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[00:09:13] you. Well, good evening, supervisors, good evening, staff, and good evening, Loudon. I'd like to call to order the May 6, 2025 Loudon County Board of Supervisors Business Meeting. This room has a hearing loop. If you need hearing assistance, please switch your hearing aid to the telecom mode.

[00:09:38] If you need a headset, we have those available as well. Please see the clerk to request one. This evening, Supervisor Umstead will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer, our inspirational words. Ms. Umstead. Thank you, Madam Chair. Dear Lord, we pray especially for all the children in our county and throughout our country. We pray for our first responders, our law enforcement, and our military on active duty or our veterans. We hope that you will

[00:10:12] comfort all those facing economic upheaval and bring peace and joy to our entire nation. Thank you, Lord. In your name we pray. Amen. If we could all stand and recite the Pledge of

[00:10:35] Allegiance. Thank you. Okay. Supervisors, I have one addition to the agenda that we will get to later, but I need to announce it right now, we are going to have a likely reconsideration of the -- of whether or not the Department of Planning and Zoning work plan from item

[00:11:12] 10 on the April 15, 2025 Board Supervisors' Meeting with the Mountainside Overlay District, the discussion to be reconsidered is whether or not to send that item to TLUC. And so we're not discussing the

item itself, we're discussing whether or not we want to to send the item to TLUG. That meeting, that decision was made at the last board business meeting and so we have to, if it's going to be reconsidered, has to be reconsidered at this board meeting. Are there any other additions or deletions on the dais? All right. I can

[00:11:49] tell you that our colleagues who are not here, Supervisor Sainz said he would be here after five o'clock. Supervisor Kirchner said the same. Supervisor Leturneau, I haven't heard from him but he usually gets in right around herein oh okay i'm sorry did you just get here okay nice to see you then we're just missing two now okay wonderful and they would both be here after five o'clock i don't know how you sneak in when you're six foot one okay i'm gonna read the consent agenda item r1 proclamations to declare may 4th through 10th 2025 is correctional officers

[00:12:24] week. That is for approval and presentation. Item R2, proclamation to declare May 11th through 17th as National Police Week and May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day. That is for approval and presentation. Item R3, proclamation to recognize May 2025 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month. That is for approval and presentation. And all of us have a Lyme, a tick removal thing in front of us. Do we all have that in front of us? Yeah, yuck.

[00:12:55] But we all have it in front of us to remove a tick. Item R4, proclamation to recognize May 15th as bike to work day, and that's for approval only. That proclamation is from Vice Chair Turner and Supervisor Bricksman. Item R5, resolution of commendation to John Champ High School varsity swim team, I understand you there's one young gentleman coming for that because for the swim team proclamation, not the whole team.

[00:13:29] It's the whole team coming, okay, great. Item R6, resolution of commendation for Eagle Scout Andrew Coach, resolution of accommodation for Eagle Scout William Wazowie, that's R7, R8 proclamation for May 4th through 10th professional municipal clerks week. Item 1A, proposed schedule of meetings. Item 1B, joint committee work plan. Item 2A, appointments and confirmations. Item 3, administrative items report of May

[00:14:04] 6, 2025. Item 5, proposed changes to supplemental pay for employees not represented or are ineligible for collective bargaining. And item 6 is the PCOR 2025-0001 Commonwealth Center residential proper amendment public hearing waiver. Those are the items for the consent agenda. I will make a motion for approval. Is there a second? Seconded by Supervisor Umstead. Discussion on this motion. First of all, I do want to say that I'm actually going to literally do

[00:14:40] a presentation for Professional Municipal Clerks Week because technically Mr. Hemstreet is the head clerk in Loudoun County. That's his other, that's kind of the title. But we have a lot of our, we don't call them clerks. We call them appreciate and value professional staff to do an amazing job. And sometimes when some of these resolutions come up, we kind of gloss over them and we shouldn't because they do such a good job. And so when we decide to where and when this presentation will be held, I will make sure that everyone knows

[00:15:14] about it and you can please join me. Also, item five, supplemental pay for employees not represented or eligible for collective bargaining. If you will remember when we actually passed collective bargaining. We knew that there were people, especially people who might work in HR, who are just not eligible for collective bargaining, being in the collective bargaining unit. But we did want to give them the

same protections. And so this actually item gives them all those same protections, even though they are ineligible to be part

[00:15:49] of collective bargaining. If they chose to, they can pay the membership to be in the union, but they can't be part of it because of the jobs that they do, but they will get the protections as well. So I just want to highlight those two things. Anything else in the consent agenda?

[00:16:08] Ms. Glass, do you have anything that you want to say about the two items coming from the school board I mean from the joint school board meeting. Yes madam chair at the board of supervisors and school board joint committee meeting on March 24th we set dates for this year's meetings as well as setting topics for the joint committee work plan. Some of the topics the joint committee will explore this year are congestion in school zones, youth substance abuse, and affordable workforce housing on school sites just to name a few of the topics and I look forward to exploring that I

[00:16:44] look forward to exploring at the joint committee. Thank you Madam Chair. I made the motion. Supervisor Umstead seconded the motion. All in favor please say aye. Any opposed? That motion will pass 702 with Mr. Sains and Mr. Kirshner being off the dais. Okay Supervisors, my organizational updates, they're not many this time but I just want to go through some things. Take Back the Night is the nationwide movement to bring awareness to domestic violence. This time in Loudoun County,

[00:17:19] It was hosted by laws, but it was attended by people outside of Loudoun in the area. It was a well-intended event. Mr. Crony joined me for the Take Back the Night event. I appreciated that. On May 28th, I welcome the Virginia Founders Network Conference.

[00:17:37] This is a conference of people who fund, give funding to our nonprofits across Virginia. They decide where they want to hold that in the Commonwealth of Virginia. You know, they kind of move all around, and this year they decided that they wanted to hold it in Loudoun, and they did it at Lansdowne Resort.

[00:17:56] Nicole Acosta and the Community Foundation were the host. Quite a few people, quite a few nonprofits attended, probably about 100, 150 nonprofit funders from around the Commonwealth attended. It was a very good event, and one of the things, two of the things they focused on was the fact that people who are involved in the nonprofit work, we do see some burnout in them being overwhelmed.

[00:18:24] And so to remember that as they're funding to make sure that people who are helping the people have funding to have days off or breaks or that type of thing. The other thing is that we are already seeing some of our nonprofits lose federal money, and that money is not being clawed back.

[00:18:42] It's money that was promised from the federal government but was yet to be dispersed. We thought that maybe we wouldn't see this until next year because it already went through the legislative budget. But as it turns out, for 2025, 50% of our nonprofits are either concerned about losing federal money or have already lost federal money for 2025.

[00:19:04] And so that was another issue that was discussed. And that will be an issue that impacts a lot of people. if a lot of people who receive nonprofit services, if they do not receive that promised federal funding. I also chair the NACO Healthy Advisory Board meeting.

[00:19:23] Of course, I am the chair of the Healthy Advisory Committee in NACO. I've talked to you all at length already about that agenda. I won't do it again, but if you have any questions, please come find me. I

do want to remind everybody of two things. Next Thursday, the 15th, is my annual State of the County address.

[00:19:41] It would be right here in this boardroom. Everyone is invited to attend. We start at 6.30. It's not a very long event, but if you'd like to join us, we would welcome you.

[00:19:57] And to say that, and to remind you for a second time, that I was asked and did apply to be a member of the Greater Washington Leadership Class of 2026. I have made that application. We will not know who is accepted or not accepted until May 23rd.

[00:20:15] There is a tuition on that application. If I am accepted, my office budget will cover that tuition. This is the second time I am saying this, just to make sure everybody remembers. And if I am accepted, I will come back and let you all know at that time as well. So those are all the things that are on my chair's comments.

[00:20:35] I do want to say that I'm really, really excited today to have my voice for a cause be Manna from Heaven. Manna from Heaven was founded in 2020 at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic with a mission. How about you guys come on down?

[00:20:51] With a mission of providing relief and support to individuals and families facing economic education and food insecurities in northern Virginia. With the help of dedicated volunteers, Manor from Heaven provides nutritious mailboxes and other essential items to over 200 families monthly.

[00:21:08] Their core values of compassion, integrity, and accountability drive them to create a positive impact throughout the entire northern Virginia community. and we have with us today uh debbie wheeler who i've seen at so many events um where manna from heaven is there and handing out food and helping us all helping people in the in the community and we see a lot of uh gentlemen in red jackets and some other people with you so miss wheeler i'm going to let you introduce everyone who's with you and tell tell us why this wonderful group of people are standing behind you and beside you bring that microphone a little bit closer to you

[00:21:45] My pleasure. First of all, I have the Samaritan Squad, which is part of First Baptist Church of Sterling, who founded Manna from Heaven in 2020. And that is Robert Brown. And where's Clivia? Clivia is part of the Loudoun County community, and 70% of our community who are receiving our food is Lantino X, and she is one of our Spanish interpreters.

[00:22:16] is quivia and then we have nest for us nest for us is a huge partner a huge contributor to our giving they partner with chick-fil-a whole foods banana panera crumble cookie and all the other outside um restaurants who add to our distribution every third saturday and with the blessing of nest for us they we have added an additional saturday and two additional sundays because the

[00:22:48] overwhelmness of food distribution has been incredibly overflowing so they have they come in and they set up for us they help us distribute the food they help us break down and they are so significant that they even have a keys to my kingdom believe it or not and then we have the wonderful, got to make sure, alumni chapter alpha psi food security program. Kappa alpha psi. Kappa alpha psi. Incorporated. Get it right. Get it right, Debbie. We have the, we have Steve Burke here

[00:23:28] who came, who joined us in 2023 and said, how could I help? I said, oh, thank God. He and his crew, his organization. They pick up food from Costco every Saturday, rain or shine. And that could range

from 600 pounds to 3,000 pounds weekly, which has increased the amount of giving that we have to the community. So that when those Saturdays come up and Nest for Us is not giving out food and Man of Heaven's not giving out food, I go out into the community to Soccer United. I go to

[00:24:05] douglas community center i go to sterling community center i set up tables and tents and say come one come all free food and it never goes to waste within an hour 3 000 pounds of food are gone and out there and when the kids are playing soccer and basketball and and baseball it's just amazing how much food that they those kids can consume consume so i am very grateful for my my team here who helped me make this possible so i have a couple of questions first i do want to say the kappa alpha psi is one of the divine nine greek letter organizations they were founded

[00:24:45] on january 5th 1911 at indiana university i got that right gentlemen yes okay yep um yeah they do very good work they do very very good work um in loudon across the commonwealth and across the country so you've already described your your your partnerships and so i would just move you to the second question and that second question maybe is the most important one which is what is some of the most urgent needs you were seeing in nova but especially in loudon food

[00:25:18] regardless of what time it is post-covid food is still important to the families um they need it so badly that it's not that they don't have enough money for food or they don't have food food is expensive so with us adding non-perishables and perishables to their to their plate they are grateful so food every week that comes in from costco that comes in from nest for us that contributes to our giving it goes within one hour we're there for two hours it goes

[00:25:58] I said to you before, I might throw a question at you that you didn't have in advance. And for that, I apologize. But I do need to say, every time I've seen you all do the very good work you're doing, I'm at an event. Do you all do food deliveries at all? That is one of our path forward missions, which I wanted to answer in question three.

[00:26:19] Okay, well, how about we do that? Let's do that. In your experience, what's the biggest challenge? Matter from heaven, Matthew 25, 35, and, you know, it stands on, when I was hungry, you fed me. When I was thirsty, you gave me drink. And what we have found is that a lot of seniors and people with disabilities can't come to our area.

[00:26:43] We're not near a bus station either. So every now and then, if they have a need, I'll go and take that food. Now it's getting really, really big. Now, our seniors and our disabled, they're reaching out weekly, say, can you bring me a box of food? Can you bring me some bread?

[00:26:58] Can you bring me some milk? So that's a path forward that I will work on this year in 2025. Is a food delivery system? Food delivery system. I'm going to send you some information with some nonprofits who you might be able to partner with to do food delivery.

[00:27:13] So I'll send you some of that because Loudoun volunteer caregivers and a couple more, you might be able to do some partnering with them for food delivery. you're right food delivery feeding people is both moral and spiritual yes it is all right um and if people want to learn more about manna from heaven where would they learn that where would they go to get contact you they can go to our website at mfhva.org it has all of our information out there but i suggest facebook because every week every week we we post um the food coming in from costco

[00:27:48] the food coming in from Nest for Us, and then all the other food that we get that can't fit on our shelves, we put it out there on Facebook, and we put tables in our parking lot and said, free food, come get it. And also, you can Google, if you Google food near you, Manna from Heaven will come up. So that is, that's how you can reach us. Well, listen, to Manna from Heaven, to Nest for Us, from Sterling Baptist Church, thank you. From the very, very amazing men of Kappa Ephesians,

[00:28:17] Fraternity Incorporated. Thank you all for being here. There are only two times during this meeting that we allow clapping. One of them is resolution, and the other one is this right here this time, because you all are doing such good work. So thank you for all the good work.

[00:28:34] Thank you. Thank you for having us. Absolutely. Thank you. Mr. Hemstreet, do you have any comments this evening? Thank you, Madam Chair. I have four comments for this evening. The first is, members of the community are encouraged to learn and engage.

[00:28:49] about Loudoun County's efforts to increase environment and energy sustainability at the upcoming annual Energy and Environment Forum. The May 22nd event will be hosted by the Environmental Commission at the Academies of Loudoun from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. There will be breakout sessions on a wide range of topics as well as a listening session and electric vehicle showcase.

[00:29:10] Details are online at loudoun.gov/environmentalforum. Second, Loudoun County Animal Services is preparing for its fee waived pet adoption event, empty the shelters this Saturday, May 10th, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the animal shelter in Leesburg.

[00:29:25] Adoption fees will be waived for all pets, which include cats, kittens, dogs, small pets, and livestock. Every pet adopted from the shelter will be microchipped, and their new owners will receive a coupon for a free GPS tracker. More information, including a link to view pets available for adoption, can be found at loudon.gov/slash/animals.

[00:29:45] Third, one of Loudoun County's most popular events is coming up on May 17th and 18th, the Spring Farm Tour. The weekend tour highlights the diversity of Loudoun's agricultural economy with dozens of participating farms showcasing Loudoun-made and Loudoun-grown products.

[00:30:01] There will also be educational components with farmers providing insights into their work. Details are online at loudounfarmtour.com. Then finally, this last comment is about the library who is holding a special contest. So the following was written for me.

[00:30:18] I did not make this up. That's quite a disclaimer. Okay. If you have time to create poems that rhyme or not, I would suggest that you enter the library's poetry contest. The Loudoun County Public Library Poetry Contest is open to teens and adults in Loudoun and the region.

[00:30:36] Accepted forms include spoken word, rhymes, and free verse. The deadline to enter is May 18th. Details are online at library.loudoun.gov/slash/poetrycontest. Those are my comments this evening, Madam Chair. I do understand the disclaimer once you started talking. Thank you, Mr. Hemstreet.

[00:30:52] That's wonderful. Okay, so supervisors, we have an interesting agenda, and I'm going to try to get to everything. It's not a long agenda, but it's a robust agenda. And so I'm going to do the information item right now.

[00:31:11] I have down the trio of Lieutenant Colonels, Sawyer, Lee, and Mosier, who are going to be presenting. Is that correct? Yes? Could you guys come down, please? Yes, it is.

[00:31:44] Gentlemen, hello. How are you doing? We're doing well. Actually, Sheriff Chapman is on his way. Okay. We are having a busy moment at the moment. That's never good. I want you guys to be bored.

[00:32:00] I will say before we start that after quite a few years of having the discussion, you all have pulled on to your staff, your behavioral health specialist. I am thrilled by that.

[00:32:17] It is so important that our first responders, our law enforcement, our paramedics, our firefighters know that if there is a need to talk to somebody besides one another, and I know you all do that, that we have that in Loudoun. It's always okay not to be okay for the moment. And it's always okay to talk to somebody else. And you all have very, very emotionally taxing jobs.

[00:32:48] And so none of us are made to do this stuff by ourselves and go through these hard times out talking to somebody so y'all have somebody on board now and congratulations and um i know we've been talking about this for a long time and i am just so happy that that has happened so i just want to want to say we i think we approved that position last last year last fiscal year and just got that so very good and so i just want to let yeah we are excited about that as well uh she is phenomenal in fact we we sat in a briefing earlier today um where she's now been on board long enough to start to get the lay of the land and uh and so i've already sent her an

[00:33:24] email so yeah all right we're ready when you are so i said that the sheriff was uh was immediately on his way are you okay with us waiting for just a moment hmm yeah that's he's out he's like in the he's he's he's he's right here we should we should be like oh clapping we should clap for you i'm

[00:33:51] just messing with you hello sheriff chapman how are you i just said to to the to the to the trio of Lieutenant Colonel's how pleased we are that you all were able to get your behavioral health specialist on. That is really, really, really great news. So we've been talking about that for a long time and really happy that you pulled somebody on board. I have met her. She seems just fantastic. So good job. All right. We're ready when you all are, though. Yep.

[00:34:31] Let me, sorry, I just, you know, I just walked in when I get started here. So good evening, chair rannell members of the board i'm here to present our quarterly significant incident report for the first quarter of this year and third quarter of the fiscal year before i do however i want to just very few important issues the first has to do with misinformation out there concerning our recently signed agreement with ice let me explain what we do and what we don't do when it comes to working with ice hopefully this will answer some of the questions certainly uh supervisor brisbane sent our way my job is to keep our citizens safe i believe it is irresponsible

[00:35:08] to release serious criminals who are in the U.S. illegally back to our community when they are wanted by ICE on other charges and pose a threat to our citizens. Loudoun County Sheriff's Office recently entered into a warrant service officer agreement with ICE under a jail enforcement model of 287G collaboration. That agreement ratifies what we've already been doing with a couple of additions. So let me be clear. This is not a so-called task force model agreement. Our agreement has nothing to do with field up enforcement operations it applies only to our adult detention

[00:35:43] center and persons arrested on criminal charges unrelated unrelated to their immigration status london county sheriff's office is not engaged in 287g task force model of enforcement we do not go out and arrest people for immigration violations that is not our job and we do not have the authority to enforce federal immigration law instead when a person is taken into custody and placed in our jail. We

run that person through different databases to see if any other agency has an interest or an outstanding warrant. Of these databases, one of these databases rather,

[00:36:17] is an immigration alien query or an IAQ. After a person is run through this system, ICE will contact us and let us know if that person arrested is in the U.S. illegally and whether they want to take that person into custody. ICE strives to pick up serious criminal offenders when they are released from our jail. If ICE chooses to pick a particular person up, we let ICE know when that person is expected to be released. ICE does not come out for everybody. For example, of the 245 detainers issued by ICE in the second half of 2024, 99 resulted in pickups upon their release.

[00:36:54] Through April of this year, ICE has issued 94 detainers for those in our custody and criminal charges and picked up 52. Most of them were picked up simultaneous with their scheduled releases. What the Warrant Service Officer Program does is to give ICE up to 48 hours to pick these people up in the event ICE cannot get to Loudoun before a detainee is released.

[00:37:16] To ensure proper training for this hold, the agreement also provides for online training of about 20 deputies at our jail. Once that training is completed, the agreement will go into effect. When you consider that three of the five homicides that occurred Loudoun County last year involved people in this country illegally, two of the homicides attributed to an MS-13 gang member, I believe our continued collaboration with ICE is important.

[00:37:41] Also, considering that our jail expenses and staffing are static, we operate with the same staffing whether we house 400 inmates or 200 inmates, the cost of keeping an inmate here for an extra day or two is about \$4.50 per day.

[00:37:57] I think we can absorb that nominal cost. And if a person awaiting pickup by ICE has a medical emergency during this hold period, ICE is responsible for those medical expenses. That is also in our agreement. Our practice is to publish the names, addresses, and criminal charges filed against those arrested in Loudoun County each week upon request.

[00:38:20] However, we do not document who were released to other agencies based on their respective detainers. That information must be requested by the issuing agency, whether it's ICE or another local, state, or federal law enforcement agency. As for that safety, Loudoun County continues to be one of the safest major counties in the nation.

[00:38:43] Part one, serious crime is down about 25% so far this year, and part two, crime is down about 10%. Crime is down thanks to our continued efforts to allocate resources effectively, as will be described in a few minutes, to the professionalism of our team and our strong proactive engagement with the community that we serve, a community that trusts us to keep us safe. I want to close by mentioning a couple things not included in the quarterly report. On April 12th, we investigated a homicide involving a tragic shooting, death of a 16-year-old juvenile in Broadlands. I'm so proud of the outstanding work

[00:39:18] our detectives, patrol deputies, and analysts put into this case. From digital forensics to electronic recordings from neighborhood canvases to utilization of canines. The teamwork of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office resulted in the arrest of the principal suspect within 24 hours and the second suspect two days later. Both are charged with first-degree murder. This may have been the most impressive investigative work I've seen in more than four decades of law enforcement.

[00:39:47] Last week we announced the arrest of eight men from our region in an operation we spearheaded against again to stop internet child exploitation that week-long effort working with the northern virginia washington dc internet crimes against children task force and other partners is a stark reminder that these horrific threats are out there it is also a reminder that parents must do everything in their power to know what their children are doing monitor their social media accounts and keep them safe on april 6th we sponsored a candlelight vigil at the douglas community center a moving tribute to the work we and others do to combat domestic violence

[00:40:24] and help crime victims generally on april 24th we hosted our latest series of community meetings once again as a combination virtual meeting with live presentations from headquarters followed by in-person meetings at each of our four regional stations two weeks ago we sponsored our biggest bring your child to work day ever about 60 children and teenagers accompanied by their parents spent the day visiting our agency and learning more about what what what we do and it was broken down into all kinds of things uh you know from crime scene to what we do you know with

[00:40:58] forensics it was really a a terrific day for the children and in the beginning of june we will once again sponsor the mcgruff safety camps for the young children with loud and fire and rescue and in their july and in our july or sro summer camp for the rising fourth and fifth graders I'm very proud of the work our agency does and that we continue to raise the bar in every way.

[00:41:22] Now I'll turn this over to Lieutenant Chris Sawyer to highlight the significant incident report. Lieutenant Colonel Sawyer, before you do that, because what I believe might happen is that there might be people who have questions about what you spoke about first and for them to try to do that all in three minutes, that and the significant incident report would be a lot.

[00:41:45] And so I'm going to ask my colleagues if you have any questions about what has already been reported, especially as it -- well, any of what's already been reported or discussed before he gives us a different incident report. This is the time to turn your light on and ask those questions now.

[00:42:01] Ms. Bricksman. Thank you, Madam Chair, and thank you for that presentation. I appreciate it. And I have had some conversations with Lieutenant Colonel Sawyer mostly about the concerns the community has with the 287g agreement understanding that it is to serve warrants can you talk to me a little bit about this iaq query you said that when somebody is in our ADC you run a query and that would hit with ice if somebody has a detainer or request that they that they want them so what my question is

[00:42:39] is is that do you tell them or do they request it from us and then if they are requesting from us i guess it's a detainer um how does that process work yeah it's a uh it's a pretty straightforward process anytime someone is booked into the adult detention center there's a series of queries that are run that's to determine whether or not a person is wanted by another jurisdiction and part of that query has to do with the immigration alien query and what will happen is that information will be sent up and if there is interest on the part of homeland security they

[00:43:16] will contact us and let us know contact you how are they filing a detainer with the sheriff's department maybe not immediately they'll contact us it could be what i'm getting at is where's the paperwork where's the paperwork is is is are they sending us paperwork asking to hold that person and where is that paperwork? Well, you know, that's precisely what the warrant service officer program is about that the sheriff mentioned. What it will allow is a deputy sheriff that will be trained in the warrant

service officer process. Again, it's an online course that they have to take. It's about eight hours. And at that point, they will be authorized to sign off on the

[00:43:54] paperwork that you're asking about for the person to be detained. And then they'll be turned over to ICE at that point within 48 hours. It wouldn't go beyond that. So it's an online form or is it actually hard copy paper? It would probably be sent online once the program is in full course.

[00:44:12] You know, you have to remember we haven't gone into the program yet. Not everybody's been trained. And once they are trained, then there will be a warrant service officer who will execute a warrant that will allow that person to be detained and turned over to ICE at that point. Okay. And last I heard, it was 52 folks this year have been turned over to ICE?

[00:44:32] Yes. Okay. Are you aware that ICE has deported U.S. citizens? Not personally aware, no. Okay. Are you checking, or are you just relying on ICE's? It's part of the booking process when they come into deterrence. I guess my question is, are you relying on ICE's information about the status of that individual in this country, or are we in any way independently looking at their status?

[00:44:56] Yeah, no, we would be advised by Homeland Security whether or not that person was. Okay, so you're following orders? No, I don't say following orders. We're following the warrant of arrest that's issued by ICE for that person that we have in custody, and that would lead to them to be able to pick them up and determine their status in the United States.

[00:45:17] Other than that, I wouldn't be able to answer that any further. I have more questions, but I'm out of time. Thank you. Okay. For this first round, Mr. Letourneau. Thank you. Thank you, Sheriff Chapman, and thank you to the team for the work. Maybe just to follow up a little bit, because I think you were starting to get to this point.

[00:45:34] When an individual is arrested on an unrelated charge, you do check their identity at that point. You can tell if they're a Virginia citizen, citizen of somewhere else, or not a citizen. So if I could say it this way, we only do this when they are taken to the adult detention center and put through the booking process.

[00:45:55] But I'm not even talking about the 287G program. I'm saying anyone who's arrested, personally, I've never had the experience, hopefully never will, but I assume that you're checking their status at that point, and you're looking for warrants, you know, other jurisdictions or whatever.

[00:46:13] Let me defer that to Lieutenant Colonel Sawyer for field operations. I can talk about that. So when we interact with someone on the street, we do run their identifying information. However, their legal presence in the United States does not come back to us on that.

[00:46:29] So if someone has a Virginia ID or a Maryland driver's license or something like that, we are looking to confirm that they are the individual that they are presenting themselves to be, which is a different process. We do not get, if you run Chris Sawyer, you do not get that Chris Sawyer is a U.S. citizen.

[00:46:46] I see. You get that Chris Sawyer has a valid Virginia driver's license, lives at this address, has this date of birth. Here's the photo that we can match up. It is not going to return anything related to my country of citizenship, whether I have dual citizenship, anything like that. Okay. So then that's where this other process comes along.

[00:47:04] Is DHS the only agency that gets run through the broader warrant process, or is it other agencies as well, DOJ or FBI or whatever? So when they're booked into the adult detention center, we will run to find out their criminal history, whether or not they're wanted by other jurisdictions.

[00:47:20] So there's kind of like a battery of requests that we'll push out to find out any additional information. Okay. And about half the time so far, DHS has not come and taken into custody the individual that was... That's correct.

[00:47:36] And you don't really have any idea why? No, we do not. It could be availability or some other reason. Correct. Okay. Understood. Thank you. Thank you. Ms. Umstead. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair. Well, first, I want to thank you for the good work you all do and for your diligence in protecting the citizens of the county.

[00:47:58] When, to use one example, when the individual who was in this country illegally hijacked a woman's car, running her over, and I think also then backing up over her again, killing her.

[00:48:17] And that individual, I think, was quickly found by your deputies, I guess at a motel. What happened then when he was brought into the adult detention center?

[00:48:33] What process then occurred? Did you, were you able to, when you ran his name past the database that DHS or ICE maintains, were you able to verify that he had an ICE detainer and did you then notify ICE how did that particular situation play out? So yeah very important point did you brought up that there was a criminal arrest that was made that wound up having this person brought into the adult detention center at that point we have no knowledge whether or not this person might be wanted by ICE for

[00:49:11] anything at that point because we're still we are processing them on the charges that for the crimes that were committed inside latin county or locally at that point we will notify the other agencies that we have this person in custody and if they have any additional warrants or if there's any interest in from in this situation that you described with ice then they would notify us if they have an interest in them at that point so it's it's post post the arrest the criminal arrest that would bring the person into the adult detention center and because

[00:49:43] none of your deputies are engaged in what are being called ice raids the first time you would see an individual with an ice detainer would be when they were brought into the jail for some other crime very important distinction supervisor it's remember we are not we are not we are not part of the task force model of enforcement with with 287g as it's referred to it's the jail enforcement model. It only comes into place when somebody has been arrested for a criminal violation of law,

[00:50:20] Virginia law, and then brought to our adult detention center. And at that point, it's a series of queries that are made. And during that query process, what we learn at that point. Thank you very much. Mr. Turner. Thank you, Madam Chair. Just to follow up on Supervisor Turner's question, Lieutenant Colonel Sawyer. Now that we're going to real ID, when I got my real ID, it seems to me they checked my passport. If you check a driver's license now and a real ID, will it pop their nationality?

[00:50:52] No, sir, it does not. When we run a driver's license, we get the Virginia DMV return. We don't get any other documents that are behind it. Okay, thank you. Sheriff Chapman, a couple things. One, I did attend the funeral services of the young man that was killed, and I will say I do not know that I've ever, it is so hard to go to a funeral of a person that shouldn't be in that casket.

[00:51:21] It just shouldn't have been happening. Pastor Michelle's in the room with us. She did the eulogy. It was one of the hardest services I've ever attended. So I am very happy that you have in custody. I won't say that they've done it because they haven't gone through the process yet, but you have in custody the people that you believe are responsible.

[00:51:44] Sheriff Chapman, on April 28th, the President issued an executive order to increase the capacity of local law enforcement. In fact, it was actually called the militarization of our law enforcement.

[00:51:59] You were actually in the room with him when that was signed, when that executive order was signed. So you just said that you do not have the ability, Long County Sheriff's Department didn't have the ability to enforce immigration. Was that not part of what was put into that executive order enforcing immigration?

[00:52:19] And if not, what does that mean when it says that local law enforcement now has more power to do law enforcement? Because I don't know what power that executive order gave local law enforcement they didn't already have.

[00:52:34] That's my first question. My second question is, in the past, since January 20th, I have received on at least six occasions, citizens reaching out to me going, you know, ICE is here, DHS is here.

[00:52:50] I've had phone calls of people hiding in their closets and just being very, very frightened that somebody is going to be taken away. Of course, we don't know anything in advance, and you're telling me that you all don't know. Well, you're not telling me this, so let me ask a question. Do you all ever know in advance, does DHS, the federal government, give you any notice in advance if there's going to be a, and I'm going to use this word very loosely, an ICE raid or a DHS raid coming into Loudoun County?

[00:53:21] I only ask that because the assumption is that we know, and of course we don't. I never know what's going on, and I don't even know if you know. And I'm not asking you to tell me when and how, and I'm not asking you any of that. I'm just asking, do you all even know when they're about to come into the county?

[00:53:37] Those are my two questions. There's a lot of questions here. Let me unpack that a little bit. Just two. Just two. Okay, so when you talk about the militarization of law enforcement, I think what you're talking about is the 1033 program that existed years ago when you have surplus military equipment and it's not being used for anything.

[00:53:54] And there's a lot of sheriff's offices throughout the country, not ours. There's a lot of sheriff's offices throughout the country that really are limited with their funds and what they can purchase. and there is some equipment that is former military equipment that they believe they could use. But you were in the room for that, and that's all it was?

[00:54:09] It's an equipment issue? No, that's one. He signed several executive orders that day. The other, what you're talking about, is our involvement with 287G at the enforcement level, the operational level. That's optional. It depends on where you are, you know, what state you're in, what your relationship is, what you want to do, how much you want to participate in that.

[00:54:29] We're not doing that. we're doing a warrant service officer program which limits us to the jail so we're not we're not part of that and uh and really we don't have the authority to enforce immigration law nor nor do we want to that's not really our job we already have plenty to do and so so we're happy with just

doing the warrant service officer program and turning over people to them that they want back in their custody based on a detainer uh and then the other question with regards to enforcement sure so um if ice or hsi or someone's coming in the county um we we do not know when they're coming we're not getting heads up on when they're coming or what they're coming for

[00:55:07] um we we hear anecdotes as well through the community of ice is out here um you know this is what they're doing they're knocking on on these doors um we are not included in those operations or whatever you would title them it must be very frustrating um okay then thank you Thank you for that, and now we will go forth with the quarterly report, please.

[00:55:31] Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm going to jump right in to page number four, and just to remember, this quarterly report covers January 1st through March 31st of this year. It is not fully up year-to-date for some of these statistics and things like that.

[00:55:48] And I know you all read these in advance, so I'm not going to cover everything here. first page on page four where it starts as it mentioned overall crime is down on the in the county we'll talk about specific stats in a little bit but we right below we have our thefts for motor vehicle section specifically looking at thefts of firearms for motor vehicles thankfully we are able to report that overall thefts for motor vehicles as well as thefts of firearms from from vehicles are are all down so with that we always like to include that we are a proud partner

[00:56:23] of project child safe firearm locks are available at all of our stations for free anyone can come in and get them vehicles are not safe storage we just it's it's bad all the way around and we hate every time we we see these cases come in flipping over to page five towards the top our overall overdoses juvenile and overall are also continued to be down quarter one at the very bottom of that chart has all overdoses. You have three fatal overdoses, 11 non-fatal opioid related. All of our fatal overdoses have been opioid related with just two non-fatal. And so all those numbers

[00:57:03] continue to go down, which we're proud of that work. And then the section below that covers our financial crime unit. This is a really rapidly growing area. It's been rapidly growing for years, but that pace of growth is just continuing to go off the charts. So we have in here a financial crimes unit investigated 40 impersonation scams in the first quarter, six of which involved a financial loss in cryptocurrency. For comparison, we had 91 in all of 2024 and six in 2023. So to already have 40 by the end of the first quarter is a horrible trend. And then on top of that,

[00:57:43] We've had 107 cryptocurrency-related cases in 2024 compared with 50 in 2023, and so far year-to-date, we're at 47 already in the first quarter. So our cryptocurrency fraud is continuing to rise as well.

[00:57:58] I will talk about some highlights on our crypto capabilities in a little bit, but just at a high level, it's very high. The bottom of the page, we've hired 29 people in the first quarter, and at the top of page six we have our year-to-date attrition rate is 1.6 percent so we are doing very very good on on retention a lot of that also has to do with compensation and things like that so we appreciate we appreciate that starting in the awards and recognition section the first one there we passed our life health safety inspection in the adult detention center that is an unannounced inspection by the virginia board of local and regional jails they were here for two and a half days

[00:58:36] going over a significant amount of documentation and we are so proud of the work of our corrections division for the second year in a row we've got 100 compliance on that unannounced

inspection. Our inmate workforce program as well was nominated all we didn't win but we were nominated for an environmental excellence award and that really is our inmate workforce so they they have been taking furniture that would otherwise be going to the landfill and they have been refinishing and then donating to be sold in the community so they are just doing some incredible work

[00:59:10] there so excited about that and then the top of page seven we just re-achieved our seventh re-accreditation with perfect compliance this is a four-year re-accreditation through the virginia law enforcement professional standards commission which with 190 standards more than 570 substandards that we have to show that we are in compliance with every year for four years so each one of those standards we have to show four years of proof of compliance it's an extremely exhaustive accreditation process. Having been over the accreditation process in the past, I can just

[00:59:45] attest it is a, it's a very, very thorough process. But again, so proud of our, of our agency and our staff for achieving 100% compliance on that. Colonel Sawyer, give me one second. Supervisors, Colonel Sawyer is, his numbering is one page behind ours. So when he says top of page seven, that's our top of page eight, just so you guys know if you're looking. So, okay.

[01:00:07] Sorry about that. I'm working on the printed version, so I'm reading the page number at the bottom. I get you. I just want to make sure people are like, where is this? So that's all. Yes, it's fine. So page 8 in February, we had our annual award ceremony, which was just awesome. We had six categories, meritorious service, meritorious action, sheriff's excellence award, distinguished training officer award, accommodation awards, and our master deputy program achievement award.

[01:00:27] I know, thank you, Chair Randall, Vice Chair Turner, for attending that. I am not going to read the next three pages, but again, we are so proud of all the staff and the just the incredible work we continue to see year after year. Page 11 in our community outreach section we had two inmates graduate from our chance program so that is the changing habits and nurturing nurturing community engagements program at the adult detention center. It was a program we started for re-entry in 2022 as a partnership with Loudoun County Mental Health Substance Abuse Developmental Services and OAR. And then the bottom of the page our milestone for crisis intervention was over 1,100 people have been trained through our CIT program

[01:01:06] since its inception. And we're super proud of that. The bottom of page 12, we partnered with LCPS to launch our inmate GED program. So just another program. There's a lot in here about ADC programs. So we're super proud of that partnership as well. And that began in February. And continuing on page 13 more in the ADC. We had our first two puppies graduate as well. So they've been in the program for a long time. Training service animals takes a significant amount of time. It is it's extremely extensive but Moxie and Ginger both graduated from these the puppy program and that's

[01:01:45] an incredible partnership we have that just helps everybody. It helps the community by getting more service dogs in the community. Helps inmates with with the rehabilitation and learning dog training and all that kind of stuff, and we are a partner with Healing House and their service dog program.

[01:02:00] So on the next page, we start our significant incidents, page 14, and obviously probably one of the biggest ones we were all over the news for earlier this year involved just the tragic case in the Dominican Republic of Sudisha Kananki, a Lavin County student who went missing in the Dominican Republic, and I'm not going to go through all the details of it, but we are, it's just an awful situation. I

cannot imagine being a parent and having something like this happen to a child that's out of the country. So, but we are super proud of our staff here as well for just really ensuring that a thorough investigation was conducted, that they had the resources they

[01:02:39] needed to be able to do it, and assisting with that investigation as well as providing support for her family back here. On page 15, the middle of page 15, we arrested a man from Georgia for abduction of a three-year-old in Ashburn. Uh, this was a case, um, in a, uh, actually a restaurant in, um, um, in Ashburn where a gentleman approached the young child, picked him up and attempted to walk out the door. Um, we were called immediately. Um, the, the mother did a great job, uh, stepping in, snatching her child back. I think like any mother would do, that's crazy. Um, and, uh, we were able to quickly identify and take him into custody. Again, he was from Georgia. Um, and then

[01:03:18] in March we investigated a stabbing in Sterling again where we were able to to quickly identify a suspect in that case actually a traffic stop we were able to locate him and take him into custody and he's been charged with aggravated malicious wounding. In February we had a gunfire incident in Stone at Stone Hill Middle School in Ashburn we know we had some conversations about this one as well this did not occur during the day it would occurred in overnight hours while the school was closed. However, anytime you have a report of gunfire on school property, it is a very significant thing. So while I can't go into a lot of details because it does involve juveniles, we have filed

[01:03:57] charges against the juvenile in that case, and the investigation is still ongoing. The bottom half of the page talks about our cryptocurrency, and we did a release on this, and really I can't be more proud of our financial crimes unit. We have some of the most intelligent, smart, innovative people who work in this section. And we are one of the first agencies who's actually been able to not only trace cryptocurrency, but identify where it is currently being held, and then work with the financial institutions that are moving this money to get money frozen

[01:04:36] in transit with the goal of being able to return it back to, uh, to the victims, which is, it is incredibly complex. It's almost always international. Um, and, um, it's also extremely time sensitive. So we now have detectives who are getting up in the middle of the night. As soon as we take a, a cryptocurrency fraud, they are jumping onto their computers to try to find that transaction along the blockchain, which is an incredible feat among itself, to figure out where that money is and then try to flag it and hold it so that we can stop it in progress. Now, sometimes

[01:05:15] we are not still successful. We're not successful in every case because some of these are going straight over into countries that are not friendly with the United States, where even on their crypto exchange, they won't work with us to get it back. But when it is still in an area where we can get it. We are having some success, and we will certainly take some success over what used to be cryptocurrency. It was just, it was gone, and there was nothing you can do about it. This case, we were able to return \$1.4 million to a victim based on the work of our financial crimes unit. Again, we could talk about that one for hours, but in any case,

[01:05:52] very, very proud of our staff there. Flipping over to page 18 is our Community Policing Act data, as we include in every report. On page 20, we have our countywide calls for service. And I do want to note on this page, I don't often talk about this page, but there is a noticeable increase in countywide calls for service. One thing I want to point out in this statistic is this call for service statistic includes proactive

activity. It is not just the calls that we take from the community. It includes our own activity. What we've seen is we've seen a significant increase

[01:06:30] in traffic enforcement across the county and I'll talk more about that but we have taken especially in the Sterling area we've taken very proactive efforts specifically around traffic enforcement in response to the crime trends and the things that we're seeing. Everything from crime in general you know gang activity, narcotic activity, things like that. So to put numbers to that um between the last quarter that we reported the end of 2024 and the beginning of 2025 we we have had a 30 percent increase in traffic stops just quarter over quarter from this quarter last

[01:07:10] year we were about 78 percent up from where from the first quarter of this year versus the first quarter of of last year so um so our deputies are are out there um not now is not a good time to speed anywhere in the county. Traffic enforcement's going very high, but correlated to that, we are seeing a reduction in crashes, and our overall crime rate is down about 25% countywide. Sterling crime rate is down about 30% overall. So we are seeing a lot of reward from that, and I'm sure

[01:07:45] that I'll come up again later. Flipping on to page 21, we get into some specific crime trends here. We have seen a decrease in aggravated assault. So, again, aggravated assault can be anything from serious bodily injury, but also can be strangulation and things like that that are domestic-related that falls into that category.

[01:08:05] Forcible sex offenses, you see that orange line where there's a decrease and an increase. That line is basically hovering in that range. That is a persistent and consistent issue that we deal with. Robberies are continuing to decline. Thankfully, we don't have a lot of them, but we are seeing a downward trend.

[01:08:23] in that, and our homicides remain low, although obviously out, this is for the first quarter, outside of that quarter, we obviously did have the tragic homicide and problems. Flipping on to page 22, the most notable one here is larcenies, but larcenies, burglaries, and auto thefts are all down. Property crime, and we see it as it comes up in the citizen survey as well, property crime is the number one issue here in Loudoun County, and we are extremely proud of work that's being done targeted data driven um uh essentially proactive policing to be able to to

[01:09:01] reduce uh the crime trends in there and we're really proud of that the next four pages cover the station specific you all are familiar with looking at these pages station specific crime trends page 27 has our court services section and their statistics and then page 28 has our adult detention center and in the past we've included some of their highlights on this page because they are included in the agency highlights section.

[01:09:25] We did not duplicate that and put that in there, but the Adult Detention Center statistics are on that page. That brings me to the end of the report, and I'll be happy to take any questions. Thank you very much. I'm just looking at the corrections information.

[01:09:41] Thank you. Thank you very much. Supervisors, questions? Mr. Letourneau. Thank you. So the most frequent topic that Mr. Sawyer and I have discussed several times is e-bikes and e-scooters. and I'm sure that some of you are getting this in other districts as well.

[01:09:58] In fact, I was at a community event this past weekend, and there were some representatives from the sheriff's office there. I actually walked one over to talk to our community resource deputy. What

I've kind of heard is that there's not much we can do on an enforcement level, but we do have a helmet law on the books here as one of our ordinances.

[01:10:16] I know that there's a concern that the sheriff's office doesn't want to be harassing children, nor would I advocate for you to do that, But there really is an increasing acute concern in the community about the behavior.

[01:10:33] And a lot of these bike riders, there are laws that say they're supposed to follow the rules of the road, and they clearly don't. So I just haven't seen much enforcement of that to this point. I do think there is a way to do that that could at least engage in conversation with parents and others to try to do something.

[01:10:54] because now that we're back in the spring I feel like we had a big problem last summer and it's already a bigger problem this summer because I think more and more of these things are out there I don't know who's buying these for their kids certainly not me but it's it's a really significant issue and I think I know you hear them you hear it too so yes and I don't have a great answer for you my son wants one as well and I've said no I'm not sure if he's watching right now but um they yes the e-bikes the electronic electric skateboards um all these things are uh continue

[01:11:27] to be continue to be issues and yes there are difficulties in you know the looking at the age of a juvenile and stopping just you know based on you know someone not wearing a helmet and trying to you know trying to gauge that um that is an issue i know brambleton is dealing with it and so one of the ways we've been trying to do this we've been basically taking a multi-faceted approach for the areas that are shopping centers and things like that, trying to get them and their security to do some enforcement. Property owners. Exactly. So trying to work with property owners on that. We've also done a significant amount of community messaging through social media,

[01:12:05] through HOA publications and things like that, trying to get the message out to parents that wearing a helmet is critically important. It does not take much to cause a head injury. Only because I only have 30 seconds left, and this is an ongoing discussion. Perhaps we could discuss whether there are any suggestions that your team would have to the state code or state ordinances to help deal with this issue.

[01:12:28] Because the reality is I'm quite confident when these laws were passed, nobody was anticipating a motorized bicycle that's going three or four times to speed. So perhaps there's a separate code section with some better definitions that deals with the actual sales of these things, something like that.

[01:12:43] Could we pick your brain on, because we have our own legislative program here, obviously, in the fall, and work this summer on maybe coming up with something that we asked for. Absolutely. Okay. Counselor, did you just say that you're just telling your child right now, if he's watching, that he's not getting his bike?

[01:12:59] I'm not sure if he's watching, but he already knows. Okay. Like you're giving him information in real time right now. No, we've had that conversation. Ms. Subbothor, to Crony. Yeah, thank you, Chair Randall, and thank you so much for the update.

[01:13:15] And I want to bring up the e-bike issue because Brambleton is in my district, but I think they have tried to separate non-pedal e-bikes versus pedal-assisted e-bikes, kind of calling one dirt bikes and the other e-bikes.

[01:13:37] So the HOA is now saying they're not allowed those dirt bikes in common areas, so I don't know if, you know, the HOAs could probably come up with some covenant, you know, some requirements that would help, I think, with monitoring this issue.

[01:13:57] Yes, I mean, certainly the HOAs could do something. Obviously, we do not enforce HOA covenants and things like that, but the HOAs could definitely be a good partner in this. A big part, yeah, because they are taking a proactive approach. So I had a Red Hill Road community meeting yesterday, was very passionate, and the community was asking for more law enforcement, traffic enforcement on that road, but there really aren't any pull-off areas.

[01:14:25] So what can we do for communities that just don't have those pull-off areas to help with speeding and traffic enforcement? minute so it's been a long time since i've been on red hill road however depending on i don't know how much traffic they're currently having on red hill road we don't always need a pull-off to be able to do traffic enforcement safely if there's enough space that we could one lane in either direction with it and the volume be able to you know to safely do that we could potentially do that i'd have to look at the exact location in the exact area as well as the specific violation

[01:15:02] Because we also, usually we start with doing almost like a speed study type thing where we, you know, we put the equipment out there to look at what is the actual, if it's, you know, speed, if speed's the issue, how fast is it actually before we start putting resources there as well. So there could be some things that we could do even in advance of doing targeted enforcement.

[01:15:22] cut through to the school and um they are having significant speeding it's supposed to be 25 miles per hour and they they said people just are going out to get their mail and they almost get hit so i think there is some significant speeding going that would be great if you could do a study yeah i'll talk to the station commander of the dull south station which is where that uh that road is and we'll see if we can get some speed monitoring again that helps us just get the data as to what is actually occurring on the road. Yeah, and it is a grapple road. So I know there's some challenges there. So I want to thank you for also inviting me to the candlelight vigil at the

[01:15:59] Douglas Community Center to honor and remember crime victims. I was really touched by that. So I want to thank you so much. And please invite me to anything else. I appreciate, you know, going and being with the community and helping where I can. Thank you very much.

[01:16:18] Ms. Glass. Suppose of Glass. Thank you, Madam Chair. And thank you, Lieutenant Colonel, for the Lieutenant Colonel's, oh, I can say that really quickly. Trio of Colonels. Sawyer for the update. When you said that larceny is a property crime, so is that the difference between, like, a burglary and a robbery?

[01:16:42] What's the difference between those? Sure. So, at a high level, larceny encompasses a lot of theft. But it does not encompass theft from a person or through the threat of force or violence. So that's where you get into robbery is the taking of something by force.

[01:17:03] So, for example, if you leave a cell phone here and I take it, it wasn't taken from you by force. You left it on the table. I took it. That's larceny. That's theft. However, if you're holding your cell phone and I snatch it from you, I'm now guilty of robbery because I've taken it by force from your person.

[01:17:20] burglary involves entering a structure. So you could have a commercial or residential charges on that, but it's going into a structure for the purpose. So it's like entering a structure for the purpose of committing larceny. Okay. So then when I see that larceny is like the highest group of offenses that we

have in here, so that's basically if someone has the opportunity community to go into a car and, you know, take something or somebody has something in the back

[01:17:56] of their truck. Is there something that the community can do to, to help with that, to reduce the amount of larceny that we're, that we're seeing? Sure. So a couple of things on that. One is we definitely need everything reported. So even if it's minor, so if someone goes through your car and takes 50 cents out of the center console, we still want to know about that. We don't want someone going, well, it was just 50 cents and I left my car unlocked. So, you know, that's, that's my fault kind of thing. We still want those phone calls because we need to know about it. Uh, the individuals who are going through cars in the middle of the night. Um, and we all, you know, I see the footage that, you know, that comes out, um, you know, we see it in

[01:18:36] the, in the neighborhood. So when that happens, that's likely not the only crime that person's committing. And if it is a young person, that's a fairly minor thing that we could help make an adjustment and get them, you know, on the right path, maybe making some better decisions and preventing some further, more serious things. Larceny itself, though, is that that crime category is actually a combination of about seven categories of larceny. So that includes things like shoplifting. So one of our biggest, one of our largest kind of subcategories of larceny is shoplifting. And so we routinely deal with, you know, different businesses throughout

[01:19:13] the the county that are targeted often by organized i mean some of the shoplifting is highly organized regional even up and down the east coast targeted stuff it's not this is not the kid going into you know a place and taking a pack of candy um it's folks going into retailers you know that are not from this area swiping tons of things off the shelves into bags and then rolling back out so not every shoplifting case but a lot of what we see is actually organized where it's items that are being stolen to be resold um but that also includes theft for motor vehicle like we talked about and then there's a broad bucket called all other larceny that's basically anything

[01:19:52] else you could think of and how you steal something from somebody that's not included in the other categories so it's a it's very broad uh but that is one of our largest crime categories thank you thank you miss brixman thank you madam chair um i might send you an email thank you for the presentation congratulations on on the successes um that's that's important to the community i might send an email about the the chart on page 18 a little bit concerned that Hispanic Latinos are have a 7.5 percent chance of being searched in a traffic stop the next highest is 2.7 percent that's unknown so that seems really high

[01:20:30] to me but I we can talk about that a little bit offline I still have some questions about the other topic Lieutenant Colonel Mosier so you said when someone is booked they go through the query um when someone is booked so i'm assuming that query happens before they have a hearing or a trial and so can can ice pick somebody up from us before they have a hearing or a trial on the on the arrest that was made by loudon county no again when they come in we'll run the query this one they've been committed to the adult detention center from the from the magistrate and at that point we'll run the query and we may find

[01:21:07] out the next day or that a committed being that they've already gone through a trial they've been convicted no no no where the magistrate has said no you're going to be held until you can be brought before a judge a local judge and at that point when you go before the local judge that'll make a determination whether or not you stay uh for you have a bond hearing an arraignment and a bond hearing

whether or not you're kept on local charges or not and no one would be released to ice without being released by the virginia court system so it would have to be they would have to complete uh any um interactions with the court system here in loudon county the virginia court system before they could be released uh to ice at that point that's if a detainer okay so they get

[01:21:47] they they get their charge heard they serve their sentence um and in the jail we don't we don't have any sentences over like two years is my understanding yeah it's under 12 months yeah so that i i find it hard to believe that they would be violent criminals if they're only getting sentenced to our jail. But okay, so that's good to hear. My other question is, and I did send an email to Mr. Julia about the policy of your FOIA dissemination, and under Virginia code, information

[01:22:22] relative to the identity of any individual other than a juvenile who is arrested, status charge warrant is required to be released upon request um so i guess i i'm unclear and and i sent an email on april 25th back to mr julia i'm unclear how it's legal for the sheriff's department to say we're only going to release historic data back a week or two um so i would i would like an answer to that question and then lastly because i mean arrest records are arrest records they're public information um and then lastly as as you know the president has been coming to the golf

[01:22:58] course more and more had some complaints from my community my question is last night he came there were all kinds of deputies and cars intersections closed are we being reimbursed for that from the federal government yeah i could take the first point thank you yeah so on the foyer question about the how far it can go back for releasing criminal information or criminal arrest information it was a court case that actually came about here inside laden county in 2013 where it was decided that the information released contemporaneous with an arrest was one to two weeks anything beyond that would be considered criminal history

[01:23:38] so that has been discussed with the county attorney's office and so this is a standard practice and it has been so anything beyond that is a criminal history information and we wouldn't be able to release that information to the public only the person who's arrested or can can make that request for that information for that criminal history information it's a very distinct uh difference criminal history versus arrest information that we're required to provide by law which is of course the mugshot uh the name and the address and the chart the crime that was uh committed at the time of arrest so that that is the

[01:24:13] information that's provided okay thank you mr turn oh i'm sorry so the second part about that about the reimbursement for Trump visits. The short answer is no, we are not being reimbursed for that. We have asked in writing and we will continue to ask because the resources are significant for that.

[01:24:36] But as of right now, we have been told that there is no funding mechanism to be able to reimburse, but we continue to ask that question. Madam Chair, just point of clarification. Well, not point. Can we get a report on that to the Finance Committee?

[01:24:52] How much is being spent? Thanks, Madam Chair. You're welcome. So we're working on those calculations. I don't have them for you tonight, but we are already trying. So I need to just, this is a point of clarification. I need you to understand what she just asked versus what you just, because you just said yes.

[01:25:08] You just kind of did this. Ms. Bricksman just asked, can the Finance Committee get a report on when you get those numbers ready, can the Finance Committee get a report on what those resources are,

which is probably a good idea since we need to know just so we know what we're allocating in future budgets, if we have to allocate anything in future budgets.

[01:25:32] So, okay? Yeah, we don't have an issue with that, and our overtime budget is not designed to support this. I'm sure it is not. Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Turner. Thank you, Madam Chair. well i had one that i told you about but now i got another one um so the taxpayers in loudon county are paying taxes so the president of the united states can play golf and we're not being reimbursed for that cost what if we just didn't provide the service since we're not being reimbursed

[01:26:08] is there some legal obligation that local law enforcement has to reinforce the president's golf games um so we have provided presidential support to every sitting president based on what the united states secret service has requested that does not mean that they get everything because there hits a point where we say no we we can't we can't provide certain levels because it just gets it becomes too much we have provided are we required to provide if we're not being reimbursed so i don't know that the federal government can require us to do that however security on in Loudoun County property we take that pretty seriously and the

[01:26:47] last thing we want is an incident occurring in Loudoun County so it's a it's a difficult position and we weigh every single one of these requests as to what is the request is it something that we can reasonably do from a manpower perspective from an intelligence perspective but we also do not want any security incidents on Loudoun County. Thank you. The question I have which I've already told about lieutenant colonel sawyer um so my legislative aide uh who was amazing did some year-over-year comparisons and one of the numbers that really popped for us

[01:27:22] was that year over year in the first quarter of the calendar year um uh stops that resulted in a search jumped uh 50 i'm sorry jumped 50 percent for uh whites 31 for black or african-american and 400 percent for hispanics year over year um my question is is that related to legal status and does um does that constitute a search what's does asking about someone's legal

[01:27:58] status is that can that fall under the purview of a normal search sure so um a couple things very very clear so we do not ask about legal status on traffic stops and nor do we nor do deputies have access to that as i talked about before when we run queries on someone whether they are wanted you know or that they are licensed to drive the vehicle that they're operating we do not get immigration status or anything related to that so no that does not constitute a search nor nor is

[01:28:31] our, um, our use of vehicle searches, a backdoor into the ice policy. Um, so I just be trying to be very, very clear on that. So, um, so when we do vehicle searches, um, and I, I pour over these numbers every single month, we have multiple people who look over this, um, when we do vehicle searches, um, and in this case, um, we had 158 total searches over this quarter, which is a significant increase and I talked about we've been doing a significant push for proactive activity

[01:29:04] especially in the Sterling area in an effort to reduce crime but when we do these vehicle searches some of them are related to DUI enforcement search incident to arrest that you know those records are there in the data but the the searches I think you're getting at the vast majority of them do not result in a custodial arrest even if narcotic evidence is located.

[01:29:31] So typically narcotic evidence is then sent to the lab for processing to confirm what it is prior to any charges being filed. So in all of these searches except for the one where the driver was already being

arrested for something else related to the vehicle searches there was one driver who at the result of a search was arrested for having items in their possession.

[01:29:53] They had suspected fentanyl, a hypodermic syringe, and a smoking device. That person was taken into custody at that point in time. That individual is also not Latino. Okay. Thank you. Mr. Kirsten and Mr. Sains, I know you guys just got here, but I know you've also read the report.

[01:30:11] Do you have any questions before I go on? Okay. So, a couple things. I do want to put, as you put something on the record, I also want to put something on the record. We have heard more than once that if there is a lack of traffic enforcement on the streets, it is because the supervisors have not given the sheriff's department what they've asked for.

[01:30:33] That is -- nothing could be further from the truth. Since I have been on this board, every single request the sheriff's office has ever made for every single position they have received that has made it into the Cham Street's budget. So I'm not sure where that's coming from, but I did want to just put that to rest.

[01:30:52] Mr. Sawyer, you just said something really important. You said you've always given presidential protections, and that's true, and I understand that. I do believe we're going to see many more visits from this president to this area because he has a golf course. So I don't think that's apples to apples comparison. I think that's, you know, apples to bumblebees comparison.

[01:31:10] This is what we're about to see from this president and how often he comes through. I will say that I have been concerned about the traffic, not searches, but stops. This is probably my fifth time asking about this. Loudoun County is under 7% African-American, percentage of stops for African-Americans, 11.9%.

[01:31:29] We are 14.2% Hispanic, percentage of stops are 16.8%. So I'm not even asking about the searches. I've always asked about the stops themselves. Why do we, I mean, quarter over quarter over quarter over quarter always see an increase in number of stops for, you know, for people of color in Loudoun, and I've never, and I'm making no accusations, but it would be helpful to get, just to have an answer at some point, and I've asked that many times without an answer.

[01:32:00] I do want to focus especially on the how appreciative I am that the opioid, what substance abuse issues are down. I want to focus on the fact that Naloxone and Narcan is very widely available.

[01:32:17] And one reason we're having less deaths is because we have more people with that in their hand. And I know, Sheriff Chapman, but every single one of your deputies has that antagonist in their hand. And so if they're coming across somebody who has survived or who has not died, it's a much greater chance that they will survive.

[01:32:40] Officer West over in Prince William County who just made superintendent, for years and years and years he was the program officer and all those programs, the GED programs, the job programs, he put all those programs in place. And so he is, I am so happy to know that he's the superintendent.

[01:32:58] I think that in many ways he is the gold standard of what programs look like. I am so happy to hear that you all have a GED program. I hope that you have the full GED graduation and all that. I would love to come over and be part of that. I say all the time, if people are going to be incarcerated, let's do something with them while they're there.

[01:33:17] So that is very, very good news. Yeah, well, we would love to have you come over for a GED program. And, of course, I'm always partial to corrections officers. Everyone knows that. So thank you so much. Thank you for all that you all do. We appreciate it. Hang around, because we have, I think, almost all of our proclamations are about you all this evening.

[01:33:34] So just hang around for a second, and we're going to get to proclamations in just one minute here. If my staff could bring me or hand me proclamations, we can do those right now. And the first proclamation, well, let's see.

[01:33:54] Mr. Letourneau, is your young man here? No. Okay. So we, as the first proclamation for people for Lyme disease, are you here? Not for Lyme disease, but for Lyme disease prevention. Mr. Turner, if you would join me down front for the Lyme disease prevention proclamation, Mr. Letourneau, let me know when your young gentleman gets here for the high school varsity swim team proclamation.

[01:34:22] And Mr. Turner, you will also join me down front for the proclamation for National Police Week. correctional officers week and yeah that would be all of them so mr. good friend

[01:34:37] dr. good friend and mr. if we can go first for those that'd be great so we

[01:35:57] have a proclamation for Lyme disease awareness month and we have well after I finish I will hand it to dr. good friend and let him introduce our guest and we can talk about this a little bit. All right. Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Lyme disease is the most commonly reported vector-borne illness in the United States. And if left untreated, it can cause fevers, swollen lymph nodes, muscle aches, fatigue, facial palsy, cardiovascular issues, as well as neurological effects. And according to the CDC,

[01:36:35] Lyme disease affects more than 400,000 Americans with children being especially at risk for exposure. And whereas Lyme Disease Awareness Month to educate the public on the symptoms of Lyme disease, the dangers posed by tick bites, ways to evoke exposure, and the importance of early diagnosis.

[01:36:55] And whereas the Loudon Health Commission, which has an active standing committee on Lyme disease, It's distributing thousands of tick removal kits and Lyme disease removal in English and in Spanish to Loudoun's most vulnerable residents.

[01:37:16] And whereas checking for ticks, proper tick removal, and disinfection of the tick bite are imperative and if done properly can aid in the prevention of the disease. Now, therefore, it be resolved that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize May 2025 is Lyme Disease Awareness Month in Loudoun County to promote education on Lyme disease prevention and emphasize the importance of early detection, diagnosis, and treatment.

[01:37:44] Thank you, Madam Chair, and thank you to the Board of Supervisors for your continued work over more than a decade to continue to increase awareness of Lyme disease in Loudoun County.

[01:38:01] We're very fortunate that the Health Commission has a very active Lyme Disease Committee that's chaired by June Chang. And so, June, if you'd like to. It's just been an honor and a pleasure to work towards educating the Loudoun County public on preventing Lyme disease.

[01:38:17] It's a serious disease, and it's a worthy cause. You all tell me, I know at one point Loudoun really had a very high rate of Lyme disease, I think the highest in the Commonwealth. Is that still true? And if not, what prevention techniques has actually helped get that number down?

[01:38:37] Fortunately, it's not, for good reasons and for some not good reasons. So about 15, 20 years ago, Lyme disease came in force to Loudoun County. It came from the north. I think given these awareness campaigns, it's helped significantly, not only to prevent Lyme disease, but if someone does get Lyme disease, to get early treatment.

[01:39:00] Whereas a lot of the Lyme cases 15 years ago were people with Bell's palsy, with arthritis, with heart arrhythmias. We don't see that much anymore at all. Much more likely if someone's going to get Lyme disease, it's going to be that rash or flu-like symptoms.

[01:39:16] Because early treatment is tremendous at preventing long-term consequences. The downside, though, is the spread of the ticks have gone down through the Appalachia and the Piedmont down to southwest Virginia. So while we still have a lot of cases every year, again, fortunately, those are early Lyme.

[01:39:36] Per capita, we're seeing it a lot more in rural southwest Virginia. Questions. One, do more children get it just because they're rolling around in the grass more often because kids are all in the dirt?

[01:39:52] And can animals get Lyme disease? Animals can get Lyme disease, yes. In fact, my dog tested positive this year also. Yes, they can get heart disease from it or arthritis. Fortunately, there's a very effective vaccine for dogs, but there is not one for people.

[01:40:14] Our way of not getting Lyme disease is staying away from places that ticks like to be, keeping ticks off our property, and doing daily tick checks, particularly May through the summer. In the woods. I'm cool with that. That's fine with me.

[01:40:30] All right, let's take a picture. That is perfect.

[01:41:07] Everyone here for National Corrections Officers Week, please come down.

[01:41:46] Wow.

[01:42:18] So before I read this proclamation, let me say that of all law enforcement, I'm probably partial to, I am partial to corrections officers.

[01:42:38] I, of course, worked in jails and prisons for many, many years, and I was chair of the Virginia State Board of Corrections under two different governors. I have seen good corrections officers change people's lives. I really have. And I'm not just saying that.

[01:42:55] I've seen good corrections officers spend hours talking to inmates. I've seen good corrections officers talk to inmates after just receiving a sentence. It's a really tough sentence. I've seen them talk people out of suicidal situations. People don't always realize that people who are in jails and prisons are real human beings.

[01:43:18] And, you know, many, I never discussed with them, do you deserve to be here? Because that was never my role. But while they were there, it's like, what can we do? And there is nothing that a therapist or anyone can do without the help of the corrections officers in jails and prisons.

[01:43:37] So when I say, like, I've watched you all work, I really have. If I say I've seen your stats, we used to get the stats every month. I joked with Sheriff Chapman one time that Loudoun County's stats every month came in, and they were always perfect, except the line on do you have any showers, and jails was always blank.

[01:43:58] And I was like, I know we have showers in our jails. I know we do. But you all do amazing and important and good work as corrections officers, and I think you're probably the officers that are just not seen as much, like literally seen for obvious reasons. But I do want to thank you for the work that you're doing.

[01:44:15] Thank you very much, Colonel Moshe, for what you're doing. You all do great work. All right. Let me read this. Whereas, correctional deputies are highly trained and committed to fostering positive behaviors and outcome, which is crucial in preparing inmates for successful assimilation back in the community and improve their post-release success.

[01:44:35] And whereas, correctional deputies are dedicated to maintaining a safe and secure working and living environment, often in the face of significant challenges and dangers, and whereas National Corrections Officers Week was first proclaimed on May 5th, 1984, by President Ronald Reagan to recognize the officers who work in jails, prisons, and community corrections across the country, and whereas Corrections Officers Weeks offers an opportunity to acknowledge and honor Loudoun's corrections deputies for their indispensable contributions and sacrifice they make daily to safeguard the citizens of Loudoun County

[01:45:15] and whereas an effective, caring, fair correctional officer can serve as a positive force for a person at their point of greatest need. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim May 4th through 10th to 2025 as National Corrections Officers Week in Loudoun County and calls upon citizens to honor the week of our corrections officers.

[01:45:44] Sure. Thank you, Madam Chair. And all that you said was true. And I couldn't be more proud of our, I mean, it's the largest full-service sheriff's office in all of Virginia, where we have law enforcement and corrections and court responsibilities.

[01:46:03] It's just amazing when I look at what a great job our people have done and the fact that we just had our accreditation process, And we 100 percent, 100 percent. And it was just. But but I'm so proud.

[01:46:18] I'm so proud of these these deputies here and the administrative staff. It's just unbelievable. So thank you for that. Appreciate it. Can I say anything? I just want to say thank you to Major Moore and the entire corrections team for everything that you do every day.

[01:46:35] That's great leadership there in the ADC and keeping people safe. So thank you, Madam Chair, for this opportunity. If you ever want to put more programming in jails, just let us know, because we are all about programming in jails. So that's wonderful. Anybody else? We're good? I don't know how we're going to take this picture, but we're going to figure this out, right?

[01:47:33] Full services, humane law enforcement.

[01:48:41] There we go. And Mr. Turner, would you like to read this one? Come on over here. Hi, how are you? Mr. Turner, I'm going to have you.

[01:49:02] Whereas in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed the first proclamation recognizing May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day And the week in which it falls is National Police Week, quote, to pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and to voice our appreciation for those who currently serve on the front lines of the battle against crime.

[01:49:29] And whereas law enforcement officers in Loudoun County report for duty every day with the knowledge of the dangers they may face and the sacrifices they may be called upon to make to safeguard the public and enforce the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. and whereas we reflect upon the enduring commitment and valor of our state and local law enforcement officers as their commitment to maintaining law and order in our community ensures the safety and well-being of the residents of Loudoun County and whereas it is vital that we pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who have fallen in the line of duty and recognize their sacrifices as well as the hardship and loss suffered by the families of those fallen officers

[01:50:06] And whereas the duties of law enforcement can take a significant toll on the mental health of officers, deputies and troopers and marshals, it is important that law enforcement officers are cognizant of their mental health while protecting and serving the community. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim May 11th through 17th, 2025 and May 15th, 2025 as National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day and calls upon citizens to honor the selfless dedication and sacrifice of law enforcement.

[01:50:38] So we have state troopers. We have humane services. We have correctionals officers. We have Leesburg police. You're the one to stop me the other day. Was that you to stop me?

[01:51:00] Great. No pressure. No pressure at all. I would just like to say thank you to the board for recognizing the sacrifices that law enforcement officers make on a daily basis. And I'd also like to thank the board again and the Sheriff's Department for the continued support and partnership with the Leesburg Police Department.

[01:51:16] Can I ask you, when a police, when a law enforcement person dies by suicide, are they still honored in the same way? Duty death now.

[01:51:34] Yeah, if they can relate it to the line of duty. Thank you for recognizing us, Madam Board. I would like to just thank each and every person, male and female, in your agencies.

[01:51:55] And just one advice would be to take care of your mental wellness, take care of yourself, because you are important to our law enforcement community. Thank you, ma'am. Thank you. So, yeah, I come from a long line of law enforcement in my family, so it means a great deal to me that this is honored and people pay the respect that all these men and women that do this job every day deserve.

[01:52:21] And for our folks, you know, I think people are surprised that some of our animal control officers across the country lose their life in the line of duty. So I don't want that to be lost on this as well. So thank you very much for recognizing this.

[01:52:37] It's very important, and we greatly appreciate it. Sure. So I echo everything that's been said, but, you know, this week is a somber week. It's not a celebratory week. This is the time that we take to remember those who have fallen, thank them for their service, while also recognizing, again, the dangers that everybody, especially those that are out in the field.

[01:53:03] It's not us that are out in the field, but we've got a lot of deputies that are out in the field doing this every day. So this is a time that we just slow down, remember, and, again, just, you know. So Commonwealth-wide, I'm not sure.

[01:53:24] However, Sheriff's Office, we are having one for those who have lost their life in Loudoun County. And there's actually probably more than you think. So I don't recall the date off the top of my head. It's May 15th. So May 15th, 11 o'clock at the courthouse, we are having a ceremony.

[01:53:44] And then, obviously, there's a very large ceremony down in D.C. at the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial for a police week as well. And so I was at that ceremony yesterday, actually, in Washington, D.C., for law enforcement officers, and I believe Bob was down there on Saturday for corrections.

[01:54:00] So we do participate in that as well. That's for the region here. So, yeah, very good. Well, on behalf of a very grateful county, thank you all for all you do. We all understand the toll that it takes on your families as well.

[01:54:15] We understand that too. So we appreciate you. We try to say it often, but if we don't say it enough, we do appreciate you very much. So thank you. All right. And we're going to figure out how to take a picture.

[01:55:10] I couldn't afford it. I was going to say, it's \$1.5 million a plate or something like that. Was this the Bitcoin one? No, that's on the 22nd one. I don't follow that quote.

[01:55:57] Absolutely.

[01:56:14] Thank you. I appreciate you all so much. You know that, right? I do. No harm, no foul. Everyone here for John Champ Middle School, come on down.

[01:56:46] High school, I'm sorry. John Champ High School.

[01:56:57] Come on over.

[01:57:19] Okay, so I know it is a busy week at school. Tough physics test I heard today for one of the team members. But so we only have one of our participants or award winners, but I think you can ably represent, along with the coach, the entire squad.

[01:57:38] So we're recognizing the John Champ High School varsity swim team, which competed in the Virginia High School Class 4 Swimming Championships at Swim RVA on March 3rd, 2025. So whereas Omar Murad won the state championship in the 50-meter freestyle event with a personal best time and school record of 20.58 seconds, and whereas Cole Wurgley, Cal Rice, Ibrahim Murad, and Omar Murad chose to forego individual events in the interest of peak performance in the 200-meter freestyle relay event, which they completed in a minute 26.72, setting a school record and winning the Class 4 state championship.

[01:58:18] and whereas the team was supported throughout the tournament and during their preparation by coaches, teachers, parents, and the John Champ community. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does recognize and honor the John Champ High School varsity swim team for their excellent performances, both individually and as a team in the Virginia High School Class 4 Swimming Championships at Swim RVA 2025.

[01:58:41] Congratulations. So that's for you. Any word about the performance? It was a great day for the kids, and that was the big thing we pointed out is they all had a condensed schedule because of all the snow that they got in Virginia Beach and things.

[01:58:58] And so usually you have your events in the morning and your finals in the evening. And so the finals were at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, which is really hard on them. And so they chose, instead of going for individual glory, they chose you want to really win as a state champion together.

[01:59:15] And so as a team, they all dropped out of an event to make sure they could go fast enough to capture the state title for all four of them. So it was a great effort of working together as a team. Yes. Okay, we'll pose for a picture.

[01:59:32] Anything you want to say? Oh, I'd like to thank my teammates and the coaches for supporting us on the way and to winning our state champion title to represent John Champ and Loudoun County. All right, go Knights.

[01:59:48] Okay, we're about three minutes early

[02:01:49] for a public comment, So we're going to go on and start, and if somebody is not here, I will just swing back around at 6 o'clock and call their names then. I will say that we had two gentlemen who thought cross mail was going to be deferred.

[02:02:05] It did not get deferred, so they are in. So for some of us, they may be crossed off on your sheet, but if they are crossed off, that is not correct because they are here after all. So when I call you, you have two and a half minutes. You come to the podium closest to you, please. When you finish speaking, if you give up the podium to the next speaker, if you would state your name for the record, if you want to state where you live, you can do that, too.

[02:02:28] I will call your names about three people in advance, and so you know that you will be the next step to speak. Our first speaker is Matt Chalewski, followed by James Russell, followed by Alan Hallman. Good evening, Mr. Chalewski.

[02:02:45] Thank you. Good evening, everybody. The reason for my being here is I would like to offer a bit of a context to the two emails that I sent to you over the weekend. It's about the DEI disease, and I think that after our country had a two-year worth of experience with DEI, it's a time for this county to reassess it because we have a DEI law that is nothing but toxic poison and damage.

[02:03:15] I have petitioned you many times to remove this. It has no place in a diverse democracy and in this county, and I didn't hear anything from you. So I created a 12-page complaint that would be ready to be submitted to the judicial system because as a citizen, this is my recourse that I have to protest that and test your DEI law with the judicial system.

[02:03:47] In my document, I give the judge three reasons why this law has no place in Loudoun County. Reason number one is it contradicts the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, violates civil rights, various laws, but most importantly, it violates specific laws in Virginia, which I explained in my document.

[02:04:14] Number two, there were statements made when this law was passed that judges are making racially biased decisions in sentencing. I think it's extremely offensive to judges, and I count on a judge being offended to render this law null and void.

[02:04:34] And reason number three is I provided documentation where academic and other research indicates that there are no winners in DEI. there are losers all around. Everybody loses in DEI. It's a toxic poison. The underlying theme for this law was the decision that you people are victims and you people are oppressors.

[02:05:03] Or if a black person doesn't get a job, it's because of systemic racism. This is madness. So my request to you is, and I'm almost out of time, is to decide whether we want to get rid of this law or we go through the judicial system. Thank you very much. Mr. Chalewski, just a point of clarification. You said that you had not heard back from me. I sent you an email that I actually have right here in response. I think it was, I think it was actually just yesterday. So if you look in your email, you actually have a response from me, but I thank you for coming to speak to

[02:05:37] us, sir. The next speaker will be James Russell. Good evening, Mr. Russell. This board accommodated another lie, this time about actions that occurred in this facility's parking garage, which, last I checked, has security cameras all over the place. How there is any contention as to

[02:06:11] what has happened on the grounds of this body is beyond me. But I don't believe that this board accommodates these falsehoods in error. The person who made the falsehoods has a career in military intelligence members of this board are lawyers. They worked in the State Department, mental health

[02:06:45] experts. It seems this body has concluded that now is the time to abandon the Palestinian-American demographic in this county. I believe that that assessment is correct. I believe it is well informed. I believe now is the time to abandon these people. The first time I brought this up To my supervisor, I was told this was a federal issue.

[02:07:24] I've been calling my federal representatives on a daily basis for a year and a half. Where are we now? We have a representative who I ask personally about their donations from the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee, and they're cute and deceptive with their answer. We have a Senator Kaine who portends a sympathy for his Palestinian constituents, but he only recently I've heard even acknowledged the state-sanctioned kidnapping of Dr. Badr Khansuri.

[02:07:55] We have another senator, Mark Warner, who has, I've never heard him say the name Dr. Badr Khansuri, a kidnapped constituent of his. In fact, as far as I know, and as far as any Palestinian-American I've spoken to knows, that man has never uttered the phrase Palestinian-American, let alone specifying his constituency.

[02:08:15] So I want to impress upon you, your assessment is correct. Now is the time to feed these people to this fascist machine. Mr. Russell, I need to just point of clarification for you, too, sir. I actually did follow up on what was said here, and I talked to the security guards.

[02:08:34] In fact, I talked to all three of them, and three different people actually confirmed what we were told. But I thank you for coming in, and I'm going to call the next speaker. The next speaker will be Alan Hellman. Good evening, sir.

[02:08:52] Good evening. You know, I've actually never been called Hellman before, but that's okay. Did I say that wrong? Yes, it's amusing. I'm giving you a hard time. I'm sorry. Hellman? Yes. I am sorry. No problem. I found the name actually once at a conference I went to, and they had somebody called Mr. Hellman right next to mine.

[02:09:14] It was kind of amusing. But I'm not coming here to talk about that. I'm coming here to talk about a nice little power line, the Golden Mars line. and I'm coming here by myself, although I do live in Loudoun Valley too. I haven't gone to the county plans and the zoning ordinances, but I suspect if I did, I

wouldn't find plans there for a long-term plan for having a high-tension line through the middle of a residential area.

[02:09:46] This is something that's been foisted upon us by the growth of an important local industry, I think everyone appreciates that. And I also appreciate what this board apparently did a few weeks back and is trying to pursue an underground line for as much as possible there. But this is not an isolated problem. It's not just in Ladder Valley, too. I think there's another case in the other section of the county where we're dealing with this. And I have a question more than anything

[02:10:21] else, because we don't know whether or not Dominion Power and the federal regulators and the other governmental organizations that are involved in this process are going to be able to give our communities here in this county what they need, which in our case, considering everybody bought houses and a development which has all of these utilities buried including power lines is underground underground facilities right um my question is

[02:10:56] is is there a way to use um the county if if for instance if if the uh if we're not able to get what we feel is necessary through the through the regulatory regulators is there a way to use the county maybe proffers property taxes setting up associations or maybe the county take taking on bearing parts of the line and then having the industry pay us back or pay the county back over time for that particular facility um and i haven't heard that that spoken of um i'm fairly late or

[02:11:35] i'm coming in the middle of this particular discussion but to me that's an important question and one that i haven't seen addressed before thank you sir thank you thank you very much mr hallman thank you um ryan um goal goaler are you here you are here wonderful and sir you're going to be followed by shane crow good evening good evening thank you my name is ryan goler i'm here on behalf of the leesburg airport commission i am the vice chair of the leesburg airport

[02:12:13] commission i'm here to express my support for on behalf of the commission for the cross mill data center development scheduled for your consideration tonight. As stewards of the aviation safety and regional planning we recognize the importance of ensuring compatible land use in and around airport operations. The proposed data center located on Sickland Road at the intersection of Crosstrail Boulevard lies within the flight path of runway 35. This area is subject to overflights

[02:12:50] making it less suitable for noise sensitive developments such as residential housing. The FAA emphasizes the importance of compatible land use near airports to maintain safety and operational efficiency around airports.

[02:13:06] According to the FAA, non-residential uses like industrial and commercial developments are generally more compatible with the airport environments due to their lower sensitivity to noise and safety considerations. Data centers specifically characterized by their low occupancy, robust construction and minimal noise sensitivity align well with these guidelines the presence in proximity to airport operations reduces the potential for noise complaints and safety considerations associated with residential developments in these areas i'm here to

[02:13:45] express support for this cross mill data center application on behalf of the airport commission thank you for your time thank you supervisors it is possible that if mr goler is still in the room You definitely don't have to be. I might invite him to the table because I think that there are some Leesburg Airport specific questions on this application.

[02:14:06] So if you're still here, if no one objects in some ideas, we may have to have a vote on that. But I might do that just so I can get some questions answered. Okay, thank you. Shane Crow followed by Jeff Tara. I'm going to come over to this side.

[02:14:24] Sure. Good evening. Good evening. As always, my name is Shane Crow. I come from the Algonquin District. If it may please the board, I intend to spend the first part of my public comment and speak on behalf of UpvoVirginia, and then I'd wish to take the rest of my time to speak on behalf of myself, if that's permissible.

[02:14:40] Awesome. So for the first half on behalf of UpvoVirginia, we do hope to be present here at the polls for our June primary. As some people may already have noticed, the Democratic primary for the lieutenant governorship is already crowded with six candidates.

[02:14:56] And of those candidates, many of them are quite popular in their parts of the region. In my personal opinion, I would say it's wonderful to see such great participation, and I look forward to the robust campaign session. Although I do fear that the nature of the campaign itself may fall or may have the high risk of running the same course that we experienced here in the 10th Congressional District, when we had double the number of candidates with 12 running.

[02:15:24] And in the final week, let's just say some mud was slinged and some mischief was exercised. But, again, I'm hoping for the best and that June 17 will come and go seamlessly. On that note, on behalf of myself, I think over these past two years I've been coming up and speaking on behalf of Ranked Choice Voting, but I don't think I've quite articulated why I personally think that Ranked Choice Voting is a great idea.

[02:15:50] And just to give some of my background, I come from a family of public servants. My dad is and continues to be a teacher in the field of physics for over 30 years. My mom just recently retired her 40-year career in nursing. So, poetically speaking, like my family, we've served the public walking the halls of our hospitals and our schools.

[02:16:11] And in my case, I'm soon finishing up seven years of study for my degree in political science. And so I, too, hope to serve the public roaming the halls of government. But in the sense that I want to serve is perhaps becoming one of the elected officials.

[02:16:26] However, the way I see it is that given my kinder nature, I don't feel best fit for the system that we currently use that often encourages like scarring each other in one form or another. Especially like in primaries, when there's very little to disagree on over policy, often human nature leads us to disagree on the personal.

[02:16:49] And that's when things get rough. But that's just a brief overlude of where I stand and why I support ranked choice voting. But I thank you again for y'all's attention tonight. That was well said. Thank you very much. Jeff Tara, you will be followed by Shahan Faika.

[02:17:07] Good evening, sir. Good evening. Thank you for letting me speak this evening. My name is Jeff Tara, and I've been a resident of Loudoun County for 20 years. I appreciate the opportunity to speak, supporting the cross-mill application this evening.

[02:17:24] I'll be candid and say I'm in support of data center uses in our county. In my view, this is the right project in the right place. Projects like this require careful planning, and I respect the role that this

board plays in ensuring development aligns with the long-term vision of the community.

[02:17:41] I'm in support of the application for the following reasons. It's appropriately located. This area has already been identified in the county's plan for industrial and commercial development. It makes sense to focus growth here rather than areas that aren't as well suited. Secondly, it secures needed infrastructure improvements without creating added traffic strain.

[02:18:03] This proposal brings road upgrades to the community that the community will benefit from. Just as important, the proposed use is low impact from a traffic standpoint. Alternate types of developments such as residential or higher intensity commercial could add significantly more pressure to an already busy corridor that serves as a growing east-west, north-south route through our growing community.

[02:18:24] Third, it meets a high standard. The project's design is thoughtful, exceeds expectations, and takes the surrounding environment into account. As a long-term resident, I believe this is a smart, balanced approach to growth, one that delivers infrastructure improvements, protects the environment, and avoids overburdening our roads.

[02:18:44] I appreciate your time and encourage your support on the application. Thank you, sir. Sehan Faik, followed by Jasmine Bostic, followed by Adrian Wright. Good evening.

[02:19:02] Good evening, everyone. I'm Sahan Faik. I'm here to speak on behalf of the data center space, and I'm here to support really the building of the new data center by JK Land Holdings across Central Mill Center.

[02:19:25] Three years ago, I was on a weekend, I woke up and me and my dad, we decided to go on a fundraiser, 5K run around the data center. And then through one of the stands and the academies over there, I met the Nova Data Center Academy, and I kind of kickstarted my career, getting my certifications, learning about data centers in general.

[02:19:53] And I believe that they provide lots of opportunities to grow in the career. There are so many different fields you can pursue anywhere from, you know, in the logistics environment to the engineers and the people who keep the data centers up.

[02:20:16] These data centers, they provide a lot of, I believe, value to everybody in the community. and um yeah yeah thank you thank you thank you sir um supervisor uh rather is staff in the room to do this item after we finish with public comments it's a staff in the room you are okay all right that's that's okay wonderful after we finish public comments we're gonna go and take up this item before we go to closed session jasmine bostic followed by adrian right right

[02:20:50] Good evening. Good evening. My name is Jasmine Bostic. I am a Loudoun County resident and graduate of Briarwoods High School. I left home to pursue a higher education, attending and graduating from Hampton University. I experienced challenges post-graduation, landing employment for quite some time.

[02:21:17] It seemed like no one was hiring new graduates, and I went back to working in the delivery warehouse for two years. And within those two years, I became a student at Northern Virginia Data Center Academy. NOVA DCA has provided the opportunity for me to be a part of the inaugural IT class on January 17, 2022.

[02:21:43] That was my first experience with taking a certification course, which sparked my interest in IT. Since then, I have gotten a couple more certifications, was able to do an internship with Microsoft as a data center technician, and after my internship, I unfortunately was unemployed for a little over a year.

[02:22:07] I applied to hundreds and hundreds of positions, mostly met with an auto-rejection email or not hearing back at all despite being qualified. I eventually was contacted by another tech company around September of last year about a data center technician contractor role, and I work in some of the data centers in this area, and it wouldn't have been possible without the certifications I received from Nova DCA.

[02:22:37] I believe that the construction of a new data center would provide more job opportunities in the community for those with IT experience or those looking to make a career change. I am asking that the board vote in favor of JK Land Holdings in the data center build and development of Cross Mill Center.

[02:22:57] Thank you. Excuse me. Adrienne Wright. Right. You will be followed by Lashon Morabastik. Good evening, sir. Good evening. My name is Adrian Wright. And 13 months ago, my job prospects were non-existent. Regardless of how many times I applied, no matter what networking and interfacing and interacting with other people I tried to utilize, my job prospects were going nowhere.

[02:23:36] I was door dashing and usually spending about 16 hours in my car daily. And then we're going to fast forward to April of last year, where I started an internship at Microsoft through Nova Data Center Academy.

[02:23:59] I'm 47 years old, so I'm not your typical intern. But Microsoft never treated me like a typical intern either. They saw me for all of my talents, my capabilities, everything that got pushed aside by every other lost or misshuffled resume and application that it submitted.

[02:24:20] They saw me right away. And none of that could have happened without Pastor Michelle and Noah DCA. While I was still door dashing, she gave me the opportunity to teach after I've passed some certifications for myself so that I could still make a little money.

[02:24:40] And every single step of this way, NOVA DCA has put me in position to grow. Now that I'm at Microsoft, I am able to keep that door open for interns like Sahan.

[02:24:58] He came and spoke. He's currently an intern with us now. And the entire purpose of what we're trying to do is show that this is community. I'm community. Everywhere I go, I see Data Center Alley.

[02:25:15] I see that we have 75% of the world's traffic for Internet, but I don't know where the door is without a situation like a Nova Data Center Academy. There's no way I can just walk in. They don't have their names on the buildings. So I'm fully in favor of data centers.

[02:25:34] I understand what they do. Now that I go in and walk in and I touch all the devices and the equipment, I know what it's here for. And I'm fully in favor of JK Holdings and their opportunity for their application. Thank you for your time.

[02:25:50] Thank you, sir. Thank you very much. Ms. LaShawn Moore-Bostick, followed by Pastor Michelle C. Thomas. Good evening. Good evening, Chair Randall and the board.

[02:26:07] I'm ecstatic at this moment. I just had three of NOVA DCAs, both students, instructors come forward. So it is a great thing to talk about why we support the data center build out. I did prepare something, but I'm just going to go with, I've spoken about it before.

[02:26:23] You know about NOVA DCA. Today, I am here as a Loudoun resident by way of military, which I moved to relocated to Loudoun in 2014. My husband is retired Air Force, so I'm a military spouse that understands the necessity to upskill and reskill.

[02:26:41] Additionally, I have served as a high school business and IT educator in our Loudoun County public schools, where workplace readiness was our primary focus in career and technical education. So as an educator, I understand the workforce development promotes economic development.

[02:27:00] The point is, I'm vested as an advocate in Loudoun County in IT training and development and workforce development that trains homegrown talent, just like you just saw here, through NOVA DCA to fill IT positions within our community.

[02:27:18] That's our mission, simply to bridge the skills gap by equipping individuals with the knowledge and hands-on IT training needed to enter and thrive in IT and the data center industry. That said, I believe that partnerships are vital, and I believe this is a good partnership.

[02:27:38] So I just simply ask of the board tonight that you will vote in favor of J.K. Land Holdings and the data center build out and development of Cross Mill Center. Thank you for your time. Thank you very much, Ms. Bostic. Pastor Michelle C. Thomas, followed by Raffae Jamal.

[02:28:00] Good evening, Pastor Thomas. Good evening, Chair Randall, and good evening, Board. Very rarely do you see me come to these meetings and not be able to speak. That's true.

[02:28:20] But hearing the stories and knowing the stories of these students, some that were fresh out of school, out of high school, and was able to make major moves and really change their trajectory by taking one or two classes.

[02:28:47] That's the power of the data centers, and I have been on the opposite side. I have been fighting against many data centers coming in, and I've been on both sides of it. But during COVID, I had an idea to help increase job opportunities, And the only way that I know to do this coming from IT was to get that training in the hands of people that need it the most.

[02:29:19] And so I started the Nova Data Center Academy hoping to do exactly what we just did, which is change lives. And so we can't do that without data centers. Data centers provide the open doors.

[02:29:36] They provide money for the training. And I don't have money to train these people, to get them all COMPTEA certified. That comes from data centers. I don't have the places where they can gain their work experience. That comes from data centers.

[02:29:53] So I also can't make your telephones work faster or your Internet work faster. You know, data centers do that, too. So we need the data centers. We need to learn how to partner with them. We at the NOVA Data Center have become good partners with some of the largest data centers, and we're changing lives of Loudoun residents, some that you will see, some that you'll know, and some that you wouldn't even believe, and you never know.

[02:30:21] This economy is changing. Things are up in the air. Everybody may need an upskill and a reskill. So please, please, please approve the J.K. Holden's Cross Data Center. Thank you. Thank you.

[02:30:37] And before our last speaker, I'll say one more time that we're going to take this item up as soon as our last speaker finishes, and then we will go on and go into at least one of the two closed sessions after that and take a break. But we'll take this item up next.

[02:30:52] Good evening, sir. Good evening. It's a pleasure to speak to you guys today. I'm here in support of the new data center plan. I graduated Riverside High School in 2021, and following my graduation, Pastor Michelle immediately was able to put me onto the Nova Data Center Academy.

[02:31:09] And through the Data Center Academy, I was able to get certifications and also gain IT experience, which I wouldn't have been able to do without the Data Center Academy. I believe that the data centers are a vital part of the community because in a time like right now where people are struggling to get jobs out of college and stuff, The data center academy really helps, you know, put people on the right path and give them a new way to have access to money and funds to support themselves and their families.

[02:31:40] So I believe that the data centers are very vital, not only just for the community to grow, but also to keep the community running because NOVA does have 70 percent of the world's Internet traffic. So I believe that the growth from the data centers has been just beneficial overall in terms of jobs and in terms of just growth overall.

[02:32:01] So I feel like the data centers should stick around and the plan should get approved because academies such as the data center academy that I was with, with Nova Data Center, they really helped me in a time where I didn't really know what path I was going to go down in my life, especially out of high school.

[02:32:19] And even now, I decided to return to school after my internship experience with them. And now that I'm finishing up school, they have once again presented an opportunity for me to kind of finalize the path I want to go down. So without them, I don't really know what I personally would have done.

[02:32:35] So with that information, I hope that you guys are able to approve the new plan for the data center. Thank you. Thank you very much. Appreciate that. That is all of our speakers for this evening. Janet, we don't have anybody else down there, right? That's it? Okay, wonderful. we're going to go on and and do this item right now so if staff could please come to the table that would be wonderful um thank you i have been told that i sometimes i hold mr cohen's items for

[02:33:09] last so now you see me doing it right before we even go to break huh his wife yeah good evening i'm assuming you have some updates obviously but let me just give everybody a second because i need

[02:33:24] everyone to be present for hmm mr Turner do you need a break before we go into this item because we need to go and do you need a break before you go into this item okay mr. Turner which will be

[02:34:01] back on the dais and by the way it's item number seven okay I'll say it again I am assuming that the staff has an update for us correct yes ma'am I apologize okay that is fine that is fine is the the update in the package, or is it, because we don't have a supplemental.

[02:34:25] No, ma'am. There was revised materials submitted about 3 o'clock this afternoon that removed a special exception for the increase in floor area, which has changed the overall square footage of proposed data center. So we were able to review those materials so that if the board chose to take action this evening, that they would be ready for action.

[02:34:48] But we have not distributed these materials to the board, no ma'am. Okay, so first of all, two things. One, these are all approved to legal form, correct? Yes, ma'am. Okay, and I want you to one more

time say what the changes were because normally I don't, we have a policy that we don't vote on applications that have large or significant differences in the application in front of us because we haven't had a chance to see it and the public hasn't had a chance to see it.

[02:35:19] Usually that's because something gets added. Something's gotten taken away here, so it's a little bit different, but I do want everyone to understand exactly what happened. So could you, if you do not mind, could you say it again? Sure, yes, ma'am. This is unusual. I would say this is unusual. But this afternoon, we did receive revised proper statement and revised concept development plan, and we revised conditions of approval to reflect a reduction of data center use from 740,000 square feet to 556,000 square feet.

[02:35:50] They also, that is a result of removing the special exception to increase the floor area from 0.6 to 0.8. Before we go on, do you want to talk a little bit about the, we get the FAR, talk a little bit about the concept development plan part being changed.

[02:36:06] The concept development plan just changed the tabulations to reflect the drop in square footage of the data center uses. But not the footprint? Correct, same footprint, but would be a smaller development area within those footprints. all right thank you thank you anything more no ma'am that's it that's it okay um this data is in the leedsburg district miss um umstead is not um has not is not here supervisors we we you know i've said more than once that you guys have asked me to go

[02:36:43] straight to straight to um a motion on on this on these um at this moment because we have had changes i'm going to go on and say if you want to ask any questions about the changes that were made do that right now and then we would go to the motions but this is just about the changes that were made because otherwise nothing has changed so if you have questions about the changes that were made put your light on so we can you can have those discussions in advance mr turner thank you madam chair about a year ago maybe a little longer we instituted a procedure that every one of data center applications would be referred to dominion for comment did this get

[02:37:23] referred to dominion it did sir in 20 2024 it did receive a we did receive a referral and what did dominion say about it at the time they were they were wanting to understand the totality of the scale of development and they did note uh certain paths of the power lines serving the site may be in conflict with the airport we did get materials from the airport and from the faa that would not be a height obstruction and the airport did not object to the proposal let me be clear about that because I heard a speaker from the airport tonight and I saw the letter from the airport in neither circumstance was there any

[02:38:00] mention at all about transmission line towers in the flight path okay they said that the data center was compatible land use for the airport but they made no mention whatsoever of potential towers okay 30 kv lines in the airport traffic I'm going to hold up.

[02:38:16] Supervisors, this is questions that are related to the changes that were made today because everything else we've already had already. And normally we're trying to go straight to motions because you all have asked me to go straight to motions. So I am asking, do you have questions about the changes that were made today?

[02:38:35] Because everything else you should know already. So would you like to go in and answer that? And then we're going to keep going. I finished my answer to Mr. Turner. that correct the letter did not specifically reference the towers that would be necessary to serve the development yes sir thank you mr

crony so um with the change in the far did they include did the applicant include the two properties that are owned by the county that the applicants purchasing no ma'am okay thank you mr sanes thank you madam chair so so make sure i'm reading this

[02:39:14] right the they're going from a 0.45 far to a 0.6 far and that's it is that correct no sir they propose to go from a 0.6 to a 0.8 far the district allows a 0.6 so they're they're staying at the district allowed 0.6 far okay we're not going past that so that's why they're moving the special exception to go from 0.6 to the 0.8 yes sir okay all right and then that will decrease the square footage from 742 to 556. Is that correct? If I'm reading that right? Yes, sir. Okay. And then in

[02:39:48] regards to Ms. Tacroni's question, the property from the county, that's a separate application or separate thing altogether. Is that correct? That would be a separate application. Yes, sir. Okay. All right. Thank you. Mr. Kirshner. Yeah, I just wanted to follow up with Supervisor Tacroni's question. If the applicant were to purchase that and that were to not remain developed as part of this a future application perhaps i would assume that the far will be significantly smaller than even the 0.6 if that land was included in it they would have to amend this application to include those parcels but if it kept at the same square footage over all those properties it would be a

[02:40:25] lower far yes sir yeah okay thank you all right um all right we're going to go to did you have a question about the changes you sure it's fine no no i'm going to move all right we're going to go to a motion. Mr. Kirshner is making a motion. Yep, since this used to be in my district and now it is in the Leesburg district and the Leesburg supervisor is not here, I'm happy to make the motion and I'm reading from the revised one that was just handed out which states I move the Board of Supervisors approve Lodgy 2023-0064 Cross Mill Center, ZMAP 2023-0064,

[02:41:05] in specs 2023-0007 subject to the proper statement dated May 6, 2025 and the conditions of approval dated May 6, 2025 and based on the findings of approval provided as attachment forward to the May 6, 2025 Board of Supervisors Business Meeting action item. Motion made. Is there a second?

[02:41:27] Motion made. Seconded by the eternal discussion on the motion. Mr. Kirshner. So, Madam Chair, I know there's been a fair amount of resistance on this board to some data centers this obviously is one I think there's really no it would seem to me in my review of this is a pretty very very clean application it's come through just talk about the history of it it's come through the Planning Commission with a high-level recommendation I think it ultimately is 490 based upon what I'm reading here in the Planning Commission I also believe that the the applicant has really worked hard I think to come into conformance with a lot of the J

[02:42:04] LARC recommendations that we have seen, including the site layout, the significant screening, there are some solar options, noise abatement that were put here, and I think it was in our most recent packet, and it's really consistent with the design that the Leesburg JLMA employment place type has.

[02:42:23] I also found it significant the airport came forward, and I did not realize this I guess until that was stated, that the runway at the airport, at least the one runway would be going over this obviously makes a lot of sense that this type of development is being put there and rather than residential because of obviously the noise issues that do arise and we've been through this with Dulles, Belizeburg's not Dulles, but still you do have the significant noise from many of the airplanes coming through that particular section.

[02:42:54] And I also found it very relevant tonight that no, there were literally zero, I don't remember when we had the public hearing if there were speakers against it but I don't remember any anyway that significantly stand out and I find that pretty significant too that there were literally there was no opposition speakers and a number of folks and I appreciate the DCA, NOVA DCA coming and speaking.

[02:43:16] We've not heard much from you before and for you to come out and talk about the jobs and how data center industry is impacting your lives that was actually very warming to hear because we don't always hear that. Often there's some opposition to these, just given the nature of them.

[02:43:32] But I think this is a good application. I hope that my colleagues will support this, given everything that I've laid out and much more in the application. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Mr. Crony. Thank you, Chair Randall. So I will not be supporting this application.

[02:43:50] Cross Mill Data Center is zoned JLMA 20, not Industrial Park. and this area is jlma 20 employment place type data centers are not a core use they're a complementary use there are other core uses in this place type that are compatible with the airport i will say flex industrial warehousing contractor services they're all compatible with airport operations. I did visit this site, and this is not an industrial area. The property

[02:44:25] is next to Boland Park off Cross Trail Boulevard that has very steep slopes. It's also adjacent to a gravel road, Cochran Mill Road, with a historic Sickland post office and store. I want to remind my colleagues that to build a retaining wall, the northern portion of the site will need to be excavated 26 to 18 feet below the existing grade of Sickland Road. The southern portion of the property is major floodplain associated with the Sickland Creek. In fact, the Sickland Creek is on this property. The building height exceeds the design characteristics

[02:45:03] of the Leesburg JLMA employment place type, which shall be limited up to four stories in height, equivalent to 48 feet. And as Supervisor Turner alluded to, there is not utility infrastructure to serve the data center use.

[02:45:20] And it does say in our zoning ordinance that we are allowed to look at infrastructure to serve the uses that would be permitted on the property that can be considered the infrastructure. So there are no transmission lines.

[02:45:35] We are allowed to look at the infrastructure. I'm not talking about power, I'm talking about transmission lines. And Dominion notes that there are numerous transmission routing constraints in the area that may impact putting in transmission lines. I also want to say that we were just notified of the changes to this application.

[02:45:55] We have really not had a chance to review them, and neither has the public. And I do think this is not how we should do business. It shouldn't be done last minute on the dais. I did ask that this be sent to TLUC and the applicant didn't want it sent to TLUC, but I do think that is the place where applications should go so we can look at, do a deeper review and I think it does put strain on staff to be doing last minute changes.

[02:46:24] Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Crony. Mr. Rogers, I just need a point of clarification. So to what Mr. Crony just said, if I said something incorrect, please correct me. It is true that we cannot have a discussion of power availability or uses as we make these decisions.

[02:46:49] Can we, however, have a discussion of infrastructure? Can we have a discussion of if a data center was going to condemn houses? Can we have a discussion of access roads, access and transmission lines?

[02:47:07] Is that a discussion that is legal to have as we make these decisions? So the availability of power is not. The availability of transmission of power is not.

[02:47:23] It's a service line that could cause the impact of a utility. A 230 kV service line is traditionally a transmission line, but data centers require 230 kV service lines. The provision of those utilities could have impacts to off-site. So that is something the board could consider. I will tell you that we've not considered it before, but it is an impact caused by the development of providing utility to the property. Does that make sense? It's not the transmission, it's the service line. If you don't mind, I'd like you to say that

[02:48:00] me one more time sure that you cannot consider either power or the transmission of power right those are within the purview of the state corporation commission okay if there's a 230 kv service line that is traditionally a transmission line then you could consider the off-site impacts that would cause okay i understand thank you okay all right wonderful thank you miss glass Thank you, Madam Chair, and I think I have a question now regarding the proposal up there, staff.

[02:48:33] Okay, so when it's on the three areas where it says you reduced the square footage to 556,740 feet of data center uses, Then underneath that, it says 416 square feet of warehousing or distribution facility uses, 218,000 square feet of flex industrial uses.

[02:48:59] Is that saying those two underneath that, is that saying what could go there, or is that saying what will go there, along with the data center uses? Those are two options the applicant may develop in lieu of data centers at their choice.

[02:49:16] Okay. So it's three development options. It would not be a blend of those options. They would have to pick one of them. Okay, so it would have to be one or the other. It couldn't be like the data center uses and flex industrial. Correct. The way it's designed, it would be a single use.

[02:49:32] Okay, thank you. Ms. Brooksman. Thank you, Madam Chair. I won't be supporting the motion or the application. The proposal to construct buildings up to 60 feet in height conflicts with the policies of the JLMA.

[02:49:49] employment place type of the county's 2019 general plan which recommend buildings be no taller than four stories or 48 feet in height. The proposed development will require 230 kv service lines if a data center use is pursued and above ground 230 kv line will adversely affect surrounding development and may impact the operations of the Leesburg airport. These lines are impacting view sheds around the county they will impact view sheds here and they will be contributing to the visual fatigue that we've been hearing from our constituents hearing about from our constituents

[02:50:26] prior to amending the loud and 2019 general plan to make data centers a conditional use to be considered on a case-by-case basis the general plan provided that data centers should be a complimentary rather than a core use in the leesburg jlma employment place type i agree that the stories about the NOVA DCA are heartwarming. It's exciting. I commend Pastor Michelle and her team for everything you're doing to help folks with employment in our community. It's very much needed. However, I don't feel that we can make land use decisions based on those great stories.

[02:51:05] I also believe that we have plenty of opportunity for NOVA DCA to continue its successful, impressive, inspiring work and programming with what is already existing in the county and I hope that you will get more support from the D.C. data center community and I also believe that if this passes you will also be getting more support so I don't want to make an impression that I'm not impressed or that I don't believe that you're being supported from the data center community.

[02:51:36] I think what you're doing is wonderful and great for the community and helping a lot of people. Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Letourneau. Yeah, just a question for staff. Is there not already a transmission line on this property? On the property? No. On Greenland there was, but not on this property.

[02:51:52] Not on this property at all. Okay. So is there one in proximity though? Yes, there is one on this graphic. There is one that travels right through the Stonewall Park here. There's also, there's from the south that comes up to serve this substation. That line comes up from Greenland Park those are the two line potential lines in the area that might serve this property okay thank you okay excuse me just like I'm being corrected by the applicant that they do have a power line on there now yeah I thought there was a

[02:52:29] new power line on the property it's a that's correct is it it's when did a no no recorded there madam chair I'm sorry okay I was not aware that there was one on there but there's has been a lot of infrastructure being developed in the area and if that's the case then I apologize is it I'm looking at a picture it's like 2:30 and the pictures from our system not one that anybody sent me so that's why I'm trying to I did some homework on this before the vote that's why I'm confused okay well I would suggest madam chair that since some of

[02:53:07] our colleagues are apparently basing their vote on that incorrect piece of information we may want I haven't heard anyone say that they're going based on that vote on that information okay whether they are or they aren't it doesn't matter we we probably should should get absolute clarity on that point as a factual item before casting the vote. Well then if that's the case I mean if it's not a factual item we're about to cast the vote or not I'd have to I have to table the item if we're looking for that because I don't know any other way except if Mr. I mean is there a power line on there or not? They're pulling up the GIS now if there's one that's been identified when I pulled it up today I saw the two lines flanking the property we'll look up right now if it is

[02:53:45] shown on our GIS. That's all I'm asking for. Well, this is on. Mr. Letourneau, were you looking at the GIS layer, utility layer? I believe we were, yes. Yeah, we can see the line over the property on the GIS. Wait, is the line blanking the property? You see this line right here? This is the line right here that crosses the property, correct? I don't see it. Charles, correct? No, I don't. Am I having my glasses off?

[02:54:23] See the line right here? Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Okay, this comes over from the line here, comes through. Yeah, I see it. I see it. Okay. Thank you. Um, although I, again, I don't think I, I don't, I didn't hear anyone who was based on their opinion on that, but it's good to know. Um, who owns Leesburg airport? Can you guys please? Who owns Leesburg airport?

[02:54:47] The town of Leesburg. The town of Leesburg owns Leesburg airport. Okay. That's, that's what I thought. Um, there were zero, Mr. Kirchner, there were zero speakers on this, But we have had emails, and we always do have emails, and I say this all the time, I really appreciate speakers coming into this room.

[02:55:07] We have 300,000 adults in Loudoun County, and we've had plenty of emails on these issues. I will associate myself with Ms. Bricksman's comment in that I think Nova DCA, you all are doing incredible

work.

[02:55:25] Mr. Michelle, you are doing life-changing work. We cannot legally base our opinions on the amazing life-changing work that you were doing. It's just not. We will have ourselves an amazing life-changing court if we start basing our decisions on that.

[02:55:43] It doesn't mean we don't appreciate it. It doesn't mean we don't hear it. It doesn't mean it is not there. But I don't want anyone to think that. And we always want to hear this. Oh, my God, stop it. But I don't want anyone to think that we can base our opinions on that because we're just not allowed to do that.

[02:56:01] I do want to say, though, thank you for what you are doing. I also want to say that to remind you that you're doing it right now, even without this data center here. And so that's just important for you to know that. My only other question is about what Mr. Crony was talking about, the retaining wall.

[02:56:22] Would there need to be some serious grading on this property because if it's on a steep slope, is the attempt to try to flatten it out? What's the plan for that? Yes, ma'am. If I could clarify one thing before I get to that, there was two opposition votes, two opposition comments at the hearing on March against the application.

[02:56:43] On this, they're using the topography of the land to build into the hill and drop the visual height of the building. So on the northern part of the property is the highest part of the property. They're going to get down with a retaining wall and drop the building into the site.

[02:56:59] Okay. Lowest parts of the south. I understand. Thank you. Thank you very much. Would you like a closing, Mr. Kirshner? Just briefly, again, I appreciate the applicant in working. I know has had a number of conversations with some of the members here and has changed the application even as late as tonight to accommodate those.

[02:57:17] I think that's the kind of applicants we want in Loudoun County, and I'm appreciative of that. So when the board speaks, applicants who listen, I think, should be recognized for that. And so, again, this used to be in my district. It no longer is. I would disagree with Supervisor Tacroni.

[02:57:34] It is largely an industrial area in that area and fairly wide open and lends itself to significant buffering, which is in the application itself. And the fact that the applicant has dropped it, as was just mentioned, I think is going to make a big difference in terms of the visual impacts that this is going to have.

[02:57:50] And obviously there's already power running to the property, as we found out. So thank you. Appreciate it. Thank you. Motion is made by Supervisor Kirshner, and seconded by Supervisor Le Turner. All of the people, please say aye. All opposed? No. All right, I didn't get that count.

[02:58:07] Ms. Glass, where were you? No. Ms. Crony? Ms. Fricksman? Mr. Turner? No. You were aye. So that would be a 4-4 vote that fails the motion but leaves the motion on the table.

[02:58:28] So I'm going to, my vote is going to be a no. And so that would be a 5-3 vote, 5-3-1 vote right now. So that 5-3-1 vote will fail the vote right now.

[02:58:47] I'll give you a motion. Thank you. The motion just failed. because because I'm counting it's a 5 3 1 vote because I yes it that's why it's one because it's an abstention abstention the 5 3 guys you should stop talking to me right now the motion

[02:59:17] fills on a 5 3 1 vote thank you the motion fills on a 5 3 1 vote thank you mister madam chair can we make can someone make a motion to deny because i will do that right now yes you can make a motion to deny okay i move that the board of supervisors deny legy 2023-0064 cross mill center zmap 2023-0064 and specs 2023-0007 subject to the proper statement dated may 6 2025 and conditions of

[02:59:57] approval dated may 6 2025 and based on the findings for denial provided by our county attorney at the May 6, 2025, Board of Supervisors' business meeting action item. Second. All right. Motions made and seconded.

[03:00:13] Discussion on the motion. Ms. Bricksman. Thank you, Madam Chair. I basically read the findings for denial when I made my comments in the previous motion. So I think since that motion did not pass 5-3, that we might as well just dispose of the item tonight and make sure that we don't have any more delays.

[03:00:34] Thank you. Mr. Letourneau. So I will point out the findings for denial, which I'm not sure were actually distributed, contains a finding related to essentially insinuating the lack of a 230 kV power line, which is not accurate, as we determined.

[03:00:52] I think because the information that was coming from DPZ was not accurate. There were three, but I would certainly encourage my colleagues to at least amend the findings for denial and not include that one, since it's obviously inaccurate.

[03:01:10] I was just making a statement I would encourage my even though I don't agree with them on this I would encourage my colleagues to not use findings for denial that are not accurate that's all anybody else who seconded this okay Mr. Kirshner can we make a can I make a motion to table this until the district supervisor is here because obviously we're making big decision with the district supervisor could not be here tonight motion to table does not have discussion I will second a motion to table and there's no discussion on the motion to table There's no discussion on the motion to table.

[03:01:51] There's not. We can have a motion to table to a date certain. I will say that I will not be here. The first meeting in May 20th, I will be at my nephew's graduation.

[03:02:14] So we can have a motion to table, but I won't be here for May 20th. But we can make a motion to table until May 20th. All right. All right. The motion on the, yes, sir. Are you, was that a friendly to my motion to May 20th, or can we table it until June 3rd?

[03:02:30] There's no friendly to a tabling motion. You just have to say when you want to table it, too. I move to table it to June 3rd. There's a motion to table to June 3rd. That is fine. I will second the motion to table to June 3rd. There's no discussion on the motion to table. All in favor on tabling this to June 3rd, please say aye.

[03:02:48] Aye. Opposed? No. Again, I was an aye. I don't know what that count was. Ms. Glass, what were you, an aye? Aye. Okay, that motion to table then will pass 5-3-1. So this item was tabled to the June 3rd business meeting.

[03:03:07] Thank you. Yes, sir. Could you light on, please? I'm sorry. I'm completely lost. Sure. We voted a 4-4-1 vote, which turned into a 5-3 vote, 5-3-1 vote.

[03:03:25] We never had a 4-4-1 vote. I never called that vote. It was never a 4-4-1 vote. It was always a 5-3-1 vote against, well, 3-5-1. It was always that. And then there was another motion. And then there was

another motion. And that motion was to deny.

[03:03:41] That motion was to deny. And we just tabled that to June. You just tabled, that is correct. Thank you. Can I, clarification? You can have a point of clarification. A point of clarification. Why wouldn't it go to May 20th? Why would we do June? Well, the maker of the motion, the maker of the table motion asked where to go.

[03:03:58] And so that was the motion that was made. And the motion to table does not have discussion. I do not make these rules. That's a Roberts Rules of Order rule. You have a point of clarification?

[03:04:14] I have a point of clarification, Madam Chair. Does that mean it's absolutely coming on June 3rd, or can it be changed from there? Because there are members of the board who won't be here June 3rd. The motion was made for June 3rd.

[03:04:29] As the person who sets the agenda, I would put it on the June 3rd agenda. If I needed to defer it on the day, yes, I would, but I would put it on the June 30th agenda. Does that help? Yes, thank you. Okay. Point of clarification, Mr. Sains. Do we have, I think I already know the answer to this, but I want to make sure.

[03:04:47] We don't have dates, like a time limit anymore like we used to before, correct? Like a certain date. A critical action date? Critical action date, yes, thank you. We do, I don't believe there's a critical action date on this item, though, is it, Mr. Rogers? There's not. We've stopped the critical action date as running from the date of the application, now runs from the date it gets to the Planning Commission, so we're well within the time under state law to continue this matter to June 3rd.

[03:05:14] Okay. Well, now just finding out that a board member will not be there, I'd like to change my vote to a no for the date for June 3rd. So then, okay. All right. All right. So let me make sure I know what you're saying.

[03:05:32] you want you do not want to go to the June 3rd date and so that motion to go to June 3rd I think would still fail four to four would fail four four oh okay nope it's no well now we would no no emotion that yeah actually we would go back to the original the original motion actually yeah we would yeah so so let me just make sure I'm calling this correct a staff's gonna come to my office tomorrow and ask me who people were and I'm gonna be like I have no idea so if

[03:06:05] If you are saying no to a motion to table for June 3rd, please raise your hand. Okay, that is a 4-4 fail on a motion to table for June 3rd.

[03:06:21] So the motion to table, because it was a date-certain motion to table, the motion to table is off the table, which puts us back on the main motion that was made by Supervisor Bricksman and seconded by Supervisor Turner. Madam Chair.

[03:06:37] Yes, Mr. Kirshner. I'd be willing to make a motion for another date certain, or if I make the motion to table open-ended, then can the chair decide when to set that? You can make a motion to table to a future date, and then I would decide when that future date fits the agenda. Then I would make a motion to table to a future date.

[03:06:56] There's a motion to table to a future date. Is there a second to the motion to table to a future date? Motion to table to a future date has just been seconded. There is no discussion on a motion to table. A motion to table to a future date that will be decided, basically decided by the agenda.

[03:07:13] So I say decided by the chair, but it's really decided by the agenda, to be honest, has been made. All in favor to table this to a future date, please say aye. Aye. Opposed? No. Okay, if you said aye, please raise your hand.

[03:07:31] I'm sorry. One, two, three, four. I think that's five. I think that's five. That motion to table that this to a future date has passed 5-3-1 with the district supervisor from the Leesburg district being off the dais.

[03:07:48] So the motion to table to a future date passed. Is there another point of clarification? Yes, ma'am. Yes, sir. So the motion to approve the application failed 5-3-1. It did.

[03:08:03] We had a motion to deny, which failed on a 4-4-1. The motion to deny was never voted on because it was a motion to table. It was a motion to table to a definitive date. That failed. Actually, it was a motion to table to a, yes, yes, that's right, to a definitive date, yes.

[03:08:20] Now we have a motion to table to a date uncertain. To a future board meeting. Future board meeting. That is correct. That vote passed. That is correct. So the motion to deny the application has been tabled until it's taken off the table by the chair.

[03:08:36] That is a great question. I don't think so. I think the application is, Mr. Rogers, help me on that one. I think, is that correct? Because, well, yes, because, because, yes, I understand. No, the motion to the table was to deny. That has been taken off the table until the future date. Yes, that's, yes, exactly.

[03:08:52] So the motion to deny is what will come back off the table when you decide to bring it off the table. The motion will be to deny the application? The motion that will come when we come back to a future date as determined by the agenda, that will be the motion that we are discussing. The motion to deny the application.

[03:09:08] Yes, that is correct. Thank you. Madam Chair, there is a procedural issue. This is a land use case, and the public follows the land use cases. So what you're really doing is deferring indefinitely, and there should be some action taken by the board to put it back on the agenda so that the public has notice of when it's going to come up.

[03:09:27] Well, then if that is the case, then I would have to, we can't do a date certain right now because now we're literally all the way to the second week in June. I'm sorry, the second meeting in June, which is pretty far away. I have no idea what the agenda is doing that day. So what I could do is look at the agendas, find out when, and give staff enough notice to put it on the agenda before it goes out to the public so that I know when it's going to go out in advance.

[03:09:57] what i would suggest is at another board meeting and it could be june 3rd where you or june 20th or june 17th you you have an item that identifies the date where this matter will be considered why wouldn't it be just as easy for it because if the issue is it's going to go i mean with due respect i set the agenda if the issue is it has to go out the date that the that the public can see it if we send it out um in in ample time for the public to see it why wouldn't that be sufficient there should be public notice after the hearing of when the board's going to act on a

[03:10:35] case it would be public notice i would suggest something like a an advertisement in the paper or action at a board meeting this is not a public you you're saying we have to have another public hearing no you don't have to have a public hearing but it should be advertised or noticed at a board meeting so that

it's a date certain that the public will know when the land use case but again mr rogers if this goes out in advance in our item then the public would know the public i mean they would they would know if the if this goes out in the item um in advance like like every other item we have the public would know why is this different than any other item the public

[03:11:13] would know there are there i mean why is that we have things that have to come to the board or you all come to my office all the time and go, can we put this on the agenda for the next meeting? And I say yes, and it goes out, and it doesn't have to come to a meeting first before that happens.

[03:11:30] It just goes on the agenda to go out in the public, in the packets. Why isn't that sufficient at this point? We'll say that in land use cases, the courts consider that the public is charged with following the action through the board meeting, and if it's deferred indefinitely, There needs to be some action taken by the board to put it back on the agenda.

[03:11:51] Okay, let me ask this clearer. Mr. Rogers, is it illegal for me to do anything different than that? There's a couple of options that we should do to notify the public of the next time the board will consider it. And that would be what? One could be advertising it. The other one would be at a future board meeting to make the decision to put it back on the agenda.

[03:12:11] How far in advance does it need to be advertised? It should be once a week for two consecutive weeks, so we could do that. It would probably take us about three weeks to get the ad in the paper. It's not a public hearing.

[03:12:27] It's just to advertise that the board will consider it. I understand. Because my theory is this. If we do what you're talking about, we're putting this vote out at least a month.

[03:12:43] We're literally putting the vote out at least a month if we do that. That's just what Mr. Hemstreet said. If three weeks isn't enough, it would be almost a month from the time it was advertised. But either way, it would be a month then. Because if I – both ways, it would be at least a month, which is a – I have no idea what's going to be happening with the agenda at that point.

[03:13:00] Can I suggest that you put it on a date certain, and if it doesn't work for that date, you continue it again, deferring it? That way there, you would not need to take some action to notify the public of when you'd consider the case. I understand what you're saying, too. It just puts – this just keeps going on for such a long time.

[03:13:18] All right, then I will, then I will, I can't do that, I won't be here. I will say then to put it on the June 3rd, is that the right date, is it June 3rd? She won't be there. Wait, listen to what I'm saying, I'm not saying, no, not for action, not for action, but that's the right date, right?

[03:13:37] So put it on the June 3rd meeting to decide when it will come for action. So it won't, it won't have action on the June 3rd meeting, we'll put it on the June 3rd meeting to decide when it will come for action, okay? Point of clarification. Thank you.

[03:13:52] That's a motion. What is the it? Is the it a motion to deny this application or is it just to reconsider this application? I'm going to make a motion to put on the June -- that I will put on the June 3rd agenda the -- the -- application?

[03:14:07] LEGI 7-2023-0004, Cross Mill Center, CMAP, this is just for the record, 2023-0067, special exception 2023-0006, special exception 2023-0007, with the item on the, with the motion on the table that

we are, that we have tabled to pick up to be the motion of denial. That would be the motion that I put on the, that I just put, that's a motion that I just made.

[03:14:34] Thank you. Is there a second to that motion? Second. Okay, motions made and seconded. Discussion on that motion. Mr. Sainz. Point of clarification or information for the, just out of curiosity, because I know you stated you're not going to be here physically for the May 20th meeting.

[03:14:52] Is there any possible way you could do that remotely that day or no? No, no, no. I'll be at my nephew's graduation. Okay, gotcha. I just wanted to, no, no, no, no, no. Okay, that's fine. I was asking. Thank you. That's very important. Jared Johnson's graduating, he's going to go to Tuskegee University and major in veterinary sciences.

[03:15:08] I will not be here on that day. Okay, all right. Point of inquiry. Yes, sir. Is it, since we're just doing this to set the clock for the public notice, can we set the clock for the public notice on the May 20th meeting and gain us a little bit more time?

[03:15:24] I don't know that it gains you any more time. I mean, you guys can set the clock for that date, but it still depends on where you're going to put it next because you can still, I mean, if you can set the clock for the May 20th meeting, you're not going to vote on this for the June 3rd meeting.

[03:15:41] You're not because Ms. Bricksburg has already said she's not going to be here. So we might as well just set the clock for the June 3rd meeting, and even if it came in the next two minutes away, that would be fine still. Okay. All right. Motions on the table. I made the motion. You second that motion? who does Mr. Turner second that motion to send this to the June 3rd meeting for the motion that I just read.

[03:16:05] All in favor please say aye. Any opposed? That motion will pass 8-0-1 with Ms. Umstead being off the dais. We need to have a break before we go to closed session. So let's take a five minute break and then come back and you know what, I'm sorry, let's do this.

[03:16:24] We only have, no, no, no, let's take a five minute break

[03:17:02] and then come back and read and go to closed session.

[03:19:46] or something. Okay. We're back. And you know what, supervisors, we're going to go on and do the

[03:28:06] agenda right now because there's only two items. And then we'll go do both of our closed session items. And that will allow staff to maybe go home. I have a feeling they don't want to be hanging out with us too much anymore. So it'll allow staff to go home. So we're going to do the tiny homes item first. So could staff come to the table for that? And while they are coming to the table, I will say this. So I visited an aid wobbled meeting some time ago, and so many of us, Mr. Crony,

[03:28:40] Ms. Bricksman especially, and Ms. Glass too, have been talking about the need for more homes in Loudoun County and how to do that. And we've never actually kind of researched all the different ways that maybe we can have tiny homes, I mean have homes.

[03:28:59] Of course, Mr. Crony has been really active in saying we should land bank, we should land bank, we should land bank. And, you know, I've done so much research on different types of homes and things like that. And so the idea for the white paper on the tiny home community will just simply let us know what's possible, what's feasible, what's there.

[03:29:25] If we're going to do any land banking, then we should just learn more about this possibility. So if staff would like to add anything, we can do that, or I can go straight to a motion. There you go, Chair Ram. Go straight to a motion.

[03:29:42] George's like, please go to a motion. I wasn't going to add any much more. I'm going to make the motion. I'm with the Board of Supervisors to authorize the Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory Board development of a tiny home white paper and direct staff to work with the Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory Board. And we turn to the Board of Supervisors for scope for the paper at a future Board of Supervisors business meeting.

[03:30:01] I further move the Board of Supervisors to approve the establishment of an affordable dwelling unit advisory board ad hoc committee to develop the scope and development of the Tiny Homes white paper. I'm going to add, and I further move, that the scope does not include rural Loudoun County, rural land area, the rural policy area.

[03:30:22] Yes. You pushed me far enough. You tried. Is there a second? motions made and seconded. I think I've said what I want to say already. When I did some research, especially seniors who are seniors, let's just leave it as seniors, a tiny home community was something that they were really interested, zero lot lines, something they can move around in, but is their own. Also, as it happens, the two communities were seniors and then people who

[03:30:56] just coming out of college, for obvious reasons, and so I think it's an interesting discussion, and I have asked the AWEF to do a dive on everything. One, what actually is a tiny home, because I found out if it's on wheels, it's not technically a tiny home because it's a mobile home.

[03:31:18] There are some DFS requirements of how large a family can live in a tiny home, so that's That's going to be part of the discussion. What amenities would be in a tiny home community would be, you know, it's going to be a teeny tiny pool, teeny tiny basketball court.

[03:31:37] I have no idea. But what amenities would be in a tiny home community is something we have discussed, how large or small it will be, and what does financing look like for a tiny home community because, you know, a lot of times for if you're either a senior or a college student, your financing may be a little less secure and so i i actually have asked them to do like a just a deep dive on all the areas of a of what a tiny home community would look like and all the legalities around it as well so mr crony yeah thank you chair randall um and also i don't know do tiny homes are they

[03:32:15] like can we do quads with tiny homes and tribe tries or are they definitely single family detached So I don't know what tiny homes look like. I'm not sure they're tiny anymore. Well, I don't know. I'm just asking. Typically, they're single, but they'd probably have to look into what the possibilities are if there are any prototypes that include the triplex or the quads like you're speaking about.

[03:32:37] Yeah, yeah. Okay. And then I liked manufactured, you know, that we could look at that and even 3D. I saw that. That would be awesome. So, all right. Thank you very much. I look forward to that. Mr. Sainz. Well, thank you, Madam Chair. Yeah, I've been speaking about tiny homes with staff since I came back from NACO.

[03:32:55] I guess we went to Austin in two years ago or so, Brian, right? So we have been talking to staff about it. It actually is in our, made sure it was in our plan for building tiny homes. It's just a matter of finding the right developer and partners to do so.

[03:33:14] But I would tell the staff, my staff knows this already, but I'll put it on the record. They already have the information. I'll make sure everybody gets the email, the website again. Look no further than the Austin, Texas project called Community First. They already have a well-established, they're building, I think, two or three more tiny home communities since we were being proposed back two years ago, so I'm pretty sure those developments are already done.

[03:33:35] They have a variety of mixture from 3D printing, which 60 Minutes covered a few years ago. This company that does a great job on it, I have pictures, I'll show you that. They have modular homes, they have modern 20th century, well 22nd century, excuse me, mobile homes that are very nice looking and fit, yep, that's it right there, fit all the different, you know, stock that we're talking about now.

[03:34:02] They have full-size basketball courts, full-size community center, full-size bathrooms, and full-size, actually a movie theater and a lot of great things actually happening. this campus where they're where they have housing for for you know 55 and better for those who you know need assistance for a variety of reasons if they've had substance abuse issues mental health issues homelessness and the community goes and provides them service as part of their program and they're on a fixed income fixed rental so if they get out of the program then they have to go through a whole you know probation period etc so there's a whole lot that

[03:34:40] that we can look at for for these tiny homes but i'm glad we're we're talking about it here today and obviously i'll definitely support the the motion for for this uh for this um you know study to come back to us but uh the main thing is we need to find a partner uh developer or business or a non-profit or whoever uh public uh p3 to bring this to to loudon county so looking forward to see where where this goes next thank you mr kirsten yeah just a quick question of staff how long do we think that this white paper will take uh are we looking at a year are we looking at six months no so our intent is to go back to the aid web the affordable dwelling advisory board

[03:35:16] um and uh turn this around hopefully in a month or two oh wow okay as far as as far as the scope oh the scope right and you'll come back to the scope and then the study itself though we're probably looking a year into the future perhaps i don't know i would think by the end of the year okay yeah all right so um i'm going to support this um it's it's was it's an interesting concept i don't know a lot about it i am i have as i am naturally this way i'm a little skeptical just because a little bit of research i've done but it does sound interesting i i bought a what

[03:35:49] i thought was a tiny home the first home i ever bought in perseville and uh it was uh 1200 square feet i thought it was tiny 600 less than 600 that's going to be really tiny but um i'm very interested to see what you come back with and there may be some appropriate places in loudon um certain zoning districts and places that this would make a lot of sense and maybe actually reach the right community but at the same time i'm waiting to see the end of the product but i'm happy to support the white paper going forward thank you wonderful mr turner thank you madam chair um chair randall made a comment about land banking and is the tie-in that the county land

[03:36:25] banks and then uses those parcels sells those parcels to do a developer and presumably it would be a land lease to a developer and the developer builds a tiny home community but the county retains the land is that the concept i believe that is one of the options that is in play in other jurisdictions around the country okay thank you so um when i when i went to eight rob and presented this to them um

we we talked about all the things we've talked about tonight we've talked about modular homes we talked about um manufacture we talked about we even talked about the homes

[03:37:00] that that are built with um with with shipping containers i've seen some of those of shipping containers. We do know that if they are on wheels, that is not considered a home. It's considered a vehicle if it's on wheels. So we know that. You know, Mr. Sanju, which you're saying makes sense, but that's part of the discussion that when I say we have to involve DFS, the Department of Family Services, in this discussion to see what else is there.

[03:37:27] And so, you know, are they possible in our community and where and how and all those things, that's one discussion. Some of the things you were discussing is another discussion, but I have no issue at all with those all being, all those discussions being part of a scope. I have seen, I think Mr. Sainz just kind of highlighted one reason NACO has been such a, I think is such a good partner for us and we should stay involved in that. But And I have, you know, we have seen these tiny communities, and I have not found literally any issues.

[03:38:05] I mean, like, literally, because usually the people there, especially if they're 65, 70, or they're not producing kids, right? I mean, you know, and, of course, I was just joking about a teeny tiny basketball court. I was just joking about that. But I'm really excited to see what we come back, what we say, if it's possible.

[03:38:23] I think for those of us who are really leaning into just different types of housing in Loudoun County, this is how to do it. Now, duplexes and triplexes, I'm not sure how tiny that is anymore. So I do want to, you know, if it starts looking like we're going outside of the scope of tiny homes and we start talking about what's called village homes, which are thin, tall homes.

[03:38:47] I don't want to do that. I'm talking about tiny homes. So let's keep the tiny in mind here. so just so you know that. But I am very excited about this item coming back. I think it would be interesting to at least know a little bit more. And I appreciate staff. George, I always appreciate you. And please tell everyone at 8WAB how grateful we are for them taking this on. So thank you. Supervisors, I made the motion seconded by Mr. Sains on paper to say aye. Any opposed? That motion would pass 801. Thank you very much. And let's go on

[03:39:23] do this last item um last action item before we go to um before we go to closed session i just hit the wrong button now you guys are all looking at tiny homes that was happening over there okay i need i need you guys to come back to me okay it's the it is the is this um it's the cross mill center item and and from what we're i'm sorry it's not the cross center item

[03:39:59] Yeah, no, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I'm got a little tiny bit of a tiny headache here. I have -- I do have one question. It's reconsideration of the Department of Planning and Zoning Work Plan item. But this reconsideration is only to reconsider the vote to send it to TLUC. That's all we're doing right now is reconsidering that vote. Would you like to say anything before a motion is made to reconsider that vote, Mr. Kroboth, Mr. Gulindo?

[03:40:28] though. The only thing I'd mention is that last week, Deputy Director Burkett sent out an email kind of talking about some options that moving this to TLAC could be pursued. There's not any intentionality of pursuing any given one. We will wait to hear from TLAC about what they think is reasonable. Okay, wonderful. Mr. Vice Chair Turner, would you like to make a motion? Thank you, Madam

Chair. I move the Board of Supervisors reconsider its action at the April 15, 2025 5 business meeting to forward the motion to modify the standards for mountainside feature protections as set forth in Loudoun County zoning ordinance 5.04 mountainside overlay district to

[03:41:08] expand the covered activities permitted within the overlay and to allow for modification of certain standards for such covered activities to the May 21st 2025 transportation and land use committee meeting for discussion motions made second by supervisor sayings discussion on that do we discuss or reconsider we can sure you can it's a motion you can um that I had a discussion with chair after the meeting at after the last meeting and um I agreed with her that as a professional courtesy she asked to have this sent to Tuck just so we can discuss it I am by no

[03:41:43] means convinced of the argument but I want to hear the argument again to make sure I've got it very clear in my mind my understanding is the desire is to move I'll call it fine-tuning of the mountain overlay district that at the time seemed to have some sense of urgency and now I'm not sure that urgency is there but in any event to have that discussion moved uh presumably on to the DPZ work plan as a separate item uh separate from the rural overlay uh discussion CPAM Zoom discussions so all this does is the reconsideration allows us to move this to Teluk for a further discussion

[03:42:21] that's all the reconsideration is right now Mr. Crony yeah thank you chair Randall so I um when I associate myself with vice chair Turner I think I'm not convinced that there's urgency I know staff has a very full work plan for DPZ and adding something else to the work plan when we're discussing the mod the mountainside overlay district in the western Loud and rural uses and standards Zoe Mc Pam doesn't make a whole lot of sense to me but I'll listen

[03:42:56] I saw Miss Burkitt's email and I really appreciate her listing out some of the issues but I just don't see a lot of urgency And I think it makes sense to have stakeholders have an opportunity to voice their opinions, which is how we've been doing the TELUC meetings for the rural uses and standards, ZOE-MC-PAM.

[03:43:23] So I actually think it makes more sense to have it go there. But, and like I said, I'm very hesitant to add more to DPZ's work plan outside of our MO, what we're doing with the rural uses and standards so um we can bring it to May but I don't know that I'm going to support having a separate process for this thank you Mr. Turner we should like a closing no close all right um all people say aye aye any opposed that motion that motion will pass 7-1-1 with supervisor Bricksman voting against the motion supervisor Umset being off the dais

[03:44:02] if I can make next another motion I move that the board of supervisors for the discussion to modify the standards for mountainside feature protections as set forth in Loudoun County zoning ordinance section 5.04 mountainside overlay district to expand the covered activities permitted within the overlay and to allow for modification of certain standards for such covered activities to the transportation and land use committee second discussion on the motion Mr. Turner no no discussion anybody else discussion on the motion clarification on this one yes um point of clarification yes um this one so what is this one doing that's different from the first one would you like to answer that Mr. Turner first one was a motion reconsider the

[03:44:40] action from the last meeting so we voted to reconsider now we've reconsidered the action now we have to actually move it to T look for discussion okay now I understand thank you anybody else all right so Mr. Kroboth at the last meeting detailed at least two or three things that were reasons to have a further

discussion um and in my opinion the the things he discussed were literally health and safety issues when you start talking about sewage sewer lines we're talking about people's wells

[03:45:14] that are that that are not producing correctly those are health and safety issues if health and safety issues and water safe water issues are not an emergency i'm not quite sure what is i'm just not quite sure it is and he literally said that the last he said those things at the last meeting I don't know why that wasn't heard, but he said them.

[03:45:36] So I completely disagree that these things are not urgent. If my well is going bad, that is an urgent issue for me. That's the first thing. The second thing is, TLUC is the exact right place to work out these issues. It's why we have committees.

[03:45:52] And if this goes to TLUC, Mr. Crony, it is up to you as TLUC chair, whether you have people come speak on the item in TLUC. you have had or i believe you've had or at least discussed having public commenters in the committee meeting so the idea that we can't have people comment in the in the committee meeting is incorrect that you're a committee if you want commenters people to comment the public let them comment that's that is no no you you're trying nope no no no no no no no no um you can let let

[03:46:26] them comment so that that can absolutely and and always always happen thirdly and this is so important to me at the last meeting mr letourneau said something that i thought was really important if if again sometimes i think we just weren't listening mr letourneau said i've never seen staff lean in this hard on any issue and so it made him like kind of you know look up sometimes you know catch catch the message but catch the meta message catch the catch the body language catch what people are saying and and fourthly and and of course miss brixman wasn't here for this

[03:47:05] mr turner wasn't here for this miss um glass wasn't here for this um the the the the way we got into this situation is boards a board that you all were not a part of and and you weren't it wasn't your fault, kind of did this mountainside overlay almost as a response to something that was going on at the time.

[03:47:25] And so there's never a time that we can make a decision that we can't be wrong or have missed something. And in this one, I think we made this so narrow, so narrow, that we've caused people to not be able to take care of their health and safety needs. Of course we should look at that.

[03:47:42] And of course that's urgent. And we're human beings, and we're up here doing the best that we can. But sometimes we make mistakes, and if we make mistakes, let's fix them as quickly as possible. Let's fix them. So, obviously, I will support this. Thank you.

[03:47:58] Mr. Turner, would you like a closing? No closing, Madam Chair. All right. Mr. Turner, make the motion. I second it. All right. Please say aye. Aye. Opposed? That motion will pass 7-1-1 with Ms. Bricksman voting no and Ms. Umstead being adopted, Dr.

[03:48:14] Dayas. Thank you. Thank you very much. Mr. Turner, at this point, you know what, heck, at this point, let's just do nominations. Let's do nominations at this point, because, you know, I might as well do it all right now.

[03:48:30] Might as well. Let's do nominations first, though. If you have a nomination, put your light on, Ms. Bricksman. I nominate Heather Gottlieb to the Housing Advisory Board. Mr. Turner.

[03:48:46] I nominate Marion Jermell Shannon to the Communications Commission to fill the Ashburn District Representative seat. Ms. Glass. I nominate Mr. Mark Doyle to serve as an at-large representative on the Community Services Board.

[03:49:03] I'm sorry, Mr. Terniore, you went right? I nominate Zach Cummings to an at-large seat in the Housing Advisory Board. I nominate Stephen Merlin to an at-large seat in the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Board. I nominate Rajek Kabadi to the Community Services Provider Representative seat on the Community Policy and Management Team.

[03:49:22] And I nominate Shrida Amari to an at-large seat in the Family Services Advisory Board. Okay, let's go in and do board comments because we're up here, and then we can go to public, not public session, but closed session and then be in closed session. Okay, public comments, Mr. Letourneau, board comments rather, Mr. Letourneau.

[03:49:41] Yeah, disclosure first, on April 30th, I met with representatives of American Real Estate Partners and DLA Piper to discuss our Cola Grove, Legi 2023 0071. That's on our public hearing agenda next week. I also just wanted to note, as part of our consent agenda, the administrative items report included a period of validity extension for Walton Woods South Riding's special exception approval.

[03:50:14] I know we had a few speakers from the community come to our last meeting with questions about that. So I wanna just reiterate for the public that by approving this period of validity extension, we are not signaling any support for a new application.

[03:50:31] We are maintaining support for the already approved continuing care facility that's part of the Walton Wood application. The applicant has come and filed a new application which would add hundreds of residential units to the site instead of some of the Walton Wood property in South Riding.

[03:50:50] There are significant community concerns with that proposal that my office is aware of and that I am interacting with constituents on that is not close to coming to the Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors. We will certainly review that carefully, but the Board's action as part of the Administrative Items Report is not related in any way to that.

[03:51:12] Finally, we'll just add that South Riding puts on an annual event called the Mosaic festival which is really to celebrate all the different cultures that live in the SRP community and I always enjoy having a booth at the festival where we conduct office hours and we had quite a few residents come up and interact with us on Saturday the rain all of you got the rain in the north part of Loudoun but it stayed it was dark as could be just to our north north of Route 50 but it stayed dry unfortunately the hoa had paid a lot of money for a tent and guess it didn't but

[03:51:49] better safe than sorry and if they hadn't had the tent we would have gotten wet i'm sure nevertheless that was a great community event i always appreciate that and the opportunity to talk to so many folks that's it for me thank you sir thank you thank you miss brixman thank you madam chair uh no disclosures um just wanted to thank my staff and the the partners that did the community bike ride with us um two weekends ago it went really well and hopes to do it again next year i'm looking forward to bike to work week on thursday uh vice chair turner and i went up to new york city for the bond rating trip last thursday and

[03:52:25] friday which i think was a resounding success we'll find out on may 12th if it was my favorite slide is this one which talks about our debt ratios which is I kind of joke that is my favorite slide I'm kind of

a geek on these numbers but our debt to estimated property value should be less than three percent and we're hovering at 1.2 percent our debt per capita should be less than eight percent we're at about four point seven now projected to go to only five point two three in 2030 and so on so we are really healthy when it comes to our CIP and the debt issuance

[03:53:03] that we hope to be able to do later in the year. I also attended the Visit Loudoun Awards Luncheon where we talked about all things Visit Loudoun and our tourism industry. And we learned that tourism contributes more than \$4.5 billion in annual revenue and contributes to having 17,000, more than 17,000 jobs.

[03:53:24] And more than 1 million visitors come to our wineries in Loudoun. And that makes up about \$48 million for our economy. And we had some great news about our partnership with Cannellonis Uruguay. The Harvest Internship Exchange went really well, and we're looking forward to the fall when we will send people down there.

[03:53:46] We have had articles in some great magazines, Wine Enthusiast and Hemispheres, the travel magazine for United, reaching about 16 million readers about that partnership with Cannellonis Uruguay. And that's literally earned media worth hundreds of thousands of dollars for our tourism and winery industry in Loudoun.

[03:54:07] So really, really, really proud of that partnership and that it's moving forward. I think that we'll find that it was really worth our investment. As far as gun violence archive, so far this year there have been 4,863 total gun deaths, 100 mass shootings.

[03:54:24] The deaths include 80 children under the age of 12 and 328 children ages 12 to 17. Thank you, Madam Chair. Ms. Brooks, I'm assuming that you mean the International Sister City Partnership. I'm sorry, the Sister City Partnership, yes. International Sister City Partnership.

[03:54:41] That's what I thought you were talking about. Just checking, though. Ms. Glass. Thank you, Madam Chair. On Tuesday, April 22nd, I met with representatives from J.K. Holdings to discuss the Telestate Center site plan residential rezoning applications. April 29th I met with representatives from Cooley and Milestone to discuss the Milestone Belmont-Claybourne Interchange Cell Tower application. April 29th my staff met with representatives from DLA

[03:55:12] Piper to discuss the Arcola Grove data center application. On May 6 I spoke with Chuck Kuhn regarding the cross mills application.

[03:55:32] Thank you. I was going to say, I think we all have that disclosure. Does anyone who doesn't have that disclosure? Can I clarify my disclosure? Yes, you can. I just had text exchange conversation on cross mill with Mr. Kuhn and Charles Yad.

[03:55:53] Thank you. Will you finish, Ms. Les? Okay, all right. Just wanted to make sure. Mr. Kirchner? Thank you, Madam Chair. far as disclosures i did have a phone call on may 5th with the applicant of cross mill holdings jk land holding as far as comments are concerned just a couple things coming up in western land community to remind the board and anyone else who's listening at this wee hour of 751.

[03:56:17] the ninth annual historic waterford trail run will be held on saturday may 10th participants will run through the scenic trails historic streets and beautiful landscape around waterford And I'm told there's still time for people to sign up. So I don't know. That's not in my notes, how many miles, but plenty.

[03:56:35] Two of the towns will have events on Saturday, May 17th. Lovitz will be holding its annual Mayfest, while Purcell will hold its Pedal Purcellville bike ride. I expect Mr. Turner to be there, and Purcellville Safety Day. Last but not least, Loudoun Spring Farm Tour. I expect the chair to be there.

[03:56:51] It will be on Saturday, Sunday, May 17th and 18th. This self-guided tour is a great way to visit Loudoun's farms, and rural businesses, and that's the news from Catoclin. - No kidding, my niece graduates from medical school that week, and I got the talented, amazing family, so there you go.

[03:57:08] Yep, Mr. Saints. - Thank you, Madam Chair. Mandatory disclosures. On Wednesday, April 30th, I met with the team from the Dulles Town Center and their land use attorneys, Kerata, or Kreti, excuse me, regarding the Dulles Town Center residential rezoning application May 2nd May 5th and today was a May 6 discussed cross mill center application with the with the applicant JK holding and I will

[03:57:44] just say over from I forget the exact date that this incident happened but unfortunately this incident happened in Loudoun County which shook me to my core when I saw the video and then also saw the interview of the parents of the five-year-old who unfortunately was attacked verbally and I would say even physically at their home in Loudoun County. That is, I grew up in Loudoun County. What I saw is not

[03:58:18] a reflection at all of Loudoun County. So I pray that the middle schoolers who attacked a five-year-old get the discipline the education and the retraining that they deserve and need because that should not be happening between middle schoolers and a five-year-old or even middle schoolers to other middle schoolers to be quite honest with you but the middle schoolers 12 year 13 year olds the way they talked to that five-year-old was was shameful and heartbreaking

[03:58:57] um and then to watch the interview on the local channel uh channel 4 news they did a great job covering this sad incident but the parents said they did research ask questions talk to people before choosing they could have chose anywhere in the world but they chose Loudoun County after doing their research and their homework to uproot their families from their native land of China and picked our county because of the research they saw and heard about how great this place is and bought

[03:59:33] their home and wanted to raise their family here now they're probably I'm sure they're thinking they made the worst decision in their life so again i hope and pray that those teenagers or pre-teens get the help that they need and their parents because let's be honest they learn that behavior and learn those words from somewhere and i'm going to start at home with their parents so as you all have heard me say many many many many times over these years i'm going to say it again let's treat other treat each other as we want somebody to treat our own family and friend and family members

[04:00:12] treating each other with respect and dignity and love. That's the Loudoun that I know. Thank you, Mr. Sainz. Mr. Crony. Thank you, Chair Randall. So I had, for disclosures, a text message exchange with Mr. Kuhn from JK.

[04:00:31] Regarding my board comments, this week is Loudoun Small Business Week. I had the pleasure of attending the Loudoun Economic Development Small Business Summit today at Hanson Park Lodge in Brambleton. Thank you to the team for an engaging summit to support our small business community.

[04:00:53] It was full with a wait list, so they really reached out to the community. And the keynote speaker was Louis Gravance from Disney, and the title was How to Succeed at Making Customer Service a Superpower.

[04:01:10] He was excellent and was very engaging, and I think it was called a speaking concert is what I attended. So I really enjoyed myself, and I was happy to support the community. And I want to give a call out to Buddy Reiser and Colleen Kardashian and the small business team for organizing such a successful summit today in the Little River District.

[04:01:35] And as part of Small Business Week, yesterday I visited Aso in Brambleton. Aso sources most of their ingredients locally and enjoys being part of the community. Chef Jason grew up in Loudoun, and he has a variety of specialties, including Ramen Mondays, Tasting Tuesdays, Whiskey Flight Wednesdays, and Fried Chicken Sundays.

[04:02:01] So I hope you have an opportunity to visit also this local restaurant and support our small businesses. And I want to give a shout out to our first Loudoun Youth Poet Laureate. Her name is Krishna Datwali, and she is the winner of the 2025 Loudoun Youth Poet Program.

[04:02:25] She received a \$1,000 scholarship and a publication of her poetry with the National Youth Poet Laureate Program, and I plan to do a resolution kind of bringing all the runner-ups and celebrating our first laureate program in Loudoun County.

[04:02:46] Lastly, as Mother's Day approaches, I'd like to take a moment to recognize the incredible mothers, grandmothers, caregivers who helped make our county such a vibrant and compassionate place to live. From our schools and small businesses to our neighborhoods and nonprofits, the influence of Loudoun Mothers is felt in every corner of our community.

[04:03:10] their dedication resilience and love are deeply appreciated and i extend my deepest gratitude and warmest wishes to all mothers this mother's day thank you for everything you do thank you that was very nice um into you too um mr turner well thank you madam chair um uh as supervisor briskin mentioned uh chair randall was unable to go to the new york credit rating uh meeting so she asked me to lead the delegation up there and i did that was my first time and it was fascinating process

[04:03:48] kudos to county staff we had 61 slides and we choreographed virtually every word for each slide we went around the table there was myself see if i can name them all mr hemstreet mr riser we had several of the uh chiefs of staff for myself and supervisor briskman and then um john munch nikki spate george govan um megan burke no megan wasn't there um i think that and that i think it was everybody that was staff and uh it went off without a hitch um the way this works is you land

[04:04:26] up in new york you get up at 5 a.m and you show up here at 6 a.m you ride up on the train you get off the train you take a truck over to the Standard and Poor's which is your first meeting and walk up in your meeting and then you talk for an hour and a half on detailed financial matters and and they can obviously ask questions Standard and Poor's asked a few questions we rolled out of there had a quick lunch and we went up to Moody's and then went to dinner that night and And then the next morning we did Fitch.

[04:04:59] And as a testament to how well staff prepared for this presentation for all of us, Moody's and Fitch had no questions. After an hour and a half, 61-slide presentation, international credit agencies, they had no questions for us. That's how good it was. And so I was very proud of the team.

[04:05:16] I was humbled to be able to lead it. And it was a very interesting, very rewarding team experience for Loudoun County. I was very proud of us. I have one minute left really quick. This morning, I attended the LCPS Transition Center discussion, and it was phenomenal.

[04:05:33] The Transition Center is to enable kids in our school system that are transitioning out of high school to get them ready for a career who are in some way disabled. And I was very quickly, I had an incident in seventh grade in shop class.

[04:05:49] I had to take a shop class. And I went in there, and there was a developmentally disabled child, my classmate, in there. And they had him sawing a gigantic piece of wood, and he was really struggling sawing it. And I went over and I showed him how to saw it correctly, help him out.

[04:06:05] He was very appreciative. And the instructor and another student called me over laughing at me. He said, what? What are you, crazy? All we want to do is keep him busy for an hour. And I remember in seventh grade being appalled and offended. This transition center is lightning years beyond that.

[04:06:21] And it basically says this population is part of our community. who we are and we have an obligation to help them succeed in anything that they choose to do and it was very very rewarding this morning and i'm very pleased that i got a chance to go and kudos to them thank you thank you okay um mr turner before i start so don't start my time yet do you have any um disclosures i have no disclosure you haven't talked talk with mr kuhn um we exchanged texts several times we didn't talk we exchanged texts he said would you like to meet can i talk to you and

[04:06:57] i said no thank you i have no questions gotcha and we just exchanged anybody else have any disclosures because it didn't feel like there were that many and i just want to make sure we did that before we got off before any disclosures i i received one but i didn't reply so i don't know if that counts i don't know emails on this too so it's the same thing yeah okay all right um My staff met with the Arcola Grove applicant, which is Mr. Calabrese, on 429, and I have both had discussions and texts from Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Yudd.

[04:07:34] A couple things. One, I am very appreciative of Mr. Turner leading the delegation and Ms. Brixman, who Ms. Brixman would have gone anyway as the finance chair. I missed it because the first lady of my church passed away.

[04:07:50] I want to say her name. Her name is Marian Mitchell. She was just 58 years old, and she was the dearest, kindest woman that you will ever meet. And her service was that Thursday morning, and there just was nothing that was going to make me miss Sister Mitchell's service.

[04:08:12] Less than one week before, I also attended the service of the young man that was shot. He was only 16 years old. It was an incredibly hard service to attend. There's a whole church of sobbing kids from high school.

[04:08:30] And we had one young man whose name has not yet been released. He was working on one of our projects. I'm not sure everyone has even heard about this. He fell into a trench and basically got buried alive. And when they got him out, he just didn't make it.

[04:08:46] So, you know, of all the different things we talk about and we do, you know, one thing I think I didn't expect with this job is to be the person who is, you know, attending services.

[04:09:02] And I just want to say that sometimes it's about, you know, that land use thing or this vote or how much we dislike each other or do like each other, all that. And sometimes it's something more. And the past two weeks have been tragically hard for us in Loudoun County.

[04:09:22] That's all followed up by a plane crash that happened at the beginning of the year. We've had a hard year. If you're looking up and paying attention, we've had a hard year in Loudoun County. And I associate myself completely with Mr. Sainz's comments that he said about how we're just treating each other, how we're talking to one another.

[04:09:42] I do talk about giving each other grace all the time. I don't think there's anything else that's going to get us through these very hard periods but trying to listen to one another and give one another grace. And so I know it may sound like I'm being preachy, but right now I think that's all I have to hold on to or lean into.

[04:10:00] And so that's why I talk about it all the time. So I just want to say that this has been a really, really tough two weeks for the county and for me. And I say all the time it's okay not to be okay. For the couple of weeks I really haven't been okay.

[04:10:16] and I wanted to say that. I do want to also say, as Mr. Crony said, happy Mother's Day to all the incredible moms, grandmas, godmoms, aunties, people who love somebody like a mom. Have a great Mother's Day. Okay, Mr. Turner, now will you read us into closed session? Two both closed sessions.

[04:10:40] I move the Board of Supervisors to recess this public meeting and enter into closed session pursuant to section 2.23711A3 of the Code of Virginia to consider acquisition disposition of parcels of property in the Leesburg Election District. I further move that the closed session, I'm sorry, I move that the Board of Supervisors recessed this public meeting and entered in a closed session pursuant to section 2.23711A3 of the Code of Virginia to consider acquisition disposition of a parcel, parcels of property in the Broad Run District.

[04:11:13] Motion is made and seconded by the, I think, by the broad-run district supervisors, is what I heard over there. All right. Discussion on the motion. All in favor, please say aye. Aye. Opposed? That motion will pass 7, I'm sorry, 801. Thank you. We're in closed session.

[05:15:23] All right.

[05:42:46] We are back. And Mr. Turner, will you please read us out of closed session? I move that the closed session be adjourned, that the Board of Supervisors reconvenes at the public meeting, that the minutes of the public meeting should reflect that no formal action was taken in the closed session, further move that the resolution certifying closed session be adopted and reflected in the minutes of this public meeting. Motions made and seconded by Ms.

[05:43:08] Rixman. Discussion on the motion? All in please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? That motion will pass 8-0-1. Will everyone please affirm? Affirm. Affirm. Affirm. Affirmed. Affirm. Affirm. Affirm. And I affirm as well. There are no motions out of closed session so I think that is it and we are adjourned. By the way, happy Mother's Day everyone.



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