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[00:11:26] Supervisors real quickly, student supervisors, before I hit the dais, student supervisors, student supervisors, so one of the things that's going to happen tonight is you're going to see and listen to an item on the Advisory Commission on Youth Report, and you all, after you hear the item, you can certainly, and actually I hope you do, ask questions. If you want to ask a question, turn your light on so I see that because if I don't see the light I'm not going to know you want to ask questions. Try not to do like this or put anything in front of your light because I

[00:12:02] won't see your light. I will call you by your district since I apologize I don't know your whole name so it'd be super supervisor from the Leesburg district or from the Catocin district or that type of thing but really for the commission on youth advisory youth report you all, after you hear the report, we'll be asking, I hope, the bulk of the questions.

[00:12:25] I normally will go to people one time to ask questions and you'll have one time for three minutes. I probably will try to do that today only because our agenda is so full. If you really feel like you have a burning follow-up question that you didn't get asked the first time, put your light back on and ask for a point of personal privilege and I'll recognize you for that.

[00:12:47] Otherwise, you'll probably have one time through, okay? All right, having said that. I would like to call to order the October 20th, 2026 Loudoun County Board of Supervisors business meeting.

[00:13:11] This room has a hearing loop. If you need hearing assistance, switch your hearing aids to telecoil mode. If you need a headset, we have those available as well. Please see the clerk to request one. Vice Chair Turner will now lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, and words of inspiration.

[00:13:27] Thank you, Madam Chair. I am a member of Community Lutheran Church in Cascades and Sterling, and I don't go to church nearly as often as I should, and I attended church a recent Sunday, and I have a new bulletin, and on the inside cover of the bulletin, I just read it because, you know, you get bored with sermons and you want something to do, so you read the bulletin.

[00:13:49] So I read the inside cover of the bulletin, and this is the inside cover of the bulletin, and made me very proud to be a member of that church. As God's community of followers, we are called to embody God's love, reflecting the grace God extends to each of us. We believe that every person helps us all to see, recognize, and treasure another facet of God. We welcome all people. We profess the worth and dignity of people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. We embrace people of every race, color, culture, socioeconomic status, age, marital status, mental ability, and physical ability.

[00:14:26] We strive for social and racial equity. We commit ourselves to treat everyone as an equally loved, forgiven, and sacred child of God. Wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here. We strive to be a safe and supportive space for all. We warmly invite you to be a part of Community Lutheran Church and experience God's abundant love.

[00:14:46] Needless to say, I'm very proud to be a member of that church. Please join me in the pledge. Please join him in the pledge. I pledge 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.

[00:15:12] And that was Ryan, the acting student, Ashburn Supervisor. The student chair will now read the consent agenda. The following item has been deferred to a future business meeting. Item 14P, Resolution to Pause Board of Supervisors' Consideration of Legislative Applications for Data Centers and Substations, has been deferred to the November 17, 2026 Board Business Meeting.

[00:15:40] The proposed consent agenda is as follows. Item 7A, Proclamation to Recognize October 20 as Inclusive Connections Day. Item 7B, proclamation to recognize October 2026 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

[00:15:56] Item 7C, proclamation to recognize October 2026 as Disability Employment Awareness Month and to recognize the 2026 Full Accessibility and Inclusion Moving Forward Toward Equity Award winners.

[00:16:12] Item 7D, resolution to recognize the Northern Virginia Branch of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. Item 7E, resolution to recognize Navy Journal Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadet Micah Wollum on his selection for the Joseph C. Gilliam Academic Achievement Award.

[00:16:37] Item 7F, Proclamation to Recognize Support Your Local Chamber of Commerce Day. Item 11A, Award Authority Increase, Overhead Door and Security Gate Repair and Maintenance. I really love the consent agenda.

[00:16:57] Item 11B, Award Authority Increase slash Advanced Technology Solutions Aggregator. Item 11C, Award Authority Increase slash Software Solutions and Services. Item 11D, Contract Award slash Program Management and Governance Support Services.

[00:17:17] Item 11E, Contract Renewal slash Sidewalk and Trail Design Services. Item 11F, Loudoun Health Commission Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Report. Item 11G, Proposed Addition to the Codified Ordinances of Loudoun County for Real Property Owned by Surviving Spouses of Certain Persons Killed in the Line of Duty.

[00:17:41] Item 11H, reallocation of unspent community development block grant funds. Item 11I, St. Louis Deferred Forgivable Loan Program. Item 14A, Appointments Confirmations. Item 14C, Administrative Items Report of October 20, 2026.

[00:18:01] Item 14E, Resolution Authorizing the Issuance by the Board of Supervisors of the Ravana at Innovation Station Community Development Authority of Revenue Bonds, Series 2026, Amendment and Approval of Related Financing Documents, including Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement and First Amendment of the Development-slash-Acquisition Agreement and of Agreements Relating to Operation and Maintenance and Authorization to County Administrator.

[00:18:33] Item 14F, resolution of intent to amend DOAM 2026-0005 on code plus amendments. Item 14G, proposed amendments to chapter 1410.01 of the Loudoun County Codified Ordinances Virginia Property Maintenance Code.

[00:18:53] Item 14I, LEGI 2025-0026, Loudon Panel Wiring Shop, SPEX 2025-0049, and SPEX 2025-0138.

[00:19:09] Item 14K, LEGI 2024-0008, Dulles South Community Park, SPEX 2024-0017, and SPEX 2026-0034.

[00:19:26] Item 14M, response to board member initiative, rename Moorview Parkway to Ashburn Village Boulevard. Wow. Wow. Student Chair Meyer, that was phenomenal. Supervisors, I will make a motion to approve the consent agenda.

[00:19:42] Is there a second motion on the motion? Second. Wow. Motions made and seconded by Vice Chair Turner through his student vice chair. Very good. Discussion on the motion. I just want to say just a couple of things.

[00:19:57] One, item 11I, the St. Louis Deferred Forgivable Loan Program. It's very, very important. I say all the time, sometimes we put things on the consent agenda because we've worked on them for a long time and we know there's no issues with them, but they're still very important items.

[00:20:13] And so to have a deferred loan program in St. Louis, so people in St. Louis can make sure that they have appropriate drinking water without having to, because they don't always have the resources to cover the cost. It's really an important item, and I really appreciate Mr. Crony on that item as well.

[00:20:31] I also want to say, supervisors, if you have not gone and read some of the reports from some of our commissions, committees, and boards, please do that. The reports are very, very well done and very, very helpful. And I think that's all until the closing.

[00:20:46] Anybody else want to speak on the item? Supervisor Glass, our supervisor from the Broad Run District? Yes, Madam Chair. Supervisor Glass would like to thank her colleagues for supporting her initiative to rename Moorview Parkway as Ashburn Village Boulevard.

[00:21:03] The road runs from the Dulles Greenway to Loudoun County Parkway, and this change will create a continuous road name and eliminate confusion. Renaming the road will help create a clearer, more consistent road network with minimal impact as the only two addressed properties along this stretch are Moorview Station Elementary School and a toll booth for the Dulles Greenway.

[00:21:30] We also want to take a moment to recognize the namesake of Moorview Parkway. Dr. Claude Moore, who owned much of the land around Ashburn Metro Station and whose legacy lives on through the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, much of the public infrastructure in this area is named in his honor.

[00:21:51] Thank you, student supervisor from the Broad Run District. Supervisor, the crony, or student supervisor from the Little River District? We have four. You have four? Four to talk about, yeah. You've got three minutes. St. Louis Deferred Forgivable Loan Program.

[00:22:09] In October of last year, the Board of Supervisors authorized staff to develop a St. Louis Deferred Forgivable Loan Program to address water quality through whole house water treatment systems. Last system, I went door-to-door. She went door-to-door with her staff aide in the village and talked to residents about what their needs were.

[00:22:31] What they heard overwhelmingly was clean water. I'm so proud that we can deliver this along with a provision for a three-year maintenance plan. I'm very grateful to staff for their hard work and this very important life-changing item. County funding support for Oak Hill.

[00:22:47] Loudoun County continues to demonstrate its commitment to preserving Oak Hill and transforming it into Virginia's first state park, centered around a presidential home. The county's additional contribution of \$5 million is a significant investment in protecting this historic property, preserving its natural and cultural resources, protecting open space for the benefit of our community and making it accessible for future generations to enjoy.

[00:23:11] Panel writing wiring shop, panel wiring shop. Thank the applicant for the trail connection. The applicant provided a trail connection easement to further the Bull Run Trail area identified in the linear parks and trail plan. Light Ridge Community Park. 12 public speakers at the public hearing, all in support citing the need for additional cricket fields in the area.

[00:23:31] The park will expand the recreational amenities for residents and provide more cricket fields for the community. Willisford supports the project. Appreciate Parks and Recs Recreation taking Willisford to Hanson Park to have a first-hand review of the type of lighting for the Light Ridge Park and its fields. Excellent. Supervisor Decrani, is okay on the consent agenda? It is in the, um, It's in the AIR report? It's in the AIR report. Okay. Yeah. Okay. Thank you, student supervisor from the Little River District. You did great. Anybody else? Supervisor,

[00:24:10] The law and people who say aye. I have a question. Oh, I didn't see your light. I'm sorry. Supervisor, Buster Turner. I have a question of staff. 11G exempts property taxes for surviving spouses and then it lists the exemptions in the item, but surviving spouses of veterans killed in the line of duty is not included on that list.

[00:24:33] Is that because they're already exempt from property taxes? Because if it's not, then I'm going to come back in the future and add veterans. I think that's the correct answer. Is that not Mr. Wurtz? Yeah, that is the correct answer, because they're already included. That's right. Thank you, Mr. Wurtz. Anybody else? Student supervisor from the Little River District, is there a reason your light is still on?

[00:24:56] That's just fun. All right. I made the motion, and Vice Chair Turner, did you second that motion? Vice Chair Turner and his student supervisor second the motion. All in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? That motion will pass 801.

[00:25:12] Mr. Sains is on his way. He is, of course, coming from D.C. and takes a little longer to get here, but Mr. Sainz is on his way. Supervisors, because we have such a busy agenda, and I'd like to get us off the dais into one of our first closed sessions as early as possible, I'm going to forego today my organizational updates as well as my voice for a cause.

[00:25:32] And so right now we're going to go straight to... Mr. Hempstreet, do you have any comments this evening? Thank you, Madam Chair. I have four comments this afternoon. First, I am very pleased to announce that the Loudoun County Public Library has been named the Virginia Library of the Year by the Virginia Library Association.

[00:25:52] The prestigious award recognizes the library's longstanding commitment to innovation, accessibility, exceptional customer service, and meeting the evolving needs of the community. More information about the awards and other recognition Loudoun has received can be found at [loudoun.gov slash awards](http://loudoun.gov/slash/awards).

[00:26:11] Second, Loudoun County is looking for feedback from residents. The 2026 Community Survey is online and asking for comments on the government services, the county's quality of life, and priorities for the government initiatives. Residents may take the survey online by visiting [loudoun.gov slash survey](http://loudoun.gov/slash/survey) through October 26th.

[00:26:31] Third, Loudoun County residents who would like to dispose of unwanted medication safely may do so at the next Drug Take Back Day, this Saturday, October 24th. The Sheriff's Office is partnering with local police departments and the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency to provide several sites to the county where expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs may be discarded.

[00:26:52] Locations of the collection sites are online at [loudon.gov slash take back day](http://loudon.gov/slash/take-back-day). Finally, here's an item that I think everyone will dig. Loudon County will host an Ask an Archaeologist event this Saturday, October 24th at Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve in Leesburg.

[00:27:11] The event will feature artifacts from Loudoun County's collection, activities for children, and the opportunity to speak with archaeologists specializing in Native American history, Loudoun's military history, and ceramics, and more. These are my comments, Madam Chair. Student Supervisors, you just say everyone will dig.

[00:27:28] That's very 1970s of you, sir. Very. Thank you. Okay, Supervisors, we're going to go on and do the two items. 10A is basically the youth in government actual day. It's just a schedule.

[00:27:45] So really what we're doing right now is 10B, which is the Advisory Commission on Youth Report, State of Youth in Loudoun County, which is item 10B. Good evening, Mr. Torpy, or anyone coming to do this item. Good afternoon, Chair Randall and board members and youth board members.

[00:28:20] While we're getting settled here at the table, I just want to recap today being Youth and Government Day, always a very exciting day for us here at the county and wanted to provide a glimpse of what happened today. We had students from every district in Loudoun County with us today, students coming from Loudoun County Public Schools, from private schools, as well as homeschool students.

[00:28:45] We welcomed them at Douglas Community Center this morning, where we had some introductory remarks. And then Chair Randall gave a great keynote and Q&A session that I know the students very much appreciated, including some very good questions back to Chair Randall during that keynote.

[00:29:05] She talked about how she became chair in Loudoun County, as well as what the job entails on a day-to-day basis. We also had two students receive the proclamation to recognize Inclusive Connections Day for their work in promoting meaningful connections among people of all abilities.

[00:29:22] This was followed, as we traditionally do, by lunch where the students were able to interact with several board members as well as board staff and county staff. And this was followed by a panel interview where multiple staff from a variety of county departments, some long-term employees, some short-term employees, really gave a perspective on what it is, what it means to work here in Loudoun County and actually what drew them to come to Loudoun County and choose local government service as a career.

[00:29:54] That was also followed by Q&A sessions with the youth and closed out that time hearing some closing remarks from Deputy County Administrator George Govan. We transitioned over here this afternoon to the boardroom where Deputy County Administrator Danny Davis spoke about his role and experience in local government.

[00:30:14] And then finally, that brings us to this evening. Madam Chair, if I may, a day like this just does not happen, so I would like to recognize the team from the county side that put this together, starting from county administration. Jenny Grimmel, Amanda Logan, and Stephanie Hawkins we really would not have been able to put this together without your work assistance and guidance.

[00:30:36] We greatly appreciate that. And from the Parks Recreation and Community Services staff, there's a large group from Teen Services Team and the Adaptive Recreation Team that helped with the support, but really we're led by Ray Walker, Lacey Crooks, and Danielle Barger, so I appreciate their leadership in putting that together as well.

[00:30:55] Every year it is our hope that a day like today spurs interest in these students to become involved in local government in either their future work as a career or through volunteering so that they too can help make a difference in the community.

[00:31:13] And that, speaking of volunteering and making a difference in the community, that leads me to the Advisory Commission on Youth Report and the status of youth in Loudoun County. And I have the pleasure of introducing this year the Advisory Commission on Youth's new chair, Mr. Ben Keithler, and new vice chair, Ms. Julie Deluzio, who will be providing the presentation on the report.

[00:31:41] And I am going to allow them to introduce their guests as well. Thank you, Steve. Great to be here this evening to see everybody. Chair Randall, members of the board, student members of the board. Tonight with me, I've got, as Steve mentioned, Julia Delizio, my vice chair for ACOI.

[00:32:02] Julia, I don't know if you raised your hand or threw up a wave or something there. And we've also got some youth with us this evening that will be around for the Q&A session. We've got Raymond here to my right. He's with the Youth Advisory Council.

[00:32:18] And then we've got Layla and Devesh. They are actually mini-grant awardees for the mini-grant system that you probably read about in the report. Before we get started, do any of you want to say anything? Don't have to.

[00:32:35] I'll just say thank you for giving this opportunity for you to present their thoughts. Thank you so much. Thank you for giving our time today. Joy, did you have anything? Okay, very good.

[00:32:53] With that, we'll step into a quick overview of the report. For those of you familiar with reports in the past, this one probably looked quite a bit different, and that was intentional. In years past, we've been sort of data-constricted, I would say, and we found ourselves having to lean on external data that made it difficult to connect with Loudoun youth.

[00:33:19] Given that the mission for ACOI is to bring forward needs and understanding of Loudoun youth, We felt like this year presented a unique opportunity with both our youth survey, which, again, we think I believe most of the supervisors provide that link in your newsletters.

[00:33:37] We certainly appreciate that support. That will be going out again next year, so a little bit of a plug on that. But we also had the youth summit, a first annual, well, not an annual, going to be a biannual youth summit where we were able to collect quite a number of our youth together and learned quite a bit.

[00:33:56] So those two activities became really the centerpiece for our report this year and leveraged for the first time, like I said, something that really brought closeness to Loudoun youth. One of the things that came out as we looked through our data was that the concern wasn't whether opportunities exist.

[00:34:21] It's whether the young people know about them and can access them and benefit from them. You'll see that distinction throughout the report and that's something that really impacts all youth throughout the county. On to the recommendations.

[00:34:39] Our five recommendations build on the strengths that Loudoun already has. They're intended to be practical opportunities for improvement and not suggestions that we need to start from scratch on anything. Starting with recommendation one, establishing the youth portal as Loudoun uh, Loudoun County's central youth resource. This, this harkens back to a ACOI request that came in, um, a few years ago. Um, and that was to develop a youth portal that was a central, uh, function where, uh, youth focused programming and county services could be available in one

[00:35:14] place. Um, you, you approved that and we worked with Glenn Barber and his team to establish that portal. And as we look a few years down the line now, we recognize that communication and understanding is still a problem with our youth and their parents or guardians, and that really bringing the youth portal, which is loud and gov slash youth, by the way, to the forefront, and making that a core theme of any of the various entities and operations within the county government so that it centralizes those services and becomes kind of the focal point for

[00:35:53] for all things youth. Our second recommendation mental health resources and and and mental health challenges really permeate a lot of the conversations and despite a lot of the success that that we have here in Loudoun with our youth and they are very high performing at the same time that brings challenges within itself. Most youth reported stress uh, particularly school related stress, um, and, and identifying services, um, in the county, which we offer a lot. But, um, as we did our own investigating, as we heard this feedback from

[00:36:31] students, um, or from, from our youth, by the way, uh, it wasn't clear, you know, if you go to, uh, a county website and you're trying to find, um, you know, something, uh, you know, a mental health type of service, we have a lot of great services there, but it's as though They've been designed from the inside out versus the outside in, meaning if you don't understand how the Loudoun County government is organized, you don't necessarily know where to go seek those services nor really how to define those services.

[00:37:04] So in the report, we've given you some recommendations on how to better make these services known and accessible to somebody that's seeking to leverage those services because there's quite a few that I think could benefit folks within the county.

[00:37:21] On to recommendation three. This was one that was really presented out of the youth summit. And having two fairly recent graduates from the LCPS system that are both in college now, it's something that they certainly had discussed with us as well.

[00:37:46] And that's the exploration of career pathways. And through discussions and... Let me just stop you for a sec. Sure. Because we're having a, we're kind of, everyone that's up here is kind of jumping around a little bit. I found the mental health pieces on page four. Are these all, are these all in one place or are they kind of just throughout the document?

[00:38:02] No, they're at the end. They're at the very end. Okay. Page 16. So, yeah, we've got a lot of primer material and then we've got, starting on page...

[00:38:24] Section 5 is the recommendations all summarized. Thanks, Steve. I'm trying to get you a page number. I apologize. 16. 16?

[00:38:40] Thanks, Julia. Thank you. If you're on the iPad, it's page 19, I think. Yeah. Did you need me to go back and cover anything back on the mental health service? Okay. Sure.

[00:38:56] Okay. So, career pathways. The concept of a county-hosted Career Pathways Expo where there could be collaboration with LCPS and other both commercial organizations, maybe military, as well as police, fire, and trades would certainly offer a tremendous opportunity for our youth as they prepare themselves for the next stages of life and give them some ideas as to things they might be able to do.

[00:39:29] You know, a four-year degree is kind of the common thinking, and this would introduce things that maybe it helps sharpen those ideas and makes them think differently about, you know, trades or other ways of earning a living as they get ready to enter their next phase of life.

[00:39:50] Off to recommendation four, teen-centered gathering spaces have been something that you've heard from AQOY for quite some time. And this is something that we're hearing directly from our youth on a pretty regular basis. The library has done a tremendous job of extending hours and making special places for teens where they're available.

[00:40:13] You've also done the same with the rec centers. This is more of an idea exploration because I think, again, having kids of my own within the county, the facilities that we have in the county are tremendous. And I would encourage the county, as you look through all this recommendation, to idea explore around other creative ways that we could leverage those same facilities to set aside some teen special types of events and spaces.

[00:40:41] A couple ideas that we threw in there were one was like a nighttime glowing disc golf out at Hanson Park. or a movie in the ball field. Some of those have been done. We're not trying to say that the county hasn't looked at those, but those were some things that we noticed and just really wanted to reemphasize the importance of teen spaces and that ability for them to co-mingle and enjoy each other's company outside of school.

[00:41:11] And that takes us to our final recommendation, which is engaging youth as partners. All of our student supervisors today, I'm sure, are appreciating the mentorship that they're receiving from all of you. The folks, the kids that we've been able to work with, like Raymond and Layla and Duresh, are wonderful examples of what Loudon has to offer.

[00:41:40] One of the things that we keep being told is, one, despite our survey, which they love, I'm sure, they feel a little bit surveyed to death. And with that, one of the other points of feedback was that they don't always feel like they're being heard.

[00:41:59] So this is a great day to present this particular recommendation, given that we've got Youth in Government Day happening. I think Loudon already leans into these things. I think it's that feedback loop and follow through is really what we're trying to emphasize here.

[00:42:16] You know, it's the model of here's what you told us, here's what we heard, and here's what we've done or plan to do. That was something that all the kids that we've spoken to said, hey, you know, we like that we can have a voice, but we kind of feel like it goes nowhere sometimes.

[00:42:32] So with that, to close, taking together all of these recommendations aren't about starting from scratch. That's what I said early on. It's an opportunity to leverage and improve what we already have.

[00:42:50] Because today is Youth and Government Day, we're actually very interested in hearing the questions and perspectives from our student supervisors. And with that, I would welcome any questions. Student supervisors, if you have any questions, please turn your lights on to you.

[00:43:11] Is that the case today? Do you mean, is this a concern today, or is this what they're talking about? Are they still finding that... Student supervisor from the Leesburg District?

[00:43:29] Leesburg? Thank you, ma'am. The Leesburg District Supervisor, Emery, has a question. Hi. In past years, we saw depression and anxiety as major concerns in the youth. Is that still the case today, as you're finding? I'll start by answering that, Julia. I'm sure you'll want to jump in, but short answer is yes. That's actually pretty consistently reported by our youth. Our

[00:44:02] sample sizes I'll say aren't representative of all youth in the county, but even the small sampling sizes that we have, it's pretty reflective and very dominant in terms of how youth are feeling. So when we talk about mental health services and making linkage and making things easy to find, that's one of the triggers and why we made that recommendation.

[00:44:28] Another question that I had was how would the youth portal work? Would it be like a hotline or is it simply a way to find services for youth and would it be interactive? That's a great question. And the youth portal is actually up right now.

[00:44:45] So you can go to it. It's loudon.gov slash youth. And it really is an information center for all youth-related services within the county. We need to do a better job of keeping it up. ACOY is going to take that on as a supportive mission here within our group and make recommendations downstream.

[00:45:04] But that's an available resource today. It is not interactive in the sense that you've got some sort of chat bot or something like that that you could ask questions of, but there is a lot of county information there and a lot of places where you've got contact information to reach out.

[00:45:26] You don't have to. Student supervisor from the Algonquian district. Do you guys often go to schools and stuff and give presentations about this to raise awareness?

[00:45:44] That is a terrific question. Can you say that one more time, please? Do you often go to schools and give presentations to raise awareness about mental health to high schoolers? So, well, you added the mental health piece on the end of that, but I'm going to answer it in a couple different ways.

[00:46:03] First off, you know, as a group of volunteers ourselves, we meet once a month. So we try and do as much as we can, and we do get some extra credit where we're going to go out and, as we say, beat the street on getting out to youth. That's actually one of our goals for this year.

[00:46:20] But I guess the short answer is from an ACOI perspective, we rely on things like the Youth Portal and working through our partnerships with the various supervisors' office and Mr. Torpy and his group to get information published out.

[00:46:36] Ben, I'm also going to add on to that. That was one of the biggest values this year of the Youth Summit because we had representatives of students from schools across the entire county. I don't remember the exact number of schools that were there, but I think that it was about 41 schools that were there.

[00:46:55] And this was an opportunity for students to come in and just talk to us. And if you have not already, I would encourage you to see the artwork, the exit of both doors, that really highlights the youth messaging that we got that day. And it was just listening sessions of topics that are a huge array of mental health, school stress, all the way to dating we got to talk about.

[00:47:20] So that was really wonderful and a great opportunity for us to hear from our youth. Thank you. I was wondering if we had ACOI last year present to the joint committee.

[00:47:38] We did. It was after the presentation. That's what I was thinking. So do you think we're doing that again this year? We actually are on the agenda for the joint board coming up this fall or later this year. Thank you. Student supervisor from the Little River District?

[00:47:58] With the part where you guys said that you feel like a lot of students aren't feeling hurt. I'm going to bring your mic a little closer to you and just talk a little bit louder. Thank you. Okay. With the part where you guys said that you feel like a lot of students aren't really feeling hurt, Especially, like, when you're collecting this data on, like, mental health or, like, or any data really that encapsulates, like, student experiences.

[00:48:21] Are you considering other ways to collect data other than Likert scales? Because a lot of the time they don't really encapsulate the feelings or just, like, experiences that students face. That's a great question. And that's actually one of the reasons that this year was unique in that we had data points from multiple viewpoints, right?

[00:48:42] You're right. A survey is certainly kind of flat, right? You're not really interacting with somebody to kind of understand what it is that's coming from those responses. But when you have a youth summit like we were able to do, as Julia pointed out, you get to engage at a different level.

[00:49:01] And there were a variety of topics that were covered. And it was really wonderful to see the level of engagement. And, quite frankly, just the kind of breath of fresh air that a lot of the attendees made mention of.

[00:49:19] So, our hope is to continue to do that. I think we're on a two-year cycle with that. But, yeah, those touch points are absolutely critical. And it looks like we have birthday wishes to Supervisor Crony, so I'll throw that in there.

[00:49:34] Thank you. Student Vice Chair. Anything? Yeah, sure. So, my question is, is that when you're talking about different types of surveys, but in my experience, I have had these surveys come through my student email, but from my conversations with a lot of my students, people aren't really interested in submitting those surveys either due to apathy or just not knowing entirely sure what they are.

[00:50:05] How can you improve student interactiveness with these types of surveys? If you can help me break that code, I would love to hear it. I understand it from a student perspective, and we try to make our, for ACOI, we've tried to make it a very streamlined survey.

[00:50:25] It's also anonymous, and I don't want to advertise this too much. You don't have to answer every question if you don't want to. It hurts us if they don't, but we want to make sure that we're getting somebody's time in looking at it. So that's a very difficult question.

[00:50:42] I get that there's fatigue that goes with surveys, but at the end of the day, we try to streamline it and make it as short as possible, but still give us enough information to be meaningful. Ben, I'm also going to add that we do have a plan this year to kind of change it up a little bit and use more of our youth advisory council to help reach our students and through the youth summit this year.

[00:51:08] but all of the student ambassadors that we have and even looking at, you know, some additional help, we hope, from continued school support. I had a question, too, if I could ask. Under the, I assume, the mental health banner, were there specific discussions within ACOI of the impact of social media and how to deal with social media within the student population?

[00:51:31] That was a topic of conversation at the Youth Summit, if I remember right, Julia. Do you have some thoughts you want to share on that? I just want to make sure I understand your question about the impacts of social media right now and the mental health concerns that are coming with that. That's essentially it.

[00:51:48] I'm trying to reflect as a parent how I would deal with this seemingly impossible problem. It's very concerning to me from looking at it from a distance. I'm just curious what the youth perspective was on that issue. So we've had a few points, data points, over the past couple years.

[00:52:06] One that is the most noteworthy is the teenage survey, I think it was last year, it was not this year, but it pointed to that disconnect of what you're talking about, of students not really feeling it is as problematic as what maybe parents and the data is telling us it is, and then I think there has been in the year since that survey some change where we are seeing more students come and say, actually this might not be very good for us.

[00:52:33] And we were hearing that in the summit, especially from connection and feeling lonely and feeling like if they weren't on there that they might be isolated. So I do think that there is some catching

up. Also, through the Step Up competition, there were, I think, at least four to five student groups that were developing apps, programs, models, things to limit their own time online.

[00:53:05] And that was really great to see also. So I think there is still a lot of catching up to do, but I think it's coming. Thank you. Hi. I also had my own question. so all of these services that you are um talking about relaying to students how do you guys plan on advertising that do you plan on like collaborating with schools either through presentations or posters or even clubs because you guys were mentioning the um use portal online and i myself have never heard of that so i was just wondering how you would work to relay those to

[00:53:37] students? That's a great question. And as a committee for us, what we have to do is work through the county to leverage the tools that the county has in play. The youth portal is something that was put up a few years ago, and it's now a matter of just putting into practice. So our ask of the supervisors is that we incorporate that as just a standard practice within any of the various organizations within the county government that if we're talking about youth, it goes up on the youth portal.

[00:54:12] They're often just links back. It's not saying that you've got to have a different website for a particular service, but at least we're linking all of those services and making sure that it's driven there. When we put out our information items, we'll again leverage our supervisors here and ask that they include those types of things in their newsletters so that we start to get word out that this is where you go to find all things youth in Loudoun.

[00:54:44] And as the more that, just like any web service, the more it gets used, the more Google and all of the other search engines are going to pick it up. And when you just type Loudoun youth, it's going to automatically start to populate. Thank you. That's a good question. So before we go to student supervisor from the Dulles District in just a second.

[00:55:03] The thing is this. So really, we have the best resources we can possibly have in the room right now in the young people. I just have a feeling that most young people are not going to the county's youth portal website, right? And so I would ask them to tell us how to best reach them because we have this incredible group of young people in the room right now and all of our young people are incredible but we also know that we're missing some. We know that not everyone is going to be at Youth in Government Day and not everyone is going

[00:55:38] to, we're going to miss some kids and I do believe that the kids can tell us how to best reach them and other kids that we are missing and that for all of the good intentions and good work that we want to do as people who are 30 years old and over, slightly over 30 years old, just slightly over 30 years old I also think that you know that I don't I I could not tell you where to reach most young people today I mean maybe it's on their social media pages I'm not on their social media pages and they're probably not on my social media page so so I would have a I'd like to have another discussion another time with the young people to get tell so they can tell me um how to

[00:56:18] reach how to reach them so uh district student supervisor for the Dulles district hi um with all All these programs and resources that you want to provide, will they be free of charge to students or will there be a cost associated with that?

[00:56:35] And if there is a cost, will there be like financial aid for students who can't afford it? Steve, I might need some help on that one. So I think a lot of the services and the programs that we have on the

page right now are free.

[00:56:53] And we do have a lot of youth events that do not cost anything. Now, we also have regular programs that have fees associated with that. And there is an opportunity for some assistance. It would just be dependent upon particular programs.

[00:57:13] Okay, that is, I don't think I see any, I see one more question. Student supervisor from the Catoctin District. Chair Randall touched on this a bit earlier.

[00:57:33] You mentioned that you send out a lot of surveys to youth. Are there resources available if you should wish to reach out to you? What's your email? Let me clarify that.

[00:57:48] Us, as far as ACOY, the Youth Commission? Yes. We actually don't have a distribution list. We do work through Steve's staff, and there are public comments that are always allowed at our meetings.

[00:58:04] Actually, we would welcome any of you if you ever want to come see one of our meetings or actually speak at one of our meetings. We'd love to have you there. Steve, do you have any other color you want to help with on that particular question? Would you mind repeating that one more time? Sorry. Are there resources available if you should wish to reach out to you and ask questions?

[00:58:24] Oh, absolutely. All of our stuff is online as well, and you can contact our department, loudon.gov slash PRCS and and go through and find the appropriate and people will be able to talk you through or get you connected with the appropriate people. Student supervisor from the Broad Run District. Actually it's the actual supervisor from

[00:58:55] the Broad Run District. Actual supervisor from the Broad Run District. I just wanted to make a comment on something a little bit different. LCPS job for a day program and I wanted to let the students know that six board offices are participating in the LCPS job for a day program next month it will take place on Wednesday November 18th and our program will allow six students to interact more closely with the Board of Supervisors offices job for a day is a program

[00:59:35] through LCPS to place interested students with organizations in the county that match their career interests. If you enjoyed today, please look up the job for a day program and apply through the LCPS school links platform by this Friday, October 23rd. And if you have any questions, please contact our board staff. Thank you. Thank you. Okay, students. Oh, Mr.

[01:00:04] Yes. I just want to, before we wrap up, invite the students that joined us today to talk briefly about their experience with the ACOE programs this year. Me too. Good afternoon. My name is Layla Fatima Ali, and as mentioned, I'm a high school student, and Loudoun Youth has made me more than just a student.

[01:00:25] It's made me a grant writer, a volunteer, and someone who sees their potential for good in every circumstance. Loudoun Youth and ACOE aren't just metrics of volunteer service. They're events that help people realize their passion for leadership or health care, and someone who took the leap to make a decision about their major in college or what steps they wanted to take to secure that future. Last summer Loudoun Youth placed me at an environmental nonprofit and I knew nothing about grant writing or fundraising. Yet in the end I wrote a five-page grant that helped build a meadow on the WOND trail. Loudoun Youth helped carry my passions into my own

[01:01:05] project called The Living Landscape that aims to educate neighbors and people in community about native planting and providing sustainable habits for them. And my idea seemed impossible until Okoye and Loudoun Youth gave me a grant that put my idea into action.

[01:01:21] I won a national award from Girls Who Innovate and I'm now trying to spread that message of environmental sustainability and leadership to my peers. Loudoun Youth and organizations like Okoye aren't just youth-centered, they're for youth and by youth. And they're constantly trying to make a positive impact in their communities.

[01:01:40] And they need support from teens like you and other people in leadership to make that change possible. Thank you. Thank you. Hello, my name is Devesh, and I'm a junior at Light Ridge High School, the founder of this little organization called Nourishing Ninjas, and a board member of the Onesoda Comedian Kitchens.

[01:02:00] My scenario with Latin youth started with, like, fighting food and security and, like, them being, like, helping these different types of youth combat different types of problems. For, in my scenario, I've seen many families that couldn't afford food, and it was like these problems of, like, there was money, but, like, there wasn't a way for them to, like, get that money out.

[01:02:23] There was a bigger picture that couldn't be solved. For many families, the challenge wasn't just, like, affording the food. It was getting to it, what happens when a parent has a disability and cannot drive, or when a family needs groceries but has no transportation to pick them up. I've seen this, like, dilemma happen in our community a lot.

[01:02:38] Some of it's stemming from my own friends and some of it's stemming from like a journey and like the scenarios I've seen along the way. And Latin U really like helped me connect these type of scenarios through like competitions like the Step Up Latin competition where I was able to like meet different types of people and like learn their journeys and see how I can connect the experiences.

[01:02:57] This led me to kind of create something called the Hot Meal Assistance Program. That's why I used my grant money for. through referrals from school family liaisons to connect with families who need support and deliver nutritious meals directly to doorsteps. We provide grocery assistance to help meet their daily needs as well.

[01:03:14] This mini grant from Latin Ute with support from Akkoy has helped make this work possible. It has allowed us to purchase packaging materials so meals can be delivered, and it also helped to cover deliveries when our Ute volunteers are unavailable too, allowing us to reach families even when students cannot be there.

[01:03:31] The assistance reach families from diverse backgrounds, including children, young people, and parents with disabilities. Behind every delivery is someone whose circumstances might otherwise keep them receiving help. As a student, this experience has taught me to listen closely to what people need and build our service around those needs.

[01:03:50] To the board, Akhoi, and Aranyu, thank you for listening to young people investing in our ideas. Your support has turned our concern about hunger into meals and family doorsteps. I'd also like to add one more comment, was that I also work on a broader organization with the United Nations as a youth delegate advisor for SDG2 and SDG4.

[01:04:09] I've seen, as in international field, I've connected with many other people, they don't have something called Latin UNOCOE, and, like, we should be really thankful for having such organizations, and I'm just really happy there are people like them to help support our community. Thank you. We're really happy you're here in our community.

[01:04:27] Good afternoon, supervisors. I'm happy to be here today and participate in the discussion. Thank you for your time. Youth Advisory Council, something you might think youth do just for their resume, it's much more than an activity. My name is Raymond Mendez. I have served in the Youth Advisory Council for two years. Currently, I'm the Outreach Committee Chair, connecting teams all over the county.

[01:04:48] YACA has allowed me to give back to my community, give me the voice to help, and do what my community needs. Currently, the Outreach Committee is planning to give back to hospitals by gifting goodie bags for kids for the holiday season, connecting with middle schoolers with our youth after school programs this month's activity engineering our bridge our bridge building challenge planning code drives with our special event events committee including movie night this is what the yak outreach committee is doing but it's the most important part is the youth behind these events my sophomore year i did not have any volunteering hours i had

[01:05:26] never been to a community event or involved with my school i never thought loud and youth would opened these doors for me and changed me completely for the better. This is what Latin Youth does. Like me, YAC has allowed me to come up with better ideas and also make ideas come to life. It has helped me grow to become a better leader, a better leader with amazing mentors behind me known as Blanca Ramirez, Adisi Jajiba, Amber Rogers, and Lacey Krupp, and all the Latin Youth adults allowing this program to continue what it's doing. Me being here shows Latin Youth

[01:06:04] inspires, impacts, and engages with every teen in Loudoun County. Thank you. And I love that you guys are doing the goody backs for the hospital. That's really important. Thank you so much. Are there any closing words for anybody here? Did anyone like to give us? And you're good?

[01:06:19] Well, thank you very much to all of you. And thank you all the kids who, I'm sorry, all the young people who came out for, this literally is my favorite day of the year. It really is. I just adore talking to young people. I learned so much, and I say all the time, for anyone who's worried about, like, the next generation, spend some time with the next generation.

[01:06:41] You'll stop worrying about them almost right away. You all are some of the brightest, most kind, caring, intelligent individuals. I don't – I think Gen Z is going to save us all one day, to be quite honest. I think you guys are absolutely fantastic. So thank you all so much.

[01:06:58] Supervisors, I'm really trying – two things. One, I'm trying to get us to a closed session as soon as possible because we have a busy schedule. I do want to go back when the student chair did read that we're going to defer item 14P. And I've had some questions on that.

[01:07:15] It is my normal practice that when either a colleague or an applicant or a staff member asks me to defer an item one time, that I do that. That is my normal practice. And if the person that asks me is my county administrator or my county attorney, I'm going to do that too.

[01:07:34] There's no reason, there'd be no reason for me at all to not respect my county attorney or county administrator in that ask one time. So this item will come to the board November 17th because it

was an ask. And I usually do one deferral almost automatically.

[01:07:51] And I'm going to offer our county administrator and our county attorney the same respect that I offer everyone else, just in case anyone had any questions about that. Okay, so we do have one other information, but we also have four resolutions.

[01:08:09] Miss Umstead, there you are. I believe your person is here and ready. Okay, so what I'm gonna try to do, I don't think everyone is here for the domestic violence item yet, but I do think everyone's here for Asala, for Miss Umstead's item, And Ms. Glass, the Fame Awards.

[01:08:28] Do you think everyone's here for those yet? You don't know yet? Okay, all right. Well, let's start with who we know are here. And so for item number 7E, the recognized Navy Junior Reserve Training Officer, Micah, I love that name, Micah Wollum.

[01:08:52] I'm going, my student, my student chair is going to join Supervisor Umstead and the student supervisor from the Leesburg district down front from, for the Asala item, the student chair will join me as, as will the student supervisor from the glass, from the Broad Run district, and the supervisor, and the student supervisor from the Dulles district will read the resolution, and the student supervisor from the Sterling District will join us down as well. And then we have the domestic violence resolution, when everyone gets here for that,

[01:09:30] student supervisor from the Sterling District will be reading that resolution. I really think it is important for our student supervisors to not just kind of sit here and watch us, but to fully participate and to read the resolutions, because after all, almost, you know, The things we're doing today, we're really doing it for them.

[01:09:49] This is the baton pass for them. And so please know that for me, having a student read this is very, very important to read these resolutions. And so I'm really happy to welcome our student supervisors to read some of these resolutions. I will call you all down when I'm ready for you.

[01:10:05] I'm not ready quite yet. You're going to join me down right now. Supervisor Umstead and Supervisor Middle Eastburg District are also going to join me down right now.

[01:10:47] Cadet, please come up, please, and any family that's coming with you.

[01:11:02] All this family, please come up. I'll scooch over this way.

[01:11:18] I'm going to hand the mic to Ms. Umstead. Thank you, Chair Randall. We'll wait for Mom and Dad. Leesburg District Student Supervisor Emery is going to read the resolution.

[01:11:36] Resolution, recognizing NJROTC Cadet Micah Wollum for the Joseph C. Gilliam Academic Achievement Award.

[01:11:54] Whereas throughout his Navy junior reserve officer training corps career, Micah Woolman distinguished himself throughout exceptional leadership, service, mentorship, and commitment to developing fellow cadets. And whereas as a battalion command master chief, he serves as a senior enlisted cadet and third in command of 150 members directly supervising approximately 140 cadets.

[01:12:25] and founded a 20-cadet chief's mess focused on mentorship, morale, accountability, and development of younger cadets, and whereas he served as orienteering team commander, physical training team captain, color guard captain and commander, academic team co-captain, and armed drill

commander, leading more than 70 cadets, And whereas he devoted 140 hours of direct NJROTC work and approximately 150 additional hours supporting basic leadership training.

[01:13:00] He helped guide the battalion to area and state achievements and Navy nationals qualification, including leading the color guard to an eight-place national finish. and whereas he was selected as a top cadet from 36 NJROTC units in Area 3 and was one of the 23 area winners selected nationally from approximately 88,000 eligible cadets, Micah was awarded the Joseph C. Gilliam Academic Achievement Award.

[01:13:39] Now, therefore, it be resolved that Lowndes County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize and honor Micah Wollum for his sustained commitment to leading, mentoring, and serving others, and commends him for his selection as a Joseph C. Gilliam Academic Achievement Award winner. I would just like to take a moment to say how impressed I am with Micah.

[01:14:12] So Micah and I first met during Youth in Government Day, and he has gone on beyond, I'm sure, his parents' wildest dreams, and has been accepted at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, which is amazing.

[01:14:36] And it's better than the Air Force, as we all know. Anyway, Micah is one of the best people at organizing everybody who needed to be there at certain times.

[01:14:58] And he reached out to me when I was in a kayak in New York State and said, we're going to need this, this, and this. Yes, sir. You got it. So Micah, would you like to say anything? Okay. Mom, Dad?

[01:15:15] Yes. Thank you. Well, I am amazingly proud of you. Congratulations. That is hard work, and you've surpassed everybody's expectations. No, I would just say congratulations as well. Michael, he's 17. He's 17. This is just, you know, again, I don't worry about the next generation because I get to meet people like you. Are you an only child? You have a twin. You have a twin. Wow. Yeah, mom and amazing amazing amazing work and and the Naval Academy is beautiful you're

[01:15:50] gonna just it's gorgeous so congratulations no no nothing from the Air Force Academy no no you're good let's take a picture

[01:16:30] Push in. Come on, push in. Everybody in. Come on. If you're short up front. Come on. Squeeze in. Come on in. Squeeze in. Make sure you can see the camera. Short as your student supervisor is.

[01:16:47] Yes, I'm nice and tall. I'm as tall as I am, man. Thank you.

[01:17:23] I don't think that's pretty good.

[01:17:41] Thank you so much.

[01:18:31] Okay, well, you're going to join me down here now. Yes, yes, yeah. I don't know. Ms. Glass, will you and your student supervisor please come join me? No, Ms. Glass, come join me.

[01:18:50] For the one we're doing right now, not for yours, but for the one we're doing right now. Yeah. For everyone who's here for the Asala, will you come down, please? Thank you. Yep, everyone, come here. There you go.

[01:19:05] Ready? I got to tell you, I see some pretty good bras in the house right now. How's it going? Good to see you.

[01:19:21] Good to see you. Doing okay? Yes, ma'am. Hi, how are you? How are you doing? Oh, my gosh, aren't you beautiful? Nice to meet you. Man, oh, man, what is up? It's the last time I've seen you. You're too busy. No, I'm not. I'm the one traveling the country. That is not me. Okay, we have a resolution recognizing the Northern Virginia branch of the Association for the Study of African American Life in History, and I'm going to actually move you to more the center, because you're going to read this resolution, okay?

[01:19:52] You take this. Take one. Here you go. And stand right over. Resolution, recognizing the Northern Virginia branch of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, whereas the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, ASALH, was founded by Dr. Carter G. Woodson in 1915 and established Negro History Week in 1926.

[01:20:20] the precursor of Black History Month, making 2026 the sentinel of organized black history commensurations under the national theme, A Century of Black History Commensurations, and whereas the Northern Virginia branch of ASALH, chartered in May 2026, serves the Loudoun County communities throughout Northern Virginia and brings together historians, educators, genealogists, students, faith leaders, conservations, civic organizations, and residents committed to preserving and sharing the region's African American history and

[01:20:58] whereas black history is an essential part of Loudoun County's history and is documented through historic court records, oral histories, family papers, archaeologist resources, cemeteries, and burial grounds, schools, churches, businesses, cultural landscapes, and the stories of generations of black residents who contributed to Loudoun County's educational, economic, civic, cultural, and spiritual life.

[01:21:22] And whereas Loudoun County's national and regional significant black history sites include the Charles Hamilton Houston Courthouse, the historic Douglasson High School, the Union Street School, African American Barrel Ground for the Enslaved at Belmont, the Arcola Quarters for the Enslaved, and the Olin's Historical House and Gardens. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize and congratulate the Northern Virginia branch of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History upon its chartering and welcomes its continued engagement with people, institutions, historic

[01:22:01] communities, and cultural resources of Loudoun County. Great job. Great job. First of all, thank you for doing this. Thank you for chartering. Thank you for what you do. You know, it is easy just in our day-to-day lives to lose important history. And to be quite honest right now, there's an effort to erase important history.

[01:22:29] And I was talking to Pastor Michelle Thomas not long ago, and she said, because there's such an effort to erase African American history, another important history, it's really up to the localities to be the ones that save our history, to chart our history, to keep our history. And she's completely right. And so when you think about the Union School, when you think about the Douglas school, when you think about the cemetery for the enslaved, when you think about all those things, this is local history. And our history is often told just through the telling that we do ourselves. And so this is really, really important to do this study. It's so important. So I appreciate you all so much. Sean, who am I handing this mic to right now?

[01:23:13] Thank you so much for this honor. You know, it took us about two years to get to this chartering moment. And the association has been active since 1915, but we didn't have a branch between Richmond and Washington, D.C., and so we changed that. And with my family and my co-workers, my founders,

charter members up here, we were able to get to chartering at the national conference in Norfolk a couple of weeks ago. So we're very proud of that. We're proud and humbled to be able to

[01:23:52] mine this rich history across our region and working with the museums and schools. And we're just extraordinarily happy to be here on student day. And so I have my student and we have one of our teachers, principals. And so we're connecting to the next generation because that's what's important. If history doesn't get transferred to the young people, we forget it. And we're not going to forget it. And Asala is here. And if you want to be a member, just join us.

[01:24:24] Amen. That's very good. And to let you all, yes. And on November 14th, we will cut the ribbon for the Union Street School. And I will make sure everyone knows it. I absolutely know how to get a hold of all of you, especially these two gentlemen right here who are members of the

[01:24:47] Omega Psi Phi, Paternity Incorporated, all three of us, okay, and I'm a Delta, of course, so there we go, so there you go, so we will figure this out, we'll get you all there, does anyone else have anything else they want to say, principal, do you have anything else you want to say, thank you all for chartering this, this is extremely important, we're going to take the best picture who's ever been taken in this boardroom right now.

[01:25:42] Make sure you can see the camera.

[01:26:29] Okay, Ms. Glass, are your people here yet? We're going to do that last. Justin, Justin, where are you? Is everyone here for, is everyone here for, okay, everyone here for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, will you please come down? And would you please come down, ma'am?

[01:26:48] Everyone, do I see silence no more in the room? Do I see silence, do I see women giving back in the room? Do I see, not that I can't see anything in my glasses. Silence no more is not coming.

[01:27:11] all the way hey hey thank you thank you thank you this side too both sides both sides so this is um domestic violence domestic violence awareness month and there have been a lot of really important events uh to highlight this month and i think before i i have our student supervisor from the sterling district read the resolution what i what i want to say and and silence the more you all know this, Women Giving Back, everyone up here knows this, is that there's kind of an assumption

[01:27:50] of what domestic violence looks like, but truthfully, it doesn't look like anything. It doesn't look like any one person or any one culture or any one race or any one social class. It looks like everything, and because of that, sometimes I think we miss it. I also know that, and I'm so pleased with this, that in Loudoun County, we have organizations that are really focused on believing women, protecting women, and following survivors long-term, which is incredibly important.

[01:28:21] One of the things when we went to the vigil a couple of nights ago that I heard over and over and over again from survivors was, stop asking survivors why they stayed and ask, can we have done anything as a community to help them leave? And I thought that was one of the most powerful things I heard that night.

[01:28:39] So we're going to go on and read this resolution, and then anyone who wants to speak, you would do that as well. This Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we move from awareness to action. We stand with survivors always. We listen to their voices, believe them, honor their strength, and work together to create safety, justice, and healing for our survivors.

[01:29:01] And whereas domestic violence affects individuals of our identities and backgrounds, impacting one in three women, one in four men, and one in two transgender and non-binary individuals during their lifetime. In Virginia, domestic violence is linked to nearly one in four homicides statewide, with black women dying at rates nearly three times higher than their white counterparts in marginalized communities, including immigrants, LGBTQ plus individuals, people with disabilities, and survivors facing housing or language barriers.

[01:29:31] experience disproportionate risk of abuse, homicide, and difficulty assessing health. And whereas progress has been made towards supporting survivors of domestic violence, however, important work remains to be done, including preventing violence before it starts and ensuring survivors have access to the resources they need for safety, healing, and long-term stability. This includes access to financial empowerment, safe housing, child care, and employment which are critical to breaking cycles of violence and creating safety for families in Loudoun and Loudoun County partners with numerous service organizations including lost domestic

[01:30:08] violence and sexual assault services silence no more women give back giving back and members of our coordinated community response to ensure comprehensive services prevention education and advocacy for domestic violence survivors and their families now therefore be it resolved that the the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim October 2026 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Loudoun County and encourages all Loudoun residents to become informed about the crisis of domestic violence, sexual crimes, and sex trafficking.

[01:30:40] Good job. Thank you so much. I'm going to hand this to Sam, Solitaire, and Nicole. Thank you, Madam Chair, and thank you to the Board of Supervisors.

[01:30:57] Again, every year we are humbled to stand in front of not only the board, but our community. and recognize October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We could not do this work here in Loudoun County if it was not for some of the incredible partners that you see standing up here with us, and that is our nonprofit partners, that is our law enforcement partners, that is our hospitals, and that is our faith organizations, that is our schools.

[01:31:25] It takes a community to keep survivors safe and to rebuild safety for survivors after they've experienced harm in their community. It is important that we as a community recognize we all have a responsibility to not only prevent violence before it occurs, but when it does occur and someone in your life is being harmed by someone they love or someone who loves them, what can we do to make sure that they have quick access to safety?

[01:31:56] You are that neighbor. You are that person in their congregation. You are their co-worker. You are someone who sits in their classroom, or you see them at the grocery store. Because this happens in our community here in Loudoun.

[01:32:11] We know that because of each and every one of us standing up here. We see this every day in our work, and we see it every day in our community. And many of you see it in your neighborhoods. You see it in your families. You see it in your schools.

[01:32:27] You see it in your churches. And we've seen it here in this community with the death of one of our community members less than a month ago. So I call on each of you to be aware and to be vigilant and to think, what do I need to know?

[01:32:46] What do I need to say? How can I access help in my community so that one person knows if they are being harmed, I will be believed. The greatest thing that we can do as people for one another is to know that if I am not okay and that if I need to be safe, if I turn to you and I ask you for help, you're going to believe me.

[01:33:16] So that's my one ask of you. That's almost always my one ask of people in my community is if someone trusts you enough to say, I don't think I'm okay. I think I might be unsafe. I need help. They're going to hear you say, I believe you.

[01:33:34] And that is often the greatest thing that we can do for survivors. And that's my one ask of you.

[01:33:49] Just echoing what Sam just said so eloquently. First off, thank you to the Board of Supervisors and all of the student supervisors today for this proclamation and bringing awareness to the situation. The one thing I would just like to add is that it's important that we all recognize the time it really takes to rebuild your life.

[01:34:11] You know, all studies suggest that it takes at least two years to escape poverty, and that's just the emergency level, but 10 years to actually counteract it. So what we're talking about is that the help that we provide cannot just be the emergency help.

[01:34:26] cannot just be the immediate, but we have to really build lasting community structures that will provide support for survivors, for their kids, for the long haul, because it's going to take a while to not just rebuild their life, but get it back on track and actually break the cycle of poverty and disruption that this life event has caused. So partnerships like the organizations up here, working with the county supervisors, working with law enforcement, working with the school system is critical to really providing long-term support. I bring that

[01:35:02] up just because I think a lot of times we're excited about the immediate support that's provided but we have to remember to kind of go back into the communities and check in on those kids. Not that the kid got into the new school but are their grades keeping up a year and a half later? Are they getting the help they need to now think about new programs, getting them connected to new clubs all of those little things will make such a big difference in resettling families and helping rebuild their lives so even if that's all you do is you run a sports club connecting with new kids in your community connecting new kids that have come in is paramount and so vital to these families and even that

[01:35:42] little difference will help another person's life well not much to say after all the all my colleagues have gone but I want to thank again the Board of Supervisors, Chair Randall, for continuing this awareness.

[01:36:01] It is very important. I think the biggest takeaway is also just education. There is a lot of education within the Loudon community. There's nonprofit partners doing education. The Sheriff's Office is doing one as well about awareness and looking for the signs of someone affected by domestic violence.

[01:36:20] If you can take that one step. and also being very patient with someone that you suspect is in a domestic violence situation. It is incredibly hard to leave and not judging them by that. And it does take a lot of patience with them while they're navigating how to get out safely.

[01:36:43] And escaping is, again, just the beginning of their journey. There is a lot that goes within after, and a lot of years and years of healing that needs to happen. And we're grateful for community partners

that are here, and for the Loudoun County government staff as well, to support the efforts of the nonprofits that are doing incredibly hard work.

[01:37:09] Colonel Lee, there is an event coming up through the Sheriff's Department, Domestic Violence Awareness Event. Would you like to talk about that really quickly, just to make sure people are aware of it? Thank you, Chair Randall. I really appreciate the leadership that you're providing support for, not just law enforcement, but community as a whole. I've studied many agencies, but Loudoun County does it the best, so thank you for that. Appreciate your support, and thank you, Board of Supervisors. I don't want to take any credit, but thanks to Major Wacker, who's a commander of the

[01:37:44] Criminal Investigation Division, and we have a phenomenal supervisor, Sergeant Dorian Lambert, who is a supervisor of our domestic violence unit. They do an amazing job. We also have a victim advocate unit. When there's a needed support victim advocate unit in a partnership with all of you, we provide every service possible.

[01:38:05] And this is why the Loudoun County has the lowest number of crime, but especially more important when it comes to domestic violence, we take those cases very, very seriously. So thank you for that. So as Chair Randall mentioned, Thanks to Sergeant Lambert this Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

[01:38:22] in South Riding Community Center. We're having a domestic violence awareness event. So please come join us. It will be a great event. We can discuss some of the resources available, not just in law enforcement, but from Chair Randall's office, through the county, all the research that we have.

[01:38:40] It's a huge importance. Now keep in mind that although we have low number of crime, there is a serious domestic violence that leads to homicide and major events. And also lastly, I'm glad that our partnership from Animal Services here, the study does indicate there is a positive correlation between animal abuse and domestic violence, so I just want to let the community aware of that.

[01:39:05] But Chair Randall, thank you for your leadership, thanks for providing the opportunity to serve, so thank you. - I appreciate that, thank you. Before you take a picture, Mr. Crony, you actually, I'm sorry, As I'm standing there here, I realize you were co-sponsoring this with me, and I apologize.

[01:39:24] I forgot to turn around and say that I apologize, Mr. Crony. All right, we're going to take a picture, and I want laws and silence no more and women giving back to hold the proclamations, and you all kind of come to the center. So you're going to kind of come down.

[01:40:01] Ms.

[01:40:56] Glass is coming down because we're going to do the Fame Awards right now, but I'm not sure how she wants to do this, so she's going to come down and tell me how she wants to do this. Supervisor, after this, we're going to go ahead probably into closed session.

[01:41:19] Hi, how are you? We have our student supervisor, Reginald Park, who's going to be reading this proclamation. Park is going to be reading? Yes. Everyone will come down at one time. Come on down, and you're going to be in the middle. Okay, so we're going to have to turn this off.

[01:42:17] I'm Reginald, I'll be reading your proclamation. October 2026 marks National Disability Employment Awareness Month, NDEAM, An annual observance recognizing the valuable contribution of people with disabilities to the American workforce.

[01:42:33] First established in 1945, the observance began as a week-long national recognition of the contributions of individuals with physical disabilities. And in 1988, Congress designated the observance as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

[01:42:53] expanding its focus to recognize the importance of increasing employment opportunities for all people with disabilities, including individuals with mental health conditions and NDEAM's 2016 Celebrating Value and Talent carries forward the spirit of last year's observance in honor of America's 250th anniversary by recognizing the skills and contributions that Americans with disabilities bring to our workplaces, communities, and economy, and building an inclusive community and a strong economy requires recognizing the abilities of every person, including people

[01:43:32] with disabilities whose skills and perspectives enhance the workforce each day. And the Loudoun County Disability Services Board established a full accessibility and inclusion moving forward, Moving Toward Equity Award to recognize businesses that demonstrate a commitment to hiring individuals with disabilities, supporting their career development and fostering inclusive, supportive work environments.

[01:43:59] And Loudoun recognizes the Disability Services Board's 2026 FAIME Award recipients. Falcon Heating and Air Conditioning Incorporated, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Janelia Research Campus, and their branch.

[01:44:17] Now therefore be it resolved that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim October as Disability Employment Awareness Month. In Loudoun County, it urges the community and local employers to support the value and talent that people with disabilities bring to our workplaces and society.

[01:44:37] Thank you, Chair Randall and the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors. Every single person in the world deserves to feel valued, productive, and like a contributing member of the community.

[01:44:59] Today, we honor the businesses that have shown that they look past labels and that they identify the talents and the skills within people with disabilities. They embrace them, they train them, and they employ them.

[01:45:16] So please join me in honoring Falcon, the Fame Award winners for 2026, Falcon Heating and Air Conditioning, and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Genelia Research Campus.

[01:45:58] Thank you so much. The third winner was the branch. I don't believe they're here. But we would like to thank these business leaders for demonstrating how important it is to identify the value and the talent and the skills within people with disabilities and by helping us to embrace the disability community.

[01:46:25] Thank you. So first of all, I want to say thank you to Ms. Glass who brings these awards every year, sponsors them. And I want to say that to the Disability Services Board, thank you for seeing every citizen in Loudoun County.

[01:46:45] We've joked about this a while ago. Loudoun does not want to be the county that meets minimum requirements for people who have disabilities or different abilities. Meeting minimum requirements is just not enough. And so even in all of our buildings, we started to retrofit and do things in our buildings so that we are a more friendly place.

[01:47:07] We want people, if they want to come to the county building, for whatever reason, to be an accessible, easy place for them to come to. And so much of when we started this process, it was the Disability Services Board that guided what we should do, guided that this door should open in and not out, and you need to be able to wave your hand right here, all those things, because truthfully, you don't think of things sometimes.

[01:47:32] And so the Disability Services Board has done it all. I will also say that I do know the people who are getting these awards tonight, and I have known them for years. Bruce Romani is just one of the best men you'll ever, ever meet. He does give everybody a chance and an opportunity in his business.

[01:47:49] He just, he just, Bruce Romani is somebody that when you have somebody who's coming out of an incarcerated setting, he will help them get back on his feet. I have watched him do it. So thank you so much. to Janelia I will say that you know the the most brilliant people almost on earth are over there Janelia and you don't and you never even know and that would absolutely include you Monty you really are you Janelia does such wonderful groundbreaking important work and you take the time to embrace everyone um in in in our county so thank you thank you so much for all of all that all of you do and I will let Miss Glass have the last word and then tell us what to do next

[01:48:29] I'll take a picture. Chair Randall, thank you. You've said it all. We have people who have disabilities, some that are seen and some that are not seen. And so we want to make sure that we treat everyone as they would choose, want to be.

[01:48:52] And so thank you, DSB, for bringing this to us every year. I think it's really important for our community to know that we want all of our residents to feel that they are a part of the community. And I guess right now we can take a picture.

[01:49:08] So you want to bring these two gentlemen to the center? Yes.

[01:49:11] Okay. All right.

[01:50:17] She's going to go now. I think she is. I think we're going straight into closed session and let you guys go. We're down with resolutions, right? Yeah.

[01:50:27] Both my older sister and mom work in a local government, so they sometimes go to these things, and they say it's definitely dramatic.

[01:51:41] Supervisors and student supervisors, we're trying to get one to a closed session and get the supervisors, rather than get the student supervisors, off the dais in less than 10 minutes, so we're not going to go to another item because we wouldn't have time to do it. What we are going to do before we read into closed session is go down the line and have all the student supervisors introduce yourselves and what year you are and what school you attend.

[01:52:06] So we're going to do that just so we know, so everyone will know who you are. And because your parents are probably watching and they can actually cut the video when you can use it however you want to. So let's have all our student supervisors introduce themselves.

[01:52:23] name is Grace Heliniak. I'm a senior at Dominion High School. Hi, I'm Emory Botney. I'm a junior at Heritage High School. Hi, I'm Reginald Parker II. I'm a senior at Briarwoods High School.

[01:52:39] I'm Cicely Yore. I'm a senior at Tuscarora High School. Hi, I'm Ryan Bradley, and I am a senior at Stonebridge High School. Good evening. I'm Maya Ishak, and I am a senior at Freedom High School.

Good evening. My name is Mia Sandoval, and I'm a senior at Potomac Falls High School.

[01:52:57] Hi, my name is Kayla Seppoku, and I'm a junior at John Champ High School. Hi, my name is Geetheka Bapana, and I'm a junior at Independence High School. Good evening, my name is Jasmine Akoave, and I'm a junior at Riverside High School. Hi, my name is Mason Broussard, and I am a junior at John Champ High School.

[01:53:19] It has been a pleasure to spend time today with all of you all, too. Ms. Bricksman, Ms. Umstead, Mr. Turner, joined us for lunch, and we've just had such a good time with you all. Student supervisors, what we're doing right now is we're going to read into what's called closed session.

[01:53:35] We go into closed session to talk about contracts. We go into closed session to talk about personnel matter. We go into closed session like we will today to talk about an acquisition of property. And very often when we come out of closed session, we will have a report out of closed session.

[01:53:51] So we're going to go into closed session right now. If you were here to speak, we're going to do a very dead level best to get ourselves out of closed session as soon as we possibly can. We might run a little late for public comment, but I will get us out of the closed session as fast as we possibly can. Mr. Turner, will you please read us into closed session?

[01:54:08] I move the Board of Supervisors recess this public meeting and enter into closed session pursuant to Section 2.23711A3 of the Code of Virginia to discuss the acquisition of real property in the Algonquian Election District. Motion made, is there a second? Second. Motion made, who said second?

[01:54:24] Motion made second by Supervisor Glass. All in favor, oh, I'm sorry, discussion. All in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? That motion is passed 9-0. Student Supervisors, thank you so much. And if you need to reach us, you know where we are.

[01:54:42] Thank you very much. Thank you. I will. Do you have a contact card? I have a contact card. Thank you so much.

[02:57:43] Supervisors, we are back. Mr. Turner, can we start a closed session, please? I move the closed session be adjourned. The Board of Supervisors reconvened at the 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 the public meeting.

[02:58:06] Motion made and seconded by Supervisor Sainz. Discussion on the motion? Seeing none, on the table, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? That motion will pass to 9-0. Would everybody please affirm? Ms. Bricksman? Affirm.

[02:58:24] And aye is firm as well. I have two motions coming out of closed session. I move the Board of Supervisors, authorize and direct the county administrator to continue discussions with Amazon Data Services, Inc. for the county's acquisition of 25 acres of real property located on the Loudon campus of George Washington University valued at \$65 million.

[02:58:46] I further move the Board of Supervisors, authorize the county administrator to accept an Amazon Data Services, Inc. donation of five million dollars to the county trust housing trust fund. That's a motion. I did on purpose. Guys, I did that on purpose. Motion's made and seconded by the district supervisor, supervisor Bricksman. Discussion on the motion. Okay. One of my favorite musicals is Hamilton.

[02:59:18] And there is a song in Hamilton called The Room Where It Happens. And basically that song says You have to give yourself the opportunity to put yourself in a room when negotiations are made and deals are worked out. Many weeks ago, a person representing Amazon contacted me and asked if I would sit down with them to discuss land use pertaining to the GW campus.

[02:59:44] I said yes. That campus could have had four separate buildings on it, data center buildings on it. I had a first meeting with that person by myself, and then realizing that I cannot walk into the room with four high-level Amazon execs by myself, I went and asked Mr. Rogers and Mr. Hemstreet to join me.

[03:00:08] I won't go through all the maturations of the meetings we had, but I will tell you what the final results of all the meetings were. Amazon will not build data centers in this location. They will proffer out not only data centers, but any substations and any infrastructure that would support data centers.

[03:00:26] Amazon will forego any legal action of litigation towards the county as it pertains to data center development. Amazon has agreed to gift the county 25 acres of developed land that has a market rate value of approximately \$65 million.

[03:00:45] And Amazon has also agreed to give the county, to gift the county \$5 million in our housing trust funds. Amazon will, GW will maintain the right to have operations in the GW buildings where its classes now sit for the next 54 months.

[03:01:07] The 25 acres of land that are being gifted to the county at a fair market value of \$65 million will be contingent on one thing and one thing only. And that is the county fast tracking or rezoning application. So where there's not going to be two uses, there will be housing.

[03:01:27] The two uses on that 25 acres will very likely be, one, a community arts center, and two, an indoor sports recreation center. So community arts center, an indoor sports recreation center, \$5 million to our trust fund, tuition assistance for some kids who go to NOVA, no data centers, no data center infrastructure, no going to court, and what they will get instead is fast track of the zoning application for the rest of the area to be housing.

[03:02:03] the total housing needs, everything from attainable all the way through fair market value. I would say the rest at my closing. Would anyone else like to speak on this motion? Ms. Brixman. Thank you.

[03:02:20] This looks like a great deal. I appreciate Madam Chair meeting with Amazon several times over the last couple months to talk about it. It will be interesting to see what comes forward. I will totally trust it when Amazon withdraws their data center application that they have in right now, which I think they will probably have to do once they file this land use application.

[03:02:44] And, of course, the devil will be in the details. So I look forward to the new application. Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Kirshner. Thank you, Madam Chair. I just first want to thank the chair, and I want to thank Amazon for working out this preliminary agreement that, again, there are still details, as Supervisor Brisbane mentions, to be worked out.

[03:03:05] But I think this is a perfect example how responsible governments and responsible business can work together. We have obviously heard a lot of pushback on data centers, and I think, for the most part, we're seeing that from many of our residents, in large part because we haven't seen as much from the data center community give back.

[03:03:25] And I also don't think our residents have seen enough from this board in terms of, for example, the savings that they see in their pocket. And so we see a lot of reaction for that. That's not the only reason, but I think that's a lot of the reason. I think this is a first step in the process that we need to go through here as a board, as a community, as our business community, to really begin to work with each other to provide, for example, this incredible piece of land, which we have made it clear we don't want to see any sort of data on this side of seven, to actually repurpose it for housing, for community use and ultimately, you know, some sports center and some other activities

[03:04:05] that are doing here to provide a real need in the community, which is housing. And so I hope that this will be an example to many of our other data center partners as we work through this process to really get to a place where we are, I think, satisfying the concerns that many of the community has in terms of where data should go, where data should not go, and making sure that we build a kind of community that not only I'd like to see, but I think ultimately many of our residents, our voters, want to see.

[03:04:37] So this is just a tremendous opportunity. I hope we can work through all this process. I'm thinking that we have a very capable staff of doing that, and I appreciate Chair Randall for her being willing to meet with them and go through this process. Thank you.

[03:04:53] Mr. Turner. Thank you, Madam Chair. I just want to echo Supervisor Kirshner's comments. This is turned from a really bad deal for Loudoun County to a really good deal for Loudoun County, largely at the auspices and the involvement of the chair, and I do appreciate it.

[03:05:15] I'm a little stunned that this has occurred because I think all of us were kind of looking at the prospect of data centers on the GW campus and just cringing as to how bad a choice that was. I think, frankly, Amazon has made a very good forward-thinking decision here by engaging the chair in this conversation with this outcome.

[03:05:41] Also, to echo Supervisor Kirshner's words, the devil's in the details. We'll have to wait and see. The absolute worst case is the deal falls apart, and we're back where we were this morning, and that's not great, but this is a great deal, and it's a just huge step forward from where we were this morning.

[03:06:00] So my compliments to the chair as well. Thank you. So we have been talking about building an indoor sports arena in Loudoun since Moses was a baby. And so I am so happy that we could actually possibly do this. And the place for a community art center is just amazing.

[03:06:17] I think one of the most important things on this is that they have foregone any possibility of any legal activity, illegal action. You know, a lot of times the county may not have someone take us to court because they can't outspend the county. Amazon can. They can. And so the fact that they forgo any legal action is huge. I want to also note two things that's really, really important. They didn't actually have to do. The \$5 million to the trust fund, to the housing trust fund, means that we're going to be able to build so many more attainable housing for people who need it in Loudoun County. And then to throw in scholarships for some of our kids who are going

[03:06:56] to NOVA, and we haven't worked out how many yet, is also just an enormously big thing to do, and they didn't have to do that. I do want to thank Amazon for inviting me into the room, for sitting down, for talking, and for working out this discussion. Mr. Hemstreet, Mr. Rogers, thank you. Mr. Matt Rogers, I'm not sure where you're at, to my staff, Mr. Matt Rogers, Thank you. I appreciate it very much.

[03:07:27] We knew we don't want data centers on that campus. There's a lot of places we don't want to see data centers, but definitely on that campus. And the fact that we won't see data centers, and we will see so many of the needs that we have to see in Loudoun County and that we want to see in Loudoun County for a long time is just tremendous.

[03:07:46] Getting \$65 million of market rate land from Amazon as a gift, getting \$5 million to the trust fund as a gift, getting money into for kids to go to school as a gift, getting homes on all the rest of that land, which we very sorely need more homes in Loudoun County.

[03:08:07] All of those things are amazing. And so thank you to everyone who sat down and talked and worked this deal through. It is a win-win for everyone. So thank you very much. Supervisors, I made the motion, seconded by Ms. Brixman.

[03:08:23] Why don't people say aye? Aye. Opposed? That motion will pass 9-0. I have one more motion. I move the Board of Supervisors direct the county administrator to expeditiously process a rezoning application to include residential development and no data centers, which would include a dedication of 25 acres as a proffered contribution.

[03:08:46] Motions made and seconded. So, again, Amazon asked one thing, and their one ask is that the housing applications, when they file those, are fast-tracked, that they move faster. I think that when you're getting \$70 million and other things, we can certainly fast-track an application.

[03:09:10] I have no issue with this request at all. So, anybody else on this item? Mr. Letourneau. Yeah, I do want to mention just for the record and for the public's benefit, so the county is not committing to approving a rezoning or to a specific plan with specific number of units associated with it.

[03:09:29] Right. Just a concept that a residential development would occur here in place of what would have been an application for data centers, or depending on whose point of view it was, a by-right construction of data centers.

[03:09:46] And so we will, as others have said, obviously go through a process. Expedited does not mean there won't be a process, just to clarify with, and I can ask staff if needed, but still go to the Planning Commission, still come to the Board of Supervisors, still have traffic studies, still have all the environmental studies.

[03:10:04] But we do have a fast-track process for certain applications in which the county staff try to meet more aggressive deadlines for referrals and reviews and things like that, which is what my understanding from the chair that Amazon has asked for.

[03:10:20] In light of the circumstances, it makes sense for the board to grant that request. But we will still need to go through our normal land use application process on this and then look at the proffer package, which it sounds like will include the potential for some county facilities that are proffered.

[03:10:39] But at this point, those details are not known other than intent. and so we will see what the actual result is, but certainly this should be a relief to residents who are concerned about data centers in this corridor.

[03:10:57] Thank you, sir. Ms. Umstead. Thank you, Madam Chair. I will be voting against this particular motion. The proposal before us is about 95 acres that could be converted to residential.

[03:11:13] As you know, I worry about the costs of residential since houses consume more in services than they pay in taxes. And I do agree with Supervisor Letourneau. Amazon will still have to go through a process.

[03:11:30] And I deeply appreciate Amazon's willingness to come to the table on this issue. Given the majority of the board's strong support for more housing, I think this is a very attractive proposal for most members of the board.

[03:11:51] But I, because there is no indication of how many houses, what the school costs are going to be, what the road costs might be anticipated to be, I cannot support it at this time, and I cannot imagine the board voting for both of the chair's motions tonight, going back and quibbling with Amazon.

[03:12:20] So I suspect Amazon will get not only its expedited review, but I think pretty much however many houses it wants there, regardless of the cost of the taxpayers. Thank you. Thank you. So I will say, Ms. Umstead, I understand when you're just looking at the map why you think that's 95 because I hear that. I do understand that. Some of these are steep slopes, and so when we have the conversation, it won't actually be that much land. But I hear you, and Ms. Umstead, you and I have respectfully disagreed with this on housing for years, and you are very, very consistent. So, you know, that's how it goes. I do want

[03:12:58] to say a couple things. The community will be involved in these discussions. I cannot wait to have design charrettes about how a community art center will look design charrettes about how a indoor sports arena will look Amazon has already taught when we talked they already talked about the fact that there are places that they will they need to improve the road because it's going to obviously be more traffic and the intersection improvements that are going to come we know those things are going to come there's also a walking path that's already all the way through this development when it comes and the walking

[03:13:36] path takes you across the street across Loudon County Parkway on one lap to one Loudon on one side and across GW Boulevard on the other side and so there although mr. internal's right I hear miss um step there are things to be worked out there is also things that as we work out have already been included and has all have already been discussed and we know we'll be in there and so to the community around George Washington if you're listening. Yes, we know that we have to do some road improvements. We look forward to town halls. We look forward to community

[03:14:10] meetings. We look forward to design charrettes. But your voice was heard, as is the voices of so many other people who are saying, you know what, we're good with data centers. Thank you very much, Loudoun County. We're hearing your voices. And if I have one statement, the statement is this. My door is open to having conversations. I am open to being in the room where it happens and to having those conversations and to not turning people away when you want to have a discussion with me. I think we cannot get things done if you do not have the conversation.

[03:14:45] So once again, thank you to Amazon. And we will make sure the community is well informed and well involved the entire time we go through this process. So thank you. I made this motion. It was, again, seconded by Supervisor Brixman. All the people, please say aye.

[03:15:00] Aye. Opposed? That motion will pass, 8-0-1. Thank you very much. 8-1, rather, thank you very much. We're going to go into close, I'm sorry, we're going to go into public comments. I have to step off the dais. I'm going to step off the dais for about 10 minutes, but Mr. Turner is going to start public comments, and I will rejoin public comments when I come back on the dais.

[03:15:21] Thank you, Mr. Turner. The gavel is yours, sir. Thank you, Madam Chair. Before – we'll start the public input session now as part of the business meeting. Before we get started, I'd like to take a moment to remind the public about how the Board of Supervisors conducts public input at business meetings.

[03:15:38] I request that all members in attendance adhere to these guidelines to ensure each of you has an opportunity to be heard and to ensure an efficient process. And before I go further in that, I want to reiterate for those of you who are not here, Item 14P, which is the resolution to PAUSE Board of Supervisors' consideration of legislative applications for data centers and substations has been deferred to the November 17th meeting.

[03:16:05] So for those of you who are here to comment on it, you are free to comment on it, but that item has been deferred to November 17th. Back to the administrative guidelines. Please silence all cell phones at this time if you haven't done so already. The public input session will last no more than 90 minutes. members of the public may sign up to speak during tonight's public input session until the last speaker takes the podium, at which time no more signups will be taken tonight. Individuals may speak only once tonight. You may use your allotted time to speak for yourself or on behalf of another individual organization. Please keep in mind that the board's rules of orders allow for a total of 90 minutes of public input at business meetings. Speakers commenting on matters on tonight's or

[03:16:45] future agenda will be called first. If you are in the government center lobby listening to the meeting and you are signed up to speak, please come into the boardroom now. When your name is called, please come to the podium closest to you and state your name for the record. I will call a few names in advance so you can be prepared to take the podium as soon as it is your turn to speak, which will speed up the process and increase the chances more speakers will have time to speak this evening. Pursuant to section 1B of the board's rules of order, each speaker will have up to two minutes to address the board this evening.

[03:17:17] The timer on the podium will indicate your remaining time. When your time has expired, please yield the floor to the next speaker. Please keep in mind that the purpose of the public input session is for you to address the board. The board wants to give each speaker an opportunity to provide input in a manner that gives speakers equal treatment and courtesy.

[03:17:34] When you are speaking, please address your comments to the board. You may not direct your comments to members of the audience. Please keep in mind that the board is here to listen. Therefore, members of the board will not respond to your comments or answer questions during public input. Everyone in this room, whether addressing the board or listening to the audience, is asked to maintain decorum while speaking and while listening to others' public comments.

[03:17:57] Again, when your time is up, you must end your comments. Speaking out and shouting from the audience is not permitted during the public input. Jazz hands is permissible. Sharing and clapping, as I said, are not permitted. Anyone who is disruptive to the meeting will be asked to comply with the board's rules of order.

[03:18:14] I respectfully request that everyone follow these guidelines so that we do not have to recess this meeting or have anyone leave the room. If you are speaking remotely, I will call on the moderator. Andy, are you there? I am here. Thank you. First, to make sure you're ready to speak, please time your comments that you do not exceed two minutes.

[03:18:31] Please note that there's a slight delay between the TV broadcast and the online live stream and live meeting in the boardroom. We will now begin the 90-minute public comment period, and I will call on the first speaker. That is Lana Rohrmeyer, followed by Don Slayman, followed by Paul Serrano.

[03:18:54] Good evening. My name is Lana Rohrmeyer, and I am a almost 15-year resident now of Peony and Springs. I've been here before and talked about the water and wastewater issues in Peony and Springs, but tonight I'm here to talk about the Department of Planning and Zoning work plan, specifically the small area plants, which have been delayed and pushed back a little bit, which I am disappointed about because there's so many things going on in Payonean Springs right now, and it's very important that the water and wastewater project and the small area plants happen at the same time.

[03:19:32] So I have been the lead volunteer coordinator in Payonean Springs for almost 10 years now for the water and wastewater project, so I'm well aware that nothing moves quickly with the county sometimes. So I'm aware of that, but, you know, I found documentation looking back in the village records that we were supposed to get a small area planned in the 90s.

[03:19:54] I believe it was the early 90s. And so, you know, I don't want to see things pushed off anymore. We have a lot of important stuff going on because the water and wastewater project is so incredibly important. And it's a public health issue. People have been sick with E. coli. Our postal workers have to use an outhouse, and there's other residents that also use outhouses.

[03:20:16] So it's so important, but I don't want there to be unintentional consequences that negatively impact life in the village. So I'm urging you today to just please help accelerate the small area plans. Thank you. Thank you.

[03:20:32] Next up is Don Slayman, followed by Paul Serrano, followed by Clement Lupton. Good evening, Supervisor Turner. Thank you, and members of the board, thanks for the opportunity to speak. Good evening. My name is Don Slayman. I'm with IBW Local 26.

[03:20:50] I just want to congratulate you on the deal I just heard with the Amazon, the George Washington X campus. In the spirit of the horse trading, you know, I always speak and want to plead for every data center that can be built to give jobs to our members and revenue to the county.

[03:21:10] But in that spirit, I'm here to speak about the Quantum Park, and I'd like you to approve this application. It's technically not by right, and that's why this perfect application is having trouble. And just like you guys came up with a resolution on the GW campus, and I spoke to many of you all that I said I would not force you on that.

[03:21:31] Because even though it was by right, it was quite a surprise to everyone. And so I think we can, in that same spirit, look at this Quantum Park facility. where the Internet was created, where this is going to take this, the only way to make this former headquarters of WorldCom viable is to create some data center revenue so that we can then upgrade those buildings so they can be used.

[03:21:55] And so, you know, this, it's technically not by right, and that's why we're having a problem, but it is the right answer. And this is why we have a board, for you guys to represent the community, to give the best deal to the community.

[03:22:10] I think you did a great deal to work out the Amazon deal. I think you can work out this Quantum Park deal. You know, the tenant is leaving. The only way we can attract new tenants is to provide

the capital that these data centers would put in this project.

[03:22:25] And for goodness sake, this is the center of the data center industry. This is where the digital backbone of this nation was created. and this is why we have the wealthiest county in the country and why I'm so glad that my family is always homesteading this county for 50 years.

[03:22:41] Thank you so much. Thanks, sir. Next up, Paul Serrano, followed by Clement Lupton, followed by Mark Bayless. Paul Serrano has not called in today. All right. Next up is Clement Lupton, followed by Mark Bayless, and then followed by Hakan Mustafa.

[03:23:03] Good evening, members of the board. Good evening. I am Clement Lupton, Government Relations Manager for the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce. I'm here to speak on the resolution to pause the board's consideration of legislative data center and substation applications, which the board has deferred to November 17th.

[03:23:19] The chamber urges the board not to adopt it. Not now, not then, not ever. Whether you call it a pause or a moratorium, it sends a terrible message to the entire business community and not just data centers. Under this resolution, applications that have received a Planning Commission recommendation would wait for phase two, which staff expects in July 2027. Staff would then bring forward no more than five per meeting, so some applicants may not see a vote until 2028. And staff expects those applicants to incorporate phase two standards, which are rules that did not exist when they applied. That is changing the rules midstream. Applicants can decline to defer, but declining

[03:23:58] means asking for a vote from a board that has already said it would rather wait. No applicant who followed every rule in place when they filed should have to choose between waiting a year or more and risking that vote. The resolution also reaches beyond data centers. 22 of the 32 applications it covers involve substations, including 12 substation-only applications.

[03:24:19] The exemption is narrow. A substation serving a large load customer qualifies only if it meets transmission-level tests. The chamber respectfully urges the board to use this additional time to reconsider and not to adopt the pause on November 17th. Thank you. Thank you. Next up is Mark Bayless followed by Hakan Mustafa followed by Madeline Skinner. Mark Bayless going once going twice.

[03:24:47] All right. Hakan Mustafa going once going twice. Mr. Mustafa. Madeline Skinner. Good evening supervisors. My name is Madeline Skinner. On behalf of all the rural historic villages especially Lockett's Peony and Springs and Willisville we want to express our support for the work in progress on the village area small area plans.

[03:25:15] And we hope that you all will continue to support and keep this DPZ project as a high priority for all the villages who have waited so many years to develop a plan for their future of their communities. Villages are the beloved treasures of Loudoun County. Even though so many have disappeared, their contributions should forever be recognized. Concerning my village of Philemon, all of you should have received an email this morning summarizing a disastrous situation from my friend and neighbor Amanda Fallon who was here with me tonight. I will just share a few critical facts from the recent phases of the construction of the new Fillamont Fire Station.

[03:25:47] Late July excavation for the stormwater management program in progress using jackhammers and large heavy excavation equipment less than 75 feet from Amanda's 18th century log cabin. September

Amanda noticed her feet were sinking in the ground when walking in her front yard. After the October 11th 12th three and a half inches of rain one and a half feet of water was in Amanda's cellar.

[03:26:08] This required a large pump to be brought in and required emergency repair to restore operations to the utilities which are located in her cellar. Note, Amanda has been in her home for 17 years and has never had water in the cellar. After removing much of the water, you could see the groundwater that was still bubbling up in three locations in her cellar.

[03:26:26] Plumbers came to confirm that the property's well water system was intact. It was not the source of the flooding. Many calls were made to schedule soil, ground, water, and structural experts who came out to the property to investigate, A detailed report is forthcoming. There has been no official response from the county employee to the homeowner.

[03:26:42] No one has set foot on her property. Yes, on October 12th, a formal complaint was recorded in Lex, and the staff closed the complaint. Great news. Your drainage and grading questions have been resolved. There was no further information. Amanda's home is shifting. There are popping sounds.

[03:26:58] Structure reacting to extremely wet ground. More damage is detected on a daily basis. We demand a more adequate response to this horrible situation from the county ASAP. Thank you, Mr. Skinner. Next up is George Simmons, followed by Mark Pontello, followed by Stephen Todd. Good evening, Mr. Simmons.

[03:27:19] Good evening. Good evening, Chair. Good evening, members of the board. My name is George Simmons, and I'm here today to express my support for the proposed powerhouse data center at the former Verizon headquarters site. Loudoun County has built a strong economic foundation around technology, connectivity, and innovation.

[03:27:39] I believe we can continue to build on that success while being thoughtful about where and how we develop a powerhouse proposal that I've seen presents an opportunity to reinvest in an existing commercial property, rather than treating every development as if it starts from scratch.

[03:27:57] And I do recognize that the residents, I am one of the residents of that area, have a legitimate concern about data center development, including noise, energy demand, water use, and the impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods. I really wish personally that they would consider a little more of an environmental impact and how it aesthetically feels to the people that live in the neighborhood.

[03:28:20] If you drive down Loudoun County Parkway now, it feels very, very industrial, and I support data centers, but I do wish there was a little more of a way to create a more inviting, a more inclusive, a little more natural surrounding to the beauty that we have here.

[03:28:38] If you think about something like in California, I know they have the Apple headquarters at Infinity Loop and how they've sort of incorporated some park and recreational type stuff into that. And I just hope that we could consider some of that in moving forward.

[03:28:56] We need the data centers. It's good for our community. It's how we've basically started to do things. And to go back now doesn't make a whole lot of sense, but try to make these important parts of our community feel more like a community rather than a big commercial block of concrete.

[03:29:13] So thank you for your time today. Thank you, sir. Next up, Stephen Todd, followed by Linda Ace, followed by David Paula. Stephen Todd, going once, going twice.

[03:29:30] All right, next up would be Linda Ace. Thank you. Welcome, Board of Supervisors. To echo Chair Randall, minimum services are not enough.

[03:29:48] Accessibility is the right thing to do. I am a person with a disability, former board member of the Loudoun County Disability Services Board. The new Parks and Recreation Center in Ashburn that costs taxpayers \$104 million is not accessible for people with disabilities.

[03:30:06] The front and side doors have touchless entry systems, wave-to-open switches. However, access to bathrooms and entry to the pool do not. I raised the concern last year with Chair Randall. A person with a mobility impairment must depend on another person to use the facility or ask permission to use the services.

[03:30:30] This lack of access is disgraceful, demeaning, and humiliating. How would a typical person feel if their independence were robbed and they had to ask permission to use the bathroom or enter the facility? The U.S. Access Board Standards state that all public facility primary entrances must be accessible.

[03:30:51] A reasonable person would agree that because the only way to enter the pool is through the bathroom facilities, it is a primary entrance for the inclusion of the facility. Loudoun County prides itself on diversity and inclusion. Sadly, not everyone is included.

[03:31:10] Was universal design a system usable for all people considered in the initial planning? How many times have you or another used an accessible door pad to open a door? Think of a senior, a person with a temporary disability.

[03:31:26] Everyone deserves the freedom to come and go with regained independence. I implore the board to act now. Spend the money, do the right thing, install accessible features to all doors. Thank you. Ms. Ace, before you walk away, you did call me last year.

[03:31:42] You're right. And I did talk to staff, and I was not aware that we have not fixed that yet. No, I visited. No, I believe you. I'm saying I wasn't aware that we hadn't fixed this yet. I did send you an email, and I sent you pictures. I will make some. I hear you, and you are correct, and I respect what you're saying.

[03:32:02] And I will have another conversation right away. We don't need a conversation. Thank you. I understand. I agree. I understand. Thank you. I agree. Thank you. And I inadvertently skipped over Mark Pontello. Mark Pontello, you're welcome to speak. My apologies. Good evening, members of the board.

[03:32:22] My name is Mark Pontello, and I'm a 19-year resident, homeowner, and electrician living in Loudoun County. I'm speaking tonight to address the inclusion of electrical substations in the proposed pause. While I understand the board's desire to review data center land use standards, dragging vital power infrastructure into a 12-month freeze is a dangerous step.

[03:32:43] Substations are not data centers. They are essential public utility infrastructure. Modernizing and expanding our local grid requires continuous substation development. Freezing these applications directly threatens our local power reliability, grid resilience, and energy integration for every home, school, and small business in Loudoun County, not just tech facilities.

[03:33:06] Furthermore, as a skilled tradesperson, I know firsthand what delays like this can do to working families. Thousands of local electricians, linemen, technicians, and craft workers in Loudoun County depend on critical infrastructure projects to put food on the table.

[03:33:24] Freezing substation approvals doesn't just pause utility paperwork, it halts work sites and threatens paychecks. If projects stall for a year, our specialized, highly trained trades workforce will be forced to take their skills to neighboring counties or other states.

[03:33:42] Grid stability and local employment are too important to stall. Even if the board evaluates data center locations, essential power infrastructure must move forward without delay. I urge you to remove substations from this pause. Thank you for your time and your continued service to Loudoun County.

[03:33:59] Thank you, Mr. Paula. Our next speaker will be Matt Leslie, followed by Derek Max, followed by Ray Banks. Good evening, Mr. Leslie. Good evening, Chair Randall.

[03:34:15] Members of the board, Matt Leslie from the Catoctin District. I was here to give comments on the pause. My message is simple. Don't do it. However, yesterday, something happened that demands discussion. Yesterday, our community experienced an unimaginable tragedy with the loss of a 15-year-old young man here in western Loudoun County.

[03:34:31] Yesterday morning, my 2-year-old son was on his way to the library with my grandparents. As they approached the scene, traffic was being redirected. My father witnessed first responders performing CPR on that young man fighting to save his life. My son had no idea what he was witnessing. My father did not yet know what had happened.

[03:34:48] But it struck me just how close this tragedy came to my own family. And what deeply troubles me is where my mind immediately went after I learned more details about what happened. Where was this young man headed? What was his intent? He was walking west. Was he heading towards my daughter's elementary school?

[03:35:04] We may never know the answers to these questions, but the fact that they were among the first thoughts that I had speaks volumes about the world we're raising our children in. Gun violence has become so pervasive in our communities and across our nation that firearms are now the leading cause of death for American children and teenagers.

[03:35:20] That should be unacceptable to every single one of us. We have to do more, and that starts in our own homes. If you own firearms like I do, secure them, lock them in a safe, use trigger locks, store ammunition separately, and if someone, please, in your household is experiencing a mental health crisis, have a plan to temporarily remove those firearms from your home.

[03:35:43] We are not powerless. These are simple, responsible steps that can save lives. My hearts and prayers are with this young man's family, the first responders, and everyone touched by yesterday's tragedy. Our children deserve to grow up in a world where their safety isn't something we have to question every time they leave our home.

[03:36:00] We owe them better, we owe ourselves better, and we have to do better. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Leslie. Thank you very much for that. Derek Max, you'll be followed by Ray Banks, followed remotely by Don Luz. Derek Max?

[03:36:21] Is there a Derek Max in here? No, it's Derek Max. I know your name. Derek Max from the Catocted District. No? Okay. Okay, Ray Banks, followed by Don Luce, followed by, thank you, Chris Bruner.

[03:36:38] Thank you. Good evening, Ms. Banks. Good evening, Chair Randall, members of the board. My name is Ray Cheatham Banks. I'm the Director of State and Local External Affairs at Equinix and a

resident of Loudoun County for more than 20 years and a member of the Algokian District.

[03:36:55] Equinix is proud of our nearly 30-year presence in Loudoun County. Data centers are committed to creating quality jobs, funding local schools, easing costs on residents, and strengthening the current and future workforce across Loudoun, all while giving back to the community where so many of our employees live and work.

[03:37:14] We are grateful that you have made the decision to defer the vote on a pause this evening to consider further the impact that this decision would have on Loudoun. As a resident, former Loudoun County employee, and in my current role in the industry, it is my belief that a pause is not the answer.

[03:37:32] But guardrails are. So are standards. You have the authority to approve or deny projects, require conditions, and hold applicants to higher standards, and we've seen this authority in action. Work closely with responsible operators to establish achievable guardrails like clear standards for noise, air, quality, setback, and community fit.

[03:37:57] Communities have every right to ask about energy, water, and land use. We understand why local governments are focused on these issues, and we welcome the engagement. The Phase II standards underway will directly address and answer the real concerns that residents have.

[03:38:14] predictability matters. A pause only causes uncertainty, costly delays, and could have real implications for Loudoun's global commercial reputation. I submit that you don't need to enact a pause, but raise the bar. Phase two standards allow the phase two standards to develop and hold every operator who calls Loudoun County home accountable. Thank you.

[03:38:38] Thank you, Ms. Banks. Remotely, we have Don Luce, followed by Chris Bruner. Don Luce has not called in tonight. He has not called in. Is Chris Bruner in the building with us tonight? Hello, sir.

[03:38:54] Sir, you're going to be followed by Craig Zinnick. Hi, how are you? Good. Thank you, board, for your time. Over 45 years living in Loudoun County. I've been a wireman for over 25 years, a business owner for over 16 years in the county, coming to talk about the Quantum Park project.

[03:39:19] And just going back in history, I remember working in an electrical department at Home Depot in Sterling, which was the busiest Home Depot in the country. Back then, it was the only Home Depot in the area. We were wiring. I got side jobs wiring people's basements that worked for PSINET, MCI WorldCom.

[03:39:40] So literally, that's where it started here. There wasn't much opportunity for us coming out of high school in the late 90s, early 2000s. Most of the people moved out. Most of my friends moved out. Luckily, the data centers came, and it's a tremendous opportunity. I've looked at the renderings for the project, and I've been across the country building data centers. This is the example that I feel like would set the tone for other landlords to build towards. It's not just a concrete building with

[03:40:17] the steel facade. It is actually a Capitol looking building. They're doing so much that they don't need to do to keep up with their competition. And just that land is, it's right in the middle of it all. It's what you guys, I thought, have been asking for where you're not near houses. It's the perfect place to do it. It's just, I feel like it's what you guys have been asking for. And they're showing a physical example of how we should probably move forward

[03:40:51] away from the concrete facades and steel buildings. Time's up. I was going to go into the competition in Texas and how they build them and how much faster they are. And we have real competition to take this business away. Thank you, sir. Thank you. Craig Zinnick, I think that is, followed by John Kolich. Is Craig here? Okay. And then you'll be followed by Tiffany Kobel.

[03:41:24] Good evening, sir. Good evening. Good evening, Chair and Board members. My name is John Kolich, and I'm Senior Vice President and Chief Development Officer of the B.F. Saul Company. I would like to voice our opposition to the proposed resolution to pause applications for data centers and substations. When Loudoun County and Fairfax counties created the Route 28 tax district, in 1987, they needed a majority of the landowners in the district to agree to its terms.

[03:41:56] The common goal of the counties and the Route 28 landowners was always to fund infrastructure to maximize commercial development. This agreement was built on cooperation and trust between the local government and the property owners of Route 28 district.

[03:42:13] Trust is the infrastructure underneath almost everything we build, and it is the core principle of economic development. The landowners volunteered to pay an increased tax in exchange for protection for many future zoning changes until all the financial obligations have been satisfied.

[03:42:32] Saul, along with other developers, paid millions of dollars into the Route 28 taxing district for decades. The proposed pause, which in reality is a moratorium, violates the trust and transparency of the promise to the landowners in the district.

[03:42:50] More importantly, this proposed action erodes the trust the business community has in the local government. We all are aware of how fiercely competitive economic development is in this region. Competing jurisdictions are waiting for opportunities to prove to prospective investors how Loudoun County cannot be trusted and why investment should be taken elsewhere in the region.

[03:43:12] As members of the business community, we need to trust the county to keep its word and stand strongly with their commitments in order to justify significant investments in the county. Thank you for your service, your leadership, and consideration of the request.

[03:43:28] Thank you. Tiffany Coble, followed by Jonah Crispo. Tiffany, I think it may be Coble or Cabo, C-O-B-L-E. Going once, going twice, okay.

[03:43:44] Jonah Crispo. Nicholas Albu. I knew I saw him. And Mr. Albu, you're going to be followed by Roger Smith. Good evening, Chair Randall, members of the board.

[03:44:04] My name is Nick Albu. I am a resident in the Catoctin District, and I practice law here in Leesburg. I'd like to share a few thoughts on the proposed data center and substation moratorium. In my experience as a zoning litigator, I found that there are a couple things that can really get local government into trouble.

[03:44:25] Thing one, taking unauthorized action. Thing two, failing to follow a required process. If the board imposes a moratorium, thing one and thing two are going to get the county into trouble. It's really not that complicated. There is no authority for this board to impose a moratorium.

[03:44:43] It doesn't matter if it's characterized as a stay, a delay, a suspension, a hiatus, a pause, a halt. A moratorium is not authorized. And because it's not authorized, the board does not have authority to impose it.

[03:44:59] And on top of that, there's a process. There's a process that's required by law, and that process requires timely action and timely decision on legislative rezoning applications. Stopping that process is literally the opposite of what the law requires. The required process is there to prevent delay, not to authorize delay.

[03:45:25] Taking unauthorized action, not following a required process, those two things are going to get the county into trouble. And that's especially true when there are applicants with rights whose rights will be significantly affected by delay. If projects are sidelined, a moratorium, under a moratorium, the county will see lawsuits. There's an easy way to prevent this.

[03:45:49] Don't take unauthorized action and follow the required statutory process. I appreciate your consideration. Thank you. And I was watching his time and he didn't go over time because if he wanted to, evidently he could talk forever because the clock stopped at two minutes and didn't go any further.

[03:46:05] So if we can make sure our clock is working, that would be really helpful. Roger Smith, you're going to be followed, served by Shane Crow. Good evening, Mr. Smith. Is this working then or not? Not yet. Well, I think they're going to fix this. Just give it one second, Mr. Smith, because...

[03:46:21] Okay, it's counting down. It's counting down. Okay, I want to talk about two items that impact drinking water. I also want to express agreement with previous speakers, Lana and Madeline, who spoke for accelerating the small area plans.

[03:46:41] These two things kind of go together. The small area plan for St. Louis in 2025 was very well received, and drinking water was a major issue for St. Louis, especially for residents who faced existing health risks from water problems but couldn't afford to fix them.

[03:46:58] It will be no surprise that when we get into the small area planning, we're going to see many other small area plans address the same kind of issues. So my first ask is that in such cases, the board should be willing to consider a loan program like St. Louis's even before the small area plans are finalized or other long-term projects are approved.

[03:47:27] So if someone is in real need of fixing their water and they can't afford to do it, let's not make them wait until we've done all the paperwork on some larger projects. Let's get water for them. The second thing that I cover is actually the St. Louis loan plan itself, which was on the consent agenda, so it technically shouldn't have been already voted on before I had a chance to comment on it.

[03:47:58] but I think it's no harm, no foul when you hear what I'm going to say. Section 4E of the St. Louis loan plan says that excludes equipment that would improve the flow of water rather than the quality of the water, even though it's fully eligible under the Virginia Code.

[03:48:20] And since safe water is of little use if the flow rate is insufficient, I would ask that you eliminate Section 4E. Thank you, sir. Appreciate it. Okay, we got the clock right? We good? Okay. We're going to go to Shane Crow, followed by George Knowles.

[03:48:39] Good evening, Mr. Crow. Good evening. As always, my name is Shane Crow from the Algonquin District. Latin County's friendly nuisance, always advocating for ranked choice voting here in the county. That's not why I'm here to talk about today, though. I'm here to continue with my gambit from last time.

[03:48:55] And by talking a few thoughts on item 14D on tonight's agenda, that being the Limited Rent Supplement Program. And so I wanted to commend Supervisors St. and Brisbane for bringing this item up. I'm in support of the draft motion of bringing this forward to the fiscal year 2028 discussion.

[03:49:15] There were a couple points I wanted to bring up regarding the criteria that are proposed from staff. And so it said that this proposed rental assistance would not be used for eviction or avoiding eviction or being used to pay for previously unpaid rents.

[03:49:33] Since this is potentially a pilot program, I think it would also be wise to prevent anyone from applying for this in order to maybe move into Loudoun in case they accidentally get stuck in a financial situation otherwise. If this eventually becomes a full program, I think it could be open to that potential item.

[03:49:49] But just for fiscal frugality, I think as a pilot program, it would be wise to put that kind of restriction. And then also, too, I notice there's preference and priority for households that have children under the age of 18 and for older adults, 62 and older, I think if we're trying to provide financial stability and assistance, I think another economic group that's also of interest would be people who are earning tipped income as their primary source of income because it's volatile, it's seasonal, the winter months are usually lower income, and especially when it comes to taxes, it's an unfortunate reality, but you usually have to put about \$1,000 to \$2,000 to the side just to make up for whatever tax burden

[03:50:29] wasn't covered by \$2.13 an hour. So I think that should be another prioritized economic group were this to move forward. So those are just my thoughts on the limited sense pilot program, and I do hope that it moves forward. Thank you. Thank you, sir. And you still want ranked choice voting.

[03:50:46] Thank you. Got it. George Knowles, followed by Carol Smith, followed by Gary Nicely. Good evening, board. Good evening. My name is George Knowles. I am a native of northern Virginia. I was born in Washington, D.C. I grew up in Arlington, moved to Sterling Park with my wife and son in 1986 when 28 was a one-lane road each way.

[03:51:07] I imagine some of you remember that. I have experienced the growth of Loudoun County to the richest county in the United States. Much of this is due to the data center growth and the proximity to Washington, D.C. with high-paying government jobs.

[03:51:24] The Quantum Park Improvement Plan can only be seen as a positive move for Loudoun County. As we move forward as the data center capital of the world and the influx of funds for Loudoun, we need to support the progress. A lot of citizens of the county complain about the constant humming from the data centers, which, by the way, distracts from the airport noise, which everybody used to complain about.

[03:51:51] I, however, think of the buzz from the data centers as the white noise, helping to offset the vehicle noise. This project seeks to replace two mosquito ponds with new parks, including water features for all to enjoy.

[03:52:08] I say approve the project as a positive move for Loudoun County and its citizens. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Carol Smith, followed by Gary Nicely. Is Ms. Smith here? I don't think I've seen Ms. Smith today. I don't think I've seen her.

[03:52:25] Mr. Nicely, welcome back to the boardroom. Welcome back. Thank you. You're going to be followed by Anthony. I'm going to spell your name so I do not mispronounce it. It's G-I-A-C-H-I-N-T-A. When you come up, if you pronounce it for me, I'd really appreciate that.

[03:52:45] Mr. Nicely. Hi. Hi. Good evening. My name's Gary Nicely, and I'm here to say to Phyllis, I want all data centers, past, present, and future, to be ground source or geothermal for their cooling and heating.

[03:53:12] Three weak reasons. First, 60% more efficient pumps, not five-foot fan blades, setting up harmonic vibrations. 60% less strain on the grid.

[03:53:28] That benefits everyone. I think having forests around data centers would make them less obtrusive. Covering them with vines of trumpeted honeysuckle, wisteria, muscadine, and grape concordia and other indigenous vines wouldn't hurt either.

[03:53:48] They look like naked chia pets. When those vines get into the harmonics, they will take off like Jack and Beanstalk. The next subject is the consolidation of any Florida power company with Virginia is absurd because any power company that leaves their power on during a hurricane after FEMA learned after Katrina that they could save.

[03:54:22] get the power back on 60 percent faster versus when they left the power on. And it was 70 percent less expensive. So I don't know why we'd hook up with companies that don't do that. I mean, it's been 20 years since Hurricane Katrina, and not a single Florida power company has learned.

[03:54:52] Now, I want all proponents of consolidation to ask themselves what they're missing. Thank you for your time. Thank you, Mr. Nicely. We appreciate seeing you again. Anthony, if you say your name for me, I'd really appreciate it because I don't want to destroy you.

[03:55:09] And then we have a Brian Knowles who is on to be remote. Good evening, sir. Good evening, Chair Randall and Board of Supervisors, and thank you for your time this evening. So I'm here to talk about the data center monitorium and development.

[03:55:28] As we all know, Latin County is the data center capital of the world. You've heard it all. I've been in the construction business 40 years, 35 in Washington. I've seen all the highs and lows. But, I mean, these projects bring so much steady work for all the tradespeople.

[03:55:45] Average job has 400 people on it. And, you know, a lot of people think when it's done, it doesn't employ people. Maybe it only employs 12 people full-time, but the vendors, the tech people that work there on contracts for maintenance and service, some of the highest-skilled jobs in the country, and there's so much jeopardy for anyone in the blue-collar trade.

[03:56:07] It's raised a middle-class standard for everyone, and, you know, these jobs just support so much in Loudoun County. And as we all know, the tax benefits of data centers, I support building them responsibly. I think there's got to be changes.

[03:56:22] It's been talked about in the last meeting, but I think if everyone finds a way to work together on buffers, utility use, there's just so much at stake. And when you look at the construction industry the last five years, 60% growth, of which 50% is because of the data center trade.

[03:56:46] No other sector, aviation, nor roads employ the amount of people we see on these jobs. So let's work together, build them smarter, fix so many issues the community is looking for. I want to thank you

for your time and look forward to the next meeting.

[03:57:01] Thank you so much. Thank you. Brian Knowles is remotely on the phone, followed by David Freswick. Brian Knowles dropped off. He dropped off. Okay. David Freswick, you will be followed by, if you are here, and I think you are, you will be followed by Dorna Traitor.

[03:57:23] Hello, sir. How are you? Doing well. Thank you. Thank you chairman and the board. My name is David Freswick. I'm a small business owner. I work with data center developers and the teams that build them. That includes general contractors like the one that Tony works for, subcontractors, vendors, unions, and the many others that it takes. I spent 10 years in this industry and would like to continue to do it more. I understand this resolution has been deferred to November 17th. I'm here anyways because I want you to carry something into that month. I'm asking you to vote no on the pausing data centers and stuff.

[03:57:58] substation development, not because Loudoun shouldn't have standards, but because you already have them. In March 2025, the board ended the Byright Data Center. Most new data centers now come to you through special exception, a staff review, public hearing, a vote by the nine of you.

[03:58:14] You already have the control this pause is supposed to give you. So what does 12 months accomplish? It doesn't stop the projects that you would reject anyway. It freezes the good ones alongside them. By one estimate from this dais, roughly 13 applications that haven't reached the Planning Commission could get caught, filed by people who did nothing wrong except follow the process that this board set. Please think hard about the substations now in November. A substation is not a data center. It's how the power gets delivered to homes, schools, and hospitals. Pausing substations doesn't slow down growth. It slows down the infrastructure that makes growth survivable.

[03:58:55] I know there's a grid reliability carve-out, but in my experience, that determination gets argued case by case, and while it's being argued, equipment for it does not get ordered. Here's who else gets paused. The electricians, pipe fitters, technicians, and maintenance crews.

[03:59:12] By the county's own estimates, roughly 17,000 jobs here are tied to this industry, and the projection for fiscal 27 is approximately \$1.3 billion that helps pay for our schools and deputies. So this month, finish phase two, write the standards, make them tough and enforceable, and I'll back that work.

[03:59:31] Thank you. Thank you, sir. Thank you. Dorna Trainter, followed by Sunday Esposito. Is Ms. Trainter here? I don't think I see her, actually.

[03:59:48] All right. Sunday Esposito, you will be followed by Jennifer Tomlinson. Hi, my name's... Yes, can you hear me? I can hear you fine, ma'am. Perfect. Thank you. I'm a Loudoun County resident, a homeowner, and a business owner as well.

[04:00:06] I'm here today to express my support for the Quantum Park Project. I understand that growth and development can raise concerns, especially when it comes to traffic, the environment, and the impact on surrounding neighborhoods. As a homeowner, those concerns matter to me as well. However, I also believe that responsible development is essential to keeping Loudoun County economically strong, competitive, and prepared for the future.

[04:00:30] what stands out to me about quantum park is that the proposal involves an existing technology campus rather than creating an entirely new development and undeveloped area the project would allow an additional data center facilities and a power substation at a location that's already part of loudon

county's established technology industry i recognize that projects like this require careful consideration i appreciate that the proposal has gone through an extensive review process with changes made along the way to address concerns about the development i believe that economic growth and community responsibility should go hand in hand

[04:01:09] we can support new investment while still expecting developers to address the impact their projects may have or on our nearby communities and environment i also believe that we must look beyond what property is today and consider what it can contribute to our county over the next 10, 20, or even 30 years.

[04:01:28] Loudoun County has become a major technology hub through years of infrastructure development and private investment. Maintaining that position requires us to continue looking for opportunities to invest in our existing commercial and technology areas while protecting the quality of life of our residents.

[04:01:45] I believe Quantum Park represents an opportunity to do just that. And for that reason, I respectfully encourage the board to improve the Quantum Park project. Thank you so much for your time. Thank you, ma'am. Thank you. Jennifer Tomlinson, you are going to be followed by Isabel Yebe.

[04:02:03] Good evening, ma'am. Good evening. My name is Jenny Tomlinson, and I'm representing Loudoun Cares, where I serve as the executive director, as well as the Loudoun Human Services Network and the Loudoun Coalition to Prevent and End Homelessness. My husband and our three children have been residents of the Sterling District for two years now.

[04:02:23] I am here this evening to express my full support for Item 14D, the Limited Rent Supplement Program to Promote Housing Stability. Thank you to Supervisors Briskman and Sains for seeing the need for this BMI to begin with, and thank you to the DHCD staff for your thoughtful engagement and work towards the plan.

[04:02:42] Since 2024, Loudoun Cares has been the steward of ARPA funds allocated to housing through rent relief and eviction avoidance programs. And while I'm incredibly proud of the 30% approval we've been able to provide, the 70% of applicants who did not qualify has not been lost on our team.

[04:03:00] We work diligently alongside an incredible network of nonprofit and faith partners to access resources and services, offsetting some of the need, but we don't pretend that we've solved it. With average rent rates starting around \$2,300 for a studio, up to \$3,900 for three-bedroom units, gas and grocery prices on the rise, cuts to needed benefits like SNAP and Medicaid, one in four Loudoun households now falls into the Alice population.

[04:03:29] This is not sustainable. Tonight, we respectfully request that you approve staff's recommendations, including the eligibility criteria and the program guidelines, move this program forward for fiscal 28 budget consideration. Approval from the board can give residents a tiny bit of breathing room and access to intentional supplemental resources, allowing space for assistance to plot a way forward over time towards sustainability. Your yes supports all Loudoun residents. We realize fiscal 28 will have many issues to consider, But we urge you, please, do not lose sight of this important, yes, move limited rent.

[04:04:10] Time's up. Yeah, time's up. Thank you so much. I appreciate it. And thanks for all that you do in the county. Isabel Yabes, followed by Angela Smith. Good evening, Chair Randall and board members. My

name is Isabel Yabes. Though a lifelong resident of the Dulles District, I speak to you now as a resident services coordinator at True Ground Housing Partners Loud and View Senior Residences in Sterling.

[04:04:33] I'm here to testify in favor of the limited rent supplement program. listed as Item 14B on tonight's agenda. I know very well why this resource is truly needed. I work with one of the most financially vulnerable populations here in our county, the seniors. With many of them having retired, now relying solely on their Social Security checks to keep them afloat, low-income seniors in Loudoun County struggle to adjust to the increasing cost of living, even with familial support.

[04:04:58] We are incredibly grateful that up to 31% of my clients, residents of True Ground age 62 and up, have been served by the Loudon Cares Rent Assistance Program over the past year, not including the most recent prescreening sent in earlier this month. In sum, the amount of assistance that these residents have received over the past year totals just over \$200,000.

[04:05:17] And that is not at all a negligible number. But because they have had access to this resource, senior residents of TrueGrad have been able to use their personal funds to do more than just pay rent. They've been able to coordinate quality end-of-life care with their families, alleviating huge burdens upon those who carry their memory to this day.

[04:05:35] They've been able to pay off hefty car repairs, contributing to a higher quality of life and maintaining their mobility access. They've even been able to cushion their medical bills after transitioning from lengthy hospital stays into even longer physical rehabilitation. Over 70% of my clients receive financial assistance from some kind of local resources, including the Housing Choice Voucher and Loudon Cares.

[04:05:55] But the list of community partners that we can turn to when these funding streams run dry are few and far between. True Ground Housing Partners encourages the Board of Supervisors to invest in this rent supplement program to provide a critical resource to meet our most vulnerable populations where they are, knowing intimately well that this is a demographic population with whom we will all one day identify.

[04:06:15] Thank you for your time. Thank you very much, ma'am. Angela Smith, you will be followed by Leah Shields. Is Angela Smith here? Angela Smith. Okay. Leah Shields will be followed by Barry Weissman.

[04:06:33] Leah Shields. Okay. Barry Weissman. Are you here? Very good, sir. And so you'll be followed by Jason Stanford. I think I don't see Jason in the room. Good evening, sir. Good evening, ma'am. Madam Chair and members of the board. My name is Barry Weissman of Aldi in the Little River District and happy birthday to Supervisor DeCrony. I'm here about a life safety hazard on Ilans Road, Route 650, the curve along the 1-8th mile stretch between 21571 and 21673 Owens Road.

[04:07:11] Since March 2025, my wife and I have been seeking the right solution, working with this board, supervisor to Kearney's office, and the Virginia Department of Transportation. I believe we are all in mutual pursuit of a solution, and I would like to see it addressed expeditiously.

[04:07:27] The stretch poses a serious risk to residents, first responders, and the school buses that travel the route. We have already seen a high-angle rescue there after an overturned truck, and that left a responding fire apparatus hanging off the side of the road.

[04:07:44] The next incident may not end as well. Families like mine with young children travel that stretch multiple times a day, and passing oncoming vehicles on that curve is a struggle almost daily. This fix fits within the county's gravel road policy, which commits to a safe, unpaved network and allows essential safety improvements.

[04:08:07] County staff have confirmed the curve is already paved, so this is not a paving request. Widening one curve preserves rural character while protecting everyone who uses the road. Thank you. Thank you, sir. Jason Stanford, you're going to be followed by Gene Gulland, followed by Lisa O'Donnell.

[04:08:31] So, I don't think I saw Mr. Stanford here. I don't think so. Okay. Is Gene Gulland here? Oh, hello. Sir, how are you? I didn't see you there. Yes, I'm Gene Gulland.

[04:08:48] I'm chair of the Heritage Commission here in Loudoun County. And I'm here to reinforce and emphasize the importance of the recommendations the Heritage Commission made to you in our letter of October 6th. And those recommendations included the establishment of a special panel to study comprehensively and in depth the long-term impacts of data centers in our county and on our communities.

[04:09:16] Why? Well, we hear again and again that we're the epicenter of data centers in the world. And what that means, think about it, is that nobody else in the world has faced what our community faces right now in terms of the scale and the cumulative impacts of data centers into the future.

[04:09:36] The circumstances force us, force Loudoun County to be a leader, a world leader in looking at these impacts, understanding them and dealing with them in the future. Development has largely been unplanned. It's been without a study of the cumulative impacts.

[04:09:54] Data centers are only now beginning to show what the impacts are. We've learned about reduced tree cover. We've learned about the impact on groundwater. We've learned about noise, low-level noise. We've also learned about auxiliary generator pollution.

[04:10:14] But we have no idea, looking into the future, about what all of these consequences of 260-plus data centers are going to bring. What we have here is what Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld once called, we have the known unknowns, we know what we don't know, but there are the unknown unknowns, where we don't know what we don't know, and that's what data centers face us with.

[04:10:44] And it's for that reason that we've urged the creation of a special panel to study on a long-term basis what these impacts are. Thank you very much. Thank you, sir. Supervisors and Loudoun, we have come to the end of the first 45 people.

[04:11:01] However, there were some people who didn't show. And so I'm going to try to fill in and call some more names so I get to that number of the people that didn't show. So I think I can probably get six or seven more names in here if you're in the room.

[04:11:19] Nicole Riley, you'll be followed by Alejandra Hernandez. Good evening, ma'am. Good evening, Chairwoman Randall and members of the board. My name is Nicole Riley, and I represent the Data Center Coalition, whose members include many of Loudoun County's leading data center owners and operators.

[04:11:40] Thank you for the opportunity to speak. While the board is deferring action on the proposal to pause legislative applications for data center and substation projects, I wanted to share the coalition's position. One of our objections was before considering any moratorium, the board should receive a

comprehensive assessment of the county's potential legal exposure and any broader fiscal impacts associated with delaying or suspending application reviews.

[04:12:04] When the board previously considered repealing the grandfather provisions approved last year, Questions regarding vested rights, potential litigation, and broader financial implications received careful consideration. We appreciate the Board's deferral to allow for more analysis. However, we are opposed to a moratorium or pause on data center and substation applications.

[04:12:25] Loudoun County's reputation for predictable decisions and fair, well-planned development would be undermined by a moratorium, creating uncertainty for businesses, property owners, workers, and residents who rely on the county's established processes. Property owners and applicants have made substantial investments and submitted applications under the county's existing rules.

[04:12:45] Just as importantly, a moratorium is unnecessary. The county already possesses the mechanism needed to address these issues prospectively. The proper approach is to allow the Phase 2 process to conclude and apply any resulting policy changes on a forward-looking basis, not on any projects already in the pipeline.

[04:13:04] The county should not abruptly change course in a way that creates uncertainty, invites legal challenges, and disrupts investments that were made in reliance on existing rules. For those reasons, we respectfully ask the board to reject any proposal that pauses or suspends legislative applications on data center and substation projects.

[04:13:22] Thank you for your time and consideration. Thank you very much, ma'am. Alejandra, I think that I'm saying that right, Hernandez, you'll be followed by Yancey Henriquez. Good evening. Hi, my name is Tracy, and I'm speaking on behalf of Alejandra. She says, I am a community leader with New Virginia Majority, and I speak on behalf of the Working Families of Loudoun.

[04:13:43] In recent years, ARPA funds have helped hundreds of families stay in their homes. But we have also seen what happens when those funds run out. Uncertainty returns, and many families face the risk of losing their housing. That is why today we ask this program not be temporary, but permanent.

[04:14:03] Housing stability cannot depend on short-term funding cycles. A permanent program reduces administrative costs, builds trust, and allows for long-term planning. We also ask that the budget reflect the reality of our community. With more than 13,000 families spending over 40% of their income on rent, we need a meaningful investment, close to \$17 million, or at least \$10 million, for the program to have real impact.

[04:14:30] In addition, we are seeing new cases that increase demand. Families who previously did not need assistance are now struggling because one of the members has been affected by ICE raids. These families are also at risk of losing their homes and must be included within the program's scope.

[04:14:45] Finally, we ask that this program be administered with sensitivity and without prejudice. It must be a space of support and respect where every family is treated with dignity. Loudon has the opportunity to lead with justice and vision.

[04:15:01] A permanent rental assistance program not only protects homes, it strengthens the community we all share. Thank you. Thank you. I may have 10 seconds to mention something about the sports center, potential sports center. Sure, you can. As a one Loudoun resident and a competitive swim

coach for a living, I am a small business owner in Loudoun, I would love to see another swimming pool put in that sports center because the lane space is really hard to find in this area.

[04:15:27] I got it. Thank you very much. That's why we're going to have design, Tourette's. Thank you so much. I'm Yancy Henriquez, and you will have your, she will have a speaker with her, and you're going to be followed, ma'am, by John Edinger. Good evening. Good evening. Supervisor.

[04:15:43] Good evening. My name is Ulysses Amaya Henriquez, and today I am reading on behalf of my mother, Yancy Henriquez. I want to share why it is so important to approve the \$17 million rental assistance fund.

[04:15:59] Many working families are facing serious challenges in paying rent and covering basic needs like food, medicine, and other essentials. With the high costs of housing and rising prices everywhere, it is becoming harder each day to live on wages that don't increase while basic needs keep getting more expensive.

[04:16:18] In our family, my father, the main provider for our household of five, including three children, lost one of his two jobs because of the current immigration situation. It is heartbreaking when my siblings ask if we can eat something different and we have to say no because we must first pay for the place where we live.

[04:16:41] This is why this fund is vital. It would help many families keep a safe and stable roof over their heads and ease the burden that prevents us from living with peace and dignity. We also want to express our concern about the very low budget currently being proposed. We believe that amount does not reflect the scale of need in the county. At New Virginia Majority, we are advocating for a higher budget. Ideally, \$17 million and at least \$10 million so the program can truly serve

[04:17:16] families in crisis. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you both. Thank you. John Edinger, followed by Kathy Bruner. John Edinger, going once, going twice. Okay, I'm going to call like four more minutes. I think I'm going to get you in here, Mr. Robinson. Kathy Bruner. How about Roberto Gomez.

[04:17:42] Roberto Gomez, are you here? All right. No? Derek Robinson, followed by Nicole Acosta. Good evening, Mr. Robinson.

[04:18:01] Good evening, Chairwoman. Good evening, members of this esteemed board. Good evening. I'm Derek Robinson, a broad-run resident and a founder of Loudoun Data Center Watch. So 50 people signed up to speak tonight, expecting this board to consider a pause on data center and substation approvals.

[04:18:19] Unfortunately, instead of the 11th hour, we were told to come back November 17th. First, we're told county staff needs more information than we're told it's a county attorney. In broad run, we know exactly what happens when the board delays decisions. We look at Hyde Park and Brolin, where I live.

[04:18:36] There's a proposal of 779 homes. The application was deferred repeatedly by the board. Then the land was eventually sold to Cyrus One after the residential developer withdrew their application. And now there will be a million square foot industrial building in my backyard. That's the kind of history that people in Broad Run can't forget.

[04:18:55] We remember that. And, you know, when the board tells us we have to wait again, frankly, these delays, it's giving political gamemanship. And I say that with respect. We're raising families here.

We're worried about noise, air quality, water, substation and transmission lines and the astronomical cost of keeping our lights on.

[04:19:13] On the question of data center application moratorium, decision just about environmental impacts, I work in tech. And right now, myself and folks in the industry know that right now advanced self-replicating AI models are currently breaking out of their sandboxes and independently bypassing digital security constraints of private companies and even governments.

[04:19:35] The CEO of Anthropic stated publicly that AI will potentially take over or disrupt large parts of the Internet within 6 to 12 months. So we can't afford to not have a pause on development across the board to figure out a cogent, sound strategy on how to move forward.

[04:19:54] The onus is on this county and its leaders. Today, I ask that you all publicly commit to a vote on November 17th. Thank you. So I need to say this one more time, because I'm going to say it one more time. It is my practice that when an applicant, a colleague, a staff member asks me for a deferral, I will do a deferral one time.

[04:20:19] That is my norm. Nothing's changed. And when the county attorney asks me for that, out of professional courtesy, just as I would do with anybody else, I will do that one time. And I'm going to be real clear about this.

[04:20:34] I'm not going to change long-standing policies, especially when it's the county staff. So this is not gamesmanship or anything else. I was requested by our county attorney. He chose that date, and it's a one-time deferment.

[04:20:51] We do probably deferments, if not every meeting, probably every other meeting. Somebody asks something to be deferred, an applicant, a colleague, sometimes two or three times a meeting. This is not abnormal. Good evening, Mr. Costa.

[04:21:08] Hello. Thank you for taking me off the wait list. Cole Costa, CEO of the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties. I'm here to express our support for staff's recommendations for the limited rent supplement program and moving it forward for consideration in the FY28 budget process.

[04:21:25] Housing stability affects so much more than where someone lives. It impacts health, employment, family, well-being, and a household's ability to remain in our community. With one in four Loudoun residents identified as Alice living below financial threshold needed to meet basic expenses, many families are struggling to make ends meet.

[04:21:42] We support staff's proposed guidelines, including eligibility for households earning 60% of area median income, the minimum housing cost burden of 40%, the six months of rent assistance at \$750 a month, and the required case management. We also support prioritizing families with children and older adults.

[04:21:59] this approach can help households facing significant rent burdens while connecting them with resources for longer-term stability. The Community Foundation also recognizes there is the potential for a gap in rental assistance as existing ARPA funding expires at the end of this year. Through the second phase of our Loudoun Community Response Fund, we anticipate awarding approximately \$500,000 in grants by

December of this year to nonprofit providers supporting rental assistance with funding available at the beginning of January 27.

[04:22:27] This one-time grant is intended to help bridge the gap between January through June ahead of a potential and hoped-for county-funded program at the beginning of July 2027. We see this as an example, another great example, of how nonprofits and philanthropy and local government can work together to build sustainable programs to improve housing stability for Loudoun residents.

[04:22:47] We encourage the board to advance the program into the FY28 budget discussion and explore funding that will allow to serve as many eligible households as possible. Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to housing stability for lot and residents. Thank you, Ms. Acosta. Mr. Acosta was our last speaker because the other one did not show, and the last person has said, no, thank you.

[04:23:10] So, Mr. Turner, that was our last speaker. Supervisors, we've been on this dance for a long time because when we go to closed session, we're actually not on break, and so there hasn't actually been a break that we've had. However, I also try to do the best I can to clear the room if there is a burning item before a break.

[04:23:33] And right now, I don't think there's a lot of people in the room for one thing. And so I think since we've been on this dance since 4 o'clock, I think it's okay for us to take a 10-minute break. So we're going to take a 10-minute break.

[04:23:48] Thanks, everyone.

[04:39:57] Thank you. Okay, everyone, we're back, and it strikes that we have still an information item to go, and we're going to do it. And I appreciate staff waiting and being so patient. It is the broadband implementation plan update, and it's item number 10C.

[04:40:18] Would staff please come to the table for the broadband implementation update? There's no way I'm going to take you off the agenda after you've waited all this time to do it. How are you doing? Good evening, Chair Randall, members of the board.

[04:40:37] But thank you for the opportunity to come provide an update to you. Tonight I'm joined by Tom Innes from All Points Broadband and the CIO of DIT, Nate Winland.

[04:40:52] Tonight I just wanted to focus on some of the highlights from the update that we provided this month. To start off, the issue, the greatest challenge and risk that we had to the project that we've been discussing with you over the last year has been the VDOT right-of-way permitting that was required in order to -- for All Points Broadband to be able to lay the fiber that they needed for this initiative. I'm happy to say that over the course of the last few months in particular, All Points Broadband and VDOT have come to an agreement on a process

[04:41:28] to follow that will allow within the VDOT confines of their existing process for permitting, right of way permitting to be more aggressively handled. We can tell you at this point 80% of the permits are now submitted to VDOT and within those 80%, 90% have been approved by VDOT.

[04:41:51] So we've seen a very impressive turnaround of this process and that's due to the collaborative efforts of both VDOT and All Points Broadband. This still remains a risk on the initiative, however, we believe there's a very clear path forward, and we are meeting, staff is still meeting with VDOT and All Points on a regular basis to keep lines of communication open and keep the process moving forward.

[04:42:17] As a result of the increased permits that have been improved, as of October 1st, over 300 miles of fiber were now constructed. This makes up 60% of the project or the planned fiber that's for this initiative.

[04:42:33] Based on the construction progress, now over 2,600 addresses within the project scope have reached enough progress to begin service ordering. Over 700 of those 2,600, which is about 28% of the addresses, have completed the sign-up process and over 200 have active broadband service today that did not have before.

[04:42:59] On the funding side, I know you all are very keenly aware of the U.S. Treasury deadline for the ARPA funds, which expire on December 31st of 2026. The Loudoun County ARPA funds that were dedicated to this initiative have been fully exhausted at this time.

[04:43:16] Good. There remains a partial unspent balance of the state Department of Housing and Community development funds that they had put forth towards this project, that is still being remitted against and will be through the end of the year. We're working closely with DHCD to do our best to ensure that those funds are fully exhausted or nearly fully exhausted by the deadline.

[04:43:43] As far as the timing goes on this initiative, we did earlier this year extend the project. It was planned to be completed or agreed to be completed by the middle of the summer. We extended the project with DHCD guidance to the end of the year to coincide with the U.S. Treasury deadline.

[04:44:04] Staff felt it was best to ensure that all monies were spent and that we didn't continue the project contract into 2027, potentially setting off alarms with the Treasury Department.

[04:44:19] We also agreed with DHCD not only on that extension, but also to revisit the status of the project in Q4 of this year to make a determination on how best to move forward into 2027. We fully expect that all points won't be completed with the full construction by the end of this year. However, DHCD is in full support of this project continuing into 2027. We're just working through the guidelines with them on the best method to proceed and to allow the project to continue into 2027. The funding still expires at the

[04:44:55] end of 2026. And as I said earlier, the Loudoun County portion of funds have been fully exhausted and now we're working on fully exhausting the DHCD portion of funds. Anything beyond those funds after the 2026 deadline is, once those have been exhausted, is on all points broadband to continue the construction of the project and on their private funding. And that's been a guideline throughout the process and throughout the years of this project.

[04:45:30] With that, we're here to answer any questions that you may have. Well, obviously on this item, first of all, thank you. That was helpful after reading the item. I wasn't quite sure on some of those things. That was really helpful. Thank you.

[04:45:46] And good for us for expending all the funds. And I'm going to go, of course, first to my colleague from the Catoctin District, Mr. Kirshner. Thank you, Madam Chair. thank you for all being here, all points staff. I just want to confirm a couple things. We are confident, it sounds like, from your presentation that we will not lose these funds because we will have them used up before the deadlines. Is that correct? If we're talking about specifically the Loudoun County ARPA funds, absolutely 100% correct. Okay. And are there any other funds

[04:46:22] we're concerned are at risk? The ones that are at risk would be the state allotment of funds. They've extended that deadline several times, correct? They've extended the project deadline. The funding deadline remains 12-31, and so we are remitting as much as possible between now and 12-31, as well as working with DHCD on their proposals, not only to extend the project into 27, but also to finish the funds that they have remaining.

[04:46:48] Okay. Well, that's all good news. I'm just going to make a statement rather than making too many questions here. I just want to remind, and I know this is uncomfortable, because this project has been extended multiple times, October 25, then to June 26, then to December 26, and then obviously we're not going to be done to work at least till 2027 at some point. That's very frustrating to me, especially in my office and receiving a lot of calls. Now, listen, I understand the way government works. We're trying to get all, we had all the make-ready work, then we have all the VDOT permitting, and we're trying to make certain deadlines, but I'm gonna, you know,

[04:47:26] and listen, I sure hope, I anticipate that All Points is gonna continue on their end of the bargain to get this done in early 2027. Is that, and I think the \$2 million question that everyone is asking is, well, we're hooking people up now and I understand we have five different phases.

[04:47:43] I happen to be on the last part of that. My house is the last house to light up, but that's okay. I'll know when it's done when my house gets serviced, so. Assuming things run as planned, and I hate to ask this question because I've asked it many times and we have multiple deadlines, do we see an end in sight?

[04:48:01] So at the current rate of VDOT permitting and the outstanding miles to be permitted. Good way of putting it, current rate, yes. At the current rate, which is the rate that we've worked out with VDOT that we've been hitting for the last several months. Okay, so we're hitting those benchmarks. We have about six months of VDOT permitting left, and our construction is following shortly after that.

[04:48:21] Well, how much, what is shortly after that? Between 45 and 75 days. Once we get the permitting. Once we get the permitting. Okay. So that, I would think that we would have this potentially done by the summer of next year.

[04:48:37] Yes. So that's nine months from now. Okay. So when you come back and we have this discussion, I want to remind you of that. I mean, at some point it gets a little ridiculous. I know we have to push on with the project, but I'm glad that we have made some breakthroughs and we have this working relationship with VDOT and the permitting.

[04:48:54] So giving you guys some hard times. I know it's a little easy to come to us on those facts, but I do appreciate it. Ms. DeCrony? Yeah, thank you. So are there any addresses in the Little River District in the marketing or connection phase?

[04:49:11] I think that's Loudon 3. The cabinet is active in Loudon 3, the cabinet that provides service throughout the Little River District. I don't believe we have begun marketing yet in the Little River District.

[04:49:30] Not yet. So no connections yet or marketing for the Little River District. No way. Yeah. So St. Louis is kind of my big focus here because they've really needed service.

[04:49:46] It's a community that needs service. Yes. So the St. Louis residents over the last couple of weeks should have seen our construction crews out there marking utilities, putting the white lines down on pavement, preparing to put up the strand between the poles, so construction activity is starting there.

[04:50:05] My guess is they're probably 30 to 45 days away from the marketing phase when they could sign up for service, but they should be seeing construction activities underway already. Okay. Can you let my office know when the marketing is beginning in St. Louis so I can let the community know?

[04:50:25] And we'll provide you the actual marketing material. Oh, that would be great. I saw that there are some addresses that are in the BED program. So is there some overlap with that? There should not be overlap between the BED program and the VEDI program.

[04:50:45] Those would be additional locations that were either considered served, because the definition of broadband was lower at the time we scoped the VEDI project, or there were new construction after we scoped the Avedi project. Okay, so there is an overlap, because I saw that All Points Broadband was awarded 567 addresses in the BED program.

[04:51:10] I saw that in your report. Yes, ma'am, and those would have been for locations that no other provider had applied for. Okay, but you'll provide service? Yes. Okay. And, okay, so what timeline will they be on? The same timeline as the rest, or are you going to add them at the end?

[04:51:31] The BEAD program, which is a direct contract between All Points Broadband and the Department of Housing and Community Development, there is the federal funding involved with that does require environmental and historic preservation review, which is underway today.

[04:51:48] As soon as that process is completed, we can present the construction timeline for the BEAD program. As the State Broadband Office in Virginia and a lot of other states have learned a lot of lessons from the ARPA-funded broadband programs, the rules and regulations for the BEAD program are much stricter.

[04:52:10] There's a lot more preparation work up front before construction starts. We're not obligated to provide the county updates like the way that we do with the Beatty program, but we're going to continue doing that throughout the BEAD program. Okay. Thank you very much. I appreciate that.

[04:52:27] Thank you very much. I think Mr. Kirshner asked most of my questions, but let me just follow back up to what he said. First of all, I'm thrilled that we're going to expand or have expended all of our ARPA money. We never want to leave that money at the table. Why? Obviously, we, you know, this has taken a little longer than we thought, but nine months.

[04:52:49] If we can take that to the bank, that's very good news. And if Mr. Kirshner's house is the last one to get powered up, we will know when it's done. He did ask, is there any more other monies to be expended?

[04:53:04] And I didn't, other monies, other grant monies are from anywhere else, and I didn't quite hear that answer. The remaining grant funds are the state dollars, the state dollars that were dedicated towards or granted to us as part of this initiative.

[04:53:20] So they granted us \$17.5 million. With the current remittance that we have in place right now, we would have roughly \$4 to \$5 million remaining to be spent between now and the end of the year. To be spent? Between now and the deadline of the end of the year. Okay. All right.

[04:53:36] Okay. Thank you very much. I appreciate you all. Thank you. Let's see. Supervisors, let's go on to our action items. I'm going to go to item 14D first, the board member initiative to a limited rent supplement to promote housing stability.

[04:53:59] That's item 14D. It is a BMI. Mr. Sains, I'm going to go to you to kind of talk about the BMI. I'll give you like two minutes, if that's okay, and then go on and make the motion.

[04:54:16] How's that sound? Okay. Okay. Thank you. All right, so this BMI came about through myself and Supervisor Brisbane from the Algonquian District.

[04:54:32] Had the idea after talking with community members and seeing some of the results from our program that we have currently that's in partnership with Loudoun Cares and how that has been working. We wanted to take that initiative a step further or two and make it a permanent fixture in the county.

[04:54:55] I believe this program will help many renters in Loudoun who were talking about our workforce, the backbone of our community from health care providers, child care, elder care workers, cafeteria workers, service industry workers, and the like, first responders, educators, are all affected.

[04:55:16] If we continue on the path that we're on right now, most people will be priced out of Loudoun County, and we don't want to see that. Their jobs are here, their families are here, so we want them to stay within the county. So we came up with this idea to have a rental assistance program.

[04:55:35] It's not long-term for anybody who's qualified for it. It will be about six months, but we felt this is a good thing to bring to our county. So I'll pause there and make the motion. I move that the Board of Supervisors send discussion of the county-funded limited rent supplemental program that improves housing stability for cost burden Loudoun County renters, including the programmatic criteria identified in Detachment 1 of the October 2026 Board of Supervisors Business Action Item to the fiscal year 2028 budget process.

[04:56:15] Can you read that again, please? Yes, I move that the Board of Supervisors send discussion of the county-funded limited rent supplemental program that improves housing stability for cost burden Loudoun County renters, including the programmatic criteria identified in attachment one of the October 20, 2026 Board of Supervisors business meeting action item to the fiscal year 2028 budget process.

[04:56:39] Okay, so, point of information, so you all are sending this to the budget process to see if we could afford it, not to weed out and meet out how it would be done? Is that what, tell me, I'm not opposing, I'm just trying to understand the motion.

[04:56:55] What staff presented from our guidance, they came back with good criteria. So there is, help me out, Eric and Brian, if it's, what is it, 50 or is it 60 AMI and below? So, yes, 60% of AMI are below.

[04:57:10] It's a point of information, so I'm not asking to discuss the issue yet. I'm just asking the motion maker. We're reporting this to our budget process. So then when we get to the budget process, then we'll vote yes or no for it and discuss how we're going to pay for it. Okay, and this is a BMI right now? BMI that redirect the staff to come up with the criteria and come back with.

[04:57:29] You guys come up with the criteria. And refine with the criteria that they came back with. Gotcha. Okay, thank you for that. Would you like an opening? Thank you, Madam Chair. So, as I was stating earlier, we need a rental program that can help support our current renters so they remain close to their jobs and family members and friends and not priced out of Loudoun County.

[04:57:50] I agree with many of the criteria that the staff proposed and identified in their item. We know that the ARPA-funded rental assistance program that I mentioned earlier, this will end in December of this year after two and a half years of using ARPA money, the total program budget, has been \$9.6 million. I'm

in favor of what staff is recommending at \$3 million budget, which will provide \$750 per month. That's roughly for 533 households. I know my colleague who helped

[04:58:26] me, who we worked together on this BMI has a friendly motion that she'd like to attach to it, it. And I'm fine with the friendly as well to look at other budget numbers. It doesn't hurt to do so. But all we're doing, again, as I mentioned earlier, is sending this to our fiscal year 2028 budget process. And we'll definitely have a more engaging conversation about the funding source. We just heard that \$5 million will be granted from Amazon, possibly with the deal that was announced earlier so that might free up some of the funding for this program and also have some

[04:59:04] other ideas for funding so i'm looking forward to our conversation tonight and hopefully at the end when we take our vote my colleagues will vote to to forward this on to our 2028 fiscal year budget process thank you thank you sir miss briggsman thank you madam chair i don't know if it was recorded that i was a second on the motion i did okay thank you um thank you so much to staff for your hard work on this response to the BMI. I agree with all of staff's recommendations on this and I really want to thank Supervisor Sains for his partnership on bringing this initiative forward

[04:59:43] and also the conversations we've had and the support we've had from our housing advocates, New Virginia Majority, and of course Community Foundation. We brought the initiative forward in May because Loudon families have been struggling to afford the homes that they already live in.

[04:59:59] We've seen that community members took advantage of the ARPA program. And so we thought that since there was a need and it's proved out in the ARPA program and the ARPA funds that we use for rental assistance, that it was a good idea to move forward with a locally funded program.

[05:00:17] And it is a temporary program so that we don't run into any sort of hurdles with our other funding sources for these sorts of issues in the county. We are hopeful that when it gets to the budget discussion that our colleagues will support. And my friendly was to just send, to ask staff to also include a \$5 million scenario and a \$10 million scenario when

[05:00:51] we discuss it at, at, um, budget time. Uh, that would be my friendly, if you're okay with it. Yes, ma'am. A friendly to my own motion. Yes, I accept the friendly. So that'll be, just to clarify, that'll be, let's have a look at 3 million, 5 million, and the 10 million option. Sure. Um, I can read it, but, um, I can read the specifics of the motion, but everyone has it on the pink sheet. So it's just, um, just having options other than one or two options that staff presented, having options to have a more expanded program if

[05:01:23] possible. As we know, again, we do have members of our community who are really struggling and they need a hand up and some assistance. And I'm really excited that the program will require counseling, financial, you know, management assistance, and those sorts of things so that hopefully once someone goes through the six months of assistance through the county, that they don't need to come back. And we also have criteria in there that once they have

[05:01:59] received assistance in one fiscal cycle, they can't ask for it again until the next fiscal cycle. But I'm really hopeful with the programming that we're going to be adding to it, that we will have folks enter housing stability and they won't need to come back for assistance.

[05:02:16] Thank you very much. Mr. Letourneau? Thank you. I have a question for staff that you may or may not know the answer to. Do you know what the population of the county is at the 40 and 60 AMI levels? Like how many people are we actually talking about?

[05:02:33] I don't know exactly. We know that there are about 3,500 tax credit projects, apartments in the county. So those projects, obviously, because they have income qualifications, all are occupied by somebody at 60% of AMI or lower.

[05:02:48] But the number's probably much higher. It's much higher, right. So that's the only, you know, that. But, yeah, I'd have to get back to you. Yeah, I'm curious about that because almost no matter how much money you throw at this, unless you throw an extraordinary amount of money, you're going to have a very arbitrary process in terms of who would benefit from it.

[05:03:08] And that's the case for a lot of these housing assistance programs because we have limited funds. But I feel like at least when new projects open that we funded, they're kind of open to everybody, first come, first serve. Whereas here, we'll probably have to have some kind of lottery or something like that.

[05:03:25] And I think we're going to be touching a very small number of the actual individuals who could have a need for this or a desire for this. If we were to take this money and use it differently in the affordable housing area, such as I know we just said that we may have are getting a five million dollar benefit from Amazon.

[05:03:46] But that's, you know, we just cut the ribbon on the Linden, which is a great project. But then I found out that every single one of the affordable units were already rented before we even did the ribbon cutting. So would we not be better off building things that have more longevity associated with them rather than just a six-month if we were to take this money and use it?

[05:04:08] Is this something that staff would do if we weren't telling you to, if we just gave you \$5 million? I'm putting you on the spot. I know. But I think I've answered this before. I mean, for a long-term affordability, in my mind, my professional opinion, it is that the longer-term affordability, you do get more bang for your buck with a capital investment up front because we can create 40, 75 years.

[05:04:34] But there is also a need, you know, I want to be honest. There is a spectrum of what we need in the county for services. So that, I think, is where we were looking at how do we address that. I mean, it was a BMI, so the board wanted to explore it. But, you know, I think some of the items, the criteria that Supervisor Umstead discussed were not here.

[05:04:52] I'm sure we should probably address that. So I'm just conceptually not there on this at this moment, And it's mostly because I don't think this is the best way to dole out money in this particular area. And I think it's, you know, there's a lot of people who are struggling to pay their bills.

[05:05:09] Not even all of them are 40 and 60 AMI. And so it's going to be hard for me to kind of look at a lottery and then say, well, someone's going to get it and you're not. And then, you know, I don't know that we've built something long term. And that's how I like to see the county's money used. Mr. Crony.

[05:05:26] Yeah, thank you, Chair Randall. And I have a question, too. The ARPA funding that we did for rental assistance, wasn't that kind of considered a pilot? I mean, didn't we learn something from that pilot? Because I saw this was also considered a pilot, so I would think we learned something from our ARPA program that we could apply here, you know, for a more successful program.

[05:05:51] I would say it was, right. It was a short, because it was, again, it was limited time as to when we could do it. It is somewhat similar. There is a component that we did add to this is really the case

management and the tracking component that we didn't do as much as we probably could have done with the ARPA of finding out what the real impact is.

[05:06:12] And you'll see in the item that we are suggesting three, six, nine months afterward, making sure we're doing follow-up to see, again, how effective the program actually is in keeping people stably housed. But adding a deeper amount of also case management and financial literacy is really an important component of all of these as you're building programs because you want it to be hopefully they come once to us and we get them stably or get them into the properly housed also.

[05:06:42] Do you think Loudon Cares will be the nonprofit partner on this? We will go through a procurement process. So they obviously have an expertise of how to do it, but we'll have to follow that. Did they do case management?

[05:06:58] Yes. Okay. Okay, good. And how many years was the ARPA assistance program? Because I know we're recommending six months, right, here. ARPA was two and a half years. that it was an implementation, although the base amount for assistance was six months, with the option for an additional three months should the need be brought up. But the baseline was six months. And then you could keep renewing every three months?

[05:07:24] No, it was a one-and-done deal. So if you received a six-month allotment, say in 2024, you couldn't come back for ARPA funding. Okay, but it was two and a half years, the extent, the length of the program. Correct, yes, ma'am. Okay, until the money ran out, right? Okay, and why wouldn't we do the 40% AMI versus the 60% for the people that are deeply in need?

[05:07:47] So it's up to 60% is the eligibility. We're tying that to the tax credit, the committed affordability that we have. And then the 40% is the cost burden. So we want somebody to be- Right, but I know Arlington does it only up to 40% AMI.

[05:08:05] you saw that Arlington's program yeah but you recommend 60. Yeah to be able to catch a wider net you know. Okay okay I can go with that thank you. Miss Umstead. Thank you Madam Chair. I I expressed concerns about this before. I appreciate staff's work on it of course you've done very good work but my concerns continue. We don't we don't even have enough resources to make sure that American citizens in Loudoun County have homes. We have homeless citizens and there

[05:08:44] are no citizen preferences built into this. And I raised that issue before and most of the board thought to heck with that. I think we have an obligation to look after our citizens first and then if we have additional revenues that we can dedicate to non-citizens, then I would be very open to that. There also is no work requirement for those capable of working in

[05:09:17] this. Staff has set up a counseling system, but there is no requirement that someone actually try to get a job or even volunteer in order to benefit from this program.

[05:09:37] And so I think of those of my constituents who live in very modest homes with very modest incomes who are paying taxes, and those taxes will go to support this program, and they are barely, barely above the level that this would cover uh so i just i don't i don't know if i'm going to come around um when this finally comes to budget discussions but right now i don't i don't think it's a path we should go down thank you mr kirschner thank you madam chair yeah i just

[05:10:16] can't support this couple of reasons i'm always very reticent to start a big surprise i'm not supporting this right um i'm always very reticent to start new permanent government programs we had the arpa program less than anybody forget because we were going through a pandemic right we received that money we knew people were struggling we knew people were having difficulty getting jobs and so we provided that money and we did it through a non-profit who we who we sent that money through and i think probably a very valuable thing in the time of need i think if we're going to do this we should model it similarly, which is we should send it through a grant process to our non-profits.

[05:10:52] I'll get to that in a minute. But I agree with Supervisor Umstead. There is no work requirement here. There's no citizen requirement that I've seen in any of this. I think that's a big problem. As Supervisor Umstead said, we have our own citizens who are struggling mightily, and there's just some ongoing difficulties with how this is being put together.

[05:11:11] I heard mention of a \$9 million funding. That's almost half a penny on the tax rate right now. That's an extraordinary amount that we now are considering making a permanent program to fund rent assistance.

[05:11:29] We have, I think I counted up, 8 to 12 nonprofits, some of them who regularly offer rent assistance. I think it would be much better for us because as we see a need base where they come to us to set up a grant program to get them to assist rather than setting up a permanent program, which is essentially what this does.

[05:11:48] And again, it's something we're going to send it to the budget process. And I would just tell my colleagues, you know, we're we're going we're going on the war path for a lot of our infrastructure right now. And yet we're we're coming up with a lot of programs to spend a lot of money. I think maybe we should kind of rethink you spend more and then you cut back on the income.

[05:12:07] That's essentially what this board is kind of undertaking in many ways. And so maybe we should reconsider how we're approaching all of this. We're talking \$9 million, potentially looking at funding half a cent on the penny. And we're talking about putting bans and moratoriums in data centers, which is our biggest funder.

[05:12:24] We're just, the two just will not, I mean, for now it works, but the two will not. And the only alternative once you run out of that is to just continue to raise taxes on the residents. I think one of the reasons we have problems with data centers with our public is because we haven't cut our tax rate enough, and that makes it more affordable.

[05:12:41] We're doing a good job going in the right direction with our car tax, which would help a lot of our low-income folks here, because when you have to have a car, which you pretty much do as a majority of places in Loudoun County, and you're paying a lot of taxes on it, that's one way to help these folks save money is cut their taxes, not start new government programs where we have a bunch of FTEs we have to fund, and we permanently have to pay for that and all the process that goes through that, I think we'd be much better served through our nonprofits. Thank you. You want to know what it costs more than helping people stay in their house? Homelessness. That's what. Homelessness is expensive. The amount you're going to pay when

[05:13:20] a woman, a couple, and their two kids have no home to live in at all, it's going to be much more. There are times you can be penny wise and pound foolish. And not only will it cost more in actual

dollars. It costs more in trauma. It costs more in family separations. It costs more in long-term damage. Keeping people housed is an important, responsible, financially sensible thing to do.

[05:13:46] And so that's the first thing. I am a little bit appalled to hear about the citizenship question because if the parents are not citizens, you better smooth believe that these children are citizens. They were born here. They're citizens of this country. And unless you're going to the decide who gets to be taken out of this country tomorrow, they're here now.

[05:14:08] They are here now. And they are working in our restaurants. They are working in our homes. They are working as daycare workers, especially for nurses' aides.

[05:14:24] They're doing that work right now. Who do you think is doing that work? If you think it's American citizens, you've got another thing coming for the most part. So to decide you're not going to help the people who are working very hard that keeps this county and this country going, I don't know what you're talking about.

[05:14:40] They are here now, and they're working right now. They're working in jobs that often American citizens won't do, and their children are American citizens. That's an appalling statement. I don't remember, I don't remember for people who are Christians, it ever saying that you love only the people who are born in your...

[05:15:01] In fact, I remember just the opposite. Did you extend the hand to the immigrant, to people who are visiting your name? That's what it says. So for everybody who was claiming Christ on this dais, maybe there's some scriptures I can send you because you were completely wrong about that.

[05:15:18] That is not extending God's love at all, at all. I actually, the only thing I have issue with is the mandatory counseling. One, I think it's going to, we'll have to do a lot of hiring.

[05:15:35] into the assumption that because somebody is having an issue right now, they're doing something wrong. It's just not true. In this economy, you can do everything right and still not be able to forge your home right now. You can. So to force them to go to counseling says you're doing something wrong. I'm going to support this, but when it comes to the board later, I'm going to ask to take that out. Some people might want it, and we can evaluate that and evaluate what they know and what they don't know and how to help, but to just assume that it's not because of some

[05:16:11] other reason is not, I think, something that we should do. So we can talk about that later, but I will support this now. Mr. Sainz, you want to close him? Thank you, Madam Chair. I'll just say quickly, this is going to cover everybody.

[05:16:27] It's going to cover those who are not U.S. citizens, possibly. It's going to cover U.S. citizens, because there's not saying it's not going to cover U.S. citizens, to one of my colleagues' point, on why they're not supporting it. I'll say to Chair Randall, your point about the counseling, I think having counseling is a good thing, because you might hear something that you might not know already, because nobody's assuming that, to your point, that they're doing something bad.

[05:16:56] No, nobody's saying that, but they might hear something that they didn't know about. They might be able to learn about investing more if they're not doing that already. They might learn about a 529 plan for their children or grandchildren, et cetera, some other programs that they were not aware about that they could invest in and help with investing in different mechanisms.

[05:17:18] So actually, one of the good things I did was take a financial class, and I learned about the 529 plan, which I'm so glad I did. I always tell people to do the 529 plan for your children because it covers going to college or university. And as we know, some people don't go to college or university right now with Virginia's 529 plan, it covers a whole lot of things from trades and other things. And you can use that money for down payment for a house and other things now. So maybe somebody might not know that, but if they go to this class, they might hear about these things. So that'd be a good thing. I think, you know, to Supervisor Letourneau's point, this is just, as I mentioned,

[05:17:54] when we first brought this BMI forward, this is just another tool in the toolbox. Yes, we have the housing fund. Yes, we're looking at partnering with the developers to do all affordable housing, which we're getting ready to do a groundbreaking on in a couple of weeks at the Atlantic Boulevard site. Happy about that. We just did a groundbreaking for another affordable project a couple of weeks ago and another one before that. So good, we're doing those things. But this is just another tool in the toolbox to add to helping a variety of our residents here in the county on a variety of different ways to help folks stay in their homes, stay in the county, make sure

[05:18:32] people, because right now, it looks to be honest, you know, Supervisor Kushner brought up COVID. People were out of jobs. People were living paycheck to paycheck. People were out of COVID. Right now, people are still living paycheck to paycheck. People are paying majority of their paycheck to go to their rent, go to their mortgage, and then have peanuts left to pay utility bills, pay their insurance, pay their car note, pay their groceries.

[05:18:55] So this will be able to help folks do all those things and be able to save and get a nest egg to help them with the down payment for a house, buy a car, pay down some bills, you know, a whole lot of things. So I think this is a good program for us to have, good investment in the county, and hopefully, again, we can vote to continue to move this initiative forward to our budget process, and then we'll have another nice conversation and hopefully vote to bring this to loud and make it real.

[05:19:24] Thank you. Advisor Sains made the motion. Advisor Brisbane seconded the motion. All in favor, please say aye. Aye. Opposed? Aye. I think I'm hearing three nays, so that would be a 6-3, and that will pass. Let's go on to the next item, the next item being the DPZ work plan, of which Mr. Crony has sent us.

[05:19:47] These are two separate motions on this, right? I further moved the two separate motions on the DPZ work plan. Okay, wonderful. Dan, while you were giving this, I would like you to just speak on how much room you all have for any other thing to be placed on you right now on top of the work plan you're about to talk to us about.

[05:20:18] Yes, ma'am, happy to. I know, I know. 22 page item.

[05:20:41] Okay, good evening, Madam Chair, board members. I'm Dan Galindo, Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning here for our quarterly Department of Planning and Zoning work plan update. I'm happy to announce that we were able to remove one item off of the work plan over the past quarter. That was a placard notice of requirements, ZOAM.

[05:20:59] We have a number of items, I think it's 12, that we are tracking for various public hearings between now and next July. So we hopefully will be making a lot of progress on these items in the near future. So looking at the ZOAM work plan first, the data center phase two project is well underway.

[05:21:23] As you may know, we did two open houses at the end of last month in Ashburn and in Leesburg. We had just under 200 people attend collectively between those two events. We had actually a surprising, to me at least, amount of media input, including media from other countries.

[05:21:41] I think I gave interviews to people from Saudi Arabia, France, Vietnam. There may have been another one or two, including local media as well. So we have attracted quite a bit of interest in all things data centers, I'm sure will not shock any of you.

[05:21:59] The first draft of the proposed amendments have been placed on the Loudoun County webpage. And so I've already talked to some of you and some of your staff about questions and comments about what is in there right now. We are asking for input from the public and from various groups that we are talking to by the end of this month.

[05:22:20] So we'll have a few weeks to consider that, make any revisions that we can, that we think are appropriate, and then shooting to bring the revised drafts to you at your December 1st meeting for a check-in before we move forward to public hearing with the Planning Commission and then back to the board eventually. So that is ongoing.

[05:22:38] Walrus, our other big project, the Western Loud and Rural Use and Standards Project, still has three outstanding ad hoc committee meeting dates in October, November, and on December 1st. So I think those are making good progress. Last I checked in with Judy in detail, there were only a couple of minor things that were tracking to come back at that last meeting, which is kind of a collective cleanup meeting.

[05:23:00] So we are hoping that we can continue making progress in each of those individual meetings and keep that on task. I think I'll add at this time, on addition to all of this, you may have noted when you were looking at the dates across the board in this work plan, there have only been a couple that have shifted at all, including one actually that's moved up for a reason I'll talk about in a moment.

[05:23:21] But we are trying very, very hard to keep these various projects on track and on the schedules that we have laid out in front of you. There was an attachment to this work plan, which there is typically not, but one that showed where we are anticipating those various projects coming into board for final approval.

[05:23:42] Again, roughly, as I've said before, whenever we get to the Planning Commission, get to the board, our project plans just kind of build in a public hearing and then one additional meeting just as a placeholder. Obviously, it's up to the planning commission. It's up to you as the board whether you want to have one meeting or eight meetings on any individual topic. But looking at having one business meeting or one work session at the commission, these dates on that attachment show you when these things will come in, which also match the completion dates we are showing in the various tables. Okay, one of those that did move just a little bit is the Floodplain

[05:24:22] Overlay District, which is being primarily run by staff from the Department of Building and Development. They did meet with the Zoning Ordinance Committee at the beginning of October and then in the middle of October with the FSM Public Review Committee to receive some recommendations. They are intending to bring a ROYA to the board in November, and we are shooting for a spring completion date, hopefully early spring on that project. For the zoning of certain properties under the 1972 ordinance. You may have noted that Mr. Rogers emailed you recently

[05:24:56] that we identified a potential issue with the advertising that went out for a public hearing that we were trying to have with the Planning Commission in October. We have already started working on correcting that and are re-advertising, resending out notices is required by state code that will allow us to have the Commission's public hearing on November 19th and we are not anticipating any significant delay in that project because of that. For item five, this is one of what I'm proposing to now be three. We've talked about two before, but I'll talk about seven

[05:25:32] in a moment. But this is one of the first two projects that we have recommended and are currently working on to implement some of the recent state legislation. So this is the one regarding buy-right affordable housing for religious and non-profit organizations. That has already gone through the Planning Commission public hearing, we are bringing that to the board at your November public hearing and are hoping to be able to turn it around for your December 1st meeting as well because that section of state code will become effective January 1st.

[05:26:03] So that is our intent. I think we thus far have not seen any significant issues with the Texas being proposed and are hoping that you will feel the same once you review it. Item six is another state legislation. This one's regarding sale of cannabis, growing of cannabis as well.

[05:26:21] So the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority will start accepting applications for cannabis establishment licenses on February 1st. And they may begin issuing licenses for those establishments on May 1st. So this is one where we actually previously had a later completion date proposed and are trying very hard to get that done by February so we can present something to you prior to February 1st so that we have that in place.

[05:26:50] And hopefully that could coincide with the process the state will be undertaking. So the ZOAM will be presented to ZOC on November 7th. It was already presented to them at a high level early October as well. And we are going to take ZOC's feedback to the November public hearing of the Planning Commission to try to move that forward as expeditiously as possible.

[05:27:12] Number seven is the one new item that I'm proposing for the work plan, and that is because it is also something that is required due to state legislation. So this affects the smaller area of the county, but Virginia House Bill 888 will—it prevents the zoning ordinance from requiring minimum off-street parking within one-half mile of the—excuse me, not prevents, but the—well, no, prevents the minimum, I'm sorry, one-half mile of an entrance to a mass transit station and limits the number that are allowed there.

[05:27:44] it also requires the establishment of an administrative review process, which we have for developers that may request a reduction of minimum off-street parking of not less than 20%. Our current amount in the ordinance is lower. So both of those need to be built into the ordinance.

[05:28:02] This is actually already effective under state code, but those both need to be built into the ordinance as quickly as we can get to them. It does affect a smaller area, and I don't think it'll be an extremely complicated ZOAM. I've not proposed a completion date yet because we have honestly not assigned a project manager to that yet. We were waiting to ensure that the board agreed with the placement on the work plan and its prioritization. Number eight, the zoning ordinance rewrite adjustments, as I mentioned last at the last check-in. This is one that's been hanging out there for a while that we just cannot get to because it keeps being overcome by

[05:28:40] other projects such as those things coming from a lot of state code actions in the past year. So we are currently trying to look at the many dozens of mostly small, but things that we've identified and trying to break out a smaller number of them to hopefully move this forward faster for a few key issues. There are a couple of things from other bills that passed that we would like to incorporate into this, one of which is to revise the chapter through use tables to list manufactured homes as a permanent use in the countryside residential zoning districts in response to a state bill, and another to modify Section 3.04

[05:29:20] to specifically add new provisions permitting temporary and portable wireless support facilities. There's another issue that we've also identified with the ordinance when it relates to county and school projects for the correlated color temperature of ball field lighting.

[05:29:38] So the current applications we have for county projects have added special exceptions to revise that color temperature. But in talking with DTCI and the public school system as well, the schools have a number of fields that they are hoping to change the lighting on or add lighting to in the near future. And so if we can implement a change to the ordinance soon, we can avoid them having to go through a special exception just to change the color temperature, which would be the only reason that they would need to bring that forward as things stand currently so hopefully we will be able to tackle that and a few other small things

[05:30:17] with what will become the adjustments number one and then move what we cannot tackle with that into a number two project that we can then handle as again as quickly as we can get to it beyond that everything else on the zoam work plan has stayed the same since the last update and really for the last couple of updates. So I will move into our planning projects. So for a number of these, there's carryover between ZOAMs as well. The first one I'll highlight that that's

[05:30:51] independent is the Electro Infrastructure Phase 2 project. We are currently working through the initial results of the analysis that Kimley Horn has done on potential routing options throughout the county to try to address, phase two addresses where we might put new lines, not just where existing lines are, which is what we currently have in the plan, whether they're existing or have been approved by the SEC.

[05:31:17] So we've been trying to look to see if there's areas that make sense that we would identify as our preferred options for new lines if they were to come in. We have Kimley-Horn's draft analysis that we're looking over. We will be talking about that and revising that with the consultant over the next month or so.

[05:31:34] we are hoping to check in with the board on that project by the end of the year and so more to come on that this is also the project where the the board's recent motion in June to initiate the high voltage direct current study we were folding that into this as well and our consultants are currently working to finalize that study for item four the phase one of the countywide transportation plan review that will be going to the planning commission for public hearing at the end of this month. So we are currently on track to bring that to the board and hopefully have that adopted in

[05:32:13] the spring as has currently been proposed for the past couple of updates. We also have had a CPAM component for the zoning of certain properties in the 1972 zoning ordinance project. With the board's consent, I have actually directed staff to not work towards the CPAM portion of that because the language that is in the general plan right now doesn't really have any bearing on the zoning work that we

were doing. It talks a lot more about, um, the, the tax district itself, the, the board that makes decisions. And so until that separate action is taken to essentially

[05:32:51] abolish that, that body, I think it makes just as much sense to keep it into the plan and we can tackle that with one of the, uh, future CPAMs that we will bring forward, um, hopefully in the near future, but it's not as vital as focusing on the zoning changes that are within that project right now. For item six, the village small area plans, we are on track to, um, to hold our initial kind of interest meetings with the three communities that the board has previously identified of Lockett's Canyon Springs and Willisville right after the beginning of the new year.

[05:33:26] Uh, we have been working with public affairs and I think that some, some combination of they and my staff have been in touch with some of your offices to try to ensure that we are utilizing days that you can be available if you would like to attend any of those meetings. Uh, but we are, roughly on track with that to have those initial meetings and then using the information that comes out of those we will then bring project plans to the board for adoption to initiate those first three village plans hopefully soon thereafter beyond that the other items on the non historic community planning initiatives have not changed and they are all still things that we have not

[05:34:04] really picked up to run with and we need to clear off some of the other projects off of our plate before we can do so for our historic planning initiatives we are still making progress on the national register nominations for howardsville and st louis there will be a public meeting for october 26th for st louis and howardsville which should be i think the last requirement that is needed before it can fully be considered done on our side and then taken up by the national park service to be added to the national register which we are hoping will happen in the spring of next year and there's been a small update to the unison historic district

[05:34:42] design guidelines project. We were not able to schedule our initial community meeting quite as soon as we were hoping to in August. So that meeting was held on December, or excuse me, September 22nd, which delayed the timeline just a little bit. We are still anticipating that those those guidelines will be completed and ready for adoption in early 2027, which would be commensurate with the board's potential approval of the legy that was submitted by the community of Unison to create a historic district, which has also been delayed slightly because they have requested the addition of three new properties to that application before it comes to the planning commission and board.

[05:35:21] And then beyond that, the final items on our historic work plan are still hanging out there without any project manager being assigned to them just yet. So as we have at the end of the item and as the chair talked about, we are stretched extremely thin. As I said, we are trying our best to try just to maintain the timelines of the projects that we already have in front of you. We don't really have the capacity to tackle anything else big and of this nature. Obviously, as the board passes BMIs at

[05:35:57] times, we have brought smaller items back to you or have been able to answer certain things after doing some research by email and other means. So we do have a little bit of capacity for those things as they pop up, but for things that are going to be taking multiple months, we don't have capacity to run those projects, nor is there really capacity on the Planning Commission and Board's agendas available for these next 12 months or so to put items on there in addition to what we already have planned and processed right now.

[05:36:27] The other thing that I will mention is that while we've had had really good luck for the past year to year and a half of maintaining staff and filling out our positions at the board had granted us over the time. In the past quarter, unfortunately, we did lose some key staff members, including Randall Farron, who had been the division manager for special projects. He has now become the deputy director in Leesburg. We have lost two staff members on the land use review team as well, so we have shuffled projects of the legy type amongst those staff, and as you'll see behind me and see very shortly, I also have the two division

[05:37:05] managers here covering items to keep those things moving forward. So yes, yes. We also still are down the zoning enforcement division manager. We have two senior planners that we need to fill, two planner threes, one planner one, and then a program inspector and some zoning inspectors within the zoning enforcement team as well. Some of those are new positions, so they are not things that have opened up recently, but that is our unfortunate news that we have 16 open positions

[05:37:40] at the moment, although we are making progress on putting ads out there, interviewing, filling them as quickly as we can. So with that- I'm sorry, how many positions are open right now, did you say? 16. 16, one, one and six together. Yes. Okay. Yes. Five of which are new. So five of them are with the new budget, but that means there were 11 that were existing positions that are open. And so with that, I'm happy to answer any questions and hear what you have to say.

[05:38:11] Okay. Thank you very much. Appreciate that. Supervisors, if you have questions, Mr. Carney, I can, I know you have two motions, but if you want to do questions and then come back and do the motions, you can. If you have questions right now, does anyone else have questions for staff? I don't see, Ms. Bricksman. Thank you. Well, I for one want to thank you. I know that A lot's been thrown at you of late, and I know that you guys are working really hard, and I just want to appreciate that.

[05:38:44] I think that you're doing a great job managing the department. Thank you. And making good decisions as far as priorities go. I think I read in the item that there's 16 vacancies right now in the department. That really made my stomach turn and feel bad about that.

[05:39:03] I guess my question to you would be, is there anything we can do to help with that? I mean, I know that we were offering bonuses at one point. I don't know if we're still doing that. Like, is there anything that the board can do to help get your department staffed up?

[05:39:21] I don't know if there's anything that the board can do outright. A number of our positions still are eligible for sign-on bonuses. Okay. That has not changed. I probably shouldn't look about just to verify which positions they are, but a number of the planning positions in particular I know are.

[05:39:38] But no, I think just continue to provide us with grace and your thanks as things come up and give us a little bit of understanding if things drag out a little bit. We are trying our best to communicate openly with applicants for legislative applications as well as the various parties that we're dealing with on that are interested in these CPAMs and ZOAMs, but just to give an honest assessment of where things are. Okay, thank you. Thank you.

[05:40:06] So this may not be the conversation for now, and I do hear your answer, and this may be something we have a discussion in a TLUC around, but I guess, you know, obviously, and I say this off time. Our staff are professionals who do this job well. This is your education. This is your expertise. I do

sometimes wonder things like, why would an application be sent back for a fourth, fifth, sixth submission? And I wonder if there's ever a time where you just think,

[05:40:46] well, you know what? Send that to the planning commission. Let's see what goes on with that. Because by the time we're sending it in for a sixth or seventh submission, you know, I can't imagine what wasn't caught the first four submissions or something. I think that the scorecard and what we're doing right now will help.

[05:41:05] I do think that will help, and that's going to come to TLEC, I think, now. It's coming to TLEC now, tomorrow, yeah. So I'm really interested in seeing that and having that discussion with you. But, you know, on the one hand, I'm saying, you know, like, we've got to get these things done faster.

[05:41:21] On the other hand, I just worked a deal that makes us fast-track Amazon. So I get it, right? I get that there's a lot of things going on. I have, bless you, I have been trying to even do things like get you guys earlier on the agenda so I can get your staff out this door because you don't want to be here all night. So we've been trying to do different things.

[05:41:38] But, you know, down-16 staff is a lot. if you're down 16 staff something sounds like it's just not going well and um if it's something we should be doing again i'll get you out here faster or whatever um please let us know because there's no way we can ask you to do this job if you're down 16 staff it's just not realistic i mean i will say you know putting new things on you doesn't really help either like adding new things to the plan doesn't really help and because anything we had now will not be done by the end of our term That's for darn sure it won't get done.

[05:42:15] But let Tamara and T-Lock, let's have a longer conversation because it does feel like something is – it feels like things can go better. And we want to – we always – I think I speak for the board to say we always want to be as supportive of staff as possible and try to kind of brainstorm and problem-solve these issues with you because we do really appreciate our staff so very much.

[05:42:45] So, okay. If I can add one thing to that, I appreciate those sentiments. I will say that I've been speaking to Mr. Hemstreet, Mr. Davis, about various staffing issues the past couple of months and trying to come up with some alternative plans, partly as budget requests and maybe some other things that we can do internally to try to address some of the things that y'all are seeing.

[05:43:06] I do think a lot of the things coming out of the outburst and Marcel study that we'll update TLUC on tomorrow should continue to help us make progress. I will say that we went back and looked at the two years of applications since Alvarez and Marcel first presented their report to you, and even independent of a lot of those things being implemented, we have across the board gotten faster to where most, the average that we are now seeing is under the amount that the Alvarez recommendation called for, so at 3.8 submissions instead of four.

[05:43:39] But there are a few outliers, and I think that's a lot of where our conversation ends up being around to get at some of the issues you were talking about with six and seven submissions. But that's also, out of dozens of applications, only a handful that never really get that far. That's good to know.

[05:43:54] Yes, we're working on lots of things and happy to talk about it tomorrow. Yeah, I look forward to this discussion tomorrow. Mr. Crony, you have motions on the dais. After that conversation, you have motions on the dais.

[05:44:10] For phase two, though. Yeah. Okay, well, so you're the T-Luck chair. Would you like to just, because I think what I could do is just make the motion in the package first and then come back to your motions.

[05:44:31] I think that might be the easiest thing to do if you want to. I think I'll do that. Boy, oh, boy. You know, guys, I'm not loving this new platform we're on right now. really, really not loving it very much. All right. I'm going to make the motion in the package.

[05:44:53] I move that the board of supervisors approve the current list of projects listed in tables one, two, and three on the Department of Planning and Zoning Work Plan as identified in the October 20, of 2026 Board of Supervisors Business Meeting Action Item. Second. I'll give that second to Mr. Cruney because she is the TLUC chair. I think I've said all I wanted to say. I do, I want you to know, I do hear you say that you guys have gotten faster and that now we're, you know, it's only a handful of submissions that are hopefully more than five.

[05:45:23] I'd like to see them get down to really three or under and find out, you know, I know that. And so, but I do hear the progress that is being made, and I want you to know that. I mean, yes, we absolutely hear things from the community and things from, I think, who I consider trusted partners with.

[05:45:43] who live in Loudoun County, who want things to go smoothly, so I hear that. And then I come in here and I watch the staff working really, really hard. And so they're not, you know, those two things are not mutually exclusive, but at the same time, if there's something else that we could be doing or should be doing besides not giving you new things and getting some staff in here for you, we want to work on that.

[05:46:04] We want to work with that collaboratively because we really do, really, really do appreciate your staff and how hard you're working. Thank you. Mr. Crony, this is this motion. Oh, no, I don't have anything to say. Everybody good?

[05:46:20] Okay. I made the motion, Mr. Crony, second the motion. I'll pay people to say aye. Aye. Any opposed? That motion will pass 9-0. Mr. Crony. Okay. Yeah, thank you, Chair Rindle. Ms. Crony's motions are specific to the Phase 2 standards.

[05:46:37] Okay. Yeah, they're part of that. Yes, I got you. Okay, so the first, I'll do them separately. I move that the Board of Supervisors direct staff. I think you can do. You want me to do them together? Yeah, just try it. I further move. Let's see how it goes. No, you don't think so? I think we, I don't know what's the matter with Mr. Rogers.

[05:46:57] Okay. He doesn't, I don't think he does anything. Okay, just do it. He's good. We write this. Okay, let's just do it. Let's try it further move because we got a long way to go and it's 930. Yeah, I agree, and they're both about substations. So I move that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to amend section 4. 07.

[05:47:12] 09 electrical substations of the proposed draft amendment of the zoning ordinance within the data center standards and locations phase two zoning ordinance amendment ZOAM 2025-0002 to require that gas insulated substations be a minimum of 500 feet from residential use.

[05:47:34] I further move that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to include a policy within the general plan expressing the county has a strong preference for substations to be co-located on data center sites for direct connection to the power grid as part of the data center standards and locations phase two comprehensive plan amendment CPAM 2025-0001.

[05:47:57] I can second, and I will second that, and I will let you have an opening because it's a further move, so it's just one motion. Okay, yeah, thank you, Chair Randall. So at the October 21st, 2025 board business meeting, the board voted nine to zero to require a substantial separation distance of 500 feet between new utility substations and existing residential structures as part of our phase two standards.

[05:48:27] and I looked at the draft ZOAM language, and it only has air insulated and hybrid at a minimum of 500 feet. The gas insulated is at a minimum of 200 feet. The intention of my motion in October 2025 was for all substations to be 500 feet from residential, regardless of design.

[05:48:51] All substations need to be 500 feet because the uses are incompatible. Locating an industrial use near residential is a land use conflict regardless of the design. The GIS is, yes, a new standard for substations. However, the visual impact is still there because you cannot enclose all the equipment.

[05:49:12] The H-frames are still visible. In addition, I do think a transitional use needs to be required if a substation is near a residential use. Again, these uses are not compatible. And I will say that with a GIS, a lot of times there's a switching substation that may not be enclosed.

[05:49:34] So the GIS does have other equipment that is very visual and has an impact on a residential use that may be nearby. Regarding my second motion, that is just for the comprehensive plan.

[05:49:49] That's just a policy statement. It is basically saying that if a data center has a campus of, like, three or four, they need to include the substation on that campus to serve the data centers.

[05:50:05] So that would be a direct connection substation that is serving the industrial use on the campus and not off-site. Because when it's off-site, it has another impact on the community, potentially. We heard from Dominion that 30 substations are still needed.

[05:50:23] We have 95 currently in the county. And I think those 30 substations, if they're serving the campus of a data center, need to be on the campus of the data center. So I think that's just a policy statement that we strongly suggest that campuses have substitutions on site versus locating them off site in another area that may or may not be inappropriate.

[05:50:50] Thank you. Thank you very much. Ms. Umstead? Thank you, Madam Chair. So, I mean, we may have unintended consequences with both of these paragraphs.

[05:51:11] So, in general, I think the board majority has indicated a strong preference for gas-insulated substations. If we are going to apply the same rules to them that we do to air-cooled substations, then what incentive does an entity have to go with the more expensive gas-insulated substation?

[05:51:41] So that is my prime concern with number one. My prime concern with number two is, as drafted, it does not specify that the substations that would be co-located on data center sites it does not specify that those are substations that serve the data centers

[05:52:10] as opposed to reliability substations that have a much broader set of beneficiaries or users. I also am worried, perhaps with both of these paragraphs, as to whether either one of these would kick in the requirement for an additional special exception

[05:52:38] or another process before either staff or the board and staff that would inhibit or discourage a data center from doing what we would actually want it to do. So I'm going to Vote against both of these at this time.

[05:53:04] I think they have some merit, but I don't think we've worked out all the kinks yet. Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Letourneau. Yeah, thank you. So, Mr. Galindo, so where exactly are we now in the ZOAM process for data centers?

[05:53:21] So, the draft were posted to the website at the end of last month. We've held the two public meetings, and we are meeting with stakeholder organizations right now individually to try to inform them. It's going to go to the working group and then the planning commission and then the board. So there's not really a direct working group because of the timeline we're on, but it will go to the commission and the board.

[05:53:40] That's right. We short-circuited. But anyway, well, all the more reasons. So I think my, I certainly, I think I agree with the first one, but this feels really out of order. Like, why are we trying to amend the zoning ordinance amendment tonight that I haven't even seen?

[05:53:58] I guess it got posted to the website last week, that hasn't, like, this is what the process is. And so when this comes to us, yeah, this amendment would be perfectly valid and something we would probably do. But I imagine these issues would be considered in this process, right?

[05:54:16] I mean, these are things that staff has raised that the GIS, I agree with Supervisor Crony, I think we wanted GIS included in both. But I just don't know that I want to cherry pick a couple things tonight to just amend in this zoning ordinance amendment when I haven't even looked at it.

[05:54:33] And it just seems very, a very inefficient way to do this process. And then on the second one, I don't know. Again, I think that might be fine. But number one, we're talking about a policy as a preference.

[05:54:50] It doesn't distinguish between types of data centers. We know there are some reliability ones that are not necessarily co-located, but they're serving interconnections, right? So I just don't know what the consequences of that are, and I would like to go through the process before I decide for sure whether this should be the language or whether it should be something different.

[05:55:13] So I'm going to vote no. It's not because I don't think they're good ideas. I almost certainly would support the second one, the first one rather, but from an efficiency of process standpoint, we really shouldn't be amending these things right now. We should let it go through the process and then come to us.

[05:55:33] You know, we gave them direction. If we did this on everything, guys, we would be here literally on every single one of these, and we started just cherry-picking little pieces here and there. We'd be doing this all night, and they'd never get anything done. So just let's have it come to us, and then I'll support it.

[05:55:50] Thank you. Mr. Kirshner. Yeah, I'm going to have to agree with Mr. Kirshner. I see you. Mr. Letourneau, and I'll let Mr. Saints go first if he wants, but the chair picked me over him this time. But nonetheless, I do feel like this is incredibly premature.

[05:56:10] And not that I disagree. I agree with Mr. Letourneau. I very well may agree with this, but I don't, this hasn't been gone through the normal vetting process. I mean, this is in part, in some ways, the Western Loudoun zone, we got a little, I think, over our skis. We have to let the, we should really go through a deliberate process.

[05:56:28] The Planning Commission needs to weigh in on some of this. We should engage the public. We should engage industry. And that's what the ZOAM process is for, not to jump in and say, oh, by the way, guys, your hands are completely tied by this.

[05:56:45] I mean, Supervisor Umstead brings up a really good point. We may destroy incentives, and this is something we may consider. There's something industry may say, or our residents could potentially say, that we're just, by just putting this and putting a blanket statement out, this is what we want, we really run the risk of just avoiding all that.

[05:57:03] And so I appreciate what Supervisor DeCrony is doing here, but this is not how policy should be made. Policy should be made through a deliberate process. You know, this is our preference. We like this. But let's hear everybody out before we actually decide on it.

[05:57:21] And let's let a document ultimately come to us through that process and full debate rather than just dropping this on us in a work plan. This is just not appropriate timing for this. And I think this will get us in trouble, and then we'll be having applicants that can't do things when it would actually be good for the community to have them done.

[05:57:42] I just think we need to avoid this full blanket-type statements, which is what, in large part, part one is. Part two was a little longer long of, hey, this is a strong preference statement. But, again, I think we run into a lot of the same problems I mentioned earlier.

[05:57:59] Mr. Sainz. Thank you, Madam Chair. I just want to make sure you saw my light. I'll ask Mr. Glendo this question, and if you don't feel I'm putting you on the spot, then you don't have to answer if I can, Madam Chair. Sure. So, hearing my colleagues from the Dulles and Kotocton District, do you feel this is the appropriate venue to make these motions, or do you think we should wait until we kind of go through the whole process?

[05:58:30] Obviously, the board can give us motions whenever they want. Well, of course we can. With that said, I would prefer to wait at least until the December 1st check-in, because, as I said, the distance of substations is something that I know we have heard about. from some of the meetings we have been having.

[05:58:47] So it is something that we'll be looking at to potentially refine before we bring it back to you. So it may not be 200 feet when you see it. It could be the same, I don't know, but it is something that we will be actively looking at before the check-in. Okay, and then in regards to the language where it says as a strong preference, that's more or less, would you interpret that as a suggestion and not actually, I don't know if Supervisor Tricone intended to say actually make it a rule saying if the substation is for direct connection to the data center, then it needs to be on that campus.

[05:59:21] I don't know if that's what you're actually going for, but would you read as a strong preference just like a suggestion it's not actually mandated? Yes, it's a suggestion it's not mandated, and we did look at, and I talked with Mr. Rogers about whether the ordinance could mandate it. They are both principal uses listed in the ordinance.

[05:59:37] We don't think we can have one principal use required to have another principal use on the site without redefining the use and going through a lot of things that I think would cause more problems. So this was actually staff's recommendation of a way to address it. And I would look at this as something that would be highlighted in a staff report that would let the board know you have a preference for this.

[05:59:58] If an application comes in and only has one, we would let you know that this one doesn't comply with that policy, and then the board would have that knowledge when they're making their decision about whatever the application is. Okay. And then kind of back to my first question, Would you suggest this go to the, have it discussed in the whole process first before we make these decisions?

[06:00:18] Generally, yes. I mean, I think on number two, that one, if it were to pass tonight, would be a little bit easier for us to look at and just try to refine the language that we might actually propose in response to it. Okay. All right. That's good to know. Thank you for answering.

[06:00:34] Thank you. Ms. Glass. Thank you, Madam Chair. I appreciate you, Mr. Galindo, saying that you believe that we should see what you all bring to us and then come back because I was debating whether, and I agree with some of the things that is in the motion, but to see what you all have and then to bring it back to us and we can make those decisions on that.

[06:01:03] I think that's where I land. Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Turner. Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Glendon, just really quickly. So this first paragraph would require gas-insulated substation to be 500 feet from the nearest residence.

[06:01:25] Is there a requirement in the draft for air-insulated substations to be 500 feet from a residence? Yes, that's what's in the draft currently. Okay, so we could tighten this up if we wanted to and just say all substations should be 500 feet from a residence. Yes, and by doing this effectively, that would be what comes out of it.

[06:01:42] And then the second one is we have a strong preference, which I'm assuming, if I can address Mr. Rogers, Madam Chair? Yes. A strong preference is absolutely not legally binding, and we can't make decisions based on a strong preference in the general plan? If it's a strong preference in the general plan, it could be one of the board's considerations in making a legislative decision.

[06:02:04] Okay. Okay. So if we go with the second paragraph, that substations be co-located with data centers, And then we go with the first paragraph, which all substations should be 500 feet from the nearest residence. What we're effectively saying is all data centers should be 500 feet from the residence.

[06:02:22] Do we say that anywhere else in the plan? In the plan, though, there are distances in the ordinance, and as I've highlighted in various conversations, that is something we definitely will be modifying between what is in the draft now and what we bring to you, because the draft now has carried forward what is in the current ordinance.

[06:02:39] Just because of the nature of timing of an analysis we were doing, We didn't have time to complete that ahead of releasing everything. Okay. I think I have to align myself with my colleagues that I like the ideas. I think it's premature, and I think it's too granular for this stage in the process.

[06:02:56] So I like the idea of substations being 500 feet. I think in the draft plan, I'm going to want to see language that actually, finally, let's just take the bull by the horns and define what a reliability substation is and what a direct use substation is. It would seem to me, whether Dominion agrees with that or not, the board can come up with a pain and say, as far as we're concerned, this is a direct-use substation and this is a reliability substation, and come up with those criteria.

[06:03:20] And then establish whatever separation from residents we want. I think that all can be hammered out in the phase two. I want to see the copy of phase two before I start getting down into the

weeds on the specificity here. So I don't think I can support this, though I do support the intent. Thank you. So, I honestly think we are kind of, I think that when it comes to these discussions, I hear what Mr. Letourneau was saying, that if we did this on everything, it would take forever.

[06:03:48] I hear that. I respect that. But I also think we're at a break last moment when it comes to some things. And I always go back to if this was my house. If this was my house, what would I want? I would want a substation at least 500 feet from my house, at least 500 feet from my house.

[06:04:07] So I don't believe that this is, that this is, in this moment, is premature. I hear and respect my colleague, Mr. Kirsten, when he says we should listen to, like, have public input. I think we've had public input. I think the public has come to us very clearly and said what they'd like to see and what they want on this as substations and such.

[06:04:30] And I understand, and normally I am the person screaming, there's a process, there's a process. I understand that. But the second one is a preference. It is just a preference. It's a statement. And the first one is to put gas into the latest substations, a minimum of 500 feet from residential uses.

[06:04:49] I honestly think if we started doing some of these more common sense things, we probably would have less pushback overall if we just start doing things that just make sense. And if every time we do something, we say, and if this was my home, what would I want to have done? So I'm not sure this is going to pass or not, Mr. Crony.

[06:05:08] And if not, there may be, you know, there may be a motion that you can make to, you know, send it to the Data Center CPAM 2 discussion. But I'm actually, I'm going to support this right now. Yeah, thank you. Would you like to have a closing?

[06:05:24] Yeah, I mean, this was a motion I already made. So I made this motion, let's be clear, that it was a 9-0 vote on October 2025 to do a separation from substations. And the reason why is exactly what Chair Randall said.

[06:05:40] The community has been asking us to, you know, make sure there's a separation between industrial uses and residential uses. They're incompatible. And so that's why I made that motion.

[06:05:57] So I said all substations in that motion, and I was surprised to see that the GIS was only 200 feet. So it is trying to meet the motion that passed the board 9 to 0.

[06:06:13] That's what this motion is about. I think having air insulated and hybrid 500 feet, yeah, that's already in the language, But the GIS needs to be 500 feet, too, because it also has a visual impact, and it's an industrial use.

[06:06:30] Regarding the second motion, that's more just a preference. And, of course, these were direct connection substations. These were not reliability substations. So this is about a direct connection substation that would serve the data center campus.

[06:06:47] So this is a substation that's there for the industrial use. It is not a grid reliability substation. So I want to make that clear. That's what the second one is. It's just a preference, and it would be a policy statement. And I think it makes common sense, like Chair Randall said.

[06:07:05] You know, it's something that makes common sense that if you're going to have a data center campus with three or four data centers and you need a substation, your substation should be on your campus. So that's what this is about.

[06:07:22] I know that we're talking about in December, but I wanted to bring this up because we made a motion, or I made a motion in October of 25, and I noticed that this was inconsistent with the motion that passed the board. So hopefully you can support me, and this would, I think that's how this should move forward, frankly.

[06:07:44] It should move forward with what was agreed upon by the board in 25. Thank you. Thank you, ma'am. All right, Ms. DeCrony, make the motion, and I second it. I want people to say aye. Aye. Opposed? No. That motion will fail.

[06:08:00] Three, two, six. With Ms. DeCrony, Bricksman, and Chair Render voting for the motion. All right, you guys want to just keep chugging on? Just keep chugging on. Okay, I think the next item is Quantum Park, is that right?

[06:08:19] 14J, Quantum Park. Item 14J, Quantum Park. So we've seen this a lot of times in front of us, quite a bit in front of us. This is not the first time we've seen this in front of us.

[06:08:37] What district is this? Ms. Glass, is your district? Does the staff have anything – oh, I did not like this platform. Does anything they'd like to add that we haven't discussed or don't know already? Madam Chair, a quick update.

[06:08:53] First of all, I'm standing in for Wadao, who is on paternity leave at the moment. Congratulations to them. That's wonderful. So earlier this year, the state approved or enacted legislation regarding high-energy use facilities, specific to data centers and substations.

[06:09:13] We did get a request as this packet was being prepared to confirm that they have met those state requirements and they have met the state requirements for high-energy use facilities. So just wanted that quick update. Other than that, the application is ready for board action. All right.

[06:09:31] Let's go to a motion and then ask questions within the motion. Ms. Glass, would I like to make a motion? Yes, thank you, Madam Chair. I move that the Board of Supervisors deny LEGIE-2023-0097 Quantum Park ZCPA-2023-0008 based on the following findings for denial.

[06:09:54] One, the proposed utility substation is not compatible with existing and planned land uses as the proposal has not sufficiently addressed visual impacts from adjacent properties and roadways in accordance with the suburban policy area policies or electrical infrastructure siting and design policies of the Loudoun County 2019 General Plan.

[06:10:14] Two, the proposal does not align with the original design with the vision of ZMAP-1998-0003 WorldCom North Virginia campus to develop the site for office park uses and does not align with the core uses anticipated in the suburban employment place type in the 2019 general plan. Three, the proposed utility substation use and expanded data center use would require additional proffers to mitigate its impacts, but the existing use is consistent with the surrounding development on a scale more compatible with the location and does not require

[06:10:48] additional proffers to mitigate its impacts. Number four, the electrical grid in Loudoun County is severely strained due to increased electrical demand and constraints on delivering sufficient power to the county, the proposed additional utility substation data uses will exacerbate the problem by promoting development of high wattage users and causing off-site impacts of new overhead electrical lines within the county to support such new users.

[06:11:20] Wow. Motion made and seconded quickly by Mr. Sainz. discussion on the motion. You kind of just discussed the motion quite a bit, but obviously discussion on the motion. Thank you, Madam Chair. I have concerns about whether this development is the right fit for the property and whether it aligns with the county's long-term vision for this area. I'm concerned with the land use compatibility, consistency with the original vision of the property, the impacts of expanded utility and data center uses, and the strain additional development could place on the county's electrical infrastructure.

[06:11:59] While I recognize the importance of supporting an economic growth and meeting the county's increasing demand for technology and infrastructure, we must also ensure that new development is appropriately located, compatible with surrounding uses and consistent with the policies and long-term planning goals established in the 2019 general plan.

[06:12:21] Thank you. Ms. Bricksman? Thank you. If I might, through the chair, ask the county attorney, it's just kind of a process question I have. Sure. So when we make motions to approve an application, we don't read off all the findings for approval. So why in this motion do we have to read off all the findings for denial? Usually grounds for approval are contained within the packet and the whole packet is part of the board process. There was a request to draft grounds for

[06:12:59] denial and so that's what my office did. Oh, okay. So it has to be in the motion if it's not in the packet already. That's correct. Okay. Okay. Thank you. I will definitely support. I, for all the reasons that Supervisor Glass mentioned, I will definitely support denying this application. Thank you. Ms. Umstead? Thank you, Madam Chair. I will vote against the motion to deny. This appears to be

[06:13:33] one of the best places in the county for a data center. It's a technology park. It's an effort to revamp a technology park that otherwise may deteriorate and go under, the applicant has gone and created a fairly stunning proposal visually, and the renderings that the applicant

[06:14:11] has presented make this look more like a performing arts center than a data center. I worry about, of course, the fact that we seem to be in a constant mode now saying no to every good data center proposal in a good part of the county that is in compliance with

[06:14:40] the the general plan uh policies and is in compliance with the uh county-wide transportation plan so i you have here a project that is much better in almost every way than many the board has approved in the past and i i just don't see how we can justify uh turning this down thank you Thank you, Mr. Kirshner.

[06:15:14] So just because we have grounds for denial that have been prepared by our county attorney's office doesn't mean they are good grounds for denial. Staff recommends approval on this application. Staff found this application consistent with a comprehensive plan and identified no outstanding issues.

[06:15:31] The Planning Commission recommended approval after three work sessions. This site is entirely surrounded by existing or under construction data centers. The closest house in the Regency is over 900 feet from the property line. and this applicant stated that the closest house is over 1,200 feet from the closest property data center building.

[06:15:56] And staff has provided no findings for denial in the staff report. If I recall, Mr. Rogers has said on a number of occasions that Virginia law requires each application to be evaluated on individual merits. Am I correct about that through the chair to the county attorney? Yes.

[06:16:11] Yes, that is correct. Okay. And I believe we also received a memorandum, which we released, that the board does not have the legal authority to impose a moratorium on data center applications. So to my colleagues, even though the county attorney does his best to come up with grounds of denial, which is what we have here in this motion, it doesn't mean those grounds of denial necessarily put us in a place where we are not exposed to significant legal liability.

[06:16:37] Literally, there is nothing wrong with this application. If you are going to approve an application, this is where you do it. You may not like everything about it, et cetera, et cetera, But, I mean, our staff has approved it. There is, as I listed off, all that I've listed.

[06:16:55] It meets all of our policy requirements. And as we just heard from staff, I believe that it meets the intense, what was it, the intense energy policy by the state. Is that correct? High energy use facility, yes, sir. Yes. So I don't really know what we're doing here other than, I guess it's political season.

[06:17:16] And we want to show that we're tough on data centers. And listen, I'm willing to be as tough as possible, but quite frankly, this is sending a message that, I mean, you look at the surrounding area up here and there's nothing.

[06:17:32] I guess you may not want it quite as close to the road, but they've met all the standards. There's no concerns. So I just don't know what we're really doing here. I am very concerned, especially on this application, of our liability that we're going to face.

[06:17:48] I mean, I know we denied, we've already received a lawsuit on our last denial, and if we just want to start stacking the lawsuits, let's just keep going the way we are. Mr. Letourneau? Well, I guess I will reassure Mr. Kirshner that my vote in favor of Supervisor Glass's motion to deny is not part of a conspiratorial moratorium, but rather a genuine opposition to this particular application which takes this property here that today has those nice two ponds

[06:18:26] in front of it that provide at least something of a visual break along Loudoun County Parkway for which Mr. Kirshner probably never actually drives but many residents do with something of a visual break and then fills every single square inch of this property with data centers and substations every single square inch. So the existing campus, which I appreciate is older, has had some different users over the years, obviously. I really doubt that the thing that office users are looking for when they consider where to locate is, you know what, I want a place with

[06:19:04] more data centers right on the campus. I don't want a restaurant. I don't want mixed use. I don't want walkability. I want data centers on the office campus that I'm looking at. No, that is not what happens now this is a property that is you can't see it here well you see 267 right in the corner uh that's where the metro station is this is not like it's in the middle of industrial zone i know it is because there's a lot of data centers but this is basically walkable to metro station we have an existing office user here that runs a shuttle to metro which is like five minutes back and forth so i just don't accept that this can't be rehabilitated and the only option is to

[06:19:43] just fill every square inch with data centers that close to a metro station when we know that something like 95 percent of all new office or office leases in the greater Washington area in the last five years have been within a mile of a metro station which this is so we shouldn't give up on this property and that's what we're doing here if we approve this application because it will just make it a place where

nobody would want to be to work every day just it would not to mention what would happen along Loudoun County Parkway which is a very very heavily traffic which

[06:20:19] yes already has a lot of data centers and I understand that but that doesn't mean I don't believe that that our policies require us to approve something that that goes this far and is this egregious because to me this one really kind of jumps the shark for applications that we've seen? So a couple of things. One, from the moment I stepped onto this dais in my first term, I have talked at quite some length about me being concerned that we are too reliant on data centers,

[06:20:57] money on our budget. And I will tell you, in my first term when I would say that, I had colleagues who literally laughed at me and told me I didn't know what I was talking about. So now in my third term, I'm gonna say the same thing. I think we're relying on data center money. I think we need to diversify our economy.

[06:21:13] I cannot say that enough. I've been saying this for years. That's the first thing. The second thing is, Mr. Kirshner, I have such deep respect for you and your legal mind. I completely, I really do. But I don't, I think that we cannot always ignore that the thing that has changed over the past, say, 18 months is the voice of the people, which is loud and screaming at us.

[06:21:40] And that wasn't here before. It just wasn't. And we are elected officials. We are supposed to listen also to the voice of the people who have said something to us very, very clearly. The other need that we have in Loudoun County, the huge need that we have in Loudoun County, is flex-industrial buildings.

[06:22:00] And flex industrial buildings can be made to look very, very nice as well. We are turning away businesses in our county left and right because we do not have enough flex industrial. I do think, if I remember right, one of those ponds is like the man-made pond, and the other one is a natural pond, correct?

[06:22:21] Am I correct with that? Correct. Okay. So I don't want to take away a natural pond of water for even flex industrial. So if we did flex-industry, I actually wouldn't do it on both parcels because I don't want to take away a natural pond of water.

[06:22:38] And finally, we cannot, we still legally cannot do a moratorium. That is true. We also legally cannot consider power, but we can ask where power lines will cross and go.

[06:22:57] And my gosh, you know, we're having power line discussions all the time. So I don't think we should reflexively just say no every time. But I do think that in this area where flex industrial could be also needed and flex industrial would use labor, Because I want our labor unions, our private labor unions, to keep getting business.

[06:23:30] And so if we did flex industrial, I would actually ask for them to use union labor when they did that. They can build more than just data centers, and I want them to build other things as well, and so that the unions are still involved. But I don't think that we have to build this right here.

[06:23:47] Ms. Glass, would you like a closing? Yes, Madam Chair. I do want to thank the applicant for their willingness to work toward more environmentally conscious efforts and for the steps they took to address some of these concerns. I appreciate the work that's gone into this application.

[06:24:04] That being said, I still believe there are broader concerns with compatibility, the long-term vision for this property, and the impact of our electrical infrastructure that must be taken seriously. For

these reasons, I have moved to deny this application. Thank you, Madam Chair.

[06:24:21] Thank you, Ms. Glass.

[06:24:38] All right. Motion is made by Ms. Glass, seconded by Supervisor Sainz. All people say aye. Wait, wait. This is the motion to deny, so an aye is to deny. All people please say aye. Aye. Opposed? Aye. That motion will pass 7 to 2. All right, we're going to try to do, we still haven't done board comments or anything yet. We can, we can. And Mr. Sainz has just, Mr. Rogers and Mr. Hemstreet, if you do not mind, Mr. Sainz has just said that he will be fine if we defer the closed session item number, that would be 12, no, it wouldn't be A, it wouldn't be closed session, it wouldn't be A, it would be C.

[06:25:12] It would be C if we defer closed session item 15C off of tonight's agenda. So we're going to do that because we still have another closed session to do tonight. So let's go on and do one more item and then come back and do the last two items and go on to closed session after this.

[06:25:35] So this next item is the Tuscarora Crossing Land Bay 4. Would staff please come to the table?

[06:25:55] Good evening. Good evening, board members. If it pleases the board, I'm happy to skip right to updates on this application.

[06:26:33] This application was originally heard July of this year at the board public hearing, and it's been subsequently deferred from two business meetings. So the updates from that board public hearing are four. They are all primarily conditions of approval that have been added.

[06:26:51] One is to add a condition requiring the use of solar panels, roof mounted on the proposed building. One is to specify of the 12 electric vehicle charging stations previously proposed on this site, At least two of them would be designated for use in the W&OD parking area.

[06:27:15] The applicant has added a small area. It's quite difficult to see on here, but I'm going to point to it with my cursor. It's right here for a potential area for battery storage. And we have added a condition to support tot lot landscaping on the site adjacent over here.

[06:27:38] there is a tot lot that does not currently have fencing or landscaping. So the previous version had a commitment to provide fencing or engage with the HOA to provide fencing, and we added landscaping to that condition as well. Those are the only updates. Okay, wonderful. Ms. Umstead, this is in your district. Would you like to make a motion? I would be happy to make a motion.

[06:28:06] I move that the Board of Supervisors approve Leji 2025-0020 Tuscarora Crossing Land Bay 4 Specs 2025-0036, subject to the conditions of approval dated October 13, 2026, and based on the findings for approval provided as Attachments 1 and 2 to the October 20, 2026 Board of Supervisors Business Meeting Action Item.

[06:28:35] Second, motion's made, and second by Supervisor Brixman. Discussion on the motion, Ms. Umstead. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. So this is a very difficult project that has gone through many improvements from the first time it was presented to the community.

[06:28:56] The community made it very clear in the very beginning that no matter what we did to improve it, they did not want it. And they have remained consistent in that. They do not want it. Some folks want to park there. Other folks have advocated for affordable housing, but not a Lydic structure.

[06:29:20] Their homes are very lovely homes at about a million dollars apiece. And if there were affordable housing, they would want it to look like the homes they live in. However, despite the opposition from the neighborhood, staff has completely redone the appearance of the building to make it look more like an elementary school and less like a warehouse.

[06:29:50] Staff has granted requests from a couple of my constituents, or I'm sorry, a couple of my colleagues here to put solar panels on the roof and to put electric vehicles, charging stations at the W&OD trail.

[06:30:16] These changes plus additional tree plantings and landscaping and berming have, to me, made this a very compatible project.

[06:30:33] Granted, my constituents don't feel that way. And they're in a tough position because they look out on a sea of substations and above ground structures that are not the most beautiful in the world and soon will be blocked by a data center that is by right that was approved as part of the rezoning that approved their homes.

[06:31:01] However, if we forgo this opportunity, one estimate is it may cost us \$30 million to come up with an alternate location for this use.

[06:31:17] There will be very, very few truck deliveries to this site. staff has done a very good job limiting noise, making sure that anything that creates noise is blocked from the neighborhood by the building. And I don't think staff could have done anything more to make this an attractive and non-intrusive project. Thank you.

[06:31:46] Thank you. Mr. Crony. Thank you, Chair Randall. So unfortunately, I will not be supporting Supervisor Umstead tonight. While I appreciate what staff has done, in August I heard that the substation is now vested.

[06:32:05] So the community will be getting three data centers, a substation, and a warehouse near their homes. I'm very concerned about the increase of industrial development in this area.

[06:32:21] and i have not heard one neighbor who supports this project even with all the improvements that supervisor umstead described i believe we should take that into consideration the community was told this land would be a school or a civic open space amenity not not a warehouse and i understand we've kind of designed it to be more like a school i get that but it is kind of the continuation of industrial sprawl in this residential area that has me

[06:32:57] concerned so the substation was kind of the breaking point for me that now they're going to have a substation nearby and i would prefer to find another use for this parcel that is more compatible with the community i think attainable housing we could look at single family cottages like Arcola Farms, um, to be consistent with the community character. It doesn't have to be a LIHTC building. Um, and, you know, the site is surrounded by homes on some, um, some of the other

[06:33:29] sides. Um, you know, so, you know, it, it would make more sense to have homes, um, at this location so that we do not continue the industrial sprawl that they're experiencing on, um, you know, in, in, in some of the other areas. And, uh, I'm sorry, I can't get there tonight. And again, um, that substation, uh, really was the turning point for me. Thank you.

[06:33:55] Thank you, Mr. Turner. Thank you, Madam Chair. Um, staff, can you help me out on this? If I remember correctly, so this, this, I say newly vested, there was a zoning administrative determination that the substation is vested. Wasn't that the substation that was, I, I think it was right here and it's down a hill and screened by trees? Is that correct? I can't speak to the screening, but it is that parcel that you just pointed to. Okay. Well, let me put out a pretty far out idea.

[06:34:30] This site for this facility designed the way it is could actually be not a bad noise buffer with and visual buffer with what's going on across the street. That's a counterintuitive guess.

[06:34:46] in a layman's guess, but if our choice is a ball field or some such open civic use across that open space directly to a substation and a data center, I think you're going to have noise issues that you might not have if you have this well-designed office complex right on that site. So I'm more than happy to support it. Thank you. So I have gone out to this neighborhood two times and walked it and talked to the neighbors and looked around. And I have not changed my position either. I've always said I would not support this development. I've also always said to

[06:35:25] the neighbors that I will support attainable housing and housing on this development and said that to the developer as well. We need housing. We need attainable housing. And so I've said that to the developer as well.

[06:35:43] This was supposed to be a school, and then we, when we knew we weren't going to build a school, we did make a different vote. That is true. That is absolutely true. With the exception of Ms. Umstadt, I don't think probably anybody else has gone out there and spent time walking neighbor to neighbor to neighbor and talking to them.

[06:36:06] And I just, I would much rather, I mean, if the community doesn't want attainable housing, well, we would have an argument then, because I would support that. But I don't think, with all respect to Mr. Brown, this is the best place for this locality.

[06:36:28] Now, I also want to also say that I have also thought that the community kind of overstated the tot lot. It's a pretty good distance from the road. And it's not, they've called it a playground. It's not a playground. It really is a tot lot. So sometimes, you know, you really have to go out and see it for yourself.

[06:36:44] But in the end, I just, I don't think it's, I don't, we're in my home. This is not what I want. And there are times that I have to make the we're in my home decisions. And so I will be a no on this item.

[06:37:05] Okay. The motion was made by Ms. Umstott, seconded by Ms. Brixman. All the people who say aye. Aye. Opposed? That motion will pass, 5-4, with supervisors to Crony, Letourneau, Glass, and Chair.

[06:37:24] I know, but it will pass. Supervisors, let's take a break. Let's take 10 minutes.

[06:54:03] Okay, everyone, if you're not on the dais, make your way back to the dais. Please. Thank you. Okay. I only jokingly said that the rest of the agenda is Mr. Sane's agenda, which is true because everything else on the agenda... No, he's not gone. I don't know. He's right there. Wait. Is Ms. Bricksman gone? She left? Ms. Bricksman has left the building.

[06:54:31] Does that mean the rest of the agenda is in Sane's? - Boo. Okay, 14N would be our next item. It's the FLOC camera data collection from the law enforcement department, it's 14N. Mr. Sains, it's a BMI.

[06:54:48] - I'm gonna go straight to a motion. - Would you like to do, you can do all the talking within the motion? - Yes, ma'am. - Okay, let's do a motion then. - Okay, I move that the Board of Supervisors direct

staff to research the exact number of FLOC and ALPR cameras in use by law enforcement agencies that operate within Loudoun County, how the surveillance data is being used and shared, and whether surveillance data retention timeframes align with state law.

[06:55:17] I further move that the Board of Supervisors direct the county administrator to extend an invitation to the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, Leesburg Police Department, Middleburg Police Department, Percival Police Department, and Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Police Department to discuss their flock and ALPR camera operations at a future Board of Supervisors business meeting.

[06:55:39] I'm going to second that, although I may have a friendly amendment at the end. Would you like to make an opening? Thank you, Madam Chair. So it's no secret, everybody was in the email that I sent to the sheriff back, I believe it was in early September, and then even at a board meeting in September, I made mention of me bringing forward a BMI regarding the FLOC cameras and the automated license plate reader ALPR technology and doing a BMI.

[06:56:10] The primary objective of this item is public transparency. Our residents have raised concerns about the data privacy and the lack of clarity reporting FLOC and ALPR operations in our community. This initiative directs staff to determine the exact number of FLOC cameras and ALP technology operating in the county, assess how the data is used, shared, ensure data retention time from strictly comply with state law.

[06:56:36] While a similar review of ALPR technology was included as part of the community trust policy item during the October 6th board business meeting, I believe that maintaining clear jurisdiction boundaries is critical in this conversation.

[06:56:52] Law enforcement operations do not fall under board jurisdictions, especially all those that I may have mentioned earlier. I believe we have operational questions that deserve their own dedicated review and direct engagement with law enforcement agencies' leadership rather than being mixed into administrative policy by extending a formal invitation for these law enforcement agencies to discuss their ALPR operations at a future business, meaning we can create a collaborative space to answer community questions directly.

[06:57:27] Thank you, and I hope I can have my colleague's support. Thank you very much. Mr. Letourneau. Yeah, so in response to Supervisor Sainz's inquiry, Lieutenant Colonel Sawyer wrote, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office has four FLOC ALPR cameras, all of which are mobile, none affixed to permanent locations.

[06:57:47] Additionally, our data retention and access policies are fully compliant with the Code of Virginia requirements, and we submit monthly audits to the Virginia State Police. We only share data with other Virginia law enforcement agencies which have the same access and audit requirements.

[06:58:02] So that was the answer to the question for the only agency in this list that we actually fund or arguably have some level of jurisdiction over. The rest all report to their own town councils or in the case of MOA, a board of directors.

[06:58:22] So I'm not sure that this is the best use of staff's time. I think if the town of Leesburg wants to ask the Leesburg Police Department what they do, they could do that. I think the real interesting thing, which this doesn't cover, is private flock cameras.

[06:58:38] There are far, far, far, far more private cameras than there are law enforcement cameras. And I don't know if that's something that we could look into, but the LCSOs, four flock ALPR cameras, which are mobile, They're attached to cruisers and deploy when there's somebody missing or they're in investigation or something like that are really, to me, not the thing that what people are really worried about.

[06:59:06] I think it's more the overall picture, which we're not going to get from this initiative. And so in an effort not to overwork staff, I'm not so sure that I'm going to support it. Mr. Turner.

[06:59:23] I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Ms. Umstead. Thank you, Madam Chair. If I were supporting this, would I be making a mistake by assuming that flock cameras are the only surveillance cameras we're worried about?

[06:59:44] Because flock cameras are not the only ones that read license plates. And I wonder if it should be a more generic description rather than focusing on one company.

[07:00:01] That said, though, I think Supervisor Letourneau makes a pretty good point. The sheriff has responded. The town council in Leesburg and Percival and Middleburg can ask their police departments the same question.

[07:00:18] But I don't know that it makes sense for us to go outside our own jurisdiction. So as drafted, I won't support it. But I do, and I'm not sure what we're going for. I think I know.

[07:00:34] I think what we're trying to figure out is to what extent do we allow surveillance that can be used to violate people's privacy? But the sheriff's response has satisfied the one question I might have had, which would have exclusively been, you know, outside the towns, what happens in Loudoun County.

[07:01:01] But if there's anything I'm missing as to why this is critically important, I'm happy to hear it. Mr. Kirshner. I have a question for the board member initiative.

[07:01:19] Mr. Sains? Yes, Mr. Sains, supervisor Sains. Have we reached out to any of the law enforcement agencies through your office directly? That's what I was going to say. I did hear back from one other agency.

[07:01:36] I'll be honest with you off the top of my head. I can't remember what their response was, but it was one of the agencies that was listed. I believe it was Leesburg. But other than that, no, as of right now. You haven't heard back or you haven't reached out? And I'm not trying to put you on the spot. There was reach out from Leesburg, if I remember correctly, but I can't remember off the top of my head what the response was.

[07:01:57] Sure. I mean, I don't, I agree with Supervisor Umstead that what we're concerned about is how any of this data is being used. I mean, we know law enforcement has cameras. There's lots of private cameras. They probably have more than flock cameras, that particular model. But we just, I think the idea here is, are we using it properly? And I think that's probably a legitimate inquiry for us. It sounds like, I mean, beyond asking the Sheriff's Department, which is, yes, we're using it according to state law. I'm not sure what more we're going to get. I mean, it seems like a pretty simple inquiry we could do directly through our office. I mean, I don't

[07:02:34] have a problem with getting this information, but I don't know if we can force Middleburg or Leesburg or Percival or, you know, any of the other, you know, MOA, any of those other police departments to give it to us. So it's probably as simple as an inquiry and probably could be done through

our office. I'm not sure if we need a board member initiative, but that's, that's just my thought. I mean, I support trying to get that information. I just don't know if we need to go as far as we're going here that's all yeah so yeah and when i when i said i would probably have a friendly or another amendment this was kind of what i meant one i am i listen this ideal that

[07:03:10] we ask a question the sheriff sends over something in writing which in the means it's all good it's it's that doesn't work for me we can't follow up on the we can't follow up um there are times when just the conversation alone may may yield a new question obviously we can never um quote make the sheriff come here, unquote, but I have extended the invitation to him many times.

[07:03:35] I extended it again today. I will say to him that he will be treated by the chair of the board and by the body with respect, the respect he deserves, and I wish he would come talk to us. I do not believe that the written statement that cannot be followed up on at all is okay, and this is the second time he's done that, which means I'm sure I have a colleague that's letting the sheriff know this is coming up so he can send a written statement instead.

[07:04:01] I don't think that's a—I would like to have him come, and I publicly extend to him one more time the invitation to come. We do not have any control over the law enforcement in other places, and in fact, it could be a little bit of an insult to our elected colleagues and all those other bodies to ask their law enforcement to come.

[07:04:26] And so I don't want to do it, especially through the staff. I think a better idea would be a letter that comes from my office if they want to do that. Or even some type of a roundtable discussion where any elected officials in any of the bodies that we're talking about could come and ask questions.

[07:04:52] Ms. Umstead and Mr. Kirshner, is Flock a brand name, kind of like Kleenex versus—so we're not—so that's a good point, because we say Flock like it is the only thing. When it is the brand name, it's not the only thing out there. So I also think that—I know we're trying to get to, but we're not really getting to that.

[07:05:13] So Mr. Sengs, let me ask you this. I think this is a good idea, what we're trying to get to. If we tabled this item and worked on it together and tried to find a new way to just approach the item, approach getting the other, asking our elected colleagues and other bodies to maybe come talk with us and with their law enforcement, if we did something like that, I think it would be better received.

[07:05:42] I just, I mean, I can't imagine getting a letter from Percival telling us to send Mr. Hempstreet over. We would be like, what? Nope. Well. So, I'm not against the overall idea. I think we can maybe massage the motion and do it differently.

[07:06:02] Would you be open to that? We do this all the time in other jurisdictions. Our councils send us letters and ask us questions and ask our staff questions all the time. So I don't see what the issue is there. And again, it's asking them to provide the information and giving them the venue to come and present the information that they have.

[07:06:24] They can come or they can write a letter and response back. Tell me when we do this all the time. When do we ever do this, when we ever ask other elected bodies to send their staff to us? We've gotten updates from Percival and Middleburg before for other issues, and they sent letters to us.

[07:06:40] We've sent a letter to another council or body, and then they've responded accordingly to the letter. That's elected official to elected official. Right. If the board wants to send a letter, then asking for that information, it's pretty much the same thing as us asking our staff.

[07:06:56] Our staff, through the chair to Mr. Hemstreet, can I ask Mr. Hemstreet a question? Mr. Hemstreet, does our staff regularly, yes or no, engage with other bodies, staff, to gather information on a regular basis, sometimes for board initiatives or board items that have been in the past?

[07:07:17] Yes, that's a regular practice. Yeah, so to me, that's nothing different than what we've been doing for any other thing. Mr. Hemstreet just said it's not. It's totally not. So, not loaded. But so if, and again, if flock is the brand name, then we can amend it to say surveillance cameras to include Motorola and others if that's, that would fit my, help my colleagues get to a, get to a yes here.

[07:07:42] But I'm fine with suspending it and coming back. But I think this is still something we should do because, again, it's giving law enforcement that operates in the county the opportunity to provide us information that we do not have any information about.

[07:07:58] And I'm with all that. Let me try this, Mr. Sands. Let me try to make a very thin table motion. I moved the table of this item on board member initiatives and flock camera data collection until the November 17th meeting.

[07:08:17] During such time, the board will work collaboratively to... The board will work collaboratively to port the goal of getting information about surveillance cameras from law enforcement in Loudoun County.

[07:08:38] Sure. Okay, so that's the motion to table. And I think the second was a sure. Yeah. Okay. All right. Motion to table. There's no discussion on the motion to table. All in favor, please say aye. Aye.

[07:08:54] Any opposed? No. That motion will pass 7-1-1 with Mr. Turner voting no, and Ms. Bricksman has left the building. All right, let's go to the next Mr. Sainz item, the Golden Substation Application Scheduling.

[07:09:15] I thought we put that on consent. Say it again. Did you guys? I don't know. I meant to put, I'm, I, darn it. Okay. I, that was the, that was, the goal was to put the, do you have any objection with this going on the consent agenda?

[07:09:34] Because that was the, I thought I did. You can't do it. You already did consent agenda, didn't you? You can't go on the consent agenda now. I don't want to make the motion. Just make the motion. Okay. Just make the motion. Okay. I move the board of supervisors. You can. You can. Consider Leji-2025-0012 Golden Substation Special Exception-2025-0032 Special Exception-2025-0032 Special Exception-2025-0033 and Special Exception-2025-0137 at the November 5th, 20th, 26th Board of Supervisors Business Meeting for Action

[07:10:11] rather than at the December 1st, 20th, 26th Board of Supervisors Business Meeting. Second. Thank you. So what we're doing here is asking to move the Golden Substation application that we had voted on in September we had sent that originally to December what we're doing here is asking to bring this to our November 5th business meeting for action rather than December with this we was able to work with Dominion and Advantage to to come to an understanding to work

[07:10:49] to get Vantage, which currently, as we all know, is operating off-grid with the gas turbines, eight gas turbines on site, to, and currently right now their timetable to get hooked up to the grid is in 2040.

[07:11:06] With this, I'm working with, again, Dominion and Vantage, and appreciate the collaboration between all parties. We're able to get a bridge, so to speak, done to get Vantage off the gas turbines in 2028. So that's 12 years ahead of the current schedule. So I definitely will take this opportunity for the health and well-being of the residents that are being affected every single day

[07:11:39] by the on-site gas turbines at the Vanches site in Sterling. So again, I appreciate the collaboration that has been done by Dominion and Advantage in the county to get to this point this motion does not determine the vote on November 5th it's just simply again moving it from the December 1st meeting to November 5th for action so I hope my colleagues can support this just so FYI there is a way there would have been a way to um to to amend the consent agenda

[07:12:16] then put it on consent, it just would have taken probably longer than we just took for this to happen. So all of y'all, go brush up on your robber's doors of order. Would you like a closing? Okay, I'm tired. Time to go home. We're at 11 o'clock. Yeah, I'm good. Again, thank you to Vantage and Dominion for the collaboration to get to this point and find an opportunity to end the nightmare that we're dealing with right now.

[07:12:49] And I associate myself with all that. All right. Actually, this was the motion to table, so I made that motion. No, what motion is this? This is a different thing. I'm sorry. You made this motion. Who seconded this motion? Did I second this motion?

[07:13:05] Sure. Did I second this motion? Yeah, sure. I think I seconded this motion. I think I did second this motion. We need to all go home. All in favor, please say aye. Aye. Opposed? It's unanimous. It's 8-0-1, because Ms. Brixman has left.

[07:13:25] Okay, we do have one more closed session, because one closed session has been removed. And we are going to try to get out of here before tomorrow, that's for sure. Mr. Turner, will you meet us in closed session, please?

[07:13:43] I move the Board of Supervisors to recess this public meeting and enter into closed session pursuant to Sections 2.23711A8 and A29 of the Code of Virginia to the Code of Virginia to consult with legal counsel pertaining to the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement where public funds are being expended and where negotiations in open session would adversely affect the bargaining position of the county.

[07:14:06] Second. Discussion on the motion. All in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? That motion passed, 801. Mr. Block, can you hold on just one second before we walk out?

[07:54:14] Jump out the door. Mr. Turner, would you please read the other closed session? Oh, wait, I'm sorry. We're back. Mr. Turner, would you please read the other closed session? I move the closed session be adjourned, that the Board of Supervisors reconvene to the 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.

[07:54:38] Second. Discussion on the motion? All the people who say aye. Aye. Any opposed? That motion will pass, 8-0-1. Would everybody please affirm? Affirm. And I affirm as well.

[07:54:54] Supervisors, I'm going to go Mr. Kirshner first. If you have nominations or disclosures or public comments, go. Mr. Kirshner. Yes, I don't have any of those. I guess on a more serious note, I know it was mentioned earlier. We lost a, tragically, we lost a member of the Valley High School in a very tragic event in Percival, and so just please continue to keep your hearts and prayers open to that family.

[07:55:23] I'm sure they're going through a tremendous, they were next door neighbors to my uncle who actually knew them, and you know, they would come and, he would come and see his dog and things like that, and just, he was, he called me up crying on the phone, so it's just, I think, a very difficult thing for everybody involved in that family.

[07:55:39] Including the sheriff's deputy who witnessed it. yes yes i was involved in that too yeah so yeah yeah i'm sure you were including you yeah all right thank you mr kirchner all right bye-bye mr umstead no disclosures no board comments mr crony thank you chair randall um no disclosures um i just want to say i'll be holding a town hall on Tuesday, October 27th at Legacy Elementary at 7 o'clock p.m. about the Brambleton Shreveport South

[07:56:18] Data Center and NOVAC DEMO substation, and hopefully Chair Randall will join me? I'm going to try. Okay, good. Building and development staff will do a presentation about the two applications, and there'll be an opportunity to hear from the community and answer questions i will also be hosting open office hours on thursday october 29th from 4 to 7 p.m at the aldi fire station this is a great opportunity for district residents to stop by share concerns ask questions or just say hi no appointment is needed thank you thank you just

[07:56:54] say hi um miss glass thank you madam chair on wednesday october 7th i met with representatives from DLA Piper to discuss the Quantum Park application. October 14th, my staff met with representatives from DLA Piper to discuss the Quantum Park application.

[07:57:11] October 15th, my staff met with representatives from PlanSource to discuss the DASH-N application. And no other comments, Madam Chair. Thank you. Mr. Letourneau. Disclosure, on October 15th, my staff spoke with Brian Winderhalter of DLA Piper about LEGIE 2023-0097.

[07:57:29] One quick, quick comment. I know, Chair Randall, baseball is not your sport, we will say. However, I would like to congratulate, and I'm sure you would join me, Ben Williamson of the Tampa Bay Rays and Freedom High School, South Riding, class of 2019.

[07:57:46] He was the Conference Player of the Year and the Regional Player of the Year in Loudoun County. And he is now going to be playing in the World Series for the Rays against the Milwaukee Brewers. So congratulations to Ben. He's 25. We got traded for the Mariners, and so it's pretty cool to see him on the biggest stage in baseball right from South Redding.

[07:58:07] That is very cool. You're right. Baseball, that's my thing, but Loudoun County is definitely my thing, so that's very cool. Mr. Saints. Thank you, Madam Chair. Manitory disclosures on Thursday, September 30th. My staff and I had a meeting with Dominion Energy Advantage Data Centers, and I I would say I recently attended two community meetings or launches regarding, one was the

[07:58:41] Sanitation District that is now fully ready to go, and recently also the Street Lighting Program. I was very happy to attend those meetings and those community launches for those two programs.

[07:58:57] So if I refresh everybody's memories, those started as BMIs many years ago from my office. But I'm just happy to see those come to fruition and be able to possibly help many residents in Loudoun County.

[07:59:14] So anyway, that's all I have to say. Thank you. Thank you very much. Mr. Turner. Thank you, Madam Chair. Here on October 16th, my staff and I met with Todd Pearson from B.F. Saul Real Estate Investment Trust to discuss the applications for Dulles Technology Park and Ashburg Tech Park. And October 16th, my staff and I spoke with Brian Winterhalder to discuss the application for Quantum Park. I've had quite a few meetings with Amazon. That's all I actually have to say. And I think, I do want to say, in all seriousness, losing anybody in our county is

[07:59:47] very hard. Losing a 15-year-old who died by suicide is extraordinarily hard. And so we do, you know, there's so many words for this right now. We don't know what happened. We don't know what went on. And we don't need to, to say that we send all of our condolences and prayers to the family and hope that if there's any way that the county as a whole can help, they reach out to us. I also want to say to the sheriff's deputy, you know, trauma is very real and to even when

[08:00:25] you're a first responder to watch something like that happen is very, very hard. And so same message to the sheriff's deputy. A mental health injury is an injury because mental health is health. And just as we would and we have, you know, kind of assisted some of our firefighters of deputies who've had injuries, let's remember that we would do the same if there was a need and a mental health injury. And to say what they were thinking about that sheriff's deputy as well. These moments are very, very hard for the county. And over the past two weeks

[08:00:59] or months, we've had domestic violence incident and now this incident. And if there's any county that can come together in these moments, it's definitely us. But they're still very hard. And on behalf of the county administration and the board, we do send our prayers, our sympathy, and our condolences. Thank you, everybody. We are adjourned.



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