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[00:06:23] yeah so we need to wait till we have five supervisors on the dais and then we will hit

[00:06:31] the gavel and start the meeting i think i should make the make the point at this moment at 4 11 i

[00:13:21] can't hit the gavel because we don't have five supervisors but i think the point should be made that all the females are on the dais right now just gonna say that thank you very much

[00:13:32] okay thank you all right i am going to start the meeting uh we can we can do information items and

[00:16:26] take information we cannot take votes without a quorum on the dais um i do not i i know that mr kirschner said he won't be here until six mr mr um turner said he would be late mr buffington won't be here at all mr mr letourneau won't be here tonight at all and mr sayings i'm not sure He's not here yet either, so with the exception of Mr. Turner, who I know is running late, and Mr. Kirshner, I don't know when Mr. Sains will be here.

[00:16:59] And I'm, you know, I am the daughter of military, so I'm pretty timely, and so we're going to start the meeting, and they will arrive when they arrive. All right. Okay, I'm going to call the November 9, 2023 Loudoun County Board Supervisors business meeting to order.

[00:17:20] This room has a hearing loop. If you need hearing assistance, please switch your hearing aid to the telecall mode. If you need a headset, we have those available as well. Please see the clerk to request one. For my words of inspiration tonight, I will say that we just, I almost said endure it, but we just have the great pleasure that only democracies are allowed to have to go through an election.

[00:17:47] And no matter how hard and bruising they are, to be able to go vote for the person of your choice is something that is, quite frankly, I think, a right, a responsibility, and quite frankly, a blessing.

[00:18:03] I was about six years old when my grandmother took my hand and walked me to Park Hill Library to go vote in Denver, Colorado, and it was cold outside. And if you're six years old and you're walking about six blocks to go vote, it's a really long walk.

[00:18:21] And we got back. I was crying and whining and yada, yada. And my grandma sat me down and clearly told me what we just did and why and that people died so that I could do that. And so voting for me is kind of sacrosanct. And so the quote I will say is from Plato.

[00:18:39] And it says, democracy is a charming form of government full of variety and disorder and dispensing a sort of equality to equals and unequals alike. I like that quote about democracy.

[00:18:55] Would everybody please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance? Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

[00:19:17] Okay, I will read the consent agenda a little later. Right now, what we're going to do, we're going to go to the two information items. And the first information item is the significant incident report. Would our Sheriff's Department please come to the table?

[00:19:41] Good evening. So those two back there just slacking off and they're just not going to do their job tonight? Is that what's going to happen? Good evening. Good evening. good evening chair randall members of the board i'm happy to be able to present the significant incident report on behalf of sheriff mike chapman a few things real quick before i get into the actual report and one i'd just like to take a minute to introduce head of colonel bob mosher it was the first time appearing in front of the board bob joined us back in june

[00:20:16] he's got over 30 years of experience federal state local law enforcement he was the secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security for Virginia and he's worked for Department of State Department of Defense and the International Justice Mission so but he still needs to have like you know some some some abuse from the board some you know that class so just tell me when I can do that when we can kind of run him through his courses and stuff because that's just required it's just required yeah that's fine that's great I can't tell you I am actually humbled and and thrilled to be here at the same time, to be able to work with the people of Loudoun County

[00:20:55] and the board and Sheriff Chapman and the organization. It's an incredible organization, I'll tell you. Thank you so much. Where do you live? Do you live in Loudoun? No, I live in Falkier, so it's in the same judicial district. Okay, okay. That was a good catch. That was a good fix. Very good.

[00:21:12] I'll have to be able to do that, but yes, thank you. Welcome, welcome. Welcome to Loudoun County. Thank you. All right. The next thing I just wanted to mention quickly is regarding a question we've

gotten before actually from Supervisor Brissman regarding the number of firearms stolen from vehicles. So I just want to touch on that briefly year to date.

[00:21:31] And this is this is a current stat in 2023. We've had 11 firearms stolen out of vehicles across the county, which is down from last year. Last year, we had 26 stolen from from vehicles across the county. You know, and the message that we push out to the community on that is, you know, we support responsible gun ownership, but responsible gun ownership also means properly securing firearms and making sure that they are, you know, they're secured at all states, right?

[00:21:58] So when it comes to vehicles, that means firearms are not to be stored in vehicles, even if the vehicle is locked, even if it's in the trunk of a vehicle, firearms are not to be left. We strongly urge residents not to leave firearms in their vehicles. The other item that we've discussed here before that I wanted to just bring note to is regarding what we are calling community-critical incident messages.

[00:22:23] So this was on the heels of the Dulles Town Center shooting that we had, and we had discussion about the ability to get a message to the community quickly with information about an active or large-scale incident that's ongoing. And I'm happy to say that our operations and our communication staff have worked to develop that through the Loud and Alert system.

[00:22:42] And we actually manually tested it a couple of times throughout the year, one for an incident in Hillsborough, one for an incident in Sterling. But we went live with this a couple weeks ago, and actually the first kind of live usage was over the weekend. So for anyone who may have gotten the message, and I'll talk about how you sign up for it.

[00:22:59] Can I ask you a question on that? So, in all seriousness, when we have, when there's a large fire and rescue or emergency situation, there is usually somebody in that department that will call me and the district supervisor.

[00:23:17] More often than not, almost every single time, when there's a major incident, I don't hear anything from the sheriff's department at all, at all. And I'm not kidding, I get most of my information from the Real Housewives of Loudoun County Facebook page. I was literally in Costco getting glasses when I found out about the shooting incident.

[00:23:38] And obviously, none of us up here, except Mr. Buffington, have any law enforcement experience. We would never do anything to get in the way. We would never do anything. But the truth is, we get a lot of questions right away. And normally, what I would say is something like, and I do say, is something like, this incident's in this area.

[00:23:57] Please stay away from the area. I'll give you more information when I know something. So we never would dole out information. We would never say anything that's inappropriate. In fact, it would probably be, stay away from the area. The last time something happened, I called Mr. Julia. He was actually out of town, but he gave me some language that I could say.

[00:24:15] Is it possible that somebody could be assigned to call the chair and the district supervisor when things get kind of obviously not in the heat of the moment, but when things kind of calm down? Can that happen? because that has never happened from the sheriff's department.

[00:24:31] - Sure, yeah, let me take that back as an action item and we'll discuss that. - Thank you, I appreciate that, thank you. - So just on that, for anyone who may have seen that message go out, that's

exactly what it is, it's a very quick message that says that there's a heavy law enforcement presence in a certain area and to avoid that area there.

[00:24:49] So the community can sign up for those if they're not already under the Alert Loudon system, under the sheriff's office, it's titled community emergency. Because I tell you, the real housewives of Loudoun County get it right most of the time, but I really don't want to put that information out.

[00:25:05] Thank you. Understood. The last thing that I had that I wanted to bring up prior to going through the report itself really revolves around the impact of accidental and unintentional 911 calls. And I think this is an area that's probably just kind of off the radar for most of the community, but I wanted to bring some attention to it.

[00:25:24] And I don't want to necessarily put you on the spot. But if I had to ask you to guess how many accidental or unintentional 911 calls we get in a day. A day? Yep, in a day. How many do you think we've... In a day, 12 to 15. So right now, for year to date, we are averaging 71.

[00:25:43] In a day? In a day. Oh. So there's a lot of factors to this, and this has really been increasing. And for us, they take two forms. One is what we call a 911 hang-up, where a call comes through, but the person's disconnected. The other one we call a 911 open line, and it's where the phone is active.

[00:26:02] It is just ambient noise in the background. No one is really live on the other end. But to date, to the end of October, there was 303 days in the year, total of 71 a day.

[00:26:17] That's 21,495 accidental unintentional calls. This results in a significant workload for the sheriff's office, both in our communication center and for our patrol deputies, because we take all of these, every single one of these seriously as if it's real. So what that means is that our dispatchers in the Emergency Communications Center have to triage these calls.

[00:26:37] They have to call them back to see if there is a real emergency or if it's an accidental activation to see if they can get that answer right there. If they can't resolve it, then it gets dispatched out to the field. We've spent in that same time period at the end of October, we spent 1,859 hours running down these 911 calls.

[00:26:57] So and the vast majority of these are accidental or unintentional activations. So and kind of further on top of that, when you look at all of our dispatch calls for service, because those are two different incidents, they actually account for both our number one and our number two dispatch calls for service just by volume.

[00:27:16] So a few things that we would just ask from a community perspective is, one is, you know, if your phone accidentally activates 911, which is more and more common now because of all the Mercy SOS features that are in everything from Apple Watches to, you know, to phones, that's not a problem.

[00:27:33] Just stay on the line, and, you know, you'll talk to a dispatcher. A dispatcher will ask a few questions, determine it was accidental, hang up, and that allows us to triage it. The other thing is if you do panic and you just, you know, you hit it and you think you ended the call before it actually went through, if your phone rings back, just answer it.

[00:27:50] It's the 911 center calling back. It did actually go through. They'll ask the same questions, triage it. Again, no problem. The only other thing that I'd ask is I think the community may not understand that

deactivated cell phones, so old cell phones that may be laying around the house, even if they don't have service, are still able to call 911.

[00:28:12] So the federal law requires that phone providers still provide the ability to call 911. But that's also a bit of a double-edged sword because there's no service on that phone. The 911 center cannot call back to that phone because it's now not connected to a certain phone number.

[00:28:30] So for phones that may be laying around the house that people may give to their children to play with or things like that, we'd ask that people not do that because it does cause an impact to services as well. So moving into the significant incident report, and I'm going to take a very, very quick, just out of respect for time, tour through the report here.

[00:28:52] Starting on page four, which is really the first page here, we are happy to say that we continue to have the lowest serious crime rate in the Northern Virginia area. And then moving down that page there, we're also proud to announce the development of a pilot program for a victim advocate unit.

[00:29:13] And really, our goal there is to be able to deliver victim services from the immediate outset of calls coming in. So the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office has a victim services unit that engages once the criminal justice system is in place. But in some cases, there are either no criminal charges as a result, but a person still needs some type of resources.

[00:29:34] Or due to investigation, charges may not be placed, which has a or may not be placed in an immediate manner. It may take, you know, may take even a couple of weeks or, you know, a month of investigation to be able to get two charges. And then you have a victim who is kind of in that gap of where where services may be available.

[00:29:51] So we're happy to announce that we've started a pilot program right now to try to fill that gap and be able to provide victims services immediately. Moving, moving along here, we're going to go to page six.

[00:30:09] Just a couple of awards. I'd like to highlight two of our motor units actually did really well. in different competitions as well. Master Deputy Chris Granner placing first in the Mid-Atlantic Police Motorcycle Rodeo, and then Deputy Brian Plogger placing third overall as well in that same thing.

[00:30:26] And then two awards for detectives. One is out of our drug and gang unit that received an award through the Eastern District of Virginia, and then one for listed as detective, but now Sergeant Lorraine Goldberg, for receiving the Law's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services Award.

[00:30:41] we're so proud of the of the really incredible men and women that we have working here moving to the community outreach back in September we held our second community forum on fighting fentanyl and really ended up being a unfortunately a timely thing and I just wanted to say thank you to those who attended the one that we just did on on this past Saturday collaborating with Latin County Public Schools mental health substance abuse and developmental services was just a phenomenal event done it at Parkview High School so thank you for for the support there. Page seven, just highlighting that we are in the middle of our 50th

[00:31:19] Citizens Police Academy, which actually graduates next Thursday. But that's, you know, 50, 50 times running that is a pretty big accomplishment. We're proud of that. We also on page eight, we sponsored a safety summit for houses of worship, which also ended up being a very timely thing with all

the events that are going on in the world today, really just leading to some partnerships and some good future community outreach that we've got scheduled for those as well and I'm just super proud of our adult detention center and the the partnership with Healing House and I'm sure you all have seen that through social media and everything else

[00:31:57] that that program and I give I give a huge shout out to Major Kim Hallway who's really put that together that program is an example of a I mean it's a win-win-win all the way around the board you know it's it's a win for inmates who get a chance to you know to learn some you know learn some skills not to mention having a dog around for therapeutic purposes and things like that so it's you know it's a huge win there but it's also a win for Healing House and we're receiving some really great feedback from them about the quality of training that the inmates are providing saying that that that some of the best training that these dogs you know have have gotten is from

[00:32:33] the inmates at the ADC and actually asking to expand the number of dogs they can have at the ADC, so we're super proud of the work that they're doing at the ADC. Moving through, I'm not going to cover anywhere near all the significant incidents that have happened here, but on page 10, what I wanted to highlight, and it's just one of the crashes listed here, obviously we had the real serious crash on Route 28, and we've had several fatal pedestrian crashes, we've had several speed-related crashes, some just really horrific, awful crashes, and so really just wanted to highlight the need for safety out on the roads.

[00:33:12] So we are increasing enforcement out on the roads, especially for speed and high speed areas, but the need for pedestrian safety, both for drivers to be aware of pedestrians as they're driving, especially through residential neighborhoods, and also for pedestrians to be aware that especially this time of year, it can be especially difficult as people are still out and about in the community walking through the community with dilate savings time now the sun is is going down earlier and sometimes it just you know it gets right in your eyes and it's very difficult even for drivers to see pedestrians that are out there so we

[00:33:50] need safety on both sides both drivers being aware but also pedestrians being aware as as best as they can I'm gonna move on here page 14 has our community policing data over all the over the first quarter here we had 5,232 total traffic stops. Right now we write summonses on about 70 percent of all of the traffic stops that we that we have and I can tell you on the heels of what I just talked about for driver safety I've asked that our traffic units increase the percentage of citations for speed related offenses

[00:34:27] so that when we are dealing with speeds out on the roads that we are using warnings less often as a way to try to really encourage drivers to slow down. I think as we all drive on the roads you know around here we see a lot of a lot of fast traffic and we are going to work very diligently to slow that down. Moving on to page 16 on our countywide crime statistics. I do want to run through these a little bit here so I'll start with aggravated assaults on the violent crime. So over the past three years we have seen aggravated assaults rise. What's not listed here

[00:35:05] is going back to the 2020 and 2019 numbers. So we saw a dipping in crime in a lot of different categories due to COVID. So back in 2019, aggravated assaults was at 114 and we're back up to 119. So we are really hitting, unfortunately hitting pre-COVID numbers there.

[00:35:25] The forcible sex offenses listed, the red line, those are down overall, even including 2019 numbers, which were also at 114 in 2019. Robberies are, you know, increasing. You see that as well from over the past three years to 29.

[00:35:42] 2019, that was 27. So we're back to kind of pre-COVID numbers there as well. And thankfully, homicides are remaining low. Going down to the property crimes, larceny is our number one driver of our part one crime stats. We do see a significant amount of larceny.

[00:35:58] Back in 2019, that was 1,612. So now at 1,717, we have seen a little bit of an increase in larceny. Auto thefts is increasing as well. So auto thefts are up, you know, to 147.

[00:36:15] And there's a few things that I like to say on that. One is you probably wouldn't believe the number of people that leave their keys in their car. We do have a safe community, but please don't leave. Don't leave guns and don't leave keys inside cars. The other thing that we're seeing really driving auto theft.

[00:36:32] So they're leaving the car unlocked with their keys in the car? Yes. Why don't they just write on the side of the car, steal my car? Right. And depending on the placement of the key fob, even if you lock it, the key fob being in or near proximity may open the car. We're also seeing an increase in fraud at car dealerships where fraud is being conducted to fraudulently essentially purchase a car with money that essentially then never comes through.

[00:36:57] So that becomes an auto theft. We've also had an issue, and both Dodge and Kia have experienced key-related issues where the keys have either been able to be cloned in Dodge's case or Kia. There's actually a TikTok challenge on how to use a USB stick to steal a Kia, and we have seen both Dodge and Kia stolen.

[00:37:20] And then going down to burglaries, burglaries are down overall as well. 2019, they were 108. We were down to 79. The last thing I'm going to say for the report before I take questions is I just want to give shout out to our court services division and the opening of the new courthouse. And again, just for scope and volume, Monday of this week, the courthouse screened over 1,500 people.

[00:37:46] And that includes 1,000 people in the new court building and about 500 in the old building. So they are seeing significant foot traffic through those buildings. And just a kudos to our court services section. So that is all I have, and I'm happy to take any questions. Thank you. It's a big report, and you summed it up really well.

[00:38:04] Questions, please. Ms. Glass. Thank you, Madam Chair, and thank you for the presentation. And you touched a little bit about this. Recently there was a traffic accident on Loudoun County Parkway that resulted in a death where speeding was a factor.

[00:38:22] What is being done to discourage speeding in Loudoun And because my office received lots of complaints regarding about speeding on our roadways regularly. And then you mentioned that you are giving out more speeding citations.

[00:38:41] Yeah, so we are doing a push right now for speed enforcement, both through our specialty traffic units, you know, such as our crash reconstruction and our motor unit, and also to patrol as well to really hit, you know, the high speed areas that actually includes our station traffic deputies as well. I mean, I can tell you that crash on Loudoun County Parkway was absolutely horrific.

[00:39:02] You know, I've seen a lot of crash scenes. When I walked onto that one, you could literally just feel the force that was there. I mean, you could see it. You could feel it. When I say excessive speeds, those speeds were exponentially high, over 100 miles an hour.

[00:39:23] So from that side, I mean, it's one of those you really can't do justice to it, but people have to slow down. And so we're taking concerted action to increase speed enforcement to make sure that we are doing everything we can to reduce speeds on our roadways.

[00:39:40] Thank you. Has crime increased in the areas near the metro stations compared with before they were open? Sure. So the metro station, specifically the Ashburn metro station, you know, we have seen an increase in, you know, crime and calls for service there, but not anywhere to any significant, you know, what I would call significant level.

[00:40:05] So what's happened around the metro is, you know, we've had a significant increase in just population and businesses as well. So that naturally is just going to increase, you know, calls for service and, you know, the opportunity for what is a lower level crimes, larcenies, things like that, you know, things being stolen from cars and, you know, and things like that.

[00:40:25] So I also give a huge shout out to the station commander in Ashburn, Milt Castell, who's done a phenomenal job creating relationships with Loudoun Station and the management, both the residential side and the commercial side down there, to really bring the resources together to help keep that area safe.

[00:40:44] And that also includes liaising with many county departments, you know, including family services and things like that to make sure that we're kind of holistically responding to everything that we're seeing in that area. Thank you. Ms. Bricksman.

[00:41:00] Thank you, Madam Chair. First of all, I want to thank LCSO for participating in a meeting that I convened last week with LCSO, VDOT, DTCI, and LCPS about some crosswalk issues where we had a pedestrian accident.

[00:41:19] The Eastern Loudoun Station folks have always been very responsive to that community, and I think we might have come up with some ideas for solutions, so I appreciate that. Appreciate the report out on the firearms that have been stolen. I was actually really hoping to have it regularly in the report, like on a monthly.

[00:41:36] Yeah, so we can definitely look at doing that. I got that data, so it's actually harder to pull probably than you'd imagine. Really? Oh, okay. So I actually got that report yesterday, so it didn't make the cut. Oh, gotcha. Okay, okay, great. And you mentioned that safe storage is critical for firearms.

[00:41:54] Are you familiar with the Be Smart program? I'm not. Okay. So there's a nonpartisan group that, an arm of Moms Demand Action that has a Be Smart training program for gun safety. They give out free gun locks. And they talk to parents about how to speak to their children about firearms when they might be on a play date or something like that.

[00:42:18] I mean, once I went through the program, the training, I consistently asked when my kids were going on play dates if the household had firearms, if they had firearms. Are they secured and securely stored and those sorts of things? So I would love it if LCSO would work with the Be Smart folks to start offering those sorts of trainings to the community.

[00:42:37] Do you think that might be of interest? We definitely take a look at it. I can tell you we do currently offer gun locks at all of our stations for the community free of charge. So that is an area as well,

but we'll check out the Be Smart program. That would be great. Yeah, and I can connect you with the Loudoun chapter if you would like.

[00:42:56] And then what I see in the Eastern Loudoun Station chart, weapons violations. And it says there were 30 weapons violations January 1st to September 30th on page 17. Is that, first of all, maybe briefly tell us what weapons violations are, and then tell us if they are on the rise or going down.

[00:43:20] Sure. So I don't have trend information in front of me, so I could definitely come back to you on that. Weapons violations is a category of crime based on the FBI's kind of what they call UCR, Uniform Crime Reporting, category. So it brings in anything.

[00:43:35] It could be carrying a concealed weapon. It could be bringing a weapon into school. It could be basically anything that has to do with some violation of weapons laws, if that makes sense. Is it usually something that's more like an add-on to other charges, or do you have them?

[00:43:53] Can it be a primary charge? It definitely could be a standalone offense, yes. Okay. Okay. All right. Yeah, I'd love to dig into that a little bit. Thank you. Sure. So, Mr. Sainz. Thank you. Obviously, you mentioned the fentanyl. I had the program at Parkview last Saturday.

[00:44:10] I was there. I was well attended by a lot of family members and their students with them in hand. And, of course, the NARCAM was provided for those who watched the video at it. So, has there been any thought to continue with the videos and then therefore we can continue to passing out the Narcan.

[00:44:31] So maybe partnering with the mental health department and having the video shown at the quarterly meetings at the various stations. Yes, so we've actually talked about that internally already. And again, a huge shout out to all the staff, Margaret Graham and her staff from Mental Health, Substance Abuse Developmental Services. That was an incredible and remarkably quick process as well.

[00:44:50] And so we are gonna add that into our quarterly meetings, at least for this next go round. And then we are also gonna be working with, you know, houses of worship, different places down there to find other opportunities to get that into the community. We recognize that some people just can't, you know, you hold a one-off event, some people just can't get there, you know, for different reasons. So we are going to look at opportunities to put that out in the community more. Yeah, that's great to hear. So besides the quarter meetings, actually reaching out to religious institutions, that's great.

[00:45:20] Any information that you can provide regarding the investigation into who is providing um the the fentanyl into our community sure so it is a very active investigation so i can't get into you know real specifics on it uh what i can say is that you know anytime you're dealing with children um you know it is a i mean these investigations are priority number one for us anyways but when you deal with people who are you know who are dealing in essentially poison pills uh to children uh that that is our that is our number one focus we're definitely working very hard there you know we did see you know we have seen that some pills will just pass between kids and while that is a problem we're also not looking at you

[00:46:00] know we're not looking to charge kids for just for passing a pill to their friends you know that type of thing that's a problem we need to get a handle on it and understand it but we're also not looking to you know just bring in a whole bunch of charges on you know on high school kids we are looking for the adults that are essentially passing you know these things in larger volumes so that's an extremely active investigation. So we'll have more on that in the future.

[00:46:25] All right. Thank you. Well, first of all, thanks for being here. I have a couple of things, and I'll try to go through them. The Victim Advocate Program, we talked a lot about the legal, the justice side of that. In the Victim Advocate Program, is there also somebody who's helping with the mental health of the victim who's dealing with that very early on? Because you can do all the legal things you want to do, but if no one's dealing with the mental health side. That's an issue. That's my first question. I really, you guys know how I feel about ADC officers at the jail. It's where I worked for a long time and I think ADC officers, I wish we can,

[00:47:01] I think they're just wonderful. I wish we can pay them more. But I still do hear complaints fairly often that the women's services are not as robust as the men's services in the jail. And so can we just check on those numbers? Because when I say I hear it, I mean, it's, it's, it, and I ask about it every time and every time you all say it's the same and like and that that question has just not gone away at all I hear about it all the time the fatal crashes you talked you talked about is it possible for us the board to to to find out if there's any locations intersections where fatal crashes or really serious crashes happen more often than not because maybe that's a time for

[00:47:39] us to look at do we have enough crosswalks do we have a that that little island in the middle that little island that's, you know, in the middle of a crosswalk, should VDOT get involved in that issue? You know, that may be one of these moments that's a BOS issue and a sheriff's office issue.

[00:47:56] So if we can find out just if there's any similarities into where those crashes are happening. On the discussion of fentanyl, we absolutely have to have a discussion of fentanyl and opioids. But let me say this once again, if we keep focusing on a drug, we will keep focusing on a drug.

[00:48:16] And 25 years ago, it was cocaine in free-based form, also called rat cocaine. Five years ago, it was methamphetamine. 15 years ago, it was PCP, often called water. And today, it is opioids. The more we focus on the drug, the more we focus on the drug.

[00:48:32] We have to focus on the disease of substance dependence. We have to focus on the behaviors overall. And we cannot minimize some drugs because they're just used more often. We shouldn't minimize alcohol, which is a drug. We shouldn't minimize marijuana use, especially in teens, because it is, whether people realize it or not, actually a drug.

[00:48:52] And so minimizing some substances while we talk about others, it just doesn't work, and we will always keep talking about the drugs if we don't do something differently. And I think you all's approach has been amazing and incredible and very helpful and positive, but I can't go without saying that.

[00:49:11] And finally, on page 14 of the report, I have noticed the percentage of stops for African-Americans is 12.2%. African-American population in Loudoun County is 7%. So we have a good deal higher percentage of stops for African-Americans than the percentage of African-Americans in Loudoun County.

[00:49:27] And the percentage of African-Americans being searched is 1.7%. The percentage of Latinos being searched is 2.2%, compared to percentage of whites being searched, which is 0.4%. those numbers are a little concerning if you can give me some information on why those numbers are much higher I'd appreciate that as well sure thank you any any answers to any other questions I have I know I just gave you a lot just there yes so if I can kind of go back on the victim advocate unit that's where you started our goal

is to provide holistic resources for victims that takes many different forms yeah not just justice system things that also

[00:50:06] includes you know financial assistance you know and and things like that is there there could be you know domestic violence victims that are you know they are basically the you know they're not in a position to be able to support themselves they're dependent you know financially upon their abuser which is you know an awful situation to be in so you know the goal is to look at at literally the entire gamut of of you know resources and services that are out there um and be able to provide them in a in a holistic manner that's a great answer yeah um and then relating to other things um i mean we can certainly talk about the the community policing

[00:50:44] data the one thing that i'll say with uh with searches um is that when it comes to to searches we've got a total of uh 55 searches uh you know total the majority of those searches are actually search incident to arrest or inventory searches they're not deputies on the side of the road saying hey may i search your you know may search your car there are some of those in there but actually the majority of those are are not so um actually in over a 90 day over a 90 day quarter you know there's in 24 7 operations we're actually searching very very few cars so i think what you see is you see percentages yeah no they are they are skewed because it's a very small sample size

[00:51:24] we do also proactively review all of the searches to also make sure that we're not acting in a bias manner so that and we can we could talk more about that if you like okay that's fine um and I think oh the women's services at the ADC yes so that is something we will definitely look into and you're just introduced to the lieutenant colonel that oversees that that bureau so we'll take that back and we'll follow up that'd be great thank you all thank you for everything we do appreciate your service and please take that back to the entire rank and file how much we appreciate your service thank you next time Colonel Lee needs to come up here and talk to us man I don't know what that's about this time

[00:52:01] thanks everyone all right we're going to go back since we have enough people on the dais one two three four five to do a consent agenda so i will read the uh the proposed consent agenda listen closely because one of the consent agenda and agenda items will have a new motion so listen for that the proposed consent agenda is as follows item r1 proclamation to recognize november 20 of 2023 as transgender day as remembrance item 1a confirmations and appointments and confirmations Item 2, Administrative Items Report from November 9, 2023.

[00:52:35] Item 4, Response to Board Member Initiative Feasibility, Computer Bus Service in Loudoun County. Item 5, Supplemental Appropriation for Loudoun County Public Schools Approval of Motion Number 1 in Item. And Item 8, Loudoun County Heritage Register Program.

[00:52:52] And the motion to approve is the, I move that the Board of Supervisors approve the Loudoun County Heritage Resource Program and Application. is provided in the attachment one and two of the November 9th, 2023 for supervisors business meeting action item.

[00:53:11] So in other words, that motion was previously to go to TLUC and tonight the motion is just to approve it on the consent agenda right now. And so that is the consent agenda. I will move that agenda. Is there a second? Move the second by Supervisor Brixman. Discussion on the consent agenda. Ms. Glass.

[00:53:28] Thank you, Madam Chair. I want to thank my colleagues for supporting my request to have the Heritage Resource Program added to the consent agenda. This has been a project the Heritage

Commission has been working on for a while, and I think it will be a great asset for our county. It will recognize smaller pieces of our history that are important to our community but may not qualify for national or state recognition. I already have a Boy Scout who cleared out the old Stonebridge abutments in Ashburn and is looking to add those structures to this list. I also want to voice my support for the other items on the consent agenda. I think a study of

[00:54:06] reverse commuter transit options will hopefully bring another option to get people out of their cars and increase pay for educators is always a positive thing. Thank you. Thank you. Ms. Brixman? Thank you, Madam Chair. I just want to thank my colleagues for supporting the resolution, the proclamation to recognize November 20th, 2023 as Transgender Day of Remembrance. This Day of Remembrance was founded in 1999 for Rita Hester, who was killed in 1998, and it has been commemorated annually on November 20th to honor the lives of all transgender people who have been lost to

[00:54:41] bigotry and violence. I look forward to presenting this proclamation at Equality Loudoun's vigil on November 20th and invite my colleagues to join. Thank you. Thank you. And I will say that I received a call from Mr. Pollard from the Heritage Commission. Was it last night, two nights ago, about this issue? And we had a long talk about why we could move this today instead of putting it on TLUC. It was approved, gosh, I think it was put forth like almost a year ago. And so So I went and I read the item.

[00:55:20] Mr. Pollard and I talked about it for a while. And so I don't have any issues at all moving it over to have it approved. Truthfully, you know, if I thought that anyone would have issues, I wouldn't have. I have not heard anything, any pushback about this from anybody at all.

[00:55:35] And so it's not a problem for me to move it. And item five is the supplemental appropriations for LCPS, which we agreed on, my gosh, months ago, that this would be the appropriation amount, and I've talked about numerous times. And so everything on the consent agenda tonight has been discussed and discussed and discussed.

[00:55:55] So that's why we move those things to the consent agenda. Any other questions? I want to please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? That motion will pass 6-0-3 with Mr. Kirschner, Mr. Letourneau, and Mr. Buffington being off the deus for tonight.

[00:56:13] I don't have any board comments, so I get to go straight to my voice for a cause today. My voice for a cause is the Loudoun Symphony Orchestra Association, Incorporated. Are you happy about this? The Loudoun Symphony Orchestra is a non-profit 501c3 Virginia corporation that has been providing first-class orchestral concerts for the people of Loudoun County since 1991.

[00:56:39] Today we have Mr. Matt Vayner, who is president. How are you, sir? Thank you for joining us. Very well. Thank you for inviting us tonight. So don't be nervous. You're on TV. Thousands of people are watching you last night, but let's go on with the questions. What led to the founding of the Loudoun Symphony Orchestra?

[00:56:58] Well, as you said, we were founded in 1991 by a group of musicians who just loved playing music and wanted to share that with the community. Now, over 30 years later, we still hold on to those community roots, so you shouldn't be surprised if you see your dentist or your kids' music teacher performing when you come to our concerts.

[00:57:19] 1991 is 30 years? And a bit, and a little bit over. Holy moly. Yeah. When you think 30 years, you think like 70s or something, right? Once upon a time. Thank you very much. You can leave now, Mr. B.

[00:57:35] I'm just kidding. All right. What are some of the services your organization has been able to provide to the citizens of Loudoun County? So the Loudoun Symphony Orchestra performs five to seven concerts per year. We also have a Loudoun Symphony Youth Orchestra, which this year has over 200 students in four ensembles, and they perform three concerts a year.

[00:57:55] In fact, you won't want to miss their first concert of the season, which is next weekend. Three years ago, we founded a Summer Orchestral Institute, which is a week-long summer camp, usually the end of July. Kids show up on Sunday, they start rehearsing, and then they put on a concert Friday night.

[00:58:11] and you'll honestly be amazed at what they produce in just a week of rehearsing. We're also ratcheting up our commitment to performing works of underrepresented composers. So this season, actually, every one of our concerts features an African-American composer.

[00:58:32] And in fact, that youth orchestra concert that is next weekend, And our top-tier ensemble, the Philharmonic Orchestra, will be performing a piece that actually the Loudoun Symphony Orchestra performed last season by Florence Price, who is recognized as the first African-American woman to be a symphonic composer here in the United States.

[00:58:55] Wow. Well, that's incredibly impressive. I have gone to your holiday performances before. They are fantastic. And we have some upcoming holiday performances. Would you like to talk a little bit about those? We do. So December 2nd and 3rd, we'll be presenting our holiday concert titled Joy.

[00:59:14] And you're not going to want to miss this. We'll have holiday favorites like Leroy Anderson's Sleigh Ride and a Christmas festival. And, of course, no holiday concert would be complete without some Nutcracker. So we're going to be actually mixing it up a little bit this year.

[00:59:30] You'll hear some of Tchaikovsky's Nutcrackers. He originally wrote it, but you'll also hear Duke Ellington's. So there'll be a lot of swinging and jazzing. And we're doing something a little special as well. We're going to have it narrated this year. And Chair Randall will be narrating the Nutcracker story.

[00:59:48] So you won't want to miss that concert. I will. Thank you for joining us. So this is not a question on the list, but I know because doing Voice for a Cause, no one has asked questions but me because that's how Voice for a Cause works. But I know this question, people would want to ask this question. So we have been talking for a long time, especially myself and Supervisor Glass, about some type of performing arts venue in Loudoun that is specifically for performing arts.

[01:00:14] A small to medium-sized venue in eastern Loudoun County. And my only request is that as we kind of gear up this conversation, this term even more, and we have a group that we put together that's talking, We'd like to invite some of our performing arts groups to be part of this discussion.

[01:00:34] So I hope I can extend that invitation to you all because it's really important. We would love to be involved. The symphony is kind of the elephant in the room. We require a pretty large space to fit all the musicians, and it's nice to still have space for audience members as well.

[01:00:50] That's great. We will be calling on you to help us through just size of venues, acoustics, all those types of things that we may not always know about. And then my last question is, if people want to get involved in the symphony, whether they're playing or whether they want to give, however they might want to help, how do they do that?

[01:01:07] Well, if you want to play, practice, practice, practice. Invite everybody to attend our concerts. Bring your friends, bring your neighbors. Encourage any young musicians in your life to join our youth orchestra. We have rolling auditions, so even though the season's underway, you know, after next week's concert, they'll start rehearsing the next round, so all that information's on our website.

[01:01:32] I would like to take a quick moment to talk about our last concert of the season, which is themed One Planet, One Community, and this is kind of a unique concert, and I'm just going to read a quote that our music director said about this. The goal of this program is to unleash the creative energies of Loudoun County and bring us all closer together.

[01:01:52] So we've actually put out a call for art, for artists of all ages, all abilities, to produce their creative concepts that align with that theme, One Planet, One Community. We're working with Loudoun County Public Schools, so I know some art classes are actually already, students are creating art along that theme.

[01:02:12] And then at that concert in June, some of that artwork will make it into a videography that's displayed during the concert. So all those details are on our website. Want to give your website? Loudonsymphony.org. Okay, well, you all do, I mean, I've gone to a lot, some of your performances, and you really are amazing, and music is so, so important just to a healthy society.

[01:02:34] So thank you very much for all you all do. We appreciate it. Thank you for having us. Mr. Hempstreet, do you have any comments this evening? Yes, Chair Randall, I have four comments this evening. I'd like to have five because I'm going to start with congratulations to all of you.

[01:02:51] Thank you for returning. And the staff and I look forward to the next term. The other comments I have is Loudoun County's Human Services Nonprofit Grant application process for fiscal year 2025 is now open. Funding is focused on the areas of need identified by the board, crisis intervention and diversion, improved quality of human services, long-term support and prevention, and self-sufficiency.

[01:03:17] Applications are due by December 21st. Details about the program, including the application and helpful resources, are online at [loudon.gov slash non-profit grants](http://loudon.gov/slash/non-profit/grants). Second, as part of the implementation of the Board's Unmet Housing Needs Strategic Plan, the county has issued a request for expressions of interest for the development of attainable housing at the former Ashburn North Park and Ride lot.

[01:03:44] The deadline for developers to respond is Monday, November 27th. Details may be found at [loudon.gov slash housing](http://loudon.gov/slash/housing). Next, the Loudoun County Public Library and the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services have teamed up to increase access to library materials by installing book vending machines at four community centers, Blumont, Claude Moore, Douglas, and Lockett's.

[01:04:06] Through this innovative partnership, customers can scan their library cards to browse a variety of materials and check them out with the push of a button. Community center staff members are available to help customers sign up for a library card or assist as needed. And then finally, as you know, we have had some significant personnel news recently, including the hiring of directors for two of our departments.

[01:04:28] George Govan is the new director for the Department of Finance and Procurement. He has more than three decades of professional experience in finance and procurement, most recently with the

U.S. Ability One Commission. And Betsy Smith is the new director of the Department of Building and Development.

[01:04:44] She's been serving as acting director of the Department of Building and Development. She had been serving as acting director of the department following the retirement of Alan Brewer in July. Ms. Smith is unable to be here this evening.

[01:05:03] However, as you have already noted in his excitement, Mr. Gobind is standing in the audience. Supervisor Turner, Mr. Govon, is a retired Air Force officer. Oh, no. I know that may have certain ceremonial meaning whenever the two of you are in the same room.

[01:05:22] Please welcome Mr. Govon, and when you see Ms. Smith, congratulate her on her permission. We welcome you. We thank you for your service. And if you're going to have any Air Force talk with Supervisor Turner, we don't want to be anywhere around all that.

[01:05:41] Just because you guys are going to make your little hands, little planes, and we don't have to know. But welcome to Loudoun County. Okay, supervisors, we have one more information item. It is the Roots of Prosperity, Nurturing Rural Resilience in Western Loudoun County.

[01:05:59] I've been looking forward to this for a long time. Mr. Reiser, come on down and thank you. Good evening and congratulations to all of you.

[01:06:14] Thank you. Thank you for the opportunity to highlight some of the great work we're doing to support our businesses in Western Loudoun. I'm actually quite proud of all we have accomplished over the last few years, and I'm not sure we've done a good job of really talking about that. So hopefully we can remedy that this evening. The way we are structured in our department provides a great deal of resources to all of our business, east and west. We have dedicated staff to many of our clusters. That includes rural businesses. Behind me today are John Magistro, Chris Blosser, and K.C. Tregonin.

[01:06:51] John is a Loudoun farmer and a land conservation specialist who serves as business development officer for agriculture and business services. Chris has worked in the rural economy across multiple verticals, including serving as the general manager of one of our biggest wineries and as part of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy.

[01:07:09] These two have great experience and expertise in ag-based businesses and work incredibly hard to support our industries. But our assistance really doesn't stop there with those two. Casey is a business retention specialist, and she is our lead working with Loudoun's Towns on economic development projects.

[01:07:27] Nancy Ivanko has been supporting rural businesses on workforce issues. Jill Badger leads Launch Loudoun and supports our small businesses. Katie Lowitz, Bobby Clancher, provide ombudsman and real estate support. Dave Diaz is our liaison to the REDC.

[01:07:44] Our marketing and strategic initiative team work very close with all of those people to provide service for Western Loudoun. Of course, Colleen and I are always engaged and available. I have been with the county almost 17 years now, and I can tell you that we've never put more effort and more time into supporting all Loudoun County businesses, and that includes our ag-based businesses.

[01:08:05] As our community has evolved, our service delivery has evolved. We've provided a fairly long report for you tonight in your packet to review the efforts and successes in Western Loudoun. And while I

won't go through the full report today, there are a few highlights that I wanted to provide.

[01:08:21] In the past five years, we've had 123 rural business wins worth \$37 million, covering 5,700 acres. 87% of our businesses, our rural businesses, or more than 550 of them, leveraged our services more than once over the last five years.

[01:08:39] 50 rural businesses in the Loudon Made, Loudon Goan program received the business interruption funds during COVID that you put together. Many more leveraged the Loudon is Ready Outdoor Seating Grant. Ten of our B&Bs received funding from the Loudon Hotel Relief Grant. Rural businesses such as Longstone Farm, Cedar Creek Farm, 868 Estate Vineyards, Springhouse Farm, and Hope Flower Farm were recipients of the business reinvestment and recovery grant that you approved.

[01:09:07] In an effort to support our producers during COVID, we created the Loud and Made, Loud and Grown Marketplace, an online showcase and purchase point for the goods of western Loudoun County. Programs like Take Loudoun Home and Take Loudoun Home for the Holidays, which I'll note just launched this week, have become staples of our offerings, joining spring and fall farm tours, which just celebrated our 30th year.

[01:09:34] Through our partnership with Stuart, Beth, Jim, and the team at Virginia Cooperative Extension, and Chris and the team at Soil and Water, we have increased business visits and supports extensively year over year for the past six years. DED, along with our partners in finance, secured a \$250,000 grant through the USDA to help us determine how to expand the Loudon Made, Loudon Grove Marketplace.

[01:09:57] We're now into the third year of executing that grant, and we think that's very important because it increases access to Loudoun food products, which in turn will increase Loudoun food production. We've won national awards for our rural business programming, including the Loudoun Farm Exchange, the virtual Loudoun Farm Tour, the rural uses documents created in partnership with building and development, and of course the farmer trading cards, which has now been copied by at least eight jurisdictions across the country.

[01:10:27] And there's much more. And I fully recognize supporting businesses in Western Loudoun comes with unique challenges and sometimes often unfair criticism. But I'm really proud of the program we've built, and I'm proud of the results that we have seen from our program. But beyond that, from a purely data-driven analysis, I think it's evident that DED is executing your direction.

[01:10:50] We are making huge difference in the western part of our county. I've often said that, to me, economic development is one of the best land preservation tools that we have. And I'm happy to report that the roots of prosperity are in place. And your economic development team is working hard to nurture the rural resilience in western Loudoun.

[01:11:08] And with that, I'm happy to take whatever questions you have. Thank you, Mr. Reiser. We appreciate it. This is wonderful information. Ms. Bricksman. Thank you. So is there a way, or maybe you've done this already, but I know that we readjusted the REDC during our Committee on Committees, and I think we might have realigned a little bit the mission statement, the goals. Could this inform that at all or add sort of items to their agenda or vice versa?

[01:11:43] Yeah, I think it comes back to the fact that we have been, I think, working incredibly hard on delivering services. And I think what came out during that discussion with RADC is that maybe we weren't

100% aligned. RADC is an advisory group to you, the board, just like EDAC.

[01:12:04] And we serve as their liaison. And we, but we take our direction from you and from the county administrator. So I think that with the board taking a more active role in giving them that direction, as you, as you have done over the last year, I think that very much better aligns what we're doing with what they're seeing.

[01:12:26] I'm giving this report a much longer version of this report to REDC on Tuesday to make sure that they understand all the programming. Sometimes I think we're guilty of working so hard and doing so many things that we don't stop to really talk about those things. And we were very happy that the chair asked us to put this report together. And I think we surprised even ourselves when we looked at the numbers at the end of the day and how much we've accomplished over the last five years. Awesome. Thank you. Mr. Turner. Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Reiser is a great

[01:13:03] program. It really is, and I love your department. You guys are award-winning, and it shows routinely. I have a kind of an awkward question. I don't even know if it has an answer that's readily apparent to anybody, but the zoning ordinance rewrite process revealed tension points between a number of businesses in rural Loudoun. And I wouldn't even begin to simplify the factions per saying, I hate to call them factions because I think they're all good Loudoners and they're working to do their best, but wineries, breweries, limited distilleries, and that industry was a

[01:13:43] group. The farm industry was a group. Save rural Loudoun. I use them only because there's an environmental group that wants to protect rural Loudoun. How challenging is that for you in fostering new business development in rural Loudoun? When you have a win that's pending or you see a potential win, do you have to run that through the traps of all those different potentially competing interests in order to close that and get approval for them? Or do you coordinate with them or collaborate with them? How does that work? Well, you know, we pride ourselves on working with any business that wants to come in that meets your vision and your

[01:14:18] regulations and is a legal business. What I think that we run into often in Western Loudoun is, the different degrees of business in what is rural and what isn't rural. Per your direction, agritourism is a very important cluster, and you've seen the numbers that are available to support agritourism in Western Loudoun.

[01:14:45] Ms. Erickson does a great job of tracking those numbers and giving those to you. But there are factions in Western Loudoun that don't appreciate the agritourism. I think it's the same thing with the craft brewage industry. You know, this was brand new when I started here.

[01:15:04] And now we're over 50 wineries and multiple breweries. And, you know, it really has preserved a lot of land. But there is a tension between is that really an agricultural-based business or isn't it?

[01:15:19] And I think that there's some confusion at the state level in some of those ordinances. And I think that some of that some of that chafing has resulted in some some hard feelings in the community.

[01:15:36] And so it is tough. I would say it does not impact the work we do. We we we are working very hard to do anything that's within the zoning regulations and anything that is legal and anything that is investment and in line with your vision.

[01:15:52] So, you know, we do hear the criticism, but we try not to react to the criticism because it is not based on what we have been directed to do by you and through the county administrator. That's great. Thanks very much. So this is a fantastic report that says so much, and I really do appreciate it, especially in advance of us getting ready to do the Rural CPAM for next term.

[01:16:20] This is going to be a really, really important document just because it's fact-based. To your statement, though, you were so correct. So much of the perception is not the reality. And I guess it's a couple of questions.

[01:16:36] One, what can we do, the supervisors, to help with that perception being reality? Because I think it's just vitally important. I was talking to Beth Erickson about this, and you called me earlier in the year when I said something. It was incorrect, which led us to put this together. And when I said it, I actually absolutely thought I was on sound footing. And you start going through the numbers, I was astounded and positively very pleased. So how can we help carry this message that what is perception

[01:17:10] really is not reality? And what do you need us just to do? We can show up at me, we can put it on newsletter we can put it on social media page you know we you know we can you know i when i talked when i spoke at the loud and whine awards i really invited people there to just become more involved to be really part of the rural zoom um what you know i had the same discussion with the um equestrian community that's where this all started happening what do we do how do we help well i think that there's a couple of things i think first of all there there's a perception

[01:17:46] that all we do is agritourism or all we do is craft beverage, but the data just doesn't support that. So I think we have to do a better job of providing that data. One of the things that we have said internally is that we would like to, each month in advance of your newsletter, start to provide you information that is either county-wide or in your district-specific to help us with that messaging.

[01:18:14] I think the other part of that is having those thoughtful discussions about that all of our businesses are valued in Loudoun County and that we shouldn't set classes apart and put farms against breweries or wineries against tourism or all those things.

[01:18:35] I mean, these are all businesses that are making an investment in our community. And I think it's important that we recognize that and support that. So I would say that, you know, in many instances, it has been the board making that known and helping us support some of these things that has really helped us win businesses.

[01:19:00] And so we do thank you for that. We thank you for your support and your involvement. But, you know, it is a unique situation working with Western Loudoun businesses, and it's much more of a heavy lift than really a lot of the businesses we work with on the eastern part of the county.

[01:19:20] It's more grays, or I guess you could say greens, than it is black and white, you know. But we do appreciate your support, and we'll do our best to make sure that we're getting that information to you so that you can help with that messaging. That would be really helpful. All right. Well, thank you very much. Thank you both, and Mr. Reiser, please thank your entire staff.

[01:19:39] They're here tonight. Thank you. Thank you, everyone. All right. Supervisors, we're going to keep going. Let's do, real quickly, let's just knock out nominations. But before we do that, let me just say this. Supervisors, what I'm going to ask is that, so nominations you make right now, if they run concurrent with our board term, don't make them right now because we only have a month until the term is over.

[01:20:03] I would ask that the second meeting in December that you come with a full slate of nominations that we will approve the first meeting in January for the new term. And so make sure that if you're making them, they're there for the new term.

[01:20:20] Secondly, I think all of us this term have made nominations that probably didn't work out as well as we thought they would. I have received some people have had some thoughts in some of our nominations and, you know, that either issues with attendance or issues with sleeping or that kind of thing.

[01:20:42] If you're making those nominations, then know that even if they are a district specific nomination, they may not be approved and voted on. So let's just say that in advance so when you come in December with the nominations that we vote on in January, you know, they may not be voted on.

[01:21:03] They may not be approved. So just be aware of that. But please make nominations, especially for next term, the second meeting in December. Okay, if you have nominations, please put your light on. Ms. Bricksman. Thank you, Madam Chair.

[01:21:19] I actually, I think this does not end at the, oh, they're saying I'm good. Okay. Thank you. I nominate Natisha Stith as an at-large representative on the Housing Choice Voucher Resident Advisory Board.

[01:21:36] Okay. Thank you. And I'm going to make a nomination that we will vote on in December for next year. And that nomination is Tony Buffington for the Loudon Water Board. Okay. We're going to do a ledge. Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't see your light on.

[01:21:53] No, I just turned it on. Would you guys light on? Were your lights on already? I just turned mine on. I can turn it off. Okay, do that. No, I'm just kidding. Yes, sir. Thank you, Madam Chair. I nominate Faith Eyman Benjamin to the Commission on Aging to fill the Ashburn District seat.

[01:22:12] Isn't that a seat that runs with the... I'm not sure right now. I've got to find out where we are on it. But I may defer the vote on her depending on the time. And you can make the nomination again in December if the timing is right.

[01:22:29] Yeah, you can make it again. You can make it December for January. That's fine. Ms. Glass? Thank you, Madam Chair. I nominate Keisha Miller to serve as the Family Services Advisory Board representative on the Housing Advisory Board. I nominate Laura Cranville to serve as an at-large representative on the Disability Services Board.

[01:22:50] And I know those with the term. I know they do. So you want to make you, I mean, that's fine. But we won't vote on those until December. Actually, December, so they're in place for December, so yeah, yeah, but I know they remember the term, but that's fine.

[01:23:09] Okay, all right, thank you. We're going to do the ledge item right now, which is, this is the first introduction of our legislative item for 2024. We have quite a few new legislators that are going to be in Loudoun County, and so we're going to get our first look at this today.

[01:23:30] Good evening, everyone. Good evening, Madam Chair, members of the board. Before we get started, I would like to do some introductions, if that is okay.

[01:23:47] Renee VanderVilt is in the room. She is our new policy analyst that started back in July. She has been incredible. We also have Claire Tramontosi, who is our management fellow, who has been incredible

as well. They have been absolutely awesome in the development of the item and the program as well.

[01:24:07] introducing some familiar faces. We have Troutman here. To my left, we have Karen Addison. We also have Elizabeth Parker. And all the way down at the end to the right, we have Clark Lewis. And I'm going to turn it over to Clark for some outlooks on the historic turnover in the General Assembly. Chair Randall, members of the board, thank you for having us tonight. As Jonathan mentioned, we have the Troutman Pepper team here tonight.

[01:24:42] I believe this is our third year of providing legislative services to the County of Loudoun, which we are very appreciative of. And the reason we all came tonight is because we all work as a team together to provide legislative services for you. All of us work on this important assignment, and we all work with Jonathan and members of a lot of y'all on the different legislative issues that come before the General Assembly. As you know, we had a great election Tuesday night. It was a long election. We will have some changes in the General Assembly. It was a long election. It was a very long election. Yes, it was. Remarkably, when we go to the

[01:25:21] new General Assembly building in Richmond, which I encourage all of y'all to visit if you haven't done so, it is quite magnificent. I think it will be much more user-friendly. I think it will be a better way for us to meet with people. It will, I think, give us all a fresh outlook with a fresh General Assembly made up of about 38% new members, which is quite remarkable. And I think that we're all looking forward to this as an opportunity to really get some new ideas, to meet new people, and have new

[01:25:56] perspectives. Right now, I can't tell you who are going to be the various chairs, particularly in the House because they're working on those issues right now. There's so much turnover and obviously the Democrats will be in charge of the House. I think we'll know more in the coming weeks. The Senate is also going to be some changes too as we bring forward the Senate Democrats who led the General Assembly the last several years. But I would say that the session is going to be one of 2024 of learning for a lot of us. A lot of the members have never been exposed to General Assembly and the committees. Even if you are returning to the General Assembly, it's very

[01:26:33] likely, particularly in the House, that you will be on new committees. And so we see this as a typically in the past, and many of you know, process. There'll be a lot of bills filed. There'll be a lot of bills discussed. And we'll probably have a lot of bills that will lead to a study or to sort of thoughtfulness of what we want to do. I think this will be a large information session, work session with the governor, obviously weighing in on some of his remaining agendas.

[01:26:59] We will have Governor Youngkin's first introduced budget this year. Just as a reminder, the last two years, we worked off of Governor Northam's budget, which the General Assembly amended. So this year, we'll have the dynamic of Governor Youngkin introducing his budget and then have a House and Senate controlled by the Democratic Party, obviously working to amend the introduced budget.

[01:27:21] So that will be a large part of the legislative process also. But just to wrap up, we see this as a very important session, but it's really going to be one where we're going to watch the General Assembly organize and get to their work as they all get their new respective committees and leadership roles.

[01:27:37] But thank you again. And, again, any member of our team is here to answer any questions, and we appreciate it very much. Wonderful. Thank you. Jonathan, you want to go through the? Yes, ma'am. So,

supervisors, what we're going to do today, the way we're going to do it is we're going to go through the four motions one at a time.

[01:27:56] So they're going to, Jonathan's going to, first, Mr. Freeman, I'm sorry, talk about the items on rent and eviction and things like that. And then we'll do that motion and then public notice and then do that motion because it's a lot of motion to do at the end.

[01:28:11] So we're going to do the motion after they present the item. So just so you know that. Okay, we're ready, Mr. Freeman. So starting in Section 2, we have rent stabilization and rent increase notification. This is an initiative that is a carryover from the 2023 legislative program.

[01:28:33] This bill from last year, if you remember, was sent to the Housing Commission to study. However, they unfortunately did not lend many resources anyway to study the issue.

[01:28:50] And so there is some expectation from housing advocates at the state level that this bill will be reintroduced this upcoming session. And so this bill would be an initiative to stabilize year-over-year rent increases and also provide a notification to the tenant from the landlord when an increase in their rent is to occur.

[01:29:19] And we also have staff from the housing department to answer any questions. Okay, so we could do this one of two ways. I can make a motion. We can ask questions and have discussion within the motion. Because otherwise, if we do two sets of questions, we're going to be here forever.

[01:29:38] Actually, that would be four sets of questions. So while we're going to do that, I'll make a motion and we can have discussion within the motion. I move the Board of Supervisors to seek changes to the Court of Virginia to stabilize year-over-year rent increases by establishing a maximum rate of growth and requirement for a notice before issuing an increase in rent above a certain percentage.

[01:29:56] So I'm going to give that to Mr. Sainz. And just supervisors, Mr. Sainz is here because Mr. Sainz and I have the ledge team. If he makes the second, I would give him the second on all of these items. So motion's made and seconded. So thank you for this item. The other two item supervisors I wanted you all to be aware of for just for rental discussions

[01:30:16] The first one is the discussion about if a person does not speak nor read English, that the lease that they're about to sign be offered to them in the language they speak, and help me with the wording, Jonathan, up until the first five federal languages that would go on a ballot.

[01:30:41] Is that how I should say that? So that is a housing initiative that is still in development. Right, so I'm going to go through that, but I said it correctly. Yes. Okay, so just so you know, that initiative is already being put forward by Alexandria. I talked to the mayor of Alexandria today, Justin Wilson, and what I said is we don't have to create this will if they're doing it.

[01:31:06] We can sign on to that if it comes through Alexandria, and he did assure me that that's already underway in Alexandria. So when we see the language, we can kind of cosign or sign on to that language when we get that. But I want to let you know that that was the first housing item.

[01:31:22] The second housing item, and this may be something that we want to put in for a study, and I've talked about this for two years now, is the LIHTC item that a discussion or maybe even a motion to say that the tax credits for LIHTC housing of attainable homes could be based on the number of attainable homes in a development and not the attainable homes in a building.

[01:31:52] And we've talked about that. That is because it is not, I don't believe, a good ideal to have all of the attainable homes in one building. We want to have those interspersed throughout the community for a lot of different reasons. One of them is the stigma on that building sometimes, if they're all in one building.

[01:32:10] Also, sometimes that there are some, not many, but some builders who do not use the same materials when they're just for attainable homes. The attainable homes may be smaller, they may be internal, that type of thing. And they do it because the LIHTC funding applies to all the homes in the building.

[01:32:29] So if we can do it by development, and they all will be part of the development and not just in one building, I'd like a study on that, and so I may make that to be a motion that's part of this motion, and we've talked about that quite a few times, but I will get your thoughts on that, and if everyone's amenable, I will do, and I further move on this motion.

[01:32:53] Other discussion on this motion? Ms. Umstead. Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Freeman, I want to thank you for getting back to me on my inquiry. There are a number of tenants in Leesburg renting in two different rental complexes who have been hit with \$90 a month fees for Internet, cable, TV access.

[01:33:30] They do not want that service, but they are being required to pay for it. Is there a way for this board to support an amendment to the Virginia Landlord Tenant Act that would prohibit landlords from imposing unwanted services on their tenants and charging those unwilling tenants for those services?

[01:34:07] So this is an issue that we've heard from housing advocates, and this is something that they continue to look into. We can certainly share more information when that goes public.

[01:34:24] But what we have included in the item on page 11 under the Health and Human Services policy statements under letter D is add policy statement on transparency and renting and evictions.

[01:34:41] And so we are thinking that this is a broad statement that we've worked with housing and statewide housing advocates on that will allow us to support such an effort should that bill be introduced this legislative session.

[01:34:58] Thank you very much. Thank you. Anybody else? On the motion then, supervisors, if there is no objection, I'm going to do and I further add in this motion, which would be, I further add that a study be conducted to determine if light tap credits can be used for attainable homes in a development and not just in a singular building.

[01:35:35] Okay, so the motion, that's a, yeah, motion is made, and second it, and that was a further move, and the second order motion made that motion. So this is a closing, and so you and I talked about this earlier, so, okay. Any other? I'm closing. I looked around, I'm closing, so, all right.

[01:35:58] All right, all in favor, please say aye. Any opposed? That motion will pass 6-0. All right, want to go to the second item, please, the second part. So this second item is on page six.

[01:36:15] This is an issue that you all know well. This is the change of time requirements to public notice legislation. And so I'll skip the part of the details, but we do have Courtney Sidnor here who has been working with the ongoing task force that is looking to streamline public notices within local localities here in Virginia.

[01:36:42] I don't I don't does anyone have any questions or on this we can I think we all know this item pretty well in fact really really well all right I'll make the motion then I'm with the board supervisors six changes to the court of Virginia to allow local governing bodies and the Commonwealth Virginia more flexibility with the public knows requirement as it pertains to actions or intended actions by local governing governing bodies motions made by and second by supervisor sayings I really do think this was well intended and I think that the general assembly members who

[01:37:17] put this forward may have thought that this leads to more transparency. It's not any more or less transparency, and it just makes for a more cumbersome, complicated issue. If I were to have I further move on this, my I further move would be that everyone who's in the General Assembly has to serve one term in local office before they put stuff forward like this, because it's well-meaning, but it just kind of cogs up the works and just doesn't doesn't help and so um we may want to find out who put this forward initially

[01:37:50] do we know that uh yes so um senator stanley put this bill forth uh in 2022 legislative session and that was to establish the task force to look at public notices uh meaning you know the uh information required in public notices uh as well as the um tower you know requirement anything in encompassing public notices. And because I really do think this was really well intended and intended for transparency, and it just didn't meet the mark, it may not be a bad idea if we send him a letter in advance so he

[01:38:28] knows why we're doing this. We're not just kind of pushing back and saying don't do it, but to say that we support as much transparency as possible and all the time, but this didn't give us more or less transparency in what the complications were might be helpful because you know I want to respect what he was trying to do even though it was it didn't get to where he was trying to go so maybe a letter to him in advance could be helpful okay all right Ms. Bricksman thank you um so I was trying to read through this today and I just want to confirm I think this is what we're going for but this would basically allow us to go back

[01:39:06] to our old process where we forwarded something to a business meeting and then could pass it at business meeting so it could happen within two weeks as opposed to a whole month later that is the idea yes okay okay yeah and for the record i think that we're forced into a lot more transparency than the general assembly in general so okay anyway thank you thank you madam chair which which constituents um pushed for this um which of the sponsors constituents were pushing for the

[01:39:42] change that has complicated our process. Is the business community, does the business community think this is beneficial? Does the development community think it's beneficial? What was the rationale behind that change? Courtney's coming forward. Good evening. Good evening. Supervisor said it was part of a larger review of all of the various sections in the code that deal with

[01:40:16] public notice for localities of which there are dozens and so they and a lot of the there wasn't a lot of consistency among them so it was an effort to streamline and make all those dozens of different provisions more consistent so that was really what it was about and it was a group of you know local government interest the newspaper association i think they had development interest there too and just as chair randall said it was well-intentioned but there were unintended consequences and i don't want to speak for the development industry but i i don't think they're

[01:40:50] necessarily happy about this new longer process that we're going through so the idea is just to kind of pull back and and remedy kind of the unintended consequences that were called caused and as mr

freeman noted the the working group is still working to try to fix it and they do have some proposed language that i just received within the hour before the meetings i haven't had a chance to study it so I think the idea is that we would try to support that effort assuming that the ultimate language they present is is workable for us and Courtney do you know

[01:41:27] whether the development industry if they are not happy with the change that was recently imposed are they working with the sponsor and the working group are they pushing to go back to the older system? I know that in the original study group last year, there were development industry interests represented on that study group. So I assume they still are now. I mean, that's something that we can confirm. I don't know what independent activities they may be doing. I'm assuming we

[01:42:04] have not been able thus far to reach out to the Chamber of Commerce or NVBIA or NIOP for their input as to whether they want this. If they want to go back to the old system, you alluded to some in the development industry feeling the old system was more efficient and may have been more transparent. But have we heard anything from the chamber, NVBIA, or NIOP? I've not heard anything specific. And I don't think the intent was about transparency. I think it was just about

[01:42:39] streamlining all of those statutes and making it more simple was what they were trying to do. okay thank you and that's a big miss mr. Turner is there we're the lone ranger on this or is there a movement that recognizes generally this was a mistake and we need to back up do we have a consensus here with other constituencies that have noticed the same problem I would say that among our constituency of the local government attorneys group this is something that

[01:43:15] That we have all, so the attorneys representing localities throughout the Commonwealth, the people who actually have to implement and deal with this, we have all identified issues with it. And there are other issues beyond the specific one that we're faced with because a lot of communities don't have multiple papers to choose from.

[01:43:32] And so the too restrictive timing was difficult for them because it didn't meet their meeting schedules. And so as he went through, there are a lot of consequences that people were bringing up. So I know that the local government attorneys representative and VACO and VML are also represented on the stakeholder group have been bringing those concerns back so that whatever new bill is introduced will hopefully rectify those things.

[01:43:58] I know that the press association is involved as well and I just I mean I can confirm this but just because I know the development community was in the initial study group I I'm fairly certain they are participating in this second round as well yeah and and that's Mr. Freeman that's just that's I'm not going to tell you how to do your job you do it a whole lot better than I could ever do it I'm sure but I would think we would want to identify our allies in this argument when we go down there because we have to build a consensus to turn this around it we may just be I don't want to just assume that everybody assumed realizes this was a mistake and we got to correct it there may be constituents out there that think

[01:44:37] this was a great change for some reason we don't know about so just a thought and point of clarification manager I have a couple of questions on the whole legislative program not associated with these three specific motions should I wait for the fourth motion and make them within? Okay, thank you. Exactly, yeah. So, and to Mr.

[01:44:58] Turner's point, I think it's why we should write a letter in advance. So, you know, it's always important to make, to recognize that the intention was a positive intention, no matter what the intention was, whether it's streamlining, whether it's transparency. So it's important to recognize that. Did this come through the House in the Committee on County, Cities, and Towns? To my recollection yes and which committee did it come through in the senate uh local government local

[01:45:28] government committee yeah yeah so just just maybe a um uh letter to the chairs of those committees when we find out who the chairs of those committees will be would be also really helpful because i you know you know i i completely understand that no member of the general assembly or quite frankly anybody just wants to feel like they're being being criticized or they don't and especially when they were trying to do a positive thing but but this did not streamline things in fact it made things a good deal more complicated and i'm sure that was not the intent so and to the to the

[01:46:06] question of um um the chamber i i i talk i talk to the chamber somebody from the chamber two or three times a week i can certainly make that question ask and see if they have an opinion thank you All right, all in favor, please say aye. Any opposed?

[01:46:22] That motion will pass 6-0-3. Okay, let's do the next one, please. The next is the job order contracting limit amendments. Job order contracting, as you all know, is the procurement process that local governments use to complete routine projects, such as, you know, maintenance, carpet replacement, HVAC maintenance, et cetera.

[01:46:51] And so the current limit on per project is 500,000, and the annual limit is 6 million. And so this would seek to increase that per project limit as well as the annual limit on job order contracting.

[01:47:10] All right. Then I will go on and make that motion. Move the Board of Supervisors to seek changes to the Court of Virginia to increase the per project limit and annual contract limit on the job order contracts to help local government bodies and other public bodies respond to inflationary pressures and price increases associated with construction projects.

[01:47:31] Motion made in second. I don't have any discussion on this motion. Does anybody else have discussion on this motion? Seeing none, I'll be able to say aye. Any opposed? That motion will pass 603.

[01:47:47] Do you have any comments you want to make before I make the last motion, Mr. Freeman? No, Madam Chair. Okay. The last motion is, and Mr. Turner, this will be where you, okay. I move the Board of Supervisors adopt and the staff recommended revisions and updates to the draft 2024 legislative program.

[01:48:06] It's found in attachment one to the November 9th, 2023 Board of Supervisors Business Meeting Action Items. I further move the Board of Supervisors direct staff to advertise the draft 2024 legislative program. It's found in attachment one to the November 9th, 2023 Board of Supervisors Business Meeting Action Item.

[01:48:23] For the December 13th, 2023 Board of Supervisors Public Hearing. Second, and I think you accidentally said draft 2023 instead of 24, but. I did, and both times, and changed that to 24. Thank you. Motions made, second by Supervisor Sains.

[01:48:39] Okay, a couple things. Supervisors, if, you know, we want to, I want you to just to be sure you realize that these motions tonight are the new initiatives to our legislative agenda. We have a whole legislative agenda that's still in place. It's all there.

[01:48:55] You can look through it. So these are just the new things. So don't think that we've dropped anything because we haven't, and we will still go back. And when we go down to the General Assembly, we have a whole package that we put together, so we will discuss the new priorities and other priorities as well.

[01:49:12] Mr. Freeman, my only other question I have is that there has been, and I would say an error, but after things happen more than once, it becomes a pattern, not an error. Two years in a row, there has been purging people from the voting rolls who should not have been purged from the voting rolls.

[01:49:36] I'm going to wait before I make a motion on this until I talk to some legislators and other people, but just know that I may make a motion on this because 3,400 people being purged from the voting rolls by accident for the second year in a row.

[01:49:53] or it wasn't 3,400 the second time, is an issue for me. No matter who those people are, they are valid voters who have the right to vote, which is literally nothing more important in a democracy than the right to vote. And I am concerned with the rolling back of voting rights, both in Virginia and across the country.

[01:50:16] And so supervisors know that I might send out a straw poll vote to all of you. before we meet with our legislators to have this on the agenda. I don't know quite what that would look like yet until I make some talk to people.

[01:50:35] I might actually call you all as well to talk to you about that. I don't know if it's, I don't know what, if it belongs in the Department of Elections or under the Inspector General. So I just need to do some more research myself before I go forward with a draft motion that I would send to you, but expect that something will come, because I just find it appalling that people are being purged from voter rolls, and then after voting has started, like literally we're into early voting, before they're told they can get back on the voter rolls, and so, and even with that, there was 100 that never made it back on the voter rolls, even

[01:51:15] by the time of the election. So that is a humongous problem to me, and I will have that discussion later on. Thank you. Mr. Turner. Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to, Mr. Freeman, just, I noted that we changed the language on the PTSD coverage for 9-11 dispatchers, and I'm looking at the old language was basically to include them in coverage, and the new language is to support a study to determine if, in fact, they are affected by PTSD.

[01:51:42] Can you just explain why we made that? You're talking about the 9-11 operators? Yes. Okay. If I may, I would call on HR to answer that question. Thank you. Good evening.

[01:52:01] Good evening, board members. So from an HR perspective, for years, we in HR in the county have relied on data to support additional benefits for our employees, specifically when we think about workers' compensation, you know, presumptions in Virginia. So over the past few sessions, there have been a number of different cancers that have been recommended, and we look to the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, you know, JLARC, to conduct a program evaluation and policy analysis and we look towards the recommendations.

[01:52:33] You know, within HR, we're not subject matter experts in this area and so we rely on those studies and the empirical data as does the legislature. So we look to them for the appropriateness as well as the fiscal impact. - Okay, we accept that answer. Thank you very much.

[01:52:48] - All right, Ms. Brixman. - I have one other. - Oh, I'm sorry, I'm sorry, yes sir. - Since we have an all-democratic legislature, can someone refresh me on the veto override process again? So if the governor vetoes a bill, then that bill goes back to legislative session in which they come to Richmond for about a day on first week or second week of April, and you would need two-thirds to override a governor's veto.

[01:53:16] Two-thirds of both houses? Correct. Okay. Thank you. Ms. Brixman. Thank you, Madam Chair. If I might ask a process question, you mentioned that you might make a motion on the elections or the voter rolls, which I completely support, but would you be making that at the December business meeting to add it to, because it's my understanding, this package right now, unless we make motions tonight, we'll be going to the December public hearing and we don't have an opportunity to add stuff to it.

[01:53:49] So is it okay to make motions at the public hearing? So what I would do is I'd make a, it would be a straw poll that would go out and then get voted on via email, and then the straw poll would be ratified in December, but because if the straw poll passes, we can put it in the program. Okay, okay, great.

[01:54:06] So I discussed this briefly with Mr. Freeman and the chair right before the meeting, and I really apologize that I didn't see this until today when I was reading through the legislative agenda. I made a motion in January to add language, I thought, to our legislative agenda relating to reproductive rights, and it was to oppose bills that restricted it more and to support bills that expanded access to reproductive rights.

[01:54:38] I had thought when I made that motion that it would be part of our ongoing legislative agenda. It's now my understanding after talking to Mr. Freeman and Mr. Rogers that, in fact, no, it would have to be included. And if I had known that, I would have brought it up at the very beginning of this process.

[01:54:56] So now it looks like I would have to make a motion to have that language in our legislative agenda, Madam Chair. And I don't know how you would like me to handle that. Should I make a motion tonight or should we do a straw poll as you are doing? I would prefer to do a straw poll because I prefer to do a straw poll.

[01:55:17] I think that makes sense because I don't want it to be, you know, no one got the motion before this meeting and those sorts of things. I mean, I think we're pretty much in agreement looking at the vote from January, but I suppose we can do it as a straw poll.

[01:55:34] Well, because I also would, I would want to know what the language, yeah, exactly. And I think we need to work on the language because I think, I didn't, in January it wasn't specific bills, but it was bills. That's what the language was, bills. And I think that the language would have to be slightly different if it's to be part of our ongoing program.

[01:55:51] Okay, all right. I think Erin had a comment. Yes. I think your last statement, Supervisor Bressman, kind of addressed the comment. We were just going to remind the board that it was not part of the program per se, but it was based on specific bills last year.

[01:56:10] So it can't be the same language. Yeah, so that's why it's not represented that way right now. Right. Okay, well, we'll work on it. Thank you, Madam Chair, for considering, and hopefully we can do a straw poll on it and include it in the program. Thank you. Well, so Jonathan and Ms. McClellan, are you saying you don't think it's needed because it's already in works of other bills?

[01:56:29] No, so our under, oh, bless you. Our understanding from last session was the bills that were included in an attachment in a specific item when we came before the board during session were on specific bills to support and specific bills to oppose that rolled back abortion rights.

[01:56:51] And so a standing standing standing is not currently in the program. Okay, I understand. All right. Mr. Sains. I was going to point that out, but I'll wait until we see the language and have discussion because, yeah, as Mr. Freeman just mentioned, the strategy last year was on specific bills to follow this direction.

[01:57:15] But not part of the program. Okay. Yep. Got you. All right. Anybody else? All right. Mr. Freeman, you've been here about a year with us now, about exactly a year. What a year it's been. Good job. And thank you to everybody who's working on the team.

[01:57:33] All in favor, please say hi. any opposed that motion will pass 603 thank you okay so that will take us five minutes before we need to do before we start our speakers but I think most of the speakers are here so I'm gonna start right now and if I get to a name and they're not here I will roll back around to them into the six o'clock time frame and then we'll go from there and so we have eight speakers for this time when I

[01:58:08] to call your name, please come to the podium closest to you. Scott Drummond, followed by Ted Lewis, followed by Anthony Ivey. Mr. Drummond, it's good to see you. I know I'm on the clock here, so what I'm doing is very big and complex, so I spent the day, you know, putting a writing together to kind of introduce you all to what I'm doing. You have a handout there that's coming around.

[01:58:44] I'm here to talk about five problems, some equations, and the solution that you guys are going to be handed to in the handout right here. One thing, first problem I've seen is the homeless encampment on the grounds of the Loudoun County Homeless Shelter that I found out has been there for years in the woods at the shelter, for decades actually. At that facility, we also have a non-ADA compliant entrance to that building. And walking into that building the other day, I had to provide assistance to a woman in a wheelchair to get through that very entrance. We have the William Waters house in my hometown Sterling Park. We have the Madison house right down the street with

[01:59:24] almost a combined 80 years of obsolete elevator equipment in those two facilities. Both manufacturers haven't existed for over 30 years. We have public and affordable housing that have absolutely no elevator access or ADA availability in Loudoun County in different places. Whether these facilities are Loudoun property or not, the end users living in those facilities are definitely Loudoun County residents. With Emmy's Elevator and Noakes Mountain Elevator that I put together, we can provide, I believe, balanced economic development aims towards the bottom rung of our economic

[01:59:59] ladder here in the county, while also providing economic benefits to the folks on the top rung as well. For over two years now, this journey me and my family started on Furnace Mountain in Lovisville, seeing its natural problems, and now I have recently given the perspective of surviving alongside our homeless.

[02:00:20] I've lived near both the top and bottom rung of our economic ladder here in Loudoun County over my 35 years here. I'm sorry there's no media or website to expose these issues to the world, but this is first and foremost about building partnerships, what I'm doing, and not tearing them down, more importantly.

[02:00:40] A public-prior partnership is about moving forward together. There's no proceeding without partnerships, donations, or investment. This is about checking boxes for what I'm doing the county's investment I'm asking for today written on the back of the of the the law actually 15.2-953 I believe and I think that's got all my time that is your time Mr. Drummond I I'm going to be giving you a call next week sometime um about this just real quickly did I did I hear you say that that the ADA that the entrance to our homeless

[02:01:18] shelter is not ADA compliant? Yeah, no, it's not. Okay. I'm going to give you a call next week. Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you. Ted Lewis and followed by Anthony Ivey. Mr. Lewis, it's good to see you. Good to see you. Oh, and first off, congratulations to all of you all on your recent reelection. Thank you. My name's Ted Lewis. I live on 20964 Turner Farm Lane, Leesburg, Virginia. That's the Little River District. I'm speaking on behalf of the Goose Creek Association, which I serve as co-chair. Cresting the board removed the extension of

[02:01:52] Gloucester Parkway beyond Belmont Ridge Road to Cross Trail Boulevard, which would require constructing a bridge over Goose Creek. As you probably know, there's already another bridge crossing of Goose Creek at Russell Branch Parkway extension that's about 0.3 miles from this proposed location. And based on CTP modeling, the traffic from both of those bridges can easily be handled by the Russell Branch Parkway Extension Bridge, which can handle up to 47,000 vehicles per day. The projection is that both extensions would generate about 20,000 vehicles per day.

[02:02:33] Also, Chapter 7 of the Transportation Plan indicates the county supports measures that protect water quality by minimizing the intrusion of road network on river and stream corridor resources. Having two bridges 0.3 miles across from each other that cross Goose Creek is definitely an intrusion on the stream and river resources, especially considering the volume capacity.

[02:03:00] If Gloucester Parkway Extension Bridge is left on the plan, it will require Belmont Innovation to reserve the space for the roadway expansion through their development. As you know, Belmont Innovation is going to be developed and has committed to some significant environmental protections above and beyond the required for Goose Creek.

[02:03:23] And if these extensions in the bridge are left on the plan, they probably won't be able to make those environmental commitments for the protection of Goose Creek. So in summary, Goose Creek Association strongly recommends that the Gloucester Parkway extension of bridge over Goose Creek be removed from the county transportation plan.

[02:03:46] Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Lewis. Give me one second.

[02:04:02] All right, thank you. Anthony Ivey will be followed by Randy Meese. Good evening, sir. Madam Chair, members of the Board of Supervisors, my name is Anthony Ivey, and I'm speaking on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Belmont Country Club HOA and its residents. The subject matter of my comments is to the elimination of the planned extension of Gloucester Parkway between Belmont Ridge Road and Cross Trail Boulevard.

[02:04:24] During an appearance before the Planning Commission on September the 26th on a related matter, I propose to the Commission that they revisit the need for this extension in light of the significant change of land use from densely populated new developments to sparsely populated data centers in the surrounding area.

[02:04:40] Without taking a formal vote, they overwhelmingly agreed with the logic. Picture 13 data centers with five employees each generating approximately 130 trips a day compared to the anticipated 3,600 homes in the same acreage. Our basis for this request is that there is no need for an extension of both the Russell Branch Road west of Belmont Ridge, and then a quarter of a mile south yet another road extension, Gloucester, both ending up at Cross Trail Boulevard with a similar distance differential.

[02:05:08] The elimination of housing developments on all the land west of Belmont Ridge Road to Goose Creek and from Route 7 to the Rock Quarry and east of Belmont Ridge along Route 7 to near Claiborne has eliminated the need for the Gloucester extension and possibly also calls for a reduction of the Russell Branch extension west of Claiborne to two lanes from four.

[02:05:26] We all want to keep Goose Creek a clean and vibrant waterway, and it is critical to the ecology of eastern Loudoun. To keep Goose Creek vibrant, we need to keep the watershed, which are the trees and canopies which absorb the CO2, recycle the rain, which in turn reduces the temperature in the area, and lessens the stormwater runoff and filling the creek with pollutants and sediment.

[02:05:47] This is an area of about 20 acres, which will also absorb data center noise, and we would ask you to keep this watershed that the extension would eliminate and eliminate the road and the additional bridge. East of Belmont Ridge, Gloucester splits our Belmont community in half. And midway to Claiborne, there is an elementary school in Newton-Lee and also a middle school.

[02:06:06] We do not need or desire to drive more transit traffic onto an extended Gloucester. Let us not forget the economic cost as well as the ecological cost of yet another bridge and save the county residents money by not requiring this bridge and road. In summary, make it safer for school children by reducing the transit traffic on the existing Gloucester Road, conserve the watershed for Goose Creek and in turn lessen the data center noise, and save the county residents money on a bridge to nowhere by eliminating the Gloucester extension and two lanes of the Russell Branch extension and the CTP in 2024.

[02:06:38] Thank you for your consideration. Thank you, sir. And you were actually speaking on behalf of the HOA? Yes, ma'am, I was. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the residents of the HOA. Thank you very much. Yes. I didn't bring a letter because it would be more time. No, it's okay. Thank you. I just want to make sure I have that right.

[02:06:56] Randy Meese, followed by Brian Patti, followed by Andrew Payne. Good evening, sir. Good evening, ma'am. Randy Meese, I am a long-term citizen of Loudoun County and also a business owner here. I also spoke, I'm speaking to the same topic that Mr. Ivey just spoke to, and I also spoke at the Planning Commission meeting, and I also sent, I didn't bring a copy of it, but I know that Mr. Turner was good enough to respond to that.

[02:07:26] I sent a letter, which I'm going to paraphrase here tonight, about this same topic of requesting removal of the Gloucester Parkway extension from the countywide transportation plan and removing it from the plan that's being finalized by the Belmont Innovation Campus development.

[02:07:49] Truth be told, if I had my way, I'd probably keep the mature trees in their entirety there and that would be the best environmental way to protect Goose Creek and the environment. Barring that, mitigating the impacts of that development is what I'm aiming to do.

[02:08:11] I parrot the same things that Mr. Ivey was talking about as far as additional traffic past schools as well as past Belmont community, of course. My letter also talked about the power line routings and

Belmont Innovation Campus had a means of routing them so they wouldn't be visible to either Goose Creek or off of Belmont Ridge where that gets to high traffic and abuts the Belmont community.

[02:08:46] But in short, I don't think there's not the volumetrics to demand the new road. Ending it there is certainly the strong preference of the Belmont community, or myself, I should say, in this case.

[02:09:02] And I request that you, you know, eliminate it from the transportation plan. Okay. Thank you very much. Thank you. Thank you very much. Three more speakers, and it's now past 6 o'clock, so it's Brian Patty, followed by Audrick Payne, followed by Benjamin Wynn.

[02:09:22] Good evening, sir. Good evening, Madam Chair and the board. My name is Aldrich Payne. I am a vertical transportation specialist, a.k.a. elevator inspector. Okay.

[02:09:38] My job is to make sure that the vertical transportation in buildings like this is code compliant. And I also have to make sure that the first responders, their safety is not compromised, as well as the general public.

[02:09:59] For instance, elevator inspectors are responsible for doing the fire alarm in the building. We also have to do the emergency generators. We also have to make sure that equipment is ADA compliant inside the elevator and outside the elevator.

[02:10:20] The door box in front, when you walk into the entrance of the elevator, should have ADA Braille signage. So someone who is sight impaired or hearing impaired can get around the building unassisted, especially when the fire alarm goes off.

[02:10:41] The strobe lighting in the building should also go off. And I don't know what fifth-floor person up there with a disability is going to do if he or she can't hear or see what's going on.

[02:11:00] So I have to make sure that all those functions are working before I can sign off on a certificate of occupancy in the building. And I was invited here by Mr. Scott, Scott Drumming.

[02:11:18] I'm part of the group that he's putting together and looking forward to working with you guys in the future. I'm looking forward to calling you and Mr. Drummond to have some of these conversations. And Ms. Glass is on the Disability Services Board, so we'll have some of those there, too.

[02:11:34] Thank you. Thank you both. You're welcome. Thank you. Thank you. Audrick Payne, and the last speaker we have is Brian Wynn. You got skipped. I'm sorry, sir. I'm so sorry, Mr. Patty. Then you would be next.

[02:11:51] Thank you. I apologize. Not a problem. I apologize for my attire. I just got off work. Everyone else is in ties but me. The thing that I like to bring to the attention of the board is radon gas, okay? Now, most of the time, the first time we've encountered the word, it's when we're buying or selling a home, okay?

[02:12:12] Because there's a contingency item in all the contracts. I ran into Matt Letourneau's wife on election day, and she told me that when they bought their house, it came in high. They had to fix it. The Commonwealth of Virginia labels Loudoun County as an intermediate risk county for radon. I believe it is a high-risk county for radon.

[02:12:28] The reason I say that is this. We can only collect the data and provide it to Richmond when we do the tests. And every six months, you send all the tests to Richmond, and then they tabulate the results

and then make adjustments accordingly depending on what we find.

[02:12:43] Now, Loudoun County is a very rapidly growing county east of 15. West of 15, it's still rolling farmland and horse land and that kind of thing. And you can't test for radon unless there's a building with a lid. So we're really only getting a lot of information for the eastern half of the county.

[02:13:01] Radon claims 19,000 to 25,000 people every year in the United States, every three years. Okay? And that's, or that's, let me back up a step. Every year it claims 19,000 to 25,000 people in this country by causing lung cancer. It is the leading cause of lung cancer in the United States behind smoking.

[02:13:20] Okay? Now, that means that every three years, it claims as many lives as we lost in the eight years of Vietnam. Okay? There is only one place in the country that requires radon testing by law for real estate, and that is Montgomery County, Maryland.

[02:13:37] The cutoff for radon is 4.0. That or higher is considered a high test. There are some areas around Frederick that I've heard hit 400. And the highest I've had here is a 212. So it is something to take seriously.

[02:13:54] And Loudoun County, I believe, is what I call a secret high-risk county because, again, we're not getting a lot of information from the western half of the county because it's still kind of being developed, where areas like Ashburn, Aldi, Sterling, Leesburg tend to have higher levels. But the closer you get to the mountains, radon levels go up because that's where all the deposits are in the hard rock. So it's a very, very good idea, I believe, to consider making radon testing mandatory in home sales. The one thing that we can do when everyone's making the biggest investment financially in their life is make sure the home is safe. And radon is a

[02:14:32] silent killer. Thank you. Well, thank you. Scaring the bejesus out of me, but making me aware. No, that's good. We want to be aware. Yeah. Yeah, really. He said, let's put that in the package. Yeah. Thank you. Okay. I don't know where I'm at. Benjamin Wynn, is that the last person? Did we do Audrick Payne? We did. We did. So it's just Benjamin Wynn. Good evening, sir.

[02:15:09] Thank you. Yes, I'm here to speak for the Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee on two of your items. The first one, of course, is the Gloucester Parkway crossing. Now, if you've decided to eliminate that, fine, I can move on. But I do want to say, if this crossing, along with Russell Branch and Route 7, would be three crossings within a mile on Goose Creek, And that somewhat impacts the scenic quality of the river, turning it into more of a culvert, to be blunt, along that corridor.

[02:15:43] And it's very nice right now. Secondly, in the path or very near to the Gloucester proposed crossing is a state-registered historic site, The Cook's Mill, which also includes part of the canal and locks a dam, the ruins of the mill, and the ruins of the first hydroelectric power plant in the county.

[02:16:06] They're all still there. The county archaeologist came out, and we took a tour of that. Lastly, the Parks Department is working with the adjacent landowners to increase the public access to this part of the creek, which our committee greatly supports and we're looking forward to working with them more but continuing to have the Gloucester Parkway there just has an impact a negative impact on that we are on record with the board on this from several years ago the second item I want to

[02:16:43] address is I noticed in your item four on page four I guess that you're proposing or there is discussion of a 500 foot creek buffer you no surprise we support that we recently had a close look at what

belmont innovation campus did where they have proposed one and we were able to go deep to see how this does impact runoff to the creek and the water quality and we know that goose creek isn't impaired water our committee really wants that improved and having that kind of buffer would

[02:17:21] go a long way. I want to thank you all for your time, and I'm always here to answer any questions that you have. Thank you, sir. We appreciate that. Thank you. All right, supervisors, that is all of our speakers. No, we're done. We're done. I'm going to go on and have item number six, which is the The zoning work plan, we're going to go on and do that before we go on our break because we're going to be a while in break, to be honest.

[02:17:59] And so we can do this item and send these good people home. Not all of us because we have item 7. Oh, Dan. We are ready when you all are. Thank you, Madam Chair.

[02:18:29] Thank you. For the record, I'm Dan Galindo, Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning. To my left, I have Assistant Director Jackie Marsh, as well as Assistant Director and Zoning Administrator Mark Stoltz. I'm going to keep this relatively brief. As I noted in the item, we will have much larger conversations when we present the work plan again in January about potential additions, reprioritization, things of that nature.

[02:18:54] So I'm just going to touch on items that the dates have changed since the previous work plan item was presented to you back on July 5th it's our recommendation just to maintain status quo with what's in the document now same items same prioritization levels but as you're aware the zoning ordinance rewrite will be coming to you December 13th hopefully for an estimated completion date we're very much hoping that it's completed at that time we only have like about 15

[02:19:26] motions to make that night that's all not nothing major okay keep that in mind the the second item that's still being the lot really last zoning ordinance amendment that's still outstanding beyond the rewrite has been the prime agricultural soil and cluster subdivision we were originally hoping to bring that to the board around now the commission after receiving some additional information from kimley horn the consultants that have been helping us with a few diagrams we're not comfortable making a decision at the their most recent meeting where they considered the item we are planning to take it back to the commission in december so now we are anticipating

[02:20:02] it coming to the board in the spring for final action okay the st louis village plan is also roughly on track however the the task force just looked at draft components of a plan november 1st and recommended it to move forward to the planning commission we are anticipating that probably happening in february which was the original way back when two years ago time when we were hoping to wrap it up so depending on the feedback we get from the planning commission it may be to you rather quickly and they may want to take it through another work session to walk

[02:20:40] through any items we will see so right now we tentatively have that penciled in for spring of next year the data center location CPAM we will talk about as item seven tonight but for a number of reasons we that estimated completion date has been pushed back about six months from when we previously updated the board in July our last two items the preservation equity initiative phase one which is largely an update of the african-american architectural resources study was originally estimated to be completed in september we are now anticipating it be completed this month and

[02:21:19] the reason for that is that they wanted to add a few new resources that were not considered under the previous i believe 2004 study that is being updated so these last few months have been spent looking at those resources and the courthouse national historic landmark designation that is now being pushed to May and honestly may go even further. The issue with that is the county's been prepared to submit materials for months now. The landmark, I'm going to draw a blank on the name,

[02:21:54] the group that considers those landmark nominations has not met in quite some time. They are meeting, I believe, in December, which is when we were previously hoping that they would take action on OUR APPLICATION, BUT BECAUSE OF THE LONG TIME BETWEEN MEETINGS, THEY HAVE QUITE A BACKLOG THAT THEY'RE WORKING THROUGH.

[02:22:13] SO MAY IS WHEN THEIR STAFF ANTICIPATES THAT OUR ITEM WILL COME UP FOR CONSIDERATION. INTERESTING. OKAY. THAT SURPRISES ME. OKAY. AND THAT IS ALL. ALL RIGHT. THAT WAS VERY GOOD. MR. TURNER, WHEN IT'S TIME, I'M GOING TO GO TO YOU FOR A MOTION, SINCE IT'S THE WORK PLAN FROM THE PLANNING ZONING.

[02:22:32] Until then, though, does anyone have any questions? Please put your lights on. Ms. Bricksman. Thank you, Madam Chair. Oh, the presentation is not up there anymore. It's in your package, though. I know. That's why I'm opening my package again.

[02:22:50] My question was on the, hang on a second. I thought that Vice Chair Sains had asked for a consultant to be used.

[02:23:10] I don't know if it was the courthouse grounds path or one of the preservation equity initiatives. Has that happened? It has not happened. The staff in DPZ working on that has been in discussions with Carl Rush and others on his team to try to see if we can combine forces, so to speak, on different projects to make it a little bit more efficient for the county.

[02:23:36] So we are working on it, but there's not been any definitive news I can provide you at this time. Okay. And then in relation to the data center design standards and locations, you said something slipped by six months? So, as we'll talk about in item seven, since we are now in November, starting it now would be six months later than it was six months ago when we last talked about it.

[02:24:02] Okay. Okay. I'll ask more questions on item number seven. Thank you. Mr. Turner. Thank you, Madam Chair. The first one, before I forget it, and I know we've talked about this. So, I don't want to put you on the spot, but I've got to put you on the spot here.

[02:24:20] How would I introduce a motion for a CPAM to remove the Gloucester Parkway extension? Could I do it tonight? Should I not do it tonight? Should I get a motion from the board to make that motion formally at the next work plan update?

[02:24:37] What's the process? You could do it tonight. I would recommend waiting until January because we will be discussing a number of topics that we would like to incorporate into the five-year review of the general plan and CTP, and that could easily be one added if we don't already bring it forward.

[02:24:53] I haven't discussed this with DTCI just yet. And what's the best way for staff to handle it? Should I submit it as a BMI? Well, so in January, we'll be presenting our recommendation about what would be included in that review, and so at that time, if the board would like us to add anything else to be considered we could just take that feedback at that point and try to finalize at least roughly what topics

would be covered during that project okay and then madam chair if I can ask you a question sure the a board vote tonight on removal of the Gloucester Parkway extension would have a significant impact on a pending application that's going to come to the

[02:25:31] December public hearing so the question is do we want to have something on record of the sense of the board tonight even if it's a non-binding motion that that That the board generally agrees we should work to remove the Gloucester extension, or do we not want to do that?

[02:25:49] I do not believe we want to do that. One, it's a land-use item, and land-use items can't come up to the board at the time, so yeah. And then, very quickly, can someone explain the difference between community-scale and utility-scale solar?

[02:26:05] I don't have the definition in front of me. There's a definition for utility scale that's relatively large acreage versus the – do you remember the other term for accessory? Essentially, there's a gap between the two types that we've been talking about, at your house or something that's very large and can be used by a lot of people.

[02:26:28] Especially out west, there have been some requests for solar – I don't want to use the term farm, but for – So if you've got a village and you want solar to power just that village, that would be community solar versus utility solar would be to dump power onto the grid writ large through a region.

[02:26:46] Something that affects us. I mean, it could be one solar facility on one farm that feeds three or four farms around it potentially, but something smaller scale like that. Okay. Fifteen seconds magically appeared here, so I'm going to take it. And then I just forgot what I was going to ask.

[02:27:01] Oh, if we pass motion 7 tonight, will that just get folded into the new work plan? Yes. So whenever the board makes motions in these interim periods, we take that guidance and fold it into the new work plan that gets brought back to you the next time.

[02:27:17] Okay. Thank you. Jenny, let's ensure that 15 seconds do not magically appear for Mr. Turner anymore. Thank you very much. Appreciate that. Mr. Kirshner? Thank you, Madam Chair. Welcome, Mr. Kirshner. I would like those extra 15 seconds.

[02:27:33] you can keep that magic um thank you folks for the presentation sorry i'm late um it's nice to be back after a couple months of campaigning that's always been i'm just saying um i have a question about the non-historic planning initiatives specifically the villages um i know that st louis has been moving along it looks like we're we're coming here completed estimation except spring of 2024. So that's right around the corner. Obviously, Lockett's does not have any sort of plan date.

[02:28:05] I'm assuming since you now completed the zoning ordinance rewrite, we're going to start getting dates for some of these others more quickly. Is that an accurate statement? Yes. In January, we anticipate bringing back a number of items that have been brought up over the past year, present to the board to see if you want to add them to the work plan and if you want to reprioritize anything okay so depending on what where that falls uh it'll be my recommendation coming back the next time maybe some of at that meeting but we'll just have to see how things play out um for what gets dates added to the okay so projects one of the things i would like to see

[02:28:42] happen if and i'm not sure how the best way to accommodate this is to see how quickly we can get or what the best process is to get the other villages uh in the county on the work plan i'm I'm sure we've

learned a lot through doing the St. Louis one and going to learn a lot more.

[02:28:59] So maybe we'll have a pretty strong template to work with some of the others. But do we need to do these one at a time? Can we do them as a cluster, a couple of groups at a time? I mean, it's just so important to preserving the history and the historic aspects of those villages. There's something that make our West really unique.

[02:29:16] So what would you like me to do and this board to do to try to get those on the plan and kind of move those along? you need anything from us or is that something you can add to kind of your recommendations when you come back or visit those as part of the recommendation process i'd be happy to bring back some recommendations in january looking at that because i've actually previously asked staff to take a look at the villages in the plan to try to prioritize them because of feedback we've been receiving both from the board and from individual community members asking about similar things okay so i'd be happy to bring that back in january for you that'd be great i'd appreciate that thank

[02:29:52] you okay miss class thank you madam chair I don't have any questions but I just want to thank planning and zoning for your continual artwork I know my office are we are in contact with you all the time so thank you for your work thank you mr. miss um stop thank you madam chair on the data center standards and location see Pam and so am and you're requesting combination into a a single project in the staff report you say the approach provides greater

[02:30:31] efficiency and that the CPAM provides adequate policy support do you believe the proposed schedule also gives the opportunity for more industry and public input than would other be otherwise be the case so I think we'll highlight this on the next item. I actually think, Ms. Umpstead, you're talking about the next item.

[02:30:59] No, actually I'm looking at item six, the staff report in item six. You want to answer it? Yes, I can. So from staff's perspective, we think that if there's one project that's containing all of these various components and conversations, it's more efficient to have potentially fewer meetings, but meetings that cover the gamut of the topics we're talking about with data centers from a policy and from a regulatory standpoint so that's why we're recommending one project that moves forward looking at everything instead of one for locations and then one or more separate that would look at standards and separate issues because I think

[02:31:38] especially given what we've the conversations we've had during the rewrite process it just needs to be a cohesive conversation to really understand where the county wants to be moving forward on that land use so primarily from your perspective it's it's a inefficiency move not necessarily a move to provide greater input opportunities from the public in the industry correct do you think it will reduce the in public and industry input opportunities no i think it

[02:32:13] will just avoid having to meet with the same people twice to talk about one set of topics in this meeting and a second sort of talk which can another meeting all right thank you mr. Sainz thank you madam chair so yeah we'll be kind of together six and seven a little bit here but for right now in six on the charts you have the data center location C-SPAM data center design center C-SPAM for winter 2025 spring of 2025 with the pending motion on seven if you combine everything and what would be the timeline just for for clarity because I didn't see it in six

[02:32:52] or seven explain what the timeline would be if seven so we think that if everything is combined that we could probably get everything done by the spring of 2025 so it would be a few months longer than item three in that table but it would when combining those two cpams and the zoam that it would only add maybe three months to the whole overall project be able to bring both a cpam and

[02:33:22] ZOAM forward for the Board's consideration. Okay. All right. Thank you. All right. Mr. Turner, would you like to make a motion? Thank you, Madam Chair. I move that the Board of Supervisors approve the current list of projects listed in Tables 1, 2, and 3 and respective project prioritizations on the Department of Planning and Zoning Work Plan as identified in the November 9th, 2023 Board of Supervisors Business Meeting Action Item. I second that. Would you like to have an opening?

[02:33:52] No opening. Okay. Anybody else? Mr. Kirchner. The only other thing I was going to say since we're within the motion here that I failed to ask. I don't know if we need some more historic planners, for example, to get some of these small towns or these villages underway, but it'd be great if we need them that we talk about that in the budget process as well.

[02:34:15] I know we have five vacancies right now. Is that what I read properly? Yes. Okay, so certainly we need to free some up or get them done. Happy to help in that regard. Thanks. I would simply say that I started working on the issue in St. Louis, I think in my last term is when I started working on the St. Louis issue.

[02:34:38] And it is taking a bit longer than I thought it would. So I'm just going to talk offline about why that is and what some of the, because is it on track or has this been delayed? It's roughly on track.

[02:34:54] Back two years ago when the project started, we were hoping to essentially have the board adopt it in February of this coming year. More than likely, it'll be a couple months after that, but it's not significantly. Okay, okay, it feels like longer. Okay, all right, thank you. Mr. Turner, would you like anything else?

[02:35:10] All in people can say aye. Opposed. That motion will pass 702. Thank you. Supervisors, I need to have just a point of, I guess it'd be a personal privilege point. When we were doing the legislation, not you guys are good.

[02:35:26] The legislative item, Mr. Turner did ask a question about the first responders, dispatchers, but we actually didn't put forward the language motion that we would want to put forward, which is to be able to allow the 911 operators to be considered for PTSD benefits.

[02:35:55] And that was actually the goal of that, and we didn't do it formally. There were questions asked, but we never actually put the motion forward. I had that motion. I just missed that one, and I apologize. So please know that that motion will also come to you in a straw poll vote so it can be included in the legislative item on December 2nd.

[02:36:17] And so I'll make the motion in a straw poll and send it out to everybody. Very possibly by Monday you'll get that in a straw poll. But that is what it's for if you feel like, if you want to call me or ask questions about that, I'm free to have that conversation and to have that discussion.

[02:36:36] Thank you. Madam Chair? Yes. One clarification. So if I understand, when I asked the question, what was the purpose of the change recommended by staff, the answer HR gave was generally when we add benefits, HR benefits, we do it on a database decision-making process.

[02:36:53] We don't have data to support adding PTSD for non-111 dispatchers. That's fine. We can discuss it in the room, but the straw poll vote will say, do you agree or not? Well, and I will put some information on there that data from fire and rescue and other sources has about that issue.

[02:37:13] So, thank you. Okay. So, we've been on the dais for a while now, and we do have two, we have three closed sessions. and what we will do is take a real quick break right now come back and read us in the closed sessions one and three go to those closed sessions come back have the last item and we'll come back to board comments do the last item and then go back in the closed session for closed session number two but let's first take about a 10 minute break because once you go into closed session we can't

[02:37:47] come back out of there so let's take a 10 minute break thank you supervisors vice chair of sayings

[02:49:30] made a suggestion he thought we should go in and do chapter number seven right now because why not So thank him, because, wow, I mean, he's a popular guy this very second.

[02:49:49] So we will do that right now. Is that why he's vice chair? Don't tell him that. Do not tell him that. Okay. Item seven.

[02:50:17] There is a presentation on it. It is seven slides long, and we absolutely do want it. Deviated version, if you'd like. No, I think we can have the whole presentation. It's only seven slides. Okay. Yeah. So real quick, I'm Pat Gillio, Project Manager for CPAM 2023-001 Data Center Locations.

[02:50:38] The purpose of the CPAM is to develop and consider potential revisions to the place-type maps within the Loudoun County 2019 General Plan to designate areas where data centers are appropriate. The draft project plan anticipates a 14-month period to complete the CPAM portion of the project based on the board's direction.

[02:50:59] However, as we discussed earlier, the staff item recommends a combination of both the CPAM and the proposed zoning ordinance amendment together in order to, so that they could be co-processed.

[02:51:18] So just for a little history, and I'm sure you're all aware of it, just but to refresh your memory, this item was first discussed by TLUC back in the spring of 2022. And as part of that, based on TLUC's recommendations, the board moved to move forward with the data center's design standards and location CPAM and ZOAM.

[02:51:41] What that entailed was the CPAM, once again, to evaluate and make recommendations for amendments to the boundaries of the place type maps in the 2019 general plan to identify and designate areas appropriate for data center uses. The ZOAM would implement the CPAM's locational restrictions on data centers and revise data center design and use standards for applicable zoning districts as necessary.

[02:52:03] The board also recommended that the ZOAM consider additional design standards for data centers adjacent to residential uses, as well as standards for environmental and energy sustainability. The board then, at the June 2023 business meeting, amended the Department of Planning and Zoning work plan to initiate the data center design location CPAM as a standalone project in advance of the future data center design and use standards ZOAM.

[02:52:29] Whoops, next slide.

[02:52:42] There we go. So, real quick, what we're looking at is directed by the board, the proposed ZOAM will eliminate the urban employment place type and designate the area as the urban transit center place

type, which does not permit data center uses.

[02:53:05] The CPAM will also evaluate and consider amendments to the place type boundaries for the suburban neighborhood, suburban compact neighborhood, and the suburban mixed-use place types in areas adjoining suburban employment place types where data centers are identified as a conditional use other factors such as proximity to high voltage electric transmission corridor corridors proximity to residential and noise sensitive uses and compatibility with adjacent residential and non-residential uses will be considered when recommending areas appropriate for data center uses and for context the map on your right and those in your packets

[02:53:45] depict the location of existing data centers and data centers in development that have been overlaid on the existing place types map for the urban and suburban area and portions of the Leesburg JLMA the hatched parcels on the map represent existing data centers and graphically depict areas where concentrations of data centers are present which within each place type this type of map mapping data will be created as part of the CPAM and will be used to evaluate current place type boundaries and identify appropriate locations for data center

[02:54:15] uses. So within your staff, within your item, staff has identified two items for board's consideration relating to the proposed CPAM. One, does the board wish to defer action on the standalone CPAM for data center locations until the adoption of the zoning ordinance rewrite and direct staff to return with a project plan for the combined data center and location CPAM and ZOAM. Staff anticipates that the combined CPAM and ZOAM will take 18 months to complete. And And then the second item, if the board wishes to move forward with the standalone CPAM for data center locations,

[02:54:55] are the mapping parameters as presented in the project plan comprehensive, or should other mapping parameters be considered when identifying the locations appropriate for data center uses and amending place type boundaries? So with that, staff is aware that board members have some concern about timelines associated with the proposed CPAM and future ZOAM, and is prepared to answer any questions at this point.

[02:55:24] Okay, you're done. Thank you. I do have some questions, but other people do, too. If you have questions, supervisors, please put your light on. Ms. Brixman. Thank you, Madam Chair. So in June, the goal was to accelerate the project by up to a year.

[02:55:41] That was our calculation. And what I'm hearing now is that it's been delayed six months because this project plan didn't come to us for six months. And so I feel like we're right back to where we were, square one.

[02:55:58] with this not getting completed till spring of 2025. And that would be combining the projects together again, even though the board gave direction in June to separate the projects.

[02:56:15] But we're being asked again tonight to vote on it again. It feels very much like Groundhog Day on collective bargaining. We had to give direction from this board on collective bargaining, I felt, like four times. So I'm going to be a little bit critical right now because I feel like, honestly, like I got rolled a little bit because i have a feeling the board tonight will vote to combine these together again and then we're back to not getting this complete till spring of 2025 can you please again go through the timeline of the timing that it would be complete if we did them separately and the timing

[02:56:51] that it would be complete i think you said eight months if we do motion one tonight so if they are done separately a cpam just on the locations and then a zoam that would take place after that cpam would each last approximately 15 months.

[02:57:10] Why we're recommending that they combine is because there are different conversations, potentially, if one is just about location and others are about matters of design, setbacks, things of that nature, the kind of stuff we've been talking about with the rewrite. By combining them, when we go out to the public, when we meet with the data center coalition, anyone that's having conversations about this, we can touch on all those topics at one meeting instead of just focusing on locations.

[02:57:34] Because there would be no reason for us as staff to talk about the other topics now when we're not going to touch them again for a year and a half or two years later so if it's if they're combined we think we can accomplish all of that in about 18 months which is only three months longer and part of the reason the cpm process has lengthened since we originally talked about this earlier in the year is that now hopefully it changes but right now we're still under the requirement for two public hearings which is not something that we originally anticipated and also i will say just say as the director i'm personally a little less certain of where the the board is going to come down on some of this than I thought I would be earlier on when we were

[02:58:10] talking about locations given the conversations we've had. I'm going to run out of time but I feel like we had this discussion in June and the discussion was that we are much more comfortable having at least the mapping project complete just like we had the general plan complete before we did the zoning so that we can send a signal as to where we want data centers located and where we don't want data centers located. And now staff is suggesting that we put them together again.

[02:58:37] I'm out of time. Thank you. Mr. Turner. Thank you, Madam Chair. My recollection was that TLUC reported out that we needed a CPAM for locations. We needed a CPAM for design standards, which Mr. Yudd felt we might be able to roll some of those into the zoning ordinance rewrite, which in fact we have done, and we needed a ZOAM. And it came out of TLUC as three separate items.

[02:59:02] The fact that they're still listed in the current DPZ work plan as separate items, to me, is an empirical evidence that it came out of TLUC as three separate items. What I felt we did in June was we said, but this item, mapping data centers, has to take priority.

[02:59:19] Let's do that first. And I, in a surprise, when I had a discussion, I said, the problem we've had for the last three years here, four years or five years, is that the comprehensive plan doesn't align with the underlying zoning. And therefore, if we remove the mapping first, we will get a new CPAM with a map that we can't enforce because the zoning doesn't match it.

[02:59:41] And the day after we had the discussion, and I voted to move the map into priority, the day after that board meeting, I met Mr. Yudd in the hallway upstairs and I said, Charles, I'm really stumped here. If we pass the CPAM, if we accelerate the CPAM, we're going to end up with another comprehensive plan that doesn't align with the underlying zoning and it doesn't accomplish what we're trying to accomplish.

[03:00:05] How do we do this? And that was the first time he said, the day after the June board meeting, he said, staff believes that the correct way to do all of this is to combine both CPAMs and the ZOAM into a single project, and it should not appreciably extend the time. And I said, I think that's the right way to go.

[03:00:22] I think that's the right idea. That's the way I remember this process. We can argue about how we got here, but that's how I remember the process. This, to me, is a classic case of we can do it fast or we can do it right. This is the right way to do it. This keeps us in alignment, and what comes out the other end is a comprehensive solution to the problem. And I will say candidly, since it was my motion in the Zohr process, I believe that making OP parcels for data centers, specs, has given us the ability to slow the process down until this process kicks in and is a

[03:00:58] comprehensive solution to the management issues that we're facing with data center growth in the county. So the combination of the specs, and I know that's a horribly unpopular among the data centers, I get that. My staff has done an inventory. All the OP parcels left undeveloped in Loudoun County are sitting next to residential neighborhoods, and this board does not want data centers next to residential neighborhoods. So the combination of the OP specs and this initiative right here, I think finally gets managerial control back into the hand of the Board of Supervisors in an explosive growth business environment, which is no one's fault.

[03:01:33] I don't blame the data centers for that. They're doing their job. But this board has a right to manage growth and land use in this county, and I think this will do it. Thank you. Thank you. Keep me off the clock for a second. I see you.

[03:01:48] Do you just want to, I think it's important that the staff has an opportunity to respond to what Ms. Brickson said. Do you believe her analogy is correct? And if so, do you want to say why this is back?

[03:02:08] I just want to give you all the opportunity. Well, the item is back because even when the board made its last motion, we still said that we needed to bring a project plan forward. As you all know, we've been very busy with a number of things that you all see on all of your agendas, and this was the earliest that we thought we could bring it back to you, given where the department is on all sorts of topics and projects.

[03:02:29] The fundamental reason that staff believes combining these and looking at everything holistically is more efficient are mainly for two reasons. One is that there have been a number of times, including on the zoning ordinance rewrite, where we've ended up with a desire to regulate something when there's no underlying policy for it.

[03:02:47] So especially when it comes to matters of design and other site-specific things that are not purely the place-type maps in the plan, we need that policy guidance to go hand in hand with the resolution of intent to amend or the ultimate zoning ordinance amendment that will be brought before you.

[03:03:05] And the second, as I alluded to earlier, is that if these are two separate topics and the first project is purely about location and not about design and other matters, we will not have those discussions during the locations portion of this. There's no reason to because it's just going to be something that gets set in a drawer for a year and a half until the next part of the project comes back up.

[03:03:24] So just point of order, I don't remember the exact verbiage of Ms. Brickson's motion, and I'm not taking a position here one way or another by no means. But depending on what that said, this might require a reconsideration motion.

[03:03:43] If the verbiage was to do exactly the opposite of what we're trying to do now, it actually might require a reconsideration motion. So if anyone has that verbiage, I wouldn't mind seeing it. And again, I'm

not taking a position. I'm just trying to do things correctly.

[03:04:00] Do you have the motion? I can get it. The motion is actually the supervisor Brisbane's verb motion is motion number two in this item. So staff has done what we were directed to do.

[03:04:18] We came back with a project plan that implements Supervisor Brisman's motion, and that is motion number two. Correct me if I'm wrong. But what you say is to affirm it, meaning that it's already been done once? So the direction was to go ahead and prepare the project plan that implements the CPAM, which is what we, as Mr. Brisman said earlier, which is what we always needed.

[03:04:44] So we're not affirming a motion. We're affirming the project plan. That is correct. So the project plan is here. The board can proceed as Supervisor Brisman's motion had directed. The concern that staff has indicated, though, which is...

[03:04:59] I understand exactly what staff is saying. I just want to be in order. That's all. I just want to be in order. If we needed to do a reconsideration to set a motion aside that we've already passed, we need to do that or do something but so before we pass a motion that was in conflict of a motion that's passed already i'm i'm not i just want to be in order that's all um mr saints well thank you madam chair um so question kind of going back to item number six that we just voted on and because you're saying earlier ask the question what's the timeline if we combine the two items for the data centers you said what instead of winter 2025 well you said spring of 2025 if you combine the both

[03:05:39] of them, correct? Correct. So in the previous vote for item six, the community plan initiative work plan, we have St. Louis purchase development rights, then it's listed data center locations, data center design as three and four. If we were to go back, change that to drop purchase of development rights down and move these up, and still vote to combine the two with that, move it up to somehow to get to spring of 2024 taking the place of the purchase of development rights program in the timeline or no then we would have due reconsideration in the last motion

[03:06:16] i don't think so because it's it may only be the different staff work on each of those two different projects there's not much overlap if any between the purchase development rights and the data center projects but if we're giving you direction to not have purchase development rights as priority number two but use the data centers as priority two that wouldn't speed up the timeline at all no i mean the motion made tonight we would start working with it for for motion two and depending on y'all's guidance tonight even with motion one if y'all decide to combine it we could start working from there now as well it's not i don't think reprioritizing it we're at the

[03:06:53] point where we're ready to start one way or the other essentially the difference in these two in these two timelines is three months yes we believe so we hope so more or less three months yes okay um and i should and i can add if because i believe the supervisor bristman part of her concern is specific to the map even if we combine the projects there's nothing saying we can't bring the map to you earlier instead of bringing it to you as an entire package it might extend the overall project a bit because it just takes time to process items that go to the commission and the board but if the board wants to still see that earlier i still think there's efficiencies gained

[03:07:32] by adding them together where we can have those larger conversations at once but bring the maps to you earlier in the process than we might have otherwise considered previously okay um I'm trying to decide who's making this motion here because supervisors, there are, and supervisors Brixman and

Turner have every right to make one of the motions, to be quite honest, because they have competing motions.

[03:08:10] I'm going to give it, just because he's chair of TLUC and it's kind of a TLUC motion, I'm going to give them a motion to Supervisor Turner first, and then we'll go from there. just because he was in TLEC first. However, I'm also going to give Ms. Briggsman, because I do think either one of them could, I'm going to give her an opening and a closing, just like I would give him an opening and a closing on the motion.

[03:08:35] So, Mr. Turner. Thank you, Madam Chair. I move that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to defer the data center location CPAM until the zoning ordinance rewrite project is complete. A new zoning ordinance is adopted, and the data center design standards and location CPAM and zoning process can proceed concurrently.

[03:08:53] I further move that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to return to the Board with a project plan for the Design Center's standards and location CPAM and zoning project within 60 days of the adoption of the new zoning ordinance. Motion's made. And secondly, Ms. Supervisor Glass, discussion on the motion.

[03:09:11] First, Mr. Turner and then Ms. Bricksman, and then we'll go back to both of you for closing. Thank you, Madam Chair. We didn't actually get into a discussion about the mapping parameters. I think the mapping parameters are great. The one suggestion I had is if, I don't know if we have the capacity to do that, but when we build the map, if we could make a red line border on the parcel anywhere it touches a residential neighborhood so you can see that the map says this is the data center map and these are where they can go, but these red lines indicate where it abuts or is adjacent to a residential area, that would be a really helpful visual on the map.

[03:09:45] That's just a suggestion. We've already talked about why I think this is probably a better approach, But that's it. Okay. Ms. Brixman. Thank you, Madam Chair. If I might ask staff, isn't it true that when I first brought this motion in June that it was predicted that this could have accelerated the project anywhere between 9 and 12 months?

[03:10:08] And now you're saying if we separate them, it would only accelerate the project three months? Yes, ma'am. So the fact that we lost six months, basically, and staff didn't bring back the project plan, we're pretty much at even.

[03:10:26] It's only going to save us six months if we do the mapping first. The reason why I would have sped things up even greater back then was that we still had six more months of the rewrite to get through. And now we're essentially done with that project. So we have greater capacity across the department to work on this project and others as well.

[03:10:42] Okay. I mean, part of it, we had this entire discussion at the June meeting. And one of the arguments to do the mapping first was to accelerate it by up to a year. It might have been done as early as spring of 2024.

[03:11:02] Secondly, we have been living for four years with a general plan that doesn't align with our zoning ordinance, but we've been making decisions based on the general plan policy. It hasn't been that difficult. It's been a little bit difficult, but once we've figured it out that we're going to have our policy guide us, We made those decisions based basically on the general plan.

[03:11:26] So I don't think that it's a huge problem to do that in this case just for another year. I will probably be voting no on this motion. And I will say again, the fact that we even have motion one in here, I don't think it's right. Because we already voted on this in June.

[03:11:43] Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you. Ms. Umstead. Thank you, Madam Chair. I'll support staff's recommendation on this. and Supervisor Turner's motion, even though I have serious doubts about where we're going in relation to data centers, I would just say one further thing, that a lot of the conflict that has been created has been because we have rezoned commercial land to residential and put residential next to areas that by right could go data center.

[03:12:22] And I would hope in the future we won't approve any more residential in close proximity to data centers and that we won't Rezone any commercial land to residential, but I will support the motion. Thank you. I'm Mr. Saints, thank you all right again for the record staff which motion would get us there faster well partly depends on which there you're talking about Which motion one or two motion one should would get you all the way through adoption of regulations faster

[03:13:01] Okay, all right, and then I'll just also say if there's any opportunities Depending on how the vote goes with this up with this item There's any expediciencies or efficiencies that you see as you're doing a review and analysis There's any way you can move things faster. Please. Please do so. Absolutely. Always. Thank you. Okay um

[03:13:34] Ms. Bricksman, so are you in respectful disagreement of Mr. Hempstreet's characterization of what your motion was? Because if it is how he characterizes it, that's your memory also.

[03:13:52] Then the staff is actually doing what was called for. Motion number two is doing exactly what was called for. Bringing motion number one is re-litigating what we already did in the June meeting when staff was saying the exact same thing.

[03:14:15] Staff was recommending in the June meeting that we keep them together. Yes, they were. No, they were recommending in the June meeting that we keep them together. Ms. Brickspin, my question has been asked and answered. Thank you. Ms. Brickspin, would you like to do a closing? No, Madam Chair, I'm fine.

[03:14:31] You sure? You know what? I just don't even know what to say without, you know. Okay. I, I'm very unhappy that motion number one is even in here because board gave direction in June to do a project plan to do a CPAM first.

[03:14:49] And that was supposed to save us nine months to a year on this entire project. But because the project plan is coming back six months later, it's not going to save us that much time. It might save us three months. So I just feel like the only way to get it back on track the way that we had decided in June is to re-discuss all the things that we already discussed in June when this board voted to do the CPAM first.

[03:15:20] That was board direction. Do the CPAM first, come back to us with a project plan. But I suppose since it didn't give a parameter on how many days to come back with the project plan or direction that we would absolutely do it first.

[03:15:35] that gave staff a window to come back and make the recommendation again to put them together. Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Turner, would you like a closing? I'll thank you, Madam Chair.

Obviously, I disagree with Supervisor Brissett on a couple of points. First is, the vote in June did not have combined, the two CPAMs and the ZOM were not combined.

[03:15:56] There were three separate items. The vote said, of these three separate items and three separate progressing tracks, we want to make this one the first one. That's what we said, which is why I had the conversation with Mr. Yud the next day. This motion simply says we approve the CPAM for the mapping as one of three separate projects in priority.

[03:16:20] This is a completely different motion. It says rather than do that, let's combine the motions. This is the first time there has been a motion to combine the motions. That's why it's a separate motion. Frankly, I firmly believe it's the right way to do it.

[03:16:37] And I would be more than happy to cede authorship of the first motion to Supervisor Briskman so she makes the motion. If she would like to do that, I'm more than happy to do that because all I want to do is get it done the right way. And I think this is the right way to do it. I had another point there, but I can't remember it.

[03:16:55] In any event, I really believe this is the right way to do it. I believe they are fundamentally different motions. And that's all I have. Thank you. Thank you. Okay, the motion was made by Supervisor Turner and seconded by Supervisor Glass, and it is motion number one.

[03:17:15] All the people who say aye, oppose, and I am going to abstain on this one. So that motion will pass, what is that, 5-1-2? No, 6-1-2. 6-1-2. That motion will pass 6-1-2. 5-6. No, no. 6-7. 2-1-0. 5-1-2. No, no.

[03:17:45] 5-1-1-2. It's 6-1-2. Oh, 2 EPSON. 5-1-1-2. 5-1-1-2. Okay, that is, that's a goal of, it's like, it's like 40 degrees on this day, and it took every single one of them to get there.

[03:18:07] All right, so that's the motion, and that's it. Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Supervisors, let's go ahead and do board comments, and then we can, when we go to closed session, we're in closed session. So, board comments. Supervisor Umstop. I have one disclosure. I had a meeting on October 19th on the Belmont Innovation Campus

[03:18:41] with Aaron Swishelm, Ron Meyer, Matt Leslie, Todd Aaron, Dave Fiedler, Joe Livesey, Scott Gross, and Eric Siegel. For board comments, not everybody understands what the issue that some members of the Jewish community have brought forward to me, which is that the phrase, from the river to the

[03:19:16] sea, is interpreted by many members of the Jewish community to be a call for the extermination of all Jews in Israel. That phrase was used on a poster that appeared on the wall of one of the high schools advocating for a rally. This has been very disturbing to members, maybe not all, but some members of the Jewish community, because it appeared that the public school system was advocating for that position.

[03:19:55] It is quite possible if someone is not Jewish, they may not understand the significance of that phrase to members of the Jewish community, but I would ask that that phrase not be used because of the violence that it promotes in the minds of many Jewish people.

[03:20:25] And so I just hope the school system will educate itself as to all kinds of prejudice that exist and can exist in this county or anywhere in the world.

[03:20:42] And be mindful that a lot of people, including Jewish students in our schools, may feel some sense of terror at a phrase that advocates their destruction. Thank you.

[03:20:58] Thank you. Ms. Glass? Thank you, Madam Chair. I have a few disclosures. On Wednesday, October 18th, I met with representatives from Van Meter to discuss Broadland's Section 104 application. On Tuesday, October 24th, my staff met with representatives from Washakaluchi to discuss the Lansdowne Boulevard rezoning application.

[03:21:22] On Monday, November 6th, my staff met with representatives from DLA Piper to discuss the Loudoun Station application. and with representatives from Cooley to discuss Cascades Marketplace application. And I just want to thank voters of the Broad Run District for allowing me the opportunity to continue to serve you for another four years and for trusting me with this position.

[03:21:45] It's an incredible honor, and I look forward to continuing to work for the people of the district and build a better Broad Run for all. Thank you. Thank you. Ms. Bricksman. Thank you, Madam Chair.

[03:22:03] By way of disclosures, on October 26th, I had a meeting with Walsh Colucci and the applicant about Dogwood Farm Station on 1024. My staff had a meeting with Walsh Colucci and the applicant on Lansdowne Boulevard rezoning on 1018.

[03:22:19] My staff attended a community meeting held by the applicant for Dogwood Farm Station. And on 1017, we had a meeting with Cascades Marketplace applicant. Right out of college, I took an internship, a journalism internship, with the Council on U.S. and Arab Relations.

[03:22:38] I worked first in Kuwait for an English-speaking newspaper, and I rented an apartment from a Palestinian woman. So I heard many stories and learned a lot about their experience. I finished that internship in Dubai, where I also heard a lot of, learned a lot about our Arab brothers and sisters, our Muslim brothers and sisters.

[03:23:06] I came home, fast forward a number of years, I married into a Jewish family, and I heard their stories. And when I, unbeknownst to me, suddenly had my profile raised nationally, I was the recipient of anti-Semitic slurs, threats, and hate speech toward me on social media and actually in physical letters that came to my house.

[03:23:33] I feel that this gives me a unique experience on this situation. Our community is in pain, deep pain. Knocking doors, I learned about families that had lost family members.

[03:23:55] Visiting the Adams Center, I learned about one man who has lost 35 family members now. And I heard on the news today that 10,000 Palestinians have perished. Nobody deserves to live under the threat of terrorism in their homeland.

[03:24:16] and nobody deserves to be bombed because a certain group of people are conducting terrorism. Hate breeds hate. Hate speech breeds violence, which is what I learned when I worked with the Anti-Defamation League and NAACP to hold a town hall on hate. Hate speech breeds violence,

[03:24:44] and an eye for an eye makes us all blind. Madam Chair, according to the Gun Violence archive. So far this year, we have had 597 mass shootings, nearly 50 mass shootings since the last board business meeting on October 17th. There have been 36,904 total gun deaths. There have been 16,246 that were homicide, murder, or unintended. 20,658 were suicide. These deaths included 256 children

[03:25:22] under the age of 11, and 1,221 teens ages 12 to 17. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you. Mr. Kirshner. Thank you, Madam Chair. First of all, disclosures, October 23rd, I met with Jason Hobie and Benjamin Lay about the Goose Creek Waterfall Habitat.

[03:25:39] A couple things on the news in Kontocton. The George C. Marshall International Center is holding their annual Veterans Day commemoration on November 11th at 11.30 a.m. The commemoration is free and open to the public. It is co-hosted by the Marshall Center, the Town of Leesburg, and Loudoun County, and will be held on the grounds of the Manor House.

[03:26:00] They're the Dona Manor House. The Town of Lovettsville is holding their Catoctin Holiday Art Tour this weekend, November 11th and 12th, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can come and visit 24 local artists at Nine Studios, who offer everything from jewelry and metalsmithing to photography and sculptures.

[03:26:22] I want to thank Supervisor Umstead for her words. I agree. This sort of speech, which is literally in the Hamas charter, which is from the river to the sea, to deal with, to completely eradicate the nation of Israel, has no place in our Loudoun County schools.

[03:26:40] And our Loudoun County schools should find it, hunt it down, and stamp it out and make sure it doesn't happen again. This is not the kind of thing that should ever happen in our communities whatsoever. And we as leaders here should stand up and say, this is not right. This should be eliminated. And there are many complicating issues about all of this, but that is something that should never be tolerated.

[03:27:00] I just want to finally also congratulate all of the fellow supervisors sitting up here. I think we're all returning, plus Supervisor Letourneau. So apparently we've been serving our districts pretty well, or at least the people think we are. And I'm a little upset with Supervisor Umstead.

[03:27:17] She got more votes than me and a little upset at Supervisor Letourneau because he beat me by two additional percentage points. But otherwise, I'm very, very happy to be here. Thank you very much, and well-hard-fought elections by all of you. Thank you.

[03:27:34] Mr. Turner. Thank you, Madam Chair. I, too, want to thank all of my constituents for seeing fit to put me in office again. It was a great honor, and it continues to be. On Wednesday, October 18th, my staff spoke with Conn Gillis to discuss the Arcola Forum's land application.

[03:27:51] On Friday, October 20th, I met with Conn Gillis and Ben Wills with Cooley and Angela Rassus from Toll Brothers to discuss the Arcola Farms land application. On Wednesday, October 25th, I met with Denise Harover and Roy Barnett from Van Meter to discuss the land application for Broadland Section 104. On Thursday, November 9th, my staff spoke with Aaron Swishelm about the Lansdowne Boulevard land application.

[03:28:13] Saturday is Veterans Day, and I'm trying to think of something that would be appropriate. On the way over here, or during the day, I heard the news reports today of multiple instances in Fulton County, Georgia, where someone has mailed them powdered fentanyl, which is basically deadly.

[03:28:32] Over the past week, that has happened in Washington, Oregon, and I believe Minnesota. Our electoral process has been under attack since January 6th. The image of an ignorant thug, insurrectionist, beating a Capitol Police officer with an American flag on its staff during that riot, that insurrection, will be forever etched in my mind.

[03:28:59] I heard driving here tonight a story of a woman who worked in an election office whose dogs were poisoned as retribution for her work on the election board. If anybody ever poisoned my dog, I would be in jail, not on the board.

[03:29:15] And it is disgraceful what is going on in this country right now and the attack on our democracy. So this Veterans Day, it would be well for all of us to remember that every single day, men and women, brothers and sisters, fathers and daughters, and sons and fathers and mothers and sons and daughters put on the cloth of this nation and they go to work and they put themselves in harm's way or they directly support people who put themselves in harm's way.

[03:29:45] That's what we need to remember on Veterans Day, and I thought Lincoln captured it pretty well in the Gettysburg Address, so I'd like to read that. It's only a couple of minutes. Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

[03:30:04] Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live.

[03:30:21] It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this, but in a larger sense. We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men living and dead who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or to attract.

[03:30:37] The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced.

[03:30:54] It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task of remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion, that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from this earth.

[03:31:20] Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Sains. All right, thank you. I would just say mandatory disclosures. October 20th, my staff met with the applicants for the Atlantic Boulevard, application that's coming in front of the board at some point in the new term November 6th my staff met with the Downs Park applicant and again they'll be coming in front of us I believe if it's not December will be in the new

[03:31:58] board term as always thank you to those who came out to speak to us this evening about the issues that mattered near and dear to your heart because again as As I always say, you can be anywhere and everywhere, but you chose to be here with us to say your piece.

[03:32:14] So I really appreciate that. And I am honored to be returning for another board term, and I'll say some more about that down the road. But in closing, I'll just, well, before I close, I'll also remind everybody, as in the state of tomorrow's Veterans Day, I know the George C. Marshall International Center right across the street here, they'll be having their annual program.

[03:32:42] actually be on Saturday. It'll be Saturday, November 11th from 10.15 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. at the Dorsey Marshall Center, which was his house here in Loudoun. And then they'll open it up for free tours

after the ceremony.

[03:32:58] So if you've never been to that ceremony, I invite you to definitely come out. It's a pretty moving ceremony. They get to sing all the different anthems to our different branches. So you'll hear Mr. Turner, if he's there, sing the Air Force. sing for air force anthem and it's quite a quite a scene to behold so um i plan on being there and uh and then i'll just close with everything that's going on in the world right now just remind everybody if we all live and hold true to the to the golden rule treat others as you want

[03:33:34] somebody to treat your family your mother your father your sister your brother uh and your cousin auntie, uncle, and everybody else, this world be a better place and encourage everybody to treat others as you want somebody to treat your own family member. Thank you. Thank you. My staff met with Aaron Swisholm and Ron Meyer on Belmont Innovation on 1030, and I spoke to Ron Meyer on Belmont Innovation. I agree that from the river to the sea is a horrible statement, and I don't think most people know what it means. And I think instead of calling people anti-Semitic and other

[03:34:13] names, what we could do was try to educate instead of jumping to the conclusion that somebody is trying to hate. It's an opportunity to educate. I just was attacked for something that I didn't even, that wasn't even true. And possibly the attacks don't, do not help. I just want to talk a little bit about this past term, which has been real interesting. We've had a hundred year pandemic, we've had a long overdue reckoning on racial justice, and we had an economic downturn over the past four years. Over the past four years, Karan got married and had a beautiful

[03:34:46] little boy that looks exactly like him. Tony got married, now the father of six. Caleb had three children during this one term. They gave one back to God, and they have two little boys. Julie fought cancer, and she beat it.

[03:35:04] Matt Letourne went to the emergency room only three times, which is really amazing for Matt because he's always in the emergency room. Sylvia lost a nephew. Sylvia Letourne went to the 50th anniversary of his graduation from the Air Force Academy and gave a major speech to his companion class.

[03:35:22] And I had to, recently my aunt passed away, my aunt who's like a sister. This board is not just a collection of people, And with one exception, we have all been part of the ups and downs and blessings and challenges of one another.

[03:35:39] We've all been part of the highs and lows of one another's lives. With one exception, we've attended birthday parties and funerals. We ring the bell with Julie just not so long ago for her cancer. We call each other to check on the health, the mental health, and the well-being of one another, with one exception.

[03:36:01] We clearly don't always agree, and we shouldn't always agree, but we haven't gone out to hurt one another with one exception. We have not lied on each other. We try usually to call one another to talk about things that are bothering us or to say what we think or feel, to get some facts before we go out to try to hurt one another, and we certainly haven't done anything with one exception to put the rest of our board literally at physical risk and their families at greater risk

[03:36:36] we have cared for one another on this board at least eight of us have in a way that you don't see very often on a board that is a political board and that is physically divided so to my colleagues and with one exception I will say to you that I look forward to spending the next four years with you to serving with

you and I congratulate you all on your reelection thank you supervisors we're going to read in the closed session now Mr. Sands we've reached in closed session yes ma'am I move I'm going to read

[03:37:14] closed session one two and three I move that the Board of Supervisors recess this public meeting and enter in the closed session pursuant to section 2.2 - 37 11 a 5 code of Virginia to discuss prospective businesses business or industry where no previous announcement has been made in the sterling election district I move that the board supervisors recesses public meeting and enter in the closed session pursuant to section 2.2 - 3711 a 8 and 829 on the Code of Virginia to consult with legal counsel pertaining to the negotiation of collective bargaining agreement where public funds are being expanded and were negotiations and open the sessions would adversely affect the bargaining

[03:37:51] position of the county I move that the board of supervisors recesses public meeting and entered a closed session pursuant to section 2.2-3711A3 of the Code of Virginia to consider acquisition of a parcel of parcels of property in the 2011 conducting election district in the 2022 Leesburg Election District.

[03:38:12] Motion is made and second. Supervisor Sainz, question on the motion. Supervisor Bixby, I'm sorry. Seeing none, all of the people who say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Madam Chair, number three should be acquisition disposition of property as well. I don't think disposition is in the motion.

[03:38:28] and disposition should be in number three as well okay yeah all right anybody opposed that motion will pass 7-0-2 and I think the staff saw our staff's all

[03:38:41] leaving looks about steps all leaving not you thank you all right we are back

[05:15:08] and mr. Sains will you please read us out of closed session I move that the closed session be adjourned that the board of supervisors reconvene its public meeting that the minutes of the public meeting should reflect that no formal action was taken in public session and further move that the Resolution certifying the closed session should be adopted and reflected in the minutes of this public meeting.

[05:15:24] Motion's made and seconded by Supervisor Brixman. Discussion on the motion. Seeing none, all people who say aye. Aye. Any opposed, that motion will pass 702. There's a motion to be made by Mr. Kirshner. Mr. Kirshner. I'm sorry, affirm. Affirm.

[05:15:41] Affirmed. I affirm as well. Mr. Kirshner. Thank you, Madam Chair. I have a motion we discussed in closed session. I move the Board of Supervisors, direct staff, to advertise for the December 13, 2023 board public hearing for sale of county-owned property totaling 3.16 acres and identified as PINS 192-16-3634 and 192-16-8342, located in the Leesburg Election District.

[05:16:11] In addition, the vacation of the 13-foot-wide right-of-way serving the county-owned property will also be heard during the December 13, 2023 public hearing. Motion is made and seconded by Supervisor Umstok. Discussion on that motion?

[05:16:28] No discussion, Madam Chair. Anybody else? All people say aye. Any opposed? That motion will pass 702, and we are adjourned.



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