department, county instructs teachers in grade school from day one.

[00:59:40] You're on your bicycle, you are not a pedestrian, and you need to follow the rules. And many of these kids do not. And as you have in the case right here, the first kid was killed. So I don't know. He has good ideas.

[00:59:56] I've seen the other ideas implemented in other places. And you know what I found out? There was one area at 4,400 block of Fenwick. They installed speed push-ins, push-ins, push-ins, whatever you want to call them. The kids decided, hey, look, we can be evil Knievel.

[01:00:14] And they proceeded to take their bikes and start jumping them. No helmets. And you know what? One day, one of those kids, I was once one, when a crash coming over those speed humps. And the Lord knows that the parents who are in the litigious society that we live in will sue.

[01:00:32] And I don't know whose neck is in the noose to pay the price of those medical bills. But I know one thing. It ain't going to be my neck, and I think it's wrong for other citizens in Enrico County who do not like those speed cushions to be held liable. And that the people who endorse these speed cushions should be the ones responsible in case any damages of the kids occur.

[01:00:55] And I don't know what else to say. I'm sorry the girl got killed. She should have been wearing a helmet. And I know people, it's not going to be a popular viewpoint. That's the way it is. So thank you. If you want to respond, I'm willing to take questions or answers.

[01:01:10] Thank you. Thank you, sir. Mr. Chair, I just want to say one thing. You are entitled to your opinion less than two days after this young girl's death. I can't sit up here and just not say anything.

[01:01:28] I think that comment was inappropriate. Would you care to explain how? I'm just telling you, less than two days after that young girl was killed by a car, I don't want to sit up here and not say that I wish you would have not said that.

[01:01:54] So that's my opinion. I don't want to get into a back or forward. That's fine. You're right. You had the right to say that. Thank you for letting me share. Mr. Chair, I just wanted to share that. I fear more of this is going to happen because the kids are not being educated about how to ride bicycles any longer. And that falls on somebody's neck, kid's neck, parent's neck, or the teacher's neck.

[01:02:13] But it needs to be addressed. Thank you very much, sir. Thank you. All right. Last speaker I have that has signed up is Jennifer Lieberman. I'm going to add to other people's comments about this tragedy.

[01:02:33] I live at 8510 Spalding Drive. I was reminded of how the child was killed this morning. I mean, the other day when I saw it this morning. Um, and I really felt a sense of connection and loss due to the

irresponsibility of the current road infrastructure that plagues Ergases.

[01:02:56] Like some of you may know, I was hit almost 10 years ago while going to the bicycle shop to get something installed on my bicycle. I was unfortunately not wearing a helmet that day because I forgot it outside two days, three days prior.

[01:03:13] Um, don't really know what happened, doesn't matter. Um, I, I seized on the road. My story is not unique, just as the girl's story is not unique.

[01:03:33] It happens every single day because we maintain the idea that everybody should say, screw the environment, I need to go wherever as quickly as I can, regardless of the consequences.

[01:03:49] And let's be honest now, is that the person that killed the child going to get a long, any sort of punishment? No, because car infrastructure matters more than human lives. It shouldn't take a tragedy to force us to say that the realized losses predicted with what comes with speed and steel transportation first is a cataclysmic disaster that we need better forms of transportation.

[01:04:16] And no, speed bumps and speed sensors aren't the solution. The solution is to move away from cars and to come up with new forms of infrastructure so that we can actually realize how to live life away from cars.

[01:04:33] You know, it's such a tragedy that we don't understand what it really means to have something happen. Like, you know, everybody, I think mostly, most people know someone who was killed.

[01:04:49] There was that person that was killed, what, three years ago, I think, by that drunk or intoxicated teenager or whatever. And it was such a tragedy, but it happens all the time because we maintain the mentality that it is okay to go out and drive vehicles that ultimately, the bigger they are, the harder it is to slow down.

[01:05:19] And I wrote an actual speech, but I just want it. Thank you very much, ma'am. Is there anyone else in the audience who wishes to address the board? Yes, ma'am. My name is Kay Carithers.

[01:05:41] I've been a resident of Henrico County for nine years, and the area where my home is is currently part of the Tuckahoe District. As a registered nurse with expertise in public health, I'm here tonight to speak for the need for safer streets, especially in light of the two tragic fatalities on Henrico's streets in the past week.

[01:06:05] One, a woman trying to cross West Broad Street at night near Emory Wood Parkway, where the Sheetz gas station is, which is near my neighborhood. and then the 11-year-old girl who was riding her bicycle on Three Chop near Ridge Elementary on Sunday morning.

[01:06:22] My heart goes out to the families and friends of these two people and to the families and friends of others who have been killed on our streets. These deaths were preventable. I have been advocating for safer streets for years with little to show for it, so I'm bringing my plea to a larger forum.

[01:06:42] Yes, pedestrians need to wear lighter and brighter colors, especially at night, so they can be visible to drivers, but reminding people to wear a woa vest, watch out ahead Henrico, is not enough. We need sidewalks and crosswalks. We need drivers to pay attention to their driving.

[01:07:02] We need to watch out for each other. I know Henrico County is working on improvements to West Broad Street between Willow Lawn and Parham in conjunction with the expansion of the pulse bus

rapid transit system, but that project is not expected to be completed until 2029.

[01:07:22] We can't wait that long to make our streets safer for all users. We have newly painted white lines on West Broad Street between Parham and Willow Lawn. How about using some of that paint to paint a few crosswalks? Paint is relatively cheap.

[01:07:38] How about adding a few signs to alert drivers to watch out for and to stop for pedestrians? how about a public safety campaign for pedestrians bicyclists and drivers these efforts are a lot less costly than the lives of those we've slaughtered on our streets we are a community and we are responsible to each other we can do better for each other thank you

[01:08:09] anyone else that wishes to address the board this evening anyone on webex all right um mr chair seeing uh no one else uh we you would move into your general agenda the first agenda item is 219-25 this is a resolution for signatory authority for acquisition of real property this is for drainage mitigation in the brooklyn district mr anthony yes sir thank you mr manager

[01:08:45] mr chair honorable members of the board this would authorize the acquisition of an undeveloped parcel located at 3809 francistown road for drainage mitigation for the surrounding residents the The owners, Doris and Carrie Scruggs, have agreed to sell the property to the county for \$2,990, \$2,990.

[01:09:05] Directors of Public Works and Real Property recommend approval of the board paper. County Manager concurs. I'll be happy to address any questions. Thank you, sir. Any questions for Curtis? All right. Seeing none, I'll move the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Nelson.

[01:09:20] Those in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Motion carries. Mr. Manager. Next, Mr. Chair, 220-25 is the resolution for signatory authority. This is for improvements, maintenance, and a parking agreement for the Fall Line Trail in the Fairfield District. Mr. Anthony. Thank you, Mr. Manager, Mr. Chairman, Chair, Honorable Members of the Board.

[01:09:38] This board paper authorized the county manager to execute an improvements, maintenance, and parking agreement with CVSA, Central Virginia Soccer Association. The association is a nonprofit adult soccer league that owns and operates the Longdale Recreation Center.

[01:09:54] the director of public works and real property recommend approval of the board paper to county manager concurs i'll be happy to address any questions thank you sir any questions of course seeing none mr cooper second motion made by mr cooper seconded by mr nelson those in favor say out any posts motion carries next mr chair 221-25 is the resolution for signatory authority this is for abandonment and quit claim of a portion of old pump road in the three chop district mr anthony Thank you once again, Mr. Manager, Mr. Chair, honorable members of the board.

[01:10:28] This would have been in a quick claim right-of-way known as Old Pump Road near the intersection of John Roth Road, Pump Road. The county right-of-way is unimproved and not necessary for public transit. Bradford Homes Incorporated has requested the abandonment and quick claim in connection with the development of the neighborhood known as Preserve at John Roth, Section 1.

[01:10:49] The Real Property Division has processed this request of the vacation through the Departments of Planning, Public Works, and Public Utilities without objection. The Director of Real Property recommends approval of the board paper. The County Manager concurs. Thank you, sir. Any questions for Curtis on this one? Seeing none, Mr. Rauncher.

[01:11:07] Motion made by Mr. Rauncher, seconded by Mr. Cooper. Those in favor say aye. Any opposed? Motion carries, Mr. Manager. Next, Mr. Chair, as agenda item 222-25, this is a resolution for signatory authority. This is award of contract annual contract for new underscore new water and sewer service line installations.

[01:11:31] Mr. Chan. Thank you, Mr. Manager, Mr. Chair, members of the board, good evening. This is an award of a unit price contract to Walter Viya Enterprises for new water and sewer service line installation on private property.

[01:11:49] The work will occur on private property to install new water and sewer service lines from the property line to the house. This work on the private side is necessary when an income-qualified homeowner requires replacement of their failing well or septic systems and needs to connect to county utilities available in the area through Hamrico County's Community Revitalization Department.

[01:12:15] All work will be completed by a licensed plumber. Work would also include replacement of lead water service lines when identified through the lead and copper program. The contract will be for a period of one year with the option for the county to renew the contract for up to two additional one-year terms.

[01:12:35] The cost of each project assigned under the contract will be determined upon completion of that project by multiplying the unit quantities authorized by the county by the unit prices submitted in the contractor's bid. With that, I'll be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

[01:12:52] Thank you, sir. Any questions for Bentley? Just one. Bentley, like always, one bid fits in your expected budget. Yes, sir, it is. Thank you, sir. Any other questions? Is there any reason why there's only one bid, do you think? So this contract has gone through several iterations.

[01:13:10] We've been after it for a long time to try and find a way to be on homeowners' properties with their concurrence to help them replace or install private water and sewer service lines and we've gotten it to a point we still have some work to do but we've gotten it to a point where we we have a vendor and and this can be done this is something that you know you talk about things that are unusual like the the environmental committee that the board established this is not done much in local government where you have, you know, the government coming in and offering

[01:13:49] a contract so that income qualified folks can actually connect to public utilities and Bentley was able to put that forward using the ARPA dollars, you know, that we were able to do and this is, and the estimate at \$6.9 million is really an estimate of if everyone qualifies, if everyone takes advantage of the opportunity that qualifies, right?

[01:14:14] yes sir and and so we looked at the universe of who might key into this contract and need to use it and that's how we came up with the estimate in the in the bid thank you sir any other questions from really all right see no zero motion second motion made by mr. Cooper seconded by mr. rogers those in favor is that any post carries mr. manager next mr. chair 223 - 25 is the resolution for signatory authority this is a construction change order for the tuckahoe

[01:14:48] creek trunk sewer project in the three chop district mr chan thank you again on june 11 2024 the board of supervisors approved a construction contract with godsy and son in the amount of two million six hundred thirty seven thousand six hundred twenty five dollars to construct approximately four thousand five hundred sixty linear feet of 16 inch and 20 inch sanitary sewer main from Kane Road to

Bokova Drive this was one of the the ARPA projects that need to move quickly into the into the construction phase this

[01:15:26] board paper authorizes the county manager to execute a change order for the project in the amount of eight hundred fifty five thousand seven hundred fifty dollars due to unforeseen conditions that require additional excavation of rock. With that, I'll be happy to answer any questions that you may have. Big rock. Yes. Thank you, sir. Any questions for Bentley? Well, sort of along that line, just because that is a big number, almost half of the project itself. So was this something that we discovered or Godsey? So we had discovered it in the, I guess we had

[01:16:04] was discovered it in the review after the contract had been awarded and and we recognized that everything needed to keep on moving because we need to spend those ARPA dollars before the the time ran out and so we had agreed that with the managers concurrence that we would capture it in this phase of the project okay so just making sure that this is something that we we've laid eyes on we that it's legitimate where we've got oversight and we're making sure that the money is being spent

[01:16:37] properly. Yes ma'am and it was it was missed in the original bid and but we the bid was so good that we we decided to move forward with it. Okay and I saw I think the word that I saw used in there was negotiated for that at that cost so that was we didn't just give the the highest numbers suggested? No, ma'am. This actually went through a long process in making sure that the county got the best deal possible. Thank you. Mr. Chairman, when was this initially bidding on? I'm sorry?

[01:17:15] When was the initial bidding process for this project? Oh, it was prior to, it was in 2024, so kind of early to mid-2024 with the award on June 11, 2024. And how many people can you remember, like, was it multiple bidders or whatever would be the case?

[01:17:40] So I believe it was. I don't have that information in front of me, but I can follow up. I do believe that it was multiple bidders, and we were excited because the county actually got a really good deal on this, And we decided that to continue our progress, to move forward with it.

[01:18:03] And this is lowest and most responsible bidder? Yes, sir, it is. And what's the Board of Supervisors? Our responsibility in the bidding process is what? To review and make sure that it is in concurrence with the contract and approve it as such.

[01:18:23] All right. So we're not involved in the bidding process? No, sir. Generally, we don't even know who the bit who bids on the project until you make a recommendation. Yes, sir So the the moment we bring it forward to the board is the moment that you You see the the bidders and and what they've bid. Thank you, sir. Thank you, sir Any other questions for Bailey? All right. See you now. I'm just wrong. Oh, she made by mr.

[01:18:56] Roucher seconded by mr. Cooper those in favor say aye any post motion carries mr. Manager. There's one agenda item left and i see mr hughes coming up for an acceptance of roads in valina so move the resolution i figured that was coming any other questions on the item it's been a motion made by mr nelson is there a second second by mr rauncher those in favor say aye aye any opposed motion carries mr manager no other business mr chair any other business for my colleagues just one one last comment uh mr chair and especially to the residents that came out from tuckahoe thank you for coming out to speak

[01:19:34] tonight I will talk a little bit just about some of the improvements we actually have some improvements on three chopped in the works and mr. Hughes can maybe give an update on some of that

we've obviously gotten some additional comments and feedback recently and we will we will look at that to make some improvements on that road I can't promise lower I you know exactly what will happen but we will make some improvements on a three chop road around where you reside. So thank you all for coming out, and again, sorry for the loss to the entire community. Thank you, sir. Any other comments? Just to piggyback on that, and, you know, thank

[01:20:13] you, Reverend Nelson. So her name was Donya Bashir, and I had to say that because we just kept saying, you know, the girl, the girl who died. She's 11 years old. She had recently traveled overseas and had been home for about a month, beloved sister, daughter, and member of her

[01:20:38] religious community. Mr. Rogish and I went to the mosque today to honor her, along with, I am really proud to say, a large contingency from Henrico Public Schools came out, donned their headgear in a show of respect for the tradition of the family,

[01:21:16] and participated in a ceremony that for most, I'm sure, was literally foreign to them because we wanted to all show that this is a huge wound, and it's a tragedy and a tragic accident.

[01:21:34] And I think, you know, yes, there are a lot of things we need to do to make our streets safer. Yes, there is accountability that we have as parents. I have an 11-year-old who wants to cross Pouncey Track to get to the convenience store, cross from short pump middle almost every day and um and as a parent I want to you know I want to give him his independence but I also want to keep him safe and make sure that he's using the crosswalk and riding his helmet using his helmet when he rides his bike and all that but he doesn't all the time and and we just we that's just the nature and some things are just tragic accidents

[01:22:11] and so here all indications are that a driver was driving safely down a road that um he probably had traveled quite some time, tried to avoid Donya's brother, and was unable to avoid her, immediately stopped, and along with other good Samaritans, tried to render first aid, and it just it just wasn't enough, and it is a tragedy. And I hope for the family's sake that they don't feel

[01:22:45] like she is being, her memory is being used as part of a, you know, a larger narrative or casting blame or what have you, and I know that that's not the intent of anybody speaking tonight. I know it's not but just for a few days you know we could just remember her when I tell you that the staff from Ridge Elementary and Tuckahoe Middle that were there were just eaten up and crying and in tears and all had personal stories of how this little girl this 11 year old girl had touched their lives in such a short period of time that's what I just for a few days just let that conversation

[01:23:21] be about that so I hear you we're right there as as Mr. Rogish said we are prioritizing and have been prioritizing trying to make our streets safer and having the infrastructure and we want to have a walkable county and all of that and we want our kids to be kids and have the freedom to move about um but let's just honor her memory for now and and i promise you we're gonna we're gonna do the work we're gonna do the work and we're gonna invest the money and we're gonna be thoughtful and our staff is gonna do all the things that that they know that we're prioritizing to make

[01:23:54] our streets safer so um i just want to honor her her memory right now thank you ma'am anything else Real quick, since everybody else has spoken, I concur with all the comments. I think it was last year before Nathan Clark was killed, Staples Mill, crossing the street, student Hermitage.

[01:24:14] Mr. Manager, how much did we determine that we were going to invest immediately to help with pedestrian safety in our county at that point when that young man lost his life and all of us were there, those who could be there, at this vigil at Hermitage High School Stadium? Well, you can see the improvements that have been made and really what that accident started.

[01:24:38] Mr. Cooper, to answer your question was a conversation with VDOT about we're having all of these accidents on roads that our state maintained, like Staples Mill, Patterson, roads that have numbers.

[01:24:54] And we have gotten farther than we ever have with the possibility of Henrico being able to take over those state roads and be compensated such by the Commonwealth.

[01:25:12] We're not there yet, but that young man started really galvanized that conversation. I hope that answers your question. What does it mean? Again, every one of us on this board are parents who love our children. We love all the children in our county. And I can say that unequivocally about every board member on this board, including our county manager.

[01:25:29] And so we just always want the community to know we care for you as much as you care for yourselves. And we will do everything we can to make sure that we make our communities more safer for our pedestrians as well as our drivers. Thank you, sir. Any other comments?

[01:25:47] All right. Seeing none, you'll enjoy the rest of your Tuesday. Thank you.



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