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[00:06:41] is mr turner he was just here i need him to come to the dais well actually we have five so we have the five just give me a second okay well good evening supervisors good evening staff and good evening loud and i'd like to call to order the july 1st happy july everyone 2025 loudon county board of supervisors business room business meeting this room has a hearing loop please switch your hearing aid to the telecom mode if you need a headset we have those available as well please

[00:07:21] soon the clerk to my left to request one and this evening miss glass is going to lead us in words of wisdom and the pledge of allegiance miss glass thank you madam chair and madam chair i'm going to read a portion just a small portion of the declaration of independence and i believe that's a portion that you read at the hillsborough event this past weekend we hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness,

[00:07:55] that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is a right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form as to them shall seem most likely to affect their safety and happiness.

[00:08:23] Please stand for the pledge. Please join me for the Pledge of Allegiance. I pledge allegiance to the United States of America, to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

[00:08:44] Okay, all right. So I'm going to, okay. Mr. Sains will be joining us when he is able to. he'll be joining us virtually. So, presuming to Virginia code section 2.2-3703.3 of the board's rules of order, Mr. Sainz has requested to participate in this meeting by electronic communication. A physical forum of the supervisors is present in the boardroom, and the board has made arrangements for the voice of supervisor Sainz, bless you, to be heard by all persons in the boardroom. Supervisor Sainz made this request within the required timeframe, and

[00:09:24] the county attorney determined that this request meets the qualifications to participate remotely. The board will record in this minute the supervisor is saying he participates remotely from his home in Loudoun County due to a medical issue. Supervisor Kirchner has also let me know that he's going to be here late. He is, I guess a lot of the power went out in Fairfax.

[00:09:42] He was at the Fairfax County Courthouse and he was waiting to see if his case would be called because there's no power in the courthouse. of us, Letourneau may or may not be here, also depending on the weather. He has another pressing event. If the weather proceeds as it is, he may be in, but we're not quite sure yet. I will say that there is one deletion to the agenda that came very late. In fact,

[00:10:12] I just got this just now, and that is item number three, the street selection for a private right-of-way of Loyalty Road.

[00:10:29] Mr. Kirshner has asked me to defer this item to the next meeting because he feels like he'd like to do a little more work with the constituents out there on that road to get more input and feedback of what they'd like to have that road name. So that number, item number three, is being deferred to the next meeting.

[00:10:50] Are there any other additions or deletions to the agenda? Supervisor Glass? I'm sorry, madam. Okay. All right. Then the consent agenda is as follows. Item 1A, appointments and confirmations. Item 2, administrative items report of July 1st, 2025. Item 6, Ravana Innovation Station Community Development District Resolution approving the amended and restated memorandum of agreement and a master development agreement.

[00:11:17] Item 7, proposed traffic calming measures in Beacon Hill Community, that's in the Catoctin District, and by the way, Ravonna's in the Sterling District. Item 8, secondary road six-year plan, FY2026 construction improvement budget priority list as a countywide item as well.

[00:11:35] That is the consent agenda. Is there a second? Motion has been made and seconded by Supervisor Turcroni. discussion on the motion, I would just say this. On number six, the Ravana item, we have had inquiries as to whether what we passed tonight would disallow us from having a future conversation about PLAs or what's the other word? Prevailing wages or PLAs. What we're

[00:12:09] passing tonight will not interfere with our ability to have that conversation in the future. So this is really about financing more than anything else. So those are two different things. And so this will not prevent us from having that conversation later. I have received that question. Other motions? Ms. DeCrony. Thank you, Chair Randall. I want to speak about number eight, the secondary road six-year plan. The two roads I nominated for paving this

[00:12:42] year, Lena Road and Gulick Road, are located in the transition policy area. I have requested the roads to be paved similarly to Nixon Road with a top layer aggregate that mimics the look of a gravel roadway. I want to be clear that I don't support paving gravel roads in the rural policy area. I had a few people come up to me and ask about the roads that I nominated and they are mostly in the transition policy area. Loudoun's rural roads are an important part of our historic landscape and preserving these roads not only honors the county's agricultural

[00:13:22] heritage but also supports their continued use by cyclists, horseback riders, and walkers who value their unique character safety and connection to the countryside and I look forward to implementing the law that went into place in 2024 to use the secondary road funds for enhanced maintenance on unpaved roads this will allow us to kind of get over the paving cycle and more into the enhancement of these beautiful roads and I understand VDOT's doing a study which will be

[00:14:01] released later this year so I look forward to implementing the enhanced maintenance next year thank you thank you anybody else I will absolutely associate myself with everything Mr. Crony just said thank you Mr. Crony that was very well said all in favor of the consent agenda please say aye Aye. Opposed? That motion will pass. 603 with Mr. Sains, Mr. Kirscher, Ms. Letourneau being off the dais.

[00:14:26] Okay, supervisors, I have a lot going on tonight, and I usually don't do everything, but I have a lot of stuff tonight because a lot has happened. The first thing I want to do is say, during our last meeting, I was in New Orleans. I did the meeting virtually from New Orleans, and there was a motion made by Supervisor Bricksman for the Arts Commission on Arts.

[00:14:48] I actually wanted to -- had I been in the room to make that motion, so I asked her could I take that motion, which put her in kind of an untenable situation. She really couldn't say no when the chair is sitting in the wall and ask that question. So it's never my intention to put my colleagues in a tough position.

[00:15:03] So Ms. Bixman, I can't put you in a tough position, and for that I apologize. I also want to say right up front that -- and I'm saying this now and I'll say this again later -- that when we get to public comments tonight, I will first call on the people who who have signed up for public comments who want to speak on items that are on the agenda.

[00:15:24] So I will do that in that order first. If your item is speaking on the agenda or a future agenda, I'm going to call on you first and then I'll go to the call up sheet and do everybody else. Quite a few things tonight. As I said, during the last meeting, I was in New Orleans And all of you have in front of you a praline.

[00:15:45] I didn't get one for Mr. Sainz because Mr. Sainz has required and asked for beignets instead. So we're making Mr. Sainz some beignets, but everybody else got a praline. Yes, yes, because you've got to ask what you want, people.

[00:16:03] But I was at an event sponsored by the Beaumont Foundation, and I was there both for the Beaumont Foundation and with the National Association of Counties. The Beaumont Foundation has a mission to advance policies, build partnerships, and strengthen public health, and they do that through grant making.

[00:16:24] So they are a private grant maker. What has basically happened is the federal government has either stopped or clawed back a lot of the money that would have gone to nonprofits and faith-based organizations.

[00:16:40] I've said this before, if the money was allocated but not yet spent, like some of the money from the CARES Act money allocated, not yet spent, that money has been clawed back. And so nonprofits and faith-based organizations all over the country are finding they do not have the funds that they're needing to fulfill their missions.

[00:16:59] So the Beaumont Foundation was basically asking, like, how do we fill this gap, how do private nonprofits fill this gap? And in that, they also ask, how are counties working with their nonprofits? And I was really, we should all be very pleased that Loudoun County, in so many ways, is just leading the nation on our relationship with our nonprofits.

[00:17:26] I was the only county official at a conference of 800 people, And that's not because of anything I've done. It's because our staff, Monarch Spells, Margaret Graham, others have done such a great job helping us figure out how to help our nonprofits.

[00:17:44] And so I spoke for quite a long time on Loudoun's relationship of our nonprofits, how our grant program works, how we fund them, and why this year we were able and thought it was important to give an additional amount of money. I was also asked about what we're doing in Loudoun County that's really good toward health and public health. I did discuss the fact that now our health department is a county-administered health department. It's no longer state-administered health department and why we made that choice and how it's changed and what we've done with that. I also talked at some length about the

[00:18:21] fact that often when we talk about mental and behavioral health, we forget about the fact that our employees, especially our employees who work directly with clients and our first responders have to have their mental health seen to also. And so we have a person both in our fire department and our sheriff's department that is there for the clientele, that is important for the employees. That's a very big deal. And some of the other things that we've done. So it was a really, really good conference. And I was really happy to represent NACO, and Loudoun, and we should all be very proud of the work we're doing with our non-profits

[00:18:58] in Loudoun County. I was also, just to let you all know, you know that I had applied to be in the 2025-26 class of Leadership Greater Washington. I have been accepted to the class of Leadership Greater Washington. We had our first kickoff beaten on the 25th. The full class will start meeting on a regular basis in September. The tuition for that was \$7,200. That did come out of my office budget. So I've said that before. I'm going to say it again because I would hate for somebody to not have that clear. It's about the 10th time I've said

[00:19:36] this. Two hours ago, we had the NACO Policy and Steering Committee meeting. So just to, if people don't know what that is, NACO, the National Association of Counties, the steering committee of NACO kind of acts like the, if you have the president of NACO who's now named James Gore, the steering committee is kind of his cabinet. And then the board is kind of like the Congress, if you think of it like that. So we had the steering committee discussion because there were so many things for us to discuss. And I'm just going to go over a little

[00:20:13] bit of the things that we discussed and that were really important. Today the Senate did pass the one big beautiful bill and now it goes back to the house and there are a lot of things in that bill that are going to if it does pass will very much impact county governments the big beautiful bill is three times the size of the american rescue plan and it is 10 times the size of the biden infrastructure bill it is an enormous mammoth bill it affects fema the farm bill whether or not rural schools will be secure and have funding.

[00:20:52] It has discussion on federal lands. It has asked that NEPA, which is the environmental review, be decentralized so that each federal agency has their own environmental review and there's not one environmental review for everyone. We discussed the sanctuary cities list, which is not really a real thing, and that there were counties on this sanctuary city list that didn't have -- that weren't sanctuary cities, and there's no, there's actually nothing, there's actually no real definition around what sanctuary city is, and so they're put on this list and we discussed that.

[00:21:28] We discussed whether or not counties, cities, towns, but especially counties, will receive federal funding if we are required to do something different with DEIA requirements and how different counties are going to handle that.

[00:21:43] We are trying to, they will try to walk us through all the various court rulings when we get to NACO, and I'll talk about that in a second, the committee, the steering committees will meet and we'll walk through the various court rulings. We did discuss in great detail the intersections between federal government and state government.

[00:22:01] What we know right now is this, if the one big beautiful bill does pass, a trillion dollars of cost will be moved from federal governments to state governments and county governments, a trillion dollars. That trillion dollars is just Medicaid and SNAP. So a trillion dollars from just Medicaid and SNAP will be moved from federal government to state government.

[00:22:23] It is really possible that it would be more than that from other places, but just from those two things. This is happening in two ways. One, the cost to administer SNAP right now is a 50-50 cost. The state pays 50%, the federal government pays 50%. What the one big beautiful bill does is make that a 75-25 and so the state will pay 25%, the federal government takes, the state will pay 75%, the federal government pays 25% and then they will roll those costs down to counties. What one person said is in the end what you're

[00:23:02] really talking about is what will be a county's tax rate. What will be our personal property tax rate? What will be our real property tax rate? Because if we have to absorb, and we will, some of these costs that the state is not going to absorb, then we're going to have to impact our tax rate. And the way they've done it is they did not make any new requirements for people to be on Medicaid or be on SNAP or change the per capita allowance. They didn't do anything different. They just simply said the federal government's not going to pay for it, the state governments are going to pay for it, the counties are going to pay for

[00:23:38] it. So there's no, there's just passing the, it's just a cost shift. And so we know that is for sure. The CBO has said that the one big beautiful bill will cost \$3.8 trillion to our deficit over the next 10 years, \$3.8 trillion over the next 10 years. I will say that there were some things that NACO has really pushed for, three things in particular that have really been very successful, and we got it pulled out of the bill.

[00:24:11] One of them was very, very important to Loudoun County. So one of them was we did protect the tax-exempt mutual bonds, and so when we do bonding, they will still be tax-exempt. Mr. Hemstree, I remember the day that that came up, and I called you.

[00:24:29] I was like, what does this mean? what are we doing? And you sat with me and walked me through that. And so that when I went back to NACA, I could really kind of talk with some level of authority. So I do appreciate that. And that was put out of the bill. And so right now, the tax exempt mutual

bond was pulled out. The low income tax credit was made permanent. That's a good thing. But the thing that really impacts Loudoun the most, and so I've been, although this is not my committee, I've been speaking about this the most, there was a proposed 10-year moratorium on any state and county to put regulations on AI, including anything that happens with data centers, and so for 10 years, we would

[00:25:08] not be able to regulate anything with our data centers if our data centers controlled AI, and of course, all of the data centers do AI, and so that was pulled out of the bill, so there is not a moratorium at all, as of right now, unless it gets put back in, which would be just terrible for us to not be able to have regulations on our data centers because they do AI. So that was pulled out and I had a lot of help from people in NACO doing that, but that was a huge one for Loudoun County. If anyone wants to be on Supervisors, there's a

[00:25:45] webinar at 3 o'clock on Monday about the impacts to counties of the One Big Beautiful Bill. If you'd like to be on that webinar, I will send you the link so everyone can be on that webinar. NACO starts on the 11th. I am going to NACO, of course, on the 11th. I'm going to drive this time because I'm told Philly is three and a half hours away, so hopefully that's a true statement.

[00:26:11] So we're driving to NACO this year. And I do want to say that I am putting two resolutions into NACO. And I say that because although I do it as the chair of the steering committee, I'm still the chair of Loudoun County. So the two resolutions I'm putting in NACO, and if they pass the committee and they go to the full board, the full body, then they go, they're placed before Congress. And so these are things that are coming out of the office of the chair of Loudoun County that could go before Congress. The first one is to say that Congress

[00:26:45] will be required to gather and disseminate correct, fact-based, evidence-based information on vaccinations in America, here at the end. What do they do, what do they not do, whether or not they have any impact on people who are on the autism spectrum, that's the first one.

[00:27:09] The second one, well, Congress would be required to collect and disseminate and put out to the public any information on fluoride treatments because so many counties right now are taking fluoride out of the water. So I'm asking for those two bills through the Health Steering Committee to go into NACO to go to Congress. Finally, there was a very long conversation on the safety of elected officials. I will have that conversation a little bit more with my colleagues and with the staff, but I did want to say that that conversation was held as well.

[00:27:48] Wow. So that's all. And that's all the things that were going on. So thank you. And now I'm going to do my voice for a cause. My voice for a cause today is Healing House. Healing House mission, they were founded in 2013. It's a Loudoun County-based nonprofit whose mission is to improve the lives of children with special needs through the use of animal-assisted interactions.

[00:28:12] Healing House provides children services, dog obedience training program, service dog training and more to help support kids in need throughout the Washington, D.C. area and they're located here in Loudoun County. Today with us is the Healing House Executive Founder, Kathy Bennebaugh.

[00:28:29] You came without dogs. We are a little shocked by that. We have to come back again another time with some dogs. thank you for coming. So, first question is, what inspired you to be the founder of Healing House and focus on animal therapy for kids who are under 18 years old? Well, first of all, I want to thank you guys very much for having me and apologize for not having the dog. Right about now, we can all

use one. So, I started out, actually, my career as an animal trainer and opened up a business doing animal training and then felt like I really wanted to give back. So, I took some therapy dog classes

[00:29:06] with my own dog and got involved in that world and saw that there was just a real need in our community for dogs that were going to be going out there and just making people feel a lot better and be able to bring that into schools, into libraries.

[00:29:22] I have some experience with working with children with special needs and saw that there's just a magic between the two, the animals and the children, that it's hard to describe until you actually see it happening and there's no one else that was doing it in our community and so we thought well let's give it a whirl and we had our 10-year anniversary last year which is exciting and yeah got our 501c3 and incorporated and we are off and running so we now have programs with therapy dogs and like I said we go into schools we have about a half a dozen schools in Loudoun County currently and we go into libraries on the weekends help kids learn to read and to read out

[00:30:01] loud and it's amazing to see the difference between when the dogs are there and when they're not for the children and their literacy and we have a service dog program and we provide service dogs for children between the ages of about 6 and 18 and we do mobility and autism and psychiatric service dogs and we actually now have a facility dog program so I don't know someone some of you might have seen our our facility dogs in the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department so they're they're helping yeah kiddos do um depositions and making statements and and you know testifying and pretty tough times so the dogs have really been helping out there so you asked my first

[00:30:40] three questions all at one time no that's good that's good you just you just went on and took care of it for me so i appreciate that all that you haven't answered yet is what's the best way for people to get a hold of you well through our website is the best ways which is healinghouse.org and it's h-e-e-l so and that was on purpose dog healing um and everything that can can be found through there so our phone number our our email um it has a lot of information about all of our programs as well and it comes right to our phones so you can get a hold of us pretty quickly healinghouse.org healinghouse.org i'm going to ask you a question that wasn't on the paper and

[00:31:18] so i apologize but i have a feeling that this gentleman to my right might want to have to have this question and ask. If you have a dog, like your dog started, how do you get, like you think you're a pet? You think Sailor from Mrs. Brixman's dog or Maggie, Mr. Turner's dog or, what's your dog's name, Mr. Crone? Oh, Buddy. Buddy. If somebody wants to have, is that the dog that knocked me over? That was Giggs. Not him then. How would they get their dog that they thought that was good involved in and and and being a service dog so we actually

[00:31:58] have classes specifically for that and we can start at any level so whether someone's starting at the very beginning with basic classes or if your dog already has some education behind them and just needs to learn the actual therapy dog part of it we teach group courses actually i will be your teacher if you sign up for that and then we do six week courses and at the end of the course gets you ready for an evaluation and once you pass the evaluation then you can join Healing House or you can go anywhere in the community or a different community and volunteer wherever you want. Wonderful. Thank you so much. I wheeled out clapping two times in the boardroom and this is

[00:32:34] one of them. Thank you very much. Thank you again. Thank you. Mr. Hamstreet, do you have anything today? Thank you, Madam Chair. I have four items for today. The first is that with a flood watch

and severe thunderstorm watch in effect for Loudoun through this evening.

[00:32:53] It's a good time to remind everyone to turn around, don't drown. Never drive or walk through flooded streets or roadways. Many people underestimate the force of power of water, which can have tragic consequences. Each year, more deaths occur due to flooding than from any other thunderstorm-related hazard.

[00:33:11] More safety information is online at [loudoun.gov slash storms](https://loudoun.gov/slash/storms). Second, I'm pleased to announce that the National Association of Counties has recognized Loudoun County with seven achievement awards, which honor innovative, effective county government programs.

[00:33:27] Loudoun's award-winning programs for 2025 represent a wide range of services, including economic development, foster care, libraries, and substance abuse prevention. Details can be found at [loudoun.gov slash awards](https://loudoun.gov/slash/awards). Third, the Area Agency on Aging is seeking the public's input into its four-year service plan, which will detail how the agency will address the needs of older adults, adults with disabilities, and caregivers in Loudoun.

[00:33:54] Residents may attend an in-person meeting at the agency's office in Leesburg, July 17th at 10 a.m. They may also submit comments online through July 29th. Details are available at [loudoun.gov slash AAA](https://loudoun.gov/slash/AAA). And then finally, Ready, Set, Design, the Office of Elections and Voter Registration is sponsoring an I Voted sticker contest.

[00:34:17] The winning designs will be distributed to voters in the November general election. The deadline to enter design is July 31st. Eight finalists will be selected, followed by an online vote to determine the three winning entries. More information, including the contest guidelines, may be found at [loudon.gov slash voter sticker contest](https://loudon.gov/slash/voter-sticker-contest).

[00:34:36] Those are my ideas for this evening, Chair Randall. Thank you very much, Mr. Hemsworth. I appreciate that. Supervisors, we actually do not have any information items tonight, and so we're going to go straight to our action items before we take our dinner break. And during our dinner break, we will do one closed session, and then we'll do the other two at the end of the meeting.

[00:34:54] That's how we'll do that tonight. So let's go on and take – so item four was on consent. Mr. Vice Chair Turner pulled it off consent for, I thought, really great questions. And so the staff will come to the table, so we can do item four, please. which is the Loudoun County Transit Service Change Equity Analysis Planned Leesburg On-Demand Microtransit Pilot.

[00:35:22] So good evening, Madam Chair and members of the Board. Thank you for the opportunity to speak this evening. We do not have anything additional to add to the item as presented, and we can make ourselves available for any questions you may have.

[00:35:41] Supervisors, I think, Mr. Turner, you did send out, didn't you send out all the questions you had? Did you send those out? Or did my staff give them to me? I think my staff gave them to me. Maybe I had them. But thank you. Mr. Turner, I'll go, Vice Chair Turner, I'm sorry. I'll go to you first because you did ask for this to be off consent.

[00:36:00] Before I do that, Mr. Brown, is this item, does it have like a critical action date as far as when it gets implemented or when it doesn't get implemented? So what is before the board this evening is just

acceptance of the Title VI analysis for the microtransit project or the microtransit pilot, which the board had previously approved and staff is moving forward on.

[00:36:27] But it's like there's any money connected to that, any grant money, so there's nothing connected to it that if we didn't do it tonight, if we didn't say yes tonight, more questions would be asked. It's not critical that it gets disposed of tonight. So I'm going to defer to Gladys from a technicality what the federal government requires.

[00:36:45] Hi. Regarding the grant, I think you're questioning whether there's a grant being held. Yeah. Yeah. So we actually received the grant with the DRPT. Oh, okay. The CTB, I believe they announced about a week ago that we do have funding for this on-demand microtransit pilot.

[00:37:02] So it's not, your approval tonight will not hold up that grant funding. And it will not pull it back either? No, ma'am. Okay, wonderful. Thank you very much. That is exactly what I was talking about. Thank you. Mr. Turner. Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Brown, thanks for the email. I just skimmed it, but I do appreciate the quick turn on this. He and I spoke earlier today by phone. My concern is the underlying, the baseline presumption of the equity analysis. As I understand it, the equity analysis compares census block demographic data for diversity populations

[00:37:39] and low-income populations to the same population demographic makeup of the bus service line. And if the bus service line comes within no more than 5% over the diverse population percentage or the low-income population, then it is considered to be equitable, to not have an equity issue.

[00:38:02] My concern with that is it simply takes into account the unique geographic location of the line compared to the census block it doesn't account at all for the demographic of the actual riders on the bus so if you are in a bus area that is less than five percent different than the census block in terms of diversity and low income that's fine but what if 90 percent of your low income or diverse populations use the bus that's lost on that equity analysis and what concerned me about that and I talked with Mr. Brown about that and I said my impression was when

[00:38:40] the Finance Committee approved it and when we approved it at the board that we were going to beta test a micro transit model as a supplement to the transit service not eliminate routes 55 and 56 entirely and replace them with the micro transit service and I'm concerned that that could have a as yet unmeasured impact on the riders who use line 55 and 56. Mr. Brown suggested that we and I won't put words in your mouth so correct me if I do suggested that you can't run an effective pilot

[00:39:15] if you also have the bus line running at the same time. You have to have an either or situation so you can gather valuable data. I can live with that. I'm okay with that. What I'm concerned about is and like Mr. Brown said if you if you change the transit line you'll know immediately if people are not happy but i really want to monitor the impact on the existing ridership on lines 55 and 56 if in fact we are anticipating stopping those lines and replacing with microtransit i'm not convinced that the equity analysis analysis actually captures the equity impact i think

[00:39:51] it's a flawed analysis i'll be voting no on this recognizing it's largely a ceremonial vote just to make the point that I don't think that analysis is accurate I think we need to test the demographics on the actual buses and with that I'll shut up and let you respond thank you and thank you Vice Chair Turner I think and I appreciate the conversation that we had earlier the criteria and how the so in 2022 the board

approved the the equity analysis criteria for the county. But how the analysis is performed is largely a federally driven process. So I

[00:40:28] think that the conversation may be a very long conversation that we should have about is there a better way that Loudoun County can go above and beyond that to really capture. We'll still have to meet that criteria and perform the analysis that the federal government requires for that. But maybe there's a better way for us to go deeper and really capture the essence of what your concerns are. And I think that's valid. I think we can, you know, this is a community that we serve and i think that we can go above and beyond to make sure that it doesn't have deleterious impacts or disparate impacts on on some of our communities to your point the pilot project is built to have two full months and it could be longer

[00:41:10] to where they are running tandem or cooperating so that we can educate inform receive positive feedback or constructive feedback from the ridership and get them the riders that are interested in transitioning to a an on-demand program prepared to do so and if it is a very negative response that is also a data set that we clean from a pilot project and we would not if we were receiving a negative response from the ridership we would not make the transition that is a data point that we would use and continue with the cooperating we don't envision that

[00:41:48] happening because other communities throughout the country in urbanized areas have seen huge large success with this and in fact seen service levels increase and improve for example right now 55 and 56 routes 55 and 56 are running sadly on average about 40 to 45 to 50 minutes time of the wait time right what the analysis has indicated if a on-demand program is implemented I'm hoping that Scott is if Scott's nodding I'm saying it right if it's

[00:42:21] implemented, we could actually reduce those wait times to about 20 minutes. That's our goal, right? And the other nice thing about it is it can reduce the ride time, because instead of having to ride the full route to get to where you want to go, the rider is able to select where they want to be picked up, select where they want to go, and it's a more direct route, so it's a more efficient ride time. But the first two months is, and the outreach and communication plan that staff has put together with a consultant and with PAC is phenomenal, and I will tell you it's intense with constant feedback, surveying with riders, and the education multi-language

[00:43:01] outreach. So, we're very optimistic that the pilot itself is going to deliver some very positive results. I know your question in particular is about the efficacy of the Title VI analysis, but it's also uh i guess we would lend lend our assurances to the board that that first two months is that outreach education and testbed to see if the receptivity of the ridership was was in fact there and if it is not there we're not just going to pull a lever and say good luck have fun so um that's where we are as as as staff implementing your direction thank you very much

[00:43:38] miss glass thank you madam chair and i had the the same feelings that um vice chair turner had um with this um and you were just saying that you're going to do an outreach so is that after the the program is set in place or are you um doing an outreach now um for discussion because i'm thinking of um the homeless shelter um and whether they may feel like the demand services need would better serve them so the part of the pilot project itself is the outreach so

[00:44:17] We will have both services running for the first two months. And during that time, so they can choose the traditional route or they can go to the on-demand. They'll have that choice. Nothing changes for them, except we now have added for the first two full months this additional service that they can,

we're hoping that they can get comfortable with over that two-month period and choose to use that versus the traditional rigid local fixed route.

[00:44:42] And that has an immense and intense outreach campaign during those first two months. And also the jail is there in that area on that route. So have we confirmed whether the sheriff's office would allow people be released from the adult detention center to call transit in order to schedule a ride?

[00:45:01] Because I understand that they typically only allow people one phone call that's a collect call. So I'm concerned about the folks that may need transit from the jail system.

[00:45:16] Those are valid concerns. We're actually thinking about those two, specifically for those two areas where the homeless shelter is, the youth shelter is, the ADC is. One of the things we're thinking about doing, and this is why it's a pilot, so that we can start to adjust and adapt on certain things, we may put a fixed stop in there and just have, even though they're on-demand buses, go through there once every 30 minutes or so just to make sure we get everybody, which is better than the once every hour that it comes by now.

[00:45:52] So it's one of the things in the pilot that we have to, once we start up and running and get going, it's one of the analysis we have to make, and then we can adjust the system accordingly for each of the different zones as the Microsoft pilot starts to move forward.

[00:46:08] the data we collect. Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Crony. Thank you, Chair Randall. So I just had a question about the ADA vans. I understand two have been eliminated or with the wheelchair accessible van. I guess there's only one. So I just want to understand because, you know, people with mobility issues, I would think we'd want to make sure we were serving that community.

[00:46:35] So I'm going to ask Scott to respond to that because the five fully EV paratransit vans that we have, they call them my vans, but they are not the most attractive vans out there, but they are very effective and efficient.

[00:46:50] So Mr. Gross, I'll let you speak to that. Yes. So the original five minivans that came in for the pilot were not wheelchair accessible. So we worked with RideCo, our app. We can identify, we can put one of the paratransit vans in, so we'll operate three vehicles at a time starting out.

[00:47:12] One of them will always be a wheelchair vehicle. So as the customers interact and they enter their information in, it asks them if they're a wheelchair customer. If it does, it automatically assigns them that vehicle and sends it over to them. And that's how we're handling that piece.

[00:47:29] The other set to that is that because virtual stops are not, may not necessarily be ADA compliant, when they do, when a wheelchair customer does enter an on-demand call, it actually takes them curb to curb as opposed to virtual bus stop to virtual bus stop.

[00:47:45] That's a product of the app. Thank you. Ms. Bricksman. Thank you. You answered a good number of my questions. I'm glad to hear that the two programs will operate in tandem for two months.

[00:48:00] That was worrisome to me. Um, I, I noticed, and I also had a question about the, the ADA compliant vans. Um, also it appears that, um, well, first of all, that they have the people who are going to be using this microtransit, they are going to have to have an app on their phone.

[00:48:19] You have the option you can call. Okay. Um, but the app certainly is, is the most efficient way to do so, but we have a mechanism for them to call. Okay, great. And then it appears that the trips each week

were reduced from like 300-something to 235, the weekly trips.

[00:48:40] What happens if we go over the 235? Will we add trips in the pilot? Yes, we have additional equipment that we will throw onto the routes if we need them as we're going. That's exactly why we have the pilot in place to kind of see how many bands we can start with and then what we need to grow into.

[00:48:58] Okay. Thank you. I actually really appreciate this map with all the pickup spots. That was really helpful to me to just make me feel more secure that there's a lot of places for people to get picked up. So thank you. It sounds like you guys have really, really done a lot of work on this. I appreciate it. Thank you.

[00:49:15] My only question is, when the customer does enter an order, if they are not speaking English, is there a way to do that in different languages? And if they have a disability that interferes with their ability to speak, then they type it in in their language, do you have ADA-compliant receiving equipment?

[00:49:43] So I'm going to try to understand that question. It's going to operate the exact same way our paratransit service operates now. It's the same app. It's the same setup. So essentially, if there's a customer that has trouble with the app, whether it's language-related or whether it's ability-related, they can call, and then we have LEP help at the actual reservation center, which is open to be able to handle those calls and take care of those customers.

[00:50:15] Okay. That's a good answer. Before, I think I'll be the one making a motion here because I don't think it's a countywide issue, so I'll make a motion. I will say this, Mr. Gross, you and I have had so many of these conversations about transit in general, and I will say that your commitment to doing transit for the elderly and doing transit for people with disabilities has been unmatched, And you and I, going back quite a while, have had these conversations.

[00:50:50] And it feels like that so much of what we talked about before, what we had to change or do differently so that we made sure that anyone who needed transit, which is a lot of people, had it. And that this was one of the, maybe it's appropriate to say failings that we had in the county before for all the reasons that we've talked about.

[00:51:13] But you have been just a champion in saying that we need to have transit for elderly, people with disabilities, for people who are everywhere. And, you know, as you just said, have something that has a fixed route that goes to the homeless shelter, have a fixed route that goes to the nonprofits, all those types of things.

[00:51:33] I remember having these discussions with you a long time ago, and you have made it happen, and I really, really do appreciate that. All right. You've already asked a question. I'm going to make a motion. i'd like to make an alternate motion madam chair i'd like to make an alternate motion send it to tluck uh let me make the motion and then if you want to well the thing is that alternate motion to the motion is actually i wouldn't i would consider that a a contrary because this actually

[00:52:04] is a motion to pass it um can you can you okay um i i think i should make the packet motion first okay so let me just do that and with the board supervisor except allowed in carrying transit Title VI service equity announces improve the report Loudoun County Transit service change equity announces planned on planned Leesburg on-demand microtransit pilot as Provided as attachment one to the July 1st 2025 was advised this business meeting action item and Incorporated here on by reference, okay motions made in seconded

[00:52:42] I will give I will yield my time for my first three minutes on discussion on the motion to ask you Why do you want to make a motion to send this to TLUC? Thank you, Madam Chair. Well, I would like to send this to TLUC.

[00:53:02] I think removing the weekday bus service in Leesburg specifically for Route 56 needs further consideration and a recommendation from the committee. Route 56 is a route that goes to Russ Library, the Government Center, and the Office of Elections, And I think more importantly, the homeless center and the adult detention center, a bus that comes regularly by the homeless shelter in the ADU, I feel might better serve those populations on a demand service.

[00:53:32] So if someone is released from ADU, they might not have a working phone in order to call for transit service. ADC, the adult detention center? I'm sorry, ma'am. Released from where? The ADC, the adult detention center?

[00:53:50] Yes. Okay. Yes. They may not have a working phone in order to call for transit service. They do not charge your cell phone if you have spent the night in jail. Okay, I'm going to reclaim my time because I'm going to vote to pass it tonight.

[00:54:08] If it doesn't pass, we can send it to TLOC. What normally happens when somebody is coming out of jail, they usually have, well, if somebody's been in jail for a long time or even a couple of weeks, they usually have a release plan. They don't just have people, like, walk out of the Sally Port and they have nowhere to go.

[00:54:25] That's not what happens. In fact, they often say, like, who is your pickup? And so that's a release plan. Now, if it's somebody that's been, like, in the tank overnight because they were just drying out, maybe, maybe not. They'll probably hand them back their cell phone and make a phone call for them. I don't know that we need to send us a T-Luck for that purpose.

[00:54:41] I've never heard that be an issue before. And believe me, I'm very, very, very, very conscious and aware of people who are being released from an incarcerated setting. But normally, the ADC and our ADC, we have people in the ADC who do whole release plans.

[00:54:58] When you step out that Saturday port at 12.01 a.m., what's going to happen? Which is usually when you step out the Saturday port, by the way, 12.01 a.m., what's going to happen? And so I'm going to – I think we've been in this for a long time, and we've been doing this for a long time.

[00:55:14] And that alone would not be a reason to not send it to TLUC, but in my opinion, I believe this is a good item right now. If it doesn't pass, then I'll vote to send it to TLUC, that's fine.

[00:55:32] But right now, I think it's a good item. I think all the questions that we answered were great questions. I do want to see something that goes near the homeless shelter. That's a big one. but i think overall that this is this item you got well i put like this you've answered the questions i had i i was concerned about i'll leave it at that so um that you were in my time so if you want to talk some more you can like i gave you my time for that miss brixman so we're voting on the motion to approve yes yes um staff has answered all my questions um i was a little bit

[00:56:07] nervous about some of the new stuff that i read but i'm happy to support thank you miss umstep thank you madam chair i really want to thank staff for a really really good analysis a good report

i've seen mr gross work extraordinarily closely with um jennifer montgomery at loud and hunger relief with our latino ministers in the county to make sure that information gets out to all

[00:56:42] parts of our community about what kind of services we provide. This is something that will solve the problem that I've seen many older residents on fixed incomes, low fixed incomes, deal with where they wanted this kind of service, but they couldn't get it in the past. And I think this is just a really good idea and i think staff has thoroughly analyzed all the critical elements of

[00:57:22] it so i am very happy to support this thank you mr turner thank you madam chair um i won't support it but i'm confident it's going to pass and um uh i just i don't i don't agree with the analysis of the equity study we talked about that but i think the way you're setting up the program is is totally fine and i wouldn't support senator tuck for the purpose of not deleting one of the two lines i think you made your case that you have to delete the two lines in order to have the beta work so i can buy that and i i won't support it but i'm pretty sure it's going to pass okay all right all right i made the motion that was seconded by miss bricks but i do believe all people say aye

[00:58:01] Aye. Opposed? No. All right. That motion will pass, I believe, 4-2-3 with Mr. Turner and Ms. Glass voting no, and then my three colleagues being off the dais. Thank you very much. We appreciate it.

[00:58:20] The next item I am so excited about is the tiny home study. Woo-hoo! You know, I have been surprised. A lot of people have no idea what the tiny homes today look like, and it's, you know, it's been so interesting. Yes.

[00:58:37] I can't hear you. Yeah, we are. Because they want to go home. Hello, hello.

[00:58:56] Good afternoon, Chair Randall and board members. To my immediate right, you already left, excuse me, already know Mr. Dan Galindo director of planning and zoning to my immediate right we have Mr. Reagan the assistant director of housing and community development and to his immediate right we have miss Rebecca King who is the senior planner with DPZ and also serves as the planning and zoning liaison to the affordable dwelling unit advisory board or also known as a dweb wonderful thank you all for

[00:59:36] being here at your business meeting on may 6 of this year the board authorized the a dweb's development of a tiny homes white paper and direct the staff to work with the a dweb and return to the board with the proposed scope after the board's meeting the a dweb's ad hoc committee on tiny homes convened and drafted a scope that was ultimately recommended for approval by the full a dweb in june this scope is attached to this evening's action item it is the a dweb's desire to provide a comprehensive review of what a tiny home development could look like in louden county

[01:00:13] components of this scope include how tiny homes are defined tenure options purchase rental transitional housing how tiny homes are financed the land use considerations needed for this type of development case studies using examples from around the country and a specific model based in northern county that will serve as an example of a hypothetical development in the county and include land use zoning and other practical considerations per additional guidance provided by the board and may this paper will include a case study of the community first village in Austin

[01:00:51] Texas and this paper will not propose the provision of tiny homes in the rural policy area. The AIDWAB continues to proudly serve the board and its mission to support the full continuing of housing opportunities in the county. At this time, staff will gladly take any questions that you may have. So let's take questions in the motion, guys. So I hope about that. So I'm with the board of supervisors to approve the

proposed scope for a tiny home white paper as shown in attachment one, the July 1st, 2025 board supervisor's business meeting action item. Motion made and second by

[01:01:27] So first of all, I do want to say that Mr. Sains is somebody, although he can't be here, he would absolutely support this, and he was one of the first people to start talking about tiny homes. We saw some examples at, I think it was a NACO conference where he went and looked at this, and he started talking about it, and then I went and talked to AWAP.

[01:01:47] It's been interesting to find out, because I'm now down the tiny home rabbit hole, I mean, all the different types of homes that can be tiny homes and what cannot be, like, you know, things on wheels cannot be tiny homes because those are considered motor homes.

[01:02:03] So, actually, those are technically personal property tax and all this kind of stuff. The other thing that I don't know that I've heard you say this, George, is that there could be some restrictions through, like, the Department of Family Services of who can live in a tiny home.

[01:02:24] For instance, if it is a brother and sister of a certain age, I don't know if they can share a bedroom period and how many bedrooms at a time. So check out the DFS standards as well. I think that those are kind of ridiculous standards, but anyway, if they're the standards, they're the standards. I am real excited because, you know, I think, you know, when you go look at what tiny homes actually are, the two sets of people who normally benefit from, well, three sets from tiny homes are, one people who usually are single people who are individuals who are often coming out of a life crisis and it's and it's a good way to get them in a home that's back on their feet and they're

[01:03:02] and they're very nice um tiny places to live but they're very nice so that's one two are elderly people often if it's a one level um because they don't want to be in a large home they don't want to have been so this is there's a zero lot line um they you know they they want to have their own space but there are a lot there are some tiny home communities that are senior living tiny home communities and so instead of having like independent apartments in the building they have their own little tiny home in the community I love that and then thirdly often as kids who are right coming right out of high school not right high school right out of college who just

[01:03:39] you know may not want to do an apartment and don't have any money yet and they can do a tiny home and so it's a great place to start or sometimes a great way to restart your life when you really look at them so I really encourage everyone to not look just at what the square foot of a tiny home is but go look at them for real because they're really they have all this new tiny home furniture that you know it was a bed now it's a table now it's an ironing board I mean all this kind of stuff that you can do with them and so they're really really unique unique little homes that really can change people's lives at the right moment that we need to.

[01:04:15] So I appreciate this, and I know Mr. Sainz would say he does as well. Mr. Crony? Thank you, Chair Randall. Yeah, Supervisor Sainz showed me that village in Texas. That is the door, the community first village. So that looks amazing, that little community.

[01:04:34] I mean, it's a very vibrant community. So my question is, are we going to focus on the non-mobile housing that meets the building codes? Is that going to be our focus, that kind of permanent housing? I don't know if it's going to be a focus, but it's going to be definitely provided as an option so that you all have the information.

[01:04:54] To meet the building codes. Yeah, exactly. That would be more of my concern is that we should be meeting the building codes. The hypothetical model, is there an opportunity to actually do a real model? Are we going to start with a hypothetical? Because we've been land banking for affordable housing, so.

[01:05:10] The hypothetical as of right now would be just kind of a, like you said, just a hypothetical of what it would look like at this point being as part of the white paper. But could it be described further into, you know, further detail? Yeah, because we have been, the board has started land banking for affordable housing.

[01:05:28] So it would be amazing to find a site where we could do a village, you know, so it's not just hypothetical, but we could do a pilot, a real pilot. so thank you very much i look forward to the report and the white paper wonderful all right i made the motion seconded by miss um um stat all in favor to say aye any opposed that motion will pass 603 thank you very much thank you very very much all right supervisors we're we need to like just burn off a little time because um either that or we can do the the the two closed sessions

[01:06:03] right now how about we do that how about we do both the closed sessions one and two was we can do that right now and then we only have the one closed session left and then we come back out we can do public comments okay all right so mr.

[01:06:20] mr. Turner can you please read us into the first two closed sessions I move that the Board of Supervisors recess this public meeting and enter into closed session pursuant to section 2.2 37 11 a 3 of the code of Virginia to consider acquisition disposition of parcels of property for a public use in the broad run election district i move that the board of supervisors i further move that the board of supervisors recess this public meeting and enter into closed session pursuant to section 2.2 37 11 a 3 of the code of virginia to consider acquisition disposition of parcels of property for a public use in the leesburg election district which is

[01:06:59] made and seconded by Supervisor, I think, I think it was Mr. Crony's name to say something. Any discussion? All in favor say aye. Aye. Opposed? That motion passed 603. I want to say it one more time before we go to closed session. When we come out of closed session and do public comments, I'm going to call first people who have signed up for public comments that are on the agenda tonight or an agenda that is coming up soon. I'm just

[01:07:26] say it again. All right, we are in closed session. Please. Thank you. All right, we are back out of

[01:46:10] closed session, and Mr. Turner is going to read us out of closed session. I move that the closed session be adjourned, that the Board of Supervisors reconvenes its public meeting, that the minutes of the public meeting should reflect that no formal action was taken in the closed session, and further move that the resolution certifying the closed session be adopted and reflected in the minutes of this public meeting what's the main second by supervisor bricksman um before i do discussion on the motion mr sayings are you with us yes i'm here can you hear me i can hear you so discussion

[01:46:44] on the motion from mr sayings mr kirschner and mr letourneau mr kirschner no you want me to this you want me to suppose whatever yeah yeah i i was not in the original vote to go to closed session but i came into closed session at 5 33. that's correct mr letourneau yeah i also missed the initial vote to enter into closed session but i joined the closed session at 5 25 p.m thank you and mr sayings and same

here missed the original vote to go in the closed session but entered into closed session at 5 20 p.m
wonderful wonderful wonderful thank you gentlemen um so now we have

[01:47:22] everyone on the dais um any other discussion on the motion all in favor please say aye any
opposed that motion will pass unanimously will everyone please affirm mr sayings will you please affirm
from when you were in yeah affirm at 5 20 p.m affirm affirm affirm affirm affirm thank you thank you very
much everyone supervisors we have um i affirm we have quite a few speakers on cross meal so i'm not
going to take cross meal yet because we have so many speakers on cross meal

[01:47:59] but we cannot do um we cannot do um public comments until six o'clock and so i'm going to go
on and take the last item our last item which is the transmission item and then we will we will go back and
do cross mail after the after um we uh do our public speaking comments okay so would everyone please
would the staff please come to the table to do the marsville tuition star transmission line will you please
come to the table for that and then we'll go from there to do public comments

[01:48:33] okay are you by yourself or did i call you guys too fast is it just you okay are we waiting for

[01:48:44] anybody else you got it okay yes we could have done board comments but that may not have
taken

[01:49:26] us all the time but we'll do this right now since we're ready to go mr kroboth let's come down
all right well i'll give you a quick overview so um i'm pat julio with department planning um also with me
is joe kroboth as you know um tonight i'm going to provide you a brief overview of the morrisville a
Wishing Star Transmission Line project proposed by Dominion Energy and the item seeks guidance for
the county's position identifying and supporting the use of the existing high voltage transmission corridor
as the preferred route. So the project is a 4.8 mile project which originates at the

[01:50:03] Prince William County line and follows an existing high voltage transmission corridor to the
Wishing Star substation south of Brambleton. The Wreck and Rebuild project proposes to remove the
existing 125 foot tall lattice towers and replace them with 156 foot tall monopole structures within the 250
foot transmission right-of-way the only the majority of the route remains within that 250 foot right-of-way
except for three locations that are proposed for expansion which adjoin the loudon

[01:50:38] mosby substation near the prince william county line so the graphic you see illustrates the the
proposed construction details for the wreck and rebuild project with the three proposed monopoles
superimposed over the existing lattice towers which will be located within the 250 foot right of way.

[01:50:58] The project will provide an additional 500 kilowatt transmission line to the existing pair of 500
and 230 kilovolt transmission lines. The county's electrical policies identify co-location with existing high
voltage transmission lines as the county's first preference to expand capacity before considering
alternative routes for new transmission lines.

[01:51:21] County staff has reviewed the proposed wreck and rebuild projects and supports the use of the
existing transmission corridor to provide additional electrical capacity. County staff recommends that the
board affirm the county's position supporting the project and the use of the existing transmission corridor
as the county's preferred route.

[01:51:38] Staff further recommends that the board direct Dominion to conduct additional public
outreach and web updates to inform the community of project milestones so with that concludes the

presentation so guys do you think we can do this inside the motion i think we probably can okay yeah i think we probably can sure thank you madam chair um i move the board of supervisors affirm the county's position utilizing the existing transmission corridor right away for the morrisville to wishing line transmission line project as the county's preferred route i further move the board of supervisors direct staff to send a letter to dominion energy requesting periodic public meetings and web page updates with information on the state corporation commission hearing process

[01:52:17] project schedule and construction details for the transmission line projects motion is made and seconded by supervisor bricksman no no it was not me oh that was you supervisor the crony i'm sorry your light was that's right that was your supervisor the crony okay um discussion on the motion mr um letourneau yeah when supervisor to crony and i asked to bring this on the agenda this was sort of a five alarm fire 911 type of situation because dominion had unbeknownst to us been working on an alternative route that literally sort of deviates to the south and then

[01:52:53] goes essentially up through a bunch of neighborhoods extremely close if not directly impacting residential homes and that alternative is was highly unacceptable to anybody who saw it and frustrating because we had had discussions with dominion for literally years going back on this project and this came out of the blue at the last minute that there was these alternatives that they were they were considering the reason they were considering them is because they were concerned that the wreck and rebuild process would take too much capacity offline they have since

[01:53:29] continued apparently conversations with pjw and have received assurances that they do not need to submit the alternative routes and in fact they will include them as routes considered but dismissed because of various obstacles and problems so this urgency you know for us i still think we should do this just in case this thing's a zombie and comes back but it is not as urgent as it was when i first asked this be placed on the agenda and for staff to do this work so i appreciate all my colleagues agreeing to do that at the time i think our efforts worked and dominion

[01:54:05] listened to the intense feedback that happened in a short period of time and moved on from these alternative routes the wreck and rebuilds so this isn't existing right away these towers are already here the the new monopoles are taller but quite honestly i don't know if you had a picture in the slide deck i was looking down um they're they're actually they actually are are less wide than what the existing structures are so from a visual impact there was a lot of pictures that they showed at the hearing i actually think they look better than what's out there now because they're

[01:54:42] much slimmer and they're not these big wide kind of towers that are going through this is an area where we have homes right up against these towers so you know oh yeah in the stone ridge area already in the existing right-of-way the power lines were there first actually but in Kirkpatrick and Stone Ridge there are homes right up against these towers but I actually think the visual impact is better I have communicated extensively to this to all these constituents who are here the HOAs have as well I think we're all kind of in agreement that this project's okay we did of course ask about undergrounding it would be more money than the

[01:55:22] entire project to do it and given that the right-of-way already exists it's just not plausible that the sec would even consider that so this is this is the best option thank you um mr eternal mr crony uh thank you chair randall um yeah i think um the community uh is going to be supportive of the wreck and

rebuild versus the other options i think there were three other alternatives that went through uh different communities but i know that um they are concerned about the higher the

[01:55:54] higher height of um this project uh you know versus the lattices that are there currently and also that is three monopoles and not two because right now there are two structures and uh what's being proposed are three monopoles so i do think it's important for dominion energy to do as much public input as possible um i'm going to be meeting with kirkpatrick farms at the end of the month and i'm hoping to bring Dominion to that meeting. Just to hear from constituents about it, it is a big project. I would like to see a trail for the community

[01:56:32] in the right-of-way. I know that's part of our electrical infrastructure CPAM, just so the community has some benefit with this big project. And I also would like to see where where they have to get the right-of-way for three.

[01:56:48] I think there's three right-of-ways they have to get in the southern part. I would ask that maybe if they could include some property for the Bull Run Trail, part of our Loudon Waterways and Trails Project.

[01:57:06] The Parks and Rec had recommended that to Dominion when they came in with their panel wiring shop project, And I think this is the time to perhaps get land in the floodplain along the Bull Run that could connect a trail to our waterways is through the right-of-way that Dominion would have to get for this project, because it is in the southern part near the Prince William County line.

[01:57:34] So, again, I'm looking for benefits for the community. This is, again, this is a big project, and I know people have concerns, but I am very relieved that we will not be having the alternatives that Dominion had put forward and that now we're back to the wreck and rebuild project, but public input is still needed and is an important part of the process.

[01:58:01] Thank you. Thank you. Ms. Brixman. thank you madam chair is this to meet existing demand or proposed for future demand we we do not have that information okay um and then when we're doing when they are doing the wreck and rebuild um how do they keep the power flowing because my concern is we have um the epa just told data centers they could run their generators for 50 hours we've had complaints about generators in the county we had a lot of generators running recently when there was an outage so how are we

[01:58:41] sure that the power is still going to be flowing and data centers aren't going to have to kick on their generators while they're doing this project from from what we understand with dominion they would be taking down a series one set of the lattice towers and then putting up some of the poles so that they would be able to then continue to have power during those periods okay so so So they're committed that the power will still be flowing during the time the project is happening?

[01:59:11] Based on our conversations with them. Okay. The details of the construction and how it will be built has not been completely worked out or that we're aware of. We're aware of just basically this is the proposal being brought forward to the SEC, and at this point we really do not have the finite information in the construction details, but that was part of the information that we requested that they provide to the community in terms of as it moves forward.

[01:59:37] Well, but if they're still going to be providing information to the community as it, I guess my issue right now, and of course nobody wants to see the proposed alternative, and I do, you know, I thank

Supervisors Letourneau and DeCrony for bringing this and catching it because we don't always get, you know, information in a timely manner from Dominion.

[02:00:01] But for me, I don't really have enough information. So I will likely abstain from this vote because I don't know what the power lines are for. I don't know if it's for, you know, proposed future demand, if it's for exist. I have a feeling it's for existing demand.

[02:00:18] And I also, maybe it's going to power Prince William data centers, but I don't want this to cause any revival of any other areas in our county for proposed data centers, and that's another thing I fear. So I'm just going to abstain from this vote.

[02:00:35] Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Brickman. Mr. Kirshner? Yeah, just briefly, this is a really, really, it's a huge improvement. I'm just going to, I grew up next to the lattice. They were literally in the field next to me. They are ugly. They are huge.

[02:00:52] And I now live next to the new polls that are being proposed. They're much better looking. They are, they really do blend in far better. And obviously in this particular situation, they stay within the same right of way. And they carry twice the capacity. So obviously Dominion, I think, and obviously the other alternatives are far -- certainly not acceptable to us as a board.

[02:01:13] So I think this is a very significant improvement that meets a lot of different -- checks off a lot of different boxes that Dominion needs to address, and so I'm happy to support this motion. Mr. Turner. Thank you, Madam Chair.

[02:01:29] Let's put things in perspective here. This is in the integrated -- Oh, I'm sorry. Mr. Turner, I'm sorry. I'm so sorry. Mr. Sainz, do you want to say something? Nope, no comments. Okay, can you start his time over? I apologize for cutting you off and stopping your flow. Let's put this in perspective. The most recent integrated resource plan from Dominion and PJM illustrates that the two new 500 lines coming in from the north and this 500 line coming from the south are necessary.

[02:01:56] They're one of the six new transmission lines that are being built in Loudoun County over the next two to three years. They will not be enough to remove the constraint from the Loudoun County grid. That is a fact. And they are getting further and further behind through a piece of very clever and I have to admit very well coordinated parliamentary maneuvering.

[02:02:17] This board tonight is going to reverse its decision on a prior data center application and approve that data center. And every hundred megawatts of new data center that we add to this grid in this county equals a new transmission line. Make no mistake, if we vote yes on new data centers, every time we vote yes on a new data center, Loudoun County will get a new transmission line.

[02:02:40] There is a 765 kV line planning to cut across northern Loudoun County, a 765 kV line that is planned to go right to this terminus, Morrisville. Now, do we have any illusions at all that somebody in the very near future is not going to connect that 765 kV line from Maryland down to this substation right through Loudoun County?

[02:03:03] That does not even begin to address the 30 million square feet of Prince William data center that are currently being built. So let me repeat, this line is necessary to keep us falling further and further behind in an already constrained grid. do not kid yourselves this is part of the plan and it's not enough

thank you i think mrs um miss brixman's question was an excellent question excellent question i do think that the question

[02:03:35] of is this for existing um power concerns or power needs or is it for future power needs because because if it's for existing power needs i you know i'm i'm more likely to go okay we gotta do we've got to do for existing power needs if it's for future power needs are we setting up something that so later on people can say you know what we can we can bring more things that need power online i don't know how this i don't know that i i also want to make sure it's it's literally poll for poll right and so it's not so the same number of polls that are there will be replaced

[02:04:11] by new polls you're not going to they're taller and they're and they're taller but you're not putting up any anything that is not you're not adding more poles along the corridor it's it's literally the wreck and rebuild is is pole for pole does that make sense is that it you understand is that i i think you mean essentially span to span distances would no i don't mean span to span distances i mean if there's if there's seven poles there now and they got to come down and the new ones go up will seven more transmission lines go up will seven more well for every two

[02:04:45] pole two big lattice poles that come down three monopoles will replace them if you understand do if you see it in the picture oh oh yeah i'm looking at the graphic right here oh okay i i do believe i do believe mrs miss brixman supervisor brixman's question is such a valid question do we not know the answer to that well i i i would comment that that the answer to the

[02:05:23] The question is that it's a combination of both capacity enhancement as well as reliability to ensure that the grid is stable during the most intense electrical demand periods. And the grid doesn't just mean data centers.

[02:05:40] The grid means everything that needs electricity, correct? Well, it's the entire electrical infrastructure, all of the interconnected transmission lines and substations. Yeah, yeah, yeah. I understand. If it helps with Supervisor Brisbane's question and your decision-making, the whole reason that the alternative routes were being proposed was because there was a belief that PGM would not allow the 500 KB lines that exist today and the 230 KB lines that exist today to be sequenced such that they could remove the old towers and build the new towers.

[02:06:19] So to do that they were essentially forced to build an alternative route that went around to the west. Mr. Cooper, you can finish that one more question. What would happen if we said no tonight? Well, you don't have the ability to say no, the SEC says no.

[02:06:39] Now you can fail to take a position on the issue which essentially, you know, we really have, when it comes to this matter, we have two areas to influence the -- three. areas to influence the process. Supervisor Turner referred to the approvals of data centers, so that's one area of influence that you have. But the other is to provide feedback and comments to the SCC on these projects, which is what we're asking you to do today. And the other, the third one, and really the most effective one that we have, is the item that was just

[02:07:14] before you, I think at the last business meeting, to encourage the development of transmission lines within our comprehensive plan. That's it. That's all that this board, based on current state law, has available in their toolbox to deal with these issues.

[02:07:33] Okay. That was helpful. Thank you very much. The motion was made by Supervisor Luterno. Would you like to have a closing? I would, because I think I understand my colleagues' questions, and they're valid, but they're getting beyond what we're really considering in this point. So they are proposing these lines. Whether we like it or not, they're proposing these lines. All I'm trying to do is make sure they don't propose the alternative lines that take out neighborhoods. So we have an existing corridor here. I don't think there can be any argument that if this is going to be

[02:08:08] built, it is better to be built in that corridor than somewhere else. That's it. We're not saying we want these lines. We're not saying they should build these lines. We're not saying we want this to serve existing demand or future demand. None of that is part of our discussion with this.

[02:08:24] This is simply saying to Dominion, if you're going to do this, do this here. We agree with it. It's actually saying to the SEC, we agree with what Dominion is proposing, which is to do this here, if you're going to do it. So I think that's how we would communicate it, right?

[02:08:40] Yes, absolutely. Okay, so the rest of this discussion we can certainly have, but ultimately all we're really trying to do is prevent this from being really destructive to the existing neighborhood and keep it within the corridor that already exists.

[02:08:55] That's it. That's it for closing. Okay. Motion was made by Supervisor Eterno and seconded by Supervisor Tacroni. All the people say aye. Aye. Any opposed? That motion will pass 801 with one person abstaining on the motion.

[02:09:15] Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Okay, Supervisors, we're going to go to closed session. it's a closed session we're going to go to public comments as I have said well I'm saying this for the third time I'm going to go to names first who are who have signed up to speak on items that are on the agenda that we because there are quite a few people wanting to speak on items that we are voting on tonight and so I'm going to call those names first and then I will go to the other items other names on the agenda all right let's see before we get started I'll take a moment to remind

[02:09:52] people about the Board of Supervisors' conduct or rules of order at business meeting. I request that all in attendance adhere to these guidelines to ensure each of you have the opportunity to be heard and we have an efficient process. Please silence all your cell phones if you're not done so already. The public input session will last no more than 90 minutes. You may time to speak tonight's public session until the last speaker on the podium has been called, at which time no more sign-ups will be taken.

[02:10:25] So once the last speaker is called and they're speaking, we're not going to take anybody else after that. You may speak only once tonight. You may use your time to speak for yourself on behalf of an individual or organization. Please keep in mind that the board's rules of orders allows for 90 minutes of public speaking at these sessions.

[02:10:45] We do have all 90-minute slots filled up tonight, just so you all know that. We will be speaking on matters, speakers will be called first for matters concerning items on this agenda or a future agenda. If you are in the government center, if you're in the lobby right now, if you're signed up to speak, please come into the boardroom.

[02:11:06] That would be really, really helpful because it's easier. I also try to call people, like two people in advance, so you're kind of queued up and you know you're next. So that gets us through more people.

When your name is called, please come to the podium closest to you and state your name for the record. As I said, I'll call a few names in advance.

[02:11:22] Each speaker will have two and a half minutes. Your timer on the podium will indicate your remaining time. When your time has expired, please yield the podium to the next speaker. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this public input session is for you to address the board. The board will give each speaker an opportunity to provide public input.

[02:11:41] and we will treat everyone courteously and with equal treatment. When you're speaking, please address the board. In fact, address me, but you can't address the audience. Please keep in mind that the board is here to listen. Therefore, members of the board will not respond to your comments or answer questions during public input because we're here to listen.

[02:12:02] Everyone in the room, whether addressing the board or listening in the audience, is asked to maintain decorum while speaking and listening to others. Again, when your time's up, you have to end your comments. Speaking and shouting from the audience is not permitted during public input. Clearing and clapping are not permitted during public input.

[02:12:23] Anyone who's disruptive would be asked to comply with the board's rules of order. So I do respectfully request that everyone follows these guidelines. I'm also going to ask staff, Janet and Jenny, will you all try to get the names to me as they sign up as soon as possible?

[02:12:39] because i need to know if they signed up on issues that are on the agenda for tonight so but i'm going to call your names in advance the first speaker is thomas david called about followed by colleen david followed by um email emil kazaban good evening sir on june 3rd the board received comments about the cross mill data center project from a member of the leesburg Airport Commission, who is also a noted commercial real estate broker. Of note, the speaker stated

[02:13:18] that he'd prefer, quote, this type of development around the airport rather than an alternative. Let me add some context. Since 2024, Kuhn Aviation is the only service provider at the Leesburg Airport, making it clear who's in charge. Also, the president and CEO of Kuhn Aviation is the son of the individual who owns the land near the airport at Cross Mills and who wants to have the board approve the controversial data center project. Hence, I was not shocked to hear that the speaker with ties to the airport and data centers supports a data center project developed by the father of the individual who runs the airport. I also found out that the noted

[02:13:53] member of the airport commission wears another hat. On his LinkedIn page, he posted an endorsement from the president of the national group where he's employed. Let me quote the posting about the identity, excuse me, absent the identity of the individual who I will call Mr. Smith. Quote, check out my man mr smith northern virginia's preeminent data center expert quoted in the new york times article on data center growth on his linkedin profile he also included a video with the following instructions quote out in the field mr smith gave us an up close look at an open land parcel explaining key elements he seeks when identifying prime locations for data center

[02:14:31] developments hence i asked the board to consider this information carefully as they vote on the cross mill data center project tonight also over the last few weeks i've reviewed the detailed campaign contributions received by respective members of the board over the last few years prior to the 2023 election all board members received contributions from numerous individuals and businesses however

during the 2024 cycle with the next election three and a half years away the overwhelming bulk of supervisors failed to receive more than a few hundred dollars and almost all businesses kept their contributions level to zero.

[02:15:06] However, there was one exception, as several businesses with a focus on data center and construction contributed thousands of dollars to a single board member who was a regular champion for data centers. This begs the question, with the next election three and a half years away, why would data center businesses push money toward supervisors?

[02:15:26] I leave it up to everybody here to draw their own conclusions. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Colleen David, and you will be followed by Emil Casabon, followed by Britt Saposa. Good evening.

[02:15:44] Good evening. Good afternoon. On June 3rd, I addressed the board regarding the influx of data centers in Loudoun County and shared a belief that many government officials in Northern Virginia had signed nondisclosure agreements provided to them by data center developers.

[02:15:59] At the close of my remarks, the Board politely shared that none of its members had executed NDAs with data center proponents. I respectfully accept the Board's proffer. Today, I would like to add some context and granularity to my prior statement, which I hope you will consider before you cast your vote on the cross-mill project.

[02:16:17] Last year, reports surfaced that data center advocates were requiring government officials to sign NDAs prior to receiving information regarding the electrical demands, water use, and other critical data points regarding the data centers they wanted to plant in local communities. Hence, a team of students and faculty from a prominent Virginia university initiated a formal research project to find out whether the use of NDAs by data center developers was widespread or simply overblown propaganda. Let me quote from the university professor who led the team, quote, in order to understand how common NDAs are between local governments and

[02:16:53] data center companies, we submitted Freedom of Information Act requests to every Virginia locality we could identify with an existing, approved, or proposed data center. We found that the vast majority, 25 out of the total of 31 localities, have governments or have NDAs.

[02:17:10] We think that this could be an underestimate because some local governments may use definitions or maneuvers to avoid disclosing this information. While these agreements acknowledge that a local government may be required to disclose information if requested by the public they also often call on officials to share as little as legally possible while giving the data center company advance notice to intervene with its legal team if it so wishes before any information is shared in this way ndas are written to privilege secrecy over transparency unquote also when the team submitted a foyer request to loudon county

[02:17:47] regarding ndas and data centers they were advised that before our review would commence they needed a down payment of six hundred and nineteen dollars louden county was the only jurisdiction that sought to charge a sum of this nature therefore with several opinion polls showing that less than 16 percent of local residents want more data centers in their county i ask that you uphold your oath of office and vote against the cross mill project thank you thank you thank you

[02:18:16] um emil kasaban are you here last name k-a-s-a-b-i-a-n going once going twice okay brit brett uh supposu uh brett are you here no okay uh jeff hatlock are you here mr hatlock you

[02:18:52] will be followed by kirk mainland good evening sir good evening um madam chair and members of the board. My name is Jeff Hadlock. I'm a landowner in Loudon and a small business owner. I'm here tonight to express my support for the Cross Mill Center application. I know that data centers have been somewhat of a lightning rod lately, but I wanted to share a different perspective. As the owner of a small commercial leasing and property management company, I manage office, flex, and

[02:19:31] retail. My business relies on people needing physical space to work. COVID and the shift to remote work has certainly had an impact on my industry, but companies like mine seem to fare better and bounce back faster than others in similar markets. While I think about why that was, I have to factor in the strong presence of Dana Center Industry in this region. It brings contractors, engineers, electricians, lawyers, consultants, and a whole host of professionals that need office space, warehouse space, and meeting space to do their jobs. They help keep

[02:20:08] my properties leased and my business running. And of course, like many others, I'm glued to my iPad. I constantly access my CRM database, managing vendors, and helping tenants put out fires. All of this relies on the infrastructure powered by data centers.

[02:20:25] The data center industry creates a ripple effect that benefits small local business like mine. That's why I urge you to support smart, well-planned data center development in locations like this that make sense, like Cross Mill Center. Thank you.

[02:20:41] Thank you. Kirk Mainland followed by Azeham Diop. Good evening. How are you all? Well thank you. Good. Hello my name is Kirk Mainland and I'd like to take just a moment of your time to ask you to approve the rezoning application for the Cross Mill Data Center. My family and I have lived here in Loudoun County for almost 10 years.

[02:21:09] In February I shared with you the benefits of data centers as a Loudoun County resident which are from my perspective increased tax revenue, the creation of parks and recreation that we all enjoy, better schools for our children, as well as lowering our taxes. I am supportive of this current application as well as it would be complementary to the area. The site is located between two major transmission lines. It's across from the Leesburg Airport and it will fit well with the office and business development in the immediate area. I would ask you to approve this application. Thank you for support and your consideration. Thank you

[02:21:44] sir ryan goler followed by jeff tari good evening good evening ryan goler i'm here on behalf of the airport commission i would like to respond to a couple comments that were just made i want to clarify that i am a licensed pilot i routinely fly in and out of leesburg airport and i'm a member of leesburg airport commission because i care about the airport and i'm looking out for

[02:22:19] their best interest my comments here tonight and previous comments are the comments of the airport commission this application the cross mill data center application has been discussed openly and publicly at the airport commission meetings and i'm just here to represent the commission any other written communication is also the comments of the commission i'm here again just to support this application we feel that the land use is compatible with the airport what has been discussed is that we understand that any additional electrical infrastructure

[02:22:59] is coming to the site underground if that were ever to change or in the future we're going to rely on the faa approval of that as well as the building height and construction that's really not our purview

but we do feel that the application is consistent with what we want around the airport so i'm here to provide my support for that mr gola you're not just on the airport commission you're speaking on behalf of them that's correct okay vice chair of the commission okay thank you very much yes um jeff taray followed by keith mainland oh yeah before it was kurt now it's

[02:23:34] keith is that right does it okay good evening sir good evening chair members of the board thank you for uh having us uh be able to speak here tonight um my name is jeff tara and i've lived in loudon county for 20 years i've also served on edac here as a commissioner and intimately involved in in economic driving economic development here in the region in our county i know the decisions you make aren't easy and i respect and thought the thoughtful process behind them i'm here because

[02:24:10] i believe that this project is smart it's well planned and a step forward for this part of the county which I think is specific to why I support it. Three specific things stand out to me when I try to really hone in on it. It's in the right spot and I think that's important in what everyone's been discussing over the past couple of years. This area is already planned for commercial industrial uses. It's exactly where growth should happen. The other is that it brings real improvements the road work help ties helps to tie the area together improving access in every

[02:24:47] direction and easing traffic throughout the region it supports exactly what the county has always intended a key east-west corridor to handle growth and keep people moving which is very important to the residents here in our community it's a thoughtful design is kind of the final piece of it it respects the surrounding neighborhoods and the environment while meeting Loudoun standards, which is very important in today's environment. This project aligns with the kind of balanced growth the county has outlined, the growth that's strategic, responsible, and beneficial to the broader community. As someone who's lived here for 20 years, I believe this is

[02:25:22] exactly the kind of smart growth the county needs. Thank you. Thank you, sir. I'm Keith Mainland, and you will be followed by Phil Tegland. Good evening, sir. Good evening. My name is Keith Mainland. i'm a louden county resident and owner of pine ridge landscaping i'm here to express my full support of the cross mill data center development as a small business owner data centers have provided steady reliable work for my company everything from landscape installation to ongoing maintenance and snow removal these projects keep help keep our crews working year-round and

[02:25:57] directly support our local economy the local or the location makes sense with the surrounding development and more importantly data centers generate significant tax revenue that revenue helps fund schools roads and public safety all things that help benefit the entire community for small businesses like mine projects like cross mill aren't just buildings there are opportunities and i strongly urge you to approve this development thank you thank you

[02:26:24] sir phil teglin followed by josh powers good evening sir good evening uh my name is phil teglin i'm uh i've been a resident in leesburg virginia since 1990 i live in the tavistock residential area just off sickland road i'm very familiar with the proposed cross mill data center development location area and then it is less than two miles from my home of 35 years the proposed site is

[02:27:00] across from the leesburg airport where there have been many recent changes that are including the development of phil boland park the county's commuter parking lot and the construction of cross trail boulevard the data center development will fit well with the office and business developments along Sickland Road to include the adult detention center, the fire training center, the county bus garage,

and the town's water tower. The proposed data center would certainly be considered a complementary addition to the proposed area. The new data center would not only add to the security of the area, but it would also serve as an architectural complement

[02:27:40] to the surrounding and comparative developments in that same area. I would request that you approve the application and the future data center development as it is potentially to be located in a perfect location.

[02:27:57] The additional tax revenues will serve to support future improvements to the local area and having a data center versus alternative type businesses will help reduce overwhelming traffic that has become very difficult on Sicklin Road. I support this application, and I'm here to express my support for the board's approval of this application.

[02:28:20] Thank you. Thank you, sir. I'm going to try to pronounce your name right. If I do not, I apologize in advance. I think it's Saraknat Sharma. Would you say it for me, please? I'm Josh Powers.

[02:28:36] Oh, you're Josh Powers. Well, after you, there's somebody who should correct me on their name. Thank you, Joseph Powers. My pleasure. good evening chair randall and members of the board i appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts on a community matter tonight i've lived in loudon county for 10 years i work in the roofing business and i have no ties to the data center industry but i've witnessed the growth throughout our community i'm here tonight to express my support for the rezoning of the crossmill data center as a father of two young daughters who will soon be entering the loudon County public school system, I'm particularly concerned about education

[02:29:16] funding within the county. Responsible data center development will support our schools as it already has, essential public services, and even local charities within the community. I want to express my gratitude to each member of the board for the efforts you have made to be good stewards of tax funds and for also the tax reductions that have been passed along to the homeowners within the county. Given its proximity to the existing industrial and commercial facilities I believe that the new data center is a suitable location or the cross mill data center location is suitable for the the commercial

[02:29:54] development I encourage the board to approve this application in hopes that we'll continue to all benefit from the economic benefits that are provided thank you for your time and consideration tonight thank you mr. powers all right it's s-u-r-y-a-k-a-n-t last name sharma you in the room only once going twice okay chris tandy

[02:30:24] followed by emily johnson uh greeting madam chair and uh supervisors sorry excuse me uh i'm here to ask you to reject the application on cross mill uh first of all we need more homes in the county in support of that i think the current place type of suburban mixed use is correct The rest of my comments are unsurprisingly going to be about energy.

[02:30:53] I emailed you this morning about PJM telling local data centers to run their generators to reduce grid load. Thank you, Supervisor Briskman, for bringing up the notice from EPA about the 50-hour rule, and I appreciate Supervisor Turner's rational assessment of the situation. The grid is demonstrably overcapacity.

[02:31:09] Any additional load is clearly going to require data centers to run their backup generators at times of peak load, like this past week. Certainly more energy infrastructure will be built, but as

Supervisor Turner put it, it isn't enough. In my opinion, it would be irresponsible to improve even one more data center until the county is able to accurately quantify the impacts of localized air pollution.

[02:31:28] Even DEQ doesn't know that one. They're doing a three-year study of localized impacts. That much is in the JLARC study. Good luck to them because it all just changed in a way that will increase pollution. How much is anyone's guess? But we know that we don't have enough energy right now and aren't going to for a significant amount of time.

[02:31:44] We know that most of the backup generators are Tier 2s. They could have installed Tier 4s, but most of them didn't, so we get worse pollution. As I've said before, data centers have created an energy crisis in this county, and we're seeing that in the air lately with frequent 90-degree heat. Another thing that was mentioned in the JLARC study is that if these data centers were to have to run to their data centers for longer than usual, and I'm quoting here, it would likely reach its emission limits within a few days.

[02:32:10] If data centers are running their backup generators more regularly this summer, it stands to reason that we might be seeing some going over their permitted emissions. If anyone thinks that maybe DEQ will prioritize public health and do something about this, I wouldn't be so sure, but you supervisors have an opportunity right now to do exactly that, prioritize the health of Loudoun residents.

[02:32:30] Do you all even know how it will be powered, how it will actually be powered? I ask you because I get the sense that the gas turbines at the Vantage data center in Sterling were a bit of a surprise called something like an equipment yard or some such on their application how can you be so sure that this developer is even being truthful with you about their plans this data center is a bad idea it's in the wrong place there isn't enough energy for it it's appropriate for the public to look to you our elected representatives to stop this predatory industry that is intensifying local pollution without any regard for the health of county residents i call this industry predatory because they don't seem to have any interest Mr. Tandy, your time is up, sir.

[02:33:10] Thank you for your time. Thank you so much. Emily Johnson will be followed by Michelle Thomas. Good evening. Good evening, Supervisors. My name is Emily Johnson. I'm a lifelong resident of Loudoun, and I'm here on behalf of the Piedmont Environmental Council. Like my colleague Tia Ehrman has commented previously to the board and Planning Commission, we are opposed to the Cross Mill Center application as presented and ask at minimum for data centers to be proffered out.

[02:33:34] as Tia has iterated a hyperscale data center at nearly half a million square feet over is on the table with this rezoning. But why? It meets no active community need, certainly not in the surrounding landscape, which is full of recreational spaces and some historic sites. The applicant themselves has called this a very prominent corner, and it is so close to some of Loudoun's most used soccer facilities. In fact, the property is a gateway entrance to Loudoun United's home field, our only professional sports team. Respectfully, Mr. Letourneau, you called the creation of that stadium a legacy project for our community. The decision the board makes tonight will also be a legacy, and we ask that you protect much-loved community spaces. Not only is a hulking

[02:34:12] data center incongruous with this space, but we are concerned about offside impacts. Due to all-time record load demands, PJM has instituted pre-emergency mitigation measures that request data centers run their generators to reduce demand on the grid. In the peak of summer heat last week, some data centers in Loudoun ran their diesel generators as requested for as much as seven hours a day over three days. These measures are likely to be an ongoing reality. Do we really want generators running

where our kids play? Further, the distinctiveness of this property on the corner also comes from its historical ties to the lower sickling community, a settlement established in the 1870s by emancipated African-American individuals. There is an archaeological site

[02:34:51] on this property with a stone foundation from one of those homes, and the applicant proffers only recovery excavations to remove artifacts with no assurance for preservation, access, or on-site interpretation of the foundation. First Baptist Church of Sicklin, an active congregation across the street, is the last maintained structure from that lower Sicklin community. While we respect that Reverend Tramiel has spoken in favor of this application, his comments expressed a desire for quote, any kind of development due to the church's sense of loneliness. Certainly we must see to neighbors' needs, but I wonder if a different development plan could address that same desire without all the impacts of a data center. This site is already zoned for diverse possibility of

[02:35:29] uses, all compatible with the airport. Mr. Holt, general manager of the Leesburg Airport, has said in his comments that they, quote, strongly support any development that is not residential. This property doesn't need to be rezoned. There are other commercial profitable operations that would arguably be much more beneficial. This specific application does not do enough. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you very much. Pastor Michelle Thomas, and Is there anybody else who, okay, Pastor Michelle Thomas, who was just here.

[02:35:58] She was. She was just here. Pastor Michelle, if you can hear me, you're in your lobby. You're about to lose your speaking. Going once. Uh-uh, guys. No, no, no. Everyone's going to treat us the same.

[02:36:15] Going once, once, twice is what everyone gets at the same time. So I don't change behavior, no matter who it is. All right, we're going to go to then the speakers who are signed up. most of these are on the um uh on the phone or on virtual and again if i mispronounce your name i apologize in advance um from the little river district we have olga gone uh gancharov i i know

[02:36:50] i missed your name i'm sorry can you hear me ma'am yes thank you can you say your last name for me please. Olga Gonchero. Oh, okay. Pretty close. Thank you. We're ready when you are. Thank you.

[02:37:08] Good evening. Over the past several months, the Jewish community of Loudoun County has recently fearful as hateful and anti-Semitic record continues to surface in this very room. What began as sporadic and isolated instances has now evolved into a pattern, one that leaves Jewish constituents feeling vulnerable, unheard, and unprotected by those elected to serve all residents.

[02:37:32] Based with the ongoing inaction of this board to clearly and unequivocally condemn such hate speech, we have been left with no choice but to occupy speaker time ourselves. We are compelled to do so not to stifle dialogue, but to shield our community from anti-Semitic rituals that is being platformed under the guise of public comment. This rhetoric is not only dangerous, but often entirely unrelated to the board's jurisdiction, weaponizing a public forum meant for local governance describing sanitary and harmful narratives.

[02:38:02] The board's continued silence on this matter effectively legitimizes hate by allowing it to go unchallenged. This cannot continue. It is incumbent upon the board to amend its rules to prevent such abuses of the public comment process, as it rightly did today, actually, by prioritizing agenda items and local business.

[02:38:20] Thank you for that. But also, at the very least, to clearly call out and condemn. Anti-Semitic rhetoric and speech that promotes hate, especially when it falls outside the scope of your jurisdiction. Neutrality in the face of bigotry, not impartiality, it is complicity. The Jewish community is asking once again for your leadership and your moral clarity. Protect your Jewish constituents. Stop being silent in the face of anti-Semitism.

[02:38:45] Hate has no place in Loudoun. Thank you. Thank you. This person did not give the district that they are from, if they are in Loudoun

[02:38:56] at all the person's name is DJ and they are next we can hear you ma'am can you hear us okay because

[02:39:27] we your time is running but we really can't hear you I know you're there so I'm not going to stop your time but I'm going to let you talk but you're down to just just under two minutes

[02:40:04] is she still on ma'am i'm sorry we we we can't hear you at all if you're if you're speaking we can't hear you can you hear me now we can hear you now but you're you're at one minute and 30 seconds now okay um i urge the board to take necessary steps to address the 400 percent rise in anti-semitism in america and clearly in your boardroom jews are the highest percentage of victims of religious hate crimes. Protect your Jewish constituents. Stop being silent in the face of anti-Semitism or responding with moral equivalency statements. Loud and elected leaders must show the courage and decency to confront anti-Semitism. Condemn and call out anti-Semitic

[02:40:43] rhetoric that is not incompatible with First Amendment rights. Revise public comment rules so that you prioritize local agenda items. Empower your Jewish citizens and residents, if they've been discriminated against, to file a complaint with the Civil Rights Division and Department of Justice and Anti-Defamation League and donate to Jewish charities fighting anti-Semitism.

[02:41:13] Also use the Virginia Hate Crimes Grant to combat anti-Semitism and protect Jewish communities. Thank you. The next speaker, again, did not give the district they're from, if they are from Loudoun County at all.

[02:41:30] His name is Joel Posmanski. Mr. Posmanski, can you hear me? I can hear you. Can you hear me? I can hear you just fine, sir. Wonderful. Good evening. Thank you. Dangerous anti-Semitism is on the rise nationally, and Loudoun is no different.

[02:41:50] Just yesterday, a victim of the anti-Semitic firebombing attack in Boulder died of her injuries. Like Loudoun, the Boulder City Council was also flooded with anti-Semitic rhetoric, which was ignored, a cautionary tale of what happens when anti-Semitism festers.

[02:42:07] I'm calling today to plead for elected leaders at every level to show the courage and decency to confront anti-Semitism head-on whenever it presents itself as it so clearly has in Loudoun. Thus, we ask the board to consider the following. Condemn and call out anti-Semitic rhetoric every time it occurs.

[02:42:27] Revised, secondly, revised public comment rules as supported by a recent Loudoun Now Reader poll. And I make no apology for trying to ensure you on the board are aware that your inaction increasingly damages the reputation of Loudoun County beyond your borders.

[02:42:46] Are you prepared for the inaction of this board cloaked as tolerance to be what we call in publishing the second day's story? the follow-up news article following some horrific event at the local

gathering of your Jewish citizens. Are you ready for a Google search of Loudoun County Board to produce stories, perhaps even naming those of you who have stayed silent, just like those that now appear, if you do a Google search, and I invite you to, on Boulder County Board of Supervisors?

[02:43:15] We urge the board to take steps necessary to address the rise in anti-Semitism. Protect your Jewish constituents, stop being silent in the face of anti-Semitism, send a clear and unequivocal message, hate has no place in Loudoun County, and many are watching for you and your members to do this.

[02:43:42] Thank you so much. Thank you, sir. From the Leesburg District, Gary Katz. Good evening. We joined today to prevent this boardroom from amplifying anti-Semitic rhetoric with the preceded violence, as has been occurring for over a year.

[02:43:57] By filling this comment period, we limit space for hate, ensuring a space of dignity and inclusion. We applaud Chair Randall's decision to have speakers with legitimate business before this board speak first. Their only regret in filling this space was displacing constituents with local concerns, those which this board can actually address.

[02:44:15] Doing so was not fair to them, but was necessary in the face of rampant anti-Semitism festering in this room. Dangerous anti-Semitism is on the rise nationally, and Loudoun is no different. Just yesterday, a victim of the anti-Semitic Boulder firebombing attack died of her injuries. Like Loudoun, the Boulder City Council was also flooded with anti-Semitic rhetoric, which was ignored, a cautionary tale of what happens when anti-Semitism festers.

[02:44:40] Elected leaders at every level must show the courage and decency to confront anti-Semitism head-on, whenever it presents itself, as it so clearly has in Loudoun. Thus, we ask the board to consider the following. Condemn and call out anti-Semitic rhetoric every time it occurs.

[02:44:56] Doing so is not incompatible with First Amendment rights. Revise public comment rules, as supported by the recent Loud and Now Reader poll, and stop allowing this boardroom to be hijacked by limiting comments to agenda items or local business only, as was rightly prioritized tonight.

[02:45:13] While guardrails help curb hate, a willingness to confront it is critical. The board's silence and inaction shows an unwillingness that permits anti-Semitism. In 2025, Jews should not have to plead with elected leaders to condemn anti-Jewish rhetoric occurring in public meetings.

[02:45:29] And yet, here we are. We urge the board to take steps necessary to address the rise in anti-Semitism. Protect your Jewish constituents. Stop being silent in the face of anti-Semitism. Send a clear and unequivocal message that hate has no place in Loudoun County.

[02:45:46] Thank you. Next speaker is Mary Sue Miranda, who did not say if she's from Loudoun County at all. Yes, from Leesburg. Good evening. Leesburg, good evening. We can hear you just fine, ma'am. Thank you. Great. Good evening, and thank you so much.

[02:46:03] We joined today to prevent this boardroom from amplifying inflammatory anti-Semitic rhetoric that precedes violence, as has been allowed to occur over a year. By filling this kind period, we limit space for hate, ensuring a space for dignity and inclusion.

[02:46:22] We applaud Chair Randall's decision to have speakers with legitimate business before this board speak first. As exemplified by tonight, thank you so much. And our only regret is in filling these spaces and displacing other constituents with local concerns.

[02:46:38] Doing so was no fair to them, but was necessary in the face of rampant anti-Semitism festering in this room. Dangerous anti-Semitism is on the rise nationally, and Loudon is no different. Just yesterday, a victim from the anti-Semitic Boulder firebombing attack died of her injuries.

[02:47:00] Like Loudon, the Boulder City Council was also flooded with anti-Semitic rhetoric, which was ignored, a cautionary tale of what happens when anti-Semitism festers. Elected leaders at every level must share the courage and decency to confront anti-Semitism head-on whenever it presents itself, as it so clearly has in Loudoun.

[02:47:22] Thus, we ask the board that please consider the following. Condemn and call out anti-Semitic rhetoric every time it occurs. Doing so is not incompatible with First Amendment rights. Revise public comment rules, as you have, as supported by the recent Loudoun Now Reader poll.

[02:47:41] and stop allowing the board to be hijacked by limiting comments to agenda items or a local business only, as was right in front of us tonight. Thank you so much again. While guardrails help curb hate, a willingness to confront it is critical.

[02:47:58] The board's silence and inaction shows an unwillingness that permits anti-Semitism. In 2025, Jews should not have to plead with elected leaders to condemn anti-Jewish rhetoric occurring in public meetings. So please, but we feel that yet we are still in this situation, so I ask you to please rectify that.

[02:48:19] Thank you so much. Our next speaker did not say if they were from Loudoun County. They did not tell their district, but it is Jarrett Cohen. Can you hear us, sir? Yes. Good evening.

[02:48:36] We join today to prevent this boardroom from amplifying inflammatory anti-Semitic rhetoric that precedes violence, as has been allowed to occur for over a year. By fulfilling this comment period, we limit space for hate, ensuring a space of dignity and inclusion.

[02:48:54] We applaud Chair Randall's decision to have speakers with legitimate business before this board speak first, as our only regret in filling the space was displacing constituents with local concerns, those which this board can actually address.

[02:49:11] Doing so was not fair to them, but was necessary in the face of rampant anti-Semitism festering in this room. Dangerous anti-Semitism is on the rise nationally, and Loudon is no different. Just yesterday, a victim of the anti-Semitic Boulder fire bombing attack died of her injuries.

[02:49:32] Like Loudon, the Boulder City Council was also flooded with anti-Semitic rhetoric, which was ignored, a cautionary tale of what happens when anti-Semitism festers. Elected leaders at every level must show the courage and decency to confront anti-Semitism head-on whenever it presents itself, as it clearly has in Loudon.

[02:49:55] Thus, we ask the board to consider the following. Condemn and call out anti-Semitic rhetoric every time it occurs. Doing so is not incompatible with First Amendment rights. Revise public comment rules as supported by a recent Loudoun, now reader poll, and stop allowing this boardroom to be hijacked by limiting comments to agenda items or local business only, as was rightly prioritized tonight.

[02:50:26] While guardrails help curb hate or willingness to confront, it is critical. The board's silence and inaction shows an unwillingness that permits anti-Semitism. In 2025, Jews should not have to plead with elected leaders to condemn anti-Jewish rhetoric occurring in public meetings.

[02:50:47] Yet here we are. We urge the board to take steps necessary to address the rise in anti-Semitism. Protect your Jewish constituents. Stop being silent in the face of anti-Semitism. Send a clear and unequivocal message.

[02:51:02] hate has no place in loud your time is up thank you very much um oh my gosh i think i've lost my space hold on just one second i'm sorry yeah that's right um the next speaker did not say whether they were from loudon county they declined to give their district it is um surreal french randall surreal french did not call in did not call in okay the next speaker also did not

[02:51:31] give their district they are d um gamlil g-a-m-i-e-l yes there you are yes hi hi good evening we join you today to prevent this boardroom from amplifying inflammatory anti-semitic rhetoric that precedes violence as and has been allowed to occur all for over a year by filling this comment period we limit the space for hate ensuring the space of dignity and inclusion we

[02:52:10] applaud Chair Randall's decision to have speakers with legitimate business before this board speak first, and our only regret in filling this space was displacing constituents with local concerns, those which this board can actually address. Doing so was not fair to them, but was necessary in the face of rampant anti-Semitism festering in the room. Dangerous anti-Semitism is on the ride nationally, and Loudoun is no different. Yesterday, a victim of anti-Semitic Boulder firebombing attack died of her injuries. Like Loudoun, the Boulder City Council was also

[02:52:47] flooded with the anti-Semitic rhetoric, which was ignored, a cautionary tale of what happens when anti-Semitism festers. Elected leaders at every level must show the courage and decency to confront anti-Semitism head-on whenever it presents itself, as it is so clearly, as it has clearly allowed in.

[02:53:09] Thus, we ask the board to consider the following, condemning and calling out anti-Semitic rhetoric every time it occurs, revised public comments, rules, while guardrail helps curb hate, a willingness to confront it is critical.

[02:53:26] The board's silence and inaction shows unwillingness that permits anti-Semitism. In 2025, Jews should not have to plead with elected leaders to condemn anti-Jewish rhetoric occurring in the public meeting.

[02:53:43] Yet, here we are. We urge the board to take steps necessary to address the rise in anti-Semitism, protect your Jewish constituents, stop being silent in the face of anti-Semitism, send a clear unequivocal message hate has no place in loudon thank you i'm sorry william schoenfeld also did not give his districts he may or may not live in loudon county mr schoenfeld good evening can you hear me we can hear you just fine sir all right we are here tonight to ensure

[02:54:20] this boardroom no longer amplifies the kind of inflammatory anti-semitic rhetoric that often precedes violence for more than a year this space has allowed hate to fester unchecked By filling this comment period, we are not silencing voices. We are reclaiming the space for dignity, safety, and inclusion.

[02:54:38] We commend Chair Randall for prioritizing speakers with legitimate business before the board. Our only regret as taking up this time is that we displace residents with genuine local concerns, issues this board can and should address, but our action was necessary.

[02:54:56] Antisemitism has made itself at home in this room, and the cost of an action is far too high. We are not immune here in Loudoun. Just yesterday, a victim of the anti-Semitic firebombing attack in Boulder died of her injuries. There, too, the city council chambers were flooded with anti-Semitic rhetoric, rhetoric that was ignored.

[02:55:15] That tragedy is a warning of what happens when hatred is tolerated. Elected officials at every level must show the courage to confront anti-Semitism directly, especially when it's services in their own chambers. Tonight, we ask this board to take two simple but necessary steps.

[02:55:31] First, speak up publicly and unequivocally condemn anti-Semitic speech wherever it occurs. This is not a free speech issue. Condemnation is not censorship. Second, revise the public comment rules as supported by a loud and loud reader poll. Limit comments to agenda items or local business.

[02:55:49] This boardroom should serve the community, not hate groups exploiting loopholes to spread bigotry. Guardrails matter, but more than that, leadership matters. So far, this board's silence has signaled an unacceptable tolerance of anti-Semitism. It is 2025.

[02:56:05] Jews should not have to beg elected officials to condemn anti-Semitism in public meetings. Yet here we are. We urge you, protect your Jewish constituents, break the silence, take action, and make it unmistakably clear hate has no place in loud. Thank you.

[02:56:21] Thank you, sir. Next up is Tina Pratt, followed by Rebecca Chagallis. Vice Chair Turner, Tina Pratt's not on the line. Okay, thank you. Rebecca Chagallis, followed by Steve Birnbaum. Rebecca, are you on?

[02:56:42] Yes, good evening. Good evening. We joined today to prevent this boardroom to amplifying inflammatory anti-Semitic rhetoric that precedes violence, as has been allowed to occur for over a year. By filling this comment period, we limit space for hate, ensuring the space of dignity and inclusion.

[02:57:02] We applaud Chair Randall's decision to have speakers with legitimate business before this board speak first. as our only regret in filling this space was displacing constituents with local concerns, those which this board can actually address. Doing so was not fair to them, but was necessary in the face of rampant anti-Semitism festering in this room.

[02:57:25] Dangerous anti-Semitism is on the rise nationally, and Loudon is no different. Just yesterday, a victim of the anti-Semitic Boulder firebombing attack died of her injuries. Like Loudoun, the Boulder City Council was also flooded with anti-Semitic rhetoric, which was ignored.

[02:57:43] A cautionary tale of what happens when anti-Semitism festers. Elected leaders at every level must show the courage and decency to confront anti-Semitism head-on whenever it presents itself, as it so clearly has in Loudoun. Thus, we ask the board to consider the following, especially Chair Randall, who has now left the room.

[02:58:03] Condemn and call out anti-Semitic rhetoric every time it occurs. Doing so is not incompatible with First Amendment rights. Revise public comment rules as supported by a recent Loudoun Now reader poll and stop allowing this boardroom to be hijacked by limiting comments to agenda IM or local business only, as is rightly prioritized tonight.

[02:58:27] While guardrails help curb hate, a willingness to confront it is critical. In 2025, Jewish men have to plead with elected leaders and some anti-Jewish rhetoric occurring in public meetings. Yet here we

are. We urge the board to take necessary steps to address the rise in anti-Semitism.

[02:58:45] Protect your Jewish constituents. Stop being silent in the face of anti-Semitism. Send a clear message to the community. Anti-Semitism has no place in Loudoun County. Thank you. Thank you. Steve Burbaum, followed by Charles Miller, followed by Paul Dreesen.

[02:59:04] Good evening. We join today to prevent this boardroom from amplifying inflammatory anti-Semitic rhetoric that precedes violence, as has been allowed to occur for over a year. By filling this comment period, we limit space for hate, ensuring a space of dignity and inclusion.

[02:59:20] We applaud Chair Randall's decision to have speakers with legitimate business before this board speak first as our only regret in filling this space was displacing constituents with local concerns, those with which this board can actually address. Doing so was not fair to them, but was necessary in the face of rampant anti-Semitism festering in this room.

[02:59:38] Dangerous anti-Semitism is on the rise nationally and locally, and Loudoun is no different. Just yesterday, 82-year-old Karen Diamond, a victim of the Boulder terror attack and firebombing, died of her injuries. Like Loudoun, the Boulder City Council was flooded with anti-Semitic rhetoric in the months leading up to the attack, which was ignored.

[02:59:57] A cautionary tale of what happens when anti-Semitism festers in a community. It took an attack on their Jewish community before the Boulder City Council was willing to act to rein in the rhetoric in their meetings that contributed to the attack. Elected leaders at every level must show the courage, decency, and leadership to confront anti-Semitism head-on wherever it presents itself, as it so clearly has in Loudoun.

[03:00:22] Thus, we ask the board to consider the following. Condemn and call out anti-Semitic rhetoric every time it occurs. Doing so is not incompatible with protecting First Amendment rights. Revise public comment rules. Tonight's a start. But as supported by a recent Loudoun Now Reader poll, stop allowing this boardroom to be hijacked by limiting comments only to agenda items or local business items. While guardrails help curb hate, but willingness to confront it is critical. The board's silence and inaction shows an unwillingness that permits anti-Semitism. In 2025, Jews should not have to plead with

[03:00:59] elected leaders to condemn anti-Jewish rhetoric occurring in public meetings, yet here we are. We urge the board to take steps necessary to address this rise in anti-Semitism. Protect your Jewish constituents stop being silent in the face of anti-semitism as i've said before while some are protesting others are planning this insightful rhetoric threatens the safety of this Jewish community send a clear and unequivocal message hate has no place in Loudoun County I'm Yisrael hi thank you Charles Miller who did not say if he was from Loudoun County

[03:01:35] is next Chair Randall Charles Miller did not call in thank you very much um okay Paul Dreason who did not say if he's from Loudoun County is next and you can hear me okay we can hear you just fine

[03:01:57] sir super thank you Mrs Dreason can you hear us I certainly can we're ready for you okay good evening thank you for letting me discuss the anti-semitic language that has become far too common, largely because schools, board meetings, and other forums have permitted it too often for over a year. I also want to thank Chair Phyllis Randall for letting local citizens with legitimate

[03:02:35] business before the board speak first so that the supervisors can address their needs and concerns. I certainly don't want to prevent that. Sadly, anti-Semitism has become rampant over the past year and a half in Loudoun County, in Virginia, and across America and the world. Just yesterday, a victim of the horrific Boulder, Colorado firebombing attack died from her injuries.

[03:03:00] An 82-year-old woman was literally burned to death because she was a Jew. Her death underscores how inflammatory anti-Semitic rhetoric has become normalized, targeting the Jewish community and too often leading to violence, injuries, and deaths.

[03:03:17] Like Loudon, the Boulder City Council permitted hateful rhetoric that inspired and entwisted minds justified violent deadly actions against truly peaceful Jewish people. In 2025, one year from America's 250th birthday, Jews should not have to plead with elected leaders to condemn anti-Jewish rhetoric in public forums. And yet here we are. Elected leaders must now have the courage to confront anti-Semitism whenever and wherever it presents itself. That's why I'm asking the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, please condemn anti-Semitic rhetoric and behavior, revise public

[03:03:57] common rules to prohibit such language, remove, ban, or fine anyone who preaches hatred, and above all, be willing to confront hatred. Silence and inaction permit anti-Semitism, even foster and encourage it, and too often lead to violence. Please protect your Jewish constituents. Stop being silent in the face of anti-semitism. Send a clear and unequivocal message. Hate has no place in Loudoun County. You'd never allow hateful language against blacks, gays, transgenders, or Muslims. Please act now. Sir, your time is up. Sir, your time is up. Thank you, sir. Your time is up.

[03:04:33] Sir, your time is up. Kim Sumrall, S-U-M-R-A-L-L, and did not say if she was from Loudoun County. Yes. Hi. Good evening. I'm joining you today to prevent this boardroom from amplifying inflammatory anti-Semitic rhetoric that precedes violence and has been allowed to occur for over a year.

[03:05:00] By filling this comment period, we limit space for hate, ensuring a space of dignity and inclusion. We applaud Chair Randall's decision to have speakers with legitimate business before this board speak first.

[03:05:16] as our only regret in filling this space was displacing constituents with local concerns, those which this board can actually address. Doing so was not fair to them, but was necessary in the face of rampant anti-Semitism that's been festering in this room.

[03:05:35] Dangerous anti-Semitism is on the rise nationally, and Loudoun is no different. Just yesterday, a victim of the anti-Semitic Boulder firebombing attack died of her injuries. Like Loudoun, the Boulder City Council was also flooded with anti-Semitic rhetoric, which was ignored, a cautionary tale of what happens when anti-Semitism festers, as it has been doing in Loudoun County boardroom.

[03:06:03] Elected leaders at every level must show the courage and decency to confront anti-Semitism head-on whenever it presents itself, as it so clearly has in Loudoun. Thus, we ask the board to consider the following. Condemn and call out anti-Semitic rhetoric every time it occurs.

[03:06:21] Doing so is not incompatible with First Amendment rights. Revise public comment rules as supported by a recent Loud and Now reader poll and stop allowing this boardroom to be hijacked by limiting comments to agenda items or local business only as was rightly prioritized tonight.

[03:06:45] While guardrails help curb hate, a willingness to confront it is critical. The board's silence and inaction shows an unwillingness that permits anti-Semitism. In 2025, Jews should not have to plead with elected leaders to condemn anti-Jewish rhetoric occurring in public meetings.

[03:07:06] Yet here we are. We urge the board to take steps necessary to address the rise in anti-Semitism. Protect your Jewish constituents. stop being silent ma'am your time is up thank you ma'am your time is up thank you um adam kaplan who did not say if he was in loudon county or not um mr kaplan can you hear us chair randall adam kaplan did not call in okay donald wadowski who i'm pretty sure does live in loudon county but did not say um mr wadowski are you on i am on chair randall while the guardrails help

[03:07:46] A willingness to confront anti-Semitism is critical. The board's silence and inaction shows an unwillingness that permits anti-Semitism. I wonder how County Attorney Rogers feels about the anti-Semitic rhetoric that takes place constantly at the board meetings for over a year now.

[03:08:12] At the Knight Smith School in Herndon, recently three Jewish students were expelled from the school for complaining about the severe and relentless anti-Semitic harassment and bullying, and when the headmaster was told about it, he did nothing.

[03:08:34] He now finds himself with a civil rights lawsuit filed with the Virginia Attorney General's Office, Civil Rights Office, and the Lewis Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law.

[03:08:52] We urge the board to take steps necessary to address the rise in anti-Semitism. Protect your Jewish constituents. Stop being silent in the face of anti-Semitism. Send a clear and unequivocal message. Hate has no place in Loudoun. Thank you.

[03:09:13] Danielle Antonelli, who did not say if she lives in Loudoun a lot. Yes, I'm here in Leesburg. Wonderful. Thank you. You are next. Thank you. Good evening. We join today to prevent this boardroom from amplifying inflammatory anti-Semitic rhetoric that precedes violence, as has been allowed to occur for over a year now.

[03:09:39] By filling this comment period, we limit space for hate, ensuring a space of dignity and inclusion. We applaud Chair Randall's decision to have speakers with legitimate business before this board speak first, as our only regret in filling this space was displacing constituents with local concerns, those which this board can actually address.

[03:10:01] Doing so was not fair to them, but was necessary in the face of rampant anti-Semitism festering in this room. Dangerous anti-Semitism is on the rise nationally, and Loudoun is no different. Just this past weekend, a victim of the anti-Semitic Boulder fire-bombing attack died of her injuries.

[03:10:22] Like Loudoun, the Boulder City Council was also flooded with anti-Semitic rhetoric, which was ignored. A cautionary tale of what happens when anti-Semitism festers. Elected leaders of every level must show the courage and decency to confront anti-Semitism whenever it presents itself, as it clearly has here in Loudoun.

[03:10:44] Thus, we ask the board to consider the following. Condemn anti-Semitic rhetoric every time it occurs. Revise public comment rules as supported by a recent Loudoun Now reader poll. and stop allowing this boardroom to be hijacked by limiting comments to agenda items or local businesses only, as was rightly prioritized tonight.

[03:11:08] While guardrails help curb hate, a willingness to confront it is critical. The board's silence and inaction shows an unwillingness that permits anti-Semitism. In 2025, Jews should not have to plead with elected leaders to condemn anti-Jewish rhetoric occurring in public meetings.

[03:11:27] Yet here we are. We urge the board to take steps necessary to address the rise in anti-Semitism. Protect your Jewish constituents. Stop being silent in the face of anti-Semitism. Send a clear and unequivocal message. Hate has no place in Loudoun.

[03:11:44] Thank you. Okay, I think the next speakers are actually in the room. I think those are all the speakers that we had online. The next speaker is James Russell, followed by Ken Reed, who I don't see, although he might be here, followed by Sarah Hussain-Bazaar. Good evening.

[03:12:09] I signed up tonight stating that I would like to talk about Loudoun County business. 70% of global data comes through Loudoun County, and those data centers are occupied by servers owned and rented by corporations that contract with the Israeli military as it is committing what is obviously a genocide, what has been labeled by the International Criminal Court as a genocide, as the International Court of Justice as a plausible genocide.

[03:12:48] there are arrest warrants out for the heads of state of uh of israel so that is a moral question that connects to this county now it's clear that we're not supposed to be having that conversation in the county boardroom that's been clear since the second time i showed up in this room and somebody spat at me on me rather that was clear the last time we were here when somebody was barking obscenities at us outside with as far as i know with impunity it's clear we're not supposed

[03:13:21] to be talking about this and i think it's clear i think rather it's unfortunate let me try and choose my words here carefully that uh one year before the 250th anniversary of this country's founding that arab americans and palestinian americans in this county and across the united states have to deal with the fact that they're being erased from the social fabric now a number of people spoke tonight about data centers and about the concerns about the power grid

[03:13:56] and ecology and noise pollution. And they have all been told, as we have been told, that there is no recourse for this. This is not up to the board. This has been decided for us. So in a sense, even though these data centers exist and operate in this county, that's not really Loudoun County business, is it? Yeah, either, is it? If it's not up to us. And I'd like to say, as a little history note with my last 15 seconds, one of the companies that contracts with the Israeli military is called IBM, a subsidiary of which during the Nazi Holocaust played a pivotal

[03:14:33] role of keeping track of those who would be eradicated by the Third Reich. The next speaker is Ken Reed. He's not on the phone, right, Mr. Reed? Mr. Reed, are you in the room? Because I don't see you. He's not here. Okay, going once, going twice. Ken Reed. All right. Sarah Hussein Bazar, followed by Maya Smith. By the way, Ms. Bazar did give her district. She's from the

[03:15:10] Dallas district. Good evening board members, bad evening to the Zionists. You're hearing the cries of a child begging a paramedic to revive his baby brother killed in an Israeli airstrike.

[03:15:43] Gaza once had 2.3 million civilians, half were children. Now it's down to 1.8 million. That's half a million people gone, likely 250,000 of them were children. How many more children must endure this suffering before the genocide is stopped? A doctor entering Gaza with just 10 bottles of baby formula had them confiscated by the Israeli forces. Are baby formulas or dying infants and incubators really a threat to

Israel's existence? And yet, Chair Randall questions our humanity. What do you think we're doing here if not standing for it? Since May 27, over 500 Palestinians have been killed by the so-called Gaza Humanitarian Foundation,

[03:16:20] founded and backed by Israel and the U.S. According to Haaretz, Israeli commanders told soldiers to fire at crowds near aid centers. Even when it was clear, they posed no danger. One soldier said, "I feel like a Nazi in Gaza. It looked exactly like we were the Nazis and they were the Jews. Trump just approved \$30 million more for this so-called aid group, and you're telling me this isn't personal? This isn't local? Who do you think is paying for it? We are. Tell me why someone else's life equals my dollar. We're here because we refuse to stay silent while our tax dollars fuel the slaughter of babies, women, men,

[03:16:57] the destruction of hospitals, civilian infrastructures. These are war crimes. Do not dare silence us with threats to strip away public comment. Palestine is local and it will remain so until you stop funding the genocide in Gaza. We are being deliberately and falsely accused of anti-Semitism by Amstead and several other board members in a blatant attempt to discredit our demands. Israel is not the Jewish state. It is the Zionist, colonial, apartheid, genocidal state. Judaism is not Zionism. Criticizing a brutal regime isn't anti-Semitism. It is

[03:17:36] accountability. And no more data centers. It houses war crimes through tech, technologies, and cloud data. So no to Cross Mill Data Center. Thank you. Maya Smith, followed by Rula N.

[03:17:53] Ms. Smith did not say if she was from Loudoun County. Neither did Ms. N. Good evening. Good evening. Good evening, board members, bad news designers. My name is Maya.

[03:18:08] I'm from the Dulles District. Less than 16% of Loudoun County residents want more data centers. I think it's very important to include Loudoun County residents into these discussions because then you can make those decisions and foresee what's best for the county.

[03:18:37] Regarding the agenda tonight I just wanted to make a comment that it seemed like some people had this information before others regarding the order of speakers based on agenda and I'm also really curious to determine to how this is determined and is it like through public comments or through private meetings. if so i would like to get something scheduled um i also want to say i pose the crossmill data center and stand with loudon county residents who actually care for the future of their neighborhoods and communities because rain or shine they'll be here just like we'll be here just or unjust in terms of

[03:19:13] disorder we'll be here even when raza is up on its feet after israel's malicious attempt to hurt them further and tear them down more hope we will be here even if more data centers are built students are still here. They need to go to school. Thank you. Rula N followed by Leticia N and neither one of these people have said if they're from Loudoun County. Rula R-U-L-A not

[03:19:51] here. Leticia M.

[03:20:10] Good evening. I oppose the proposed cross mill data center. Last week a Muslim two-year-old boy was slammed to the ground by an adult at an international airport that could have easily been the Dulles Airport after the perpetrator confesses intent the heinous attack was classified as a hate crime this past June a man pleaded guilty here in Virginia for shooting a two men after he learned they were Latino immigrants we can all agree that hate crimes are on the rise and that victims come from all backgrounds Virginia Human Rights Act of the Virginia Code compels this board to safeguard all individuals

[03:20:47] from unlawful discrimination and to protect its citizen against unfounded charges of unlawful discrimination. Instead, the record shows that members of the board, in particular Supervisor Umstad, have unfulfilled the mandates of the statute by spreading unfounded accusations of anti-Semitism against pro-Palestine speakers.

[03:21:09] Both Supervisor Umstad and Chair Randall have used their positions of power to defame the character of one particular citizen speaker without reviewing facts and relying on hearsay. They did not reach out to the other parties involved, nor did they respond to any attempts by the citizen speaker and other constituents to communicate the facts to the board.

[03:21:31] Instead, they proceeded to issue one-sided public statements. These actions not only harmed the individual speaker, but set a dangerous precedent that affects the Loudoun community. In fact, security personnel were directed based on this misinformation, resulting in profiling and intimidation tactics to silence our voices.

[03:21:54] Further, Supervisor Kirchner has commended his intentions to restrict public comment. This chilling rhetoric reveals an alarming willingness to suppress dissent. There are many documented cases of people speaking up against the genocide in Gaza who have suffered consequences from being fired of jobs, imprisonment, to threats against their life and safety.

[03:22:19] With the record shown by this board, I fear one of these consequences may happen to me or any of the brave people coming here to show support for Palestine if this board keeps dismissing our concerns. That is why I joined the efforts from multiple citizens to condemn the anti-Palestinian bias displayed by this board and the discriminatory framing of a pro-Palestine citizen speaker using their public platform.

[03:22:45] We demand accountability, a public apology, correction of the record, and a commitment to unbiased and exclusionary practices. Discrimination has no place in our community. Free Palestine. Matthew Noonan, who did not say whether he lives on that or not.

[03:23:05] I think he does. Probably by Stephen Hoyle. Is Mr. Noonan here? Matthew Noonan is not here. Stephen Hoyle. H-O-Y-L-E, are you here? going once going twice no okay um dina h if you are here did not say whether they live in Loudoun although i know whether they do or not but did not say followed by stephen gruntman good evening

[03:23:39] chair randall you know i live in Loudoun county i oppose the cross mill data center for various reasons, many have been mentioned already. That said, Loudoun County data center, Loudoun County, also known as data center alley, now has over 200 data centers and it handles over 70% of the world's web traffic. Yet despite Virginia's Israel advisory boards boasting to have brought over 40 Israeli cyber defense, cyber and defense firms into the state, there's

[03:24:16] only one vague public record of Loudoun's involvement. I doubt they're sitting, setting up farmers' markets or, you know, yard sales in here. But in listening to testimony, we now find out that there are NDAs involved and payments to board members.

[03:24:32] Interesting. What we do know also is that the Virginia Israel Advisory Board hosts and brings Israeli defense tech R&D delegations to Virginia, often coordinating with regional economic development agencies, including Northern Virginia's and Loudoun's economic teams.

[03:24:49] We also know that Loudoun County's EDA is closely linked to the Loudoun County Government and Board of Supervisors through the appointment process of the representatives to the agency and its advisory and collaborative functions with the Board of Supervisors.

[03:25:04] The Loudoun County EDA has undoubtedly participated in regional outreach, events to Israeli companies, business summits or trade missions. It is no surprise, then, that there would be several Israeli firms likely operating in Loudoun County, benefiting from tax, local tax incentives, land use deals, or public and private partnerships.

[03:25:26] These technologies are not neutral. They're used in the genocide of Palestinians, in the surveillance, military occupation and checkpoints, and the siege of Gaza. They're also deployed globally to suppress criticism of Israel and Palestinian advocacy.

[03:25:43] The lack of transparency around which companies operate here and this board's knowledge and participation in it is intentional and deeply concerning, but we'll find out more. We demand full transparency about the data center, invasive foreign companies, and their ties to the military.

[03:25:59] Let me be clear: the Palestinian struggle is rooted in dignity of our Palestinian people and pride in our land, not pity. We demand an end to complicity. We demand justice, accountability, and transparency, starting here. no to the time is up thank you very much no your time is up thank you very much thank you um stephen gruntman if you are here please um and you are from ashburn and you sir will be followed by brenda gruntbend who's also from ashburn good evening good evening hello everyone not good

[03:26:36] evening to some and bad evening to others good evening to everyone how dare you the board members not condemn that obvious manifestation of Jewish hatred that they say every time they're here. How can you claim to not be anti-Semitic while you're literally wishing the Jews present to have a bad evening? It's despicable. It's disgusting. It makes my blood boil, and I'm literally physically nauseous, and I wrote this part of the speech right now as of how angry I was at that. Zionism is literally the belief of the Jews to deserve to live in their ancestral homeland as a safe haven

[03:27:11] from global anti-Semitism. Anti-Semitism has become such an overloaded term that these people can claim that it's not about hating Jews, but then go on a rampage of lies and male cow droppings designed to target the only Jewish state's ability to exist, let alone defend itself. I won't invoke dog noises today to make my point. Don't worry. It's unfortunate Chairwoman Randall showed such disrespect to the Jewish speakers earlier by walking out and repeatedly laughing.

[03:27:39] But I wonder if this was done during the 20 months of public speaking where the pro-Hamas people spewed this agenda in this room. Despite this, I will commend her, I will commend you, Chairman Randall, for allowing citizens with legitimate county business to speak first.

[03:27:57] But it's not enough, unfortunately. This board meeting was advertised on Fairfax and Arlington social media pages to corral the other Hamas supporters to come here. Had it not been for thunderstorms, this room would have been filled with those who lie to forward propaganda terrorists.

[03:28:13] propaganda of terrorists. Most Jewish speakers notably notably today stayed at home for their safety and convenience. Isn't it pretty rich that the vast majority of the speakers today had a similar message and are not even here? Isn't it disheartening that this hate is allowed to fester without rebuttal from this board? Isn't it counterproductive that most of the speakers here didn't even address topics that

this board has any authority over? Isn't it pathetic that you need to preface each speaker with uncertainty of whether they even live here? Does this all seem productive use of everyone's time if someone actually got spit on here if someone actually got followed here if there was actually crimes committed there would be evidence against it

[03:28:49] one of the other speakers mentioned something i i don't know anything about it but i i don't believe that um we've seen video of people being jews being attacked leaving this room that's on video it's absolute fact sir your time is up thank you brenda brenda groupman um is next followed by fran fisher good evening good evening board um i just want to start off by saying that the amount of emotion that i feel right now standing here after everything that's been said tonight the lies that have been said is unbelievable i honestly just don't even know

[03:29:30] what to say to you all anymore because of what's been going on in this county but i will try to express my my my sentiment here we joined today to prevent this board room from amplifying inflammatory anti-semitic rhetoric that precedes violence as has been allowed to occur for over a year by filling the by filling this common period we limit the space for hate ensuring a space for of dignity and inclusion in doing so we regret displacing constituents with local concerns those which this board can actually address we apologize to those who have legitimate business such as zoning or transportation matters but we are unable to secure a time to speak this but we're

[03:30:09] unable to secure a time to speak this is this is not fair to you but after the board's continued silence we have no choice dangerous anti-semitic anti-semitism is on the rise nationally and loudon is no different just yesterday another victim of the anti-semitic boulder fire bombing attack died of her injuries like loudon the boulder city council was also flooded with anti-semitic rhetoric which was ignored a cautionary tale of what happens when anti-semitism festers elected leaders at every level must show the courage of decency to confront anti-semitism when whenever it presents itself as it so clearly has in glouden thus we ask the board the board to consider the

[03:30:47] following condemn anti-semitic rhetoric every time it occurs revised public com revised public comment rules um with while guard rails while guard rails help a willingness to confront it is critical the board's silence and inaction shows an unwillingness that that permits anti-semitism in 2025 jews should not have to plead with elected leaders to condemn anti-anti-jewish rhetoric occurring in public meetings yet here we are we urge the board to take steps necessary to address the rise in anti-semitism protect your jewish constituents stop being silenced in the face of anti-semitism send a clear and unequivocal message hate has no place here it's really rich

[03:31:25] that you all get to sit there with your power and that people are at home scared to come here because of hatred. It's unbelievable. How dare you sit there and be silent? How dare you? How can you live with yourselves? I just don't even understand. At some point, something will happen, and you all will have to live with that guilt of having people be murdered.

[03:31:45] Are you ready for that? Are you ready for- Sam, your time is up. Thank you. Fran Fisher, followed by Sam Z. Neither one of these people said whether or not they lived in Loudoun County. Fran, good evening. Good evening. Thank you. First, I need to refute something.

[03:32:00] I served on the Virginia-Israel Advisory Board for nearly 10 years. Its sole goal is to bring economic development from Israeli companies to Virginia to benefit the Virginia economy, and by far the most successful thing Viab has ever done is bring Sabra Hamas here.

[03:32:18] So everybody that enjoys Sabra Hamas, thank the Virginia-Israel Advisory Board, and that's that. First thank you madam chairman for agreeing to use your discretion in allowing public comment regarding only current agenda items or items that are germane to The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors That should by all means take priority over other public comment. Well, we understand that you want to hear Constituents comments and thank you Supervisor Umstead and Supervisor Glass for attending the JCRC Event last week to hear the community's concerns

[03:32:54] I applaud that I also strongly encourage you and the other board members to continue meeting with concerned citizens and relevant Interest groups in the same way that you did Chairman Randall by meeting with the JCRC and rabbi Amy Sapoweth and former speaker Eileen filler corn Who's a longtime friend of mine to expand your knowledge of our issues that can only help all of this discussion I may be in a unique position among today's speakers.

[03:33:23] I'm a proud Jew. And my daughter-in-law is half African-American and half Somali Muslim. I have had the privilege over the 13 years that I've had a relationship with her to learn about things that are triggering and offensive to her that I never would have thought otherwise except for the very obvious.

[03:33:43] That has given me insight into what I should say, what I shouldn't say. And I can only encourage you to continue that kind of education, all of you, so that you understand what's offensive to us, which may be very different than what's offensive to you.

[03:33:59] Once educated, I hope that the board can empathize with us and enforce a level of decorum during these proceedings so that disavows speech and offensive rhetoric from anyone and ensures that all participants here remain safe.

[03:34:16] Thank you. Thank you. Sam Zee, who is from Sterling, and you will be followed by Joe Cornell, also from Sterling. Thank you.

[03:34:33] I condemn the anti-Palestinian bias displayed by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and the discriminatory framing of a pro-Palestine citizen speaker using their public platform. I demand accountability, a public apology, correction to the record from Supervisor Umstead and chair randall as well as a commitment from the entire board to end bias and exclusionary practices your actions have caused harm to individuals exercising their rights and to the democratic process in loudon county when public officials use their platforms to spread misinformation mock constituents and cast suspicion on palestinian voices they embolden

[03:35:07] anti-muslim tendencies and anti-arab biases and they set a precedent of intimidation and silencing over truth. We have witnessed from this board false inflammatory statements made from the dais, refusal to engage with or acknowledge verified video evidence, failure to retract or correct misinformation, discriminatory assumptions about pro-Palestine speakers, escalation to potential suppression of public comment, directing security personnel to act on bias leading to profiling, and allowing multiple speakers and public comments to further defame pro-Palestine speakers based on false information. This week, a monument was erected

[03:35:43] to commemorate a Palestinian-American six-year-old boy, Wadiya al-Fayyumi, who was murdered in his home in Chicago after then-President Joe Biden spread false information that led Joseph Kuzma to commit a hate crime, fatally stabbing Wadiya and hospitalizing his mother. We also heard this week a confession of a Zionist who crucified an elderly pastor in Arizona as a religious act to rid Israel of

evil. This was the first of 13 victims he planned to murder, one for each tribe of Israel. This man is a Zionist because his actions should not be reflected on the Jewish

[03:36:20] community, rather the ideology of extremism and supremacy, conflating Judaism to Zionism as as dangerous as conflating Christianity to Christian nationalism, Islam to Islamic extremism. When you align yourself with an ethnostate, it erodes our constitutionally mandated secular democracy.

[03:36:38] The separation of church and state is fundamental to protecting us all and upholding our shared allegiance to liberty and justice for all. So no, Chair Randall, you don't need to teach us humanity. We need you to lead by example and uphold our First Amendment freedoms to religion, speech, press, assembly, and to petition the government, all of which are being challenged here in Loudoun County.

[03:36:58] I oppose the Data Center and also want to thank Supervisor Briskman for her outward stance against the 287G. I hope she is not the last. time is up thank you so much she's not the last ma'am your time is up thank you so much uh joe cornell if you are here joe cornell going once going twice jeremy jones if you are here jeremy jones is not here and the last speaker is igor um bulo are you here last name v-o-l-o are you here

[03:37:37] okay i want to note that we got through the entire list including everybody on the waiting list and still have time left in the 90 minutes. All right. That is all of our speakers tonight. What? What? Everyone's like, what? We do have one more. I'm sorry. Kevin Cochran? Kevin Cochran? Hello, sir.

[03:38:03] Come to the closest mic. We'll still be under our time. Good evening, sir. Hello. Can you hear me? We can hear you just fine. Okay, awesome. I actually didn't want to speak when I came here. I was kind of spooked, but after hearing those insane calls, like, back-to-back, it was kind of scary, right?

[03:38:24] Like, holy moly, it was, like, brainwashed central, like, back-to-back, same script. At first, I thought it was AI, and then I heard people hear it speak it, so I was like, okay, maybe I'm wrong. Maybe I'm in my own bubble, but I just wanted to say, like, the Israeli influence is insane.

[03:38:43] Like, either if they're from the county or they're not, I'm guessing a lot of them aren't, But, like, it's just insane how much influence they're affecting our local businesses, our local politics, our local everything. There's so much of our tax dollars going to them to bomb kids.

[03:39:01] And I don't know if you guys feel anything when you see those pictures, when you feel anything, when you hear those images. But I do. I definitely do. And I'm tired and sick and tired of hearing a foreign country bomb some random country I've never been to.

[03:39:19] I've never seen, I don't know their people. I'm sick of hearing it. I'm sick of hearing it. And I hope you guys are too. I hope the people in this audience are too. Because our tax dollars should not be funding disgusting terrorist countries bombing other countries.

[03:39:37] It should not. My tax dollars should help our citizens. It should help our people. It should help everyone here, everyone in Loudoun County. And Board of Supervisors, you do have power. You can run on a campaign that says no to Israel.

[03:39:53] We saw in New York City, who has the highest Jewish population in this country. But for some reason, a guy, a Muslim man, won because he realized we do not care about Israel bombing other kids.

[03:40:08] We don't want that. We don't want that here. We should never want that here. I think we should follow what, hopefully, New York, if he wins the election, what New York's going to do, and condemn

Israel. Get them away from our politics, our backyard, and do not give them a single cent anymore.

[03:40:28] Tell these data centers you cannot do business with regimes that bomb other countries for fun, for whatever you want to call it. I don't know. No one knows why they're doing it. Anyways, thank you. Thank you.

[03:40:44] Okay, so we have been on the dais since 4 o'clock, and we actually have not taken a break yet, which is why I had to step away for just a second because I've been on the dais since 4 o'clock. I have not taken a break at all and we have not taken a break at all so before we go any further and do we will do the cross mail application so we can get it done and then we will do

[03:41:06] board comments and then we'll go to closed session but right now we need a 10-minute break but nope

[03:56:55] I know I heard but the practice all right we are back and we're going to go ahead and do the cross

[03:57:38] mail item how's everybody doing is all the staff at the table okay let me try to recreate why we're we're doing, how we're doing. The first motion that I'm about to make is to take off the table the motion to deny the application. We cannot consider the application while there's a motion on the table. So the motion I'm going to make is to take that motion off the table so that we can have the discussion about whether we will approve or deny, okay? So that's why I'm making this motion right now. It's just, this motion is just taking it off the table

[03:58:10] is all I'm doing. So I'm with the Board of Supervisors. Take the May 6, 2025 motion to deny Legge 2023-0064, Cross Mill Center ZMAP 2023-0002, and Fester Exception 2023-007 off the table and resume consideration of the motion for denial. Second. Thank you. Thank

[03:58:41] Thank you. So that's what we've done now. We've taken the motion off the table. Supervisors, I never tell you how to vote. I just never do. But if we don't take this motion off the table right now, then the motion stays on the table and then this item stays unresolved in perpetuity. It just does. And so if we're going to try to resolve the item, wherever you are in the item, that's on you.

[03:59:02] whatever discussions you've had wherever you think that's on you but we have to get it off the table just to discuss the item that's so that's what we're doing right now any discussion on that mr sainz are you still with us yes i'm still here how you doing you're doing okay i'm doing all right okay all right um so any other discussion all right um i made the motion to by the kirschner second the motion all people say aye all right okay any abstain all right so that

[03:59:36] motion to take the motion off the table is passes 702. Where's my four no's? I've only heard two. You guys are all no's to take the motion off the table. Mr. Sains, what are you to take the motion off the table? Oh, sorry. Yes, take it off the table. Yes. Okay.

[04:00:00] So that's a five for a vote to take the motion off the table with Supervisors Glass to Crony, Brixman, and Vice Chair Turner voting against the motion to take it off the table. So the motion is off the table. Supervisors, I am -- we did get a supplement, a supplemental item to try to recreate what happened last time. And so in my memory last time, the motion to deny was made by Supervisor Bricksman, and she spoke on the motion to deny. And then Mr. Kirshner spoke on the motion to deny, and then he made the motion to table. Is that

[04:00:37] right so far? All right. So then we are back now to that original motion to deny. So if you've already spoken that original motion to deny, you don't speak on it again right now, except Ms. Bricksman will get a closing because she had an opening, because we're back to that motion.

[04:00:56] I guess I'm the only one that doesn't get to speak. Sorry, you did speak, and you tabled the item. You did speak, and you tabled the item. So, Ms. Bricksman, would you like to read the motion that you made before just to refresh everyone's memory?

[04:01:12] And who actually seconded that motion at that time? Who did? Mr. Crony seconded the motion. Would you like to read that motion just to refresh everyone's memory? Yes. I move that the Board of Supervisors deny LEGIE 2023-0064 Cross Mill Center, ZMAP 2023-002, and SPECS 2023-007, subject to the proffer statement dated May 6, 2025, and the conditions of approval dated May 6, 2025,

[04:01:48] and based on the findings for denial provided in attachment, I don't know what attachment it is today, in today's attachment. One. Attachment one of the July 1, 2025 Board of Supervisors Business Meeting Action Item.

[04:02:05] Okay, so that was the motion, and it was seconded by Supervisor Tocroni. Supervisor Brixman's had an opening. Supervisor Kirshner has spoke on the motion. Would anyone else like to speak on the motion to deny before Ms. Bricksman gets a closing. I have a question. Well, first of all, is there any new information you guys haven't presented to us?

[04:02:27] No, other than we submitted a revised motion or revised findings to deny to remove finding two regarding the 230 KV reference. Yes. I have a couple of questions, actually. Go ahead. Okay. Well, but Mr. Crony's light just came on. Mr. Crony?

[04:02:45] Yeah, I guess I could ask a question as well. sure you can. So did we ever look at off-site substations for this application, where they would be? It's part of our evaluation of the availability of substations in the area. In this instance, we did not. Okay. We typically do not. It's simply the land use, the appropriateness of the land use on the property that's subject to the application. Right. But electrical infrastructure off-site is something that can be part of a review off-site. And so I do want to

[04:03:21] make everybody clear that we have an application coming before us Tuscarora land bay 3 substation that's on the agenda for the July public hearing because there is no capacity at the three adjacent existing substations so we do have Tuscarora has to come before the board for a substation to serve their data center so I do want to make it clear that there are substations that are already at capacity that are adjacent to this property and they're off-site okay that was my yep thank

[04:03:57] you thank you um mr letourne yeah we're we're in debate on the motion so i'll make a few comments but i do have a question um so i've heard some mixed things about what the statue says about under grinding undergrounding distribution lines um can you clarify whether that is a requirement or not i'll answer and mr rogers if you could support me if i needed so a transmission line would be above ground in this instance this data center not having an on-site substation a distribution line would serve it and that distribution line would be required to be underground the distribution line would require to be under from the substation to the site

[04:04:36] off-site substation to the site okay and then the transmission line is existing off-site correct okay so yeah i mean i understand some of the arguments um i have trouble applying the broad spectrum to every single application. And I think that's kind of where the board may come down here with some

differences of opinion. I think some of the power estimate is difficult to truly understand because we have a lot of applications that have filed for load that are not real. So I know that's

[04:05:13] an issue that Dominion's working through. Dominion actually issued some new guidance even today on timeline, on power hookup, on things like that. That's going to have to be managed for sure. But the reality is the demand that exists for data center is significant, and we're seeing it everywhere, and it's going to continue to happen.

[04:05:30] And I've made it really clear for me, the number one thing is to not put it near residential homes, because that's where we run into the biggest number of issues. And we do have that in this county in several places, and we have pressure to do more of that.

[04:05:49] You know, we have literally people who own homes in existing neighborhoods getting offered lots of money to sell their home so they can be a data set. So when I see an application like this one that is in a very clearly defined industrial area next to an airport that the airport commission, whatever insinuations may have been made, is supportive of, it's difficult for me to say no to that one because this is where we want them versus other places that I don't want them.

[04:06:21] Anything short of that is just to simply say no more data centers whatsoever, which is not a position I think is necessarily defensible legally for the county and something that I think would be a broader board policy discussion that we have had at times, but, you know, we haven't resolved.

[04:06:36] So looking at this solely through the context of this individual application, the applicant has made a number of changes that are beneficial to the county, and it is in a location that is consistent with industrial uses. And so I don't see a reason to deny it.

[04:06:53] Mr. Sands, do you have anything you want to say? No, I don't, Madam Chair. Okay. Mr. Turner, Vice Chair Turner. Thank you, Madam Chair. The application is going to get approved tonight based on undergrounding distribution lines from an unknown location.

[04:07:15] At some point down the road, if it becomes obvious that a substation is needed and that the surrounding substations don't have the capacity and a substation has to be built and an overhead transmission line has to come to this site and the application was approved based on no substation and no overhead transmission line, what recourse does the board have at that point? Substation is not on site. It would need to be off site. That would need to go through a commission permit or special exception process. And the board would have a review of that application at that time. And what about the transmission line? If, if, if the, I can't,

[04:07:52] I don't know at this point, I can't imagine the board approving a substation when this is going to get approved based on no substation. But if through some magic, such as we're seeing here tonight, the substation gets approved, and it's going to require a transmission line, we have no recourse. Dominion will make the determination to run a transmission line from that substation to this site, correct? Yes, sir. Okay. It won't be a transmission line, it'll be the distribution line. But I understand your point, and that's why I'll defer to Mr. Rogers. Well, it depends on where the substation is, and it depends on, once built out, what the actual power requirement of this 500,000 square foot data center is going to be.

[04:08:31] If there's additional substations to serve the area that will require an overhead or potentially an overhead transmission line. Well, yeah, that's right. We've already determined, my team's already

determined all the substations in the area are already at capacity, so it would require a new substation. That occurs to me.

[04:08:49] If a substation had to be built and if a transmission line had to run from that substation, would the FAA have to review that process again and approve that new substation and power line infrastructure if it impinged on the airport traffic area? I think the location of the route would need to be reviewed by the FAA and if that was in conflict with the airspace then it would have to be relocated or rerouted. Okay, thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Turner. So to Mr. Turner's

[04:09:19] questions to some degree, could, is it possible to, for lack of a better way to say it, and you all please try and understand what I'm trying to say, is it possible to like proffer out the substation coming later so that we're saying we don't need a substation um is it possible to because what he's asking is if we need one later and you need a transmission line later what happens now first of all it that would come to the to the as a specs correct the substation would come to you as a specs and commission potentially commission permit so then if if if if this

[04:09:58] board or a board said no to a substation at that moment at that time then what happens is there's a building there that's not really can't be really used because they wouldn't have the power to power it is that correct correct i'm thinking through your head so if you're just saying you're thinking that's built and there's not a substation to serve it then that building it couldn't be a data center or the data center would sit fallow so now if the board would deny a substation in that location then an alternate location would have to be identified and that subsequent application submitted for the

[04:10:34] board to review as well but because it's off-site I would defer to Mr. Rogers but I don't believe you could they could proffer to say that no other off-site substation would be permitted and before I go to Mr. Rogers this we're talking about distribution lines would be undergrounded here yes ma'am so so let me just say all this to you there's right now no substation needed distribution lines would be underground if they come back and for whatever reason they need a substation that becomes a specs and it comes to us if we say no to the specs that comes to us at

[04:11:11] that time then they have a building a data center that's really not usable at that moment is that all correct correct and they have the two other development options in their plan should data center not be developed okay my next question is one of the speakers mentioned an archaeological site do you know what that is because this is the first time I really can't help me with that with what that is and and the the question is one do you know what that is and two can we have a requirement that that that we figure out what that is if if it is a burial ground if it is a historic

[04:11:49] site can I need to know what that is like I need to know what that is okay so there's two sites there's an arch there's a home site or a homestead or home formal home location if there's they've proffered to do a phase two archaeological review. If that mandates further study or further preservation.

[04:12:05] So they have proffered to do that? Yes. That's proffered to do. And that's outside the development area. Okay. And then if that yields something, what's next? They would go to a phase three, which might require a more in-depth study. And that's proffered too? And that's included? Yes, ma'am. Correct. Okay.

[04:12:23] So the two sites that have been identified, the one site was not identified for further evaluation or study beyond the assessment that was done with the application. And the second homestead site was

evaluated as proper to do a phase two and phase three if there's encroachments of that site. Okay.

[04:12:41] Ms. Bricksman, would you like a closing? Yes, ma'am. Quick question to staff. What does JLMA 20 mean? Joint land management area 20, which is a minimum acreage of 20 acres. And there's some other development requirements and limited uses within that district.

[04:12:57] It's not residential 20 per acre, is it? It would allow residential at one per acre. For 20 per acre. Right, residential. So basically, we are potentially rezoning something that could be residential to data center use. The findings for denial, number one, the proposal to construct buildings up to 60 feet in height conflicts with the policies of the Leesburg JLMA employment place type of the Loudoun County 2019 general plan, which recommends buildings be no taller than four stories.

[04:13:25] Three, prior to amending the general plan to make data centers a conditional use to be considered on a case-by-case basis, The general plan provided the data center should be a complementary use rather than a core use in the Leesburg JLMA. So those are the findings for denial.

[04:13:43] I am going to vote no, obviously. To what some of the speakers said tonight, I have never been asked to sign a DNA. I don't know that any, with a data center organization, I can't imagine any of my colleagues have.

[04:14:02] I don't know for sure, but I've never heard of it. have never received a payment from a data center organization. I don't know that any of my colleagues have received a personal payment. Some of my colleagues may have received campaign contributions, and that is not illegal. It has to be reported. Some of them may have received gifts or gone on trips, gone on hunting trips or something like that with a data center land development person. I've never done that, but those who have received campaign contributions and those who have maybe received gifts, that's on their conscience.

[04:14:40] But I'll be voting no in this application, and I don't have any of that on my conscience. I am very concerned, and I don't know why we call this a clearly defined industrial area, because to me it looks like a blank slate, and that we could do what we want here if it's JLMA-20 and the areas around it.

[04:15:00] I don't know how we can hear about the load issues, the fact that PJM and EPA have said, go ahead data centers use your generators when we have load issues and knowing what's in front of us based on what supervisor turner has reviewed and studied and told us tonight we don't have the power now we're certainly not going to have the power when more data centers get built it's unconscionable to me that we would vote for another data center in loudon county it's unconscionable to me i encourage my colleagues to vote no on this application thank you madam chair i need a point

[04:15:39] of clarification. Mr. Rogers, are we allowed to consider power when we take a vote legally? Are we allowed to consider power when we take these votes? The answer is, well, for what was said, we're not allowed to consider power in like total amount on the grid. We can consider power in terms of will this development create adverse impacts to adjacent properties? And so that would be something as to the extension of power to the site. It's one of the reasons that the ordinance

[04:16:12] requires the distribution or service line be underground. But in the way that Ms. Bricksman just said it, are we allowed to consider it in that way? No, the fact that there's a lack of power on Dominion, PJM, and the SEC have the authority to regulate power, its transmission, and its generation. We are, that is not a land use issue for us. Okay, thank you. Madam Chair, just point clarification i read the two findings for denial but i also have my personal opinion about power

[04:16:45] in the county you did you did you did you did that yes um to who's this question to because a point of clarification is a question not a statement mr rogers mr rogers is the state of the loudon county power grid and the fact that it is in a constrained status that is a fact and

[04:17:15] If the construction of another data center is in fact going to require the construction of more transmission lines in Loudoun County, that is a fact, and those transmission lines can have a significant impact on residents of Loudoun County, is that a permissible objection?

[04:17:31] The county would need to get additional legislative authority to consider the grid as a whole and the transmission of power in order to enhance the grid as part of its land use factor. We can only take into consideration the impacts that the particular use will cause.

[04:17:52] So what you say is correct, but no, that's not something that we can consider at this time. All right. So the motion was seconded. The motion was made by Supervisor Bricksman's. second but supervisor the crony this is a motion to deny right this is a motion to deny so just I just want to make sure you guys know the way you're voting so yeah yeah so you're voting yes on the denial okay that just just make sure people know how they're voting so the vote's almost

[04:18:26] the opposite you know so so I'll say it like this all in favor of voting to deny the application Please say aye. All opposed. That motion to deny will fail 5-4 with Supervisors Glass to Crony, Turner, and Bricksman voting. Yes.

[04:18:58] I don't believe we heard from Supervisor Sayings. I voted nay for the motion. Sorry. I did. I heard from you. Yeah, I heard from you. Thank you, though. Okay. we now have to make a motion to approve is that correct because we just said we won't deny it we didn't say we would approve it the matter is back on the table for the board you can make any motion you could put it off to another meeting you could make another motion you could make a motion to approve but that that's up to the board on how what motion you make it this time okay all right

[04:19:37] is there another motion whatever that motion may be on the dance miss umstead then this is by the way in your in your district i would like to make a motion to approve i move that the board of supervisors approve leji 2023-0064 cross mill center zmap 2023-0002 and specs 2023-0007 subject to the proffer statement dated may 6 2025 and the conditions of approval dated may 6 2025

[04:20:15] and based on the findings for approval provided as attachments 2 3 and 5 to the july 1st 2025 board of supervisors business meeting supplemental action item second was the main second by supervisor Kirchner. Discussion on the motion, Ms. Umstead. Thank you, Madam Chair. This data center is in exactly the location where you want data centers. It is surrounded by industrial uses. It is very

[04:20:51] close to the Leesburg Executive Airport on land at the southern end of the runway. As we've heard from the Leesburg Airport Commission. This is a very, very compatible use with an airport.

[04:21:09] We already know what happens when you put residential next to an airport. We get more and more complaints and more and more attempts to limit or shut down the airport. And the Leesburg Executive Airport provides about \$40 million to \$70 million a year in economic benefit to the larger region. So curtailing flights at the airport, which has begun to see more and more

[04:21:42] small commercial jets, top-rated businesses coming into Leesburg and Loudoun County, Restricting that would be a big financial hit to not just Leesburg, but the county.

[04:22:01] This, the design for the buildings, the aesthetics are among some of the best we've seen, far better than data centers were designed when they first started coming to Loudoun County. The tree preservation areas have been extensive.

[04:22:19] There is a very solid plan to preserve water flow, to engage in storm water management that was not there before, and to protect the environment with this development.

[04:22:37] On the topic of power lines coming, transmission lines coming through Loudoun County, Unfortunately, as Pennsylvania goes and builds more power plants and as data centers begin to move south of Loudoun County, even south of Virginia into North Carolina and the Atlanta region, we are going to see the potential for more transmission lines coming through Loudoun County, even if we don't approve another data center.

[04:23:07] So by shutting this down, by shutting down every data center application in the county, that is not going to prevent more transmission lines being needed through Loudoun County. That's a whole other battle, but this data center in the right place, in the right location, with the kind of tax revenues we expect, which pay for schools, which pay for parks, which pay for law enforcement and mental health, this one is a good one. Thank you.

[04:23:38] Thank you, Ms. Umstead. Mr. Sane, do you have anything? No, ma'am. Okay. Ms. Tecroni?

[04:24:00] Thank you, Chair Randall. So I'm going to disagree with my colleague, Supervisor Umstead. I don't believe this is an industrial area. The property is adjacent to Bowlin Park off Cross Trail Boulevard. The property has steep slopes and the applicant has to build a retaining wall to minimize visual impacts from Sickland Road and Cross Trail Boulevard. 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.

[04:24:23] The southern portion of the property is major floodplain associated with Sickland Creek. Stormwater would drain into Sickland Creek, which is partially located on the property, and potentially impact the health of the creek, which is already impaired and stressed.

[04:24:39] There will be encroachments into the risker to install sufficient stormwater management infrastructure to manage on-site runoff. And the data center is not a core use in the JLMA employment place type. It's a complementary use.

[04:24:56] This place type accommodates other uses like manufacturing, flex industrial, that would be compatible with the airport. There is insufficient transportation improvements to meet future conditions.

[04:25:12] For example, the applicant is not expanding Sicklin Road. It's supposed to be four lanes. They're not expanding it. They're not making improvements to the intersection of Cochran Mill and Sicklin Road. And they're not doing the trail that we've always been asking for.

[04:25:27] The trail on Cochran Mill Road is not being done by this applicant, the five-foot trail that was asked for by the county staff. staff and lastly we do not have a substation for this um for this application a substation will be needed and um as i mentioned the hearing on um july 5th we'll be talking or or um july 9th sorry we'll be talking about how the area does not have adequate substations um tusca tuscarora will have

[04:26:00] to build another substation to serve their data center. So a substation will be needed. And I just -- given these -- all the lists that I mentioned, all the reasons, all the factors, I can't support this. And I

think there is a better use of this property than data centers. Thank you. Thank you. Ms. Bricksman? Thank you, Madam Chair. I will be voting no on this and i i don't know how someone can say this is strictly an industrial and look at this strictly an industrial area where where where are we saying that it's jlma 20

[04:26:39] they wouldn't be coming in for rezoning if it was a buy right or even a a core use here i have a question madam chair for um council if you don't mind mr rogers absolutely uh are we allowed to consider uh pollution when it comes to uh data center land use decisions because of what um we're hearing now about the data centers being asked actually being asked to turn on their generators because of load especially in the hot summer when everyone's running their air

[04:27:14] conditioners pollution it would be air pollution yes particular uh if the airport if we were in a non-attainment zone and the data center itself was generating the pollution that would be a factor for you to consider? Okay okay I'd like to explore that more with you at some point I know that I kind of asked that off the cuff but but I am actually very very concerned and I know that we there it's a fine line when we're talking about power issues but given what we know having sat on this board

[04:27:51] for nearly six years, and most of my colleagues have either been here for six years, you know, except for a supervisor at the crony, and even more than that, a lot of us. We may not be able to strictly use power demand as a decision, but we can use our common sense. We can use our common sense. The community has been begging us to curtail this industry and come up with other things to support our economy. Our economy is great right now. I appreciate the data center

[04:28:26] revenue. But to be a healthy economy, we need more diversification. And as my colleague from Little River said, there are all kinds of options on this land that we can use this land for. I will be voting no on this application. Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Kirshner. Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm going to just agree with my colleagues who spoke earlier, Ms. Umstead and Mr. Letourneau on a lot of their points that they made.

[04:28:53] I just wanted to add a couple more, given some of the, first of all, I looked it up on the DEQ, Loudoun County's air quality is 86% better than, is better than 86% of all the counties in Virginia. So, you know, in terms of our air quality, we're not doing too bad, quite frankly, if you compare us with the other counties in Virginia.

[04:29:11] Also, our air quality is better than it was 10 years ago, before the big data center push occurred. I think we're. 25 years ago. Well, that too. But my point being that we're doing a pretty good job in terms of our air quality. And although those are always concerns that you want to look at anytime you have a development project, I think those are scare tactics, quite frankly, that have been brought forward by significant misinformation.

[04:29:37] I do appreciate the applicant. They put the three-year limitation on it. I also appreciate the applicant in terms of the new substation. I know there was a lot of talk up here earlier, and I appreciate the staffs because I was going to ask the same questions. but obviously I was limited from asking questions during that debate period, but it was very clear to me from reading application and then the rules of denial, which number two was taken out, that indeed any, not transmission, what's the other line?

[04:30:08] My mind's slipping. Yes, distribution lines were going to have to be underground based upon our rules, and I think we've kind of known that for a while, but there was some confusion, I think, from the previous meetings that occurred, and I'm glad that we were, quite frankly, able to clear that up. And I

do want to suggest, I kind of disagree with Supervisor Brisman. There's a lot of commercial going on here. I mean, we know what this is. This is FedEx Distribution Center. This is the airport, and it's almost directly sandwiched between the two. That is significant commercial. I don't know what else. And I don't really see any residential surrounding it whatsoever. So

[04:30:43] So to say that this is not commercial is, I think, not – I mean, I think anyone can see by opening their eyes if that's the case. Also, the great thing is we know about data. It doesn't create a lot of traffic. I mean, we approved this, which we know creates tons of traffic because FedEx is going out of there and making distributions all the time.

[04:31:03] And quite frankly, this is going to create very little traffic. I appreciate the concerns that my colleague have. I know we're dealing with some of those that are coming up, being close to neighborhoods. I agree with him, quite frankly, we have to be very careful how we do any data because of the largeness of the buildings near any sort of residential and we should continue to keep that in mind.

[04:31:21] But as a board, we should take a very practical approach and to suggest that we're putting this massive strain on the grid because there's data being built in Loudoun County at times and Supervisor says, right, power is coming through our county to serve our sister counties below us.

[04:31:42] And we are largely built out. We have a lot that's already approved that will continue to be built out that Dominion is going to have to serve. But there are places, oh, sorry, let me finish my sentence. No, I'm sorry. Can I finish the sentence? Really quickly. There are places in the county that still may be appropriate for this, and this is one of them.

[04:31:58] Thank you. Thank you. And by the way, I didn't stop him from speaking on the item, on the motion. He spoke on the motion already, because we're back to the original motion. So just want to clear that up. Mr. Turner.

[04:32:14] Thank you, Madam Chair. I want to clarify the discussion that I just had with Mr. Rogers and also with Chair Randall's question. The board cannot deny as a reason for denial and as a body an application because of power limitations. We're a regulated state and we can't do that. The JLARC study stated in the beginning of the study they recommend that the state formalized what is taking place in practice right now that the utilities can delay but not deny power to a commercial entity right now the

[04:32:47] waiting period for new max performance energy to a high energy consumer is out to seven years i personally believe it's going to go out beyond that fairly quickly i could not disagree more with supervisor luterne and supervisor umstadt and i don't want to put words in their mouth but as i heard it supervisor luterne was saying there was extraordinary global demand for more data And therefore, we have to build more data centers.

[04:33:14] And Supervisor Umstadt said we could stop building data centers tomorrow, and we're still going to get power lines in Loudoun County, so let's just build more data centers. I could not disagree more strongly with those two statements. The board cannot deny an application based on power availability, but I have constituents that I have to be concerned with.

[04:33:35] Something that I didn't say earlier, but I will say because my staff has studied it very carefully. There are currently the main trunk line running north and south in Loudoun County for power and the Horseshoe, Aspen to Golden, Golden to Mars, and Mars to Wishing Star. All of those rights of way are currently full to capacity.

[04:33:55] The county has said those are our preferred routes for any new lines in the existing rights of way, and that's a good thing to say. There is no more room in our existing rights of way. The next right of way that they're going to go after is down the north side of Route seven right by my neighborhood with my constituents i don't know what the specifics actually i do know what the specifics of law are about applications in power what i know for a fact based on actual documents from pjm and dominion is that our grid is constrained it is getting more constrained and

[04:34:30] it is going to be constrained for the foreseeable future and i have not just i shouldn't just do this I have an absolute obligation as an elected official to defend the quality of life of my constituents and if I take a vote and I know that they're going to end up with power lines running through their backyard I am not doing my job and I will not do that and I have every right as an individual supervisor to vote no because I believe that saying yes to another data center is saying yes to more transmission lines and it will directly affect the quality of life of my constituents And I will not do that.

[04:35:07] And for this board to continue to approve data centers in the face of that reality to me is absolutely unconscionable. I will be voting no. Thank you. You know, I actually wish I was as absolutely sure as the people who are voting yes on this or the people who are voting no on this.

[04:35:28] This is just not that, I'm just not that totally sure on this issue. I'm just not. I'm 49, 51 at any given moment, and I'm surprised that people are this year. I think that there are statements that are being made up here that are exaggerated.

[04:35:49] Let's just say it like that. This is an industrial area. If you drive out there, it's an industrial area. If you look at what's around it, it's an industrial area, and you can fight with that until you drive out there and you look at it. It's an industrial area. At the same time, the things Mr. Crony said, you know, it matters a lot.

[04:36:08] How they build a retaining wall, what that looks like, that matters. Is it true that data centers bring enormous tax revenue to our county? It is true that they do that, and so many things that we have are because of them. Is it true that we need to keep building data centers to keep that revenue?

[04:36:24] That is not true. It is not true. We actually will keep this revenue because we would make sure we take care of the data centers that we have here already. So the idea that we have to keep, we don't have to be the only game in town building data centers. So that is not true. So there's these statements made on both sides.

[04:36:41] And by the way, I have never signed an NDA. I don't know what that's about. I don't know where you're coming from with that. I don't know. In fact, Loudoun County is the county that has the most stringent reporting of any county in the country. When we take anything from anybody or even talk to people, we have to say it on the data.

[04:36:58] No other county in the country requires that. No other county. So I am no joke. I mean, I am just sitting on dead even on this one. I do think that, and I'm just going to say it, I think that this applicant built a good product, and he has come through with what he said he's going to do.

[04:37:18] I also think that my constituents are yelling at me, and I can't just ignore that either. I have two questions, and I'm going to make everyone really mad, because what I might need to do is take a little bit more time on this one that does not mean i need people calling me and stuff like that because i i don't need that i just need i just even with all this time there have been things on this day that have been said i

know guys i know you have every right to roll your eyes at me right now but you know that's roll your eyes everybody roll your eyes all at once

[04:37:51] so my questions to mr crony's point what else could be built here and to mr i forgot who said it it might have been mr coney also do we i'm so i'm a bit confused i've heard more than one thing and do we need a substation or not and then finally you did tell me what happens with the archaeological site but what happens if something is found in other words if something is found to be there can we can we mandate that they stop building are they do they just do they just go

[04:38:25] to the next level of study i'll add to the last one first so the phase two and the phase three they're already staying out there they're trying not to encroach it's on the northern part of the property so they're doing their best to avoid that home site requires about that they do have to impact it for some reason they'll do phase two which is a more in-depth they take more ground I think assessments of what's there and the limits of what's there and then the phase three is a further documentation and maybe some preservation or relocation of the of the feature but I'd have to provide a more detailed summary of what that home site

[04:39:01] entails or who is affiliated with i don't have that readily at my my fingertips on the second one was the um what else is allowed so by today or what's allowed by the if should you approve it by today today on the jml jl a20 you have a caretaker or guard residence number of residential uses tenant dwellings a dormitory seasonal labor bed and breakfast homestay a lot of the rural economy uses a rural resort short-term rentals animal care businesses or animal services

[04:39:39] some food and beverage sales and services farmer's market or a banquet event facility restaurant by special exception farm machinery sales commercial nursery religious assembly school public school and that's the about the extent of cultural tourism private park recreation

[04:40:08] center minor utility recycling center and that's about the extent of it and a number of agricultural uses and then the first question substation question is one needed they have they have not accommodated they have said they do not need one and the site would not accommodate a substation by the cdp layout there's no room for a substation by their proffered uh concept development plan

[04:40:43] whether or not they would need one at the time the data center is built that would have to be determined or if an off-site substation that would have to be determined at the decision point for them to move forward on data center site or not and alternatively they would have the other uses which is flex and warehousing and some other industrial uses that they've proffered as alternatives okay something would you like a closing no ma'am I don't need one thank you all right motion was made by supervisor I'm standing by supervisor

[04:41:17] Kirshner yeah all the people say aye mr. saints all opposed I can't I can't yet i'm not ready yet i'm sorry everyone i can't yet i don't know what i'm going to be doing but i can't yet i'm going to abstain right now no i'm going to abstain right now i will i will abstain and i

[04:41:55] will put this back on the agenda for the next meeting and i will i will absolutely guarantee you all that by the next meeting i will do more research and be there i'm sorry dan but i will abstain right now yes so on a 4-4-1 vote the the motion fails right the matter is before the board if the board wants to take another action to defer it to a date certain well i would it would no i know but but i don't want to reconsider the next meeting i i don't i'm not trying to

[04:42:34] vote with the minority majority just to for the point of reconsidering that's not what i want to do i will put it i i will without objection put it on the july 15th agenda which really means it just becomes chair rando what are you voting because i don't think anyone else is i think everyone else is finished with me so that's a four four one vote which fails the motion so so all the motions tonight have yeah it's been it yeah it just fails the motion and we go to the next meeting could i understand you mean to take a vote on that and that's your prerogative chair

[04:43:09] generally that's done by a vote okay you guys does any okay supervisors i'm going to make a motion to put this to the january 18th meeting i'm sorry july july 15th meeting some other meeting 2026 i'm sorry january 15th or 18th january 15th oh my god to the july 15th meeting motion made and seconded okay i am sorry i i to to to the to to everyone to the applicant i'm sorry. To the staff, I'm sorry. I've actually heard things tonight. I came on this day of

[04:43:49] tonight believing I was going to vote for this application. And truthfully, if you want to be honest, I'm still leaning toward that. I'm not going to play games. But I have heard some things tonight that have made me want to say I need to go a little deeper and dig a little more. And sometimes we make these votes because we feel pressure, which I do feel pressured right now. And then, you know, two years later, people say things like, that's the worst vote I ever took. And I don't want to say that two years from now. So it is what it is. I apologize to everyone. I don't need a thousand phone calls. I know what questions I need to ask

[04:44:26] to the applicant. I know what questions I need to ask the staff. And I will ask those questions. I know we've been doing this a long time, but the purpose of public comment is to take comments from the public and take them into account. And if I'm just going to walk on here and do what I would have done anyway, even though public comments were made, why have public comments?

[04:44:45] I will say that, again, I have not seen the applicant not do what he said he's going to do, ever, ever. So that's not my question. That is not my question. But I did hear some things tonight that I read but kind of skimmed through, but now asking deeper questions I need just a little I just need a little bit more so I'm still I am honestly still leaning toward yes and I and and this will be a fast item the next time we do it because it's really just on me at this point but I do not want two years from now to go darn it

[04:45:21] that was the worst vote I've I've had I have one vote in my history that I really wish I could take back and it was a data center vote i don't want to have a second one i just don't so i'm not sure where will i be but i do know i'm not ready to be there right now so i apologize but i'm put if with without with i'm asking i'm i'm making a motion to send this to the next meeting it's just where i'm at guys sorry anybody else karon mr saynes anybody else mr saynes nope uh july what did you

[04:45:56] you said 15th 18th whatever I said January 18th and I said January 15th and I said August I said October but it's actually July 15th yeah July 15th July 15th all right be there be square all in favor say aye aye opposed the motion to move it will fail I mean will pass what I think that was was that six three how many who said no six three with Supervisor DeCrony Supervisor Turner and Supervisor Brick's been saying no.

[04:46:33] All right, I apologize. All right, let's do public comment, everyone. I mean, board comment. Oops. All right, let's start with Supervisor.

[04:46:55] Oh, Mr. Sains, let you go first. How's that? Okay, thank you, Madam Chair. No mandatory disclosures. Just like to remind folks that we have a lot of new laws kicking into place today. So my next newsletter coming out on Monday, after the holiday, we'll have a lot of the new laws for folks to take their time and read and make sure you understand the laws that will be in our commonwealth.

[04:47:25] And that's it. Thank you. Thank you. Supervisor Umstead. Thank you, Madam Chair. On disclosures, I had a meeting on June 27th with Aaron Swisshelm and representatives of Luckstone on the Luckstone-Cochran Mill application.

[04:47:51] I had a discussion with Charles Yudd on June 30th and discussion with Charles Yed and Randy Binchu on July 1st on the crossmill data center. I want to really thank a number of people in county government but especially

[04:48:24] folks in dtci including Logan Baird and other staff members Lou Mozarek, Scott Warrest, Megan McCarthy from Parks and Rec, Steve Torpe and our outgoing dtci acting director Vincent Jones. They were tremendous help in helping me put together information for one of my neighborhoods that borders the West Park and they moved really quickly and I did not expect them to be

[04:49:01] able to put together a presentation as quickly as they did but they did it and it was excellent so I really appreciate staff for all that hard work. My apologies to all the great staff members that I forget to thank but my experience with staff has been excellent. Um, consistently um so tonight I have to mention that um a number of anti-semitic uh comments were made again unfortunately and I

[04:49:37] wish I wish they weren't but saying bad night to the Zionists as is said at almost every meeting is highly anti-Semitic and offensive. Furthermore, accusing Israel of genocide, of being a colonial power or an apartheid power, all of those are anti-Semitic and I believe need to be called out from the dais every time they are said.

[04:50:12] That is all I have. Thank you. Ms. Glass. Thank you, Madam Chair. For disclosures, on Monday, June 23rd, my staff participated in a pre-application meeting for a proposed Concora self-storage facility and the Ashburn Crossing sign plan.

[04:50:32] On June 30th, I met with representatives from JK Land Holdings to discuss the cross-mill data center application. On June 30th, I met with representatives from American Real Estate Partners and DLA Piper to discuss the Arcola Grove data center application.

[04:50:49] My staff participated in a meeting with the National Association of Counties, Arts, and Culture Commission meeting on June 18. I also participated in the NACO South Region meeting on June 24.

[04:51:07] On June 25, I participated in NACO's and the Committee on the Wine Health Services and Education Steering Committee. We had a discussion of the possible cuts with SNAP, similar to what Chair Randall had shared with us earlier in this meeting on June 25th.

[04:51:28] I went to the NVTa Planning Coordination Advisory Committee. We voted to move that our committee recommend NVTa approval of the BRT Action Plan. And this is the rapid transit plan that's a strong blueprint for jurisdictions and agencies to develop lines incrementally which will function as an integrated system once it's implemented in our region.

[04:51:56] The BRT action plan, they've evaluated 28 potential BRT lines. This is to provide a meaningful alternative to driving. NVTa has already invested in \$850 plus million in five BRT lines, which are in

Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax County, and Falls Church.

[04:52:18] The next meeting I went to was the NVRC, our Northern Virginia Regional Commission meeting on the 26th, shifting, and the discussion was on shifting migration patterns of Northern Virginia and affordable housing needs.

[04:52:34] It was a very good discussion, and it's basically talking about housing affordability and how that is driving where people are moving to. I also went to the Jewish Community Town Hall, and I want to thank those who came out and voiced their concerns to me and with other elected officials who participated.

[04:52:58] I also participated in the reading of the Declaration of Independence on Sunday at the Hillsborough Way Independence Day celebration with Chair Randall, Vice Chair Turner, Supervisor Kirshner, and former Supervisor Tony Buffington and other committee community members. I want to thank Mayor Vance for the invitation. Thank you. Mr. Letourneau. Thank you. Disclosures, June 10th, I had a meeting with Charles Yudd of JK Land Holdings to discuss the cross mill

[04:53:34] application and the hiddenwood assemblage application on both June 26th and June 28th I discussed the Arcola Grove application that is coming back to the board on July 15th with Rom Meyer who's a consultant on that project with American Real Estate Partners on July 1st

[04:53:57] I met with Colleen Gillis today, Colleen Gillis, Matt Holbrook, and another gentleman, Hayton, I think, with St. John's Properties to discuss a new application, Dulles Landing South, Hayton Stone.

[04:54:17] Going back to the Arcola Grove application that's coming back to us, you all might remember that's the one with the indoor substation that was requesting additional data center space. I'm pleased to report to my colleagues that they have removed in their resubmission the additional data center square footage, which I think will make that application more palatable for all of us, at least for me.

[04:54:41] Just to clarify a little bit, since Supervisor Turner brought up my comment, I wasn't saying we need to approve data centers because there's global demand for data centers. What I was saying was the reality on the ground is there's tremendous pressure in Northern Virginia for data centers, in Loudoun in particular. I'm personally not comfortable taking a hard line absolute no on every single one, which means I have to sort of pick and choose which ones. And to me, this last one we had, we discussed tonight, we're going to discuss again, was much better than a lot of the alternatives. That said, I recognize we don't have to approve all of them, and I don't support doing

[04:55:14] that. In fact, in many cases, I think we've kind of, we're running out of places where data centers are appropriate. The last thing I just wanted to reflect on was this today is my last day on the Metro Board of Directors after five years as a principal director and it was an incredibly eventful five years. My very first meeting as a principal director was February of 2020 in the old Jackson Graham building and we were discussing this new virus that was making its way through and how we were going to deal with that and that was the last time I was in person there for literally

[04:55:49] years. We went through a major personnel change there and brought in Randy Clark. And I always say the most important thing a board like any of ours can do is who we hire. We have a good person here. We have a very good person there. And I'm just very proud of the way that that organization has evolved over my five years. 49 straight months of ridership increases over a million passengers a day

routinely now record customer service record reliability crime at a seven-year low fare evasion down 80 across the board we've made great strides and i'm really excited to see

[04:56:25] what the future is as i turn the reins over to uh supervisor alcorn who will be taking my place thank you and good job on the board you it's actually been really cool for us having you on on the metro board we feel like you got like the information first a little bit of insight and and often got the correct information that you don't always get everywhere else so um i i've i've actually enjoyed your tenure on the metro board so um supervisor kirsten thank you madam chair first uh disclosures this past week i had two phone calls with j representatives from jk land

[04:57:04] holding and on the cross trails application secondly i want to congratulate mr letourneau for making it five years through covet and everything else as a member of the metro board so thank you for all your service there and obviously a lot of what you have mentioned a lot of credit goes to you so well a job well done and sometimes we overlook that as public servants and I'm sure you got paid really really well for that job and it didn't eat up hours and hours of your time and take you away from your family so thank you for doing all that third I was not here for the consent agenda but the Beacon Hill traffic calming I first want to thank all the representatives of DTCI who

[04:57:41] worked hard on this. This is a project that we've been working on in my office for well over a year maybe. I think we're doing this I think I was around this time last year I had multiple meetings with staff and my staff had multiple meetings and to Arlie Harris who did a lot of work on this in my office as well as Miss Carey. This we have a lot of we have a lot of traffic issues going through Beacon Hill because of all the congestion that occurs on 7 and Route 9 and people trying to get to their homes and uh beacon hill came to us and wanted to make sure that we uh tried to address this so that we do go through the traffic study it met the approval so now we're putting up

[04:58:18] these speed signs so very grateful to everyone that's involved in that hopefully this will help to um you know help to curb not that anyone hits the curb but that it will help to curb the the traffic you don't like the dad joke anyway um when you have six boys you tell a lot of dad jokes. So and finally I just want to say happy Independence Day to everyone here. It is right at the top of my favorite holidays and I would say something I have a lot of pride being an American. I'm very grateful to be an American and I think anyone who is here does not realize

[04:58:55] unless you've traveled abroad and seen a lot of other countries as I have how fortunate we have it and how we are really in many ways a beacon to the rest of the world. We're not a perfect nation we haven't been we've made mistakes many of them but i think we continue through what our founders started and that is you know a lot of our amendments to our constitution the way we set up our structure of government the commitment that our founders made when they signed that document they knew all if we lost the war for independence they would all be hung and they put their lives on the line and so i'm i'm eternally grateful for that and appreciative for the words they put down

[04:59:32] and the principles they put in that declaration in our constitution so i just wanted to say a happy Independence Day to everyone here. I was able to celebrate it with several of my other fellow supervisors. As Supervisor Glass mentioned, it was a lot of fun. We got to read the declaration and I got to read the big word sanguinity. Yeah, that one in the declaration. And we didn't think you were going to get it right. I got it right. You did get it right. Okay. Ms. Bricksman.

[05:00:03] Thank you, Madam Chair. I was honored to attend the LCFR Recruit Class graduation for Recruit class 47 last week and express my deep appreciation for those willing to serve our county. In the 26 years I've lived here, my interactions with our fire stations and our fire personnel have been nothing but positive, from checking the baby seats in the back of my car, to bringing a fire truck to my son's birthday party, to hosting our scout troops, our swim team banquets, to the casino night fundraisers. They are truly a part of our community and I thank them. I've been visiting some of our county facilities and non-profits. Recently, I visited HealthWorks last week

[05:00:41] and learned of their very grave concerns about the big, ugly bill that apparently passed the Senate today and is now on its way back to the House. 17 million people in our country will lose health care if this bill passes and is signed into law. HealthWorks truly may have to close offices if Medicaid is cut and pregnant people lose access to famous, the prenatal Medicaid program. Virginia has roughly 322,000 people enrolled in Medicaid and 50,000 of our Loudoun neighbors are enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP. We are in for some really, really hard,

[05:01:20] tough times if this bill is signed. It's baffling to me that our purported leaders would literally take food out of the mouths of babes, allow pregnant people to lose care while they're carrying babies, to kick old people off of Medicaid so they don't have care, all to fund more ICE agents and give tax breaks to the wealthiest in our country. It is absolutely disgusting. And oh, by the way, in case you missed it, in all of this melee that has been going on,

[05:01:56] USAID is basically shut down today. The entire agency, gone, just gone. And they're thinking about moving the FBI into that building now, going back on an agreement to move to Maryland apparently. And speaking of living overseas, when I worked at two different embassies in former Soviet Union countries, I met many folks working for USAID, and they were good people doing good work. And it's shameful that this soft diplomacy is now coming to an end. We are going to pay the

[05:02:30] price mark my words we are going to pay the price um forgot from the gun violence archive 2025 is now halfway over there have been 7 321 total gun deaths and 192 mass shootings in our nation the deaths include 119 children under the age of 12 503 ages 12 to 17 happy 4th of July everybody i hope that everyone stays safe we don't have any cars going into parades and that we don't have any mass shootings this weekend. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you. Mr. Crony. Thank you, Chair

[05:03:06] Randall. I want to thank the residents who came out tonight to speak. I see some of them are still here. The grid is over capacity. Any additional load is clearly going to require data centers to run their backup generators at times of peak load. Like this past week, I've received many emails from constituents who have been experiencing a constant noise from the backup generators of data centers off Sickland Road due to a substation outage. These constituents live in Red Cedar Estates up

[05:03:39] to a mile away. So it's not close, it's up to a mile away. The substation that experienced an outage is Novex Cochran Mill substation. Novex crews are working as quickly and as safely as possible to re-energize the station. Cochran Mill is expected to be back in service by tomorrow, Wednesday, July 2nd, bearing unforeseen circumstances. I look forward to the restoration of power so residents can get some relief. Running backup generators creates air pollution and noise pollution, as somebody said earlier today. I am concerned this will be the

[05:04:16] new normal when the grid is oversubscribed due to load issues this summer. Our residents should not have to deal with noise and air pollution created by the use of backup generators. On another

topic, I've been getting lots of emails from constituents about the Happy Paws K-9 special exception application for a kennel.

[05:04:38] At this time, county staff anticipates the application will be ready for a Planning Commission public hearing this fall. September 2025 is the date I was given, and a Board of Supervisors public hearing later this year.

[05:04:57] I look forward to continuing to hear from the community about this application and encourage you to provide input at the public hearings. I will be reviewing this application closely when it comes to the board and plan to meet with the applicant this summer. And again, that's the happy pause application.

[05:05:14] On Saturday, I had the pleasure of attending What a Blast Independence Day celebration at the Howell and Bernie Hanson Park. It was well attended with, yes, well, no, no, let me say not yet. It was well attended with about 10,000 plus attendees from across the county.

[05:05:32] In fact, I had to park at Independence High School. There was no parking at the park. The band and fireworks were amazing, and I want to thank the Brambleton Community Association who hosted and funded. What a blast festival these past years.

[05:05:48] It's been a wonderful partnership between BCA and PRCS, and I think everybody's truly benefited in Central and Southern Loudoun. as the festival transitions to a county-led event next year i look forward to continuing the legacy and i wish everybody a happy independence day thank you thank you mr turner well thank you madam chair uh on monday june 23rd i met with michael capretti from capretti landing to discuss the application for tuscarora crossing on friday june 27th 2025 my staff and i met with amanda williams and jeff tapley from digital realty and jeff snow from ardent to discuss the application

[05:06:24] for digital Dulles. A couple of things. I'll just give you a little inside baseball on the attack on Iran's nuclear sites. I took off from New Mexico and flew an F-111 flight from New Mexico to Lake and Heath, England one time. I think we did, I don't know, eight or nine air refuelings, took off in the dark, flew through the night, and then landed late in the day. I think this was a 23-hour flight from Missouri or somewhere in that neighborhood

[05:06:58] for the bomber crews. The level of coordination, I have to believe the entire operation was done radio silent. The level of coordination between the bomber crews and the fighter crews to fly top cover for the bombers as they penetrated enemy airspace, the coordination of the electronic jamming of the ground radars um and then the pinpoint accuracy the bombing um i want to say it was extraordinary but it honestly wasn't extraordinary uh our air crews and our military

[05:07:33] do this kind of stuff all the time and they're really really good at it um and i can tell you because i was in the air force i was i was the air force democrat for 25 years there weren't a lot of us around, but I was one of them. Um, and, uh, I don't ever remember getting into a nasty argument, uh, about politics in any of the units I was in. And we would talk politics on a Friday night and around the bar, but I don't remember getting into a nasty argument. And without exception, not a single time when we at dawn walked out to our jets at dawn, we put our flight

[05:08:08] suits on, we put our parachutes on and we walked out of the jets and the politics just wasn't even a factor. And we had widely divergent views about politics. So when these men and women go out and suit up and get in these airplanes and go off and do what they're going to do, it's an extraordinary

accomplishment, not just because of what they physically accomplished, but because of the degree to which they are dedicated to the mission that the civilian leadership of this country tells them they have to perform, which is why it is so desperately important for the civilian leadership

[05:08:45] of this country to really think long and hard before they commit men and women in uniform to combat. It's really important. We should never do it cavalierly, and we should never do it for political reasons. And I can only commend to all of us as citizens of this country to watch very carefully, because I can't think of a better reason to vote somebody out of office than if They're using men and women in uniform for political reasons.

[05:09:10] But it was an extraordinary raid. I'm incredibly proud of these men and women, and they did just a tremendous job. And they are, in my judgment, the living embodiment of what Fourth of July is all about. I know. I know. I'm winding up. No, no. You're pretty well finished now. Happy Fourth of July.

[05:09:32] Ms. Bricksman, you have some disclosures you forgot? I apologize, Madam Chair. i have a disclosure i have two actually on june 24th i had a meeting with denise harover on greenfield farms rezoning and today i had a quick call with mike romeo on the hiddenwood application thank you thank you um my my staff met with representative lux stone i have had calls with mr coon and mr yet quite a few times about the cross mail applications and i had a meeting with michael capretti um i've said this many times i am i am the the second of seven children and from

[05:10:09] a military family my father served two tours of combat duty in vietnam growing up i was born to stick out germany on a military base and lived quite a few places before we finally settled in denver colorado growing up my mother and father told us almost daily what it was to be an american And the depths of which I am in love with my country cannot be overstated.

[05:10:34] I love my country. I am in love with my country. And I say that all the time. And when you're in love with something and when you love something, you often say what needs to be said because you're concerned about it. I am in love with my country, and I am incredibly concerned about what's going on right now because I love my country.

[05:10:55] They quote one big, beautiful bill, what it will do to rural hospitals, it will destroy them. It will shut them down. How many people will lose health care? And those people are not going to lose the need to have health care.

[05:11:10] They're gonna show up at local hospitals all over the country. This bill will bankrupt some counties, some towns, some cities. Because counties, towns, and cities cannot keep up with this money. And oh, by the way, All the stuff Doge did, we have found, didn't save money anyway.

[05:11:29] It harmed lives, but they didn't save money. They didn't save money. This bill will cost us over \$3 trillion over 10 years. That is not fiscal responsibility. It's not. This bill is cruelty on paper, pure and simple.

[05:11:48] It would be one thing if it actually met the goals of actually saving money or actually lowered the deficit. It's not doing any of those things. It's just hurting people at a cost of more money. Closing USAID, are you kidding me? Are you kidding me?

[05:12:03] Taking SNAP benefits from people? SNAP benefits feeds hungry children. This is not who we are as a country. And by the way, this is not conservatism. This is not being conservative. And it's certainly

not being a Christian.

[05:12:20] This behavior is just cruel for cruel sake. I love my country too much not to actually say it. I would be in the 4th of July parade this week at a couple of different places and I'm looking forward to that and I do wish the country that I love a happy 249th birthday. Thank you everyone. Supervisors, let's read into the last closed session of the evening. Do I need a break first? You're all good for closed session. Oh yes. Do you want to do nominations? Oh we do need to do nominations, I'm sorry. Mr. Sainz, do you have any nominations?

[05:12:57] no ma'am mrs angie joining us in closed session yes ma'am okay wonderful um if you have nominations put your light on please mr letourneau i nominate uh matthew lawrence for reappointment to the at large professional engineer position on the advisory plans examiner board which sounds like a great time i also nominate um isa saw for reappointment to the at-large building industry representative position on the board of building code appeals. Wonderful. Ms. Brixman? Yes, Madam Chair,

[05:13:31] I will joyfully re-nominate Mary Colucci to the library board for Algonquian. Wonderful, wonderful. Any other nominations? Okay, do you guys need a break or can you go in closed session? All right, let's go to closed session. Mr. Turner, will you please read us into closed session?

[05:13:49] I move that the board of supervisors recesses, public meeting, enter into closed session pursuant to sections 2.23711A8 and 19 of the Code of Virginia to consult with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding a specific legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel to discuss reports or plans related to the security of a government facility, building or structure, or the safety of persons using such facility, building or structure.

[05:14:13] Motion has been made and seconded by Supervisor Glass. Discussion on the motion? Seeing none, all the people who say aye. Aye. Any opposed? That motion will pass unanimously. We are in closed session. Mr. Sainz, we'll meet you in there.

[06:11:27] Oh, I'm sorry. Those eight minutes are going to kill you. Okay, we are back, and Mr. Turner, would you please read us out of closed session? Hold on a second. Mr. Sainz, you're with us? Yes, I'm here.

[06:11:43] Okay, Mr. Turner, would you please read out of closed session? I move that the closed session be adjourned, that the Board of Supervisors reconvenes its public meeting, that the minutes of the public meeting should reflect that no formal action was taken in the closed session, And further move that the resolution certifying the closed session be adopted and reflected in the minutes of this public meeting.

[06:12:02] Motion's been made and seconded. Motion's been made and seconded by Mr. Letourneau. Discussion on that motion? What? What? Discussion on the motion? All in favor, please say aye.

[06:12:19] Aye. Any opposed? That motion will pass 9-0. Happy 4th of July, everyone. Thanks so much. Oh, I'm sorry. Affirm. Happy 4th. Affirm. Affirm. Affirm as well.

[06:12:35] Thank you, Al. we are we are adjourned i did affirm kron did you affirm affirm



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