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[00:08:56] Good afternoon. I would like to call to order the July 16, 2024 Loudoun County Board of Supervisors business meeting. This room has a hearing loop. If you need hearing assistance, please switch your hearing aids to telecoil mode. If you need a headset, we have those available as well. Please see the clerk to request one.

[00:09:17] This afternoon, Supervisor Glass will be leading us in the words of inspiration and the pledge. Thank you, Madam Chair. My words of inspiration are simple. Be kind to each other and respect each other, regardless of where we fall on the political spectrum.

[00:09:38] Not agreeing with someone politically does not mean you have to hate that person or that person is the enemy. It simply means we are Americans and we can love America but disagree on policy issues. Violence is never the answer.

[00:09:56] Be kind. Please stand for the pledge, please. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, to be visible, with liberty and justice for all.

[00:10:15] Okay, so I am Vice Chair Julie Briskman, and Chair Randall is on a flight from Florida right now. So we will be getting started with some of our items this evening, and hopefully she will be with us

within the hour.

[00:10:38] If not, we shall carry on, but that's why we haven't really adjusted seats here tonight. I'm starting the meeting, and then Chair Randall will hopefully be here shortly. So we will start with the adoption of the consent agenda.

[00:10:53] The proposed consent agenda is as follows. Item R1, resolution of commendation for Middleburg American Legion Post 295 for approval and presentation. And Supervisor Crony will join us down front for that.

[00:11:11] Item R2, resolution to recognize the 60th anniversary of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission. That is also for approval and presentation. I will be down front for that one as the other member of NVTC is not here tonight. Supervisor Letourneau is still away.

[00:11:28] Item R3, Proclamation to Recognize Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day in Loudoun County. That's approval and presentation. Item 1A, Appointments and Confirmations. Item 2, Administrative Items Report of July 16, 2024.

[00:11:46] Item 4, Restricted Transit Occupancy Tax Fund Tourism Grant Program. Item 5, Resolution of the Intent to Amend Chapter 1460 of the Codified Ordinances of Loudoun County Grants or Loans for Rental Property and Certain Owner-Occupied Property.

[00:12:04] Item 6, FY 2024 Section 8, Management Assessment Program Certification and Submission. Item 7, American Rescue Plan Act Reallocation and Revision Recommendations. Item 8, Contract Award Advanced Technology Solutions Aggregator.

[00:12:20] Item 9, Contract Award Job Order Contract for Maintenance of Mechanical Infrastructure. Item 10, the Loudoun County Transit Title VI Fair Equity Analysis of the Proposed Fair Elimination for Local and Paratransit Services.

[00:12:37] Item 11, Award Authority during August Board Recess. Item 12, Contract Award Architectural and Engineering Services for the Adult Detention Center Expansion, Phase 3. Item 13, Contract Award in FY 2025 Capital Improvement Program Amendment Fire and Rescue Basic Training Facility.

[00:12:59] And item 15, Board Member Initiative Proposed Through Truck Restriction on Heartland Drive, Fleetwood Road, Everfield Drive, and Watson Road. Is there a motion to move the adoption? Madam Vice Chair, I would like to pull 1A off consent.

[00:13:15] Okay. And I would like to add an item. For consent? Oh, not for consent, no. Okay. All right. Noting that item 1A is off consent, but we're just withdrawing one name, and that's the only one.

[00:13:31] Yes, Madam Vice Chair. I withdraw my nomination for the broad-run representative on the Community Criminal Justice Board. Okay, thank you. Is there a motion to adopt the proposed consent agenda? So moved.

[00:13:47] Second. Thank you. Moved by Supervisor Turner, seconded by Supervisor Kirshner. Any comments? Supervisor Tacroni. Yeah, I just want to thank board members for supporting my board member initiative about limiting or eliminating through truck or putting a through truck restriction on Heartland Drive, Fleetwood Road, Everfield Drive, and Watson Road with the completion of north star from route 50 to Brambleton this provides an

[00:14:23] alternative route for truck traffic and the safety of residents in my district is my top concern excluding truck traffic in residential communities will improve safety and the quality of life for residents specifically in willowsford with the roundabouts there's been a lot of damage to some of the roundabouts from trucks so this will eliminate some of the costs they've had to incur to fix their residential road so thank you so much for the board for supporting my

[00:14:55] study to look at truck restrictions on those highways thank you thank you supervisor krishner oh sorry i was just my second so i can speak if you want to but okay uh i'll just comment that the arpa um reallocation is recognizing 1.5 million in saving savings and that's going to um go over to our our uh rental assistance program so that's really good news and also the equity analysis on the fair elimination for our local fixed routes

[00:15:31] that's just a routine analysis that happens if we change um if we change something with our transportation in the county. We have to go through an equity analysis, and it's all good that we are eliminating fares. We passed the test, so I think it's January 1st that we start eliminating fares in the county for our fixed routes to encourage more multimodal forms of transportation, so that's very exciting. Okay, we have a motion and a second. All in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? That will pass 603 with three folks off of the dais.

[00:16:10] We have Chair Randall on her way, also Supervisor Saines on his way, and Supervisor Letourneau will not be joining us this evening. All right, moving on. Mr. Hemstreet, do you, oh, sorry, do we have any requests for additions and deletions to the agenda?

[00:16:31] Yes, Chair Brissman. Go ahead. Okay, thank you. I would like to to do a reconsideration of the Department of Planning and Zoning Work Plan. You can, okay, that's fine.

[00:16:46] Thank you. So we will, without objection, add that to the agenda this evening, and we will be taking that up shortly. Thank you. Okay, great. Mr. Hemstreet, do you have any comments this evening? Thank you, Madam Chair.

[00:17:04] I have four comments for this evening. The first is that the 2024 Loudoun County Apartment Guide is now online, along with a companion interactive map. The guide includes information about both market rate and affordable rental options in Loudoun County. The online map is a searchable directory of the communities included within the guide.

[00:17:24] The guide also contains details about accessibility features as well as information about communities for older adults. The guide and map are online at [loudoun.gov slash department guide](https://loudoun.gov/slash-department-guide). Second, Loudoun's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services is celebrating July as Park and Recreation Month.

[00:17:42] This year's theme is Where You Belong, which expands on the mission of PRCS to connect all communities through exceptional people, parks, and programs. PRCS is hosting a variety of special activities and events for all ages and abilities as part of the celebration.

[00:17:58] Details are online at [loudoun.gov slash PRCS Connect](https://loudoun.gov/slash-prcs-connect). Third, the Loudoun County Joint Architectural Review Board is seeking nominations for its Community Blue Ribbon Award, which recognizes historic preservation and restoration projects in the county.

[00:18:15] Nominated projects should illustrate the preservation of a historic resource, landscape, or significant cultural resource. Nominations may be submitted online at loudoun.gov slash community blue ribbon award. The deadline to submit nominations is July 31st. And then finally, animal lovers of all ages are invited to participate in Frozen Fun Fridays at the Loudoun County Animal Shelter here in Leesburg.

[00:18:38] For the next two Fridays from 2 to 3 p.m., groups will meet to make frozen treats for animals at the shelter. Participants will also have the opportunity to walk through the adoption kennels. More information is online at loudoun.gov slash animals. And those are my comments this evening, Madam Chair.

[00:18:56] Okay, thank you, Mr. Hemstreet. We actually have, we do not have any information items and we have about 45 minutes until our first public comment session. So why don't we go ahead and take up your reconsideration, Mr. Crony, if you want to make a motion.

[00:19:15] Okay. I move to reconsider the motion passed as part of the board's consideration of item three, Department of Planning and Zoning Work Plan on July 2nd, 2024. I move that the Board of Supervisors approve the current list of projects listed in Tables 1, 2, and 3 on the Department of Planning and Zoning Work Plan as identified. Just pause for just a second. I think we need to vote on the reconsideration first. Yeah, so do we have a second for her motion to reconsider? I'll second. Okay, great. I think we do have opening and closing. Yes, would you like to make an opening, Ms. Crony? Yeah, I just

[00:19:53] felt that we need I would like to reconsider the discussion that we had on the FAA community process not necessarily the department of planning and zoning work plan so I'd like to get on to the second and third motion and then I can discuss kind of what I was thinking of regarding the FAA community process. Okay great. Any other discussion on motion for reconsideration. Mr. Turner? Thank you, Madam Vice Chair. I seconded the motion for reconsideration

[00:20:31] and we should consider it. I'm not convinced yet that moving at the T-Lug for further conversation is worth the two months of time. It's going to slow the process, but I'm willing to have that conversation, so we can talk some more. Thank you. Thank you, and I think I agree with you, Supervisor Turner. Would you like a closing? That's it. I hope my board members will support the reconsideration okay thank you um so we have a motion to reconsider with a second by um supervisor turner all in favor please say aye aye any opposed okay that will pass 603 with supervisor

[00:21:08] sayings chair randall and supervisor um letourneau off the dais okay would you like to make uh hang on just a second um mr rogers can she make both of those second motion those two motions together now or do we need to take those separately the motions can be taken together or they could be separated okay why don't we go ahead and try them together and see if anyone wants to separate go ahead okay okay i move that the board of supervisors approve their current list of projects listed in tables one two and three on the department of planning and zoning work plan

[00:21:42] as identified in the July 2nd 2024 board of supervisors business meeting action item i move that the Board of Supervisors forward discussion of Supervisor Letourneau's friendly amendment to direct staff to modify the FAA community process to mitigate aircraft noise within the airport impact overlay district to the September 18th Transportation Land Use Committee.

[00:22:08] Second. Would you like an opening? Yeah. So, again, specifically this is to discuss the opportunity to look at other options for the FAA community process, specifically a non-disclosure

agreement for all participants.

[00:22:30] At the May 23rd business meeting, we voted to hire the ALOF group as a subcontractor of Vionair with the following conditions. ALOF would not sit on either the design group or regional project group as a resident, and ALOF would not be involved in the technical aspects, only project management assistance, facilitation, and communication.

[00:22:50] The separation of roles was clear, and an NDA would make it clearer that all information from this project is confidential and cannot be shared. In the memo received from Mr. Hemstreet on July 1st, the confidentiality of information was the main concern, so an NDA is a viable solution.

[00:23:10] The memo recommended that the board consider options at a future TLUC meeting or as a BMI. I believe the action taken by the board on July 2nd was rushed and did not include all options. For example, I do think that Carolyn McCulley was involved in the project before May.

[00:23:31] I actually saw a PowerPoint presentation that showed her as part of the team. So forwarding this item to the September 18th TELUC meeting, when the FAA community process is on the agenda, will we allow the committee to discuss the NDA option as a viable solution to address the confidentiality concerns?

[00:23:53] I also think we need to be considerate of the fact that I think some allegations were made at that last meeting, and I don't question anybody's intent. I think everybody is trying to help this process and to come up with a community solution that will have a positive impact on everybody's quality of life.

[00:24:19] So I don't have any, in my view, there's no intent to benefit one community over the other. I think people are doing it for the right reasons, and that is to make a difference in the noise and in some of the quality of life impacts that residents are experiencing.

[00:24:39] Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Tacroni. Any further discussion on these motions? Supervisor Turner. Yeah, I just want to clarify where we are. So where we are as of the last meeting is that Mr. Lintner and the off group work as subcontractors to Vionair, and Ms. McCauley would be not allowed to be part of that subcontractor group.

[00:25:05] The notion of NNDA basically would be that both Mr. Lintner and Ms. McCauley would sign a non-disclosure agreement. We could craft the terms. Now, these are public meetings, so I don't think we can restrict them from talking about what goes on in a public meeting, but there are going to be things that are involved in those conversations that clearly are confidential in county business, and the NDA would prescribe them from talking about those.

[00:25:30] It might also be able to lay out the actual working relationship between the Aloft Group and Vionaire, so that we want to make it clear that the Aloft Group is working for Vionaire and communicates through Vionaire, not directly with members of the board or county staff. We may or may not choose to do that, but the NDA would be the vehicle by which we could create that framework.

[00:25:51] Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Turner. Supervisor Glass. Thank you, Chair Briskman. So I have a question. What is the process of doing an NDA agreement? A nondisclosure agreement just needs to be signed by all parties who are going to be receiving the confidential information.

[00:26:15] It's a standard agreement that the attorney's office could easily prepare. Okay, so would that prolong, you know, the process that we're looking to do? No, that should not prolong the process at all.

Okay, thank you.

[00:26:31] Interesting. Okay, Supervisor Tacroni, if I might ask, would there be anything to preclude members of the board and those who are concerned with this from working things out and then bringing it to the business meeting as opposed to bringing it to TLUC?

[00:26:56] I just thought TLUC would be the more appropriate place to discuss it because it is on the agenda on the 18th, and then it would go to a board meeting in October. I think we could probably send it to the first board meeting in October.

[00:27:12] So I don't know that it would delay the process necessarily, but that's what I was thinking. I don't know. Maybe staff can answer. I don't know if we have something at TLUC in September. do we have enough turnaround time to bring it to the first meeting in October?

[00:27:29] I have a feeling the answer is no, but. I believe based off of the schedule, we should be able, as long as it's not, as long as what comes out of TLUC is consistent with what goes into TLUC, we should be able to make a turnaround on the item.

[00:27:46] Okay. For the first meeting? For the first meeting in October. Okay. Supervisor Turner, if I might ask you, how do you feel about it coming to TLUC? Do you think that step needs to be taken as chair of TLAC? Well, when this process started years ago, I knew this was going to be a years-long process.

[00:28:09] Okay. I understand how this works. Okay. These two individuals have a tremendous wealth of knowledge that would be very valuable in the community process. So if we can find our way clear to involve both of them in that process, I'd really like to try and do that.

[00:28:25] And while I don't like the two-month delay, if we can solve this problem that is happy and everybody's happy, then I'd like to try and do that. Okay, okay. So you don't think it's really going to have a blip in the timing of the process? Okay, I will support the motion.

[00:28:41] Thank you. So we have a motion from Supervisor Tacroni, seconded by Supervisor Turner. All in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Okay, that motion passes 6-0-3 with Chair Randall.

[00:28:56] Supervisor Sains, and Supervisor Letourneau off the dais. Again, we have no information items, so I think that we will take up the item number three, please.

[00:29:18] Good afternoon.

[00:29:35] Do you have a presentation? I do have a presentation. I think it will be beneficial to see the maps. You saw quite a few of them in your packet. Yes. But we can go over those in a little more detail. I completely agree. Why don't we do that, especially for the public's benefit, because this has been really a hot topic in the community so i think it's it's worth it for us to go through the slides thank you very much all right so i'm pat julia with planning and zoning also with me is dan galindo director of planning and zoning over the past year county staff has been working with dominion energy state agencies and property owners on the proposed aspen to golden route the proposed 9.4 mile route which is depicted on the screen originates at the aspen

[00:30:13] substation located within the leesburg jlma and roughly parallels route seven before turning south to follow the northern edge of the broad run flood plain before reaching the loudon water property at this point two separate routes are proposed broad run variation a shown in yellow on the map to the right parallels loudon county parkway and the w and od trail broad run variation b shown in red is located

almost entirely within the broad run flood plain before terminating at the golden substation these two routes are actually the topic of the item tonight the item tonight seeks board

[00:30:50] direction affirming that broad run variation a minimizes impacts on environmental resources and is in conformance with the county's policies and is the county's preferred route so these maps provide a little more detail of the two proposed transmission routes broad run variation a which is depicted in yellow originates on the loud and water property and parallels the western edge of of Loudoun County Parkway.

[00:31:18] As part of this, there's a 100-foot right-of-way for the transmission corridor that will partially overhang the VDOT right-of-way with transmission poles located within the required building and parking set packs adjoining the roadway on the Loudoun Water and the Washington Commander's Training Facility properties.

[00:31:37] Broad Run Variation A then turns east across the Broad Run floodplain parallel to the WNOD Trail in an existing transmission corridor for approximately three quarters of a mile, where it will impact the broad run floodplain, which is depicted in blue on the map on the right.

[00:31:55] Broad run variation A minimizes impacts to environmental features and was previously identified by the county as a preferred route in its correspondence and discussions with Dominion Energy and Loudoun Water.

[00:32:10] So broad run variation B, which is shown on this screen, is located almost entirely, and it's the red route that you can see there, is located almost entirely within the Broad Run floodplain. The proposed route parallels existing sewer lines and future transmission corridors and will require the clearing of riparian forest and the crossing of wetlands within the Broad Run floodplain to accommodate the proposed transmission corridor.

[00:32:35] The route passes near an existing Herring Rookery and residential units in Concora. The route also bisects county-owned open space shown in green on the map to the left, as well as a linear trail network planned by the county within the broad run floodplain.

[00:32:50] While both broad run variation A and B are similar in length, broad run variation B poses the greatest impacts to environmental features, wildlife habitat, passive trail networks, and residents. So county staff notes that board members were copied on an email yesterday afternoon from the general manager of Loudoun Water that had identified their board of directors support for broad run variation B.

[00:33:15] This document was filed with the state corporation commission late june and cited concerns with potential impacts to the buildable area of the property plan for future expansion of the loud and water facility which is shown on green on the map to the right county staff prior to this time had been diligently working with loud and water dominion energy and vdot to review detailed engineering plans to accommodate the proposed facility expansion and place the proposed transmission corridor along loudoun county parkway as proposed in the broad run variation a the item tonight seeks board direction supporting broad run variation as

[00:33:52] the county's preferred route and direct staff to continue working with dominion energy loudoun water and other property owners on the proposed routing details prior to scc filing scheduled in this september so with that i turn it over for discussion i'm happy to answer any questions okay why don't we

go ahead and go to questions um we might be able to do it in the motion but i I think it's probably better if we just have some questions and some discussion on this.

[00:34:20] If you have any questions, please turn your lights on. Supervisor Glass. Thank you, Madam Chair. Do we know if any widening of Loudoun County Parkway to six lanes per the CTP could be accommodated within the existing right-of-way or if we would need additional right-of-way?

[00:34:43] So we have been in direct discussions with VDOT, our DTCI staff, and Loudon Water, and have confirmed that any expansion would be into the center median and would not affect any of the existing corridor as it's proposed with this transmission, with the transmission route proposed with Variation A.

[00:35:05] - I'm sorry, can you get closer to that? - I'm sorry. - I was just gonna ask if you could pull your mic a little closer. - Sorry. Yeah, so we had done detail analysis with that. The Dominion staff provide engineering details. We also had placement of actual poles and where they would be located on the frontage of Loudoun County Parkway because this was an ongoing discussion we've had for numerous months with the staff at Loudoun Water.

[00:35:29] But no, we did confirm that any expansion would not be affected by the proposed transmission corridor route. Okay, so it wouldn't affect their building from the green square or a green area that is closest to the Loudoun County Parkway if it is determined that we need to widen?

[00:35:55] Correct. How do we know how much buildable acreage Loudoun water would lose with a variation A? So we have those calculations as well. equates to 1.5 acres. So essentially it's that strip you see, that yellow strip is right up against Loudoun County Parkway. It includes the 50-foot landscape buffer and building setbacks.

[00:36:22] So the only place you see a real pinch point is at that section right in the center where you see that green projection there. And during discussions with Loudoun Water, it was believed that it could be accommodated on that route the last we spoke. Again, what we're asking for is to continue that discussion with Dominion and Loudon Water to pursue options to make option A viable.

[00:36:51] Okay. So do the calculations shown on table one include what environmental features are already being removed as part of the B code to DTC power lines project? No, that would be an addition. So what's happening and where we're specifically talking about is in the floodplain right through here and in that location there is a proposed overhead route this route proposed option b would parallel that already approved route and further expand that corridor to be somewhere between 150 and 200 feet within the floodplain okay is there a deadline

[00:37:28] on when the board needs to provide a supervisor glass you're out of time but um you can maybe ask more questions during the motion okay yeah thank you um any other questions wow i'm really surprised okay uh so i have a couple questions um you did answer one question here we are uh paralleling the w and od but is that going to require taking more land i guess i'm questioning like if we can parallel the w and od here why can't we do it elsewhere or they can parallel the w right in this

[00:38:07] situation again we have the existing transmission corridor there this will be offset from that and if you look at it from the aerials the area already is slightly impacted and so you know ideally we prefer to do crossings of floodplains in a parallel manner to mitigate impacts and so this is really the best means of crossing that in an area that had already been previously disturbed Okay, okay. And then when you said the expansion is in the green area, you mean the bright green area?

[00:38:38] The bright, correct. The bright green area. Okay, sorry, when you said green before, I was like, what? So the bright green area is where Loudon Water wants to expand? Correct. And do they already have like all their permits to do that, or is that something that we have to consider later? No, this is part of their future plans 10 to 20 years out in terms of those expansions.

[00:38:58] Okay, okay. And then could you go to slide four, please? Whoops, sorry. So these are all the things, all the reasons that we should not go with the red route, correct?

[00:39:16] Impacts on wildlife, proximate heron, and our LPAT goes through there, correct? That's correct. And we had a conversation last term about how impacted and impaired the broad run already is. I mean, the broad run is in a desperate situation, and I really would not prefer to do anything that further impairs the broad run, so I am very supportive of staff's recommendation.

[00:39:43] Those were all the questions I had, unless anybody else had questions. Okay, great. Well, we can go to a motion. I'll go ahead and make the motion. I move that the Board of Supervisors affirm the county's position identifying broad run variation a of the aspen to golden transmission line alignment as the county's preferred route and direct staff to continue work with property owners the virginia department of transportation and dominion energy to develop the proposed route second great um so as we said earlier on slide four

[00:40:18] all of the impacts of going uh with the route b are really unconscionable in my mind so uh i'm really um supportive of that yellow route and um hopefully we can influence that with this vote and whatever other commentary comes from the county um any other discussion on the motion supervisor glass thank you vice chair um i just wanted to say that i support variation a the loudon county parkway route because i'm trying to protect as best i can our floodplains

[00:40:53] wetlands and remaining forests that we have in the Broadfront District, the answer to the needed power lines in our county cannot be to run them through all the floodplains just because no one lives there. We're trying to create a great park in this area of Ashburn with wooden trails and having power lines run all through the area would negate that effort. Running the power lines down Loudoun County Parkway in an industrial non-residential area would be best the most direct and least invasive path. Power lines along major roads are normal and would seem less

[00:41:31] invasive in the long run. I'm positive we can continue to work with Loudon Water to ensure that the least about of land on their site would be used for the power lines. Thank you, Supervisor Tacroni. I really don't have a closing. I think the presentation was very thorough. I think the justification for doing the Route A is there, and we're going to make a good case for it.

[00:42:04] So motion by Vice Chair Briskman, seconded by Supervisor Turner. All in favor, please say aye. Any opposed? That motion will pass 603 with Supervisors Letourneau and Saines off the dais, and Chair Randall also off the dais.

[00:42:23] My friends to my right, I feel like I'm turning my back to you. I don't really mean to, but I'm trying not to as much, but I apologize in advance if it feels like I'm doing that. We feel a little imbalanced here. Okay, why don't we do nominations?

[00:42:41] If you, oh shoot, no, Karan. Well, Karan can do his nomination later, can't he? - You could do now, and he could make us nominations when he gets here. That's a good idea. Okay, if you have nominations, please turn your light on. Supervisor Turner.

[00:42:59] Yeah, I nominate Kara Childs to the Library Board of Trustees to fill the Ashburn District representative seat. Okay, anybody else? No? Oh, okay. Supervisor Kirshner. Yes, I have a note here. Are you planning on nominating Megan?

[00:43:16] Yes, yes I am. So if you're going to do that, then I will not do that. I'll let you do that. I think that was my only nomination. I just got a note that said you wanted to do it. I do, because she's in my district. She's in my district. And we did, actually, we interviewed her today, and we are very excited to nominate Megan Newberger to the Facilities Standards Manual Review Committee.

[00:43:40] I'm sorry, Supervisor Turner, I didn't see your light. Oh, no, I'm sorry. You're done, you're done. Okay, okay. Okay, those are nominations. Short of doing a tap dance up here to get us to 5 o'clock, I think that we might go to board comments.

[00:44:01] Um... Let's go ahead and do board comments first, and we'll see where we go. Supervisor Glass. Thank you, Madam Chair.

[00:44:22] I have, I believe, only one disclosure. On Wednesday, July 10th, I met with representatives from Tritec to discuss the Concora car wash application. And from July 11th through the 15th, I attended the National Association of Counties Annual Conference in Hillsborough County, Florida.

[00:44:47] Just actually returned today, this morning, and it was full of great information. And I'm so glad we're here to bring back many of the things that we've learned there. They've talked about a number of things, and I should have written them down, but I think the next time around I'll have a list of things that I had learned and some things that I would like for us to have a discussion on within the county.

[00:45:22] Thank you, Madam Chair. You are so welcome. Supervisor Umstead. Thank you, Madam Chair. I have no disclosures. I am really hesitant to comment on the recent events in Pennsylvania, so I will just say that I thought Supervisor Glass did a very good job.

[00:45:46] I am really sorry about the violent act over the last several days, and I am concerned because I know it has upset our constituents on both sides of the political fence.

[00:46:08] And I would just like to say that for those who feel themselves aligned with Mr. Trump, I'm so sorry that this happened to your candidate. And I just hope that all of us moving forward will understand that, well, this sort of thing happens way too often in this country and has over decades.

[00:46:37] I would just echo what Supervisor Glass said. We're all Americans, and we all have friends on both sides of the political party line. And I hope we will reach out to our friends who were most upset about this and reassure them that we take absolutely no pleasure when this happens to someone that our Republican friends support.

[00:47:07] Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Umstead. Supervisor Tocroni. Microphone. I always forget that. On July 8th, I met with Colleen Gillis, Angela Rahas, Timothy Rowe, Christine Vallee, Dave McElhinney, Ben Wales, and Tushar Awar regarding the Fleetwood North application.

[00:47:32] On July 9th, I met with Matt Leslie regarding the solar project at our landfill. On July 9th and 10th, my chief of staff spoke to Colleen Gillis regarding the Fleetwood North application. I'd like to echo what Supervisor Umstead said, and I want everybody to know that in August the board takes a recess, but my staff will be available.

[00:47:56] If you have any concerns, please reach out. I'm going to take a little vacation. I'll be back on the 11th, but don't worry. I'll be working hard for you, and feel free to reach out. If you have any meetings you want me to attend, I'm happy to come out to the community.

[00:48:14] Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Tacroni, Supervisor Kirshner. Thank you, Vice Chair, and thank you, everyone, for your comments. I agree with much of the sentiment that was up here. I think it was Reagan when he was actually shot. I think he asked, and I may get this slightly wrong, but I think he asked the doctors if they were, he said, I hope you're Republicans, and he said, today we're all Republicans.

[00:48:35] So I think when any time a tragic incident that occurred this past week, thank God it could have been worse, that we really were all Americans when this happens. I think all of us would agree on this dais is an awful, awful thing and should be condemned in the utmost condemnation.

[00:48:54] We continue to pray for the Trump family and all those that were involved, including the family who lost her life because of this evil that was perpetuated. On a brighter note, we do have the Loudoun County Fair coming up in Catocin this week, celebrating and basically highlighting much of the 4-H projects.

[00:49:14] There will be obviously the regular things that you will see at a fair, but it starts July 23rd and 27th. It is the 88th anniversary of Loudoun County Fair, and they have been in the same location for quite some time. It's a vital fundraiser for the 4-H programs and many of the young folks who will be showing their animals, lambs, goats, chickens, rabbits, cattle, pigs, swine, depending on how you want to refer to them.

[00:49:43] My boys will actually be showing lambs this year and actually two of them. I figured it out with six boys. At one point, I will have five boys in the 4-H program at once. So in the future years, I'm going to be pretty busy. The weather looks pretty good. I think we're going to have some weather in the 80s.

[00:50:00] Hopefully, we will snap this hot streak, although we may get some rain. Each year, the fair also has a dedication to someone who has served the fair and the 4-H program in an outstanding way. This year's dedication goes to John Maceso, a volunteer who has helped put the fair on for over a decade.

[00:50:18] When I was on the fair board, I actually worked with John, and he's a great help and assistance there. 4-H and what they do has a special meaning to me. My parents met at 4-H Congress, so had it not been 4-H, I would probably, half of me would be one place, half of me would be the other place, I guess, maybe.

[00:50:37] So it means a lot. They met at 4-H. One was from Maine. One was from Montana. They met at 4-H Congress in Chicago. And the rest is kind of history for the Kirshner family. So there will be a lot of things to see.

[00:50:54] They will have different livestock shows each and every day. They're going to have a petting zoo, food stands, carnival rides, and a number of different shows. Of course, they have the rodeo two nights and the demolition two nights, which is a lot of fun if you've never come out. There's plenty of seating.

[00:51:10] We had a fair cleanup program. I went out with the boys, and we spent a very hot day painting the ring fence. So if it's not up to your standards when you come out, you can call me and complain. But

that's essentially the news from Catoclin. Hope to see you out at the fair this coming next week. Thank you. What's a rain fence?

[00:51:28] Did I say rain? Ring fence. Ring. Oh, ring. All right. Yeah, the ring, as in the... Oh, the ring fence. Ring fence, yes. Not the rain fence. Okay. All right. Thank you. Maybe I was talking too fast. Thank you. Gotcha. Supervisor Turner, any board comments this evening? No disclosures, no comments.

[00:51:44] Okay. Madam Chair, I have one disclosure. Okay. Sorry, I totally forgot. I met with Randy Minshew and the applicant for the Beacon Hill Golf Project, and I think that's all I can remember.

[00:52:04] I just didn't get put in my notes, so I just want to make sure I made that disclosure as of, I think it was last, two weeks ago. Thank you. Okay, no problem. Okay, by way of disclosure, I had a meeting with Michael Capretti on July 3rd on Innovation Gateway. On July 8th, I met with Mike Romeo and the Hidden Wood Assemblished on the Hidden Wood application.

[00:52:21] On July 9th, I had a meeting with Matt Leslie and Holocene Clean Energy folks on the potential future solar project in the county. I had the opportunity to speak with the Loudoun Youth Leadership group last week. It was fascinating, and they really had a lot of great questions, and so that program is really great.

[00:52:41] if you haven't been involved in it. It was really neat to see them be so intrigued about local government. I had the opportunity to help host the Uruguay delegation and make an introduction to the LCPS administration lead on global ambassadors and international programs and to Principal John Brewer of Dominion High School.

[00:53:03] Dominion was the first to have a global ambassadors program in the county, And the civics teacher there, Jennifer Rogers, founded the International Youth Summit, which has just been going great guns here in the county. Jennifer Rogers, a civics teacher at Dominion, is also the 2021 Virginia Teacher of the Year.

[00:53:22] At NACO Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, a little bit yesterday, National Association of Counties in Hillsborough, Florida, I had the opportunity to tour a waste-to-energy facility that is successfully burning trash to create energy that operates that facility and one of their water treatment facilities in the county.

[00:53:42] And then they are also putting energy on the grid from this waste-to-energy facility. They are also critically extending the life expectancy of their landfill in their county, which is critical. they're extending it by years if not decades.

[00:54:00] So I would love for Loudon to explore this option. Two initiatives that I worked on through NACO committees are now part of the NACO American Counties platform, which means that it will be leaned on when they lobby federal officials.

[00:54:16] The first is a platform change to support full access to the entire spectrum of reproductive healthcare. This started with a resolution that I co-sponsored in 2022. It was a resolution again last year at NACO, and this year it is now part of the platform.

[00:54:32] So really proud of that. The other initiative was two platform changes as it relates to access to affordable quality child care. I had wanted to cross-claim this with the Community Economic

Development and Workforce Committee I sit on because I view access to child care as definitely a workforce issue, And we talk about housing as a workforce issue in that committee all the time.

[00:54:55] However, because of NACO's structure, I was told that it could not come through my committee. It had to come through Health and Human Services. So I worked with a colleague from Ohio, Erica Crawley from Franklin County, Ohio, which is actually where I grew up. So that was kind of cool to have those two platform changes on affordable quality child care come through her committee as a platform change to NACO, NACO's platform.

[00:55:22] And they are doing amazing things with their ARPA money in Franklin County, Ohio. They're putting somewhere between starting with 22 million for child care programs. And I think in the end it's going to be double that that they're investing in child care in Franklin County. So they're really doing great things.

[00:55:39] So the attempted assassination in Pennsylvania was horrific and unfortunate. And I do think it's a turning point, I hope, in what has become a very vitriolic political atmosphere in our nation. And sometimes these things are a critical turning point for our country.

[00:55:58] Pointing fingers about which side is the most heinous in calling for violence really is not productive. I await the investigation to see, you know, what really happened, and we will be getting more information.

[00:56:15] But what we do know for sure is that the assassin had fairly easy access to an assault-style weapon, which he had on the rooftop. And I hope that those who are justifiably horrified by this incident can think about being equally horrified when such a weapon is used against innocent high schoolers, concert goers, worshipers, shoppers in a grocery store. We must reverse the course of unfettered access to assault-style weapons in our nation and pass laws that cannot be rendered useless by an activist Supreme Court hell-bent on creating a society of corruption and violence in our nation.

[00:56:55] On gun violence, there have been 9,212 total gun deaths in our nation since January 1, 298 mass shootings. The deaths include 130 children under the age of 11, 644 teens, ages 12 to 17. I will also be taking a little time off end of July, beginning of August, but my office will be here and I will have limited access to email. Okay, with that, we have eight minutes until public input. I think, will we be struck by lightning if we do one of our resolutions right

[00:57:33] now? If the parties are here, there's no reason why you can't do it. Mr. Crony, are your folks here for your resolution? Okay. And that resolution again is American League. Okay. Middleburg, American Legion Post. Why don't you join me down front and we will go ahead and do that one. And I see Ms. Matisse is also here from NVTC. So we may follow up with that one and then get to public

[00:58:04] comment okay great yes come on over this way we'll read them uh we'll read the um proclamation

[00:58:56] first and then pass it over so let's try try and be balanced here can some of you come over this way. All right. Commendation. Go ahead. Are we on? Yes, we are. Go ahead. Yeah. Commendation for Middleburg American Legion post 295. Whereas the American Legion organization has been the nation's leading advocate for veterans affairs and rehabilitation, promoting American ideals and

[00:59:32] running programs for our children and youth that promote, build and develop the next generation of leaders and whereas after the covid pandemic post 295 has made significant strides in programs benefiting the youth notably through boys and girls state which have been which have seen remarkable growth sending two boys in 2021 seven boys in 2022 adding girls state in 2023 and sending 21 students in 2024 and whereas the growth of the boys and girls state programs have been achieved

[01:00:09] by forming strong relationships with eight local high schools from Loudoun and Fauquier counties, leveraging guidance counselors, legionnaires, and the community to organize interviews, fundraising efforts, and annual awards dinner, resulting in over 60 applicants for the 2024 programs. And whereas these programs provide young people with opportunities for personal growth, public speaking, and civic engagement exemplifying the commitment of Post 295 to fostering leadership and patriotism among youth.

[01:00:44] And whereas Post 295 has successfully reintegrated the Post's oratorical contest and the Post's winner advancing to the department contest and finishing second overall. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does commend American Legion Post 295 for its exemplary service to the community since 1946 and its dedication to veterans and the youth of America, especially the remarkable growth and achievement of its Boys and Girls State programs and post-oratorical contest.

[01:01:23] Thank you. Hi. I was remiss. Can we please have our veterans from the board come down as well? I'm so sorry about that. Supervisor Turner, would you come down, please, as well? I apologize. Please go on.

[01:01:44] Yes, Kristen and Supervisor Turner. So just want to thank you guys for coming out. I'm amazed at the participation of the youth. I heard that there's 300 that participated in the girls' state and 600 in the boys' state in Virginia, in Radford and Longwood Colleges, right, a week-long program to teach about government and public speaking and civic engagement.

[01:02:15] So it's amazing, and I'm so proud of you guys for participating. and I'd like to give you an opportunity to speak a little bit about your experience. Hello, so my name is Gianna Maynard, and I was one of the delegates sent to Girls State.

[01:02:33] I come from St. Paul VI Catholic High School, and at my time, there were about 300 girls, and we were each split up into six different cities, and we were also split up into nationalists and federalist parties. Although I myself did not win a position, I did help my suite mate win lieutenant governor, And so I helped her campaign, and it was just a really nice bonding experience.

[01:02:57] But I was also to find a lot of leadership in just helping her, even though I myself did not hold a position. So that was really amazing and how we all came together. I learned a lot about caucusing, which I had never even known what that word meant until coming to Girls State. The difference between Senate and House of Delegates.

[01:03:16] And it's not the kind of stuff that they usually teach you in history class. So it was just really great to have such an inside look into all the different officials and what everybody does because each and every person in government has such a key role. And it was really amazing to just understand that and have such an inside look.

[01:03:33] So thank you all for giving me the opportunity to speak.

[01:03:45] Hello, everyone. My name is Roman Iverone, and I was also one of the delegates sent to Boys State. I'm from Freedom High School in Loudoun County, and I honestly came into Boys State not knowing much about government or law or politics and i was a little scared i was scared because you know i'm not the best at public speaking and i had really no knowledge but going there meeting the counselors meeting peers with same the same mindset as me really helped me grow in public speaking not only did i win the position of speaker of the house at boys state which was very competitive and running for it but at the end since me and this one guy were tied in votes

[01:04:23] three different times. We decided it via rock, paper, scissors, and I mean, I came on top, so yeah. I mean, overall, Boys State, I mean, the only concern I had about it was it was only a week long. I wish it was longer. Honestly, I think that was the best week of my life at Boys State.

[01:04:42] It really taught me so much. Thank you. I'm John Logan. I'm from Freedom South Riding as well. At Boys State, I was a runner-up for the primaries for governor against 14 other candidates, and it was a great event to go to because I learned a lot about being competitive. I even texted Roman a full paragraph to get his governor candidate out of the race. So it was very fun. I learned a lot about, yeah, I learned a lot about human connections, but I also learned a lot about,

[01:05:20] you know, people's words for truth and, you know, through actions. And, you know, you get to meet somebody, they could be a great speaker, but, you know, when the time comes to pull the trigger on certain events they don't pull through. But I got to learn. It was something I not got to see at my own school. So it was cool getting that free experience at Boys State. So I thank you all for letting me speak. I'm Gary Nicholson, the post commander here of Middleburg American Legion 295.

[01:05:52] We like to say that we're in the opportunity business. We believe in our children and youth initiatives to give these kids a chance to experience leadership and government and public speaking i mean when we first met them i don't think any of them had ever done a public speech before now they're here in front of the board of supervisors telling all of you the great opportunities that they had with us but um and if i had sent you these bullet points three days afterwards i would have had a point that we had started a american legion baseball team in an effort to uh play back at mickey gordon park if you may have heard the the effort to save the park

[01:06:29] and re-establish a baseball team out there so actually as soon as this is over we're going to head over to Corristone Christian Academy, put on some baseball jerseys, and coach some high school students. So we pull kids from John Champ, Freedom High School, Light Ridge, PVI.

[01:06:47] Now we're pulling from Loudoun Valley, Rock Ridge, Tuscarora, and a few others, Flint Hill. So we're just giving the kids opportunity, and I would like to thank especially Gary McClure. He's been meeting with the guidance counselors, recruiting these kids.

[01:07:02] We had 60 kids this year for applicants, and only so many slots. We only had six slots for girls. So we had, even though we only had 17 apply, we had about 30 that were going through the process. And it basically came down to pulling numbers of a hat, and we were lucky from the ones that we get.

[01:07:21] But I would like to give an opportunity to Pass Commander and District 16 Vice Commander John Moliere. Thank you, Gary. It's been a long time since I've been in this room. Scott York was the chairman. I was chairman of the telecommunications committee.

[01:07:39] My wife and I decided we couldn't afford Loudon anymore, so we moved to Fauquier. But Middleburg Post is only about 100 yards from Fauquier County. Anyway, we're friendly with you. But this Mickey Gordon thing is really bugging us because we're playing ball down in the Marshall field that was put together by the Melons.

[01:08:06] And then we're playing at Coverstone, a Christian academy. You know, I'm responsible for six different Loudoun County posts from Sterling, Ashburn, Leesburg, Lovettsville, Persilville, and Middleburg.

[01:08:27] So we represent about 1,000 people. You're in a legion, aren't you? See, we're like horse feathers, you know, in the Middleburg area. course feathers are all over. So in any case, what we find important is youth. There's not enough civics taught in school, not enough community spirit taught at home. And so we have taken it upon ourselves to do this in many ways. We sponsor a Boy Scout troop. Of course, Boys State and Girls

[01:08:59] State is a biggie, but also the oratorical contest and the boys, the baseball. I mean, I caught for the Naval Academy. So I'm really big into this baseball thing. In any case, we love what we do.

[01:09:17] We love working with the schools. There seems to be a newfound spirit amongst the kids. And I think that that's going a long way. Now we have some very interesting graduates from our recent incursion into the world. We have one fellow who is a senior at the Citadel. We have one fellow who's a rising junior at West Point, and who knows what we got coming up this time, huh?

[01:09:48] So we're very excited. We also found that at the Boys State, we had 50 colleges recruiting kids, and there were significant scholarships made available to the young people.

[01:10:04] And so what we have found from the colleges is fully 60% of entrants, the cadets at Air Force Academy, for example, have gone to boys or girls state. So this is a real deal.

[01:10:21] In any case, I don't want to tie up the mic, so I'll turn it back over to Ms. Gilroy. One last thing. Last week, last week we had our statewide conference.

[01:10:37] Middleburg knocked it out of the park. We won every, every, every award, including Gary was named the post commander of the year for the entire state. That's over 200 posts across the state and over, what, 18,000 members in the state?

[01:10:58] So, I mean, he's just followed my footsteps because four years ago, we did the same thing. And we're going to take care of that Mickey Gordon baseball field. Don't you worry. All right, let's take a picture.

[01:11:38] All right, thank you.

[01:12:08] Okay, we're going to do the NVTC. So we are going to do a resolution for the 60th anniversary of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission.

[01:12:33] Supervisor Turner, former member, will come and join me as well because, unfortunately, Supervisor Letourneau is not here. This is Kate Matisse. I always do it wrong. Who will be accepting the resolution? Director, President, Director, MVTC. Executive Director of MVTC. So I will go ahead and read the resolution, then we'll have to let you say a few words.

[01:12:58] Okay, great. Whereas the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission was created by the General Assembly of Virginia in 1964, and will celebrate its 60th anniversary on September 5th this year

2024 whereas nvtc manages over 400 million in annual funds from federal state regional and local partners demonstrating exceptional financial stewardship and advancing transit innovations such as zero fare and reduced fare transportation ops options microtransit and zero emission buses and whereas loudoun county joined nvtc in 1990 with former board of supervisors

[01:13:37] Chair Betty Tatum sworn in as Loudoun's first NVTC commissioner. Supervisor Matt Letourneau currently serves as NVTC's appointee on the Metro Washington Area Transit Authority Board of Directors and was the first commissioner from Loudoun to serve as NVTC chair in 2019.

[01:13:58] And Vice Chair Julie Briskman was appointed as one of the county's NVTC commissioners in 2024. And whereas NVTC played a crucial role in negotiating Loudoun County's admittance into the WMATA network, paving the way for the Silver Line extension into the Dulles Corridor, which opened in 2022 and has significantly enhanced transit options for Loudoun County residents, now therefore be it resolved that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors celebrates the 60th anniversary of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and expresses

[01:14:34] appreciation to the commission for their efforts to build regional consensus on public transportation. So I will just say really quickly, I have not been on NVTC for very long, but I have been so impressed, so intrigued, and so inspired, actually, to do more work on transportation. My district is in the northeastern corner of the county, so mostly built out. But the multimodal forms of transportation we're talking about and all of the options have really been inspiring, and I'm looking forward to the next couple of years of working with you.

[01:15:09] Would you like to say a few words? Thank you very much. I mean, the recognition from the county to the anniversary is really significant. As you said, there's really a special place in the heart of NVTC for Loudoun County because we did start with two counties in three cities, and Loudoun County joining really meant that there was that regional commitment for Loudoun County to be a part of a network that really is moving people through.

[01:15:34] I know there was a lot of very tough decisions that were made on this dais. And having Loudoun County as a part of the regional bodies, just like your chair is a part of another transportation regional body as many others. And understanding the importance of regional collaboration is just huge.

[01:15:50] So it's been an incredible honor in the time that I've been with NVTC to be working with both the Loudoun County staff as well as the officials sitting here to really make a difference. We have a lot of big things going on in the transit space. And so the wonderful single voice that we can have in Northern Virginia is going to be really important.

[01:16:09] So, again, I greatly appreciate your past participation, your current participation, of course, missing Mr. Letourneau this evening. But I thank you for the recognition. Thank you so much. Why don't we take a picture? We will put.

[01:16:47] I'm good.

[01:17:45] Hey, everybody. I'm sorry I'm late. I landed at 345, came straight here from the airport. I will give my whole update on what happened.

[01:18:01] at BACO as it relates to my part in just a second, but right now we're going to go into public comments 'cause we have the five o'clock public comment period. We do have the public comment for five

o'clock, I believe we have six of the eight slots filled up, so I'm very happy about that.

[01:18:19] Our first speaker is Jennifer Reese, followed by Clara Cook, followed by Jennifer Burke. Good evening and thank you for joining us. - Hello again, board members. My name is Jen Reese. I live in Percival, and this is my daughter, Kaylin. She's a rising junior at Woodgrove High in a self-contained multiple disabilities classroom.

[01:18:39] The next few speakers after me are here to talk about the lack of supports for people with developmental disabilities. Our stories are different, but our message is the same. Loudoun County is not doing enough to provide program supports and services for people like her now, and especially after they age out of high school. Kaylin has a developmental disability and needs others to take care of any of her personal care needs.

[01:18:59] Kalen's still eligible for school for six more years, but after that, there are severe gaps in services. That's the case now in 2024, and I see the writing on the wall. If there are wait lists and lack of providers now, what will it be like in 2030 when she ages out of school? Your budget planning cycle is coming up, and I want to make sure we are front of mind and solutions are being discussed.

[01:19:18] The costs for services we need do not need to fall fully on Loudoun County taxpayers, as some of the people who need services have developmental disabilities, Medicaid waivers to cover the costs. In the disability community, there is a saying, nothing about us without us, which means people with disabilities, their caregivers, and loved ones need to be involved in the conversations and problem solving when decisions are being made.

[01:19:41] Medicaid waivers provide a vast array of services for those with developmental disabilities, but the providers do not exist in Loudoun. Someone needs to step in and help recruit, and if that's not possible, county staff and offices need to provide the services. Over the next few board meetings, other families will share their stories, and I hope you'll listen.

[01:19:58] I hope you understand where loudness is lacking and what we can do to make this better. What I envision for Kaylin after high school is similar to the support and fun times she receives at adaptive summer camp put on by the Parks and Recreation Community Services Department. Since this is what I envision for Kaylin after high school, I'd like to again extend the invite for all the supervisors and your staff to come to Family Day this Thursday, July 18th, of flyers being passed out.

[01:20:22] Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information about Family Day, Medicaid waivers, as well as the need for services and solution for the gaps that currently exist for people like Kaylin now and when they age out of high school. Thank you. - Thank you, Ms. Reese.

[01:20:38] And thank you to your daughter for joining us as well. Claire Cook, followed by Jennifer Burke, followed by Anna, excuse me, excuse me, Caxor. Good evening and thank you for joining us. - Thank you for having me and giving us this opportunity. My name is Claire Crook. I've lived in Loudoun County for 18 years.

[01:20:54] I live just in walking distance. I did not walk today though. But I have had two children with disabilities who have both now aged out of the school district. I don't know how much normal people keep up on Medicaid issues, but Governor Youngkin just signed into the budget to eliminate what in our field we call the priority one wait list, which means there's almost 3,500 people over the next two years that are adults that will be given the means to pay for day support and other programming for these individuals.

[01:21:35] That means it's very likely that there are probably going to be at least 500 people, if not more, in the county that need services and there's no infrastructure or providers to handle this at all. It's not just Loudoun. It is statewide.

[01:21:52] I could tell you about my family. I could tell you about a lot of our trials and tribulations, but I really wanted to come tonight to offer some ideas, having been doing this for a long time. My first idea is I've offered to coach a local business who is a school for vocational studies for folks with disabilities to apply for the status of being a Medicaid provider.

[01:22:16] I should have looked into that before I offered to help. It is a daunting process. It's very bureaucratic. I've been in the field for, you know, most of my adult life, and a lot of terms are very difficult, a lot of concepts are very difficult to understand, and what I was hoping that the board might be able to do is possibly offer, might be like a work group, where places like ECHO and the MOST program, who are already licensed providers, would offer small businesses who cannot pay the exorbitant consultation fees of retired Medicaid auditors,

[01:22:53] to help them navigate the process of application to be a Medicaid provider. And I think if we start this soon, we may find maybe not 500 slots over the next couple years, but maybe we would find some where these are small businesses that want to do this, and they are limited by not having the personnel to dedicate to the application process.

[01:23:16] The state has already promised a 90-day turnaround for completed applications. They just need help. Ms. Crick, I have to stop you because your time is up. But I do have, and I don't know where Jen went, if I'm not mistaken, and if I am, correct me, the discussion that Ms. Reese was having and the discussion of ECHO, is that two different clientele we're talking about?

[01:23:44] No, they're the exact same clientele. ECHO is a provider for day support services, job support services, as well as individual job support services. And if they did have a high-needs department that they used to do that they recently closed due to budgeting, the reimbursement rates for Medicaid.

[01:24:03] It's the high-needs department. It's the high-needs department. Her daughter would probably be there. I understand. Question asked and very well answered. Thank you very much. I appreciate you. Thank you. All right. Our next speaker is Jennifer Burke, followed by Anna Kaxor, followed by Lisa Barsinas. Hi.

[01:24:19] My name is Jenny Burke, my husband Mike, and I have been Loudoun County residents in the Algonquin District for 22 years. This is our 23-year-old son, Alex, who suffers from a lifelong seizure disorder. We're just three of many affected by the lack of support for adult loved ones outside the home.

[01:24:36] The mental and physical toll it takes on a family to care for someone with a disability is immense, and support from a community that understands is critical. There are many services and programs out there, but none that are well-equipped to serve people like Alex who have more involved medical, physical, and supervisory needs. He needs and wants to be in a place that is safe and can care for his personal needs like diaper changes and G-tube feedings.

[01:25:00] Like most 23-year-olds, he wants social and physical activities, interaction with different people, and a chance to get out of the house and away from his parents. He can't be left unsupervised and he can't meet any of his own needs, but he is a person who deserves to live a full life.

[01:25:16] Alex graduated last year from Dominion High School and I'm grateful for the 20 years of public education and therapy services and quality care from some wonderful teachers and staff. I was excited to attend a transition event called When the Bus Stops Coming until I realized that we were not the target audience.

[01:25:33] It was depressing that there were so few options for people like Alex. Still, we took part in the transition process and visited the only two programs that could possibly manage his care, but now the echo option is gone and we wait for an undetermined amount of time for a spot at the other one.

[01:25:49] I find it mind-boggling that when Alex and his peers move on from high school, everything in their world outside of the house just stops. It's as if we've fallen off a cliff. It was eye-opening to attend the day program mini-summit in April when it became clear that nobody knew of this problem, and I applaud Chair Randall for being willing to champion this cause.

[01:26:11] I believe that together we can do better. I know it comes down to resources, specifically finding competitively compensating the right people with a heart to work with our kids. But I truly believe it's possible to create a positive, healthy, safe environment in which people enjoy working and from which we would all benefit.

[01:26:32] And I sincerely hope that you can find it in your hearts and in your budget to fill this huge gap in the needs of this forgotten segment of the population of Loudoun County. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Birkin. It was wonderful meeting Alex a couple of weeks ago. Thank you so much.

[01:26:48] Anna Kaxor, followed by Lisa Borsanas, and followed by Shane Crow. Anna, are you here? there you are you are here good evening good evening it's great to see you again as well my name is Anna Kachor I'm here with my daughter Nina she's 23 years old she has severe intellectual disabilities and she needs assistance with all activities of daily living and a lot of one-on-one support I am here today because I am disappointed and concerned that we have not been able to find

[01:27:24] an appropriate day support program for her in Loudoun County after her graduation in 2022. Early that year, we put her on a waiting list for two programs in the area, including ECHO, but both were canceled in the fall of 2022. When a new day support program opened in Sterling, that was Kelly's place, in October 2022, we signed her up right away, and she started attending there. But after nine months, she was discharged from that program due to the lack of adequate staffing and their inability to provide activities that would keep her engaged in a meaningful way.

[01:28:02] I also reached out to the Loudoun County Community Access Program, and I was informed that their participants are out in the community the whole day, which would be a bit too much for Nina. Plus, the program does not provide 101 support, which she requires most of the time.

[01:28:19] She lives at home with us, and she's doing well, but we think that she would benefit from socializing with others more often and from getting used to other people taking care of her since eventually we will have to find a group home for her. Because of the severity of her disability and the history of maladaptive behavior, she's not a candidate for a job placement.

[01:28:43] She would enjoy spending time in a day support program that provides enough staff to assist her throughout the day and keep her and others safe that can organize a variety of indoor as well as outdoor activities since she likes to take long walks, explore new places. She does not do well left alone in front of TV. Nina has Medicaid Community Living Waiver but even with this waiver we have not been able

to find a place like that for her in Loudoun County and we feel that the county is failing its adult residents with more complex medical needs and behavioral support needs.

[01:29:23] I hope the county board of supervisors will address this issue and allocate necessary resources to remedy the situation. Thank you. And if you all would just, after everyone speaks, stay in the room for just a second so I can make some comments. That would be helpful. Our next speaker, please.

[01:29:48] And then, Lisa, you'll be followed by Shane Crow. Good evening. Thank you for coming. Good evening. My name is Lisa Barsinas, and I'm a teacher of students with multiple disabilities in Loudoun County Public Schools at Woodgrove High School.

[01:30:05] I have been a special education teacher for over 30 years in Virginia. I also have a sister with Down syndrome. I'm here tonight to advocate for an adult daycare program for students with multiple disabilities. As a teacher and sister of persons with multiple disabilities, I'm surprised that there are no programs when these young men and women leave school.

[01:30:25] I recognize that this is a small population, but these individuals and their families are left high and dry after they age out of the public school system. These people need support, but also need a program that will help them reach their full potential. They are vibrant and interesting individuals who deserve adult services that will meet their unique and individual needs.

[01:30:46] Their families also need this due to a variety of reasons, but most important, financially. I know of parents who have had to quit long-held jobs because there's no one who can take care of their child throughout the day. To pay for this care, if in fact they can find an individual who is qualified, trustworthy, and available, can take a toll financially.

[01:31:06] While there is some support, it is limited and cannot address all of the needs facing these families. The students I work with require assistance for all their daily needs, including feeding, personal care, communication, recreational, mobility, and transportation. They often require two-person support to transfer from bed to wheelchair or wheelchair to the car. One parent having to do this all by themselves during the day is a great hardship. These families need our help. As a sister of an individual with Down syndrome who has multiple disabilities, I am grateful that Fairfax County, where she lives, has an adult

[01:31:42] program for individuals like her. She has attended Service Source Central Fairfax for the past 30 years, and they have worked hard to meet her individual needs. I think Loudoun County would do well to model a program such as this to assist these wonderful citizens and their families.

[01:31:58] In conclusion, I am proud to be a teacher, a sibling, and advocate of these remarkable people. I hope you will strongly consider funding an adult day program for students with multiple disabilities. Thank you. Thank you very much. Mr. Crowe, before you come up, just give me one second, okay? Supervisors, this is what I brought to the retreat, and I'm still not quite sure what the disconnect was at that moment, but I will encourage you all to sit down and talk to these families. Day treatment is not the same thing as employment opportunities, so talking about two

[01:32:34] different things. When we had the mini-summit, the room was packed. It wasn't a mini-summit. It was a large summit. Throughout the day, Mr. Turner joined me. Throughout the day, Mr. Crony joined me. But I do believe we are failing this population, and not purposely, but just with a lack of understanding what the needs are and what the diversities are. And when you start talking to the parents, what you're going to find is nothing about us without us is very true. You're going to find an army of

parents that are going to be there to help you understand the issues, walk you through the issues and get us to where we have to be,

[01:33:13] but there was definitely a disconnect of what we talked about at the summit to these parents in this room, and so that's why I'd like to have both the appropriate staff and all of you reach out and talk to these parents. If you need their information, their contact information, I have it.

[01:33:31] I'll give it to you. Sometime during August break, sit down and talk to them. Thank you all for coming. I know it's not always easy to come, with your kids, but we really, really appreciate you being here tonight. Thank you. Mr. Crow, you are up next. Good evening. Thank you for waiting and thank you for coming.

[01:33:54] Absolutely. I'm always grateful for y'all's time. As always, my name is Shane. I volunteer with Upvote Virginia, which is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to democracy reform. I believe I have yet to be acquainted with Supervisor Ticroni, so again, hello.

[01:34:13] I've had multiple speaking opportunities here at the board to discuss ranked choice voting and all, and one announcement that I would like to bring to the board's attention, of course, is that on Saturday, August 3rd, O-Virginia will be hosting a stand at the Eat Loco Farmers Market in Ashbrooks. I believe we will be hosting that stand from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., so again, and that's going to be on August 3rd at the Eat Loco Farmer's Market in Ashbrooks.

[01:34:44] And if anyone has any free time around then, we would love for you all to be an audience member to help discuss and advocate and help educate our fellow Loudners about the merits of ranked choice voting. I think with my remaining time, I think I just wanted to impart my thoughts on some recent elections that have occurred in the last few weeks, both one local and one international.

[01:35:06] The local one, of course, being our Democratic primary. I did give my two cents in the Loudoun Times mirror, and I was thankful for them for publishing that. I think beyond what I mentioned in my letter, one other thing that I had acquired in my discussions with some of the candidates who participated in that primary was a similar sentiment among all of them, which was they all wished to remain civil and dignified with each other, And yet they found that the method of election made it difficult to do so.

[01:35:39] And as we saw how that election unfolded in the final weeks, I think it is symptomatic of our first-past-the-post-our-winner-take-all method that candidates are forced to turn to more negative campaigning and voters thus will be resorting to tactical voting and not necessarily voting from their heart.

[01:36:02] And a brief example of what happens on a grander scale about the distortions of first-past-the-post, in short, the British election, although they had a revolution on their own part, they are describing it as somewhat shallow because one-third of the electorate elected two-thirds of the seat.

[01:36:23] And I'll leave my remarks on that. Thank you again for y'all's time. And I do hope to see you all again sometime soon. Thank you, Mr. Crowe. We appreciate it. Thank you very much. All right, supervisors, I'm going to go over to Mr. Sains to do a nomination since he just arrived. And then I'm going to talk about, I'm going to do my chair's remarks and talk a lot about what just happened at the NACO business, annual business meeting.

[01:36:50] Mr. Sains, can I assume that the reason you want to suspend the rules is because they're going to have a meeting, the library board's going to meet before our next meeting tomorrow? Okay, let's go for it, sir. Yeah, thank you. Yeah, because the current rip roll, no longer current, her term expired.

[01:37:07] She had two terms expired beginning of this month. Yeah, make the motion. So I'd like to nominate Jennifer Crawford as the Sterling District Representative on the Loudoun Board of Trustees. I'll second that. Discussion on the motion? No. Oh, wait. Well, actually, it's a nomination.

[01:37:23] There's a new discussion. So then go to the. All right. I move to suspend the rules. I'll second that. All right. Thank you. Wait. Oh. Wait. Yeah. Tell us why you want to suspend the rules. Yeah, the reason why I'm suspending the rules is the previous person, their two-term expired July of this month.

[01:37:39] And we've been calling for some nominations, finally got a very qualified nomination. And we'd like to get her in so she can take part in the meeting officially as the seat tomorrow to represent the Sterling District on the Library Board of Trustees. Thank you.

[01:37:56] Do you have a friendly to add to this suspension? I think it's a friendly, Madam Chair. My nomination tonight was also for the Library Board of Trustees. If we're going to suspend the rules. I just shouldn't have mine voted on as well with Supervisor Sains. I think that would be... Sounds good. There's a thumb up.

[01:38:11] Thank you. All right, all in favor of suspension, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? That would pass unanimously. Mr. Sains, would you like to... I move that the Board of Supervisors approve the confirmation of Jennifer Crawford as a Sterling District representative to the Library Board of Trustees affected July 16, 2024, and...

[01:38:28] And... To include... Mr. Sains, Mr. Turner, would you like to say your person's name? Ashburn District, representing the Library Board of Trustees, by the name of? Ms. Kara Childs. Ms. Karen Schein? Kara Childs. Kara Childs, to be effective as well, July 16, 2024.

[01:38:46] All right. Motions made and seconded. Discussion on that. Seeing none, all in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? That was passionately. Thank you, Mr. Sains. Any other nominations? Nope. That was it?

[01:39:02] Okay. All right. I meant from here. Okay. So I want to discuss, I want to make my chair's comments. First thing I want to do is say that Mr. Sains, I'm going to say nice things about you, so come back, sit down.

[01:39:24] So the board leadership, Mr. Letourneau is out of town. Ms. Bricksman and Mr. Turner and I were at the BACO Conference, which meant the entire board leadership was out of the area for four days.

[01:39:42] And so I had to find somebody to turn to to get a couple things done since we weren't here and we needed somebody underground. And I called the ace, I called Mr. Sains, who attended the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority meeting. Now, if you remember, he actually was the one that went to the Planning and Programming Committee meeting and made sure that our \$55 million was secure and was sent on to the main authority.

[01:40:09] And then he also attended the main authority meeting where that money was passed unanimously. So thank you, Mr. Karan Sains, for doing both the meetings for NVTa and making sure that and keeping our \$55 million.

[01:40:28] It is nice to know that we have such a deep bench up here that if i need to call someone when board leadership's out of town we can call somebody and i will say that when board leadership's out of town mr sayings is my first go-to all the time i don't say that enough um on the day yes to him but i appreciate you very much and you did a great job as always so thank you sir all right um so much just happened at the naco summit that i need to talk about and so i'll try to go through some of it so the first thing that happened that was really really important and really big is for a long time I've been telling you

[01:41:05] all about how NACO has a luck large urban county caucus you have to be a county of 500,000 more or more to be in luck we are not we're about 400 almost 440,000 so we can't be a member of luck and then they have something called rack which we are not small enough to be a member of the rural action caucus and so we were stuck between luck and rack and I've been talking to NACO for a while all about all the counties that are somewhere between 250 and 500 to have a, whatever we might call it, a mid-sized county caucus or something.

[01:41:40] So for the first time, they did announce that they're going to start researching what that would be, what that would look like, they need to get sponsors for it, and all those types of things, because when you're not on luck or rat, you can go, you can listen, but you can neither speak, unless you're Mr. Sainz, you can neither speak, and you definitely can't vote.

[01:42:03] And so I'm always looking for somebody on luck and RAC to vote for me, but if we get a mid-sized caucus, that would really accomplish a lot of goals. To that end, let me say that I did attend the RAC meeting, and that I rely very heavily on my colleague who covers most of the West to give me some ideas about what to speak of to support of.

[01:42:31] Maybe not, again, I couldn't vote, but to speak in support of. And Mr. Kirshner, you would be happy to know that I did talk to people before the RAC meeting, and so a lot of your conclusions about rural issues were the same conclusions that other counties had about rural issues.

[01:42:54] The only one that did not, that you oppose, well, that, yes, that your office opposed for reasons that I thought were reasonable that RAC was going to vote for was the issue of balancing the alternative energy development and agricultural land.

[01:43:11] So especially for solar arrays, the ideal of putting large solar arrays on what would be farmable land was something that Mr. Kirshner's office did a write-up for me and explained why this was not a good idea because you would lose land.

[01:43:29] I know Mr. Crony has also, because I had talked to her about that before, had also been in that position. And there was an interesting back-and-forth, back-and-forth discussion on that because, you know, in many ways, people who live in the West are very much environmentalists, right?

[01:43:45] They are the ones who are literally farming the land, and they're environmentalists, so they want to find ways to have alternative energy without using up all their farmable land. And so in the end, on that item and that item only, there will be a discussion about that at the legislative conference that comes up in, when is it, late January, early February?

[01:44:18] So, Mr. Kirshner, I'm going to drag you to the NACO's leg conference. I'm going to drag you there, and Mr. Crony, huh, kicking and screaming, but the H-2 visa rule reform, you recommend to support that passed.

[01:44:39] The energy, the reimbursement for rural emergency services, literally based on just what you said to me, I said positive words. I still don't know how I feel about that one. The issue is there is not enough EMTs, firefighters, to cover rural areas, and so the discussion is about giving a higher salary, a larger compensation to people who are going to cover rural areas.

[01:45:11] My concern was if you do that, then you take people out of areas that have a higher population and you put them in rural areas because people are going to follow the money. Mr. Kirsten told me about his sister, and we had a discussion. So that was supported.

[01:45:28] I actually think at the Ledge Conference, Mr. Kirsten and Mr. Crony, what we actually should have a discussion about is if we can help people go to school, and so we have more people in the field at all. Because you don't want to take people out of population centers because they're going to make more money someplace else, but that's exactly what I feel is going to happen.

[01:45:55] And so all these things would be discussed again at Ledge, but I did speak in support of that because, in my opinion, when I am the only person at NACO who covers any of the rural area, I should then listen to my rural colleagues and my colleagues who are in rural areas and try to support you in that.

[01:46:12] And so that was that. The farm bill, the reauthorization of the farm bill, Mr. Kirshner, your write-up on that farm bill stuff was amazing. I mean, I sounded like I knew exactly what I was talking about in that room. Basically, I sounded like I could go out and farm.

[01:46:30] So, like, people were, like, very impressed with Chair Randall and her farming knowledge. So, no, no, I had a white suit on. So, no, none of that was going on.

[01:46:46] But the discussion of reauthorization of the farming bill passed unanimously, and that was one of the main things that NACO will put before our congressional delegations all across the country.

[01:47:06] So that was a huge one. You supported the meat processing plant. I didn't really have to speak on that because everybody in there supported the small meat processing plant, especially Montana. They were big on the Montana was that regional and local food networks.

[01:47:24] I'll talk about that in a second, just in general, the issues, the issues with feeding America were kind of bigger than I, bigger than I realized. And then the whole discussion of regenerative agriculture is one that I needed to learn more about.

[01:47:41] You didn't give me as much on that policy and your talking points on that. You gave me enough to know that I could say that we supported it. And so the Rural Caucus went really well, and I really do want to thank Mr. Crony and Mr. Kirshner for giving me the tools I needed to go in there and have those discussions, and then those discussions will be further fleshed out when we get to the legislative conference, and you all are going to join me.

[01:48:09] So the two of the things that were talked about at NACO for almost throughout the whole conference that are new, because I'll go to the discussion of mental health in a second, but two of the new issues discussed at NACO were cybersecurity and housing.

[01:48:26] And cybersecurity was, I mean, like every session somebody talked about cybersecurity. The issues of cybersecurity as it relates to county government, health records. They said that three out of five people who have had their health records compromised in some way.

[01:48:44] That was an amazing number. Finances, that was all in the discussion. NACO does not have yet a formal policy about whether or not we want to encourage our state legislatures and our federal legislatures to not pay ransom, cybersecurity ransom.

[01:49:06] But every expert that came and spoke believed that we should not pay ransom. There were a lot of people who had differing thoughts on that, especially people who had our infrastructure, like people who did water.

[01:49:23] They were like, if the water gets turned off, then we have to get water turned back on, or they're going to pollute the water source, pay the ransom. So there was a lot of discussion around that. One of the reasons some people said that you shouldn't pay it is because they said you pay the ransom, the information you get back may still be, it may have been copied, so even if you pay it, it may have been copied, or the information may be, Mr. Hemstreet, what's the word, what's the right word, violated, that's not the right word, I don't know, I don't remember what the right word is, so, compromised, thank you.

[01:49:59] It may still be compromised. Compromised, it may be compromised anyway, so you're paying the ransom for something that you can't use them really for no good reason, to be kind of honest. So there was a lot of discussion. I did find that our infrastructures said, they didn't say pay the ransom.

[01:50:17] They said, let's have a bigger discussion about it, whereas more of the other people financing and libraries and all that, they said do not. And so I don't know if NACO is going to take a position on that, but I do think that, I do know that our county exec has a lot of information on that, lot of knowledge on that. And before we head back to NACO, our board may want to have more discussion on that. So we know if we have a position. I didn't really speak to it because I was more in listening mode for that. But we may want to have a position on what to

[01:50:52] do for cybersecurity issues, especially since we now have our own health department. Housing was another humongous issue. And I have all kind of stuff that I brought back that I'm going to give to staff and to anyone who wants it.

[01:51:09] What we talked about was that housing is a nationwide issue, or I should say it differently. The lack of housing is a nationwide issue. And the lack of housing in and of itself is causing all kinds of other issues. Lack of housing causes people to have more medical problems because you don't have a home base to work from.

[01:51:30] Even if you have the skills, you may not be able to get a job because you may not have a phone people can reach you at. Kids who are non-housed or precariously housed have the lowest scores and the lowest test scores because if you don't know where your food's going to come on from that night or where your next meal's going to come from or where you're going to lay your head, your algebra test is just not that important to you.

[01:51:51] And so housing was a humongous issue all the way through. And they did talk about some ideas. Now, I do think that Loudon, we in our housing department have talked about some of these things already. So I don't know that I got a lot of new ideas for housing, but I will say that they talked about using more of our public lands for housing.

[01:52:13] They talked about the importance of what they call horizontal infrastructure, which just means what I've called, you know, different kind of building. Mr. Sains, there was a lot of talk about small

manufactured homes like tiny home communities, especially for young people right out of college and people who are seniors, who are empty nesters.

[01:52:36] And tiny homes are all kind of different sizes. Tiny homes are not all, they were tiny, but not as tiny as I thought they were going to be when you saw them. and they have kind of all this tiny home furniture that converts and does all kinds of cool things so that you can be in your tiny home and this is your tiny home table and then that night your tiny home table becomes your tiny home bed.

[01:53:00] It's all kind of stuff like that. So it was kind of interesting. They talked about adaptive reuse but not in the way that we talk about adaptive reuse because adaptive reuse for them was not simply adaptive reuse as it relates to historical places It was adaptive reuse, so for all of our strip malls that are kind of going dead, lots of discussion about adaptive reuse in those places and making mixed-use communities, and they talked, an NVTa would have liked this, because they talked about how a lot of the thing that

[01:53:33] discourages discussion is the review for applications is much too long, and then there was a whole discussion which was interesting about how much land around churches is available to put homes on, and I forgot the word, but they kind of had a new word for, instead of saying, you know, not in my backyard, or something like, God's in my backyard, or something like that, for if you build your home on church, or build homes on church grounds.

[01:54:08] And so they had all these different discussions, but let me just say that the NIMBYism was a big deal. There's a lot of discussion around how, you know, no one ever wants to have homes built by them, and no one definitely wants to have what they consider attainable or affordable homes built by them.

[01:54:26] And the NIMBY thing is stopping elected officials all across the country from building homes, and it's creating more problems and it becomes more expensive to serve on-house people in the end than it would if you actually built homes. One of the other things they discussed, which was sad and surprising, was the issue with what they called hunger nutrition. So it wasn't an issue of are you hungry? It was a discussion of what are you putting in your body and the discussion of

[01:55:00] A lot of people, you can have weight on your body and still not be nutritionally fed. And how in poorer neighborhoods, browner and blacker neighborhoods, you find food deserts, and we do know that a lot.

[01:55:20] This is not as big of an issue in rural neighborhoods or rural areas because they grow their own food. They're growing food. But in neighborhoods where you find a McDonald's, oh, I should have said a word, fast food restaurants. McDonald's is fine. McDonald's is fine. Please, McDonald's, I don't want to hear. You guys are fine.

[01:55:37] But fast food restaurants on one corner and, no kidding, liquor stores on another corner. And you could go miles before you find a grocery store. There's also some discussions from some doctors of how much, how little it costs to go into a fast food restaurant and buy a whole meal for \$5, \$7, but you take that same \$7 to the grocery store and you cannot get, you can't get any food in the grocery store.

[01:56:02] You definitely can't get, you can't get fruit. Fruits and vegetables are very, very expensive. And which kind of then went back to the whole discussion of rural and food production and that type of thing and how we have to figure out how to help our rural areas produce and then move food for, in a more costly way.

[01:56:21] So that whole discussion on food, nutrition, health was really, really interesting. And we had doctors who were saying that we're not even eating food. We're putting things in our bodies that are literally just total chemicals.

[01:56:37] And I won't name the things they talked about because I want to get in trouble. But they named things that we literally put in our bodies that are not food. And, I mean, if you ever eat an orange food that is not, you know, that's probably not, if it's a vegetable or a fruit, fine.

[01:57:00] But if you're eating something out of a bag that's orange, which I have been, we're not saying names, but if you're eating something out of a bag that is orange, that's probably not food. That's just some chemicals. It tastes good, and your fingers are amazing and all that, but it's not food.

[01:57:18] And so it was an interesting discussion. They did say one of the healthier food snack options was popcorn. So there we go. There we go. Finally, the new NACO president was sworn in.

[01:57:35] His name is James Gore. He is from Sampnomah County, California. He has done some changing of how boards and things work and he has made a new committee that's the health committee that is to cover all health issues.

[01:57:56] And he has asked me to be chair of the National Association of Counties Health Committee and I have agreed to do that. I have decided that I am going to, I am expected to craft my policies and positions on the health committee, and I have decided that over the next year, the National Association of Counties is going to talk about full person health, and that we're going to, the five pillars of the full person health that I will talk about is physical health, mental health,

[01:58:32] social health, spiritual health, and sexual health. Now the problem is I have first named that PMS cubed for physical, mental, social, spiritual, sexual, but then I realized that was not a good name. So I'm going to have to rename this because we don't think we should call it PMS cubed.

[01:58:55] We're going to call it something else. So yeah, we're going to call something else. So I don't know we're going to call it yet but it will be those five health topics physical mental social spiritual and sexual will be the five health topics health topics that we will have discussions because no person is one of those things our health is all of those things combined and a healthy a healthy person has to see to all parts and forms of their health and so um um i will um I will craft some of the policies or positions that I want to go forward.

[01:59:34] I will call the liaison at NACO. We will put it before the exec board and then the full board of directors, and then we'll bring it to the full NACO body. And NACO, 86% of the counties of the country are on NACO.

[01:59:50] And so NACO has thousands of people. And so we will be, my office with the help of, hopefully with the help of some county government help, will be writing policy on health for the entire nation. So it's kind of exciting and kind of daunting, and we need to get to it right away, everybody.

[02:00:09] So that was NACO. And then this coming weekend, I will be attending the Council of Government retreat, and we will take up the the continue to take up the discussion of the DMV moves which is really and primarily the discussion of how do we get permanent a permanent source of revenue in Metro especially Metro buses so we'll be taking that up this weekend in Cog and mr. Crony are you

joining me mr. Crony will be joining me in Cog so that is a NACO update I will keep you all informed as we go along

[02:00:47] Um, staff, supervisors, um, I have tons of stuff that I bought back to give away. So, um, Jenny, I'll give you everything and tell you who, what, what goes to who. Supervisors, if you have something, especially Mr. Kirshner or anyone that did not attend, if you have some things, NACO will send it to you.

[02:01:04] Uh, I can go pick it up when I go down, down, down to the offices. Um, or if I have it right now, I have more than one copy. I'd be happy to give it to you as well. Thank you very much. That's my update. Okay. I think we have two more resolutions. We have one more resolution. It's, what is it?

[02:01:24] The Disabilities Day. Oh, it's yours. Okay. Wonderful. We have one more resolution. Is everybody here for it? They are here. That is wonderful. Will you meet me down? Oh, Mr. Hemstreet, you have something you want to add? Yes. Thank you, Chair Randall. I just wanted to make sure the board knows we are currently having a problem with granicus and I legislate so most of you will likely not be able to access your closed session packet oh so we have printed the entire closed session packet it'll be available in the closed session room when we go in there so I just want to make sure okay well thank you for telling us that I

[02:02:01] appreciate it mr. glass will you want me in front please okay you have a comment

[02:02:49] Do you want to? Really? I'm sorry. All right. Ms. Glass. Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm going to go

[02:03:26] ahead and read the proclamation. Whereas the Americans with Disabilities Act, ADA, was signed into law on July 26, 1990, establishing a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities, and whereas the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers, changing perceptions, and increasing opportunities for full participation and inclusion in community life to help individuals with disabilities reach their full potential, and whereas on

[02:04:02] July 26, 2024, our county, state, and nation will commemorate the 34th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, recognizing and celebrating the process that has been made, and whereas the county is committed to ADA compliance, inclusivity, and ensuring that interactions with the county government are accessible to all members of our community and has begun a project to conduct a comprehensive review of our facilities, programs, and services to identify areas for improvement and create a plan of action to address barriers known

[02:04:38] as the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan, and whereas Loudoun County encourages people to reaffirm the principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility laid out in the ADA and recommit our efforts to reach full ADA compliance so that every person in our county has the opportunity to succeed. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim July 26, 2024, as Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day in Loudoun County and urges all residents in Loudoun County

[02:05:15] to celebrate the many and varied contributions of people with disabilities and support the value and talent people with disabilities add to our community. I just wanted to quickly say thank you to all the families, the individuals that came out today to speak, to represent their families who have disabilities and want us to be aware of the needs that they have

[02:05:50] and that I know that the chair and I will do our darndest to help those families be successful and for them to have the lives that they feel that they are fulfilling.

[02:06:07] Thank you. And we have Evelyn here. Good evening. My name is Evelyn Ingram, and I'm the chair of the Disability Services Advisory Board, also known as DSB. Thank you, Madam Chair Randall, Board of Supervisors, and our representative to the DSB, Supervisor Glass, for proclaiming July the 26th, 2024, as Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day in Loudoun County, Virginia. As the chair of the DSB, I'd like to thank and recognize the members of our board who voted in favor of this proclamation, who are here tonight, and those

[02:06:45] that are here advocating for disability services in our county. We members of the DSB are tasked to identify and advise county leaders on issues of importance to people who live in our county with disabilities and their families and caregivers.

[02:07:01] Our primary goal is to persist in always moving Loudoun County forward as an accessible and inclusive community. Disability rights are civil rights and the Americans with Disability Act or ADA is the law that protects people with disabilities in many areas of life, from employment to equal opportunity to benefits and services such as public education, transportation, recreation, health care, social services, courts, town and county meetings, and even voting. By recognizing

[02:07:39] July 26, 2024 in Loudoun County as Americans with Disability Act Awareness Day, we are acknowledging the barriers that individuals with disabilities face, and we are reminding all people that they are protected under the law and that we support their full participation in our society. Thank you.

[02:08:01] So I would say this. We, next year at this time when we're doing this proclamation, we have to have done something different for those families that came in here today. It is, we can't do a proclamation talking about the importance of respecting everyone with different disabilities and then have people say but you're not hearing us for what our our young people need as they age out of school we can't do that we can't we can't we can't do that doesn't

[02:08:37] make any sense and so we will commit ourselves to figuring this out next year by this time having some answers not just trying but having some answers to what we are going to be doing Evelyn came up, and you reminded me that as I was talking about what I'm going to be doing in NACO, every one of those sections that I talked about, physical, mental, social, spiritual, sexual, also has to have a component on all those for people with disabilities. Every one of those

[02:09:11] sections. And so as we write these policies and these resolutions for the National Association counties I will be reaching out to to to you to DSB board and to you and all of you to say on this section of mental health what does this look like and so when we put that up it it really is trying to include everybody so thank you for saying that the moment you walked up thank you for saying that I really appreciate that very much and so we got a lot of work to do in this area over the next year and we're gonna get done thank you chair Randall I would like to

[02:09:48] also recognize Sahar. Loudoun County, we're forward-facing in so many things, but the position of Sahar, and I say it's her position, not many counties have a Sahar, and we do, and I want to make sure that I recognize her because she is the bridge between our board and the board of supervisors and she is very knowledgeable on accessibility. And I just want to thank her as well. And I'm sorry I missed you earlier, but please know you're always on my mind.

[02:10:26] I asked her if she wanted to speak and she said no. Like most staff members do not ever want to speak, but we very much appreciate you. All right, let's get a picture. All right, Evelyn and Sahar,

[02:10:37] let you two get in the center and we're getting on the other side of you. Okay, at six o'clock we

[02:12:28] have, as of now, we just have one speaker at 6 o'clock. If anyone else is here for a 6 o'clock time frame, let me know. But for now, we have one speaker, Mr. Robert Griffin. Have you come to the podium closest to you, sir? Good evening. Good evening, Madam Chair. Do you believe in divine

[02:12:59] providence? Certainly you must after this past weekend. And I wonder why many of you call yourselves Democrats, why you belong to the Democrat Party. Because the Democrat Party, beginning with Obama, Biden, all the leadership of the Democrat Party has called Trump Hitler.

[02:13:26] They're saving our democracy. Yeah, where did that all come from? I would think that you being Democrats would be ashamed of your leadership in the party, state level, right down to Ms. Wexton, our representative. But you're not. I've not seen any of you leave. I believe in the divine Providence on two occasions. Well, this is past Saturday, and I am here because of Divine Providence.

[02:13:56] I've been gone for almost a year, but I'm here because of Divine Providence. But Mr. Turner, you started this eight years ago, I think, when you stood up there in front of a town hall meeting, and this is what you said with your divine hate speech, I think. I served for 28 years wearing an Air Force uniform, protecting this, and then you waved a copy of our Constitution.

[02:14:34] In my wildest dreams, I never imagined the chief enemy of this document, this Constitution, would be the President of our United States. You were referring to President Trump. Yeah, he's the arch enemy of our country, our society, our Constitution. No, sir, you and all the other democrat leaders are the divine if you call yourselves little gods you are

[02:15:10] the enemies the arch enemies of our constitution of our freedom our liberty and you're not even ashamed you're not even embarrassed but it was divine providence that saved our republic and you people that try to put evil over you're you're mucking with the wrong person sir thank you very much your time's up thank you thank you all right supervisors um so how many more action items do

[02:15:38] we have let's do it let's do it before you can just do the closed sessions let's do it i was

[02:15:56] gonna say he did good evening i don't evening item 14 transmits a supplemental funding request

[02:16:35] from the school board that was adopted by the school board on june 25th 2024 the content of the request is a is to appropriate 2 million additional state revenue dollars into the FY 25 budget for the school operating fund staff recommends or concurs with the recommendation of the school board so because there's anyone not aware of this issue okay I'm gonna make a motion all right I'm with the board super I'm with the board supervisors appropriate 2 million 78

[02:17:11] 8,000 of state revenue in the FY2025 school operating fund and rescind the appropriation of local tax funding in the same amount of the FY2025 school operating fund and lower the amount of the payment to allow it in county and public schools from the county's general fund by the same amount.

[02:17:35] All right. Motion is made. Second, we should buy the glass. Okay. So this is the thing. The school comes before us every year with what they believe their funding amount should be. We gave them the entire amount of what they requested, every single penny.

[02:17:55] I don't see a reason to go over \$2 million over what they requested. Our school system is not shy about asking for what they want, and I don't think they should be. I don't think they should be.

[02:18:12] And I have many times and may in the future say we should adequately fund that school budget. We didn't just adequately fund the school budget. We fully funded the school budget. Every penny they asked for, they received. So if we can put \$2 million back in the county coffers for fund balance items, which we have a lot of fund balance needs this year, Or if we can put just \$2 million back in the county coffers for whatever.

[02:18:43] Why wouldn't we do that? If we had shorted the school or if they were \$2 million under their request, I would say absolutely, let's send it to them. But they received their full request to the penny, and this would just put them over their request by \$2 million.

[02:19:02] I don't really see the logic of doing that, and so that's why I made this motion. Anybody else? Yes. I know, but I'm not going to go Mr. Turner.

[02:19:19] Madam Chair, just let me clarify. So your motion is not to transfer the money? Well, what happens is, yes, my motion is not to transfer. So what happens is... We transfer the money and then decrement the budget. You got it. Yes. Yes. Can I ask you a question?

[02:19:36] Sure. Was the money earmarked by the government in Richmond specifically for the schools? It was. So it's extra money for the schools. well no well by richmond well i don't know how to answer that mrs m3 can you answer that because i'm not sure how to answer that so i'll give an answer then if ms burke disagrees with me i'll ask that she speak so the the funding is designated by the general assembly for the loudon county public school system so that revenue has to go to them what chair randall's motion does is we are

[02:20:13] already passed July 1st so we cannot lower the school division's budget so her motion keeps the school division's budget that the board adopted on in your first meeting in April as the same budget and so it allows them to do everything that they said they were going to do in the budget that they presented to you as part of the budget process what it does is it says okay here's two million dollars in additional state revenue and then we are lowering our local county transfer by two million dollars to keep that budget the same. Okay and I'd like to use the

[02:20:47] rest of my time to vigorously oppose this motion. Okay. What we're effectively doing is getting between the state and the General Assembly saying we want the Loudoun County Schools to get an extra two million dollars and we're stepping in between you saying no no you can't give them an extra two million dollars and so we're gonna take it away so that they break even and don't get this two million dollars and we're gonna put it in county coffers. Whether we agree or not, I think that is wholly inappropriate. The intent of the General Assembly was to give \$2 million to Loudoun County Schools. If we, through our machinations, basically let them receive the

[02:21:24] \$2 million, which I guess by law they have to receive, and then decrement their budget by the same amount, we're effectively taking away the money that the General Assembly specifically intended to go to Loudoun County Schools and putting into county coffers. I think it's wholly inappropriate. I disagree with this motion. I'll speak to that when you get to me. When I close.

[02:21:42] I can also address that, Chair Randall, if I may. Sure. Yeah, yeah. So the way the funding works for the public school system is the Commonwealth is considered the primary funder, and the county is

considered a supplementary funder. So the challenge here is that the way it works is because of the level of funding the Commonwealth provides, in Loudoun County, the county actually provides more funding than does the state.

[02:22:07] So anything provided by the county would be, I think just additional funding that we're providing in addition to what the state funds. So I would not characterize it as professionally as the county supplanting state money in this situation because of how the funding for public school works in Virginia.

[02:22:32] - Thank you, Ms. Umstead. - Thank you, Madam Chair. I will support the chair's motion. I disagree with Supervisor Turner's interpretation of it. I agree with Mr. Hemstreet's interpretation.

[02:22:53] I do not believe the General Assembly took a look at how much the county put into the school budget and then said we want to add another \$2-plus million to that. I think the chair described it accurately.

[02:23:10] so i have no problem supporting the motion mr crony uh thank you chair randall so i have a question um i plan to support the motion but um i know that latin county public schools does an estimate of what they're expecting from the state did the state uh meet that estimate or were did we cover some of it during the budget process there was um a question about whether or not the state would provide 19 million dollars the state did provide 19 million dollars plus this additional

[02:23:48] 2 million dollars however the school division does not provide their budget to the state for the state to to provide funding to it the state just allocates money to k-12 education and then splits it up on a per student basis so what happens is that the laden county public schools considers what the state is going to provide them, and then makes a supplemental request to the Board of Supervisors for everything else that they want to do that's not covered by the state funding, or state or federal funding.

[02:24:21] Okay, that's a little, yeah, that's clearer. It just seems to me that what they, what Loudoun County Public Schools has indicated they would spend it on, I think was already covered in their budget, teachers, teacher assistant, and nurses for summer school. So I'll be supporting Chair randall's motion thank you mr kirschner hey madam chair i believe i'm supporting this motion i think it's kind of a no-brainer but i just want to make sure i understand this if we have to transfer this money or else it goes back to the state am i correct about that because it's designated by richmond for the schools correct it will be going to lcps from the state so it's all we're doing is

[02:24:57] adjusting our transfer to make sure to basically um fulfill the full budget that they originally requested that we funded and because the state sent some extra we're saying okay well the state they sent us more than the 19 we anticipated so we're just adjusting our transfer accordingly that's basically what this motion does all right i'm in full support of it miss brixman thank you madam chair i i think i'm somewhere in the middle but um to make clear basically what we're doing is taking state funds to save local tax funding that went to the schools right i mean it's replacing the local tax funding

[02:25:36] that we were going to transfer or already did transfer. Correct. The chair's motion would keep the school operating budget the same but change the mix of revenue. So did the schools adhere to the 60-40 split this year when they made their budget request?

[02:25:55] The ratio, did they adhere to the 60-40 ratio? I think they were over it. They were short. They were short. They asked for more than the 60%? There was a gap. Yes, there was a gap. There was a gap. seven or three point five yeah it got confusing toward the end um the um was there any indication as to

why this came so late was it because it took them a while to do the budget uh if you recall the i'm sorry it because it took so long for them to do the budget and there was there any earmark

[02:26:30] and i know that maybe they can't earmark but was there any was this like extra for a particular reason like the intense tutoring or anything like that there was no reason there are no required expenditures associated with this revenue okay and then um mr hemstreet i think you may have some information about what the schools would do with this extra two million would you mind telling us or unless you know yes it's in the item that they've indicated that they would utilize the additional funds to provide more competitive part-time compensation for summer school positions,

[02:27:07] including teachers, teacher's assistants, and nurses. So the \$2 million would basically go to teacher pay? That's what LCPS staff has indicated. Do we have any idea how we compare in those positions to other jurisdictions? I do note in the item that LCPS has anecdotally indicated that fairfax has been offering higher than they've been offering more okay okay i i think given that and and the what the schools are saying they would use it for for more compensation to maybe align us

[02:27:41] with our comparators regionally um i think i'm going to oppose the motion i think i would like to see i don't think it's it's a little bit of a it sounds a little bit of a shell game but i don't think that we're actually you know would be like ripping money away from the schools if we were to replace the LT part of the LTF with the extra state funds I don't I don't think it would be an egregious thing to do because we did fully fund their request which was over the 60% but also given what they've indicated they're going to do with it and that we are expecting a 200 million dollar fund balance I think

[02:28:18] that I would rather see it go to the teacher pay thank you madam chair thank you thank you I want to remind everyone that one reason this is happening so late is because the general assembly took so long to get their budget done right and so we would have known this we would have had this all worked out before if their budget had been done on time and this money would have never gone to them from our budget because we wouldn't have made that extra allocation from our budget to cover if the general assembly had to finish their budget on time so we're literally talking about giving the money they wouldn't have gotten no matter what and giving the money, even though the money they requested was fully funded.

[02:28:58] It just doesn't make sense that we would do that, and I would argue that having one county, Fairfax County, doesn't mean that we're below the regional amount. Our teacher pay for new teachers especially is the highest, actually, and I think everything else is second, so we are right up there on top of the funding, on funding scales for the regional funding, so let's be real careful. And I say that a little defensively because I've worked so hard since I've been on this board to make sure that to get our teachers pay, our educators pay across the board up from

[02:29:34] where I came in to where we are now. And we have accomplished that to a large degree. And I don't want us to not give ourselves credit for having done that. But we're in this moment right now because the General Assembly did not get the budget done until, you know, 15 minutes ago or something, right? So this money would not have gone to them, we would not have transferred that money to them in the beginning if we actually had, if they had finished their legislation on time because they would not have needed it. So this is, we're giving the money they didn't request,

[02:30:12] we would be giving the money they didn't request, and we would be giving the money that they would not have received had the General Assembly finished their session on time. It doesn't make any

sense. It just doesn't make any sense. And so, yeah, that's why I'm making this motion.

[02:30:32] All right. I made the motion. Mr. Glass second the motion. All in favor, say aye. Opposed? That motion will pass 6-2-1. Supervisors Turner and Bricksman opposing the motion and Supervisor Letourneau not being here on the dais for the motion. Okay. Thank you very much. Thank you.

[02:30:54] Thank you. All right. I think all we have left is to close sessions. They're all four going to take about 20 minutes in total, right, Leo? No, Madam Chair. I think they'll take a lot longer than that.

[02:31:11] Also, the board members, except for yourself and Supervisor Saints, did give their board comments. You may want to do that. Well, we can do them before we go or come back. I don't care. Ms. Saints, do you want to do your board comments right now? my technology. No, go. No, go. Go, go. Yeah. All right. Mandatory disclosures. I spoke with

[02:31:49] Michael Capretti about Innovation Gateway application twice during the week of June 24th, 2024. And I'll just quickly say in regards to the events that took place this past Saturday in Pennsylvania, I'll just simply say we are living in troubling times. We can disagree on policy and a whole lot of other things but it should never be taken to this level civility and respect for one another should always be paramount you know as I said I think when we started the board term in 2019 and I think I

[02:32:28] said this privately to some individuals here on this board they're in this board term that you know we can always disagree on a vote but once you're done with that vote or have a policy discussion once that vote is taken you You can take a breath, you can quietly pound the table or go in the back room, have a moment, and come back and collect yourself and continue working on the items that are before you.

[02:32:53] And I think the same thing goes in regards to the discussion of policy right now in this country. Our country is divided, but I think we need to get back to having civil, and I'll say that word again, civil conversations regarding policy and the direction that you want to see the country go.

[02:33:13] And we can have those discussions with one another at the bingo hall, in the parking lot, in the grocery store, at family functions and friendly functions and whatnot. But you have your say-so and show up to support your candidates by knocking doors, making phone calls, making donations, putting up yard signs in your yard, et cetera, where you're wearing campaign regalia and you have your say so when the when election time comes and go to the box and vote for the individual that you feel matches, you know, what your viewpoint is at that time.

[02:33:48] But at no time, I don't think anybody has the right to to go out and do bodily harm to any individual, be a candidate or a person that's supporting a certain individual or a certain political party. I think we need to, again, take a breath, take a step back, and collect ourselves and, again, as I always said before, treat others as you want somebody to treat you, treat somebody in your family.

[02:34:17] We need to really go back to those guiding principles and words and really do some soul-searching right now in our country because, you know, what happened Saturday, obviously, unfortunately, it's not the first time this has happened in this country. It's happened numerous times over a period of time.

[02:34:37] We lost, I think in 1980-something, happened with President Reagan. And then, for those who can remember longer than I have, been around longer than I have, I know a certain candidate was shot

down during a campaign stop, I believe, in California.

[02:34:55] And then we've had President Ford, I believe, was an attempt on his life. It happened a couple of times, actually. And then we've even had Martin Luther King Jr. He lost his life. His mother, his own mother, you think about this, was killed in a church, at his family's church.

[02:35:12] Imagine that. We've had Malcolm X was gunned down. Edgar Evers was gunned down in his own driveway where his family was feet away from him. So this is not the first time, and hopefully this is the last time that anything like this happens.

[02:35:30] And I think, again, we need to all get back to those words, Treat others as you want, somebody to treat you and your family. We can have disagreement, but let's be civil with those disagreements and those discussions, and it should never come to what transpired on Saturday. And, you know, I think hopefully we can all keep that in our hearts and minds and spread that to our colleagues and friends and whatnot and get back to some civility in this country and respect for one another.

[02:35:59] So thank you. Thank you. I do want to say the name of Corey Comperatore, who was the man killed at the rally. He was a firefighter, a volunteer firefighter. He was killed, shielding his wife as bullets were being shot.

[02:36:16] I would associate myself with Mr. Sains' comments. I would also say that you can't call for political violence and not expect that at some point you're going to have political violence. And, you know, I am proud that I have heard everyone on my side of the political aisle, all senior political people like Barack Obama, Nancy Pelosi, very much speak against what happened and the violence that was perpetrated on former President Donald Trump.

[02:36:50] I wish that people had said those same types of things when Nancy Pelosi's husband was attacked in her home, and people said very different things about that particular political violent episode. You know, I talk about this body all the time, but in some ways, having just come back from the National Association of Counties, I watched thousands of people in the room of the full political spectrum have, no kidding, intense discussions, but never be disrespectful, not even once.

[02:37:21] And I think something happens differently with county government. I think, one, we have to see each other all the time. Like, we are together so much, right? Two, you know, people ask me, why do I change our seats every year? One of the reasons, like, you know, when you were in elementary school and your teacher said, go make new friends, right?

[02:37:40] You change it. When you look at Congress, one side sits on one side and one side sits on the other side. They are naturally, literally divided, even as they're in the same room. I do believe that there is a place for county government to teach state and local government what it means to work together.

[02:38:00] And there has been over the past years, and I will say I've experienced this, some chastising people who are more moderate, who believe that not everyone on the other side of the political owl is nothing but the letter behind their name. I have gotten some heat for that.

[02:38:19] I know Mr. Kirshner has gotten some heat for the very same thing from his party. But, you know, if all we see is one another's political letter behind our names, then we are really, really doing ourselves some grave injustice. I, you know, I posted Barack Obama's comment afterwards. And I thought

that it was well done and well said. And I am, you know, I think that for the most part, almost every political leader on both sides of the aisle, not people who are

[02:38:55] talking heads or activists, but political leaders have talked about lowering the temperature, lowering the rhetoric. And so I certainly hope that as we are going through the Republican convention this week and the democratic convention next month we see that that rhetoric is lowered and it's really important that the rhetoric is lowered from the heads of the of the parties and that is going to be very very important you cannot call for political violence when you were leading a political party you just can't do it and so I hope to see the lowering of rhetoric on

[02:39:33] all sides. I will say also that when Evelyn came up to get the proclamation for the Disability Month resolution, she gave me an idea that I had not thought about until she said it.

[02:39:49] And as I do this over the next year with NACO on these five health pillars, what I might actually do is hold some town hall or focus groups or something with residents to talk about like, what would you want us to talk about on the national level about mental health, about physical health, about spiritual health, about social health, about sexual health? You know, you know, I think we, I think sexual health is really hard to talk about, to be honest.

[02:40:19] And I think we have to talk about all those things. And so I might actually be reaching out to different communities in the, in the, in Loudoun to have these discussions. If people are willing to help me with this, I would really appreciate it. And finally, I want to say that I had many discussions with Mr. Capretti this week. I also, my staff talked to Kathleen Leonard and Dominion Projects on the Golden Tomorrows and Mike Romeo and Hintonwood residents on, for Mike Romeo on the Hintonwood application. We also had that discussion with them on the 7th.

[02:40:58] So those are my disclosures. I think that is it, and I think now we can be read in the closed session. Okay. I move that the Board of Supervisors recess this public meeting and enter into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711A3 of the Code of Virginia to consider disposition of parcels of property for public use in the Dulles Election District.

[02:41:29] I further move that the Board of Supervisors recess this public meeting and enter into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711A3 of the Code of Virginia to consider acquisition of parcels of property for public use in the Leesburg Election District.

[02:41:45] I further move that the Board of Supervisors recess this public meeting and enter into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711A3 of the Code of Virginia to consider disposition of parcels of property for public use in the Leesburg Election District. I further move that the Board of Supervisors recess this public meeting to enter into closed session pursuant to sections 2. 23711A7 and A8 of the Code of Virginia to consult with legal counsel and staff members pertaining to actual or probable litigation involving an existing construction contract in the Little River Election District.

[02:42:22] Those motions, that motion was made with four, I further move, so three. Second for the motion? Second. Motion is made and seconded by Supervisor DeCrony. Discussion on the motion? All in favor, please say aye. Aye.

[02:42:37] Any opposed? My staff, you can go home. And we are in closed session.

[03:16:03] All right, we are back out of closed session.

[04:06:04] Ms. Brixman, will you read us out of closed session? I sure will. I move that the closed session be adjourned, that the Board of Supervisors reconvene its public meeting, that the minutes of the public meeting should reflect that no formal action was taken in closed session, and further move that the resolution certifying the closed session be adopted and reflected in the minutes of this public meeting.

[04:06:25] Motion made. Seconded by Supervisor Glass. Discussion on the motion? Ms. Brixman? No. Anybody? On paper, please say aye. Aye. Opposed? The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Crony.

[04:06:41] Okay. I move that the Board of Supervisors authorize the county administrator in consultation with the county attorney to take all necessary actions to resolve the issues with the lighting at Howland-Birdie Hanson Regional Park, up to and including initiating all remedies under the existing construction contract and awarding separate contracts to complete the work.

[04:07:00] I further move the Board of Supervisors authorize moving \$4.5 million from the Capital Improvements Projects Contingency Fund to the Howland-Birdie Hanson Regional Park Project and the Capital Projects Fund for this purpose. Second. Second.

[04:07:18] Would you like to discuss that, Mr. Crony? Nope. Would you, Ms. Bricksman? No, I'm just kidding. Point of order, Madam Chair, did we affirm, or are we still... Oh, we did not affirm. Thank you. Thank you. I'll go back to that. Let's finish this first, because now we're in a motion.

[04:07:35] Any one discussion on this motion? All the people say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Thank you very much. Thank you for reminding me, Mr. DeCrony. Would it be Mr. DeCrony? Whew, my bad. It's been a very long week. It's been a really long week.

[04:07:54] Really long week. I apologize, Mark. I apologize. All right, will everyone please affirm Ms. Umstead. Affirm. And I affirm, and that affirmation is reaffirming that there is no other motion, no other subject discussed in closed session.

[04:08:15] That's what we, I forgot to have that affirmed. So thank you for that, Mr. Kirshner. And the second motion was passed unanimously. I think that is everything for this evening. I don't think we are, I think this is our last meeting as a full board before August.

[04:08:36] So if I do not see you before, well, if you don't see each other, everyone have a good August break and the Olympics starts in 10 days. And so yay, go Team USA. We are adjourned.



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