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[00:06:16] Can you turn me on for a second? Mr. Letourneau, can you hear me? Mr. Letourneau, can you hear me? Is he not on yet? Mr. Letourneau, yes. Can you hear me? Yeah, I can. I'm sorry.

[00:06:32] It takes a long time to get this unmuted. Okay, it's fine. Ms. Umstead, can you hear me? Yes, can you hear me? All right, thank you. One, two, three, four. We've got five. We're going to start in about two minutes.

[00:08:52] Okay. If you...

[00:09:17] Okay, okay, okay, okay.

[00:10:02] Well, good evening, supervisors. Good evening, staff. And good evening Loudon. I'd like to call to order the September 3rd, 2025 Loudon County Board Supervisors business meeting. This room has a hearing loop. If you need hearing assistance, please switch your hearing aid to the telecall mode.

[00:10:19] If you need a headset, we have those available as well. Please see the clerk to request one. We are expecting Mr. Sains and Mr. Kirshner to be here soon. I'm going to read the disclaimer in just a second. Mr. Letourneau and Ms. Amstead is joining us virtually tonight.

[00:10:39] If everyone would join me in the Pledge of Allegiance, I would appreciate it. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation,

under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

[00:10:58] We're all sitting real hard right now. It's hitting a little harder right now. Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.3 and the Board of Supervisors' Rules of Order, Supervisor Letourneau and Supervisor Umstead have requested to participate in this meeting by electronic communication.

[00:11:19] A physical quorum of the Board of Supervisors is present in the boardroom, that's five of us, and the board has made arrangements for the voices of both supervisors to be heard by all persons in the boardroom. Supervisor Letourne and Supervisor Umstead made these requests within the required time frame and the accounting attorney determined that the request met the qualifications to participate remotely. The board will record in his minutes that Supervisor LeTerno participated remotely from his home due to medical reasons. Supervisor Umstead participated remotely from Newburgh, Newburgh, I think it is New York, due to a medical reason as well. And I've checked already,

[00:11:53] both of them can hear me right now. Supervisors and Loudon, first of all, everybody, welcome back from August break. Unfortunately during August break we did lose one of our first responders.

[00:12:10] We lost a firefighter, Captain Donnie Wilson. Later on in the meeting John Myers is going to come in and speak about Captain Wilson. At that time we will have a moment of silence for Captain Wilson. Supervisors, without exception and for the first time since I've been on this dais, I'm going to ask that we allow a person not to have two and a half minutes, but to have four minutes, as Mr. Myers speaks about Captain Wilson.

[00:12:44] I believe that for somebody who's given as much sacrifice to Loudoun County as Captain Wilson has, we can certainly allow a bit more time for him to be talked about and Mr. Myers to discuss, or firefighter Myers to discuss him when he comes in. So without objection, and again for the first time and probably the only time ever, we're going to go from two and a half minutes to four minutes for Mr. Myers when he arrives, okay?

[00:13:13] I do not believe there are any additions or deletions to the agenda. I know that I do not have any. I don't believe anyone else has any deletions or deletions to the agenda either. Is that correct? All right. Well, then I'm going to read the consent agenda. The consent agenda is as follows: Proclamation to recognize September 4th is Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness and Approval -- Awareness Day, that's for approval and presentation.

[00:13:38] Mr. Vice Chair Turner, you're going to join me down front and you will read that proclamation. Proclamation to recognize the 24th -- I don't know if I like the word anniversary -- commemoration might be a better word of September 11th as a day of remembrance and patriotism that is also for approval and presentation. I will say that Ms. Glass will read the proclamation but I will say that every single supervisor is joining Ms. Glass and joining me as we

[00:14:11] commemorate that horrible yet important day of history. So what happens often is you know supervisor would put out an email that says who wants to join me on that? Well, we've been on August break, so most of us didn't see that email. And so most people didn't say yes, they wanted to join. But as I talked to my colleagues today, every one of us will be joining in that commemoration and that resolution today.

[00:14:35] Item 1, the Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory Board, Fiscal Year 2005 Annual Report. Item 1B, Housing Choice Voucher, Resident Advisory Board, Fiscal 2025 Annual Report. Item 1C, Advisory Board,

Fiscal Year 2005, Annual Report. Item 1D, Advisory Plans Examiner Board, Fiscal 2005, Annual Report. Item 1E, Facility Standards, Manor, Public Review Committee, Fiscal Year 2005, Annual Report. Item 2A, Appointments and Confirmations.

[00:15:07] Item 3, Administrative Items Report of September 3, 2023. Item 4, is being asked to be put on consent by Supervisor Kirchner, who will be here soon. It is the discussion that we've been having about the naming of the road. It will be -- the motion would be for Motion 1 to approve the name of Loyalty Post Lane. And so, since we know the name and all the families have agreed, I don't think we need to leave it on the -- I think we can put it on the consent agenda.

[00:15:42] Item 5, resolution of intent to amend Chapter 260 of the codified ordinances of Loudoun County to delete Section 260-3, Dallas Town Center, Community Development Authority. Item 6, Loudoun County Area Agency and Aging, Area Plan for Aging Services for the Fiscal Year of 2026.

[00:16:00] Item 7, PCOR 2025-0047, Village of Clear Springs, Proper Amendment Public Hearing Raver. Item 8, LEGY 2025-0017, Commonwealth Center Residential Proffer Amendment, CCPA 2025-0005.

[00:16:19] And Item 10, Proposed Conveyance of County Property, Conveyance of Easement near Mountain View Elementary School and Woodgrove High School to Virginia Electric and Power Company, Dominion Energy Virginia and Comcast Cable Communications Management LLC.

[00:16:35] That is the consent agenda. I'll make a motion to approve the consent agenda is there a second to the motion motion main second with supervisor glass discussion on the motion to uh for the consent agenda I don't believe I have any discussion on anything on the on the consent agenda does anybody else supervisors supervisor uh kirschner and um step I'm just going to keep looking at the at the at the monitor and if I see you all come off of mute I will assume you have something to say and if you don't I'll I'll just keep it moving.

[00:17:03] How's that sound? I'm right here. Oh, Supervisor Letourneau and Umstead. You know what? We've been under the dais for three minutes now, and I'm not ready. It's already started, and he's already started. It's three minutes after the August break.

[00:17:21] All right, anybody else? All right, all in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? That motion will pass 801 with Mr. Sains, who looks nothing like Mr. Kirschner being off the dais. I have quite a few updates I know it's supposedly been August break but it's been an incredibly busy August break so if you just give me a second I'm going to go try to go through some of the things that happened and we did I did during August break.

[00:17:54] On Thursday August 14th through August 16th we held the Vaco County Summit. Two things I want to discuss, first, the Health and Human Services Committee that I sit on. I put forward on that committee the same wording and legislation that passed unanimously at the National Association of County, and that is to require that elected bodies, including federal bodies, put out information about vaccinations, and that information should be evidence-based, peer-reviewed, and peer-vetted.

[00:18:30] So that passed the VACO HHS committee and will go to vote to the full VACO membership in committee. Again, this was the legislation that I, or the resolution that we put forward, that Loudon put forward through my office at the National Association of Counties.

[00:18:49] Not that, not only did it pass, every county in America who was at the conference voted for it without any amendments or any changes. so I put that forward at Baker as well. Also discussed at the Board of Directors meeting, which was really interesting, was the possibility of a study that would move Virginia away from having elections every year and put us on a cycle that might match some other states that don't have elections every year. I think we're one of two states or four states that have elections every year. There was no formal vote on this from the Board of Directors.

[00:19:25] was a discussion. There will be a formal vote at the November BACO meeting. So between now and the November BACO meeting, our board, we need to take up this item, discuss it, and take a position on it. So when Ms. Bricksman and I go to the board of directors meeting in BACO, we can represent the will of the body. I know how I feel, but when I'm on these commissions committees, I'm there for the will of the body. And so I want to make sure I know how our board feels before the November BACO meeting.

[00:19:59] On Wednesday, August 20th, BACO held our Region 8 meeting. Thank you to Vice Chair Turner for joining me at that event. The Region 8 elected officials spent time with General Assembly members to discuss the upcoming session, General Assembly session.

[00:20:15] I think we discussed a lot of things. I think the number one overwhelming thing that General Assembly members heard was to not erode or take away or in any way impact local land use and zoning control and responsibility.

[00:20:30] Do not take that control away from local bodies. There has been a good deal of discussion at the General Assembly that they want to take over land use and zoning as it relates to especially housing, because there is a housing shortage in all of Virginia.

[00:20:46] That would be a complete nightmare, to be honest. And I expressed, I didn't say complete nightmare, but it would be a complete nightmare, but I expressed the issue with that would be that there are, you know, if the General Assembly decided that they wanted to put, you know, a certain number of houses, say in Western Loudoun County, one, then that's not what our comp plan does and we've always said we are not going to do, but also it doesn't have water and sewer run out there, we may not have the road infrastructure, we may not have the school capacity.

[00:21:18] And so we really want to control our own land use and zoning. And so please, so that was a thing we discussed. And if you can hear my voice, Loudoun County, please join me if you want to talk to your General Assembly members about not taking away land use and zoning control from any local body.

[00:21:36] On Friday, August 22nd, I joined a delegation of 140 elected leaders, community and business leaders and staff from Atlanta, Georgia, including Atlanta's mayor. We welcome them as the LINC program came to the Washington metro area, again, 140 people.

[00:21:57] The LINC or the Leadership Involvement Network travels to various locations around the country every year to make nationwide connections and talk about such things as economic development, transportation, housing, environmental issues.

[00:22:14] So last year, they went to New York, and this year, all 140 members came to our area. I was pleased to speak on two panels during the link visit. One was on BRT, or bus rapid transit. I spoke on that issue more as the chair of NVTAA than the chair of Loudoun County.

[00:22:34] And then the other issue I spoke on was the regional economic development. And Buddy Riser, our own Buddy Riser, also spoke on a session as well on that. And again, thank you, Vice Chair Turner, for joining me for that event as well.

[00:22:52] We can talk more about this later, but on Monday, August 25th, Mr. Crony and I had our meeting with St. Louis, and I think it went very well. And we can have a little bit more discussion about that and what we did at a later time.

[00:23:08] And then today, I gave a speech at the Chamber of Commerce. I joined Jack Potter from the Airports Authority, Monica Backman from NVTA, Clark Mercer from COG, Kate Matheis from NVTC, and Jason Stanford from the other NVTA, which is the Alliance not the Authority.

[00:23:31] I really do want to thank staff for helping me prepare for that speech today. And Ms. Beicher Turner, Ms. Brixman, and Mr. Crony, anybody else that was it, right, joined me today at the chamber event.

[00:23:46] So that was my August break. I have to learn how to take a better break than that, don't I? All right. Today our voice for a cause is Chariots of Honor. Founded in 2021 in Ashburn, Virginia, Chariots of Honor is a veteran-owned nonprofit focused on providing veterans with the recognition and respect they so richly deserve.

[00:24:10] Chariots of Honor is deeply committed to honoring and celebrating the sacrifices and service of our military veteran through solemn and respectful traditions of honorary processions. Today we have Herbert Valle. You got it. Thank you. There you go. There you go.

[00:24:27] You have it, right? To speak to us. Thank you for coming. Thank you for all you do with our veterans all the time. You do, I mean, the amazing work you do in the county cannot be, I think everyone probably knows you, or at least they should because of the work you do.

[00:24:44] Can you talk to me a little bit about how you go about planning an honoree procession? So processions are typically through our network of nonprofit military organizations and all through social media, people reaching out to us and wanting to do a procession.

[00:24:59] They typically want to honor their father or their mother who have served in various wars, typically World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, but they'll reach out to us. We also use social media to reach out and ask the community at large, do you have a veteran that needs to be honored?

[00:25:15] And they'll reach out to us as well that way. So this is not on, I'm going to throw your question that you didn't get in advance. I apologize. Does the honoree need to either be, well, obviously, if it's World War II, they may not, they're probably not with us anymore, but did they need to have lived in Loudoun or the area to be honored?

[00:25:32] Anywhere. We typically concentrate on Loudoun County because this is where we establish our nonprofit. But we've done numerous processions outside of Loudoun, such as Maryland, D.C., and our farthest one was Mascuda, Illinois, North America. Wow.

[00:25:49] Talk about some of the partnerships you have with other veteran and military organizations. We have a very vast network, Chair Randall. I mean, all the non-military nonprofits, BOW, American Legion, Marine Corps League, AMBEDS, Elk's Lodge, Moose Lodge. We have all the major partnerships with them.

[00:26:05] But then we also have a lot of local partnerships that we've established as well, too, such as Sterling Foundation and some of the restaurants that we also partner with. Sterling Rivertown is a new one that we partner with. They like the stuff that we do.

[00:26:21] We like the stuff that we do, and that's how the partnership is created. But we are continually growing our partnership. We maintain a slide deck of just all our partnerships, and we practically have no more room to put everybody on there. So it's continually growing. That's great. Everybody we meet is a partner.

[00:26:37] Good. That's wonderful. So as I said, we're coming up on the 24th commemoration of September 11th. How does Chariots of Honor plan to commemorate this day? So typically we will attend the Pentagon 9-11 ceremony every year, but this year we decided to do something different.

[00:26:57] We enlisted a few volunteers from our Loudoun County, and we are going to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. And that is what we will be doing on 9/11 at 9:15 AM. Okay. All right.

[00:27:13] At 9:15. Thank you. Yes, ma'am. Thank you. And if people want to be involved, they want to help, what's the best way to find out more information about Chariots of Honor? You can go to our website. We have all our contact information. But it's as easy as precedent@chariotsofhonor.com or call me on my cell number, I'm always available every day.

[00:27:33] Don't give your cell number publicly, we're not going to do that. But we will go to your site. I will say that I think this board has two veterans on it, Mr. Turner and Ms. Umstead. And I think everyone knows my history.

[00:27:50] My father was a Vietnam veteran, two tours of combat duty in Vietnam. This was a very, I think, leaned in board on veterans. And we learned in the last census that 10% of Loudoun County residents were either veterans or active duty.

[00:28:06] And so we have a huge military population in Loudoun County. I don't allow clapping very much in this meeting, but I certainly do at this time. So thank you for your service and thank you for all you're doing for our veterans, Mr. Thank you. It's an honor.

[00:28:23] Hempstreet, do you have any comments this evening? Thank you, Madam Chair. I've got four comments for this evening. The first is I would like to officially welcome board members back from the August recess. Since your last business meeting, the county's received some major awards. The Virginia Association of Counties has recognized three Loudoun County programs for excellence and innovation with 2025 achievement awards. They are the Financial and Cybercrime Unit of the Sheriff's Office, the Loudoun Farm Tour organized by the Department of Economic Development and the Teen Photographers Program created by the Loudoun County Public Library.

[00:28:57] Loudoun also earned the 2025 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award for the National Procurement Institute and the county has received an Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and an Outstanding Achievement Award for the FY 2024 Popular Annual Financial report. Second, Loudoun County is observing September as National Preparedness Month by encouraging residents and businesses to plan for emergencies. This year's theme is Preparedness Starts at Home. In addition to offering preparedness information online and

[00:29:34] through social media, the Office of Emergency Management, Safety, and Security has informational displays at the county's community centers, senior centers, and library branches. Details on how families and businesses can prepare for disasters can be found online at [loudon.gov slash ready](https://loudon.gov/slash/ready). Third, the FY2026 budget story is online at [loudon.gov slash budget story](https://loudon.gov/slash/budget-story). The companion piece to the county's FY2026 adopted budget highlights county programs and some of the ways the county puts tax dollars to work. It also provides an additional resource for Loudoun taxpayers to learn about the county's budget. And then finally, I'd like to formally introduce

[00:30:13] Eric Keeler as the new director of the Department of Housing and Community Development. Mr. Keeler has more than three decades of experience managing federal, state, and local housing programs for the city of Alexandria. Please welcome Mr. Keeler to Loudoun County. Mr. Keeler, I got a text from Mayor Gaskins, and she said, you said, you're getting the good one, and I said, all the good ones come to Loudoun. So thank you very much. Congratulations. Welcome. Do you still live

[00:30:45] in Alexandria? Oh, I see. Oh, my God. Okay. There we go. Okay. Yay. There we go. Welcome. Welcome. Thank you. All right. Thank you, Mr. Hemstreet. Supervisors, we have one information item tonight. It's a significant incident report for the fourth quarter of 2025. Would everyone please come down for that report, please? Good evening, Chief Pro. How are you?

[00:31:17] All right Eddie when you are all right good evening chair Randall and members of the board Thank you for the opportunity to provide a summary of our fourth quarter significant incidents Chief William cannot be here with us tonight. He is recovering from a medical procedure I have with me tonight acting assistant chief of operations Michael Nally I want to begin by thanking the community for the outpouring of support that we received

[00:31:55] Following the passing of captain Danny Wilson on Sunday, August 31st captain wilson was currently assigned to round hill fire station four where he served as the station captain since 2021 captain wilson courageously served loudon county for 37 years first as a volunteer with the sterling volunteer fire company and later as a career firefighter graduating from the second lcfr recruit school in 2000 after his promotion to captain in 2004 danny served as captain of recruit training and as a station captain at leesburg station 20

[00:32:29] and Hamilton Station 5. Captain Wilson's wealth of knowledge and experience in the fire service was vast and his death is a huge blow to our system. Staff are currently working with the family to finalize funeral arrangements and more information will be shared once it becomes available. Thank you and Chief Pro thank you and as I said earlier Mr. Myers will be speaking later. Chief Pro and Chief Natalie please extend the condolences of this board and quite frankly a grateful county to the family of captain wilson thank you so in quarter four of fy 2025 the laden county combined

[00:33:06] fire and rescue system responded to a total of 9963 incidents comprised of 7370 emergency medical service incidents and 2 593 fire incidents the ratio of ems to fire calls remains steady with 76 of our incidents being medical and 24% being fire-related. In all of FY 2025, Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System responded to a total of 40,402 incidents. 29,900 were medical

[00:33:39] and 10,470 were fire-related. This was the busiest year on record for Loudoun County's system, with units responding to approximately 2,400 more incidents in FY24 than in the past. Since 2021, our call volumes have increased by at least 2,000 calls per year.

[00:34:00] Battalion 1 continues to be our busiest with Sterling Park, Cascades, Kinkora, Ashburn, Moorfield, and Lansdowne stations collectively responding to over 20,000 of those incidents. I would like to highlight several noteworthy accomplishments for the fourth quarter of FY25.

[00:34:19] The LCFR Pharmacy staff is fully operational with our lead pharmacist, Dr. Jin Kim, and her two pharmacy technicians and an admin assistant. As a result of their hard work, the new central pharmacy located on Red Room Drive passed its Virginia Board of Pharmacy inspection on August 22nd. Following Virginia Board of Pharmacy approval for the new Red Room location, LCFR now has nine sites where providers can exchange their medications. Our staff is grateful to everyone involved in the pharmacy project, especially the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator, the support we received throughout this project ensured we were able to obtain the necessary

[00:34:57] equipment needed to effectively and efficiently serve the community of Loudoun. On June 7th, the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services recognized Loudoun County Fire and Rescue as an accredited emergency medical dispatch communication center. Guidelines for accreditation include the implementation of an emergency medical dispatch system that meets or exceeds standards established by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration and accepted and recognized by the American Society for Testing and Materials.

[00:35:27] Fifteen officers from the Loudoun County Fire Rescue, also with one officer from Mount Weather Fire and Rescue Department, recently graduated from LCFR's Safety Officer Academy. This intensive five-day program was designed to prepare participants for the critical responsibilities of serving as an on-duty incident safety officer.

[00:35:48] The graduates from this academy support the FY26 enhancement that added a second 24-hour safety officer position to our operational staffing. The additional safety officer, Safety 603, began on August 14, 2025 and is housed at the newly opened Aldi Fire Station 7.

[00:36:06] The most significant incidents we responded to in the fourth quarter of 25 are listed in your report. However, I will highlight several of these incidents that have had all too familiar causes. Two fires in May were caused by flammables being placed near or on kitchen stoves.

[00:36:24] In one instance, items were left near the stove burner and the food on the stove was left unattended. The items near the stove ignited and fire quickly spread to the cabinets and throughout the kitchen and to the first and second floor. One adult was injured attempting to extinguish the fire and transported to a local hospital.

[00:36:42] This accidental fire displaced both residents and did \$425,000 in damage. In a separate incident, cardboard boxes placed on top of a recently used stove caused a fire in Ashburn in an Ashburn apartment building. Fortunately, all of the residents of that apartment building, the automatic sprinkler system activated and contained the fire to the single unit.

[00:37:04] Six residents were displaced due to the smoke and water damage, with the fire marshal's office estimating a total damage of \$130,000. Both these fires were preventable. Per the National Fire Protection Association, cooking is the leading cause of reported home fires and home fire injuries and the second leading cause of home fire deaths.

[00:37:25] Remember, never leave cooking food unattended. Don't place anything that can burn on or near the stove and keep children and pets away. Another very preventable cause of fires here in Loudoun

County is improperly discarded smoking materials. In April, firefighters responded to a house fire in Ashburn that was caused when smoking materials were improperly disposed of in a garage.

[00:37:49] When first responders arrived, there was heavy fire and smoke coming from the garage of a large single-family home. The fire in the garage was extinguished, but not before spreading into the wall and the ceilings, causing approximately \$800,000 in damages and displacing three adults and two dogs.

[00:38:06] In this instance, the homeowner received burns and was transported to a local hospital. The advice here is that if you smoke, do so outside and be sure to extinguish your smoking materials in a sturdy metal ashtray filled with sand or water and keep the receptacle far away from any structures.

[00:38:26] Always put it out all the way every time. Loudoun County Fire Rescue focuses heavily on fire and life safety education year-round and works to ensure our residents know how to decrease the likelihood of a fire in their home and what to do if they have a fire.

[00:38:42] As we approach October, Fire Prevention Month, we have many curated opportunities to engage with the public and provide important safety information. Through in-person visits to all Loudoun County Elementary Schools, online and social media outreach campaigns, and public open house events at our fire and rescue stations, we can teach our community how to stay fire safe.

[00:39:04] This year's theme for the National Fire Protection Association is Charge into Fire Safety, Lithium ion batteries in your home and focuses on how to safely use, store, and dispose of these batteries commonly found in many households. Recently, our firefighters responded to a call where an e-bike that was being stored in a living room caught fire resulting in burns to the residents and \$10,000 in damages and a displacement of two people. It was determined that the e-bike involved in this incident had been included in a recall. Per the Fire Marshal's Office in FY25, we had nine fires

[00:39:41] attributed to lithium-ion batteries that totaled \$1.9 million in damages and displaced 12 residents. The Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office encourages community members to check the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission website for recalls and product safety messages that may affect items in your home. If your product is affected by a current recall, stop using the item and follow the directions within the recall.

[00:40:07] Always watch lithium-ion batteries for any unusual odor, change in color, excessive heat, change in shape, leaking smoke, or not keeping charged. If you observe any of these signs, stop using the product immediately. Lastly, we hope to see you all on Monday, September 15th, for the groundbreaking of the Leesburg South Fire and Rescue Station No. 28.

[00:40:30] The project will design and construct the new 26,000-square-foot fire and rescue Hazmat Station on a five-acre site at the intersection of Evergreen Mills Road and the Woods Road in Leesburg. The station will house an engine, ambulance, tanker, and hazmat unit with additional space designated for command officers.

[00:40:50] This concludes our fourth quarter significant incident report and staff and I remain available to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you Chief Morrow. Thank you Chief Nally. Supervisors questions. Mr. Turner. Thank you Madam Chair. Another question. I'm sorry Mr. Turner. I'm gonna hold up for a Thank you, Chair Randall, and thank you for that report, and I do want to just honor Captain Wilson for his 25 years of service, wow, so, and what, which company was he with again?

[00:41:27] Round Hill, Station 4. Round Hill, okay, in Catocin, okay, yeah, thank you. So e-bikes are really popular, and e-dirt bikes and e-motorcycles. Do you recommend storing them? Like, where do you recommend storing them?

[00:41:43] Because I don't know that people would know if there's a recall on them. You know, I mean, because it sounds like this, I saw a picture of that e-bike in the announcement you put out, and it looked pretty bad. So I'm wondering if it should be stored outside, away from the home.

[00:41:59] I don't know. I mean, what do you recommend? outside of the house away from your home. So in this particular instance, the e-bike was in the living room being charged, and we've had a number of fires here in the county where e-bikes have been charged inside. Now, obviously, depending on where you live in your type of property, if you leave your e-bike outside, it might not be there in the morning. So people store them inside for safety if they don't have a garage or somewhere to, and that's what leads to people keeping them in their home. But the recommendation from a fire perspective is not to charge them or store them inside of your home and that's not exclusive to just e-bikes that's any of the

[00:42:35] lithium battery powered large devices. Okay thank you maybe get a lock or something to leave him outside so nobody steals him. So one other question I had is regarding the gear for the firefighters I know we've spoken about gear that's free of PFAS and free of forever chemicals are we looking at that for the firefighters to replace the gear so we are pfas exists in a number of different materials right and there is a move in the fire service industry to try to limit the

[00:43:11] amount of pfas that we use in our turnout gear thank you pfas is important for not only fire protection but also waterproofing right so when you go to a fire you don't want to get wet because water plus heat is steam, steam is burns. So the chemists are working to come up with safer methods but you don't want to sacrifice fire safety for other things. So in Loudoun County we're very fortunate that after every fire we send our gear to be cleaned professionally and at some point in the future we'll have our own laundering facilities here in the county. So the way that we're trying to mitigate that is making sure that we store gear appropriately and we continue to watch the

[00:43:48] technologies that are coming to ensure that we offer the best products to our to our firefighters okay wonderful thank you for that update miss bruxman thank you madam chair i i noticed in may there was a water rescue um and i was recently actually hiking down by the river in seneca and i just had a thought i wanted to just double check in on um if when someone calls from the river or if someone were to call from seneca park or down by the river are the calls coming to the the right place now i think they are but i just wanted to double check have we had any issues

[00:44:28] so we have worked a lot with montgomery county and where tower sites are and location services are a big deal um i think that no matter where a call goes in that not specific to your question but no matter where a call goes there are pretty solid protocols in place that okay when something happens in loudon county we notify montgomery county and the expectation is vice versa that happens. So if a call comes into our 911 center that says there is someone in the water, we're going to send resources from Loudoun County to assist them. Whether that's in the property, which we know is in the water, which we know is the property of Montgomery County, Maryland.

[00:45:07] Okay. And I also read in this one fire, you resuscitated a dog. Chief Natalie. I didn't know that was even possible. How do you resuscitate a dog? That's awesome, But how do you resuscitate a dog?

[00:45:25] Well, it's not the same as people. So really, we vigorously work with the dog, shake with the dog. And some units actually will carry at times oxygen masks for animals that were donated to us some time ago. And so they work with the dog, got the dog aroused, got animal services on the scene.

[00:45:44] They're, of course, much more capable of handling those situations, work with animal services on that. And then everybody ended up being fine. Wow. So is that part of the training? Is that part of your training to resuscitate animals as well as people? Not formally. Not formally. Okay. Okay. Interesting.

[00:46:01] But I know that Nina's in the back and she does work. I know. I know she is. I might have to call her. It's an old hat for me. That's amazing. Thank you. And thanks for saving the dog. That's amazing. And my condolences on Chief Wilson. Thank you. Mr. Turner.

[00:46:17] Thank you, Madam Chair. Not a question, really. I just want to confirm that it's still a safe practice. Chief Johnson told me one time when you're recharging your cell phone, it should be on a fireproof surface. Is that still valid? Because I have lived by that little comment that he made for years.

[00:46:34] Every time I charge a phone in my house, it's sitting on a fireproof surface. At some point, you've likely charged a laptop, a cell phone, some device, and you notice it gets warm on the bottom. So putting it on a non-combustible surface limits any likelihood that you could have a fire start.

[00:46:54] Sometimes we've had devices where a laptop battery will fail or a cell phone battery will fail, and it's in your bed, and now the sheets are combustible, and now you have a fire in your bed. Yeah. Good to see you again, Chief Nally. Chief Nally and I went on a ride-along one time, and we got a call in Percival.

[00:47:14] It was way out there. We were in Percival, but I believe it was in Cascades, if I remember correctly. Yeah, and we did, like, 85 all the way there. It was great. And I was amazed, amazed at the number of people who will not pull over for a fire truck or a car that's got flashing lights and a siren going on.

[00:47:34] I was amazed. But anyway, thank you. My deepest condolences on Captain Wilson's passing. I was shocked at how fast it happened. That really upset me. So thank you. Thank you. Thank you. So I have three things. You know, in this, I guess I'm telling on myself a little bit.

[00:47:53] We all know to check our fire extinguishers every year. We have a time when that happens. They would chirp, that type of thing. I'm sorry, our fire smoke detectors. I don't think until something, somebody said it, to check my fire extinguisher to see if it's out.

[00:48:11] It never crossed my mind. We've been in that house for, I don't know, 25 years, and we have not checked that fire extinguisher. I did not know they actually go extinct. You have to get new fire extinguishers. And so it might be helpful to add, you know, when we talk about the smoke detector and the check-home, to add fire extinguishers to that.

[00:48:30] Because when you talked about how the person, you know, tried to put the fire out themselves, I mean, I know all the stuff to do, but if I pick up a fire extinguisher that's well out of date, then, you know, I probably, that's not going to help me very much. So I just, it just never crossed my mind to check that until recently.

[00:48:47] I do have two questions. The number of incidents is outpacing the growth in Loudoun County by percentage. One of the things happening that the number of incidents of both fire and EMS incidents are going up so much, so fast, much faster than the growth in the county.

[00:49:06] That's my first question. The second question that goes to something Mr. Crony's talked about, and I've heard Mr. Letourneau talk about it quite a few times. You know, I have found that when I see kids on bicycles, they usually have helmets. When I see people on the motorcycles, they usually have helmets.

[00:49:23] But these new scooters and bikes, these kids are not wearing helmets. And it's almost like this whole type of vehicle seems to have missed the warning about we were having, Ms. Turner and I were having a coffee at Starbucks the other day, and three kids went by us, and two of them didn't have a helmet at all, and the other one had a helmet sitting all the way back in the back of his head wouldn't have helped at all. And so, you know, I'm always a little bit confused by these types

[00:49:57] of moments. Because it's a new vehicle or new sort of, these scooters are new. Do you think we're just not doing a good job advertising? If you're on anything with wheels and outside of a car, you should probably have a helmet on your head? Yes. It is a good idea. And I do remember we talked about this maybe six or so months ago because Supervisor Letourneau said his kids were not getting e-scooters. I hope they were watching. That's because there are some dangers associated and adults and children use them because in certain places it is a little bit more convenient

[00:50:33] than driving a car and you can go a little bit further than walking. It's just not everyone participates. So there's lots of public campaigning that goes on with bike safety which advocates for helmets so that would also follow scooters. This just comes to you know the risk is out there um needs to be a little bit of enforcement from the parents for children and then for adults just to educate themselves okay and how about the first question why do we think the person yeah so i i don't have hard data but anecdotally one of the things and we do track um a lot of the

[00:51:09] numbers and try to figure out why things occur um and loudon county's aging right so our calls are the highest number of calls we run are related to medical emergencies okay the higher the population and not just static population, the more people that come to visit, be in or around Loudoun County, that those are going to make our call volumes go up.

[00:51:32] And our community is aging. As you age, the check engine light comes on a little bit more than it used to when you were young. So this is a result of a lot of our public education that if it hurts, go see about it. So some of those, if you're sick, stay home, all those kind of public campaigns are leaning people towards health care.

[00:51:53] Okay, all right, I understand. Well, thank you so much. Thank you for all you do every single day. We appreciate you. Thank you so much. Okay, Supervisors, we're going to go to our first, we're going to go and do our action items. We may be able to kind of get them done before we get to resolutions.

[00:52:12] It's possible. And we're going to take them in order. So we'll do the Belmont Cove rezoning and Belmont Cove appendage application right now if people are in the room um okay all right hello how are you good evening madam chair and board members i'm standing in for darby metcalf he just had a son james archer metcalf oh so there was a

[00:52:47] supplemental that was provided today was clarifying the unit types and sizes that were being proffered by the applicant i believe you have a copy of that in front of you that is the only update and change that I have for the the board there was a updated proper statement in that item it also talks about clarifying language um how it's dividing up the the unit sizes across the 78 units if you don't mind I'm

going to ask you to give a little bit more because this has been this this item has had a lot of discussion around it and so these are these are two fairly significant things in the

[00:53:23] supplemental they're not they're not minor and so would you just talk about um the the supplemental items will give a little bit more good information on the items in the supplemental report. Is that okay with you Mr. Turner? Okay. So there's a 78 single-family attached units or townhouse units that have been proffered.

[00:53:43] Of that when it went into TLUC there were 60% of those units or 47 units would be capped at 2,600 square feet. Coming out of TLUC that was a recommendation that the applicant consider a further further commitment to a smaller unit size which they did with their subsequent submission so of the 47 units at 2600 they created a subset that 20 of those 47 units would be capped at 2300 square feet and that's the substance of the change today so 78 units um or i'm sorry 47 units of 2600 or less 31 units that

[00:54:21] will be 2600 or above our market rate and then 20 units will be limited 2300 square feet okay anything else that was that changed the proffer statement did change proffer 4b just to clarify that the the percentages that they illustrated it was 20 percent of the total number of units that was used to determine the 20 units at 2300 square feet 60 percent of units at 2600 square feet were applied to the total units so there's some math that was being explained it was not meant to be an aggregate it was meant to be separate calculations and that's what the proffer

[00:54:58] proper language was amended to say. Okay. Mr. Turner, do you feel, well, let's, because we've had the changes, let's go to any questions first, because I thought Mr. Turner was going to go, the motion was going to be sent to another meeting, but the motion is going to be to do something with it tonight, as it turns out. So I gave one of my colleagues a misinformation on that accidentally, so I'm sorry about that. But let's go to questions right now. Ms. Bricksman.

[00:55:30] Thank you, Madam Chair. So in order to satisfy having 50% below the average size, which is staff's recommendation, there would need to be 39 units guaranteed to be less than 2,600 square feet.

[00:55:49] Yes, ma'am. That is our recommendation. That's the recommendation. Okay. And they're not meeting that recommendation. Right now they're at 20. Right. So right now they're at 20. So you don't count 2,600 square feet as below the average because it's right. It is the average. Correct. I guess you could technically say 2,599 is below average, but we were making a significant reduction.

[00:56:08] Gotcha. Gotcha. Okay. And then explain to me the public civic space issue. They're supposed to have nearly half an acre and they've got 200 square foot pavilion. So they have, if you remember, there's a buffer. I apologize. I don't have the presentation that might be helpful to show. If that's okay, Madam Chair, can I pull that up real quick?

[00:56:26] sure you stop my time while i'm not gonna no we'll see how long it takes but just i apologize i'll just let's along the could you please do i need to projects i apologize i'll just keep the vote okay okay so along this boundary of the project where my cursor is going frantically so that is a buffer that was previously negotiated from the scenic easement they are including open trails throughout that. Oh, that's right. That's right. So it's not quite double counting,

[00:57:05] but they're wanting to count them both as the same. Okay. I remember that from the public hearing. Thank you. And then number three was a little bit loaded, but it said administrative issues include commitments to parking, stormwater management, shared soil volume for tree plantings and

universal design. Can you just give some examples of what those issues are? Sure. On stormwater, I think we had recommended 90% phosphorus removal that came back at 80% phosphorus removal. Okay. Soil amendments, they had gone to 700 feet. I think we had recommended a thousand feet. So there were some minor policy distinctions that we had identified, but not to the

[00:57:43] same emphasis that we had brought the unit size and the public civic space. Okay. All right. I think those were all my questions. Thank you. Okay, you need that time then. Ms. Umstead, you had asked when this was on consent, which is actually Mr. Turner asked to take it off consent before you did, but you couldn't have known that. Did you have any questions? Because you were going to ask to take it off consent. Madam Chair, I think the staff report has answered all of my questions.

[00:58:18] I ask that it be taken off consent in part because staff recommends denial and because I plan to vote against it okay thank you um mr turner thank you madam chair madam chair can i ask a question i'm sorry i didn't see your thing your light of course i'm sorry mr turner yes is it yeah is there a way to turn my light on well no i just i'm looking i'm trying to look at the the the mute button and if i don't see your mute button off and i oh okay yeah i will try to stay muted unless i'm talking all

[00:58:51] right anyway um so can i ask i'm a little confused at this point about exactly what is proposed for sidewalks, and whether there are, in fact, sidewalks on essentially each side of the properties, the units.

[00:59:15] So, Supervisor Letourneau, so if you can see my cursor, I apologize if you don't have a laser pointer. Okay. At the end of these two yellow stacks, at the end of the unit, there's not a sidewalk. The sidewalk is in front of the red units across the way.

[00:59:32] Down along these yellow units that face the scenic easement, Supervisor Letourneau, could you just go up to the next yellow box right there those the sidewalk is facing the uh scenic easement there's not sidewalks internal to the site behind it where the garage units let out then the two vertical uh yellow stacks if you can go up further those two at the end of those units at the northern end of those units there's there's not a sidewalk at the end of those northern units so the policy recommends sidewalks along all both sides of all internal streets they had varying connections

[01:00:05] throughout. Okay. Thank you. Mr. Turner. Thank you, Madam Chair. What was the discussion around the sidewalks about why they couldn't provide the sidewalks in the locations that you wanted them?

[01:00:24] The lot size and then unit size dictated somewhat the ability to provide those internal sidewalks. The applicant had argued that with the setbacks from the original rezoning when it was commercial site, that they were dealing with those constraints and it made it a challenge to meet sidewalks on all both sides of internal streets? So the three big issues I believe were sidewalks, parking, and unit size, correct? Correct. Those are the three major sticking points. Correct. Well, the unit size and the civic space, yes, sir. And the civic space. I think parking was resolved. Parking was an issue by the Planning Commission, but I believe that was

[01:01:02] resolved. Yeah, I was going to say it's in full compliance with the new and the old zoning order and some parking, correct? Yes, sir. Yeah, that's what I thought. And they moved in our direction on the unit size. They didn't come all the way, but they did move in our direction. Yes. Yeah. I think that's all I have. Thank you, Madam Chair.

[01:01:22] I just want to make sure that we have the right -- using the right language, because you talked about some of these being market rate and some not being market rate. If they are smaller units, they are still market rate for their size, correct? They're not less than market rate. They're not less than you would charge for the size of the unit. They're less because they're smaller but they're still market rate for their size is that not correct yes ma'am the table one are you referring to the table one i'm referring to your comment yeah so the market rate was um the size above 2600 would be at the applicant's discretion based on market

[01:02:01] well i'm saying i i with respect i'm going to challenge your your use of the term market rate because because no matter what size they are they're the market rate for their size Correct. So the smaller ones are not less than they would normally be on the market just because they're smaller. So when we say market rate, normally we talk market rates normally, it's not the median income of a house or the median price. The market rate is what that house costs for that size. So all of them are market rate for their size, are they not? Correct. Better term should

[01:02:37] have been it's the applicant's discretion what size over \$2,600 they decide to build. By proffer, they're limited to certain amount at 26, certain amount at 23. The remaining units, they have discretion on how large they want them to be. But no matter how large they are, they're going for what they would cost for the size of the unit that they are? Yes, ma'am. Okay. I just want to make sure that because these are not attainable homes in the way that we talk about attainable or affordable homes. They are what they are. They're smaller, they're larger, but they're still the price. They're at the market rate price point for their size. And I think that's an important distinction to make. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Would you like to make a motion,

[01:03:16] Mr. Turner? Yes, ma'am. I move the Board of Supervisors Approval EG2023-0074, Belmont Cove Rezoning and Belmont Cove Appendage, ZMAP 2023-0006, ZMOD 2023-0032, ZMOD 2023-0056, ZMOD 20-23-0057, ZMOD 20-24-0008, and ZCPA 20-24-0004, subject to the proper statements dated August 5th, 2025, and October 10th, 2024, and the conditions of approval dated August 6th,

[01:03:53] 2025, based on the findings for approval provided as attachments 1, 2, and 3, and 7, to the September 3rd, 2025 Board of Supervisors Business Meeting Supplemental Action Item. This is the main thing with the buzzer glass discussion on the motion mr. Turner. Thank you madam chair Can I ask one question really quick in my comments?

[01:04:14] First of all, mr. Snyder. I know the staff had to really Scramble this afternoon on some late changes, and I really appreciate the effort. I know it was a significant effort the the standard we have is 2600 feet is the average and we want to hit the equal number above and below to make the average how often do applications abide by that is that a strict it's a strict ordinance rule or is that a guideline that you use and if it's a guideline how often do applications comply with that or adoption so the the the suburban excuse place type says smaller lots or smaller units there wasn't a metric to

[01:04:51] define that we use the capital intensity factor which had 2600 as the rate so that's been a more recent policy analysis to define what is meant by a small unit and is it a hard and fast rule i mean do we have other applications? It's fairly new, so we probably don't have that many applications we've applied. No, sir, not recently. I know there was other Belmont applications in the area that sought to address smaller unit sizes, but we had not previously come up with a specific number.

[01:05:15] Okay. I support this application. I think it's largely a good application. It has some fine tuning points that I would like to see better. I would like to see smaller unit sizes. I would like to see more setback along Russell Branch. I would like to see the sidewalks issue resolved.

[01:05:32] There's some options that the builder has used that I think if we had simply reduced the sizes a little bit, we could have accomplished those. But I understand you can't have everything you want, and I think this is a good B-plus option here for this location.

[01:05:50] It's in a suburban mixed-use neighborhood. It has a major shopping area, literally within walking distance. So I think it's a good adjunct to the existing community, and it's a nice addition. And like I said, well, there are maybe some other features I would like to see on it.

[01:06:10] I'm comfortable that this is a very acceptable application. If you've walked the site, I just drove to the chamber event this morning and was looking through the tree buffers. They've gone out of the way to make sure that that tree buffer is preserved along the golf course on Belmont Country Club.

[01:06:25] And the walking area to the, let's see, I guess it would be the east, northeast, between the application and Route 7 is a really nice walking area. So maybe not perfect, but pretty good. And I'm comfortable with this application. So I urge my colleagues to support it.

[01:06:42] Thank you. Thank you. Ms. Umstead, I can't see you guys as mute buttons one way or the other at this point, so I'm not sure if you want to talk or not. So I'm just going to call you. No, thank you. Okay, thank you. Mr. Letourneau. Yeah, I'm not quite there on this.

[01:07:00] Honestly, I just think it's too—it's just cramming too much into a relatively small spot, and that's why it's slightly deficient in some areas, including sidewalks. I think, you know, the issues that I raised at the public hearing just didn't quite get there.

[01:07:19] So it's close, but it doesn't quite get over the line for me. Okay, thank you, Ms. Bricksman. Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a quick question for staff. How many ADUs do they have? 10 ADUs, two UN Unmanned Housing Needs Units.

[01:07:38] So 12 out of 78? Yes, ma'am. I'm so 50-50 on this. I really want us building smaller units, and I appreciate staff sticking to their guns on the smaller units and bringing up that issue.

[01:07:58] Partly because I feel as if in some of the applications that were approved last term in my district, the units just aren't affordable. Some of them just aren't affordable, and in large part, I think it's because they're just not small.

[01:08:14] Like the market rate units, they're just so big. They're just not attainable for people. And also, I have a little bit of an issue with the sidewalks, and I think we had a discussion with the applicant about connecting trails, and I didn't really see that change in there.

[01:08:32] So I'm struggling. I want the housing, but I don't think I can vote for it. Thank you. Mr. Crony? Yeah, thank you, Chair Randall. So we did work on this in TLUC, and I know the applicant, I don't know if my colleagues know this, but the applicant added a commitment to contribute \$3,500 per market rate for first-time homebuyers, so that was a significant contribution.

[01:09:02] Marchand, is that, that's not including, so how many is that? That's for minus the ADUs and minus the 12, right? Correct. Yeah, okay. And yeah, I would like to see more smaller units.

[01:09:19] I do think the county needs to start looking at promoting diversity of unit options and prices. But I know we worked with the applicant in TELUC and they went down to the 2300. I wish it could have been 39 of the 2300 square feet versus 20.

[01:09:37] but um i know that i know that we worked hard on it and um you know i can support it because i know that you know we we brought it to tuck and we worked on it um but i do think um you know when we do our unmet housing needs strategic plan we ought to be looking at smaller units so that we offer diversity of housing because i do think people are looking for that and they are market rate, I heard what you said, Marchant, but they're affordable because they're smaller.

[01:10:08] So and I agree with that, that in the place type of this urban mixed use, you know, really looking for that is important because that's something that's missing for starter homes and first time buyers and kind of that missing middle, if you will, for residents.

[01:10:28] So I do want to thank the applicant for offering that purchasing assistance and also lowering the square footage to \$2,300. Thank you. So I am just over the line for a yes vote on this vote. And for me to say I'm just over the line is pretty important because I lean into more homes very heavily.

[01:10:51] And I'm just over the line to be a yes vote. And let me just walk through some of this. One, you know, there was recently a survey done region-wide, and it said what's the number one issue in the Northern Virginia region? This is the first time ever that that number one issue wasn't traffic.

[01:11:09] The number one issue was houses, not just attainable houses, but needing more homes, period. So we need more homes. So that's the first thing. So that puts me there. I do like the language Ms. DeCrooney just used. She said the diversity of housing types and the diversity of housing prices.

[01:11:27] I like that language. I do not like the term affordable by design because, truthfully, it's not affordable anyway, technically, because affordability is still between 30% and 85% of the AMI, and so even the smaller ones don't sit at that AMI, and so they're not really affordable by design.

[01:11:44] I also don't like the idea that if you're going to get an attainable house in Loudoun County, it has to be a box. It has to be that much smaller. I think that's really insulting, to be quite honest. We are putting a lot of things in place right now to try to help get the attainable housing stock in Loudoun. But I don't think that everyone has to live in a much, much smaller house.

[01:12:02] So I don't like that term. I do like the term Mr. Tacroni used. I do think that this application has cut a lot of little corners, and I don't know why. It's like, well, we didn't get quite there on this, and we didn't get quite there on that.

[01:12:18] We're close, but we didn't get quite there. I don't know what that's about. You know, we do have standards, and I don't quite understand, you know, if you could able to the standard, get to the standard, get to the standard. And so, you know, the need of homes will put me over the line for, yes, but this application itself, I think, is not a B+.

[01:12:39] I think it's more lacking than a B+. There has been lots of work done on it, but I think there could have been more. I was hoping we would send this to the next meeting so that we could see more work done on it, but I'm going to respect the district supervisor's decision to make this motion right now. That's his right and that's his decision, and I'll respect that and I'll vote for it, but I'm going to vote for the caveat that I'm not real happy about this application.

[01:13:01] I think it could have been better overall, and again, you're not going to really find another voice on this board that talks about this stuff, maybe except for Ms. Glass, more than I do, and so me being barely over the line means you are not where you should have been on this application. So let's not do this the next time. Would you like a closing, Mr. Turner?

[01:13:24] No, I think I'm good. Thank you, Madam Chair. All right. The motion was made by Supervisor Turner, seconded by Supervisor Glass. All the people who say aye. Aye. Opposed? No. I think I'm hearing that, too. I think I'm hearing 5-3. No, that can't be right. Yeah, 5-3-2. 5-3-1. It's just Mr. Sainz. 5-3-1.

[01:13:48] So I'm hearing that, well, not Mr. Sains is gone. Mr. Sains is gone. Mr. Sains is not here, and what I heard was Ms. Brixman, Ms. Umstead, and Mr. Loterna were the three against it, if I heard that right. Okay, so that will pass. Thank you, thank you, staff, we appreciate it.

[01:14:06] All right, we're gonna go to the next item. The next item is number nine, the ZOAM Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Adjustments. It's a county-wide item. Hello?

[01:14:25] how you doing that's okay you guys ready not yet okay i'm sorry well just like you ready i'm not ready you ready we are ready though it's it's been a minute since i did one of these slide decks it's

[01:15:03] okay there we go that makes me happier all right good evening madam chair and members of the board of supervisors i'm ryan reed deputy zoning administrator with department of planning and Zoning, and I'm joined here, of course, by my director, Mr. Dan Galindo. This will be a concise presentation, but we're certainly here for questions as well. To refresh your memory, the board adopted the new Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance on December 13, 2023. It was quite a

[01:15:42] monumental effort. It has resulted in, overall, a more streamlined and user-friendly zoning ordinance. However, with any project of that size, there are going to be opportunities to further clarify and revise the text while maintaining the regulation that was adopted. So we've collated a list of discovered issues where clarifying, revising, or otherwise addressing those issues, such as formatting, text, and references, facilitates the administration and the enforcement of the zoning ordinance. It's important to note that the list of issues is not limited to staff's

[01:16:19] experience with the issues as we have sought input from both industry representatives and applicants that have gone through the process. So, and keep the board informed, also we have, under the direction of the county attorney's office, already fixed those discovered errors that could be considered Scrivener's errors. Also, I briefly mentioned this, but to just bring it to the point, with the proposed resolution of intent to amend, we have kept the scope focused to those changes that correct the ambiguity and inconsistency but not propose revisions that

[01:16:59] change or alter policy or the intent of the regulation. Finally, we've brought this list of issues to and through both the zoning or through the zoning ordinance committee seeking and receiving and discussing their input on this list over the course of three meetings this past spring. So while we don't have a whole lot of discussion I wanted to be clear as Mr.

[01:17:32] Glendo has briefed you in his quarterly work plans that we don't expect that we've discovered every issue or ambiguity or inconsistency within the ordinance. Therefore we connotate this zoning ordinance amendment as number one fully intending to return to the board with further iterations in the future as they're discovered. Currently we're anticipating working through the zoning Ordinance

Committee and the Planning Commission for the remainder of 2025 and into early '26, where we plan to bring the draft text back to the Board in March or April of '26. And finally,

[01:18:09] we recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution of Intent to Amend that is attached in your staff report. If you have any questions, we're certainly here to help try to answer them. Wonderful. Thank you, thank you, thank you. And again, I can't see your lights, and so I apologize, Supervisor Umstead, Supervisor Letourneau, I'll go to you first this time if you have any questions.

[01:18:30] Uh, no, I don't think so. Okay, Supervisor Umstead. No questions, thank. Supervisor Crony, you're good. Okay, Supervisor Kirsten. Yeah, I just had a, oh, can you hear me? Okay, I just had a couple questions. So, I know this is kind of like, um, a fairly broad, but, and I know there was some discussion even in the, um, pre-agenda meeting as to how,

[01:18:57] Is there a list being prepared as to the issues that we, I mean, I know I haven't seen that today, maybe it came across, and I just haven't seen it, but is there kind of broad issues, because it's very open how this is actually written, so, is there, I mean, obviously I think this probably has support to pass tonight, but I think it makes us all a little nervous when we don't know the specific issues that are going to be worked on.

[01:19:20] Sure. Maybe I could provide you a little bit of an overview. Okay, I guess the list has been shared. I just want to note that Mr. Crony literally said this is going to be asked, and I'm sure they haven't spoke to each other. It's a very large spreadsheet and many pages, and I can't look at that in my three minutes.

[01:19:38] Yeah, but she did. She was right. Please, continue. This list has, the last time I counted it, I think it's 94, but let's say somewhere just under 100 issues that have been recognized throughout. Two of them apply across the whole zoning ordinance, fixing some definitions and clarity there.

[01:19:58] And then each single chapter, except for Chapter 11, which is officials, boards, and commissions, has at least one or two issues where we've found these inconsistencies that we'd like to correct. So just kind of we have a whole list of examples to kind of give you guys a flavor of what we have.

[01:20:19] Defining certain terms. We've got terms that are used like penthouse and parapet, talking about architectural features. And the penthouse is exempt from the building height, but we need to define that because we're getting a lot of questions of that.

[01:20:36] Parapet, we'd like to do something like replace that with a screen wall instead. It's a much more obvious and deliberate description of what's being used. Another example, the prior zoning ordinance, limited kennels to those for a fee and therefore did not regulate household pets.

[01:20:57] We would like to return that phrase for a fee to the definition of kennels. Removing a square foot minimum, say 900 square foot minimum from the definition of plaza because it conflicts with some of the other zoning district regulations that we have.

[01:21:15] I've probably got 12 more examples here if that helps. I'm out of time, but yeah, no, go ahead. No, I think that answers my question as a general rule. So, I mean, we obviously don't have time to kind of go through and debate this, but I assume these really from staff's perspective, and you'll identify them once they come back to us in terms of fixes.

[01:21:35] None of these are significantly substantial changes. more maybe what you're currently practicing and you're just trying to make sure it's codified a little more clearly. Well and and thank you for that that would be another example we have. Yes some of it is current practice where the zoning administrator both the previous zoning administrator and the current zoning administrator have offered advisory opinions because some of these things just really couldn't happen the way they had been written. I think I've got a couple examples that would be like the endangered species study that applied to all species in terms of the natural

[01:22:11] environmental resources standards. We would like that to apply to the habitats of endangered and threatened species, not all species. That was a quite difficult thing the way it was written to administer and there was an advisory opinion that addressed that. We'd like to take those advisory opinions and then correct that text as well okay thank you mr turner thank you madam chair can you walk me through the process so we approve this roya tonight and then you will go through and

[01:22:47] will we get to see the list will the public get to see the list will we then get a draft back from you with the changes highlighted so we can see what the changes are can we make additions to those changes? Can our staff or our supervisors make changes? If you can just walk me through the process of the transparency of this. Sure. With the adoption of the resolution of intent to amend, we'll clean up the list so it's ready for public consumption. That'll be part of that. And as we go through our intention to take it to the zoning ordinance committee and then the planning commission, those will all be opportunities for public input as well. And so it will be public then. And then

[01:23:24] When we bring it back to you, certainly we'll have both the list and the red line draft text, so it'll be very clear. And what's the process if – are we going to have access to the list to see the draft of what you're working on? Because there may be some things that are triggered by us that says, you know, what about this, this, and this?

[01:23:42] Is there a mechanism whereby we can make inputs, or are we left out until the end game where we get to look at the proposed changes you have and approve or disapprove? Okay. So I think one of the things that we want to make clear is that this is not implementing new policy or making any changes. So for you or your staffs, if you have found any inconsistencies, words that don't make sense, things that conflict, definitely let us know. And part of the reason that we did not provide a detailed list right now is because we do anticipate as we're working through, I think you're the third person to ask today generally about this, that we have some flexibility to incorporate those changes as long as they're within this realm of making minor

[01:24:21] adjustments, fixing inconsistencies in that type of issue. We are already keeping track of a second list of things that didn't make this first cut and larger issues that while they're not necessarily inconsistencies or other things that we have identified that we need to address, we just did not want to address it with this first project. That's good. Thank you very much. So it was kind of funny because when we had our conversation today, the first thing Mr. Crony said is people Supervisors are going to ask what's on this list.

[01:24:50] And I think it's a fair question to know for all the reasons everyone has actually talked about here, saying approving things blindly is not comfortable for us all the time. So I appreciate your answers. Does this Roya include, have we put a definition to what a floor is?

[01:25:14] I know that we've had this discussion in the past. Like, that was, it could only be so many floors, but we didn't put a definition to how many feet were in a floor, and I remember we had one time where that was a big discrepancy of it was too, it was too high, and the applicant said it was only four floors, and we were like, it's only 12 feet in the floor, and it was, we cleared that up.

[01:25:36] I'm familiar, I'm sorry. So when we're talking about floors, generally that's dealing with general plan policy language, and that is in the CPAM that is ongoing right now, the 2024 review that's currently at the commission. that you will be seeing something regarding that soon. Okay, that sounds good. That sounds very good. Thank you very much. That's my only question. Mr. Crony, would you like to make a motion?

[01:25:59] Thank you, Chair Randall. I move that the Board of Supervisors adopt the resolution of intent to amend the Loudoun County zoning ordinance provided as attachment one to the September 3rd, 2025 Board of Supervisors business meeting action item. Second. Discussion on the motion, Mr. Crony.

[01:26:18] Yeah, thank you. So, you know, in the resolution of intent to amend, it says that these amendments are in furtherance of the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice, and they are in furtherance of orderly subdivision of land and its development.

[01:26:38] And I really like those two statements. It will be brought forward to the Planning Commission and to the Board of Supervisors, so there'll be plenty of transparency, and the public will have an opportunity to comment if they feel that it needs comment.

[01:26:56] But I think in my view, it sounds like it's just kind of cleaning it up. It's not about policy. It's more about just cleaning it up so it makes better sense. and um i know that the zoning ordinance was done quickly um so there are things that probably need to be um just enhanced right and made and that need to be improved so um so anyway i'm happy to support this um and i hope my colleagues will support it too thank you the zoning ordinance was

[01:27:25] done quickly that is true um quickly after after 18 years yeah anybody else okay a motion was made I second the motion. All people say aye. Aye. Aye. Any opposed? Okay. I'm going to make Mr. Luthorne, I'm going to assume you're an aye there because I'm going to assume that's an aye.

[01:27:52] So that would be an 8-0-1 vote with Mr. Sainz not being here for the vote. So thank you very much. Appreciate it. So we're running about five minutes early for resolutions, but I do think that Everyone who's here for the 9-11 resolution has just come in the door.

[01:28:10] Mr. Turner, do you know of people who are here for the polystetic kidney disorder resolution? Are they here as well? Yeah. That'll be right here. Okay, then we can do both of those resolutions then. Mr. Turner, how about you join me down front first for that resolution, please?

[01:28:50] Well, thank you all.

[01:29:33] This proclamation pretty much speaks for itself. we did this last year, right? I believe we did. This has become a regular thing. It's a fairly serious disease that is largely unknown by a lot of people. And September 4th is polycystic kidney disease day as of with this proclamation. And Michelle is here to represent the organization, the foundation. And so with that, I will read the proclamation. Whereas polycystic kidney disease, PKD, is one of the most common life-threatening genetic diseases affecting an

estimated 600,000 Americans and 12.4 million people worldwide. And whereas PKD causes numerous fluid-filled cysts to

[01:30:12] grow in the kidneys, leading to kidney failure and often results in the need for dialysis or kidney transplantation. And whereas there is currently no cure for PKD, and research is critical to developing treatments to improve the lives of those affected by this disease. And whereas the PKD Foundation, founded in 1982, is dedicated to finding treatments and a cure for PKD through funding research, advocacy, education, support, and awareness. And whereas the PKD Foundation is committed to supporting individuals and families affected by PKD, offering them the resources they need to manage their condition, and whereas raising public awareness about PKD

[01:30:51] is essential to support research efforts, improve patient outcomes, and ultimately find a cure, and recognizing the efforts of the PKD Foundation in supporting its mission is vital to the well-being of those living with PKD and their families. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim September 4th, 2025 as Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day in Loudoun County and encourages all citizens to join us in this special observance by supporting efforts to find a cure for PKD, participating in local events, and spreading awareness about this devastating disease.

[01:31:28] Thank you very much. I'd like to say a few words. I want to say thank you on behalf of the PKD Foundation for proclaiming September 4th as PKD Awareness Day. Our goal is to raise awareness about polycystic kidney disease.

[01:31:46] It's a hereditary disease that affects families. It's passed down from one generation to the next generation. So if a parent has PKD, any children they have have a 50% chance of having PKD. In our family in particular, my husband's father had PKD.

[01:32:04] My husband has PKD, and our adult daughter has PKD. Our son and our grandchildren, we don't know because there is no cure, and there's only one FDA-approved treatment, which basically slows down the progression of the disease.

[01:32:19] So to find out early on, there's nothing that can be done about it, so we just kind of wait for the symptoms to arise. Most people go into kidney failure somewhere between age 50 and 60, and either go on dialysis, and their hope is for a kidney transplant.

[01:32:39] So local events raise money for funding research to find a cure for PKD. So thank you very much. We really appreciate you raising the awareness.

[01:32:55] You join many communities across the U.S. There have even been some states that have declared PKD Awareness Day for September 4th. So you're with a highly regarded group for doing this. So thank you very much.

[01:33:10] I appreciate it. So I would remind everyone that a kidney is one of the only organs you can do a live transplant on because you technically only need one kidney to live.

[01:33:26] And so when Michelle talked about you, they may need a kidney transplant. You can give a kidney as a living donor. And so if you never thought about doing that, it is possible. You can give even the other organ as part of your liver or even a lung, but there are some organs you can give as a living donor.

[01:33:46] So just maybe think about that a little bit. So I wasn't going to bring this up, but since you brought up living donors, so my husband, who's sitting in the audience, had a transplant in 2015, and his

youngest sister was his donor.

[01:34:04] And last summer in 2024, we found that his kidney was failing, and he needed another transplant. To make a long story short, another sister stepped up, was tested, was found not to be eligible as a donor. So at the end of March, I started the testing process, and on June 3rd, I donated a kidney to my husband.

[01:34:25] So today, actually, is our three-month kidneyversary. So, we laugh and say that we knew we were compatible, but we didn't know how compatible we really were. So, living donors, you can live a full life with one kidney.

[01:34:47] Inova Fairfax is wonderful. That's where we went, and they have a wonderful team there. Absolutely. I actually was born with just one kidney, so I know you can live a full life with one kidney. I have a mnemonic advice that I say to everybody. Do you remember what it was, Mr. Turner?

[01:35:03] always say I have one kidney left because it's a left kidney so and no no I remember that everybody here remember that so you can live a full life of one

[01:35:17] kidney you can let's take a picture on here I like everyone to come down please

[01:36:05] for the resolution for the commemoration of 9/11 24th anniversary with all you come down with all of our sheriff deputies join us down here as well thank

[01:36:22] you I have them I got them isn't it is incredible that it feels like 9/11 was both last week and 24 years ago it just it feels it feels so recent it's hard

[01:37:00] to lose almost a quarter of a century it feels so recent doesn't it miss miss mr. glass is gonna read the resolution as on the morning of September 11th 2001 the United States of America endured the deadliest terrorist attack in its history when 19 terrorists hijacked four commercial airplanes, turning them into weapons of destruction against our nation, and whereas at 8:46 a.m.

[01:37:33] American Airlines Flight 11 struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City, followed at 9:03 a.m. by United Airlines Flight 175, striking the South Tower at 9:37 a.m. with American Airlines flight 77 crashing into the Pentagon in Arlington Virginia and at 10:03 a.m. United Airlines flight 93 crashing in a field in Shanksville Pennsylvania after passengers heroically fought to retake the aircraft and whereas the attack acclaimed the

[01:38:10] lives of 2,977 innocent people from 90 nations, 2,753 in New York City, 184 at the Pentagon including Loudon residents Christopher Newton and Dung Chul Lee, and 40 aboard Flight 93, leaving families and communities forever changed, and whereas more than 6,000 others were injured on that day, and in the years since, thousands more first responders, recovery workers, and survivors have suffered and died from illnesses caused by exposure to toxic dust and debris,

[01:38:49] and whereas September 11, 2001, stands as a day of profound loss, but also of extraordinary heroism, resilience, and unity, as Americans came together to comfort the grieving, aid the injured and defend our freedoms and whereas Loudoun County is home to many veterans active duty service members first responders and gold star families whose sacrifices reflect the enduring spirit of service that emerged in the aftermath of 9/11 and whereas the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors calls

[01:39:24] upon all residents to remember the lives lost honor the courage of those who responded, and reaffirm our commitment to unity, service, and the defense of freedom. Now, therefore, be it resolved that

the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim September 11th, 2025, as a day of remembrance and patriotism in Loudoun County in solemn commemoration of the 24th anniversary of the September 11th attack.

[01:40:03] Someone would like to speak. Thank you for everybody that came out today to commemorate the 9-11 anniversary. It was a day of, it's a day of remembrance and a day of commemoration for all the folks that we had that have passed away from that event.

[01:40:28] So I thank you all for coming out here to commemorate what I share with you to go out to your communities and share about 9-11 that we should never forget because it was a devastating event since Pearl Harbor.

[01:40:44] Thank you. Hi. I'm with a nonprofit, and we do displays, living history displays at schools, and about five years ago, we did a display at a high school in Spotsylvania that commemorated 9-11, and we were setting up, and as we were setting up, it hit us that these kids weren't even alive when this happened, so it seems like it was just yesterday for us, but these kids, a lot of them don't even know what happened, so it is good to get the word out.

[01:41:14] I actually want to say the name of Michelle Lanza. Michelle went to my church, and she happened to be in New York and happened to be in the trade centers when they were attacked and did not make it out.

[01:41:30] And so I know that we know some of the names. We don't always know all of the names of people who were lost. And I'm really very happy that in this resolution, this proclamation, one thing we talk about is the many, many people who suffered medically in the aftermath who were down at the side of 9-11 who were on the pile because we of course do and should talk about the people we lost that day, but we did lose hundreds, maybe thousands more from the fallout after 9-11 and the medical fallout.

[01:42:02] And I do want to say that too. And finally, I want to say that the 9-11 for us was, there is such a thing as collective trauma and you don't have to be at the site where something happens to feel traumatized by it the the country and even the world was very much traumatized by 9/11 if that's so that is something that you experience and you still experience I would urge people to reach out for for for to talk to somebody to talk to a peer group or someone else to try to get past the trauma I know there

[01:42:38] people who still are dealing with the trauma of 9/11 and mental health is real and trauma is real and just because it's 24 years later doesn't mean that trauma if not resolved is not still there and not still real thank you for all of you being here thank you especially to our military and thank you to our first responders I'm not sure how we're gonna take a picture but Glenn you're gonna

[01:43:01] figure this out for us okay we're gonna do nominations and then we're going to

[01:44:46] have Mr. Sains talk a little bit about his board member initiative and then we would do public comments and then we will go to closed session for both closed sessions at one time. So if you have nominations put your lights on. Mr.

[01:45:01] Letourne and Ms. Umstead since I can't see your lights if you have public comments if you have nominations let us know. So Ms. Letourne do you have any nominations you'd like to make? No I do not. Ms. Umstead any nominations? No ma'am. Okay, if you have nominations, Ms. Glass, nominations?

[01:45:21] Yes, thank you, Madam Chair. I nominate Mr. David Nicholson to serve as the broad-run representative on the Advisory Commission on Youth. I nominate Ms. Sunita Sinai to serve as an at-large representative on the Housing Choice Voucher Resident Advisory Board.

[01:45:42] I nominate Ms. Jamila Bay to serve as an at-large representative on the Housing Choice Voucher Resident Advisory Board. Wonderful. Mr. Crony? Thank you, Chair Randall. I nominate Mr. Ashish Bataya to the Housing Advisory Board.

[01:46:04] Thank you. Mr. Sains? Thank you, Madam Chair. And I do have a nomination. I was wondering, can I suspend the rules to get my nominee? For the purpose why is it going to be is it time-sensitive there? We haven't had representative on on this board for for a couple of months now. So is it time-sensitive?

[01:46:24] Yes, it is. Is there going to be a meeting before we come back on the DS the next time? Yes. Okay, then yes. Sure. Thank you We'll make the nomination Well, do I need to move the nominate Jennifer Love quest as the sterling district representative on the parks recreation and open space board anyone would to suspend the rules Make a motion to suspend the rules.

[01:46:45] I have a motion to suspend the rules to nominate Ms. Lemquist. Second. Motion is made and seconded by Ms. Umstead to suspend the rules. Ms. Brickson. I mean, sorry, Ms. Brickson, I'm sorry. Discussion on the motion to suspend. And again, Mr. Sainz is suspending the rules because there will be a meeting before we come back on the dais again.

[01:47:08] Yes, ma'am. Okay. All in favor, please say aye. Aye. I assume the two people on virtually. I'm just going to abstain. aye okay uh all opposed all right that motion will pass um eight eight zero one with mr letourne abstaining um mr sains would like to make another motion guess what you're saying yes to me there

[01:47:44] was a motion to suspend is there a motion to appoint yeah okay motion to thank you for the suspension of the rules i nominate jennifer lumquist as the sterling district representative from the Parks and Recreation and Open Space Board. Second. Discussion on that motion? None?

[01:48:02] Confirm. Confirm. Yeah. Confirm. Yeah. None. Okay. All the people who say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Mr. Letourneau, you abstaining again? No, that's fine. Okay. Yes. That motion passed 9-0.

[01:48:21] Any other nominations? Mr. Sainz? No. Mr. Sainz, any other nominations? No, just by action item when we're ready. Okay. All right. Mr. Turner, any nominations? Thank you, Madam Chair. I nominate Julie Gurney, G-U-R-N-E-E, to the Environmental Commission to fill the subject matter expert clean transportation vacancy. Okay. Thank you. All right. We have one more action item and that is the board member initiative from Mr. Sainz. Mr. Sainz, how about you take about three minutes to describe the initiative and then we'll go from there. You

[01:48:57] can after that go on and make a motion. How's that sound? Thank you. Yes this initiative will impact the service road immediately adjacent to residential addresses of 9003 and 9005 South Sterling Boulevard on West Poplar Road. The existing asphalt as you can see in the exhibits that we emailed to everybody earlier today has given way to dirt ruts and pretty much a poor condition. There is no record of maintenance and actually if you looked in the exhibits I sent earlier you'll see the images showing that state maintenance ends just before this road continues

[01:49:35] to these two residential homes where folks have to use this road to get to their homes every single day. This stretch of road does not meet VDOT requirements and so pretty much it's in no man's land and no pun intended and we would like to work with the approval of the board work with staff to get this to a certain standard and then the the residents will pretty much maintain it from from here on out once we get it to a certain standard but we would like to have the board support to get

[01:50:12] this done because if you again need to look at the the pictures it's clearly a hazard I just visited yesterday. So some of these pictures are from yesterday when I was there after my work to exhibit the current conditions. So with that, I will take any questions.

[01:50:31] Do you have any questions for Mr. Sains? I have a question. Mr. Sains, the motion will, it calls for this to be done, to bring this back by the last day of the year, December 31st. Have you talked to staff before you put that date in the motion? Yes, we've had some conversations with staff, brief conversations.

[01:50:50] let me ask that differently is staff okay with that date we would prefer to bring it to a meeting so maybe the first january meeting or as opposed to the end of the year i mean you wanted a meeting right yes one end i mean i just was not picking an exact date but if you want me to pick the december meeting that's fine i don't if you want to give me a date so it'd be the i don't know if are you going to hold the second well then that's a month earlier so i'd prefer the first january meeting okay we could do first january meeting that's fine well no we can't we can do the second

[01:51:30] january meeting because i really hold the first january meeting pretty tight to be an organizational meeting all right second okay so second meeting in january is where the motion will go yeah okay all right mr do you have a question for mr stames i'm sorry i have a question i don't know on the motion it's it's for staff oh first on this item it's it's related to this item well the staff doesn't take questions on bmis before they get passed yet so but you can ask mr sayings if you want to but the staff doesn't take questions on this um okay unless you might want to maybe mr hamster you might want to let me just state the question and if it's irrelevant we can just rule it out of order um shellhorn road is exactly the same situation vdot road

[01:52:10] formally owned. They abandoned it. It's just sitting there. It's not being maintained. So I'm curious, if this is two items that we have that are exactly the same, how many more do we have? And is there a process that the county can come up with to figure out what to do with these road segments? I don't know why I can't get anyone's name right. And I'm looking straight at Mr. Hemstreet and calling Mr. Sains. And again, they don't really, they're not that, I know, they're not that similar, those two. I'm honored to be Mr. Hemstreet. I'm honored to be Mr. Hemstreet.

[01:52:41] Okay, okay, okay. I'll get it right. I will get it right. I will get it. Mr. LaTorne, I was honored to be you. Congratulations, Matt. You were Kayla. So there are a number. So the county for secondary roads and for some primary roads, the county owns the roadbed.

[01:52:58] Under the Byrd Act, those that meet the requirements of the Virginia Department of Transportation or the state highway system are brought into the state highway system and maintained. There are several locations throughout the county where we have roads that are owned by the county but do not meet the VDOT's requirements, therefore they are not maintained.

[01:53:24] There is a 1960s-era resolution by the Board of Supervisors taking the position that all of these road beds that are owned by the county but do not meet the requirements of the state highway system are

to be maintained by the abutting property owners.

[01:53:43] And so that is generally how this works. We do have, on occasion, areas like this one. So Supervisor Sains is bringing this one to the board. what i heard him say was that he would like us to provide a cost to bring this road bed which is essentially a driveway up to standard and then turn it over to the abutting property owners for them to maintain thereafter is is what i heard is what i heard but that'll have to be worked out by the board afterwards we do have another area in the county where the the board has approved a

[01:54:19] project which is lake drive which sits on on a on an old uh embankment the direction there which is in the cip is for us to remove the embankment and then bring the road up to vdot standards so that then would that road would fall into the vdot highway system at that point um but there are a number of these out there like that and the direction from the board is that the abutting property owners are responsible for them. Thank you. Okay. Mr. Sains, would you like to make a motion? Yes, Madam Chair. And I have to clarify, I actually misspoke that it's to, well, you'll

[01:54:59] hear it in my motion. I move that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to return to the Board of Supervisors at the second January meeting in 2026 with a plan and cost estimates to implement necessary repairs to the service road in front of 903 and 905 South Sterling Boulevard and the Sterling Election District and present a corresponding long-term maintenance strategy and funding requirements for the Board of Supervisors approval.

[01:55:26] Second. Mr. Sainz, we'd like to have an opening. Again, I'm not going to belabor the point. You know, I think this road again, it's not VDOT purview to maintain. It's pretty much fallen to disrepair. So I'd like to figure a way to get this back into some good form shape and then have us have a long-term plan for maintenance be it county or the property owners but I think we at least need to get it up to a proper standard of care and presentation for daily use because right now in its current form

[01:56:03] it is not safe for anybody to travel on and it's right by a very high impact walkable area as well that we need again correct thank you okay anybody the only question i would have i'm not sure if you know this mr saynes or anybody else who has one of these kind of roads or by themselves when it when it's bad weather when it snows who actually plows these roads so do they not get plowed at all from my understanding they do not they do not get plowed at all interesting that's okay well that's yeah i'm i'm i'm i really appreciate your question then mr turner because we we probably

[01:56:40] should figure this out because there's a lot of these roads that are near homes and not getting plowed that that's uh you can you have a yes go on thank you madam chair mr hemstreet did i understand you correctly in what you said so that staff will determine what it would cost to bring the road up to a maintainable standard and then we present that cost to the hoa and the hoa is responsible for raising the funds to actually fix the road or does the county fix the road one time and then the HOA has to maintain it.

[01:57:14] So my understanding of Supervisor Sains' motion is that we will come with a cost to bring the road up to a standard and we'll propose a long-term maintenance solution. Now, staff will be obligated to remind the board of the board's adopted policy because right now the policy is that the abutting property owners are responsible for maintenance of these roads.

[01:57:42] Now, you can change that, but then that becomes a cost that the county now absorbs. The question will be, is it just location by location, or do you want to address this everywhere? Thank you. Mr.

Sainz, would you like a closing?

[01:57:59] No, ma'am. All right. Mr. Sainz made the motion. I second the motion. All in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? All right, that motion. Wow, that motion.

[01:58:16] I don't know what's going on here. That motion will pass 9-0. Supervisors, we are about six minutes from public comment time, and so I don't want to start before we're supposed to start.

[01:58:32] So how about this? How about you just do a very quick break, and then when we come back on the day as we do public comments and then go straight into closed sessions, and we would have had our break already. So let's take a break to about 6.05, okay?

[02:04:02] We're back, and we're going to go through the closed session items.

[02:12:02] oh my god I am at something that's happening tonight so everyone just you know I'll just say one I'm sorry for all the mess ups I'm about to make and I've made already how's that Sam I'm gonna remind everyone that you will have two and a half minutes when your name is called come to the podium closest to you you have two and a half minutes to speak please direct your comments to the dais or even more to the Chair, I remind everyone that the meeting, the meeting requirements we have are requirements of the Board, and so every member of the Board in our Rules

[02:12:39] of Order has voted for the stipulations on public comments. And I will try to call your name in advance and so you know when you will be called up next.

[02:12:55] Our first speaker is James Russell. He will be followed by Donald Wadowski. He will be followed by Thomas Kasperic. Good evening.

[02:13:16] There's been a mistake. I signed up to speak about Palestine and I'm the first speaker on the list. I thought we're at the end. There's no other speakers who are speaking on any issues on the agenda. I was led to believe that the amount of speakers talking about the genocide in Gaza and the anguish and terror felt by the Palestinian Americans in Loudoun County, I thought these speeches were so numerous and disruptive that other constituents speaking about other issues were not able to speak and their First Amendment rights were being violated. That was my

[02:13:50] understanding. And now here I am at the top of the list. The walls continue to close in on this community every day. Spyware used, perfected by the Israeli government in a genocide has just recently been approved to be used by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. I don't know. I think it's just abundantly clear that the same legacy that cleansed this land of its indigenous population, that enslaved and terrorized African indigenous people that were brought to this

[02:14:28] continent, that same legacy not just survives in Loudoun County, it has been rejuvenated because of this issue. And, you know, I told a story here over a year ago of I ran into this Arab family that I grew up with around here, and they told me, oh, that's so good that you're going in there.

[02:14:56] More people should be going in there. I'd love to join you going in there, but we were here in the 2000s, and, quote, we got the message. We got the message. That's the same message that committed genocide against the indigenous people here, and that maintained chattel slavery for centuries here, and it's the same legacy that these data centers are contributing to. Spyware, employees at Microsoft, they're walking out of their job because data used by their company on Palestinian

[02:15:35] residents in Gaza is being used after the murder of Palestinians to justify their murder. And it's all good for the economy. I'm ashamed. This is the county I grew up in. Thank you, Mr. Russell. Your time is up. Okay. Donna Wadowski, followed by Thomas Kasperik, followed by Mark Winn.

[02:16:00] Good evening. Good evening. At the July 15th meeting, Supervisor Umstead, you showed an incredible willingness to do the right thing in standing up to the anti-Semitic rhetoric.

[02:16:18] Anti-Semitism is framed in hate. Rhetorically, they are lynching the state of Israel and the Jewish community here in Loudoun. Chair Randall, billionaire Robert Johnson, co-founder of BETTV, recently donated \$500,000 to Lieutenant Governor Winsome Sears' campaign after she was targeted by a Democrat racist sign at the Arlington County School Board meeting.

[02:16:51] I want to say thank you to Supervisor Tacroni for responding promptly to my request to find out what was causing the power to go out in my community on four separate times in a one-and-a-half-week period.

[02:17:08] the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office does not profile anyone. Loudoun County Sheriff's Office uses data analytics to determine where the traffic and crime issues occur prior to the stop. They have no information concerning anyone's race, gender, or immigration status when they observe a traffic violation. Several weeks ago, a new Virginia majority actually engaged in racial profiling when they held in Supervisor Brisman's district a white immigrant.

[02:17:44] only briefing at the Cascades Library. What does that even mean? Did they expect everyone who attended to give them an Ancestry.com report? The citizens of Loudoun gave the Sheriff's Office in a county survey 85 percent approval rating and county offices 41 percent. I want to congratulate Sheriff Chapman for being recognized as Loudoun Now's best public servant for five years in a row and the Sheriff's Office was honored for favorite government office. In her board comments,

[02:18:24] Supervisor Brisbane gives stats on gun violence in the U.S. but never gives what it is in Loudoun. That's because Loudoun is very low. Thank you. Hi, Ms. Kasparic. You'll be followed by Mark Wynn and followed by, virtually on the phone, Islam Abed.

[02:18:44] Mr. Kasparic here. Going once, going twice. Okay, Mark Wynn. I did not see him either. Mr. Wynn, are you here? Going once, going twice. So, let's go to the phone. Islam Abed. If I mispronounce your name, I apologize, sir.

[02:19:01] Is he on the phone? Can we get him on? Oh, I'm sorry. I am so sorry. It's okay. It's Lam Abid. Thank you for telling me that. I apologize. We're ready when you are, ma'am.

[02:19:22] Hello?

[02:19:37] Ma'am, we can't really hear you very well. Are you talking into your phone? Because your time is running.

[02:19:56] It's gonna do we have a connection issue on our end. Not we do not okay. Ma'am, I'm gonna let your time run down for about another 30 seconds. Okay, okay. I'm gonna go. I'm gonna go. That the connection is not on our end. The bad connection sounds like she's not quite into the phone.

[02:20:34] I just want to make sure she's okay. To be honest, Madam Chair, she dropped the line. Okay, okay. Um, I'm a little worried about that. Actually, um, uh, Zachary Matia followed by Robert Griffin. Good evening. Good evening. Thank you for y'all's time tonight. I'm here to speak on a very important

[02:21:08] issue that has recently come about as some of you may be familiar the Loudoun County part-time staff have recently formed a union and I full-heartedly support this decision however there has been a hiccup that has occurred because of this there was recently a directive ordered to limit all part-time employees to 29 hours to circumvent the spirit of the Affordable Care Act and deny them health insurance.

[02:21:37] I believe this should be reversed immediately because the spirit of the law is to give them health insurance and it is being denied through this measure and you are destroying people's livelihoods by cutting down their hours and I think that this needs to be brought to your attention immediately.

[02:21:53] in a county where we have a seven billion dollar budget and we are making discussions on how to spend hundreds of millions of dollars of surplus budget at the end of the year and in a county where we are commissioning statues to Barack Obama and his legacy I think it is absurd that we are denying our essential employees health insurance we rely on these people to bring us our everyday services that people rely on. And these people are being denied that. And as a result, they are

[02:22:28] being forced to seek employment elsewhere. Sorry. People are given less hours. They seek employment elsewhere. The quality of our staff is being lowered. Employee retention is being destroyed. And it is all for money that we don't really need to come after. So I ask that we put forward a more motion to reinvestigate the 30-hour limit that has been issued to all departments and remedy this and give the people give the people that we rely on for our services

[02:23:06] the security to make a living thank you thank you sir thank you Robert Griffin followed by Kevin Cochran followed by I think it's Jessica Royce if I'm if I'm reading that right good evening Madam Chair Mr. Turner you're the reason I'm here tonight you offered in your narrative to apologize to me

[02:23:38] I think you were lying so I'm going to give you a chance to apologize there you go I filed an ethics complaint against Mr. Turner because he offered false testimony a false narrative about how we met on an Easter morning he tried to enhance my penalty or whatever for a simple trespass good news is that charge was dismissed with prejudice your efforts failed Mr. Turner

[02:24:15] you know morally ethically and spiritually you are wrong so I'm going to give you offer you a chance before I take other legal action to rectify this will you do that yep well I think you've proven to the people in the Democrat party that you're really not fit to replace the Chair should that opportunity come you have poor judgment you criticize me and tell me I can't control myself

[02:24:49] boy that is your story you couldn't control you thought you had a slam dunk well and I think Madam Chair thought she had a slam duck on me too, but you failed. You failed spiritually, morally, and ethically.

[02:25:08] You are not fit to sit in that chair. And the other item that I would like to show is concerns Rinsome Shears when she was campaigning as a result of transgender stuff in Loudoun County.

[02:25:29] And there's just a wonderful sign that came up by supporters of Spanberger. Hey, Winsome, if trans can't share your bathroom, then blacks can't share my water fountain.

[02:25:50] Shame on. Shame on you Democrats. But I will leave the article that I, with the clerk, and the copy of my complaint with Mike Turner. Thank you, Mr. Griffin. Your time is up, sir.

[02:26:05] So I'm just going to leave these. Thank you, sir. Your time is up. I'm going to leave them so that anybody can get up. I understand. Your time is up. Your time is up. Thank you, sir. Okay. All right. Kevin

Cochran, you will be followed by Jessica.

[02:26:21] I think it's Jessica Royce, if I'm reading that right, followed by Matthew Noonan. Mr. Cochran, you can come on up. Good evening. Hello again. Hi, guys. Hope you're doing okay.

[02:26:38] I just wanted to say I'm a little disappointed that the data center thing kind of got passed last month or so, especially it being my last name, you know, my street cock and drive. Pretty funny, right? But, you know, I just want to talk about because I looked into the papers a lot.

[02:26:55] I looked into the research, like how much data centers generate for us, how much do they pay for us, how much everything, right? And I realized how obscene it is to try to reach 50% reliance on data centers in terms of the tax. It's insane. When you look into your stock evaluations, right?

[02:27:14] I know you guys like money. Stocks, right? Stocks, you look into your retirement, you look into all this stuff. Do you see something 50% in one stock? Do you see something 200? I have never even heard of that. I've never heard of 200 businesses, one type of business in this county alone.

[02:27:31] It is crazy. It is insane. and the power demand is atrocious. Megawatts, megawatts, they can, you need pretty much a nuclear reactor to try to find the energy consumption of a couple, maybe even one data center. It's insane how much power they need, and I know it's hard to, like, say, like, oh, we can't vote them out because it's power-related, but it's just ridiculous, you know? And no matter how many emails we email, no matter any phone calls you get, no matter how many people show up here like you still vote for it like I don't understand it's like you know I mean I know this

[02:28:07] board really hates it when we say you know um what's it called data centers are funding they must be but like think about it like what do you think we're going to believe when Donald Trump says don't look at the Epstein files don't look at them there's nothing to see here and he doesn't release it what do you think what do you think like what do you have us to believe right and you know I had a bunch of stuff to say but honestly I just wanted to end with this because

[02:28:34] I had a board member say, like, something atrocious last time, too, but I wanted to go off the Brita, I can't say it right, Brita and Chia, which is, you know, Loudoun County teachers might know about it, but I wanted to explain what genocide is.

[02:28:52] Genocide, the deliberate and systematic destruction of a group of people because of their ethnicity, nationality, religion, or race. That's what genocide means, and I hope that board member realizes that, too. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Cochran. Jessica Royce, you will be followed by Matthew Noonan. And then our last speaker tonight, I'm sorry, wait, wait, wait. Yes, our last speaker tonight will be John Myers. Good evening, Ms. Royce.

[02:29:22] Good evening. The reason that Donald Trump and his friends are banning books is because words are powerful. The Palestinian American community and their allies who have come to this room and been accused of anti-Semitism um are wrongly accused uh so you all know about the holocaust where nazi germany wiped out six million jews right and in that instance the oppressors were the nazis and the victims were the jews the oppressors in today's genocide is israel funded by the united states and the

[02:30:02] victims are palestinian we would stand up for the victims of any genocide regardless of their religion um mr sanes i believe you once held a sign that said free palestine miss brickman i believe you once called for a ceasefire and mr turner i believe you once said that if there is a bombing of a hospital it is

a war crime um i understand you all might feel like there's nothing you can do but there are palestinian americans in this community that care about this um on july

[02:30:41] 15th a white woman came and spoke about two different subjects when a brown woman came to the stand to speak about Palestine and another subject, she was silenced. So if there is another reason why these people are being silenced besides the fact that there are politicians whose pockets are being lined by this genocide, we would really love to know. Thank you for your time. Thank you,

[02:31:06] Ms. Royce. Matthew Noonan, and then our last speaker would be John Myers. Hello. Just days ago, the International Association of Genocide Scholars, the world's oldest and largest body of genocide experts issued a resolution backed by 86 percent of its voting members declaring that Israel's military campaign in Gaza means the legal definition of genocide. This finding reflects acts of indiscriminate civilian killing, forced displacement, and a man-made famine throughout

[02:31:44] the enclave. Indeed, famine is no longer a looming threat. A UN-backed integrated food security phase classification report confirms a worst-case famine scenario is now unfolding in Gaza. With at least 122 people, including 83 children, starving to death and over 28,000 cases of malnutrition documented, the intentional killing won't stop. According to classified Israeli military data, as of May 2025, 83% of those killed in Gaza were civilians.

[02:32:19] Journals continue to be targets. This is the deadliest conflict for media workers in modern history by august 2025 up to 274 journalists had been killed one horrifying tactic known as double tap has even involved striking areas a second time to kill medics and journalists who arrive at the scene of carnage hospitals are not spared either the nassar hospital and many others have been repeatedly attacked putting civilians in danger and leaving them with nowhere safe to go meanwhile as governments fail a flotilla of activists from barcelona and 44 countries sailed this past weekend

[02:32:56] to deliver humanitarian aid directly to gaza in recent weeks u.s senator chris van holland and jeff merckley traveled to gaza only to be denied flyover access to israel i also want to highlight a palestinian american teenager held since february 2025 in an israeli detention center who has been denied all family access raising concerns about abuse and torture and custody Americans are waking up. A recent poll reveals half of U.S. voters believe Israel is committing a genocide. So I ask you, when will the board speak up? Many of you have spoken out and have

[02:33:36] said that you realize this is wrong. You've said as much. You've gestured to it. But for some reason, you can't go to the Hill and make a statement. Bristman is the only one that's done that um i i hope your lack of courage and your time is up i hope your lack of courage haunts you thank you free palestine the last speaker for this evening is john myers um please put four

[02:34:05] minutes on his clock oh let me just say because mr kirschner was not here so mr kirschner and mr sayings um mr myers is going to be speaking about the um um captain wilson and and he um asked for um he asked for a little more time and i this is the first and only time i've ever done this and i imagine i ever will but i i feel like when we have a first responder um who we've lost in our county then another minute and a half is valid so without objection we're going to go four

[02:34:44] minutes today thank you mr meyer chair randall member board board of supervisor it is a profound sadness that i stand before you tonight the louis county career firefighters association IFF Local 3076, grieves on timely passing one of our most steadfast leaders, Captain Danny Wilson.

[02:35:02] I also want to take a moment to recognize Danny's wife and daughter who are with us today, Tara and Morgan. Your presence reminds us that behind every firefighter's sacrifice, a family who bears that burden with them. And tonight, this entire county stands with you. Danny started his journey in the fire service as a volunteer in Sterling.

[02:35:21] Then in 2000, he joined LCFR, and over the next 25 years, he grew into the kind of leader every firefighter hopes to serve under. Danny has left his mark at the department, shaping the very culture of the fire service here. For many of us, his voice in the firehouse, his presence on the fire ground, and even his good nature obsession with the Pittsburgh Steelers are often woven into our own memories of this job. But Danny's life was cut short by something far more ruthless than the dangers we're trained to face. There's a predator inside our profession.

[02:35:50] It doesn't break through doors or burn down buildings. It hides the smoke that seeps into our lungs, and the soot and grime in our gear, and the chemicals that leech into our blood and follow us home long after the fire is out. It waits in silence, and when it takes hold, it shows no mercy and leaves no firefighter and no family untouched.

[02:36:12] That predator is cancer. Cancer is now the number one killer of firefighters across this nation, both as a firefighter once it served as a probationary rookie under Captain Wilson, and as a president of Local 3076, I tell you plainly, we must do better.

[02:36:28] For Danny, for those who stand watch over the county tonight, for the families who pray their loved one comes home after every shift, and for the families who deserve the chance to grow old alongside their firefighter long after their career is over. Captain Wilson gave everything to Loudoun. His legacy deserves more than remembrance. It demands action.

[02:36:56] And as part of that action is ensuring that when a firefighter's family, like Danny's, are left behind, they're not left to fight alone. They deserve nothing less than the full measure of support that Loudoun is capable of delivering, without hesitation, and without delay. The truth has already been recognized far beyond our county.

[02:37:15] Within 12 hours of submission, Captain Wilson's line-of-duty death was accepted by the International Association of Firefighters. His name will be etched into the Wall of Honor at the IFF Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Colorado Springs in 2026, and his family will be presented with the IFF Medal of Honor.

[02:37:32] These honors reflect what we already know here at home, that Danny's sacrifice was not in vain, and that his life and service carry meaning that will endure long after tonight. Thank you. Mr. Myers, first of all, thank you for coming.

[02:37:48] I actually decided at the top of the meeting that we were going to wait until you spoke and have the family here before we did a moment of silence. And then I do have a couple of questions that I'd like to ask you about what you just said. But first, if everyone could join me in a moment of silence for Captain Wilson, I'd appreciate that.

[02:38:14] Thank you very much. Mr. Myers, you and I talk often, as we should, as we should. I'd like to speak to you later because if there is something Loudoun's not doing as far as trying our best to prevent higher rates of cancer in Loudoun County firefighters because of gear, because of not having wash stations, whatever that might be, I want to know it.

[02:38:54] We've talked a lot, and we've put things in place, but if there's something not in place, I'd like to know it. And I think I speak for every member of the board when I say that. So I'd like to, we talk all the time, but if there's something else, let us know so that we can understand what that might be.

[02:39:11] Absolutely. Okay. Yes, ma'am. All right. Thank you. And can Captain Wilson's family please stand up? On behalf of this board and on behalf of a very grateful county, we offer our sincere condolences to your loss.

[02:39:37] And we, Mr. Myers called me within probably a half an hour of Captain Wilson passing. And we will be having a discussion. We know what the asks are, and we are heeding the words of Mr. Myers—well, I shouldn't say we are.

[02:39:56] We will be discussing the words of Mr. Myers and many members of IAFF, and we understand and are kind of all equally appalled at how we got here and what's happened. So we know we will have that discussion.

[02:40:13] We'll have that discussion this evening. our sincere condolences. Mine is the entire board and the entire county. But we offer our condolences also with thanks because I just cannot imagine a harder job than being a firefighter. So thank you so much for his sacrifice but for your sacrifice along with him. Thank you very much. We're going to go on, walk into closed session just a little while but I think most of us would like to meet you all as we go to closed session so if you could just hold up before you leave for for about five

[02:40:48] minutes we'd appreciate that thank you so much all right supervisors that is all the speakers we have and we are going to now go into closed session and mr. Turner is going to read us into both closed sessions we would take the closed sessions in order we'll take the closed sessions in order mr. Turner will you please read us into closed session I move that the board of supervisors recess this public meeting and enter into closed session pursuant to section 2.23711 of the Code of Virginia to consider acquisition of parcels of property for public use in the Ashburn Election

[02:41:24] District. I further move that the Board of Supervisors recess this public meeting and enter into closed session pursuant to section 2.23711 of the Code of Virginia to consult with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation involving a worker's compensation claim. Motions made.

[02:41:41] Secondary Supervisor Sains. Discussion on the motion. I'm assuming Mr. Leterner and Ms. Umstead are moving into closed session with us and we've taken care of all that. That's my understanding, but you're here, so you should ask them on the record. Okay, Mr. Leterner is a yes. Ms. Umstead, are you coming to closed session with us?

[02:41:58] Yes, ma'am. Okay, all right. So then they were reading the closed session with us, and then when we come back out, get them back out here. All right. Mr. Turner made the motion.

[02:42:14] Mr. Sange you second the motion, correct? All in favor please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Aye. That motion passed 9-0.

[02:42:28] We are going to closed session. Exactly. Okay, is everybody here? Mr.

[04:10:27] Letourneau and Ms. Umstead, you're both back. You're with us? Yep. Okay. All right. All right, we're back. Mr. Turner, would you please 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 which is made second uh i'll second the motion discussion on that motion seeing none all of it please say aye aye any opposed would everyone please affirm

[04:11:04] mr letourna miss umset will you please affirm affirm affirm okay affirm affirm affirm affirm Affirm. And I affirm as well that motion will pass 9-0. I have another motion. I move the Board of Supervisors authorize the County Administrator to provide \$11,000 in funeral and transportation expenses as would be provided by the Workman Compensation for the family of Captain Danny Wilson in a form approved by the County Attorney.

[04:11:33] I further move that the Board of Supervisors authorize the County Administrator or designee to continue discussion with the family of Captain Danny Wilson to settle the workers' compensation claim. Second. Let me give that a second to Mr. Turner.

[04:11:51] So, gosh, I honestly don't understand the mind of a firefighter.

[04:12:08] I say to them jokingly, but not so jokingly, that firefighters are not normal people. People who choose to run toward danger, people who choose to work all hours, people who choose to make a decision to have a profession that they know is going to put them in greater danger not just to do the job, but in medically greater danger as well.

[04:12:39] I do understand their sense of humor. But when we have a firefighter, a first responder, who has given their all to help the people of our county, it is correct and right that when they are in need or their family is in need, we give back.

[04:13:10] Captain Wilson, we actually thought people who knew him well thought that he was going to be with us longer. The death was more sudden than expected. And with his death came some complications that were not of his making or the family's making, but how some of the laws were written. And so not only should we make sure that, to some extent, funeral expenses are covered immediately, and so that the family will have that immediately, but also that we will continue

[04:13:48] the work with the family to settle the compensation claim because it is the right thing to do and people might ask about about a precedent well first of all we hope that we hope that we don't have to do this often just because we hope we're not losing people but the truth is if we were doing this right not we Loudoun County but this is being done right up front we wouldn't have to make these decisions on the board because these things would be built in to be able to take care of our first responders and their families in their

[04:14:24] hour of need. And so I'm really very happy that the county administrator or the designee is going to work with the family to on the settlement of the workman's compensation claim and it is it is it is it is right and fitting that that we right away provide funeral expenses and again we put we I want to offer all the condolences not only the captain Wilson's family but to everybody in the Loudoun County combined fire and rescue department other comments all

[04:14:59] right all in favor please say aye any opposed that motion will pass 9-0 supervisors the only thing we have left is board comments if you want to make any board comments this would be the chance to do that and then we madam chair i'm going to depart the meeting just to let you know okay i'll feel

better mr letourneau mr mr msett you're going to hang out or you're going to leave also i have no board comments all i will leave okay thank you thank you more comments mr crony thank you chair randles so

[04:15:33] disclosures too yes okay uh on july 23rd i met with packie crown kim hart colin styles john Pellerito and staff about the Dulles South Park. On September 2nd, my staff spoke with Mike Romeo about Belmont Cove. I wanted to report that Eleanor Tau, a former supervisor of the Blue Ridge District, she served from 1995 to 2002, passed away on August 25th. She lived in Round Hill and was really committed to her community during her time on the board she was most proud of her

[04:16:13] work opening 28 schools establishing franklin park and working to keep western loud and rural i just want to thank her for her public service and also give my condolences to the family i also want to take a moment to wish all students a safe successful and inspiring 2025 to 2026 school year loudon county public schools welcomed approximately 82 000 students this year and hired

[04:16:43] 626 new staff of which 237 are brand new teachers to the profession of teaching so welcome back everyone and good luck last week i attended a kickoff information session at the brambleton barn hosted by county staff the loudon soil and water conservation district and the loudon Invasive Removal Alliance to provide an overview of the county's invasive plant species management program and how to submit an application. Loudoun is the first local government in the region to

[04:17:19] develop the program and the first round of applications will be accepted from September 15th through September 26th with the application cycle opening approximately every two months. there is no cost share the first year it is free so I hope a lot of people who have invasive plant species apply there are 90 invasive plant species that threaten natural areas and there's a website that shows in case you don't know what the invasive plants are the county has

[04:17:55] a website that you can look at it's loudon.gov invasive plant species and you can also apply on that website. The next information session is Tuesday September 9th from 6 to 8 at Bluemont Vineyard located on Foggy Bottom Road. And lastly I just want to say I'm doing Middleburg office hour September 23rd 3 to 6 p.m. at the Middleburg Town Hall. All Little River residents are welcome to attend and no appointment is necessary thank you thank you ma'am miss glass thank you madam

[04:18:32] chair for disclosures on uh tuesday july 29th i met with representatives from tri-tech to discuss concora vested rights on tuesday august 12th i met with representatives from cooley to discuss the special exception application to allow full build out of the campus on the parcel located on the 450 acre campus immediately west of our dallas airport and east of route 606 i just i guess i

[04:19:01] would also like to say to my fellow colleagues fellow staff members with lcps we're excited to be back working with our kids our young folks at lcps it's wonderful i work in elementary so it's It's wonderful to see all of the young smiling faces and ready to get back to school with their new backpacks and new gear for the year.

[04:19:35] So, you know, we are hoping for a successful year for all our new kiddos that are coming in. That's all I have. Thank you, ma'am. Ms. Prixman. Thank you, Madam Chair.

[04:19:53] By way of disclosures, on September 2nd, I had a meeting with Chris DeWitt of the Loudon School for Advanced Studies. On August 27th, I had a meeting with Steve Del Falco pertaining to the Villas at Cascades on a potential proffer amendment. And on 8-28, I had a call with Colleen Gillis of Curata about the residences at University Center.

[04:20:14] I also attended the Vaco County Officials Summit, the Vaco Board Meeting, and the Region 8 Meeting. All were very productive, really proud to serve on the Board of Directors there. We had a very lively meeting with the Broad Run Farms community last week at Galilee United Methodist Church, where we discussed the concept of proactive zoning enforcement.

[04:20:40] And so far, our online survey on that topic has received 100 responses. And we've also gotten a lot of emails about that. And so I really want to appreciate the community for coming out and sharing your views. I want to appreciate staff for coming and explaining zoning and, you know, the particular zoning areas that Broad Run Farms is covered by CR1 and AR3 and the zoning requirements in those areas and also the further restrictions of being in a floodplain.

[04:21:18] uh i do intend to um uh put a blurb in my newsletter tomorrow about my intentions with that um with that proposal and also we'll be sending out emails to the broad run farms community on that topic as well before the end of the week um i think that we are probably all saddened and heartbroken that on august 27th two children were killed and 21 others were injured by a gunman at Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis Minnesota of those injured were 18 additional

[04:21:53] children between the ages of 6 and 15 three are adults in their 80s who were attending mass at the time gun violence data from the archive gun violence archive entering into the ninth month of 2025 we have had 10,068 gun deaths 292 mass shootings in our country and the deaths have included 162 children under the age of 12 and 696 kids the ages between 12 and 17 it's the guns and I don't know when we are going to decide

[04:22:33] that we care for our children more than we care for our guns but we have somehow have to be hit over the head by this 2 by 4 apparently 292 times a year and we still don't understand that it's the guns thank you madam chair thank you miss Brixman it is the guns you are correct mr. Sainz thank you madam chair happy back to official county board meetings after our break disclosures on

[04:23:12] On August 25th, I met with Ben Wales of Karate and Stephen Collins regarding their residential application that's taking place in the Sterling District. July 9th, I met with Mike Capredi regarding Tuscarora Land Bay 3 legislation application, and I don't remember the exact date, but it was in August.

[04:23:36] I met with Mike Romeo and his affiliates for their housing application that is making its way. I believe they're in the Planning Commission right now with their housing application in the Sterling District. I want to offer words of congratulations and happy second or third, I guess at this point, retirement for Bob Lazaro.

[04:24:02] For those who might recall, he was a former mayor at Percival at one point. Yes, that Percival. And then he went on and did a stellar job at the Northern Virginian Regional Commission, which Supervisor Glass and I are currently on that commission.

[04:24:22] He was our executive director for many years and was the executive director during COVID and helped steer the ship regionally with a lot of other folks. but he helped out a lot and kept us all together during that troubling time so just want to again congratulate him on his retirement and welcome our new executive director Craig Pfiffer who's come by way of Alexandria government and a brief stint with under the Northam administration but again he's not gonna

[04:25:01] be the Northern Virginia Regional Commission new executive director like to invite folks to a 9-11 remembrance run a run for resilience remembrance and unity these brave individuals are running i'll

say that again running their starting point is the shanksville pennsylvania location to the pentagon and then from there they'll be making their way to ground zero in new york city and that's a total distance of 485 miles this friday they will be at Crooked Run in Sterling

[04:25:40] off of Davis Drive in the Sterling District, so pay attention to my, we'll send out a newsflash, my Facebook page, maybe I don't know if the county would like to share this information or not, but we'll put out some more detailed information for the exact timing and everything, but you can go to where is the website, oh darn it give me 20 more seconds but I'm trying to reach out this website, excuse me it is, count it down man counting it down I can't find I'm sorry but I'll put in my newsletter or do a newsflash so please pay attention to that thank you all right thank you mr.

[04:26:18] Kirchner thank you madam chair for three disclosures on July 30th my staff and I met with Chuck Coon and Charles about the Paxton Road Events Center on August 4th my staff and I met with Jennifer Cleary about the Hamilton monopole application and on August 20th my staff and I met with Megan and Pablo Alfaro about their specs application for the dog away from home kennel.

[04:26:43] A few comments and events going on in Loudoun or Catocin specifically. The Loudoun Museum's exhibit on the Marquis de Lafayette is still open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and it will be there until the end of this year.

[04:26:59] The Lockett's Open Air Market opened this June. Its mix of Farmer's Market Craft, Bazaar, and Food Festival will be held at the Lockett's Community Center every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. until it ends till the end of the year. So please make your way out there. And then the Loudon Wildlife Conservancy will hold their fall narrative plant sale at Morven Park on September 13th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They'll have a wide selection of native plants for sale and volunteers will be on hand to answer your questions and pick the best plants from your garden and home. I normally don't comment on other board members

[04:27:35] comments but i want to remind ms brisman and miss the chair chair randall that a gun has never ever once shot itself thanks thank you mr mr um vice chair turner thank you i need to hold my head so it doesn't explode um on friday july 18th 2025 i spoke with colin dillis from curata to discuss the application for west belmont on monday july 28th 2025 my staff and i met with mike romeo and walsh kalushi on andrea cassette and drew smith from land design to discuss the application for

[04:28:13] belmont covery zoning tuesday july 29th my staff and i met with amanda williams and jeff tapeley from digital realty and jeff snow from ardent to discuss the application for digital dulles western lands campus on monday july 18th 2025 my staff spoke with amanda williams from digital realty to discuss the application for digital dulles western lands campus monday august 4th my staff I met with Colin Gillis from Curata to discuss the application for West Belmont, and on Thursday, August 28th and Wednesday, September 3rd, my staff and I spoke with Mike Romeo from Wash Kalusha to discuss the applications for hidden wood assemblage and Belmont Covary zoning.

[04:28:53] Last Wednesday, I attended with several of my colleagues the launch of the Loudon Invasives Removal Alliance at the Ashburn Rex Center. It was heavily attended, maybe 120, 130 people, very enthusiastic people who enjoy scraping bugs off of trees.

[04:29:13] And it was a great event, though even though it might not sound like it was. On Saturday, I joined my colleagues at halftime at the Loudoun United soccer game, they would call it football game, for

Hometown Heroes Night, which honored Chief David Short with the Trevor Brown Hometown Heroes Award, and on Sunday, I attended the Nova Labor Picnic at Fort Hunt Park down by Mount Vernon.

[04:29:41] And just a heads up on a visit that's upcoming, we've had our first planning session, but NACO has asked myself and Buddy Reiser and Beth Erickson to host a delegation of about 20 elected officials from up and down the eastern seaboard to Loudoun County for a reception and then followed by a bus tour, windshield tour of data centers and then a tour of a data center and then they'll wind up here at the admin building to speak with myself and hopefully Chair Randall if she's available that would be nice.

[04:30:13] So that's a hallmark visit I think for Loudoun County and Ms. Erickson was very pleased to be able to host that event. That's all I have. Thank you. Thank you. I honestly will say that I have to do my disclosures next time because my chief of staff is away on his anniversary and I don't know what my disclosures are. My chief of staff doesn't give them to me.

[04:30:37] So I would do mine next time. Mr. Kirshner, you're right, guns don't shoot themselves. At the same time, cars don't crash themselves. But you know what we do with cars? People get licensed, people get trained, people get registered, and there's a thousand safety regulations around cars. And cars don't crash themselves. So if we can do it with cars, we can do it with guns. So that's not, that's maybe the weakest argument of all the weak arguments about gun deaths. I would say this also. You know, a lot of you, I've joked over the past month, six weeks, about the fact that I started a teeny tiny garden, of which

[04:31:16] I have grown exactly six cucumbers, and one tomato is growing, like for real, for real growing. I have to say, you know, I've always appreciated farmers, and I know seriously that I am not a farmer, but the appreciation I have for people who grow our food is three times what I had before, people who do large, large farming. It is, it is, well, one is, it was more, it's more satisfying than I thought it would be. But it's also hard. It's hot. There's bugs. You know, cucumber bushes

[04:31:56] are thorny. It's interesting, but it's harder. So for anyone who's ever farmed, and for all the people who feed our county and our nation, I would say buy local whenever you can, because that's really important to support our economy and to support our farmers but also really no kidding appreciate the farming community because I have a you know I have a garden like not bigger than this day is literally and I'm having a great time with it but it's much harder than I expect it and

[04:32:30] and what farmers do for us every day is incredible I also want to say that um do an open thank you to Avis Renshaw I grew my cucumber took a picture of it and sent it to Avis who is a huge farmer for real it's just a huge farmer and she was so nice and so kind and said nice things about my at the end one cucumber but but it is it is I started to farm Mac well I started the little garden actually because I thought I can't sit inside and watch TV and my head's going to explode I got to do something else so I started doing that and I will tell you it's it's been it's been much more pleasant than I well not pleasant it's been much more gratifying than I thought

[04:33:10] it would be but also to everyone who's farming for real for real farming kudos to you and thank you all right I think that might be everything for this meeting I think we're good I think we're good yes all right we are adjourned



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