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[00:06:38] Well, good evening, supervisors. Good evening, staff.

[00:07:02] Good evening, Loudoun. I'd like to call to order the December 19th, 2023, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Business Meeting. 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. Tonight, for the words of inspiration, all I will do is offer a thank you as we come to or are now at our last meeting for the term.

[00:07:25] I want to say thank you, especially to the staff that I believe is one of the best staffs in all of America, to be honest, and all the work we've done over the past four years. If you just think about the past four years, we have dealt with a lot. A hundred-year pandemic, an economic downturn, what I consider was a long-overdue reckoning on racial justice in America, and an insurrection, all in the past four years.

[00:07:52] It's been quite the heavy lift four years, and the staff has done a remarkable job. I also want to thank every citizen for all the feedback you've given us. Sometimes the feedback is things we want to hear, and sometimes it's not. But that is how a representative democracy works, is we hear from the people at all times.

[00:08:10] And so to all the staff and to all the constituents, to all the citizens, we thank you very much for all the tireless work you put in for this year. Having said that, would everyone please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance? I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

[00:08:41] What is happening down here? Well, Koran had hand movements. Supervisors had hand movements this time. Supervisors, let me find it so you know what I'm going to add and read. Just give me a second.

[00:08:59] Supervisors, without objection, I'm going to add item number six to the agenda. It is a potential mediation of Leesburg annexation claims to the agenda. You received this last night.

[00:09:17] And so I want to make sure that you know that only part of this motion will be read tonight. The part of the motion that will be read is the, so just so you know what I'm adding, I move the Board of Supervisors, authorize the county attorney and the county administrator to engage in mediation on the issue raised by the September 28th, 2022.

[00:09:38] Notice of intention to petition for annexation of territory in the county of Loudoun, now pending before the commission and local government. That is the part of the motion, and not only is the part of the motion, that I will be adding to the agenda tonight.

[00:09:54] There is also a request for an addition to the agenda from Mr. Sains for the December 5th Board Business Meeting Item 6I, the Muddy Branch Flooding Study. So those two things are without objection addition to the agenda.

[00:10:13] Mr. Sains, did I get that correct? Yes, Madam Chair. All right. Mr. Rogers, is there any, do you have any issue with adding now number six to the consent agenda? No, Madam Chair. Okay, wonderful. All right. Supervisors, the consent agenda then will be as follows.

[00:10:32] Item one, resolution of appreciation for the 2020 through 2023 Loudoun County Planning Commission. Item 3, item R3, resolution to the Board of Supervisors to honor the life and service of Mr. Charles D. Charlie Grant. Item 4, resolution to honor the service of outgoing Blue Ridge District Supervisor Tony Buffington.

[00:10:54] That's for approval and presentation. Item 6 is the potential mediation of Leesburg annexation claims. Item 1A, appointments and confirmations. Item two, the AIR report of December 19th, 2023.

[00:11:10] Item three, contract award, general purpose information, technology, products, and services. Item four, award authority, increased public safety video surveillance solutions with related equipment, software, and accessories. Item five, changes to the 2023 county holiday schedule.

[00:11:28] I think that might be all. That's all. That is all. I will make a motion to approve the consent agenda. Is there a second? Motion made and seconded by the Sains. Discussion on the consent agenda. Ms. Umstead. Madam Chair, I just forwarded an email from Mayor Burke on item 6 to Leo and the board's generic address and to Tim.

[00:11:54] And it is very short, and I'd be happy to read it. Does it impact item number 6? I would like to get a reading from the county attorney as to whether it does or not. I'm hoping it does not. Okay. So from Mayor Burke, would you reiterate that the town does not consent to a delay to the currently scheduled hearing?

[00:12:17] And in addition, both town and commission staff do not agree that there are any legal bases for the county to unilaterally delay by doing the mediation. In other words, we are not willing to delay the already set hearing date and have researched that there is no legal reason to do so.

[00:12:37] We do agree to have a mediation procedure, but not delay the already set hearing in March. Mr. Rogers? The action the board's taking tonight will not cause a delay in the hearing.

[00:12:54] We are requesting a delay in the hearing and say that the commission does have that ability. but that is not the action taken tonight if you agree to the mediation i believe it'll happen as quickly as the second week in january thank you all right any discussion on the motion miss brixbyn will not be joining us tonight um so um she she offers her her apologies and especially to you mr buffington she offers her apologies for not being here tonight

[00:13:23] all in favor please say aye any opposed that motion will pass 801 um organizational updates The only one I have is the one from NVTa, and in addition to doing our ledge agenda in NVTa, which part of the ledge agenda for NVTa is to ask of two things for the General Assembly, one to return the \$32 million that is still setting out from the 2018 legislation

[00:14:02] that had a taking from NVTa and to not take any more money from NVTa. Of course, there was, and there has been, I think for every regional body, a long discussion about metro and metro funding and the metro funding shortfall and all that can be done, but we do not believe in NVTa that it is appropriate to take more money out of that to cover the metro funding shortfall.

[00:14:28] And I don't believe that's a plan right now, but I just want to say that was the discussion we had. So that was the only regional discussion besides NACO that I had this time. But I do have a fantastic voice for a cause.

[00:14:44] My voice for a cause today is A View from Heaven Farm. Our View from Heaven Farm is a nonprofit that provides meaningful employment to people of different mental and physical abilities, pay a living wage, and grows food using an environmentally sustainable process.

[00:15:03] The head of Our View from Heaven Farm is Mary Sue Conaway, who's going to come to the podium right now. Good evening, Ms. Conaway. How are you doing? Good evening. Thank you for the invitation to join you this evening.

[00:15:19] Sure. Would you tell me what inspired you to start this organization? It was our son, Thomas, who started our inspiration. He's a special needs adult now, graduated from Loudoun Valley High School. And what we noticed when he graduated was a lot of his friends who were also special needs didn't have a place to go.

[00:15:39] They were interested in doing things. They liked being outside, but they didn't really have that place to be, so to speak. And our daughter is a master gardener, and she loves farming. And so we said, hmm, maybe we should put together a nonprofit, which is what we did. And it was approved in November of 2020, and this is our second year of having employees on the farm.

[00:16:03] And how many residents do you believe have benefited from the services that you provide? That's a good question. We have 20 employees at this point, but we also have touched lives because we have programs that work with the high school, the CAST program out of Woodgrove sends us individuals.

[00:16:22] We've had other individuals come and visit. So we've been able to touch a lot of people, not all of whom became employees. But your employees are people who have differing needs. They have all differing needs, whether it's neurodiverse, physical, disability, some emotional.

[00:16:38] It's a whole range of disabilities. If people want to get involved with A View from Heaven's Farm, how can they learn more and get involved? I would suggest that they start by looking at our website, viewofheavenfarm.org. That will give you a lot more background about what we do, how we do sustainable farming, how we have now got a hydroponic greenhouse going in a bakery along with dirt farming.

[00:17:01] And you can see there, you can subscribe, and you'll get access to our blog and to e-mails. Wow, and especially the hydroponic farm. I think the farming of the future has to be vertical and in water, so that's impressive. And are there any upcoming events or programs you'd like us to know about?

[00:17:20] Well, like most farms, the farm market ended last Saturday. It's Christmas time. We sold a lot of cookies, but the hydroponics is going to give us the opportunity to work year-round. And that means that after Christmas, what we will do is start offering things online. You can order, pre-order, and then have a pickup at our farm market, which is in Percival in front of the old Valley Energy Building.

[00:17:42] Would you please give your contact information that people do want to order? That, again, it's going to be through the website. It'll all be published there. And when you subscribe, you get the e-mails, and all the information will go in the e-mails. And what's the website address? Viewofheavenfarm.org.

[00:17:58] Viewofheavenfarm.org. Yes, ma'am. Especially this time of the year, what you're doing is so amazing. And, you know, we don't quite know yet why there are people with differing abilities do better when their hands are in the dirt, so to speak. But we do know that's actually true.

[00:18:13] And so it's so important that you're doing this right now. Thank you. We really enjoy working with this group. And one of the things we really enjoy is seeing how happy parents are because they're – children's probably the wrong word because they're not children. Young adults.

[00:18:28] and sons, yes. Young adults, sons and daughters are smiling and they're happy to be there. We're happy to have them. Ms. Conaway, I don't allow clapping very much in the boardroom, but I always do for cost, so thank you very much for what you're doing. Thank you.

[00:18:46] Thank you very much for having me. Mr. Hemstreet, do you have any comments this evening? Thank you, Chair Randall. I actually have five comments for this evening. The first is that, as you know, board members, the county has published the fiscal year 2024 program review, which is a comprehensive inventory and description of Loudoun County government programs, activities, and services with supporting performance measures.

[00:19:11] The program review also uses the concept of service levels to describe the commitment we make to the community to deliver services and programs at a certain level and a certain quality. I would encourage anyone interested in knowing more about their county government to read the document, which is available at loudoun.gov/slash/program-review. Second, to improve service for Loudoun transit riders. Loudoun County is adjusting schedules on 20 local bus routes that serve the Silver Line Metrorail stations in Loudoun and Fairfax counties. The new schedules are aimed at reducing wait times to better serve riders who need to make connections at the metro stations.

[00:19:46] The changes take effect January 2nd. All the details are online at [loudoun.gov slash bus changes](https://loudoun.gov/bus-changes). Third, Loudoun fire officials would like to remind everyone that holiday decorations can significantly increase the risk of fire in your home. Misuse of candles is a major cause of fires.

[00:20:06] In fact, December is the peak time of year for home candle fires. Fire officials ask that you candle with care by keeping lighted candles away from anything that can burn and never leave a lighted candle unattended. Fourth, holiday shoppers can plan to take Loudoun home for the holidays as part of the Department of Economic Development's Loudoun Made, Loudoun Grown campaign.

[00:20:28] There are hundreds of farms and rural businesses in Loudoun that offer a variety of unique products and experiences. An online holiday shopping guide can be found at TakeLoudounHome.org. And then finally, Chair Randall, I want to thank the Board of Supervisors from the bottom of my heart for adding a holiday on December 26th in recognition of the hard work that the county workforce has put forth in 2023.

[00:20:57] You certainly didn't have to do that. You did it on the consent agenda without comment. So I did want to publicly raise that and to thank the board for that very generous addition to the holiday schedule for the county workforce.

[00:21:15] Thank you, Mr. Hemstreet. Okay, supervisors, Ms. Umstead asked for R2 to come off the consent agenda. And so that means I have to separately read the motion for R2, have a separate discussion on the motion, and a separate vote on the motion. So I'm going to read that motion right now so that when we get to resolutions, we can go on and take up that motion.

[00:21:38] I'm with the Board of Supervisors to approve the resolution of appreciation for Cummings Attorney Buter-Bibber-Rye, providing an attachment 1 to the December 19, 2022 Board of Supervisors Business Meeting Action Item. Second. I think that was Ms. Glass. Did you second that? Ms. Glass seconded that.

[00:21:54] Discussion on the motion. So had I been thinking faster, I would have included Ms. Biberi in the resolutions for Women's History Month. We've done now four resolutions for Women's History Month this term. And as the first woman to be the elected Commonwealth attorney, it would have been appropriate for me to put her in a Women's History Month resolution. I didn't.

[00:22:22] And I should have. To a large degree, this resolution recognizes that. I don't know that it always matters whether or not you agree with somebody's positions or thoughts or ideas or don't agree.

[00:22:39] The fact that somebody is the first woman breaks barriers. And it breaks barriers for young people and young women who want to come later and after. And I think when barriers are broken, they are to be recognized. There are times that, you know, I may or may not agree with whomever on whatever issue, but that doesn't mean that you don't recognize the milestone that has been reached and has been hit at that moment.

[00:23:08] If you read this resolution, it is largely based on the fact that she is the first woman to be an elect to come with attorney. And so that is why, and when that was put forward, that was one of the things that was, that was the main thing actually that was said.

[00:23:25] And if you bother to read the resolution, that's actually in there more than once, in addition to a couple of other things, including how diverse her staff is. And so, you know, I don't think we should mix

up whether or not somebody, anybody, agrees with a person's ideology or whatever with whether that person broke a barrier.

[00:23:48] Because those are two different issues, and I think we should be able to clearly see the differences of those issues. Any other discussion on the motion? Because I'm set you ask us to take this off consent. Would you like to discuss it at all? I'm sorry?

[00:24:07] All right. Discussion. Okay, no other discussion? All in favor say aye. Opposed? You're a no? You're a no? Okay. The motion is dissent.

[00:24:25] No, that's not the motion. It's already off consent. The motion is to approve it, to approve the resolution. You're an I. The motion is to approve the resolution, not to take it. It didn't go on consent. Ms. Umstead took it off consent already. So let me just see.

[00:24:41] If you're an I for approving it, please raise your hand so I can see. One, two, three, four, five. Okay. If you are nay, please raise your hand. So that's a 7-1-1 with Supervisor Umstead voting against and Supervisor Brixman being off the dais.

[00:25:01] So that has been approved. Okay, let's go on to the next item, which really is just the financial year in audit and the strategic initiatives. And then we will take up the resolutions.

[00:25:18] Actually, we'll take up board comment at 5 o'clock. So would staff come down for the audit, please?

[00:25:32] Good evening. Good evening. We are ready when you are.

[00:25:53] All right. Good evening, Chair Randall and board members. We are here tonight to present to you the results of the fiscal year 2023 audit and the year-end financial condition. Here with me tonight, to my immediate right, is Mr. Stephen Shield, senior manager.

[00:26:12] And to my immediate left, Mr. Maliv Sheth, partner with Sherry Becker. And then to the end is Ms. Elaine Crawford, the assistant director for finance from the Department of Finance and Procurement. After I provide you the brief financial highlights, Mr. Scheel and Mr. Sheth will present to you the results of the audit as required by Virginia Code.

[00:26:38] The county ended fiscal year 2023 in strong financial condition. For fiscal year 2023, the county received an unmodified or clean opinion from Cherry Becker. So I just wanted to say thank you from the Department of Finance and Procurement to all county leadership and staff that put a good effort and support to the financial audit.

[00:27:01] The county's financial policy requires that we maintain a reserve equal to no less than 10% of county and Loudoun County Public School General Fund operating revenues. \$28.8 million was added to the reserve in fiscal year 2023 for a total of \$284.8 million, which complies with fiscal policy.

[00:27:24] The county's fiscal year 2023 general fund revenues exceeded its revised budget by 6.9%, or \$157.38 million, and expenditures were lower than revised budget by 2.4%, or \$57.9 million.

[00:27:40] For comparison, in fiscal year 2022, the revenues were higher than revised budget by 3.9%, or \$79.8 million, and expenditures were lower than revised budget by 3.1%, or \$66.7 million.

[00:27:57] The funding progress of the county's other post-employment benefits, retiree health care program, increased slightly from 83.9% in fiscal year 2022 to 84% in fiscal year 2023. Last, the funding

progress of the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Length of Service Awards Program, or LOSAP, remained constant at 82%.

[00:28:22] Cherry Beckert will now continue with the audit presentation. Good evening. Good evening. You're welcome. Good evening. Thank you. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to present the results of the audit. What we have in front of us is a summary of high-level the results of the audit, but also some of the required communications that are required under the standards to import to those charge and governance, which would be the Board of Supervisors.

[00:28:54] As you can see on the chart here, I report directly to the Board of Supervisors. We work with management as part of the audit, but our responsibilities lies with the Board of Supervisors. So any issues that come up during the audit, any findings, or any of the results of the audit, we are required to communicate to the board of supervisors.

[00:29:17] So I'm the lead engagement partner, and then Stephen, who has been on this account for a number of years, is the senior managers, and then we have the staff and a number of other staff members that are not on the list. Dan Gogarty is the quality control.

[00:29:35] Every audit that Jerry Becker does has a second partner review that reviews the work behind me to ensure the quality is maintained throughout the firm. That's the brief agenda that we'll go through. Next slide, please.

[00:29:50] So this slide is basically the summary of the hard work that management and us put together over the weeks. As you know, the management is responsible for the financial statement and related disclosures.

[00:30:06] Our objective on the audit standards is to render an opinion on those financial statements. Like George mentioned, it's an unmodified opinion. That's the highest level of assurance independent auditors can provide that the financial statements are free from material misstatements, either due to error or due to fraud.

[00:30:27] The objective of the audit is to not provide absolute assurance. It's a reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatements. Part of the reason why it's not an absolute assurance is we don't test each and every transactions that come through during the year.

[00:30:44] We test it on a test basis, hence the reasonable assurance. We also audited the financial statement and the government auditing standards. Those require us to audit, not only look at the internal controls or financial reporting, but also ensure that some of the compliance requirements under the yellow book or governmental auditing standards are in compliance.

[00:31:06] We did not identify any compliance issues during the year under the audit. The county does spend federal dollars and that requires a separate compliance audit for the federal monies that the county expense. That report should be available in the next month.

[00:31:23] We're still going through the single audit in there. Next slide. I do wanna talk a little bit about the internal controls. So as part of the audit, we reviewed the internal controls during the financial statement audit, though opining on the effectiveness of those internal controls is not the objective of the audit.

[00:31:43] So you won't see anything in the audit opinion that discusses the effectiveness of the controls. But given that, when we look at those controls, if there are any items that we found, either part of the internal controls or if there are any other issues that we noted, we would bring that up, of course, to the management, but ultimately to the board of supervisors for their knowledge also.

[00:32:09] Next slide. So basically, if we did find any issues with internal control, there are basically two areas we would kind of categorize those. Material weakness, which is the highest level of finding that we can provide, and that would mean the control breakdown is such severe that management or employees would not be able to perform their duties and there would be a material misstatement in the financial statements.

[00:32:35] Significant deficiency is a step down from material weakness, but in aggregate also is such that we'll have to report it to the board of supervisors. So as you can see, we did not identify any control deficiencies that come up to a level of material weakness.

[00:32:54] And of course, there were no significant deficiencies that we identified that we would like to report to the board of supervisors. As part of the audit, we look at a number of things. We look at the controls, internal controls, but we look at some of the policies and procedures, too.

[00:33:12] And while looking at the travel expenses for the county, we noted, and this is a recommendation, that the travel policy at that point currently did not include the Board of Supervisors' travel expenditures. As I understand now, the board, the policy does include, there was revision to the policy for travel, and that does include the Board of Supervisors in there.

[00:33:39] So that was our recommendation. We issued a separate letter regarding that, but it does not impact the financial statements in there. And then if we did identify any misstatements in terms of corrected misstatements, which would be anything that we would find once we received the numbers and disclosures from the financial statements from management, we would report here, and there were no uncorrected misstatements that were not corrected by management in there.

[00:34:10] So at this point, I would like to give it over to Stephen so he can go over some of the qualitative aspects of the financial reporting. Stephen? Good evening, everyone. So we highlight that in the first note to the financial statements, the county discloses all of its accounting policies.

[00:34:27] And in relation to note one, there are two other notes. highlighting that there were two accounting standards that were implemented in 2023. The first one, GASB statement number 94, deals with public-private and public-public partnerships.

[00:34:43] And the second standard is GASB statement 96, subscription-based information technology arrangements. This standard is very similar to the leases standard that was implemented in the prior fiscal year. So now the county reports a liability for its IT-related subscriptions that it has entered into.

[00:35:02] Could you give the, GASB as an acronym, could you give the? Yes, the GASB stands for Government Accounting Standards Board. It's the body that sets the accounting requirements for state and local governments in the United States. Thank you. Thank you for the question. As part of the audit, we evaluate related party transactions for the entity that is under audit.

[00:35:26] It's a critical thing that we focus on in connection with any engagement. The summary here is that there were no issues with how the related party transactions were accounted for. Go to the next slide.

There are no transactions entered into the county that there was a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus, so no ambiguity as to how something should be accounted for, and we noted that all of the significant transactions were recorded in the proper period.

[00:35:57] There was also, sorry, back one slide, Elaine. That's okay. You can click the back arrow, I think, and it'll. the keyboard the arrow to the left there were also no significant unusual transactions those would be items that are outside the ordinary course of business for the county good to go so within the financial statements there are many account balances that include estimates to arrive at the amounts that are reported we highlight here that the estimates are based on management's past and current experience and assumptions of future events and that

[00:36:35] actual results may differ. The bullets highlight areas that involve estimates that I mentioned. Examples include an allowance for doubtful accounts, depreciable lives for capital assets, actuarial estimates for pensions, OPEB which stands for other post-employment benefits, and self-insurance liabilities.

[00:36:56] Financial statement disclosures we found to be neutral, consistent, clear, easy to understand. We're required to be independent to perform the county's audit under the professional standards that we follow. There is one non-attempt service that we provide for the county and that relates to the data collection form which is the means by which the results of the federal grant compliance audit is reported to the federal government. As Malath mentioned that audit is still in process. Once we issue that report we will assist with

[00:37:36] transcribing information from the county's schedule of expenditures of its federal awards into the data collection form to be certified and submitted. Whenever we perform a non-attest service, one key element to ensure that we remain independent is that management identifies an individual to oversee the service we provide and accept responsibility for it.

[00:38:04] The next two slides have these four columns on them that contain a variety of items we are required to communicate in connection with the audit. are standard type things there's no nothing out of the ordinary or of concern here so I'll leave them for your review and not speak to them individually and then next slide okay so the the financial statements as you've seen is a very large package it goes on for a couple hundred plus pages our audit opinion covers the basic financial statements and the notes to the financial

[00:38:43] statements which is a relatively small portion of the package you've received this slide clarifies what level our opinion applies to for the other information that's contained within that report so supplementary information in the first graphic here examples of this include the combining statements for say the non-major funds the county has numerous special revenue and and other funds that it reports.

[00:39:12] But in the basic financial statements, you will only see a few columns. Most of the funds are considered non-major. That simply means that they don't meet a quantitative threshold to be required to be presented separately in the basic statements. But there is a combining schedule in the back of the package that lists the funds individually and that total rolls up to the basic statements.

[00:39:34] So the supplementary information, we issue what's called an in relation to opinion, which essentially means we've audited the basic statements themselves and we see that the total that's reported

there correlates to the combined schedule that's presented further back. The second graphic here summarizes required supplementary information.

[00:39:56] These are statements or schedules that are required to be presented by generally accepted accounting principles. So GASB pronouncements say you will present a budget to actual comparison for your general fund and major special revenue funds. It also requires trend information for the county's pension and other post-employment benefit plans, for example.

[00:40:18] The RSI, we do not express an opinion on. We do read it, and where numbers tie back to the statements, we check and make sure they are consistent, but our opinion does not cover the required supplementary information. And final slide.

[00:40:34] So anything that is not the basic statements, supplementary information, or required supplementary information, falls into this category. There's a variety of statistical and other information that's provided to comply with the Government Finance Officers Association's certificate program to which the county applies.

[00:40:55] So again, we look at that information compared to the statements, but our opinion does not cover it. This is future information on standards that are coming up that will impact the county. On the top left section here, GASB Statement 100 deals with accounting changes and error corrections.

[00:41:15] Of course, that only applies if there is an error identified in prior year's financial statements that needs to be dealt with in the current year or if there is a new standard that needs to be implemented. So it has minimal effect provided neither of those two situations occur and essentially provides some clarity on questions of how new standards should be implemented when they impact prior years of information that's presented.

[00:41:43] And then the top right category, GASB Statement 101, deals with compensated absences. The original standard that dealt with this topic is 20-some-odd years old at this point. The world has changed. Many governments provide more than just standard sick and vacation leave.

[00:41:59] So it was a refresher to address changes in the environment for how entities provide leave benefits to their employees and how to account for them. But in the end, there's not expected to be a significant impact on the financial statements as a result of this standard.

[00:42:16] Any questions for Molliv or myself, we'd be happy to hear. Well, that was very good. Thank you so much. Questions, supervisors, put your light on, please. Ms. Glass.

[00:42:33] Thank you, Madam Chair. And thank you for the presentation. When you were talking about the standards that are going to be changed by GASB 100 and you said that it may have a significant impact on our financial reporting, how much time do we have to work with those changes so that we can be updated in the county?

[00:43:00] So the good news is that the two standards that I talked about, good news for your finance staff, is that the expectation would be that they'll have minimal effect on the financial statements, and therefore there should not be a lot of effort required to implement those changes.

[00:43:16] Statement 100 is applicable in fiscal year 24, and then Statement 101 will be in fiscal year 25. okay but statement 100 just provides guidance for if there are accounting changes or error Corrections how do we deal with those and for example in the current year the county implemented the statement 96

that deals with the subscription IT arrangements so there was a liability and an asset that was recorded for the first time related to those agreements one question that people have when implementing standards like that is I present management's

[00:43:53] discussion and analysis with numbers from last year in it for comparison purposes how do i treat last year's numbers when i implement a new standard this year do i have to restate the prior year do i leave it as is and acknowledge there's a difference and so that statement clarifies some of those technical questions when those situations come up thank you and just to add cherry becard usually has a lot of training around these new standards as we come closer so probably in the next six to eight months there will be more training which I know Elaine and her group do take part in it

[00:44:29] that definitely helps kind of getting the ball rolling on what changes should be in effect for FY25. Okay. Thank you. Thank you all very much. We do appreciate all the work you do and appreciate you all being here. Thank you. Thank you very much. For next year. Thank you.

[00:44:50] Supervisors we have it's going to be tight we have 10 minutes before we're going to do the resolutions and we have one more information item but that this is it possible mr. empty that that can be done in 10 minutes or that's probably not likely i believe the information item will likely take more than 10 i think so too so let's so i think we might be able to go to the resolutions of which we have four um let's see well some might be ready um is are the people or is everyone is

[00:45:28] anyone or everyone here for the resolution to honor Mr. Grant? Are you here yet? Not yet. Okay, thank you. Well, we definitely, and people to honor Mr. Buffington, I don't see them here yet either. They're coming, right? Yes, okay. And then for the Planning Commission, not here yet. Not all the Planning Commissions are here yet. And for Ms. Bibberi, is everyone here for that that we expect are coming? Yes, that's a yes. All right, then we will do that one. Mr. Sains, we would do that one if I have it. Wait a minute, I did

[00:46:05] just have it. No, that wasn't it. That was Miss Bibberi. No, that's Loudoun County High School.

[00:46:24] Here it is. Mr. Sains, will you join me down front, please? You should probably

[00:47:02] be standing over here. You can come on both sides, all sides, all around. Hey, how are you? Okay, this is a resolution to honor Commonwealth Attorney Buda Bibberi. Whereas Buda Bibberi

[00:47:39] was born in June of 1964 to parents of Albanian heritage and spent much of her childhood in New York before relocating to Northern Virginia, and whereas Peter Bibari obtained a Bachelor's of Science degree from George Mason University in 1987 and her Juris Doctorate in General Legal Studies in 1993 from George Mason University's Antonin Scalia Law School and joined the Loudoun County Bar Association in 1993. And whereas Ms. Bibberi became a senior public defender in Loudoun

[00:48:14] County in 2000 and served in that position for two years and was a senior partner with Matthew Snow and Laurie Sinclair, both of whom are now judges on the Virginia 20th Circuit Court. And whereas Ms. Bibberi served as a general district and juvenile domestic relations district court substitute judge for the 20th Judicial Circuit from 2006 to 2017.

[00:48:41] And whereas in 2019, Ms. Bibari ran for office and became the first woman elected and the first immigrant because she is an Albanian American and the first Muslim to serve as the Commonwealth Attorney. And whereas Ms. Bibari describes herself as a visionary who sees the needs of our community to

be both safety and justice, and whereas Ms. Bibberi hired the most diverse staff in the history of Loudoun County's Commonwealth Attorney's Office, now, therefore, be it resolved that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors acknowledges the sacrifices and service of

[00:49:19] Commonwealth Attorneys, Bita Bibberi, and her staff from 2020 to 2023. I will hand you the mic.

[00:49:41] Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you to the Board of Supervisors. And thank you to each and every one of you in Loudoun County for being part of our community. I am honored by this resolution from the Board of Supervisors. It has been both an honor and a privilege to have served as the Commonwealth's Attorney for Loudoun County since 2020.

[00:50:01] This journey has both been challenging and immensely rewarding, and at times, immensely challenging and also rewarding. To Loudoun County, I say thank you for entrusting me and electing me to serve as your Commonwealth's Attorney. It has been a privilege to be your advocate and to reimagine safety and justice.

[00:50:18] To always see the dignity and humanity of those who are involved in the court system. Together as a community, we have made Loudoun safer. Thank you all for gathering here today, and I appreciate those who have joined up here with me, because I do appreciate your support and also all of the dedication that you have given to our team and to our community.

[00:50:39] December 31st, 2023 marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. While I step out of this legal arena, I carry with me the invaluable lessons learned, The relationships forged and an increased sense of purpose. I'll take a moment of personal privilege and expand this recognition, and Chair Randall also included our team in its conclusory statement there, to say the following.

[00:51:04] This recognition is not about Buda Bibari, but it is a recognition of the service of the members of the Office of the Commerce Attorney over the past four years. To my team, thank you. Thank you for being a part of this amazing journey. Our journey has been marked by collaboration, dedication, and a shared commitment to improving the foundations of justice within our community.

[00:51:27] Your hard work, resilience, and innovative thinking has significantly, significantly contributed, thank you, ma'am, to the successes we have achieved together. Whether it was ensuring that our victims are seen and heard, creating outcomes that improve the success of all involved in the justice system, and implementing reforms that reduce the daily jail populations from 425 to less than 250 without increasing recidivism.

[00:51:58] Each one of you played an integral role in shaping a more just and equitable system. As I stand before you on this occasion, I am reminded of the quote by Theodore Roosevelt that encapsulates the essence of our journey individually and as a team. It is not the critic who counts. I'm going to repeat that. It's not the critic who counts.

[00:52:19] Not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena. And on my team, about 50% of them are greater or women. So I'm not going to say man, but we're going to incorporate them both.

[00:52:38] It is the credit belongs to the man who's actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no

effort without error and shortcoming, but who does actually strive to do the deeds, who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls

[00:53:16] who neither know victory nor defeat. Throughout the past four years, we have embraced the challenges, faced the uncertainties, and stood in the arena. Together, we have fought for justice and championed the rights of the vulnerable. I have witnessed the extraordinary passion and professionalism that defines each member of our team.

[00:53:38] And again, I say thank you. Your ability to navigate challenges, find creative solutions, and persist, thank you, in the pursuit of justice reform has been nothing short of inspiring. It is a testament to your dedication and the positive impact that we can have when working together towards a common goal, that of community safety and justice.

[00:54:02] The pursuit of justice is a noble calling. It is a calling that requires courage, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to the principles of fairness and equality. It has been an honor to serve alongside each and every one of you. In closing, I leave you with these words.

[00:54:18] The arena may change, but the spirit of a warrior and champion for community endures. May each of you continue to stand in the arena, face the challenges with courage, and strive valiantly for the triumph of justice. To the next administration, I pass the torch to you and hope that you will carry on the tradition of courage, integrity, and unwavering commitment to justice that represents and is worthy of Loudoun.

[00:54:43] Thank you very much. That's yours. Thank you, Ms. Member I. Man in the Arena happens to be one of my favorite poems. So we're going to now take a picture, and I don't know how Mr. Barber wants us to figure this out because it's a lot of people.

[00:55:04] Everyone who's here for Mr. Grant, come on.

[00:59:25] So in the end, do you call himself Chaplain Grant or Chief Grant? What was Chaplain Grant? That's what I thought. That's always the prevailing title if you're a man of God. So if you're like Reverend Doctor, it's always Reverend.

[00:59:43] And then Doctor. He always will. Yeah, Chaplain. Amen. Amen. Before I hand this to Ms. Glass to read, I can say that there was literally arguing on the floor as to what supervisor got to do this resolution.

[01:00:06] And I think for the very first time that I can remember, this is literally from every single supervisor's office because Chaplain Grant belongs to the whole county. And so this is from the whole county. I'm going to let Ms. Glass read it, but you should know that this is from the entire county.

[01:00:23] Ms. Glass. Thank you, Madam Chair. To honor the life and service of Mr. Charles D. Charlie Grant, whereas the founding pastor of Grace Baptist Church and Grace Christian Academy in Sterling, and at the request of the newly elected sheriff in 1979, Mr. Grant established the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Chaplain Program and faithfully served as emergency services chaplain, the sole chaplain on call 24 hours a day for nearly 10 years.

[01:00:58] And whereas Mr. Grant joined the Sterling Volunteer Fire Company, later the Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad, and founded the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue System Chaplain Program, faithfully serving the organizations for over 40 years, offering comfort and compassion to families.

[01:01:16] And whereas he founded the faith-based nonprofit Good Shepherd Alliance in 1983 to provide emergency housing and support for the unhoused because his compassion for others allowed him to see the need.

[01:01:35] And whereas Mr. Grant was elected to the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors as the Broad-Run District Supervisor in November of 1991, serving one term from January 1992 to December 1995, and whereas Mr. Grant considered this service to others a privilege rather than an obligation and received many awards, such as the Stu Plitman First Responder Community Service Award in 2021, which recognizes emergency first responders who demonstrate the highest commitment to fostering positive relationships with the community and was inducted into the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Hall of Fame in 2007.

[01:02:12] And whereas Mr. Grant passed away at the age of 87 on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, after serving Loudoun County for over 50 years and will be missed and remembered as a husband, father, grandfather, chaplain, pastor, volunteer, and a larger-than-life local legend.

[01:02:32] Now, therefore, be it resolved that Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize and honor the life and service of Mr. Charles D. Charlie Grant. Do you want to say anything else?

[01:02:53] So before I pass this on to the family. Oh, you want to? Thank you for that reading, Supervisor Glass. Just real quickly before we pass it on to you guys to say your remarks, I just want to say it was an honor to know your father, get to know him over the few years that I got to interact with him as a Sterling Supervisor.

[01:03:10] I can honestly say he was a remarkable man and lived many lives. He started a charity, started a church, had a career as a volunteer firefighter, rescue squad, board of supervisor member, obviously father, grandfather to your family as well. And as Sylvia closed the resolution, a local legend in Sterling, he did many things.

[01:03:29] And also, I keep, I forgot this, the list can go on. He also started a local transit company that actually served this Loudoun County community before we see it in his current form now a lot of people forgot that or don't even know that that he started a local transit here way before it was even you know a thing and that served a lot of folks in another way so he was a man of service not only for your family but for sterling and loud and county so again he lived a remarkable life and was a remarkable man so thank you thank you um um chief johnson chief ellen you guys want to say anything so just in the time i got to know

[01:04:09] charlie my short time here in loud and then becoming chief um this man welcomed everybody with open arms um it i don't know if he had an enemy in the world um and certainly um fulfilled all of us sterling rescue sterling fire and even loudon county um charlie didn't do three things in traditional ways uh most people don't know he he started our chaplain program here we have a very different chaplain program here in loudon county our chaplains respond on calls most of the time they do ceremonial proclamations, ceremonial events. Our chaplains and the group that Charlie formed actually responds on calls. If you have a cardiac arrest, if you have a major emergency,

[01:04:47] the chaplains are there on the scene no matter what time of night, what time of day, to respond to not only our needs, but to the family needs and the community needs. Charlie could be saying a prayer at an event one minute and be responding with the canteen unit the next minute and doing a hundred things for all of us in our system. And we are forever grateful for this man. Again, the list goes on, as you said, Supervisor Sains, and it's going to be a great loss for our system. Up until the last day, he was advocating and working towards the betterment of our system, and it never ended until he passed. So, thank you.

[01:05:24] So, I first met your father at a Sterling volunteer banquet, and when somebody came to me, they said, do you want to go to the Sterling fire prom? I had no idea what that was, and I went, And so many people talked about your father that by the end of the night, I just said, I've got to meet this man.

[01:05:50] I've got to meet him. And he was gracious and kind and humble. And when I think about the term servant leader, I think every single person who says we are of service in Loudoun County can learn from his example and his memory.

[01:06:07] I think all of us pale, pale in comparison to what he did for years. The Good Shepherd Alliance has saved people's life. And sometimes just literally just praying with and for somebody, when people think there's nobody who cares about me, somebody coming to you and say, I will pray with you, I will pray for you, is life-changing sometimes.

[01:06:29] If you think of the thousands of people he prayed with and he prayed for, I think his mark on Loudoun County is indelible and forever. And I just appreciate him so much, and I appreciate you all being here so much.

[01:06:46] We appreciate the fact that when we came here in 69, Dad instilled in all of us a giving back to the community in whatever form. We all followed in his footsteps. I don't think any of us have come close to filling the shoes that he set before us, but he instilled in us that servanthood.

[01:07:10] And to this day, all of us continue in that aspect. Okay, so Ms. Glass, how do you want to hand these out? They're all for the family, so you guys are going to take it. Okay, so there you go.

[01:07:25] Those are all for the family. We signed a few.

[01:10:25] We're going to hold off on the other resolutions because I'm told that, if not all, most of the planning commission is coming, and they were told to be here somewhere around 530, and so we're a little early, and so I want as many here who plan to come in the room. So we're going to go on and do the next information item.

[01:10:42] So if staff will come to the table, I am excited to listen about the strategic initiatives that we set forward as a board in 2020 and how we've come along since then. That's right. I'm sorry. We do have two people who have come to speak for the public input section.

[01:11:05] Give me one second, and I'll pull those names up. Public input, we have two speakers for the 5 p.m., because this is a 5 p.m. public input day. The two speakers we have is Mr. Alsop and Shane Crow.

[01:11:23] Is Mr. Alsop in the room? Good evening, sir. Yeah, whenever you are. Good evening. You have two and a half minutes. Welcome. Thank you very much. I am Dee Alsop. I'm a resident here in Leesburg. I'm also CEO of a company called Heart and Mind Strategies.

[01:11:40] We do brand and communications work for companies globally. And I have a personal interest in religion and in faith, which brings me here today. I'm here to make you aware of a first-time event here in Loudoun County. America's Quilt of Faith is a local, non-political, civic organization that champions the idea that religion is indispensable to the American project.

[01:12:04] They are holding their first Religion in Society conference focusing on Loudoun County, Virginia. They are inviting Loudoun County business leaders, nonprofit leaders, elected officials, and local clergy. The conference's purpose is to reinforce the idea that religion is a public good that helps to build a more civic Loudoun or civil Loudoun and can assist in addressing some of our most pressing problems, all this while acknowledging that religion and religiously motivated people sometimes do more harm than good.

[01:12:39] The conference will be featuring University of Pennsylvania expert Kayla Kemp, who will highlight the religious composition in the county. I've also been asked to speak at the conference. I'm the creator of the National Religious Freedom Index, and I do a study each year looking at American attitudes of tolerance and religious freedom.

[01:13:00] And I'll be focusing my comments on those attitudes here in Loudoun County and how they compare with the rest of our nation. There will also be a panel of local clergy and leaders, including Pastor Tracy Lyons of the Mount Zion United Methodist Church here in Leesburg, Imam Keba Salah of Adams-Laysburg, Rabbi Neil Tao of the Congregation Sha'ari Shalom, and President Gomez of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Sikh Guru Sangat Kaur Khalsa, and Pastor Corey Welts of Percival Baptist Church.

[01:13:32] They're going to be sharing thoughts about how their faith communities are doing in our religion and our region and opportunities for greater positive community impact. The conference is going to take place over at the Mount Zion's United Methodist Church just a couple of blocks from here, and that's going to be on January 27th from 10 to 1.30, and lunch is being served.

[01:13:54] We thank you for the opportunity to get the word out. We ask you to share that information and invite any of you who would like to come to join us. Sir, is there a cost? No cost. No cost. All right. Thank you very much. Thank you very much. I appreciate it. And then Shane Crowe. Good evening.

[01:14:12] Good evening, everybody. I thank you all again for hearing me discuss ranked choice voting, especially given the political circumstances that we live under. It is near the end of the year, and I hope that everyone has made some resolutions for the upcoming year.

[01:14:29] Mine, of course, will be to continue the fight to help transform our electoral process for a more inclusive and cooperative election environment. Because as I've noticed over the coming years, especially a lot of the conversations that I have with my friends and family and members of the community, whenever the topic of politics comes up, it is always overshadowed by an air of cynicism, where many of us feel resigned to the insanity and perhaps absurdities that we witness on an ever-increasing basis within our politics.

[01:15:11] And for someone like myself who is growing into this world, that's not the kind of world that I want to inhabit, one where everyone is, or at least appears to be, at each other's throats trying to establish dominance instead of trying to work in collaboration for a greater good, which is why I'm so grateful that

many places across the country are making advances in trying to upgrade the way in which we run elections in order to incentivize cooperation instead of division.

[01:15:35] and not least of which one of those localities being our neighbors over in Arlington County, where it is my understanding that they will be considering making ranked choice voting the permanent method for running their local primaries. And of course, there are several other localities in Virginia which I've taken action to also consider, those also including Charlottesville, Albemarle, and Fredericksburg.

[01:15:59] I would certainly hope that Loudoun County would include itself on that list sooner than later. That way, when the decision is made, we can give our members of the community ample time to learn, appreciate, and adjust to this simple change in our elections.

[01:16:17] And, of course, in the General Assembly, we have confirmed that our ranked choice voting legislation has been submitted, one of which would hopefully expand the local option to include more local offices, constitutional offices, and school board races as well. So I thank you very much for your time and appreciation and listening out with me.

[01:16:37] I hope to continue this endeavor so that we can hopefully build a more perfect union. Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. Crowe. I appreciate that. Okay, Ms. McClellan, why don't you come back to the table, if you don't mind, ma'am. I don't think we have any 6 o'clock sign-ups, do we, for public comment?

[01:16:58] No, we don't. Okay. All right. Good evening. Good evening, Madam Chair and members of the board. I am very pleased to bring you your final report out on this board's strategic initiatives for your term. Staff, as you can see highlighted in the item, we've brought you several updates over the course of the term.

[01:17:21] This is the culminating update. You'll find updates on all of the strategic initiatives, including those that were completed during the board's term. I'd like to say we did a tremendous amount of work at the board's direction over these four years that the board should be very proud of.

[01:17:42] This board expanded the traditional strategic initiatives to include new areas such as the environment, collective bargaining, and equitable communities, and we made significant progress in all of those areas. throughout the item you will see each strategic area and each initiative highlighted and the most current update is listed for you there as well as some background. I won't go through every one of these but we do have staff in the room from all of these departments to answer any questions or give you any additional information that you don't find in the item. Attachment one to the

[01:18:22] item is a complete matrix of all of the initiatives including the status that they are in whether they are ongoing in progress or are completed and we only have one issue one initiative on that list that is in an on hold status but everything else is being worked by staff or has been completed to date and then you'll find as attachment to a memo from economic development just highlighting some of the additional information on the economic development related initiatives but again the board has made significant progress on these

[01:19:01] initiatives over 50% are completed and many are many more are in progress again staffs here to answer any questions that you have and with that all we'll take whatever questions thank you supervisors if you have questions turn your lights on. Mr. Turner. I don't really have a question. I just

wanted to commend the whole board. I felt this has been a very productive four years. Commend the staff for all the amazing support you've provided. It's been great. I'm particularly proud of the equity measure. I think

[01:19:38] the metric that we developed on equity that can apply to all programs, all county programs, is really unique and really has a lot of value and a lot of, I think, potential application to county and even state programs and federal programs around the country.

[01:19:56] We should be really proud of that. I think it was an amazing achievement among a whole litany of really, really strong accomplishments. So thank you to my colleagues. Thank you to staff for just really great work over the last four years. Thank you. Mr. Sainz. Thank you, Madam Chair.

[01:20:11] Yeah, overall, this has been a very productive board, and obviously we can't be productive without our staff, so thank you for everything that you guys have done with the initiatives but initiative 4.7 establishment of a homeless shelter in Eastern Loudoun you have it as completed but correct me if I'm wrong I thought the initiative was to set up a homeless shelter in Eastern Loudoun County but from reading it my understanding is and again correct me if I'm wrong it's more or less a day center day drop-in center where I can go change my clothes take a shower etc but well maybe I missed a point but I thought our vision was to

[01:20:48] actually have a homeless shelter in Eastern Loudoun that is similar to the set up in in leesburg where somebody can sleep over overnight good evening good evening in a fernandez uh director of the department of family services you are correct during the um when the initiatives were uh first identified at the time there was no the data that we had um show that there was no need for a shelter but that there was need for a drop-in center it took a little

[01:21:26] while to find a space we were able to go ahead and find a space within the human services the eastern human services center and that is to open actually now in january this this coming january um and it will be um managed by the same non-profit that manages the drop-in center there in sterling i'm sorry in leesburg yeah but let's talk about that offline because i still feel even though you know You know, this is a step definitely in the right direction to have these services in the eastern side.

[01:21:58] But I think we need to expand and possibly, again, look at having day and night service here in eastern Loudoun County as well. So we'll talk about this more. But overall, like I said, great work all around.

[01:22:14] So thank you. So that was my – no, Ms. Vanders, you can stay there. And if Ms. Graham is here, she may want to come down as well. That was my question, too, because, you know, I've said this before, and when we get to our federal-ledged program, I'm going to address this further.

[01:22:31] Right now, the point-in-time study for all of America is in January, which is completely illogical, because if it's cold, people will find some place to probably shelter for a couple of, for that night or two nights or whatever, whereas that doesn't really give a good sense of what the homeless population is.

[01:22:50] We should do a point-in-time study in the middle of June or July when it's warm and we can really tell. And so we know that Loudoun County's homeless population ticked up slightly. Now, for Loudoun County, that's very low. It's still, like, the lowest in the region, so ticking up slightly, you know, literally could mean six more people, but it still has ticked up.

[01:23:09] And so I do want to have a further discussion of, you know, how to, I guess I'm going to ask you to help me to find the language to when we put in our federal ledge program to change the point in time. Now, you know, it's a huge lift, but in Loudoun we do hard things to change that point in time survey because it doesn't make any sense to have that in July, I mean in January.

[01:23:34] Ms. Graham, I had the question on page 24, and it's initiative 4.15. So the response to the Youth Crisis Stabilization Center, we've gone like back and forth and back and forth and back and forth on this issue.

[01:23:50] And from what I understand, we only had one solicitation, and that one solicitation was like out of the park as far as the money they were asking for, so we didn't go with them. And so right now there is master planning for a youth crisis stabilization service, as I'm asking, because I know that this is a huge issue.

[01:24:12] in Loudoun County. We have youth homelessness. When I say youth, I'm talking up to age 24, 25 is a very, very large issue. And there is not enough services or placements or anything for youth shelters or youth placements. I know that there are more than one organization working on it. I know Mobile Hope is working on it. I know, oh my gosh, Mr. Williams, Rob Williams and his organization went by the Williams Center the Williams Center is also working on that so we have people working on the one the youth issue is the youth homeless problem somewhat secondary to

[01:24:52] a substance abuse problem is it that you know we have I know quite a few people who are homeless youth are undocumented is it the parents go at 18 you're an adult which by the way they're not really an adult at 18 they're just legal what is going on with the youth homeless center and why do we i mean because i think this this one i think is a huge priority and and almost needs to be kind of fast-tracked so can you guys talk to me about that one either one of you um so 4.15

[01:25:22] is actually page 15 initiative 4.1 yeah yes it was to originally i had come to the board to create a crisis stabilization unit for children and adolescents. We did put the RFP out twice.

[01:25:41] The target population wasn't specifically homeless youth, though, so I would defer to... I would agree with that, but if you don't mind, I think those two things go together. I think when you have a youth that is not stable in their home, they're going to eventually be a homeless youth.

[01:26:00] That's why I'm asking you both. That's why I asked you both this issue. Okay. Okay. Well, to just go back to the RFP for the crisis stay unit, it was going to be a short-term five to maximum 14-day stay unit for kids experiencing a behavioral health crisis.

[01:26:18] We did put the RFP out twice. Once we got no response, the second time, as the item says, the response was cost-prohibited. And at the same time, the adult access to psychiatric hospitalization took off so we proceeded to develop um the adult crisis receiving and stabilization center which is underway in the meantime at the regional level we are looking at a host of other strategies to address substance use disorder and treatment access to treatment for

[01:26:53] adolescents and the appropriate build out of crisis receiving and stabilization services for children and adolescents. So in terms of just-in-time access to behavioral health treatment to then maybe break some of the cycle that you're referring to where the child might be displaced as a older adolescent due to their behavioral health issues, the access to treatment might break some of that cycle. But in terms of homelessness services to the adolescent population, I'll defer

[01:27:29] to Ina see yes we the the the county's shelter does accept youth anybody 18 and over younger there with with family again we had a youth shelter that was not being utilized there to go months without any any kids there at all maybe one maybe two so we have a a vendor a contract with a local youth shelter well I'm out of time, but I'd like to have this discussion longer because we know they're out there.

[01:28:07] So the question is, why aren't they utilizing our services? Because we know they're out there. So we can have a discussion at a later time, a longer discussion. Thank you both for all your doing. Ms. McClone, do you have anything else? No, Madam Chair.

[01:28:23] That's it. Then thank you very much. Supervisors, I think we're going to, you're shaking, I see Jackie shaking her head. Okay. We're going to go on with the other two resolutions. and one is for the Planning Commission, and we're going to do that first because the last one is for Mr. Buckingham, and we're going to do that one last.

[01:28:46] So you didn't want to sign your own resolution, Mr. Buckingham? You should have. You're so funny. I was like, they asked me. I was like, no, no, I wanted to sign it, and the phone was all off. Okay, the one for the Planning Commission, where is it?

[01:29:04] Who has that? Just give me a second. There it is. Okay. I'm going to ask the T-Luck Chair to join me down for the Planning Commission resolution.

[01:30:03] I'm going to have Mr. Turner, who is the T-Luck Chair. I thought it would be more apropos if he read the resolution for the Planning Commission.

[01:30:23] Well, thank you, Madam Chair, and I am proud to do that. These guys put in a lot of hard work and a lot of hard hours. Whereas over their four-year term, the Planning Commission conducted 55 work sessions and 44 public hearings, many extending into late into the night.

[01:30:39] And whereas over their term, the Planning Commissioners considered four comprehensive plan amendments, including the widening of and safety improvements to Route 15 and updates to the airport impact overlay district, and seven zoning ordinance amendments, including amendments for ground-mounted energy generation facilities, the solar energy project at Washington Dulles International Airport, short-term residential rentals and prime ag soils standards, and whereas the planning commission considered 435 legislative development applications for such projects as one Loudoun, Kinkora Village Center, Hogan-Kent Green, University Center, Hyde Park, North Star Square,

[01:31:17] and Ravonna at the Innovation Station, and whereas the planning commission held two public hearings, 17 work sessions, and eight subcommittee meetings reviewing and revisiting the Loudoun County zoning ordinance before recommending approval to the Board of Supervisors on June 8, 2023, and whereas during their service, the Planning Commission earned the respect of the Board of Supervisors, County staff, and industry leaders as contemplative and insightful representatives of the Loudoun community. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors wish to express our sincere gratitude for your generosity and dedication in taking an active role in serving our community. We are grateful to citizens like you who are an integral

[01:31:57] part of our county's health and well-being. So before I hand it to Ms. Frank, I have to say seriously, I mean, you all experienced everything the board experienced this past four years. You had to do the Zoom calls because we were in COVID and all those types of things. And when I looked at the body of

work you did in four years, it is absolutely phenomenal. Mr. Marathu, when I learned you were going to step away, I was like, I don't know what this county building will be without

[01:32:35] you walking in here at least once every couple of weeks or so. Your commitment and long-term dedication to this county has been absolutely phenomenal. And I was so happy when Mr. Sains chose you to be his planning commission. And I cannot thank you enough for all the work you've done um uh chair frank more than once i said to chair frank um do you want to come cheer a meeting for me we're in the middle and that was always your response was like no but the truth is you did so much of the hard work you all did the zoning ordinance rewrite was a huge huge lift

[01:33:14] that you all worked on i mean the the board got you know some accolades for it but the board worked on it for, I don't know, what, nine months? You haven't done that for, like, forever. You all did that for such a long time, and you really got it right in the end, so thank you so much. I'm also going to hand this microphone to Jackie so she can say, yes, I am. Stop shaking your head, no, so she can say whatever you want to say before we take a picture.

[01:33:47] I don't know that I have much more to add other than to thank all of you, as I tried to do at your meeting earlier this week, for your time, your effort, and the many late nights that we all spent together first with me and then Jackie taking over as liaison earlier last year so those of you who will be back we're looking forward to what we're doing again next year those of you that

[01:34:07] aren't we'll miss you but best of luck moving forward may I please have every supervisor down

[01:36:19] here please may I please have Mr. Buffington's family with us down here please may I please have Mr. Rogers and Mr. Hempstreet down here please Matt Kristen everyone down here yes where's your other son they're not all where they're clearly they're not all here

[01:36:54] no now this oh yeah let's not bring that's not let's not do that let's not do that are you gonna cry you don't cry i don't cry how's that sound

[01:37:22] okay yeah um your wife just asked me if i was gonna cry i'm sorry i won't cry if she doesn't cry. So deal. Okay, stop it. Okay. We absolutely can get Christy and Robin up here. See, there's

[01:38:00] other cameras in the room. Lots of picture takers. All right. All right. Resolution for Supervisor Tony Buffington. Whereas Supervisor Tony Buffington was elected to the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors as the Blue Ridge District Supervisor in November of 2015, serving two terms from January 2016 to December 2023, representing the largest district in Loudoun County in terms

[01:38:38] of land area, population, and the birth zoning districts, and where Supervisor Buffington has been instrumental in preserving Loudoun's rural areas and supporting its towns and villages while ensuring a strong rural economy and high quality of life for residents during the comprehensive plan update process in 2019 and the zoning ordinance rewrite in 2023.

[01:39:02] And whereas Supervisor Buffington continually fought to implement individualized solutions for numerous transportation initiatives throughout the Blue Ridge District and designed to improve safety and reduce traffic congestion.

[01:39:17] And whereas while addressing the lack of broadband services throughout Western Loudoun, Supervisor Buffington was a leading voice for the broadband initiative to improve and fund the effort to provide new fiber to the homes for the communities that he serviced.

[01:39:59] And whereas Supervisor Buffington found new locations for construction of the Aldi Fire Station, actively worked on saving the Aldi Assembly's properties from destruction, and subsequently supported the sale of the Piedmont Environmental Council for Restoration and Preservation. And whereas Supervisor Buffington has been honored as a Virginia Piedmont Heritage Area Heritage Hero in 2023, received the 2018 Friends of Blue Ridge Mountain Awards for his Conservation Eastman Assistance Initiative, and was voted Loudon Now's favorite public servant in 2017.

[01:40:22] and where Supervisor Burlington has been a collaborative, helpful, positive, unifying, and productive member of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and has always treated county staff with the utmost respect.

[01:40:38] Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and the county staff appreciate and honor Supervisor Tony Burlington for his service and sends him our best wishes as he departs the board for other opportunities.

[01:41:06] So I took the opportunity to say that all I want to say to you last week, and I did that on purpose, and so I don't do it again tonight and start crying. But I am going to ask other people to speak, and I'm going to start, if he doesn't mind, with Mr. Hempstreet.

[01:41:37] C.R. Buffington, it's been a pleasure to work with you. I think looking back and hearing the Chair Randall read the resolution just reminded me of one of the larger projects we worked on with respect to the Aldi Fire Station and securing the new site or the site that they've broken ground on.

[01:42:01] You know, thank you for all of your help on that one. And that, you know, that project in particular is a very, very dear one to me because it was in my first year or so where the first Aldi Fire Station effort was actually, we received the bids on it.

[01:42:18] And then the lawsuit came and we lost that site. And then we spent the next 10 or 12 years looking for another site and then bought a couple of sites along the way. So that was a big deal. So thank you for all of your help on that.

[01:42:35] And we've also had a number of other things we've worked on in your district. We're at relative peace right now on one of them, so I think I'll refrain from saying anything else. But thank you.

[01:42:52] And then, as I said earlier, I'll have some more to say in a few minutes.

[01:43:07] All right, thank you. Tony, I believe that we will all be requiring frequent briefings from the Loudon Water Board. So we're expecting to reach out to you and have you reach out to us on a regular basis because, okay, yeah, I do.

[01:43:29] But we are going to miss you very, very much. You have been a complete joy for the whole time that all of us have known you. And please stay in touch, both of you. You've had wonderful staff.

[01:43:47] I don't think anybody could have had a better staff, but thank you for doing everything you've done for all of us. Tony, my really good friend, will continue to be my good friend, I hope. You get so much accolades and attention, rightfully, for all the work that you do for Western Loudoun, but your district comes all the way down to Touch Mine and Southeast Loudoun.

[01:44:14] And so I just want to focus for a minute on the incredible partnership that we've had over eight years, working together on really significant, really substantial transportation, transformative projects

that you've been right there with every step of the way, supporting and helping, getting community support and helping to do the planning and all that, all those kinds of things.

[01:44:36] So that's going to be a big part of your legacy as well that I will get to benefit from continuing as the Dulles Supervisor. So besides that, as Kristen said, just a great person to have on the board. When we get into our dinner, maybe we can recount your your 2019 convention speech, which popped in my head when we were talking about your support for county employees.

[01:45:02] not going to do that now here in the boardroom but uh it really uh it was a great moment and uh i just appreciate you so much so so so glad we got the serve tony we really are going to miss you i'm going to miss you for the kind words that you always give me um you know it at the very beginning when you when i first started this term i was reading a lot and um you were one of the

[01:45:33] people who gave me the courage or encouraged me to to not use my papers all the time there are other people on the board as well a couple other people but um you know you would come by and just say a kind word and I really appreciate that you are just a wonderful person and we're really going to miss you you're also a very funny person oh my goodness he just has quips and you're like did he just said that so we're really going to miss you so Tony I don't know whether to thank

[01:46:12] you or curse you given that now I get to represent a lot of the great work that you've laid down and there's a lot of work in front but I mean you have done tremendous work and I'm so appreciative for the work you've done in Western Loudoun you've been a comrade in arms in many ways when we would get some of the stuff done thank you for really shouldering the whole broadband with me in my office and um your office it was and of course the rest of the board but you know you helped helped us lead the charge on that um which i think is going to really benefit western loud

[01:46:48] into long time into the future um you know i will be calling you a lot i'm sure when i have questions or get your advice so please don't i know you're only a phone call away um i uh appreciate um your staff and all that we've done working with my staff and on the western loud and things um i think you have you're you're a really good judge of uh character um obviously i know your wife over there they say behind every great man is a surprised woman but um you got great kids

[01:47:26] and um i think probably the thing i'm gonna miss most with you not being on the board is your frank discussions during closed session or comments i should say which are in closed session so i can't share them with anybody but i mean god bless you yeah god i mean you are a former cop so you know god bless you and um wish you the best and uh don't be a stranger uh tony uh tony's my vice chair on t-luck and uh we carved a pretty good path i think in t-luck did some things that uh

[01:48:05] t-luck probably hasn't ventured to do before i'm always in awe of a supervisor that can use the f word like a comma and get away with it I don't understand how you can get away with that stuff none of us would get away with it but you do all the time I was gonna save it for the dinner but what the heck you know I love that you tell it like it is you're pretty down to earth and and we can always count on you for an honest opinion and that means a lot in in this kind of charged

[01:48:32] environment that means a lot so thank you very much I appreciate it yes oh okay Madam Chair I'd be remiss if I wasn't to recognize Tony Buffington, Supervisor Buffington, for his dedication and

[01:49:07] commitment to the town of Percival. So I'm speaking on behalf of its 10,000 citizens. I had the pleasure to work with Tony from 2018 to 2023, and he was just a partner with our council members, with

my administrative team, on a number of initiatives that we accomplished between town and county. But most of all, and I had recognized this in the town of Percival, and a lot of folks in our community didn't realize that Tony is a hero among us. Because Tony,

[01:49:46] Supervisor Buffington, was also a Capitol Police officer defending the peaceful transfer of power during the January 6th insurrection, and he and his fellow colleagues, men and women, stood their ground. And it was Mr. Buffington, Supervisor Buffington, Capitol Police Officer Buffington, that protected the congressional leaders and the senators, including the vice president, leading them to safety. And so we owe Mr. Buffington and his fellow officers a debt of

[01:50:24] gratitude for protecting democracy for the future of our country. Thank you, Tony. I wasn't going to speak, but I'm going to try really hard not to do that. But I thank you for bringing me back to the board and for working together and mostly on the conservation easement grant program. We've made

[01:50:58] such strides with it, and we have a whole green belt below Percival now that we wouldn't have had without that and I'm really grateful and I feel like I can leave knowing that we really did some good things and thank you for that yeah so I'll just say it was a pleasure working with you Tony supervisor buffington I remember when we all got elected in 2015 you know I reached out call we had

[01:51:34] a good conversation we really didn't know each other at all but I think over these last few years we've definitely gotten to know each other a lot as chair Randall mentioned we did we went on a few man dates because supervisor Buffington and I for a period of time we were the only single guys on the on the board so we and we're dating actively but you know we we hung out a few times so so we enjoyed yes yes thanks for clarifying Tony also I'm gonna yeah for the record I'm gonna miss uh comic relief from Mr buffington as well as I like I like to provide comic relief and

[01:52:13] lighten it up and you've done the same so I'm gonna miss that um but also I'll just say that in the first term obviously the board makeup was a lot different but I know if I had a if I had a item on the agenda there was a couple of phone calls I would make and buffington was one of them to to speak about the item why why am I doing it here's what's going on and can I have your support and I would say 10 out of 10 times you gave me that support and I really appreciate that because You look past the political divide and just look at the item and said, you know, OK, yep, this makes sense.

[01:52:46] This is a good item and I'm going to support you on that. So I really appreciate that. And that shows that, you know, at the end of the day, that's what that's what all this is about. So I appreciate that. And as David mentioned earlier, I remember on that day in January 6th, Loughton held their breath because a lot of people knew what your day job, your service was.

[01:53:05] And I remember receiving a lot of texts and phone calls asking for individuals that we know in our personal lives that are down there. And you were one of them that, Loudon, a lot of people reached out and asked, have you heard from Supervisor Buffington? And so I was glad to hear that you were safe that day. And thank you for your service.

[01:53:20] And thank you for your service to Loudon County. So good job. Thank you, brother. Appreciate it. You brought the pride, too. So I actually want to say something to your wife. I remember when they were going on their mandates, and we were in in a meeting, and Karan said to Tony, man, you want to go on a mandate tonight?

[01:53:49] That's what they called him. That's what they called him. And Tony goes, I got a date with a woman tonight. And it was you. And it was you. And no more mandates. And then, like, I remember, like, a couple of weeks later, we're on the dais, and, you know, it would take a while, and Tony goes, we've got to hurry up, we've got to hurry up, we've got to hurry up.

[01:54:16] I've got a date. And I said, was the same lady a date with the Evan Knight? And he goes, yeah. And I was like, that's when I knew. That's when I knew. I was like, so you blew off Koran, and you're making us hurry. And that's when I knew. I also remember so well after January 6th, you and I packing the truck to send to the donations and how many it was.

[01:54:45] And it was January, so it was cold out there. And we were out there for a very long time with people coming and bringing donations. And then the kids putting them on the truck and all of us putting the truck. And then you went and stayed down there. And I just remember how it was amazing to me that you had decided to do that at that moment to support all the Capitol Police officers by packing that truck, getting those donations, and taking them down to D.C. because they couldn't leave.

[01:55:15] I remember that so well. You all also put Elizabeth in my life, which I am continually grateful for you all putting Elizabeth in my life. The only thing you have now to do is on the 6th of January, we have our installation gala.

[01:55:30] I'm going to ask Tony to wobble on that night. So I'm going to need you. I'm going to need you to teach Tony to wobble before we get there. I said what I was going to say to you last week, and all I would say is we're friends for life, and I love you.

[01:55:46] Well, you all are too kind and funny, and I appreciate that. I got to start by thanking my wife, Christina. Honey, I couldn't do it without you, and thank you for putting up with my political life and all of the other things that I do.

[01:56:11] I just couldn't do it without you, and I love you so much, and you mean everything to me, so thank you. To my staff, I also could not have done this without you two, and there's several others, but you all have been amazing, and I love you both, and thank you so much.

[01:56:35] And Christy, I know you're going to have a long career here. You do amazing work, and I look forward to watching you continue to thrive. And Robin, I don't know if you're retiring. Another board member today asked me what I thought about them hiring you part-time for projects.

[01:56:52] So we'll see. But regardless, you have been amazing. And if you have a project in Western Loudoun that you want to get done that Robin agrees with, put her on it. Put her on it, and she has her own way of getting that project done pretty much no matter what it takes.

[01:57:13] And so, Robin and Christy, you two are friends of mine for life. If you ever need anything, you know who to call. And to my colleagues, well, let me talk Mr. Hemstreet and Mr. Rogers first. You all are amazing.

[01:57:32] You run an amazing county staff. I am constantly amazed, especially in the first term because it's new to me. But in the second term as well, and through COVID, we never missed a meeting. It is amazing the amount of work that this county staff accomplishes and the quality of the work that they accomplish.

[01:57:58] It's unbelievable. I've never seen anything like it anywhere else that I've worked. I can't give you enough credit and thanks for the work that you all do and for being basically on call because we will text you, we will call you pretty much 24-7, and you both are very good.

[01:58:21] Mr. Hemstreet answered the phone 3 a.m. He'll wake up and answer the phone and see what you, yes, sir, how can I help you? Leo, I've never tried calling at 3 a.m., But he'll get back to me really shortly thereafter if he doesn't answer the phone when I call. And if you don't have the answer, you get me the answer or you get us the answer quickly.

[01:58:41] And I know that all of my colleagues, both on this board and the former board, would have nothing but what I've said and more about you all to give you all praise. And so please, if you wouldn't mind, forward that on to the county staff from me, a personal thank you.

[01:59:01] I've never dealt with a county staff member that hasn't been helpful, professional, courteous, and just great to work with. So thank you for that. And please keep up the good work. It makes me proud to live in this county, knowing that the county staff is taking care of the people in this county to the best of their ability under hard circumstances.

[01:59:27] So many of you are out here tonight. Many of you are the ones that we normally see. but I know that behind each of you are many others, and so please, you as well, when you go back to your offices, share my thanks. It's been amazing to work with you all, and I know that a lot of times when we ask you to do something, it's not always you, the individuals here in the room tonight, that are really doing the work.

[01:59:52] There's somebody or a handful of people behind you that are doing a lot of work to get us the answers and the information we need to make decisions, important decisions for the county. So thank you to my colleagues. I'm going to find time, if I haven't already, to meet with each of you.

[02:00:11] But it has just been an absolute honor to work with all of my colleagues on this board. And Ms. Briskman is not here. We spoke on the phone earlier this evening, and she has my number, too. You all have my number. Keep in touch, please. If you want to hear something funny, give me a call.

[02:00:30] I'll drop the F-bomb, and you can laugh. You know, we can reminisce. But seriously, you all are true professionals as well. I don't think people in the county understand how much work goes into being a board member and how much time it actually takes to be a board member and that it's a 24-7 responsibility and that people are constantly contacting you from all kinds of methods.

[02:00:58] And everywhere we go, we're stopped by people on the street, in the grocery store, And it's something about the county, and whether it's good or bad, usually happy people don't stop you. It's people who are not so happy with something. But that's an opportunity for us to learn something new and maybe focus on fixing it, and oftentimes we're able to do that.

[02:01:19] So, again, I'll find a time to thank you each individually, but thank you from the bottom of my heart, and I hope that we all keep in touch, and I wish you all the best in all that you do. and I look forward to following the continued success of the board.

[02:01:36] And Chair Randall, I will probably cry if I get into it right now, so I'm not. But you and I are friends for life, as you always say, and I know that we will have many, many more conversations and lunch dates and meetings and telephone calls and all of that.

[02:01:53] And don't worry, Elizabeth, remain in your life. It's okay. So I won't take up any more time, but I really am. It's with mixed emotions that I move on, and I've really enjoyed my time here. So thank you all.

[02:02:36] No, it won't.

[02:04:28] Okay, supervisors, we have nominations. I want to remind everyone that the nominations you're making right now are for next term. We won't be voting on them until next term. I want to remind everyone for some positions there may have to be a vote for next term.

[02:04:46] and that's okay, that's okay, but you're making these right now for next term. I'm sure at the January meeting there will be a lot more nominations. If we have a committee that is going to be meeting between our first meeting in January and our second meeting in January, if you make those nominations in January, we can suspend the rules and approve them at that time, but right now we're making them for the next term.

[02:05:09] So if you have nominations, please put your lights on. Mr. Letourneau. Chair Randall. Yes. May I just make a correction? Yeah. for the record. So for the nominations item, last meeting, the board made a nomination for the Nova Parks, for the Nova Parks Board.

[02:05:24] Oh, yeah, yeah. I told Caleb that already. Okay, so that, so there are no vacancies on the Nova Parks Board. I don't know. Did I say it wrong? Well, he thought you said it wrong. Oh, okay. It was correct. We recorded it incorrectly, so that's my fault. So the Nova Parks Board position is filled there is a vacancy as i understand it for the pros board so that is the correction and he was unclear he he i know he wanted nova parks but you said the pros board and just wasn't sure which which one it was so there is no but there's no vacancy in the parks

[02:06:03] it was clarified on the record so the nova parks nomination was made correctly we just in the paperwork we sent out it was reflected incorrectly so the nova parks board slot is with the nomination of uh i believe mr bonfield's the pro board yes has a vacancy yes so i just want to make that correction to the paperwork that you have in front of you yes yes so madam chair yes is there any is there any correction that i need to make or is everything there is no correction that the board needs to make i just want to make sure that i reported that out to the

[02:06:40] board. We will issue a corrected action report by the end of the week that reflects the correct record. Thank you. Wonderful. All right. Mr. Letourneau. Yeah, let me just ask a question. So Mr. Bonfils was nominated to the Nova Parks board. That is correct. But there is no vacancy. Exactly. Not not anymore. He was nominated for that vacancy. He filled it. He filled it. So I don't need to nominate him. Right. All right. Okay. I have several I'm making this evening. Starting with I nominate Madhava Madhoretti for reappointment as the Dulles District Representative on the Planning

[02:07:15] Commission. I nominate Samia Barher for reappointment as the Dulles District Representative on the Commission on Aging. I nominate William Wilkin for reappointment as the Dulles District Representative on the Heritage Commission. I nominate Kristen Reed for reappointment as the Dulles District Representative on the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Board. I nominate Mita Mathur for reappointment as an at-large representative on the Art Advisory Committee.

[02:07:42] I'm not sure if anyone made this one previously, but I nominate Michael Capretti for reappointment as an at-large representative on the Fiscal Impact Committee. I nominate Mark Walker for

reappointment as an at-large representative on the Fiscal Impact Committee. I nominate Kirk Myers as an at-large representative on the Fiscal Impact Committee.

[02:08:00] I nominate Jack Vega as an at-large representative on the Loudon Water Board, and I nominate Robert Fiolik as an at-large representative on the Loudon Water Board. Thank you. Mr. Capretti had requested that Mr. Letourneau make the FIC recommendation, but it's been made, so okay.

[02:08:19] Yep, it's fine. I'm happy to do that. No, it's fine. It's fine. It's fine, as long as it's made. Ms. Amstel. Thank you, Madam Chair. I nominate Anthony Fasolo for reappointment to the Commission on Aging. I nominate Lauren Chernoff for reappointment to the Advisory Commission on Youth.

[02:08:40] I nominate Raymond Del Pesch for reappointment to the Transit Advisory Board. I nominate Maggie Steinhilper for reappointment to the Animal Advisory Committee. I nominate Brody McRae for reappointment to the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Board.

[02:09:02] And I nominate Ed Barnes for reappointment to the Planning Commission. And given that the county's representative on the Leesburg Executive Airport Commission has tendered his resignation by email, Jonathan Corcoran, I nominate Bruce Roberts to serve as the county's liaison to the Leesburg Executive Airport Commission.

[02:09:32] Thank you. Ms. Glass. Thank you, Madam Chair. I nominate Tracy Steffick for reappointment as the Broad Run District Representative on the Advisory Commission on Youth. I nominate Michael McCullion for reappointment as the Broad Run District Representative on the Animal Advisory Committee.

[02:09:52] I nominate Robin Burke for appointment as the Broad Run District Representative on the Commission on Aging. I nominate Greg Stone for appointment as the Broad Run District Representative on the Communications Commission. I nominate Derek Donato for appointment as an at-large representative on the Facilities Standards Manual Public Review Committee.

[02:10:14] I nominate Eric Dickman for reappointment as a developer representative on the Fiscal Impact Committee. I nominate John Graveen for reappointment as an at-large representative on the Fiscal Impact Committee.

[02:10:32] I nominate Bridget Roberson for appointment as the Loudoun County Representative on the Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia. And I nominate Angeline Sirascar for reappointment as an at-large representative on the Loudoun Water Board.

[02:10:48] Thank you. Mr. Kirshner. Thank you, Madam Chair. My first nomination tonight will be Mr. Mark Miller coming back as my Catoctin Planning Commissioner. I would also nominate Tolga Bakke to the REDC as Limited Farm Brewery Representative.

[02:11:04] I would also nominate Katie Gordon as the Catoctin Representative on the Library Board of Trustees. I think I was not paying attention, but I think, Mr. Letourneau, you nominate Mr. Fulick and Vega, is that correct? Okay, I had them on my list, but thank you.

[02:11:20] That's all I have. Thank you. Mr. Turner, you don't have any? Thank you, Madam Chair. I nominate Ronald Wentz to the Animal Advisor Committee to fill the Ashburn District seat. I nominate James Paravecchio to the Community Service Board to fill an at-large seat.

[02:11:38] I nominate Faith Benjamin to the Commission on Aging to fill the Ashburn District seat. I nominate Krishna K. Paturi to the Facility Standards Manual Public Review Committee to fill an at-large seat. I nominate Matthew Leslie to the Fiscal Impact Committee to fill an at-large seat.

[02:11:54] I nominate Roy Barnett to the Fiscal Impact Committee to fill an at-large seat. And as I'm mentioning these, I'm wondering, have we appointed more people than there are seats? It doesn't matter because these are nominations. There will be votes. Okay. And then I just mentioned Roy Barnett, correct?

[02:12:12] I named Roy Barnett. You did. And I nominate Eric Coombs to the Planning Commission to fill the Ashburn District seat. Thank you. Mr. Sains. Thank you, Madam Chair. Point of clarification. Mr. Turner, you nominated Mr. Leslie for which position? Mr. Who?

[02:12:29] Leslie. Matt Leslie. Oh, to the Fiscal Impact Committee. Okay, I'm gonna nominate Matt Leslie to the FSM board. I re-nominate Jason Kennedy as a Sterling District Representative on the Communications Commission.

[02:12:44] I re-nominate Amanda Folk as a Sterling District Representative on the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Board. I re-nominate Donna Bohannon as the Sterling District Representative on the Heritage Commission. I nominate Peyton Stone as an at-large representative on the Fiscal Standards Manual Public Review Committee.

[02:13:01] and I re-nominate D. Kim Price for the sterling seat on the Commission of Aging. - Thank you. Yeah, just to be clear, supervisors, these are for next year, and so if there's more nominations made than positions, then we will take a vote.

[02:13:21] And what we would do next time is we would have nominations first, and then we would look at the board and see which ones need to take a vote. So even if you make the nomination in January, your person will still be able to be voted on if there's more than one position.

[02:13:37] I mean, if we have more positions and openings, you can make it next time, and your person can still be voted on at that time, okay? So I nominate Beth Erickson for the Heritage Commission. I nominate Maureen Robinsons for AIDWAB, and I am proud to nominate Dale Polin-Meyers as my Planning Commissioner.

[02:14:01] Anything else? All right, let's go to board comments. Board comments, Ms. Umstead. Thank you, Madam Chair. For disclosures, on December 11th, I met with Chief Pearsall of the Philomont Volunteer Fire Department.

[02:14:25] On December 15th, I met with Mike Romeo on the Sheets Station proposed for Cross Trail Boulevard. On December 15th, I met with Hobie Mitchell, Aaron Swisshelm, and Randy Minshew on the village at Clear Springs.

[02:14:45] That is it for disclosures. I want to thank Chabad for putting together the menorah lighting down at 1 Loudoun. They did a very nice job. We had the governor and the lieutenant governor.

[02:15:02] And then a survivor of the Holocaust, Mr. Mandel, who gave a very moving speech, that event was attended by both Supervisor Glass and Chair Randall, and Mr. Mandel said he feels he needs to come out and speak about the Holocaust because there are a dwindling number of Holocaust survivors left to do so.

[02:15:34] I would like to thank the folks in Leesburg for a great Christmas and holiday parade. It was packed. We had a tremendous number of floats, and I gave away all of the Costco candy that I had.

[02:15:53] I would like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Thank you. Mr. Turner. Thank you, Madam Chair. I have one disclosure on Monday, December 18th, my staff and I met with Aaron Swishholm from Wash Kalushi, Lester Atkins from Wells & Associates, David Fielder from Vitesco Technologies, Ryan David from Urban LTD, and Ron Meyer from RMA LLC to discuss the application for Belmont Innovation Campus.

[02:16:21] Just one quick comment. My staff and I, over the course of the last two or three months, have really dug into the power constraints in Loudoun County surrounding the data center industry and have found quite a bit of data on that. I'll be contacting each of my colleagues to have just a private presentation of the data that we found and kind of discuss the findings so that everybody has the same information.

[02:16:46] Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you. Mr. Letourneau. Thank you, Madam Chair. By way of disclosures, on November 30th, I met with Roy Barnett and Denise Harrover to discuss several items from Van Meter and received an update on the application Stone Ridge Section 40, which is LEGIE 2023-0042.

[02:17:08] I do want to give a regional update. As I'm sure most of you saw, at Metro, the general manager made a budget presentation for his proposed FY24 budget. This budget projects the deficit of \$750 million, assuming that there is no additional funding coming.

[02:17:29] We are required to begin this process now because we cannot assume that there will be more money coming, although I am very hopeful, and I believe that there will be, we have a specific process we have to follow, particularly as it relates to our collective bargaining and the unfortunate layoff notices that are going to be going out to employees, about 2,700 or so employees in the coming days, which would ultimately take effect in July if we aren't able to avoid our fiscal issues there are quite a few proposals in that budget it is not it was not a fun budget to to

[02:18:07] work on including some station closures which would affect the silver line certainly decreased service significant decreased service much earlier closing hours of operation all those kinds of things so you know lots of folks in the region have been kind of asking what would happen if metro doesn't get the funding it needs so the answer is is that budget proposal the good news is we've been working hard with our stakeholders we're in constant contact with members of the general assembly the administration tomorrow will be uh releasing its budget i'm not anticipating there being money for metro in it however i certainly think the the conversation that's

[02:18:44] occurring in the commonwealth virginia particularly about the new potomac yards arena has created some significant momentum for the need for metro so we're going to continue to do that work the board will uh actually make some adjustments to the general manager's proposal and then send that out for public hearing as part of our process and in the meantime be working to hopefully receive more funding i want to thank mr hemstreet who was part of the county administration's group through cog that re issued a report today on metro on metro funding i think it validated

[02:19:21] numbers and reiterated the need for additional funding. So that was a positive contribution to the discussion. Anyway, so that's on Metro. Otherwise, I just wanted to wish everybody a Merry Christmas. We've had a very, very busy term. You know, it's easy to forget when we started in 2020. We almost

immediately were into that pandemic. I would be remiss, you know, without noting, obviously for me, you know, nine months into that term, I had a pretty significant

[02:19:55] injury, um, that deeply affected me. And, and I really want to thank everybody for, for helping me through that. Um, and just thank everybody individually and, and as a group for, um, I think a productive term, we had our, our share of ups and downs. We had things we agreed on and things we didn't agree on, but you know, we're here, um, we're celebrating one of our colleagues who's, leaving us, but, you know, with smiles because of his incredible legacy with us, and I appreciate all the work and all the collaboration, and I'm grateful to the voters of the Dulles District for allowing me to continue to do this job.

[02:20:32] I'm looking forward to working with everybody in the next term. So, Attorney General, let me ask you a couple of, so, we all did follow the Potomac Yard discussion, and I, if I'm not mistaken, is Potomac Yard not on the list of one of the stations that could close? We did not issue such a list. However, the general manager said that the proposed formula that he would recommend would be the lowest 10 stations with no two stations together. And if you were to look at that criteria, Potomac Yard would be on that.

[02:21:04] Is there any way in heaven that what is being proposed, possibly, and I don't know that it's a done deal yet, but I think it's what is being proposed could happen without the Potomac Yard station one not being kept and two being expanded and the road system around being expanded so i think um what what metro has said is that the existing configuration of the station would not be sufficient to to handle the type of crowds that you would get with a arena yeah exactly how that gets worked out i presume that would be part of the discussion and package that the commonwealth

[02:21:40] is working on with the city and with the legislature but um our position would be that would need to to be fixed. Yeah, it absolutely would. And I think that it would behoove us all to be really aware to jump on whatever happens at the General Assembly around Metro, because something has to happen at the General Assembly around Metro. If they sit this out for a year, then we have no idea what's going to happen with that whole deal if they sit it out for a whole year. I don't think they can. So, all right, thank you. Mr. Glass. Thank you, Madam Chair. One disclosure, on Tuesday,

[02:22:18] December 12th, I met with representatives for the Tillots View rezoning application. I just want to, you know, actually give a shout out to my staff this term.

[02:22:34] I just want to thank them for all the hard work that they do. You know, we all talk about our staff and think that they're the best. I think my staff is the best. you know, thank you all for what you do, and I really look forward to the next term of working with you all. I also want to give a shout out to Chair Randall. Chair Randall has been a wonderful person to work with. She was actually one of the people that I had first spoken with regarding

[02:23:14] running for office and that was a number of years ago and um she was gracious and kind enough to um meet me at starbucks and we had a conversation there and talked and um and then you know i think i would ask i was asking about running for school board um but then i um i you know changed my mind and said, you know, I think I want to run for Board of Supervisors.

[02:23:45] And you have just been just a wonderful person that had helped me out. And I talked about Tony, who was one of the people who had talked about me not using my notes as well, but it was also Chair

Randall who would say, you know, when you're talking from the heart, people listen.

[02:24:10] And so that's when I decided and I told my staff, don't give me so many notes. Let me go ahead and try to, you know, just look at the, you know, the one line and have a discussion with my constituents, with the community regarding what's going on in Broad Run.

[02:24:30] And I also want to thank my constituents for voting me in. And I really look forward to working with you all in the next term. We're going to miss you, Tony, and I am going to give you a call because I probably will, you know, need some, I won't say the F word, but need some conversation and some comedy around.

[02:24:59] Thank you. Wonderful. Thank you. Mr. Turner. I'm sorry, Mr. Who's left? Mr. Kirshner. Glad I wasn't forgotten.

[02:25:15] Thank you. I'm sorry. I don't really have any news from Catoctin. Hopefully coming next year I will periodically share. My goal during our board comments is to periodically share some interesting historic tidbits, perhaps even more about Western Loudon and some things that we kind of forget because I think it's helpful.

[02:25:35] I do want to first, as we close out the year, I do want to thank all the residents of Catoctin for reelecting me and putting your trust in me. I really hope I am up to the task. I plan to be. We're going to work really hard. We've got a big zoning ordinance rewrite, ZOAM, to do for the rural policy area.

[02:25:56] And so that's going to be a heavy lift come this first year, along with a number of other different things. I want to say thank you to, it's kind of the Christmas time. So, first of all, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas if they forget to do that at the end of this. Enjoy your families.

[02:26:12] We'll have a little time off. Everyone in the county, everyone sitting up here. For me, it's a refreshing time. It's a time of reflection and a time that is really important, especially when you have six boys in the house, 11 and under.

[02:26:28] It's a little chaotic at times. We're going to have two Christmases this year. I've got all my wife's family coming on Christmas Day and then all my family coming the day after, along with my mom's 27 grandkids. So that will be a lot of fun. Christmas season is also fun because I get to participate in a lot.

[02:26:46] So the last week or so I've been to a lot of different events. I got to go to the Perseville Business Association's annual Christmas dinner, which was great. Mr. Buffington was going to come and receive an award. He couldn't because he was giving an award to someone else, the sacrifice that he does.

[02:27:04] So I took the award for him. It was all good. Did you ever give it back to him? I got a picture of it. Did you ever give it back to him? I haven't yet, but it didn't involve anything monetary, so I was a little disappointed. But otherwise, it was awesome. Got to visit the Lovettsville Rortans at their Christmas gathering, which was really great.

[02:27:24] Been there a couple of times. A lot of good folks doing a lot of things. Did I say Lovettsville? I mean, Luckett's. Doing a lot of things up there in Luckett's and really hardworking group. Got to participate and be part of, well, we went and watched this time. Oftentimes I'm in the parade, but the Christmas parade in Percival, which is great.

[02:27:42] If you've never participated or gone to watch any of the Christmas parades, it's a lot of fun. A lot of the old horses come out with their bells on, and it's very festive. And if you haven't, you should do it one

of these years. That was great. I want to kind of close this year, first of all, at the end of our first term, by just thanking.

[02:28:01] There's so many people to thank. But you guys have all been incredibly welcoming. I've had a great experience on the board. I'm looking forward to in these second couple of years. To Mr. Hemstreet and your staff, to Mr. Rogers and your staff, to all my colleagues who are sitting up here. We disagree oftentimes.

[02:28:20] Once in a while, I'm the black sheep up here, but that's okay. But we often collaborate, and we're often able to get a lot of great things done. And I appreciate all your assistance, your care, your concern, your vigorous discussion. It means a lot to me. And I think it's really, in a lot of ways, a democracy is supposed to work.

[02:28:39] So I appreciate all your friendships, and I'm very happy about it. I want to thank my staff. I've had the same three staff members with me since the very beginning. They're coming back, thanks to this board for giving us a little bit of extra money, giving them little raises and getting some more folks in, because we had a lot to do in Western Loudoun.

[02:28:56] Jonathan Bales does all the writing. He does my newsletter, does some of my constituent work, but I get more comments about my newsletter than anything else. People love it. They really appreciate it. Jonathan, thank you for all your work there. Arlay Harris does all my constituent work in large part, and she has really upped the, I think, the performance in my office since she came on, and I get a lot of great comments about how she's on things.

[02:29:19] And, of course, Stacey Carey, many of you know for a long time. So thank you to the three of you for all that you do, and I greatly appreciate it. And that's really all I wanted to share from Catoctin and from the Catoctin seat. The junior Western Loudoun supervisor, once again, will miss the senior Western Loudoun supervisor.

[02:29:40] So thank you. Thank you. Likewise. I'm the senior Western Loudoun supervisor. Mr. Turner, you want to turn your light off, please? Mr. Buffington.

[02:29:57] Thank you, Madam Chair. No required disclosures. And earlier this evening, I gave a long sort of speech to thank a lot of people. But one group of people that I didn't thank earlier was the constituents and the people of Loudoun County, primarily, and especially my constituents, but all the people of Loudoun County I just want to thank you for giving us all the opportunity to serve no matter who you voted for whoever ended up serving you for the last eight years and and you know since the beginning of time really whenever we

[02:30:32] started this government 1757 it really is an honor to be in this position to serve the people of Loudoun County and to know that at some point you made a difference with some of the decisions you made and to learn learn so much about this county just through being in this position thank you for that opportunity it has been a pleasure to serve you and I wish this board and all future boards all of the best and I look forward to watching this

[02:31:10] board's continued success in the next board and so on so thank you again thank you vice chair saints well thank you madam chair um no mandatory disclosures i'll just say thank you to the two gentlemen that came and spoke as i always do thank you for coming to speak and you know speak and

spread your peace you always could be anywhere but you chose to be with us and say what's near and dear to your heart so I appreciate you taking the time to do that as always um this board term has

[02:31:41] been full of ups and downs. We started fresh, happy, and then next thing we knew, our lives changed. We were fresh, but we were fresh at home because our lives changed. We overcame a 100-year pandemic with all of us, and that actually stopped the growth and development and the congeniality of this board meshing for a period of time because we were all remote, you know, over Zoom and Microsoft Teams or whatever system they had us use every five

[02:32:20] seconds. It seems like we're switching, you know, via phone calls. Obviously, we definitely use our phones a lot during that period of time, but we overcame that with staff help and guidance and through the guidance of ourselves as well. And, you know, we should all take note of that. That was a very serious time. We all made it through. I don't know, you know, some family members didn't make it through possibly our friends or loved ones that you might know I think we all were affected in various ways during that period of time but we made it through and here we are today we still accomplished a lot on this board we're as Mr. Hemistry likes to say we are a very active board

[02:32:58] and that is very very true in many ways from a lot of BMIs you know for issues that are near and dear to your heart and your constituents in your own districts to we just you know went over strategic initiatives earlier in the meeting, but we accomplished a lot, and that's something to be proud of and hang our hats on. So, job well done, colleagues. To my staff, we had a little bit of a changeover. Omar Masood, who was with me, I think, in the middle of my first term, I think altogether five years, he left in September-October time frame, and then

[02:33:37] I had made an arrangement with Mr. Buffington to have Christy Maple help me, especially during the Zora process. And during that process, we came to understanding, and I think it worked well. So she's going to stay on and become my chief aide in my office, starting effective, well, might as well just say now, but effective, true, true effective January 1st with Tiani.

[02:33:58] So thank you to my staff and Omar. I'll even name the others who have helped me over the years, Abby Carter, Matt Leslie, Jackie Pujo, Omar. Tiani and now Christy you guys done a bang up job day in and day out we would not been able to do a lot of the things in sterling if it was not for you so I really appreciate you and all your efforts and help um and I'll just say I'm looking forward to the time with uh for friends and family in the next coming weeks we regroup refocus and we'll be back at it in the new year in 2024

[02:34:32] I'm honored to be doing this this uh this service our jobs are our board of supervisors yes we do supervisor a lot of things but I always feel that the title is not correct we are to me we're advocates uh we advocate for our constituents in our districts every single day advocate down at the general assembly level to our our colleagues down there and we advocate up to the on capitol hill as well so we do a lot of advocating so that's why I think the job should be advocates but but uh but I'm thankful to be here honored uh and blessed to do this job and to be here with all of

[02:35:08] you guys and be with the new group coming in in 2024 so we'll be we'll be back at it and we'll see you in a few weeks and see you in the new year so thank you thank you Mr. Sains on Thursday December 14th my staff met with the applicants for Cool Springs for the upcoming application that we will be we will see early next year so I also want to thank my staff I know my staff has a very very tough job it's you know being being the chair of the county means everything in the county comes to you. And people

think, and I should just clear this up, that I'm y'all's bosses. I am not your bosses, right? So whenever something happens and people don't like what

[02:35:48] you said to them, like if they didn't like the answer, they get a hold of me. And I'm like, why are you cutting before you come back to me? I don't know why I'm looking at you because you're looking back at me. But my staff does a very good job. So thank you very much. Thank you, Matt. Thank you, Tim. Thank you, Ruth. Thank you, Justin, and everybody who's been on my staff. I want to do, I want to take a moment and say to Mr. Sainz, thank you for being vice chair. Vice chair can be a very, very tough job because you never know when you're going to be called on to jump into action. And sometimes you just don't expect it to get a phone call that says, you're chairing the meeting tonight, go. You've been a great vice chair. And, and I know,

[02:36:25] you know, you and I talked about giving other people the opportunity to kind of grow in their talents and in their skills. And I've been asked more than once, like, why isn't Quran going to be vice chair, and I said it because he and I know that, especially with the job that you do, that it's important to give people another chance to grow in their skills, but thank you for being my vice chair.

[02:36:45] I appreciate it very much. To my colleagues, this job is both incredibly rewarding and can be very difficult. Tonight, Ms. Bibari quoted from the poem, The Man in the Arena, which I'm not a poetry person, but I do love that poem from Roosevelt. Sometimes I read comments about us, and I think, who are they talking about? Have they ever even met us before? And of course, oftentimes the comments are from suit names, not even real names, and on a social media page, not even with

[02:37:24] attribution. And I think, well, you know what? That's okay, because Mr. Kirshner is right. That is what democracy is all about. People can say what they want to say, but at some point, you also have to, as a person who I consider a friend, told me one time, you have to know who you are. And when you know who you are, no matter what is said about you, you can make it through because you know that you are not the things that are being said, and you know who you are.

[02:37:50] So I appreciate the service of each and every one of you, and I know that it is not easy service. I want to thank also the security staff in this building. You know, there are times we get some pretty ugly e-mails or pretty ugly things might happen.

[02:38:06] And, you know, it's important to be able to feel safe when you walk into the building. And we have, you know, a great team out there who I know that some things probably happen in the hallway that we never even know about because they take care of it out in the hallway.

[02:38:22] So I want to thank the security team that's out there. through so many of the processes that we did this year, I want to say that we were the first county to do a hybrid virtual in-person meeting and the only county that did not leave the dais.

[02:38:40] All of our windows stayed open, and we had somebody on this dais every single meeting during COVID, and that was because of the work of Leah Rogers, Tim Hempstreet, and the county staff. Mr. Turner, I would not have gotten through Zora without you. It would have been absolutely impossible.

[02:38:57] And Zora was a very, very heavy, heavy, heavy lift. Mr. Kirshner, I still get asked, are we friends? And now I just go, I don't even know that guy. I don't even know who that is. I don't even know that guy. So for all of you all up here, Mr. Letourneau, you know, you've gone for like six months without having to go to the hospital.

[02:39:18] It's amazing. Just keep up the good work, man. Keep up the good work. It's a great job. Ms. Glass, your calm class is always so encouraging. I also want to tell everybody that when Mr. Sains, Mr. Buffington, Ms. Umstead, and who else came on the board with us?

[02:39:45] Oh, Mr. Meyer came to the board. The two parties were doing installation separately. They have Republicans and Democrats getting installed separately, and I thought that was ridiculous, and I called people, and for the first time ever. In 2016, the Democrats and Republicans got installed together.

[02:40:03] Well, this time, we're going to go one step further. Democrats, Republicans, independents, everyone, school board and board of supervisors will have an installation together on January 6th, and everyone is invited to be there, so please come.

[02:40:19] And we will have a gala that evening, and the only requirement for the gala is that you come and you have a good time and that Mr. Buffington knows how to wobble. That's it. That's all I got. It's at the Holiday Inn in Sterling, both events. I'm sorry, I'm a little over time.

[02:40:35] Both events, the installation starts at 10 a.m. The gala, which is semi-formal, starts at 630 and goes, thank you, 630 and goes to 10. So all are welcomed and we're looking forward to the first joint installation. It's going to be fun.

[02:40:53] So thank you, everyone. Okay, we're going to stay on the stage because we don't have that much more to do. In fact, I think we only have one more thing to do. Am I right? And that's because Mr. Sains insisted insisted on and I mean insisted yeah, on doing a reconsideration, even though I had to talk Mr. Turner out of his because we were going to be here all night, but Mr. Sains insisted Mr. Turner so my apologies. So Mr.

[02:41:17] Sains has a reconsideration for number six Were you just not here when we did this? No, I was. Okay, you want to make a motion to reconsider? Yes. I move to reconsider the motion passed for the Muddy Branch Flooding Study at the December 5, 2023 Board of Supervisors Business Meeting.

[02:41:37] For the purpose of discussion, because I want to know why we're considering it, I will second that. So, thank you. The staff did a study, did a recommendation. The recommendation, during the study, they recommended a few, how can I say, improvements that possibly could be made to relieve flooding in the Sterling area off of Old Church Road and a few other locations.

[02:42:01] However, they noted that the study, the improvements were going to be costly, number one, and secondly, possibly would not relieve that much flooding if done. but after a talk with staff and my staff, I feel that I would like to direct staff to look at one of the projects they identified, and I've reviewed this with staff, and they feel that this is something that might relieve some of the pressure of the flooding in this area.

[02:42:36] If you looked at the pictures... Well, this is just a reconsideration, so did you say enough for us to... You can do all this in your opening. Yeah, I think so. You can tell this in your opening. So the motion to reconsider was made by Mr. Saines. I second the motion to reconsider. All the people say aye. Aye. Any opposed?

[02:42:52] That motion will pass 801. Okay, would you like to make the motion? I move that the Board of Supervisors approve the November 14, 2023 recommendation of the Finance, Government, Operations, and Economic Development Committee to recommend that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to

proceed with the channel and stormwater structure maintenance options identified in the Muddy Branch Drainage Study and to not pursue implementation of proposed projects one, two, and three as identified and evaluated in the study provided as attachment one of the December 5th, 2023 Board of Supervisors Business Meeting Action Item.

[02:43:26] And I further move that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to research the scope, schedule, cost, and proposed funding source to implement the BMP project number four consisting of a dry pond adjacent to East Beach Road and report back to the board for direction and authorization to proceed with the project um motion main sigma supervisor glass mr saying thank you so as i was saying um so staff did a great job with this study they came up with actually some solutions some of them are a little bit pricey and they said yes that some of this

[02:44:02] might not give that much relief to the flooding that is going on in this area but after review and rethinking some things and talking to staff again I feel that we still need to try to do something so I asked staff to go back look and look at the different project recommendations is there one that we feel might relieve a little bit of the pressure from the flooding you know in this area and not being too costly as some of the others some of the projects that they identified work so they went back and looked at it we had a meeting and we say

[02:44:38] Project 4, which is the dry pond, would be the best option to continue to review and see if this is something worth looking at. So that's why I'm bringing back this reconsideration. Because if you look at the packet from December 4th, this area has been hit with flooding numerous times.

[02:44:55] Thankfully, no property, no house has been damaged, no lives impacted. However, it's still very, very discouraging to see the pictures and the video when you look at the area that's been flooding a few times now over the last few years so I just want to give this one last look at to see if there's any way we can solve this issue and for the for these neighbors in my in my area residents in my area excuse me thank you thank you Mr. Zanes anybody else since I'll support the motion but I don't because I don't because you're having a study done I'll support the motion I really haven't studied what you just said and so I'm just gonna I'm going to you know it's you and

[02:45:35] is Sterling and I know how hard you work in Sterling and how much you know you know about Sterling and so I'm going to support the motion and then maybe because it's a study but I'll do some more research on it later on. Okay. All right. All in favor say aye. Any opposed? That motion will pass 801. Okay. Before we leave, Mr. Turner, you forgot a few. I did. I forgot three nominations very quickly. I nominate Brandon Farrell to the facility standard manual board.

[02:46:06] NOMINATE ANGELA RASSES TO THE FACILITY STANDARDS MANUAL BOARD, AND I NOMINATE KEITH SIMPSON TO THE FACILITY STANDARDS MANUAL BOARD. OKAY, THANK YOU. THANK YOU. I ALSO WANT TO -- I BELIEVE YOU -- I ALSO WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT PLEASE, IN THE NEXT DAY OR SO, IF YOU'RE NOT HERE TOMORROW OR OVER THE WEEK -- OR IF YOU'RE NOT HERE FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK, DO IT TONIGHT.

[02:46:26] PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU TAKE ALL OF YOUR STUFF OFF THE DAIS BECAUSE THE DAIS WILL BE -- SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN TO THE DAIS WHILE WE ARE GONE. Please make sure everything that you want to have off the dais, off the dais. You can absolutely put them in the little cubbies, they said, but take them out.

[02:46:42] If you're not going to be here, I'll be here tomorrow, but otherwise take them off the dais. The one people I did forget to absolutely think is the, are the, and I don't know if the term is, the correct term are the clerks, the people who sit here with us and absolutely address hands of that and run the clock and call on people.

[02:47:05] I know you have a lot of interaction with the public over there sometime, public who's not really in great moods when they come in to get information from you all. You do a great job. You are public service, and you do a great job. And it's kind of funny when the clock doesn't start, because the only person who ever kind of says, my clock didn't start, is Matt, Mr. Turner.

[02:47:27] Everybody else just lets the clock go until I catch it and talks and talks and talks. So you guys do a great job with that. So thank you to all the people who sit here in the room with us. Supervisors, for the last time this term, Mr. Buffington sitting next to me. Mr. Buffington, you want to call us adjourned?

[02:47:43] No. Actually, recess us. Well, I think we're continuing the meeting to the Dulles Room. Yeah, well, we're going to recess or just continue the meeting? We're continuing the meeting to the Dulles Room, and then we'll adjourn the meeting from there. Mr. Buffington, would you like that honor to recess the meeting, please? We will continue the meeting into the Dulles Room and then recess after that.

[02:48:03] We adjourn from there. Adjourn from there. Yep. There you go. Thank you. Thank you. Fun, huh? Thank you, man.



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