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[00:00:00] Good afternoon. It is 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9th. For those who wish, please join me in a moment of silence. Thank you.

[00:00:28] If we could all rise for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. 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.

[00:00:46] Thank you. Welcome to our first meeting after budget season. We're all excited about that. Budget season's over, so we're a whole new set of stuff. I'm going to begin with Agenda Item 3, which is the approval of the minutes. Can I get a motion for 3A through 3D?

[00:01:03] So moved, Madam Chair. Second. Motion made by Supervisor Bailey, seconded by Vice Chair Bodie. Any discussion? Seeing no discussion, we can vote.

[00:01:26] Vote unanimous. Supervisor Franklin absent from vote. We have 23 items on our consent agenda items. But does anybody want to make a motion for 4A through 4P?

[00:01:48] So move, Madam Chair. Second. Okay. Is there any discussion on 4A through 4P? Madam Chair. Actually, Supervisor Bodie, you have something also. Okay. Is there something you want to pull? 4J. Okay.

One sec. 4J and Supervisor Bodie?

[00:02:04] Yeah. Nothing to pull. I just want to comment on some of the items. Okay. Do you want to wait until discussion? Yeah, sure. That'd be great. Okay. So we'll pull 4-J if I could get a new motion for 4-A through 4-P without J. So moved, Madam Chair. Second.

[00:02:20] Motion made by Supervisor Bailey, seconded by Vice Chair Bodie. Any further discussion? Supervisor Bodie. Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a few items since we have so many for my Occoquan district residents. 4B continues onward with the MOU between the Board of Superwriters and BMX, as we have the BMX track back here.

[00:02:39] 4D is something I'm really excited for. It's going to start off some improvements at the K-9 Gunner Dog Park. We know that for quite a while there's been accessibility issues there, especially for folks in wheelchairs. There's sort of a steep hill there. This starts that process off.

[00:02:56] So I wanted a big kudos to Seth Handler, boss, and his team, for jumping on that priority that my office is set for that dog park so we can get more accessibility into the dog park. 4G is a storm drainage issue on Triad Court. So I just want to make my residents aware that we are going to be doing some storm drainage improvements there.

[00:03:17] And then 4H is inspection agreement with the town of Occoquan. Right now, most of the other towns allow and have an agreement with the county to go in and do their building code inspections. The town of Occoquan had stayed away from that for a while, but now we're all going to be locking arms with that.

[00:03:32] And then finally, 4L, I'm really excited about as well. A lot of people know about Chin Park Library, but we also have another library in the Occoquan district at Tackett's Middle Lake Ridge Park. And we are going to be using our proffer funds this time around to do some much needed improvement to that park to make it a lot more accessible, to improve their programming, and really expand their clientele there.

[00:03:55] So I just wanted to say kudos to the folks that work over there at the Tackett's Mill Lake Ridge Park, and I'm glad we're going to be helping you out with these funds. Thank you so much, Madam Chair. Thank you, Vice Chair Bodie. Supervisor Bailey. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. I just wanted to give kudos for items 4M and N.

[00:04:18] No, excuse me. Where am I? I moved my thing. I'm sorry. Oh, I just moved it. For 4-0, pardon me, 4-0 to Ms. Duckett for the program that she's, the action plan that she's putting forth in terms of the housing and community development.

[00:04:37] And I also want to give kudos to 4-M-N-N, for Lisa Madron. And every time I see that there's an item moving forward in terms of mental health and healing the land within our community, it is important. And so kudos to 4-M-N-N-O for taking care of our communities. Thank you.

[00:04:56] Thank you, Supervisor Bailey. seeing no further discussion vote unanimous supervisor franklin absent from vote thank you uh supervisor vega 4j thank you madam chair i don't have additional comments on this at this time i'm just not going to be supporting it but i'll get with you rick thank you if i could get a motion on 4j please so move madam chair second motion made by supervisor bailey seconded by vice

[00:05:31] chair bode any further discussion seeing none please vote motion passes five to two supervisors Lawson and Vega abstaining from vote. We're now on to the... My apologies. Supervisors Lawson and Vega voting nay. Thank you. We're now on to the accommodation section 4Q through 4W. If I could get a motion on... So moved, Madam Chair. Second. Motion made by Supervisor Bailey, seconded by

[00:06:07] Vice Chair Bodie. Any further discussion? Seeing none, please vote. Motion passes. Supervisor Dr. Vega, abstaining from vote.

[00:06:25] Thank you very much. We are now going on to the proclamation portion of the agenda. I'm going to go down to the podium. Thank you. Podium. And you'll notice that we have seven proclamations today. So we're using a little bit of a different choreograph just to make it go a little bit quicker so we're not here until dinner time.

[00:06:46] And people who are getting the accommodations and proclamations know that we're doing it a little bit of a difference with the change in advance. So if you could just bear with us and let me go down. And they're not going to be in the exact same order, too, if anybody notices that when we're going on the agenda. So I'm going to end up reading the shortened version of the proclamation.

[00:07:21] Then we're going to bring up the significant person who's going to speak on behalf of the proclamation. But at that time, everyone who is with them is welcome to come up and ascendable right near the seal. So the first one is the Service Authority, 40th anniversary.

[00:07:40] The Prince William County Service Authority is one of the most crucial utility departments we have here in the county. It oversees a massive infrastructure of more than 2,200 miles of pipeline that handles up to 56 million gallons of water a day and 43 million gallons of wastewater a day.

[00:07:58] Even with this massive responsibility, our service authority has managed to be a nationally recognized model for excellence in sustainability. They've earned numerous state and national safety awards in the last 10 years, while keeping 100% regulatory compliance for 11 years running at the HL Mooney Advanced Water Reclamation Facility.

[00:08:17] It's an incredible accomplishment to provide such exceptional service to such a large county, and it's even more incredible to do this accomplishment for so long. So congratulations to the Service Authority on its 40-year anniversary, and I now will have the pleasure of introducing Service Authority General Manager and CEO, Calvin Farr.

[00:08:36] To say a few words, and while these remarks are being made, if anyone else is in the audience associated with this proclamation, please congregate in the front of the dais near the seal, please. Thank you. Thank you, Chair Wheeler and members of the Board of County Supervisors.

[00:08:59] I want to sincerely thank you for recognizing the vital role the service authority plays in our community. I want to thank the Board of County Supervisors, past and present, for the vision to create comprehensive county-wide system and for the support over the last 40 years. I also want to thank our Service Authority Board of Directors, past and present, for their strategic leadership and their commitment to public service and Prince William County. We have some of our Board of Directors here in attendance. I want to acknowledge them at this time. Paul Muir, our Board Chair,

[00:09:37] who represents Coles District. Joyce Eagles, who is the Woodbridge District Representative on our Board, and also Marlo Thomas Watson of Neabsco District. Of course, we could not do this vital work

without the tireless commitment of our employees, from operations and maintenance to water reclamation, field and customer service, laboratory and administrative professionals.

[00:10:03] Takes a dedicated team with technical expertise and a commitment to meaningful public service to be environmental ambassadors and deliver exceptional service to the community. We take great pride in our roles as public stewards and environmental leaders here in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and the Prince William County community. We have intricate, well-maintained water delivery and sewer collection system and exceptional water reclamation processes to ensure the full cycle of our water from source to tap protects the environment, public health, and the well-being

[00:10:40] of our customers. When our customers turn on the faucet, they do not have to think twice about the quality of the water or the reliability of our service. It's our job to make the task look easy 24-7 and 365 days a year.

[00:10:56] So we sincerely appreciate your recognition today. On behalf of the Prince William County Service Authority, we say thank you.

[00:11:19] Next up is recognizing Business Appreciation Month.

[00:11:40] Business Appreciation Month is an important event that is celebrated annually across the county, recognizing the contributions of businesses in our society. It's a time to acknowledge the hard work, dedication, and commitment that business owners and employees put in to create and maintain successful enterprises. This month highlights the roles of businesses in providing employment, driving innovation, and contributing to the growth of our economy.

[00:12:02] It's also an opportunity to appreciate the positive impacts that businesses have on our communities through their philanthropic opportunities, support for local charities, and other community initiatives. Business Appreciation Month reminds us of the crucial role that businesses play in our lives and encourages us to show gratitude to them.

[00:12:20] By showing the appreciation to businesses, we can foster a stronger culture of collaboration and supports that benefit everyone. I now invite Mariah Bailey, the CEO of the local business Black American Market, to the podium to say a few words and, okay, I was looking at you guys and everybody's already up there.

[00:12:39] Thank you. Thank you, Chair Wheeler and the members of the Board of Supervisors. I am Mariah Bailey, the founder and CEO of the Black American Market. First and foremost, thank you to Christina Wynn and Clarice Grove for inviting me here to speak to the entire board today.

[00:12:59] Second, thank you to the team at Economic Development for supporting small businesses like mine, as well as global corporations like ATCC, who joins me here today to represent the large businesses in the county, as well as the diversity of business leaders who are choosing Prince William County to make their mark.

[00:13:17] My business is about uplifting others. As many of you know, we have retail spaces for Black American businesses, both online and in a physical space inside of Potomac Mills Mall. As a U.S. Army veteran, I've known challenges, but building a retail concept store after COVID-19 pandemic has been a whole new level of problem solving.

[00:13:39] If my experience has taught me anything, it's that my community and my vision are poised for even greater success. Black American Market opened in September of 2022 with 10 businesses in our space. And by our grand opening in November of 2022, we had over 50 businesses inside of Potomac Mills Mall.

[00:13:58] From September to December, we were also able to ensure that more than $100,000 went into the pocket of these small black-owned businesses right here inside of Prince William County. Our space elevates black American businesses, but our products and services are for everyone.

[00:14:17] and we also look to create a more inclusive and diverse environment. Thank you for proclaiming May as Business Appreciation Month, and I invite the entire board and our county to come to Potomac Mills and experience shopping internally and internationally inside of Black American market.

[00:15:06] Next is recognizing Historic Preservation Month.

[00:15:30] Historic Preservation Month is a crucial time to recognize and celebrate the historical significance of our built environment and to educate people about the importance of preserving historic buildings, structures, and the landscapes for future generations. Structures that not only provide us with a glimpse into the past, but also serve as a source of inspiration for future architects, historians, and artists.

[00:15:52] With urbanization and the need for new construction, preservation efforts help to strike a balance between progress and conservation. It is essential to remember that history helps shape our identity, our culture, and our future. historic preservation month reminds us to honor protect and preserve our heritage which is critical for our community's growth and vitality i now invite yolanda green the chair of the historical commission to the podium to say a few words and while these remarks are being made if anyone is here associated with this proclamation please feel free to congregate in front of the

[00:16:24] dais at the seal i have to take my glasses off to see okay good afternoon madam chair vice chair and members of the Board of County Supervisors.

[00:16:41] We, the Historical Commission and Historic Preservation, are honored to be recognized today by you, and we continue to work hard with you to preserve and educate the community of our illustrious county. We would like to acknowledge our staff and board members who you see in front of you.

[00:17:02] So we have my partner in crime, Rob Orison, who works with the Historic Commission. We also have Lauren, who has been with us two years and hit the ground running day one, and so we appreciate you from the Historic Commission. We also appreciate Justin Patton, who's behind him as our archaeologist and our counsel who works with the Historic Commission.

[00:17:24] Emma Dietrich, who is new, and she apparently hit the ground running. Well, she actually works with cemeteries, so I'm not quite sure if I say hit the ground or went underground. And then, of course, we have Michael Garcia, who is on our Historic Preservation Board. So thank you so much, along with all the others who are probably listening to see if I make any mistakes and forget them, but I did not.

[00:17:46] So we also want to, again, thank you for your continued support and make people understand that history is not just the past. History is present, which is happening right now, and we can also help to control some things that happen in the future. So as we continue to focus on our locations to keep them open, educate the students and the public, and work actively with our communities, with our

communities via interactive tours, enticement of enactments that we do at the historical battlefields, as well as all the wonderful events that you all attend.

[00:18:24] So thank you so much, and we appreciate you.

[00:18:40] Next up, we have Foster Care Month.

[00:19:03] This month is an opportunity for us to raise awareness about the difficulties faced by children entering the foster care system. It allows us to acknowledge the incredible work done by our foster families and our Department of social services who are working tirelessly to provide children with a safe and nurturing environment. This month serves as a reminder that foster children need our support and resources to help them flourish academically, emotionally, and socially. Through heightened awareness and education, Foster Care Month encourages more individuals to volunteer their time, resources, and skills to create a supportive community for at-risk children. By bringing attention to the needs of foster care children and by promoting the many benefits of foster care, this month has the

[00:19:42] potential to change the lives of children who need it most. With that, I invite the Vice Chair of the DSS Advisory Board, Idris O'Connor, to say a few words. Good afternoon, Chair Wheeler. Thank you, Chair Wheeler and members of the Board of Supervisors. My name is Idris O'Connor, the Vice Chair for the DSS Advisory Board. And today with me is Director Courtney Tierney and Phyllis Jenning-Hulk, DSS Deputy Director, and Bridget Alston, DSS Assistant Director over foster care.

[00:20:15] On behalf of the DSS Advisory Board and the Department of Social Services, we thank you for recognizing the local families who serve as foster families, the children in our custody, and the staff dedicated to public service and transforming lives. All children deserve a loving and safe home in which to enjoy a carefree childhood and adolescence.

[00:20:39] In partnership with the Virginia Department of Social Services, DSS rigidly follows state and federal policies while also engaging local families to meet the needs of local children who are in foster care through no fault of their own. We thank our families, support our children, and appreciate the staff.

[00:20:57] Any family interested in serving local children in foster care should call 703-792-7500, and then you press option 7, or visit the county website, pwcgov.org, and click the Department of Social Services under my government. Thank you.

[00:21:18] Four down, three to go.

[00:21:48] Next up, proclaiming May 21st through 27th, 2023, Emergency Medical Services Week. Emergency Medical Services Week highlights and recognizes the vital role that emergency medical service providers play in our communities.

[00:22:05] These dedicated professionals are the first responders in emergencies and are often the difference between life and death for many individuals. This week serves an opportunity to recognize their hard work, dedication, and commitment towards saving lives. It also helps to increase the public awareness about the critical importance of emergency medical services in providing timely and effective cares to those in need.

[00:22:31] Therefore, it's crucial to celebrate the contributions of these brave individuals and to support them in their efforts to keep our communities safe and healthy. I would now like to bring up our brand-new Fire and Rescue Chief, Thomas LaBelle, to say a few words.

[00:22:48] Good afternoon. Thank you very much. I am absolutely thrilled to be here on behalf of the men and the women, career and volunteer throughout this county, who provide emergency medical services every single day.

[00:23:04] Thank you for recognizing this incredibly important week. I would be remiss if I also didn't recognize Dr. Sullivan and Chief Miller, who have worked diligently on making EMS Week a success throughout the county. I'd also be remiss not to recognize, obviously, events that happened in this very chamber not too long ago, and the fine men and women here who you got to see their incredible work.

[00:23:27] But I also want to recognize that throughout the county at that exact same time, There were other citizens who were having problems that were being well served by the folks out and about in the street. I want to really emphasize the role that all of us can play, knowing CPR, knowing how to use an AED in ensuring that our citizens, our neighbors, our loved ones, and our visitors are safe, and also that we commit to not simply waiting for the emergency to happen.

[00:23:56] As a system, we're going to work towards proactive education and engagement to make sure that We provide medical service, not simply emergency medical service. I'm also very thrilled to know that John Stirrup is here with us today, and I'd like to step aside for a second and give him an opportunity to say hello to some folks he got to meet a few weeks ago.

[00:24:20] Thank you so much, Chief. Madam Chair, members of the board, you may recall I interrupted your meeting three weeks ago. I hope not to do that again today or ever again. But I'm here primarily to say thank you to the men and women of the Emergency Medical Services Division of the Fire and Rescue and also the sheriff's deputies, and there are so many others I know that helped and participated and essentially saved my life.

[00:24:51] So it is my sincere thanks to all of you. And I just want to emphasize to the citizens of the county how fortunate we are to have the level of professionalism that's standing in front of me and throughout the county, protecting our citizens. And I am the first to testify to that.

[00:25:09] So I just want to say thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for the great work that you do. Thank you for saving my life. And I want to take a moment just to also say thank you to the board and so many others for the outpouring of support and prayers over the last three weeks.

[00:25:28] Believe me, I can attest that prayer works, and I certainly thank you all for that. So God bless you all and I pretty much appreciate it.

[00:25:35] Next up is May 15th, 2023 as National Peace Offers Memorial Day and the week of May 14th through 20th as National Police Week.

[00:26:47] National Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week are significant observances that honor the sacrifices made by law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. This observance raises public awareness about the dangers faced by peace officers as they work to protect our communities.

[00:27:04] It also provides opportunities to pay tribute to the families of fallen officers who have lost a loved one while serving their communities. By recognizing the contributions of the sacrifices made by these brave women and men, the National Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week remind us of the vital role law enforcement plays in maintaining public safety and upholding the rule of law.

[00:27:25] I now invite Police Chief Newsham to say a few words, and while these remarks are being made, if anyone is here associated with this proclamation, please feel free to congregate in the front. Is that okay? Good afternoon, Chair Wheeler, members of the board.

[00:27:42] I'm Pete Newsham. I'm the Chief of Police here in Prince William County. As you know, the Prince William County Police Department has lost four officers in the line of duty. Officer Pete White, whose end of watch was October 27th, 1973, his 50-year anniversary will be coming up in October.

[00:28:00] Officer Mike Pennington, whose end of watch was November 22nd, 1990. Officer Chris Young, whose end of watch was December 31st, 2012. Officer Ashley Gwinden, whose end of watch was February 27th, 2016. Last night, our Citizens Police Academy alumni held a beautiful tribute at the Grace Life Church. I know several of you were in attendance. Also in attendance was officer pete white's wife officer mike pennington's brother and his sister-in-law officer

[00:28:40] chris young's parents and his daughter and other members of his family and officer ashley gwinden's mom what i would like to do is for our survivors and for all survivors who have lost a loved one in the line of duty i'd like to express on behalf of everyone at the prince william county police department our heartfelt condolences. I also want to express that we will never forget them and we certainly won't forget the fact that they gave up their life in service to others. To the Board of

[00:29:16] County Supervisors, I want to thank you for this proclamation, for carving out a week where our community who we serve has an opportunity to support those survivors and reflect back on these

[00:29:29] lives that were lost to ensure that everybody else is safe. Thank you very much. Last but not least,

[00:30:11] recognizing Bike to Work Day. Bike to Work Day observes the use of bikes as a viable, healthy, and sustainable mode of transportation. It encourages people to leave their cars at home and ride their bikes, which reduces traffic congestion, saves money on fuel and parking, and lowers carbon emissions, which helps to reduce air pollution and protect the environment.

[00:30:31] Biking to work is a great way to stay active and healthy and is an ideal opportunity for people to try cycling as part of their daily commuting routine. Overall, Bike to Work Day helps us as a county promote sustainable transportation practices that can positively impact the environment, health, and well-being of individuals and communities as a whole. With that, I invite Mr. George Phillips, a principal planner with our Department of Transportation, to say a few words.

[00:31:00] Good afternoon, Madam Chair, members of the board, Mr. Shorter and Ms. Robel. I'm George Phillips, principal planner with Prince William County Department of Transportation, and I'm here with Bryce Barrett and some of our other crew here, Rick Canizales, Paula Bolida, Gretchen Johnson, who's been helping to spearhead this effort. And on behalf of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, our department and all of our Bike to Workday partners, thank you for

[00:31:34] this proclamation. We're excited to promote this year's event. We have nine pit stops this year around the county and we hosted our first bike to work day youth poster contest and a big thank you to cc canazales our director's much better half to coming up with this idea and with me as our contest winner haley jj cat and she's holding the picture it's beautiful take a look and thank

[00:32:09] you, J.J., for sharing your talents with us for a really good cause. We also want to thank J.J.'s art teacher, Ms. Kelly Wasson, and take a look at that picture. It's beautiful. I want to thank J.J.'s art teacher, Kelly Wasson, her school principal, Jody Pankowski, for their guidance and encouragement to J.J. Thanks again for this proclamation and acknowledgement of Bike to Work Day 2023, and I hope to see all of you out there in their biker shorts on May 19th.

[00:32:44] And thank you for everyone for your patience with that different kind of way we're doing

[00:33:45] proclamations. We had seven, so that was a good way to do it in a more timely fashion. So thank you to my staff and the clerk for helping with that. With that, let's see, we are on to public comment time. Today we have in person nine people signed up to speak. I will call them up five at a time. Everyone if you could please state your name and generally where you live or your magisterial district in the county that would be appreciated and you can just line up in the back. The first

[00:34:15] five are Carl Greeton, Rick Farro, John Dominick, Alan Gloss, and Alicia Gloss. Please proceed.

[00:34:43] Good afternoon. I'm Carl Gretton and I live in the Gainesville District. We are against the Digital Gateway CPA on Pageland Lane and its associated rezoning. Vote no for rezoning of the Digital Gateway. Who here is going to take credit for the lies and misinformation? Are the Democrats on the board that have stated that the Wheeler 695 Outer Beltway is not going to exist or are the developers that have included it on the four-lane Pageland Highway in their media blitz?

[00:35:13] We heard today in this chamber, May 2023, is proclaimed by a few that this historic preservation month is this month.

[00:35:32] What is the Prince William County Board doing to preserve the single greatest historic site in Prince William County? Will it be the height of a hypocrisy to vote no on the two historical commissions resolutions, perhaps as soon as this or next month? We can see from Compass's handouts that there are multiple cemeteries all over the digital gateway.

[00:36:05] How can you rezone this as anything other than agriculturally historic? Just look at the next slide of perhaps the largest argument against the digital gateway. What do we see here?

[00:36:22] There are six points of view with half of the page devoted to a kid. Are these the environmental talking points presented by Compass? Who is going to hold these businesses accountable if they do not comply? When will you evaluate the promises and pledges are complete?

[00:36:37] Everything looks fine and dandy. Wrong. here are the arguments against the digital gateway i must have dropped number one sorry

[00:36:54] water quality needlessness noise power transportation other infrastructure i guess

[00:37:48] all the folks can't see it now history culture and recreation thank you very much process and easy ethics thank you very much mr green next speaker please our next speaker is rick farrow and if people could line up in the back and be ready to speak our next speakers are rick farrow john Dominic, Alan Gloss, and Alicia Gloss. Thank you, Chairman Wheeler and board members. Thank you for your time. Appreciate you being here. My name is Rick Ferry. I'm a sixth generation veteran. Every member of my family has served in the military. My mom, my dad, my brother, two uncles from Marines

[00:38:24] in Vietnam. When they came home, they didn't get the best of welcomes. I've had the opportunity to be a resident here in Prince William County for the past 15 years. I've grown up, I've raised

my family here. I'm a member of the board for Willing Warriors. We appreciate the opportunity to be presented on item 10b. Ask for your support unanimously on that resolution. The board supports both the retreat at Willing Warriors. Bull Run supports not just the veterans and the service members who are going through their issues at Walter Reed, Bethesda, and Quantico

[00:39:04] health systems but it also supports the community as a whole i've had the opportunity to mentor young people through leadership development programs to do lead service projects out there and uh and and just ask that you support that it might have is that the remaining my time i'm seeing the two minutes up here but yeah you got two more minutes okay um i understand that this has been contentious and i understand that this has kind of been um you know woven together with another item i'd ask you consider it uh and and do your due diligence that's all i've got today

[00:39:38] i relinquish the rest of my time thank you very much next speaker please um board chair wheeler and the rest of the board members thank you for the opportunity to be here um uh we are here to speak about uh could you tell us who you are and generally where you live in the county excuse me could you tell us who you are and generally where you live in the county john dominic my name is John Dominick, I'm the vice president and founder, co-founder of Willing Warriors.

[00:40:08] We founded Willing Warriors in 2013, and for the past years, that's all we've been working on. We put our blood, sweat, and tears into that property with volunteers, mostly volunteers' effort.

[00:40:24] We are here today because we are having a great issue with our real estate taxes, And we're here to ask for a tax, a permanent tax exemption on this property. When we first got the property, we were paying $4,500 approximately on the real estate taxes.

[00:40:45] After we built a new lodging house for our retreat, we were up to $21,000 presently. And we're building a third property now because there's a great demand to give that opportunity to warriors and families to come and retreat and relax. It's a great therapy for them.

[00:41:01] And that will probably put us in the area of $30,000 to $35,000, we're estimating, of real estate taxes. The state has given the supervisors, each county, the opportunity and the actual, I don't want to say, that you have the right and the power to grant a tax exemption to us.

[00:41:23] And that's what we're asking for today. Everything we've done was by volunteer work. We do not have a million dollars like maybe some of you think we do. just because we have properties on that or buildings on that property, residential houses that we use as retreat houses, sorry.

[00:41:42] But we do not. Everything we have raised has been by donations of citizens, businesses, organizations. They have put their time and effort and our sweat equity into that in developing this property. And we've been getting far greater results there than we ever imagined.

[00:42:02] So I'm asking you as the board, which has the power right now, to give us that tax exemption that we'll be able to continue to serve our wounded warriors. Right here, we have many wounded warriors from Prince William County.

[00:42:17] You may not think so about what we do. And our warriors, they serve the nation. They serve everyone. They've given us all the freedom, the opportunity, the prosperity that we have. Why can't we, you as the board, we're asking not to make this a political thing, but to just think of what it means, okay, to all of us.

[00:42:39] If our citizens and our businesses and our other organizations in Prince William County can pitch in and help us develop this property to give our military service members whatever they need, the help they need, the support they need, more than words, please, I'm begging you right now, consider it and to vote on this to all of you.

[00:43:02] Make a vote on this, to do it or not today. And that's all I have to say. Thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please.

[00:43:25] Good afternoon. Ellen Gloss-Cole's district. Stamping out racism has been a common theme of this board. This board spent millions of our dollars renaming to stretch a road in schools with Confederate generals on them and much more trying to find racism wherever it can. While this board was running for these seats, I remember Chair Wheeler and Supervisor Bodie standing in front of the cameras feigning shock and outrage over tweets by Wheeler's opponent because it was politically advantageous to them. I remember Supervisor Bailey denying accommodation to the 2A folks because two of them looked at her a little too long and she just knew because she is a mind reader the

[00:44:01] racist thoughts in their heads. She ascribed this racist fortune telling to them because it was politically advantageous to her. I also remember when Supervisor Bode's commie kids came in here with their potty mouths and attacked supervisor Vega incessantly. Not once did any of you do anything to stop the personal attacks on her. But I did notice that someone on this board gave them a nice conference room to comfortably hang out in and filled it with snacks and refreshments for them. They cursed her and even questioned her ethnic authenticity. The first Latino on this board, imagine that. That's pretty racist, yet none of you said anything then because that type

[00:44:38] racism was politically advantageous for you. In June of 2020, an elected official of Prince William County, Tiziana Bottino, very callously called my friend Tim Parrish a token black man when he was elected to the GOP chair. In fact, I brought this to the board's attention, hoping you all would denounce her bigotry. While Bottino was elected prior to her racism being exposed and could not be fired, surely this board would have moved to censure such a racist in the employment of the county. But no, no such thing happened because after all, Bettina was a member of your own party and it was politically advantageous for you not to call out that racism. Then Supervisor Angry

[00:45:17] namelessly accused ladies in the rural crescent to vandalism at his home. A lot of us found it hard to believe someone like Elena, Kim, Tammy, or any of those other very vocal protectors of the environment would be out tagging mailboxes. And thankfully, his accusations did not go far because the police had already logged in their notes that they had told him well before his claim that the vandals were simply neighborhood kids.

[00:45:42] Yet he still chose to stoke the flames of racism and accuse those ladies because it was politically advantageous to him. Now here we are, and I see that you all have decided to appoint Tiziana Bottino, the elected official who said those racist things about my friend, to yet another government position to further represent this county.

[00:45:59] Bottino should have gotten censured, or at a minimum, the county should have distanced itself from her and her vitriol but no here you are all rewarding her racist rant because it is politically advantageous to you now it seems that this board pulls that race card whenever it benefits you but are silent when it's done by a member of your own party you are leaders in this county start acting like it you know you know you water down real racism when you pick and choose what racist things you call out to

those of you that will vote yes to 10a today you are simply hypocrites you are charlatans clutching your pearls against racism when it's politically advantageous for you. Please vote no to Tiziano-Bottino's appointment and stop allowing

[00:46:38] races to infest the seats of this county. Before our next speaker, I'm going to call the next four, Ayn Johnson, Tammy Beard, Sarah Ford, and Marcus Dondria. Please proceed.

[00:46:55] Alicia Gloss-Coles. In 2020, my husband and I brought this to this board's attention of Prince William County public official, Tiziano-Bottino, who made a statement on the Potomac Local News Facebook page that was so disgusting and, yes, racist. Quote, yay, now you have your token black person. Congratulations, you're officially diverse, end quote. The statement was put out by Miss Bottino in response to Tim Parrish's win as the first black Prince William County GOP Republican chairman. But rather than celebrate, she is a public official and member of the Democrat Party, decided he wasn't black enough, just a token black person. Just like Supervisor Yesley Vega,

[00:47:32] another first for Prince William County, the first Hispanic to be elected to the Board of Supervisors. Before being elected to the board, Supervisor Vega became a police officer to serve and defend the community. After that, she became a sheriff's deputy and still serves as a reserve sheriff's deputy while continuing to serve on this board. But as another first for Prince William County, she wasn't Hispanic enough and has been racially attacked and berated, but never defended by one of you Democrats on this board. Tim Parrish joined the Marines and served his country with honor. After he got out of the Marine Corps, he decided to serve once again, but in his community, putting his life on the line again as a police officer. But Ms. Bottino sought to reduce his

[00:48:11] service and him to just a token black person. My husband and I are veterans of the Army and have both served our country with honor. Supervisor Angry, you too are an Army veteran and has served your country with honor and are continuing your service by serving on this board. How would you feel if someone sought to reduce all that you have done and who you are to a token black person, as Ms. Botino tried to do with my friend, Tim Parrish. This board talks about weeding out racism in Prince William County, created a commission to find racism in Prince William County, started soliciting citizens to find racism, spent millions of taxpayer money to

[00:48:49] rename 12 miles of a road you deemed racist. But when this board was presented with racism by a Prince William County public official, your silence was deafening and continues to be. We all see what's really going on as you use racism as a political crutch when it benefits you politically. You now seek to reward and elevate Ms. Bottino's racist comments in Prince William County by appointing her to the Sustainability Commission. Why? This board talks about equity, but what about equality, where we see and treat each other as equals, where we see each other as human beings and are not reduced to the color of our skin as equity seeks to do.

[00:49:27] Ms. Botino's racist comments and voice should not be elevated or rewarded in Prince William County and she should not serve on any commission. Vote no to her appointment to the Sustainability Commission. Next speaker please. Good afternoon. Madam Chair, Board of Supervisors, County Attorney, and County Executive. My name is Mrs. Johnson and I am from the Woodbridge District and I'm back

[00:50:05] again, and I enjoy my Tuesday meetings, we'll call it that. I'm continuing to speak publicly as a wife, mother, expecting mother, and advocate for families who desire to adopt, but ultimately the most vulnerable in Prince William County have been overlooked. Let me start by saying foster care is not

wrong. I absolutely believe in foster care, nor do I believe having a government structure is wrong. Having rules and regulations, it's not wrong. But what I can say is wrong and will continue to say is individuals within each category, specifically the Prince William County

[00:50:44] Department of Social Services, who are not held accountable for their actions. At minimum, our family was finally granted a meeting to speak directly with two officials here at the county building. And we want to thank those two individuals. We don't need to say their names. They know who they are. We want to thank them for their professionalism. We are confident the pending investigation will confirm the concerns we have spoken on publicly no reason to say things privately but not saying publicly will be substantiated when individuals are held accountable the most important piece we'll just pause there the most important piece missed by this entire

[00:51:22] process is what is in the best interest of a toddler affectionately known as bumpy bumpy deserves permanency bumpy deserves stability bumpy deserves the proper medical care educational resources for him to succeed despite the reason he came into foster care. Bumpy deserves to be with our family. We raised Bumpy since birth. He never knew any other parents. We raised him since birth. Mr. Shorter and Ms. Courtney Tierney, if she's still here in the building, we will continue

[00:51:57] to say to you, and we will say to Governor Glenn Youngkin, I have no problem saying that. My husband has no problem saying that. Our family has no problem saying that. And to the commissioner, Danny TK Avula. We desire to legally adopt Bumpy. We desire to empower families with knowledge on the foster to adopt journey. We desire to advocate because there's very little, if any, legislation in Virginia for foster parents. We desire to advocate for stronger legislation. We are asking for accountability. Though uncomfortable, though unpopular, and sometimes exhausting, we are not

[00:52:36] giving up. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good afternoon, Madam Chair, Board of Supervisors, County Attorney, County Executive. My name is Tammy Beard. I own Yellow Cab of Prince William County, and I'm back. Sorry, guys. I need appointments to the Taxi Cab Review Board.

[00:53:01] Please, please, if you haven't made an appointment, find somebody to appoint. Supervisor Angry, your appointee showed up at the last meeting. He was the only one there, besides myself and the team from the licensing bureau please please make appointments so that we can have a quorum and we can get some business done i can't do anything without the approval of the board to send it to you for you to approve we can't have an appeal for a driver that gets suspended we don't have any power at all to do anything we can't change rates we can't do

[00:53:37] anything without our board so please make appointments to the taxicab review board Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Beard. Next speaker, please. Good afternoon. I'm Sarah Ford, representing Willing Warriors Executive Director, and I'm from the Gainesville District. I want to thank you for your time today. This is actually five years in the making. It's been a long five years of emails, phone calls, individual appointments with you all coming out to the retreat, and it's been a journey to get here to where we can collectively address you as a board and speak about our request for tax exemption. Willing Warriors does not receive any dedicated

[00:54:13] funding from Prince William County. In fact, on the list here of community partners, there's no veterans organizations listed. The funding that we have to fundraise for is over $21,000 in Prince William County property taxes. That's a significant burden on our non-profit organization for staff, for events, and

for our community to fundraise over $21,000. We expect that number to substantially and exponentially increase as we build a third home that our co-founder John Dominick mentioned.

[00:54:45] This burden that's placed on our Warrior Retreat actually would fund for eight weeks of Warrior family stays at the Warrior Retreat. So please keep that in mind. $21,000 in 2023 is what we owe Prince William County. Prince William County's residents are served by the Warrior Retreat.

[00:55:03] We serve veterans that are home, that call home right here in Prince William County. Our veterans come from all over the county. I have a whole stack of letters right here written by citizens of Prince William County, Woodbridge, Quantico, Dale City, Triangle, Manassas, Haymarket.

[00:55:23] They're all right here. Board of Supervisors, these are your constituents. Every single district that's represented here in front of us by the Board of Supervisors is represented by letters from our warrior families. So we do serve your constituents. We also serve Prince William County through the residents that come to the warrior retreat and volunteer.

[00:55:43] We have over 500 Prince William County residents that volunteer at the Warrior Retreat. Last year alone, that accounted to over 14,000 hours of volunteer time by Prince William County residents. These are primarily veterans and veterans' families that come to the retreat to connect, to bond, to serve their own mental health needs by connecting with other veterans at our property.

[00:56:04] I feel it's only right and only fair for Prince William County to also serve these warriors that serve our entire nation. Our military members take an oath of office not to serve their families and their hometowns, but the entire nation. That includes you, that includes me, that includes our entire county.

[00:56:21] It's the very least we can do to say welcome home, take a knee on our watch right here in Prince William County. So I ask you board, please consider our request for tax exemption for willing warriors. It is not only the right thing to do, it's the just thing to do.

[00:56:39] And it shows the whole community and it shows the nation that Prince William County cares for and values our veterans and our military heroes. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good afternoon. My name is Marcus D'Andrea. I live in Haymarket here in Prince William County.

[00:57:05] I am a disabled veteran, and I was in the Marines from 2007 to 2014. I stepped on an IED in Afghanistan, and so that's how I became disabled.

[00:57:30] So I just want to say that I believe that this is a completely nonpartisan issue. I think that the taxpayers here 100% would want organizations like Serve Our Willing Warriors to have a tax-exempt status.

[00:57:52] As Sarah said, they have to raise funds, and I don't think that any of the donations that people give should be going to taxes.

[00:58:08] I don't think any donors believe that their donations should go to taxes. I think that's completely ridiculous and I hope that you guys will vote in favor of serve our willing warriors and give them this tax exempt status and maybe even back pay them

[00:58:39] for the taxes that they already paid and yeah I'm not much of a public speaker so I excuse my stuttering and thank you for having me. Thank you very much. This will conclude our in-person public comment time. I will turn it over to Vice Chair Bodie. Thank you, Madam Chair.

[00:59:03] Ms. Madden, do we have anyone signed up online? Okay. Ms. Van, shall we hear from that individual this afternoon? Sir, if you're talking, we can't hear you. You might be muted. There might be an audio issue with your

[00:59:37] One second. We hear him, so try again, Mr. Armstead.

[00:59:59] Hi, supervisors. Can you hear me? Just hang with us folks. Technology. Hello. Can you hear me? One more second. One more time, Mr. Armstead. Hi, supervisors. Can you hear me?

[01:01:15] Ms. Madden, do we know? I think this is probably going on long enough. Yeah, so I guess we could pause from hearing from the speaker and maybe if they get them back. That's fine. Why don't we move on to our next agenda item?

[01:01:32] I mean, it's not a legal requirement that we have this. Okay, that brings us on to item number six, public hearings. The only public hearing we have for today is a resolution to authorize the conveyance of various easements to the city of Manassas over county-owned property Located 8553 Sudley Road. I will officially open the public hearing for agenda item 6A.

[01:01:59] Ms. Madden, do we have anyone signed up for 6A? Okay. If anyone is in chambers who has not signed up, who wishes to speak on 6A, please approach the microphone in the back. Seeing no one approach the microphone in the back, this will officially close the public hearing on agenda item 6A.

[01:02:21] We need a motion to approve that. I don't know who's, oh, that's in the Coles Magisterial District. Ms. Supervisor Vega? I certainly don't want to move it forward for approval, Madam Chair, so maybe somebody else wants to go ahead and make that motion.

[01:02:40] Can I get it? Second. Motion made by Supervisor Bailey, seconded by Vice Chair Bodie. Any discussion? Madam Chair, I do have a few questions for Mr. Gonzalez. Yes, Mr. Gonzalez. And if we could go back to, if anyone has a comment, just hit the speaker button.

[01:03:00] That way I won't have to miss anybody's lane. Sorry, Rick, trying to get... All right, there we go. So, Rick, I didn't really elaborate much on my opposition to 4J because it's connected to the 28 bypass, and I obviously still have the concerns that I did back in 2020, which have everything to do with the environment, traffic, and the human concerns, and those concerns still remain.

[01:03:32] But before we keep talking about the bypass, are there any updates to the cost estimate that this project is going to, you know, entail in 2019. It was estimated that this project would cost $300 million, obviously with the cost of everything increasing.

[01:03:48] I'm wondering if that $300 million number has changed. We have not done an analysis of that yet. We are trying to get to a final design plan that we could estimate. At this point in time, as you know, we have just completed our initial PIMs or information meetings, public information meetings that we had.

[01:04:10] We are taking that input. We are looking to make changes due to those comments and that input. And once we have those changes made, we get a little bit more advanced in the plan. We'll be able to tell you what those numbers are a little more closely. Okay. And we really don't have a time frame for that in terms of...

[01:04:27] I don't. What I can tell you is that my engineers are telling me that we are going to be able to get the 60% plans to get to the Army Corps and to get the public hearing in the spring of next year if we would be moving forward. The way we're moving forward, like I said, we're taking a look at comments.

We're seeing what changes need to be made. Depending on the changes and depending on the magnitude of those changes, it may move the schedule forward. It may move the schedule slower. We'll let you know as soon as we get to all the questions, all the comments, and get back to the drawing board if we need to. Okay. Thank you for that. I obviously was not able to attend the public meeting for the community because of unforeseen events that took place we had

[01:05:07] to reschedule our board meeting but I did read the the impact to the mobile community and that pretty much stated that that was still unclear and so my question to you is do we have any sort of guesstimate as to what the impact is going to be to the bull run mobile home community and madam chair members of the board I'm sorry I failed to identify myself at the beginning I'm Rick Ken is also director of transportation with that ma'am right now we're estimating again with the current alignment that we showed at the public information meeting which may not again be our final alignment we showed that I believe seven or eight of the mobile homes were

[01:05:43] being impacted at this time the only other thing I want to reiterate this is a public hearing and that this project that we are voting on right now today has nothing to do with the with the 28 bypass I know that the first item we discussed that did because it was kind of realigning this project to kind of fit the new intersection there that we would do but this this stormwater facility was going to be needed for the third lane project that Manassas is moving forward with as an independent project and by itself in this pond in this area and this land for this pond was needed specifically for that project and is not needed or has nothing to do with the 28 bypass well and

[01:06:20] thanks for that because the reason I was asking was the last meeting that we had I believe with your team and transportation last week um megan brought up a special grant i guess that was that was approved and somehow it linked it to the 28 bypass and so i wasn't certain if it did or it didn't in any way which prompted my my line of questions no ma'am this this this this uh storm water management facility that the the the city needs uh the county land for is needed for their third lane smart scale project that's an independent project to increase the capacity of that intersection at Godwin and Sudley Road.

[01:06:54] Okay. Real quick, since you brought the alignment up, it looks like most of the takes will occur along Allegheny. Are we counting the homes across also in that or just the homes on Allegheny specifically?

[01:07:09] For the 28 bypass, we have identified the total take of only the homes we're going over. There's going to be enough room between the road in the additional homes to be able to maintain those homes on the other side with, you know, whatever facilities we dictate at that point.

[01:07:26] Okay. Thanks. That was my last question. Thank you. You're welcome, ma'am. Supervisor Weir. Thank you, Madam Chair. Rick, just a comment. I mean, things like this, conveyances of this nature should stand on their own. And I'm not a real big fan of adding what, for lack of a better term, is puffery to the staff report. I mean, just really, I mean, you're going to assert that this encourages business development and infrastructure investments that attract a workforce that can work and play where they live, really, on a stormwater?

[01:08:04] So when we look at those impacts, we look at the project as a whole, not just at the stormwater facility. So we're saying that as us giving the stormwater facility and enabling the project in Manassas, we are then allowing these things to happen. Yes, sir. I would just suggest that's a bit of a stretch.

[01:08:20] Thank you, sir. Any other discussion? Seeing no further discussion, please vote. Motion passes.

[01:08:39] Supervisor Vega voting nay, and Supervisor Weir abstaining from vote. Thank you so much. Thank you, Mr. Canizales. That brings us on to the county executive time. Mr. Short, the floor is yours. All right. Thank you. Thank you very much, Madam Chair and board members.

[01:08:54] I just wanted to quickly lift up that it is summertime, as we are approaching the summer months. Obviously, a lot of summer activities and events here in the county. Just want to, obviously, with the farmer's markets, there's a Friday's, what is it called, just to make sure I don't want to get the name wrong, Friday's F5 series, which kicked off last week.

[01:09:20] There are a number of other events happening around the county. just want to encourage residents to go to pwc.gov backslash events to check out all of the events and activities happening in and around the county. As many of you know, this is Older Americans Month.

[01:09:39] And so this Friday, we'll have our Older Americans Month celebration at Camp Snyder. For those who are interested in attending, call your local senior center, your nearest senior center, and you can register at the Senior Center. We are also next week having a Community Energy and Sustainability Master Plan virtual town hall meeting, and that's May 17th.

[01:10:05] It's an opportunity for residents to provide input on which actions we should prioritize in that master plan. Again, a number of events and activities on this Saturday. Supervisor Bailey, we are doing our 5K walk for mental health awareness.

[01:10:27] This is Mental Health Awareness Month at Locust Shade Park. So just want to, again, highlight and lift up these kinds of community events and activities as we are getting the summer started. So that is all, Madam Chair. Thanks.

[01:10:42] Thank you, Mr. Shorter. County Attorney, item number eight, Ms. Robel, the floor is yours. Thank you, Madam Chair, members of the board. This afternoon in closed session there will be a consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members pertaining to the discussion of the consideration of the acquisition of real property for public purposes to include for park purposes where a discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body with the related discussion concerning an economic development item regarding expansion of a prospective business or industry where no previous announcement had been made of the businesses or industry's interest in expanding their facility in the county.

[01:11:21] Along with the related discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds for the economic development matter, where competition and bargaining is involved, where if made public initially the financial interest of the county would be adversely affected, and where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the litigating posture, bargaining position, or negotiating strategy of the public body.

[01:11:39] We will have consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members pertaining to the discussions concerning economic development item regarding the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business or industry's interest in expanding its facilities in the county, along with a related discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds for the economic development matter where competition or bargaining is involved, where if made public initially, the financial interest of the county would be adversely affected, all where discussion

in an open meeting would adversely affect the litigating posture, bargaining position, or negotiating strategy of the public body.

[01:12:14] And finally, we will have consultation and discussion with legal counsel and briefings by staff members pertaining to the acquisition of real property for public historical purposes and of the disposition of publicly held real property, where such consultation or briefing in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position, negotiating strategy, or litigating posture of the public body.

[01:12:35] These items are appropriate for closed session pursuant to 2.2-3711A, 3, 5, and 6 of the Virginia Code. So moved, Madam Chair. Second. Motion made by Supervisor Angry, seconded by Supervisor Bailey. Any discussion? Seeing none, please vote.

[01:12:55] Vote unanimous. Thank you, Ms. Rimmel. That brings us on to item number nine, agency time. Today we do have one agency.

[01:13:13] Ms. Wilson, you don't have a presentation, do you? Okay, which is just to initiate the zoning text amendment regarding to provide greater flexibility in allowing farm animals as an accessory use as residential principal use in the A-1 zoning district and within the domestic fowl overlay district on lots greater than two acres or more.

[01:13:40] Are there any questions for Ms. Wilson? Madam Chair. Supervisor Bodie. Thank you, Madam Chair. Ms. Wilson, welcome. Thanks. Appreciate you being here with us to answer our questions on this. Do we have any idea how many parcels in the county this will affect potentially?

[01:13:57] So I figured that would be a question that would come up. We have data from when we did the cattle zoning text amendment, which was back two years ago in 2021. The new right to keep cattle, which would be the same parameters around this zoning text amendment, it was approximately 3,816.

[01:14:21] And I imagine, I haven't done the calculation from 2021, so there might be some minuses and pluses around that, but I think that's a pretty secure number in that ballpark. Sure. And this is everything that's within the current domestic foul overlay.

[01:14:37] In A1. In A1. In parcels greater than two acres. Greater than two acres. Yes. My second question is, if we were to initiate this, is there going to be some sort of analysis of the environmental impacts of agriculture or animal waste into watersheds and runoff?

[01:14:57] We can certainly look into that. I know that that's a concern that I've heard come up since this item I've heard from the community. And then my last question for right now, Madam Chair, Ms. Wilson, thank you for that. is this will take a lot longer to figure out, and just want to leave it with you right now, how many parcels we have where this would affect and then adjacent parcels which wouldn't fall into this, which would then be impacted by this change, where you have maybe a two-acre parcel next to a 1.8-acre parcel or a five-acre parcel next to a 1.5-acre parcel, basically how we have

[01:15:36] neighbors of folks who are in established neighborhoods that, frankly, did not contemplate this kind of thing happening that would be impacted by this. Understood. Thank you. So seeing no speakers I have just a couple of questions. The 3,816 lots are those ones that are not in HOAs like because there are a lot of HOAs that don't allow. Those are two to ten two acre to ten acre in A1 parcels. Okay so in A1 parcels so is a subdivision A1 if it's on five acres? Yeah. So

[01:16:15] So I'd be kind of curious when we're doing this about how, I mean, I don't even know if you can figure that out. But I'm just saying, like, where I used to live, everybody had five or more acres, but we weren't allowed to have farm animals. Right. I mean, if there's a covenant, then the covenant would supersede whatever.

[01:16:30] Yeah, the HOA supersedes it. So I guess I was wondering how many, and I guess that might be too difficult. But I'd just be kind of curious if you can say how many don't fall in that. So I know that there was also a discussion in the staff report about you would figure out how many animals per acre, right?

[01:16:46] And right now you're allowed to have one cattle per one acre, so a two-acre lot could have two cattle on it. Can I assume that the smaller the animal, the more animals per acre? I think that's the general logic.

[01:17:04] And where are the guidelines for that? I don't know where we came up with one cattle per acre because there was some question about whether that was even feasible in terms of feeding and things like that. And so I was like, how many small pigs can someone have on two acres? Do we have any idea of what that's going to lead to?

[01:17:21] We only have, there are standards from agricultural sites and other jurisdictions that deal with agriculture on what's a sustainable number of acres per number of animals so if you can you could google how many goats how many acres do you need for a goat and you would find get a hit on that and find out how many goats that are agricultural producers would recommend that there be per acre so those things are documented out there that we

[01:17:57] would rely on from agricultural livestock providers who know what that that is and and there's a whole industry of hobby farms that have these sorts of standards that we can rely on. And just so I know that the acreage, two-acre lot, that also, like, that's not net of the house, that's gross area.

[01:18:18] So if a house takes up a portion and a barn, like a thing, that's gross area of two acres, isn't it? It's got to be. Yes, I think so. Okay, thank you. Supervisor Lawson. Thank you, Madam Chair. I would ask that we be more deliberate about, like, I'm thinking USDA.

[01:18:39] and the State Department of Ag are where we should be looking for guidelines. What's that? Other than Google? Yeah, other than Google. And I know you say that facetiously, and I get, David, where you were going, but I really want us to be very deliberate about this because I'm also thinking about our chest bay requirements, TMDLs.

[01:19:02] So we have to make sure that we're doing this in a very analytical way for a lot of reasons sure environmental being one of them um and then as supervisor bode said uh you know next door neighbors who may be on a a lot that is less and i thought the super that chair wheeler brought up a good question about like number of of a particular livestock um um so so i think all these considerations have to be studied uh supervisor angry and i have another

[01:19:40] question. And I'm going to ask this question before I make the statement and discussion part, because I'll ask the question. So, can this be split out? Because I know we went through this with cows, and I would definitely want language that Neopso District doesn't want chickens. You know, you can cut us out of this. I just want to ask, can language be written in? Well, only because we are a definite suburbia, and right now I have illegal chickens running around anyway, and so we're having issues with people, as

neighborhood services would tell you so if we're going to do this I know that some of your areas are way larger and you have the space to do that

[01:20:18] you know we still have a few A1 zone areas in Neabsco I even found a home off a cardinal that is actually on well so but I don't know if I can cut that out if that's something we can do yeah it's already cut out because Neabsco district is not in the domestic foul overlay district that has defined boundaries and doesn't include any land that's in the Neabsco District, so it is already cut out, and we can just, you know, if you want, we would not initiate any expansions of the boundary as part of your input on this

[01:20:57] initiation to include any, as part of this, and just focus it on animals. Okay, so you're cut out anyway, you're not on the pink map, so you're not in the domestic felt overlay i do have a question about whether when we research this are different kinds of farm animals i don't want to say more of a nuisance because that's a very leading question have different impacts versus others like you know you've got a cattle right but is that better than a llama like it's a writing joke about you know what i want to live next to two llamas if my

[01:21:34] neighbor had two llamas you know do llamas smell do they make noise i mean can we look into some of the impacts of the different kinds of animals? Sure, and we did during the domestic fowl overlay district when we created that, we had different kinds of fowl that maybe size-wise they're not, but pea fowl have different impacts than hens do, and so, you know, we did take that sort of thing into consideration as for how much nuisance is there.

[01:22:03] Even roosters have special provisions in the domestic fowl overlay district for where you can have roosters so i was gonna make a joke about you know you can't actually own a pigmy hedgehog in prince william county it's illegal but we've been trying to get that changed for years but i'll let that go um but you can have a cow on your property um would someone want to make a motion on 9a to initiate this madam chair supervisor vega thank you i was the one that brought this up because folks in my district were asking and it's just to be consistent again if you can have a cow

[01:22:37] or a horse on your property somebody wanted to know if they could have a goat or an alpaca or a pig madam chair but again just to be clear this is simply directing county staff to look into this i think that some of the questions asked by my colleagues are great questions and also for those here and watching at home we're not approving policy with this vote we're just asking for you all to take that deep dive so that we can have a more educated decision once it's time for us to vote and also the areas that are being looked into are the areas that have two acres or more that are in the domestic fowl overlay district which already allows for farm animals again like

[01:23:14] cows and horses on their property so just wanted to be clear on that and with that Madam Chair I will go ahead and move this forward. Do I hear a second? Motion made by Supervisor Vega seconded by supervisor lawson uh discussion supervisor bode yeah thank you madam chair um i i have concerns about this and it mainly would relate to mid-county because i i do have areas in my district that this would impact um outreach there's been quite a bit of outreach from constituents in mid-county to my office um okay there's still people reaching out to me i don't

[01:23:54] know if that matters but anyway uh i've had outreach from folks in my district i've also talk to some folks proactively that live in mid-county in my district and they feel some of them feel like it will be a disruption their communities and in the reality this is relating to development patterns in mid-county so we have residential development of quite a few different sizes in mid-county primarily between one to five

acre lots we have a lot of legacy a1 which is left over from the 1950s zoning orders that allowed a1 to be as small as one acre it's not reflective of the kinds of communities that exist there now. A1 is sort of a catch-all

[01:24:32] agricultural zoning. You go out to mid-county, that's not what's there. It's old semi-rural residential guidelines. It's not fully suburban and not fully rural. So that's where we are with this. We look at agricultural uses, which this would be, when not adequately buffered, can be disrupted, especially in areas that skirt the line between rural and suburban, like what we're talking about you know again I like to call mid-county sort of mosaic of suburban and rural living so there's a lot of hodgepodge that folks have to really deal with their neighbors having

[01:25:07] sometimes drastically different footprints with what they have there's a nose component and a noise component and a smell component to this as well to people like my staff for example who grew up in the farming community this is this would be a sort of nostalgic for them and a taste of home But for folks, you know, that are from the big city like myself, it's not nearly as familiar to me.

[01:25:31] So I know that we have a hodgepodge of folks that come in from all across the country to move the Prince William County. So they may not be prepared for where we're going with this. And from just a land use standpoint, you know, we just adopted a new long-range comprehensive plan in December, which created a new designation called the Occoquan Reservation Protection Overlay, which in mid-county has a minimum lot size from long range land use perspective of five acres and one of the biggest tenants of that new designation was to protect the occoquan and the watershed from all sorts of pollution and i brought it up during my comp my my questions but there's a concern that a lot of folks have been raising with my office and i think they're rightfully so

[01:26:10] there could be unintended consequences when it comes to animal waste runoff uh pollutant and nutrient downflows, and other things that would impact their wells and the reservoir as a whole. Nutrient pollution, the waterways, is a piece of challenge that we're confronting when we talk about protecting the Chesapeake Bay, as one of my colleagues discussed earlier. A single two-acre lot, for example, doing this, not going to have a lot of impact by itself. But when we're talking about changes that would be this large and this many parcels, we have to contemplate what happens when we have a large amount or even almost a max amount of people utilizing this change,

[01:26:50] and I just have concerns that we're going there. There's potential for a whole host of unintended consequences here, especially as we are building this change on top of a lot of problematic zoning that we already have that's built in. I have constituents that call my office probably every other week now about issues they have with our legacy A1 zoning and how that doesn't jive with how the lots are set up out in Mid-County.

[01:27:13] And to me, this is just building something on top of that because it's linked to the domestic foul overlay in these legacy A1 zones. So I think that this doesn't reflect where we're going. I think we're putting the cart before the horse if we're going to be going down this road. So I would urge us to either increase the minimum lot size in this initiation to a minimum of five acres or fold this into being addressed after we look at the zoning ordinance ZTA changes that come as a result of the comp plan that we adopted in December.

[01:27:49] Are you offering a friendly amendment to the resolution? There's an if or there, so I don't want to offer both those things at the same time. Right. You want to pick one? So my preference is actually for us

to consider this after we adopt the new zoning changes.

[01:28:04] Do I hear a second for Mr. Bode's? Second. Or can we do it that way? Sure. It's not a substitute motion. Yeah. It's a substitute motion. I move that we consider this after you adopt the new zoning changes as a result of the comprehensive plan adoption.

[01:28:22] Second. there's a motion on the floor for a substitute motion to push off the zta until after we get the ztas back for the comprehensive plan that we're going to have to run through and do a bunch of changes um any discussion on that well so on this motion we're in discussion for this motion both i had a i didn't realize that substitute motion was coming so i have two questions now

[01:28:55] does any of them relate to the substitute motion yeah okay yes you're sure yes um so regarding the substitute motion. Mr. McGettigan, when will we expect to see all these zoning changes from the new comp plan? We are working on that now. I can't give you a schedule at this time. We're still evaluating our resources and what we have on our plate for zoning text amendments. There's a few.

[01:29:27] There's a lot. So I'll be working with Mr. Hugh and Mr. Shorter on what we can get done and when we can get it done. So right now you can't really give us much of a timeline, whether it's three months, six months, three years.

[01:29:46] It's hard to say. Will they come in pieces? Yes. So the board has already initiated two zoning text amendments. And the night that we approved the comprehensive plan update, we initiated some zoning text amendments related to that.

[01:30:06] Can you remind me what those were? Sure. One was to make the zoning ordinance and the DCSM consistent with the new long-range land uses and the removal of the rural area policy about extending sewer into that.

[01:30:24] So that's one thing. We also were going to work on amending the regulations for rural areas like our hamlets and the village where we needed some changes to the zoning ordinance to accommodate that.

[01:30:44] There were other things that were suggested that we didn't get initiated because we needed to go back and look at the scope of work and if we needed consultant resources or other resources to help do those. One is, for example, a new industrial zoning classification for the I-2 classification out west of Noakesville, where we want lower, lower-density industrial, and we don't have that. There are a couple other things as well that we need to get initiated to implement the comprehensive plan.

[01:31:20] one thing's for certain you have a lot of work ahead of you so i appreciate your candor that you can't give us a time line or an expectation at the at the moment my other question was related to the original motion and is it possible i mean i'm familiar with the domestic foul overlay and i can envision some of it right now you probably don't even have a map handy do you the overlay map up oh where'd you get that I think it was attached to the staff report maybe it's in my book I didn't know it I printed it out because I like

[01:31:59] paper all right it wasn't okay so what I was wondering is it can you come back with options for example instead of maybe including this in the overlay it Is there an option for the board to consider special use permits for farm animals on two acre lots or more to give options?

[01:32:24] Because, I mean, we've all laid out a lot of good questions. And honestly, I don't think we have answers yet, which is why you're going to do a lot of study in. But I think that coming back with options for the board to consider adopting are probably helpful.

[01:32:44] And I couldn't help but think of an SUP process. And we already have an SUP process in place for some domestic foul, in the domestic foul overlay district for people who don't meet, can't meet all the standards of it, but still want to do.

[01:33:01] So it would be included in, it's already included in the domestic foul overlay district, so we can actually make, look at that. So you have a bit of a model already. That's correct. Okay, so good to know. We'll definitely consider that.

[01:33:17] Supervisor Weir? Mr. McGettigan, would you concur that it's probably a good idea to get out in front of this and consider it with the other potential zoning text amendments? If you're going to consider hamlets and villages and changes to the rural area, wouldn't you want to incorporate this at the front end rather than having to go back and retrofit it at a later date?

[01:33:41] Wouldn't it make more sense to look at this comprehensively across the board, all of the potential zoning text amendments so that you don't have conflicts at a later date? In other words, get all of the moving parts together rather than do it piecemeal? Possibly.

[01:33:56] The problem with that is that, as we saw when the domestic foul overlay district went into effect, that there can be a lot of passion and interest on both sides of the issue. And so I wouldn't want this particular issue to derail any other things that we're trying to address or accommodate.

[01:34:19] So I think I would rather keep it separate. I'm not saying separate them. I mean, I'm not saying combine them. I'm saying consider them collectively so that you don't end up in that circumstance or potentially don't end up in that circumstance because you're going to have the argument during the policy development phase and where you're doing your definition.

[01:34:40] It just seems to me from a procedural standpoint and from a structural standpoint and putting together a zoning text, it would make more sense to consider all of the moving parts rather than just a subset of them and then trying to come back at a later date and retrofit with an additional directive. It just seems to me it makes more sense to get out in front of it and get everything on the table at one time. Well, we'll take that under consideration.

[01:35:07] Supervisor, are you agreeing with Supervisor Bodie? Is that what you're saying? No. Okay. I didn't understand. Okay. So we have a motion on the floor. Supervisor Vega. Thank you, Madam Chair. Again, I just want to reiterate that the board is not approving policy with this vote. I think it would be extremely helpful for us to have access to that information as we try to navigate these waters. Again, a lot of the questions that have been asked and a lot of the concerns that have been made are valid ones, but at this point we're kind of just assuming or in no man's land and we're not really going to know until staff comes back to us with their findings. And so again,

[01:35:44] we are not approving policy with this, but merely, you know, getting answers to the various questions that have been asked by folks on the dais. Okay, so we're going to vote on the substitute motion that would, you offered up, which says to push it off when they're doing all the rest of the zoning text amendments. Is there any further discussion on that? Seeing none, please vote. Motion fails.

[01:36:17] Four to four. I hit the wrong. I was pointing. I hit the wrong. Okay. We'll go ahead and clear it. Clear, please. Just hit my fingernail. Hold on one minute. Supervisor Vega. Wait, I'm sorry.

[01:36:44] This is the motion to postpone. It's a substitute motion by Supervisor Bodie to postpone it. Okay, because that's not what... So then now we're back to... That fails now. We're back to the original. Did you want to re-vote on the other one?

[01:37:00] We were voting... We voted the right way the first time, but then when it came up again, it had to be in a lawsuit, but I thought we were... So, Madam Chair. Supervisor Bodie. Yeah. Let me clear the vote. Yeah. This is a substitute motion made by Supervisor Bodie, seconded by Vice Chair Bailey.

[01:37:22] Sorry. Whoa. Vice Chair Bodie, seconded by Supervisor Bailey to push it off to the other, waiting until we do the rest of the ZTAs.

[01:37:41] Motion fails, 3 to 5.

[01:37:59] Supervisors Bailey, Lawson, Vega, Weir, and Chair Wheeler voting nay. So we go on to the original motion to doing the resolution to initiate the ZTA, which is not binding, and we have discussion.

[01:38:15] Supervisor Bodie? Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. I'm not going to try to throw out the one with the minimum lot size of 5 instead of 2, But I will say I would request that staff gives that as an option because, again, I just have concerns about these two lots, between two and five, being too small for what we're trying to do here.

[01:38:31] Thank you, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, you want me to? Well, yeah, I just, but go on, yeah. Supervisor Lawson, it's just, yeah. Understood. Thank you. So, right, I don't want anyone to think that all of a sudden on two-acre lots people can go get, you know, a bunch of pigs.

[01:38:49] this is just a step to study it we understand there's a lot of concern I've received emails and I and I don't want anyone to think that those are falling on deaf ears that's why we're having this conversation and directing staff and I just I simply I voted to keep moving this forward because frankly I also want to learn what what staff research is so it's not going to guarantee Anybody up here is going to vote for the final zoning text amendment.

[01:39:23] And I'm just going to chime in. I don't want anyone to misconstrue the fact that I'm voting for this, that I support this. I still have concerns about cattle, two cattle on two-acre lots for a variety of reasons, really large animals on two-acre lots.

[01:39:43] And I just want you to differentiate and understand the different kinds of animals. That's all I ask. And I do have a lot of concerns about this, but I would like to learn about it also and just have it keep moving forward. I'm sure. Supervisor Bailey. Thank you very much.

[01:39:58] And likewise, I voted no because I want to make sure that it moves forward and we understand exactly what we're talking about. But it's important that we move forward for me because we've been talking about it for a long time. Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, please vote.

[01:40:20] Motion passes. Supervisor Angry abstaining from vote. Okay, that moves us on to supervisor's time.

[01:40:37] And thank you, Ms. Wolfson. Thank you, Mr. McGettigan. I appreciate the time. Let us know when you come back with information. That brings us on to supervisor's time. And we have two

resolutions.

[01:40:55] The first one is 10A and 10B, and then we'll go around the horn. Would someone like to make a motion on 10A? So moved, Madam Chair. Second. Motion made by Supervisor Angry, seconded by Supervisor Bailey. Any discussion on 10A? Madam Chair. Supervisor Angry. Yeah, real quick.

[01:41:12] You know, let he without saying cast a first stone. I just want to go on record and speak to the comments made about Ms. Votina. She made those comments, and she did apologize for those comments. I think we all have at some point in our lives made, you know, spoke out of turn and out of character.

[01:41:30] So, you know, we all should be forgiving people. And I will tell you this, the Sustainability Commission has requested her to be a part of this. I will tell you that I met this lady in my office back in 2019, and she came in talking about everything that we put together, thanks to you, Supervisor Bodie, in standing up this commission.

[01:41:52] You know, I had a few other choices that were unfortunately not available for the position, And then the commission brought her name to me, and I quickly realized and remembered that she was the one that was first in my office talking about this county and sustainability.

[01:42:09] So she is more than qualified to do this job. I know that she's going to be top-notch in it. She'll probably be the vocal one on this commission. And so I'm really happy to appoint her to it. I expect great things from her. And, yeah, Madam Chair, just moving her forward.

[01:42:25] Thank you. Thank you. Any further discussion? Seeing none, please vote. Motion passes 6-2. Supervisors Vega and Weir abstaining from vote.

[01:42:42] That moves us on to 10B, direct staff to prepare draft ordinance to amend the Prince William County Code Section 26-35 to provide an exception to the moratorium on tax exemptions by designation for veteran groups that provide programs, housing for wounded veterans, and for nonprofit organizations that serve immigrant communities with a building over 10,000 square feet.

[01:43:05] Supervisor Weir. Move to divide the question. There's a motion to divide the question. Please vote.

[01:43:14] Brings us to the motion for 10B.

[01:44:09] Madam Chair, so moved as originally proposed in the agenda. Second. Motion made by Supervisor Bodie, seconded by Supervisor Bailey. Discussion? Supervisor Weir. Madam Chair, one of the reasons I moved to divide the question is I very carefully crafted the original motion to meet the requirements of the existing moratorium, and I would suggest that your amendments to it are nonspecific with regard to use and that I don't believe that the 10,000-square-foot limitation

[01:44:48] is in keeping with the spirit of the moratorium or the exemption process. Quite frankly, to me, it delineates a desire to pick winners and losers in a particular category of non-profits.

[01:45:07] I'm also not confident that I know the status of those particular organizations, whether they're a 501c3, 501c4, or something else. I mean, I brought forward this issue, but quite frankly, in its current form, because in my personal view, this has become a politicized issue, I'm not going to support my own resolution.

[01:45:37] Any further discussion? Supervisor Lawson. Thank you. How did we get here? Supervisor Weir handed out a resolution. You on the fly wanted to add the CASA, essentially. And there was debate back and forth. Supervisor Franklin and several of us were like, wait a minute. Well, that's opening up Pandora's box to all kinds of charities. And do you all remember this conversation two weeks ago?

[01:46:13] okay but regardless but and then it went back and then we went back and forth about you know is this a directive or a resolution and then I remember this was two weeks ago but from what I remember Supervisor Weir said he was just going to stand firm on his resolution I recall Supervisor Chair wheeler that he even told you that he didn't have the language for to incorporate casa so how did

[01:46:49] how did his amendment how did his resolution get amended to include casa when it wasn't formalized up here on the dais it it was and um i don't i'd have to go back and watch the tape but i know it was formalized and we discussed it i'd have to go back and no i i obviously i just said that we discussed it but but then from your adding that i mean several of us streetlight ministries was brought up um there were other organizations so the streetlight going to be a part of this like what that's what that's what i'm wondering how did we get to this point where supervisor we're

[01:47:28] brought up and i think it should have just been a directive that night but supervisor we're decided he wanted to keep his resolution so i think that all these organizations need to stand on their own and if if this is going to advance to a you know an exemption or a vote where we lift the moratorium momentarily and take votes then i think it's only fair that we don't lump them all in and they have to each stand on their own do you all agree with me at least on

[01:48:06] that much no i mean that's why i put mine in so we were in discussion no where did the discussions go that was one discussion excuse me i think it's i think it's you hijacked this situation this is this is what happened i mean supervisor weir during the budget conversations what made it very clear he was trying to advocate for serving our willing warriors we got into a whole discussion about community partners and then when when the board majority whoever any five of us

[01:48:41] decided we didn't want to go in that direction then he then the following week he brought back in supervisor's time his resolution to proceed this way and then all of a sudden you get to jump in and on the bandwagon and add casa and that's when all of us were like wait a minute this is like unfolding and there's a lots of organizations that could could request tax-exempt status I think serving our willing warriors needs to stand on its own and I think if you want to advance casa let that stand on its own street

[01:49:19] light whoever it is but right now you have the you have two of them bundled together and I just I this is become politicized without a doubt supervise This has absolutely become politicized, and I don't like it. It doesn't feel right.

[01:49:34] It doesn't look right, and I think it puts all of us in an unfair position. Please do not. We don't entertain comments from the floor. I am so apologizing. I'm objecting because I think it puts all of us in a really unfair position, and I don't think that was the intent.

[01:49:52] Supervisor Franklin? Sure. So, several things. Number one, I think there would have been a lot of different discussions had we known that Supervisor Weir was going to bring this forward in the first place.

[01:50:09] Now, in terms of the resolution, he did bring the idea a couple of meetings later or a couple of weeks later. Now we are at the point where we vote on it. But for something of this nature, it would have

been nice to kind of go to at least some people.

[01:50:26] You don't have to come to me specifically and say, well, this is what I'm looking to do, because this changes an entire construct. Now, to be clear on what happened last week, it is true. He brought this forward. Chair Wheeler then included CASA. I then raised concerns about the entire process.

[01:50:43] I used Streetlight Ministries as an example. But let's be clear. I didn't ask that it be included. Chair Wheeler pushed to have CASA included. So this discussion didn't start with Chair Wheeler. It started with Supervisor Weir. Okay? And I have... You're right. You're right. I'm sorry, I didn't mean to imply that you were jumping in on, you're absolutely right, Supervisor Franklin.

[01:51:02] And it is true that it felt as if the majority of us wanted to go the direction of a directive. When I say the majority, I don't mean Dems versus Republican. I just mean that it seemed like the majority of this board wanted to go in the direction of a directive.

[01:51:18] And then Supervisor Weir, of course, he decided to move forward anyway. So that's how we got here. Let's be clear about that. that's how we got here. I am going to support this. I did call CASA over the weekend. I called Willing Warriors, and I actually told them that I wasn't going to support this, because I wasn't, because I didn't like the process. I don't think that this is how we should change such an important part of our tax infrastructure. I don't know how much revenue we lose from this, but then I said, you know what? You know, I heard from the speakers today, and quite frankly, You know, it kind of changed my mind.

[01:51:57] So I am going to support this, but I am also still going to issue a directive to see kind of what is coming our way, because I would like to look at other organizations such as Streetlight Ministries. I also think that if we still have the option of going the community partners route for some organizations, you know, do we need to explore that?

[01:52:18] I think a directive can help us figure those things out. But as the motion is on the floor, I am going to support it. And, you know, again, I made some tough phone calls this weekend, had some tough conversations to say, listen, I can't do it. Love what you guys are doing, but I'm not there.

[01:52:34] In this moment, I'm here. But with that being said, you know, Supervisor Weir just mentioned about not supporting his own motion because it's not divided. So my question to you, Supervisor Weir, are you willing to withdraw it? Madam Chair, I think if anybody bothered to read, it was a directive.

[01:52:57] It has always been a directive. It was characterized as a resolution here, but the language has always been directive. I have a copy of the original that was provided to staff and provided to everybody on that night or on the afternoon of the last meeting.

[01:53:16] With respect to notice given, I did give notice to several on the board. Not everybody, but several, so there was forewarning. And I gave a pretty clear indication of what I was going to do during the budget cycle, particularly with respect to the discussion of the Community Partners Program.

[01:53:32] In fact, this comes as a direct result of my problems, and I don't think I'm alone on this, with the way the Community Partners Program, in my view, picks winners and losers. As far as the process, this is the process. It's the process that's called for in Ordinance 11-71, adopted December of 2011.

[01:53:54] With respect to CASA being formalized into this directive, that was not the case, Madam Chair. I offered you options on how to deal with it. Whether those options were technically viable or not, given

the procedure that we have for issuing directives, your guess is as good as mine, I would talk to the county attorney.

[01:54:15] And perhaps you have. I followed the county attorney's recommendation on how to proceed with this and how to put this forward. with respect to adding CASA and the 10,000 square foot requirement, I will be brutally honest.

[01:54:34] Perception is reality in many cases, and I view this as a quid pro quo. Quid pro quo for a charitable organization that has a political arm that has made significant, substantial contributions to the campaign funds of many people on this board and done campaign endorsements. So no, I will not vote for my own resolution, and in terms of principle, I'm not going to withdraw it either.

[01:55:04] Madam Chair? Supervisor Franklin and Supervisor Bodie. Yeah, and for the record, this is my second time, so this is the last shot I have. Number one, this is not a directive. It's not a directive. It's a resolution, and everyone up here understands that but you.

[01:55:22] Number two, look, the argument that this has become political doesn't stand up for me, because I called both CASA and Willing Warriors either Friday or over the weekend to tell them that I'm not voting for this. So the political thing doesn't stand up for me. I can't speak for anyone else. It doesn't stand up for me because I told them both that I was a no, okay? I'm a yes only because of some of the comments that I heard today, all right? And again, how did we get here?

[01:55:52] We got here because of your resolution, which is not a directive. And even some of your colleagues just now just tried to push you to make a directive and if you don't want to do it that's fine i respect that i'm going to vote yes on this supervisor bode thank you madam chair just to i'm not going to pile on too much but i agree with everything that supervisor franklin just said and to parse into the differences if you had issued this as a directive of supervisor weir it would have given staff the time to analyze and do all the uh due diligence of seeing the tax implications, revenue, what have you, before the ordinance came before us. By directing them to

[01:56:31] just prepare an ordinance, it's not the same process. All they're going to do is bring the ordinance and do a public hearing on that ordinance if that's what was required by law. Directing the draft, the ordinance just straight up, does not achieve the same thing as actually doing a directive to have them go and look back and do the analysis. There's a difference between legislating by directive, which is what you're basically doing with this resolution, and just to a directive in and of itself, which is to do the research, the due diligence, and have that come back to the Board of Supervisors.

[01:56:58] There is actually a key difference there. It just seems like you don't necessarily care about that at this moment. Supervisor Weir, and this will be your second time speaking. Madam Chair, we can choose to argue legal definitions all we want.

[01:57:17] The fact of the matter is, the matter as brought forward was directing staff to prepare a draft ordinance and this is what's in concordance with the existing moratorium. You can argue my intent, you can argue legislating by directive, but I sought the appropriate legal counsel from the county attorney's office in preparing this. So if you've got an issue with the way I

[01:57:52] drafted it and I don't, or if you've got an issue with the procedure and I don't, then you perhaps need to talk to the county attorney before determining what my motivations or what the process or misuse of the process that I'm making. I was very careful in my wording of the original, and it does say direct staff

to prepare a draft for consideration, not an ordinance, a draft ordinance, one that would then be considered prior to initiating any sort of

[01:58:31] public hearing on an ordinance. This is the way you do it. And I'm getting a little frustrated with people interpreting when is the proper time to do things and when is not the proper time to do things within the construct of how government operates. We heard this during the budget season when markup wasn't the time. Markup was the 11th hour, the 11th hour and 59 minutes to make a change in a budget, I would suggest that in any other jurisdiction, markup is not

[01:59:08] the 11th hour. It's certainly not the 11th hour, 59th minute. It is the time at which budget amendments, cuts, additions, or changes are made. That's the purpose of markup. So I would strongly suggest that some people go back and review their civil procedure and the rules of order and the rules of the board when making such assertions.

[01:59:38] And I'll leave my directive in place. Call it what you will. Supervisor Bailey, then Supervisor Vega. So I've got two things.

[01:59:54] One is, for me, it is a resolution. It's not a directive. And Bob, respecting the fact that you brought it to us, and I said this at the last meeting, I appreciate what you put together because it's a worthwhile organization and it needs to be supported.

[02:00:12] I said that in the last meeting. So in the interpretation of how I was trained by the county attorney and staff, it's a resolution. Second thing is, and I'm going to support it. The second thing is I may mention, and Supervisor Lawson, you were right when we talked the last time about this was an opportunity for us to look at our community partners.

[02:00:33] And so, Supervisor Franklin, if you're going to make a directive in that direction, I can support that as well because it is an opportunity for us to look at nonprofits and how we support them so that it is not politicized, that it is from a service entity rather than being political.

[02:00:52] So I just want to offer that to the community as we interpret things because we do interpret them differently. It's nothing to argue about. Our efforts are the same. We want to serve. That's it. And so I'm supporting your resolution, but I think it is an opportunity via directive for us to look and continue with the trajectory that the county exec was having about looking at the community partnerships.

[02:01:19] Supervisor Vega. Thank you, Madam Chair. I share a lot of the concerns that Supervisor Lawson brought in the initial discussion of the matter that we have before us right now.

[02:01:37] With that being said, despite the way I may personally feel about CASA and the way they operate, I don't think it's fair to put our community partners at odds. And that's exactly what we're doing here with the way we're handling this. My husband is a veteran.

[02:01:52] I love the work that this organization does. I may not agree with CASA, but I know that they're out there in one way, shape, or form, along with every other community partner in this county. And so, again, I don't think that the way we're handling this is fair. It does look politicized.

[02:02:08] It doesn't look like we're doing it in the best interest, not just of our community partners, but members of this community that benefit from the services that these organizations offer. So I would suggest that we table this matter until we can, you know, come to some point of agreement, whether it is

through Supervisor Franklin issuing a directive so that we can arrive to where it is that I think we want to arrive.

[02:02:31] But doing it and taking a vote based on the discussions that we've had so far, I don't think, it would be a substitute motion, and I think it would be the most prudent thing to do. There's a motion made by Supervisor Vega to table this, seconded by Supervisor Weir.

[02:02:51] Any discussion? I didn't have you in the queue, so, okay. And then Supervisor Bodie. So, Supervisor Angry, then Supervisor Bodie.

[02:03:07] Thank you, Madam Chair. And I really had a question for my CXO and attorney, but since we're going to table this, I just want to say what I was going to say. So if Supervisor Ware said this was a directive and we got this as a resolution, then honestly, the question was, we didn't meet what that directive needs was.

[02:03:29] So if that was a directive, we should have just, you know, went down the road of that since he claims it was in the first place. But since we're going to table it, I think we can then understand better this directive versus this resolution we're talking about. So I just want to get that out.

[02:03:47] Supervisor Bodie, and then I have a comment. Thank you, Madam Chair. You have to turn your mic. It is a non-debatable motion. And I'll speak afterwards.

[02:04:08] That's fine. There is a non-debatable motion on the floor. Please vote. So I'm going to take a point of privilege and be able to make some comments because I usually wait for other people to finish, and apparently people hadn't finished.

[02:04:35] In terms of our revenue with moratorium on taxes, and some of these are ones that were in the past when this was instituted in, I think, 2011, I think it was more than 10 years ago, we have $41 million of tax abatements in the county, $41 million of tax abatements.

[02:05:02] And some of those are legislated, and some of those are legacy ones that were left over, and some of those are obviously churches that I assume don't pay taxes or other religious organizations. When Serving Our Willing Warriors initially asked me about this, I said, we have a moratorium.

[02:05:24] It's a policy issue. When CASA asked me about this, I said, look, we don't do that. It's a policy issue. but if you're going to on the fly open up and carve out one single organization i have had at least 10 or 15 organizations ask me for this kind of thing over the last three years i am certainly going to say that you know there are ones that deserve it um and and it's serving our willing warriors i believe it's casa and neither of those are community partners um and and which is why i added uh to your um resolution you know and i do want to take a moment and talk about the difference

[02:06:00] between a resolution and a directive we usually do resolutions when there are no questions and there's no analysis that needs to be done and we're at the point where we want to offer a resolution because we're actually changing an ordinance and we're going to hear from the public you know in this case it's obvious that we needed a directive because we don't have or at least people feel they don't have all the information they needed and you probably should be timing me Ms. Madden if everybody's going to chime in and we're going to go down that path again, you know, and so the directive is issued because we need more information

[02:06:36] to evaluate whether we want to initiate an ordinance change, you know, and you can either accept that from how we operate here or not, but that is why we were trying to make it a directive so we had more information. I was going to vote for this today. That's fine. You know, I don't really necessarily like to pick winners or losers either. It's a large county with a lot of wonderful non-profits that own property that do wonderful things for a lot of different groups um and i you know um but i was willing to vote for this today and and uh we can table it and

[02:07:10] supervisor franklin can offer a directive supervisor weir madam chair i don't know how many times i have to reiterate this but nowhere in the documentation that i drafted and nowhere in the documentation that's presented as part of the agenda packet does the word resolution appear that was y'all's determination last week i've known from day one that this was a directive not a resolution so we can we can quibble over that we can quibble over policy and procedure

[02:07:48] i vetted it with the county attorney so i'm going to stand on the county attorney's council If you want to argue, argue with her. With respect to how much we exempt from taxation in this county, a vast preponderance of that is either under federal or state statute.

[02:08:10] We don't have the ability to collect taxes on those people. They're statutorily exempt. Much has been made of winners and losers. You know, we've got this X millions of dollars that is tax exempt from real estate collections.

[02:08:31] At the same time, we expend millions of dollars through the Community Partners Program to a select few of the hundreds, if not thousands, of nonprofits in this county. And I suspect that the vast majority of them do not own real property within Prince William County.

[02:08:52] I suspect the number, and my staff is working on this currently, that actually own real property in the county is rather limited, and that the aggregate tax dollars that would be exempted from collection is probably significantly less than that that is allocated through the community partners program.

[02:09:17] And then when we get into picking winners and losers, I would also note that this board gave several million dollars to, I believe it was CASA, out of ARPA funds. I don't see any ARPA money going to organizations like Willing Warriors or smaller non-profits.

[02:09:39] If other organizations have come to you asking for an exemption for the real estate tax and you chose not to, either as a personal position or as a policy decision, not to afford them the opportunity or the consideration, that's on you.

[02:09:57] This request was brought to me. I found it to be a viable and a good request, and I followed through on it. And I will continue to follow through on similar requests. It's just good public policy. Supervisor Bailey.

[02:10:15] Thank you, Madam Chair. Bob, you're right about supporting good organizations. I don't think anybody's disagreeing with you in that. The reason why we call it a resolution is because that's how we were trained by the county attorney to understand how it's written.

[02:10:31] So your directive is on point. So I don't want the cameras to think that it is not. We want to support the organization that you're saying. I know that I do. I can only speak for myself. So it's not an argument. It's a moving forward via directive.

[02:10:48] So thank you for your clarity with your textbook, but it's not against you. It's just how we are reading things. I just wanted to say that so you wouldn't leave the day as thinking it was anything different. Supervisor Franklin.

[02:11:07] Sure. I just wanted to go ahead and issue the directive. County staff is directed to research and make recommendations for lifting the moratorium on tax exemptions by designation set forth in Prince William County Code 26-235. The research and recommendations shall include an analysis of the fiscal impacts of any recommendations and shall also include draft amendments of Title 26, Article 26, which is the property exempted from local classification or designation on or after January 1, 2003

[02:11:41] of the Prince William County Code as necessary. We don't need a second on a directive. Supervisor Bode and then Supervisor Weir. Thank you Madam Chair. Thank you Supervisor Franklin for giving that directive and again Supervisor Weir I know it seems like we're ganging up on you and we have disagreements on how this should go but I want something to be abundantly clear. I believe I can speak for everyone on this stage when we say we support Willing Wars and the work that you do and we support giving you what you want here in this situation. We know that you do good work. My wife is a wounded veteran as well so we support you and I

[02:12:19] I know that it got contentious here. I know folks said that it got political. What I would say is the work that you do is not political. And that's why we still want to move forward on it. And that's why Soros Franklin gave that directive, because she wants staff to go back and do their due diligence the way that we know is the best course of action to get to where we want to go, and then the way that you want to do this. We also didn't want to just table this forever, because I know that there are people here in the audience that want to see that there is movement on this. And that's why that directive was out there, as opposed to tabling it for what happens sometimes.

[02:12:50] The last thing I'll say is I appreciate the conversation we've had because regardless of where you fall on this, there are, as was said by folks on multiple sides of this, a lot of legacy organizations that have had this happen.

[02:13:05] They have tax exemptions that was done by previous boards or by state statute and what have you, and it would be good to look at the ones that were ones that we voluntarily did in the past. Is that working? What is that fiscal impact? Do those organizations still even exist, and do they still need the level of support that they're getting right now from that standpoint?

[02:13:23] I know a lot of nonprofits and a lot of folks that have brick-and-mortar sites pre-COVID no longer do. So to actually the point that Sea Reserve, we are made, there might be folks that we're getting tax exemptions to that they don't have the level of real estate space that they did pre-COVID.

[02:13:39] So we don't know any of that stuff right now, and we won't know unless an actual proper directive was given, which was given just now by Sea Reserve Franklin. to do that due diligence so again we support you but we feel like this is the right way to go thank you so much madam chair supervisor weir than supervisor bailey i'd like to thank supervisor franklin if i understood the directive correctly which is to essentially review the entirety of the moratorium and perhaps lift the moratorium in its entirety which recommend recommend i which i believe i'm not alone in supporting a recommendation to lift the moratorium in its

[02:14:15] entirety. Supervisor Bailey. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Supervisor Franklin, for making the directive. I think we could have saved some time if we had listened to you the last time. We appreciate the research and everything that you did for that and Bob, thank you for your consensus. Supervisor Franklin, second time.

[02:14:41] Oh yes, just very quickly, thank you for that. I mean, sometimes it takes this type of conversation to get to a cooperative state and I know one of the conversations that I had over the weekend with willing warriors was the acknowledgement of we've been waiting for so long and I said well I do want to apologize for that but this is my first time in the conversation and so I will say to you we will make sure that this process does not take too long but did also want to clarify that yes recommendations will be brought back and then we will vote on whether we want to move forward with those recommendations so I don't I want anyone to think that every organization is going to be tax-exempt.

[02:15:17] So I just want to be clear about that. Supervisor Bailey? Yeah, I just wanted to say something in reference to what Supervisor Bode said. And I'm a military spouse, so I get it 100%. And so thank you for your service and what you do and what you sacrifice.

[02:15:36] So I just wanted to say that to say when we're voting sometimes, it's near and dear to our heart as well. With that, we will go around the horn with Supervisor's time. I'll start down with Supervisor Angry. Thank you, Supervisor Angry.

[02:15:57] Supervisor Weir? I'm talked out. Thank you, Supervisor Weir. Supervisor Lawson? Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to give my, well, actually, I already gave my notice of intent to appoint Dean Woodard to the Veterans Commission, and we had a hiccup, and I asked that we withdraw for that agenda item.

[02:16:15] Now I'm asking the clerk to put that back on the agenda for our next board meeting, Dean Woodard. was teed up and then do you I'm almost certain you have his his resume thank you let's see did you all know that today is national teacher day yeah yeah and it's also teacher appreciation week it reminds me of when my kids were young and I was very involved with the PTOs and their elementary schools and had a great time showering teachers with lots of appreciation and I no longer have kids in the public schools but certainly want the teachers to know that we

[02:16:55] appreciate their hard work and dedicate dedication to teaching our youth and let's see we've got lots of good stuff sports are always exciting in the Brentsville district and I've been able to attend soccer and softball games at Brentsville as well as Patriot baseball games and let's hope that this rain lets up so that we can have more outdoor sports and also want to know want you all to know that this Friday is military spouse appreciation day. So we've been talking a lot

[02:17:28] about serving her will and warriors. And my mom was married. My dad was in the Navy for 20 plus years. And my mom gave birth to some of my siblings around the world. Thankfully, by the time I was born, we were in Jacksonville, Florida. But I often think about my mom and the sacrifices that she made this was of course in the 60s and 70s and when they were in the philippines um you know the phones and things of today's nature and communicating were not as easy and as inexpensive

[02:18:06] and i just think about the sacrifices that she as a military spouse made and um so for all of you that are a spouse, this Friday is a day to celebrate everything that you have done for our country and the freedoms that I certainly enjoy and appreciate. And then let's see, I've got lots of things. Oh, last week, did

you all know that I had Deputy Finnegan, the chocolate lab? He's really not a true sworn deputy, but we like to pretend that he is. Yeah. He visited my office and we put pictures up on Facebook

[02:18:44] and I don't know if I've ever had as many likes on my Facebook page as when I put up cute little Deputy Finnegan. So I'm sure Sheriff Hill will gladly coordinate a time for Finnegan to come see your office and lift up your spirits if you would like.

[02:19:01] And then the last thing, but certainly not the last, is on Saturday I went to Merrimack Farm on a beautiful Saturday afternoon to honor a good friend of mine and somebody that gave decades of her life to improving Prince William County and teaching the importance of conservation.

[02:19:22] That was Kim Hosen. And I just wanted to thank everybody that was out there. And Uriah Kaiser was one of the reporters that attended as well. And I just wanted to thank everybody that helped make that memorial service for Kim so successful.

[02:19:40] and again we will continue to honor her and the work that she did to promote conservation in our county thank you supervisor bode yeah thank you madam chair um i've been to a whole host of events throughout the county over the last couple weeks since our last board meeting and i so i won't touch on them um but i my staff does a really great job of covering that on our social media so i'll refer folks to my website and my social media to see where i've been over the last two weeks um but i did want to highlight something that happened on april 29th jordan a an eight-year-old

[02:20:14] girl died from a traffic accident that occurred in my district she struck by a car um she managed to fight for several days before she lost her life and i bring that up because we continue to have conversations as a board about traffic safety we have a community safety initiative we have all these things are in the works you know that the speed enforcement cameras the red light cameras what have you um but i i i bring this up to connect the fact that these initiatives that we're working on are connected to saving and preserving lives um and it my heart breaks for that family and for the community that has been hurt and and has a hole in it um because of her

[02:20:51] death and i do want to give kudos to the folks out in in uh lakeridge who put out you know dozens and dozens of pink flags on the corner of hedges run and old bridge road to commemorate her um and the last thing i'll say about that is she and her family before she passed agreed to donate her organs so other folks may find life where she didn't so i wanted to leave that with you all that we continue to have conversations around safety and trying to preserve life as well as those in our community um that said i i had three directives i wanted to give very quickly give me a moment the first is without objection i would like to direct county staff to look into

[02:21:30] drafting a new mou with the charlie boone foundation for board consideration and letter date the second one is without objection i would like direct staff to look into what it would take to create a master plan for the davis ford park including costs and potential funding resources for later consideration and finally without objection i would like to direct staff to look into what it would take to do a feasibility study for a new lake ridge row house including costs and various scope options for consideration of letter date mou for the charlie boone foundation that's for that skate park yeah it started under supervisor anderson yeah supervisor

[02:22:10] Bailey thank you madam chair go back to my okay sorry about detaining I like supervisor Bodie been to a plethora of activities since we last met but I just want to highlight a few and I want to close

with something that for the community one is we I think we had a great time with the rotary club that goes without saying i want to acknowledge again um dr alcorn at the independence non-traditional

[02:22:48] school he is phenomenal for his work and um on may the 6th um my staff attended the suicide awareness walk i was unable to attend to attend myself personally so thank you forest park for what all you do to make us aware to uh of suicide awareness month and and the lives that we've lost On the 8th, it was an amazing day yesterday at Potomac Shores, where we did a groundbreaking for continually bringing forth the VRE to this county.

[02:23:22] And to my colleagues, Chair Wheeler and Supervisor Franklin, your partnership, I'm really appreciative for how we're moving this project forward, not just for Potomac Shores, but for Prince William County. And thank you to Biddle Real Estate, BREV as we call it, the developer there, for their assistance and their support.

[02:23:43] On the 8th also, I attended the tribute for the 20 law enforcement officers that have lost their lives in protecting us. And to the families, you have our condolences and our love. And then on the 11th, tomorrow is a great day in that we are going to do a ribbon-cutting at Gander Mountain for the Crisis Receiving Center.

[02:24:04] our mental health facility. It is continuing. It is growing. We are going to serve everyone here in the community. So please, please, please keep that in mind. And then on the 13th, as the county exec has mentioned, we're going to have our third annual 5k mental health walk at Locus Shade Park. And we have a special guest that's done a video for us. So please stay tuned or just come. But I want to take this time. Oh, excuse me. And then on the 20th,

[02:24:34] I'm going to partner with the clerk's office, the county clerk's office, and our commonwealth attorney for a community resource event at Fortuna Plaza, right outside of Targets on 234 from 10 to 2, so please keep that in mind.

[02:24:49] And then on the 17th is our dumpster day from 9 to 1, but you can get all the specifics from my website. But I want to take this opportunity to give my condolences to the family that lost their loved one last night in a car accident in Potomac Shores.

[02:25:10] Unfortunately, there was another fatal accident, car crash accident at Potomac Shores. And a gentleman by the name of Abdul Bubu Kamara, Jr., 38 years old, lost his life by a driver that was driving fast, 29-year-old woman.

[02:25:32] We are doing the best that we can to make sure that we're protecting our community with the projects that we have coming forth. But my condolences to that family. And we never know what day is the last day.

[02:25:48] So we need to be respectful, honorable, and loving to each other. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Supervisor Bailey. Supervisor Franklin. Sure. Just a couple of things to highlight. On May 6, my office participated in the Potomac High School Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner and Silent Auction where we participated.

[02:26:07] It's a wonderful participating in such a celebration with our outstanding student athletes from the community. So thank you to Potomac High School for the invitation to do so. On May 8th, as just

mentioned by Supervisor Bailey, we participate in Potomac Shores VRE Garage, groundbreaking for the construction of the garage, which goes in tandem with the town center and the VRE.

[02:26:34] And so gaining momentum, and we hosted a ribbon cutting. As you all know, last month we signed an agreement with VPRA and BREV, as mentioned by Supervisor Bailey. And so I think the best line of that event was we're no longer saying that it's coming soon, but now it's definitely coming.

[02:26:54] And so we're very, very excited about that. And then lastly, I participated in the ride-along, I believe it was last weekend, maybe the weekend before last, with our police department. I did the Friday night shift, or maybe it was Saturday night, from 10 p.m. until 3 a.m.

[02:27:12] At least I left at 3 a.m. I think their shift continued on. But actually, it was a quiet night. We had one car accident, and I was not allowed to direct traffic. But it was good to get back out there with our officers to kind of get a better sense of kind of where they are now with some of the challenges that they see.

[02:27:33] But it really was a quiet night, that particular night. And so I just want to thank the police department for organizing that and looking forward to continuing to do more. Just one quick announcement. We are doing Dumpster Day the 13th, which is this weekend, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

[02:27:50] It doesn't take long. Just drive by, drop your things off. We'll have the dumpsters. And then also we should have a shredding truck. So that's going to be at Fred Lynn Middle School. And then lastly, notice to intent, Bertha Johnson to the Taxicab Commission.

[02:28:07] I felt that she was talking to me earlier, but we were in the move to do that notice of intent. So thank you. Thank you. Supervisor Vega. Thank you, Madam Chair. The Coles District Office is partnering with Boxes of Basics to collect donations for children in need here in Prince William County.

[02:28:26] For those that don't know, Boxes of Basics works to identify local children in need of clothing. And with your help, kids will receive a box containing an entire seasonal wardrobe of quality outfits, play clothes, pajamas, new socks, new underwear, shoes, a winter coat, and an age-appropriate book.

[02:28:43] When a child receives their box of basics, it's like really opening a gift. And the Coles District is in need and requesting new shoes in all sizes, from toddler sizes to size 7 in adults, and gently use children's clothing, newborn through size 14, 16 youth.

[02:28:59] They are especially in need of boy and girl sizes 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16. We will be collecting donations through the month of May at our office, which is located 13476 off of Dumfries Road. And lastly, the other issue that I want to bring up is mainly towards the issue that we're having at the landfill.

[02:29:18] I know that I've raised concerns. I don't know if I'm the only one that is getting these emails, but it's happening on a weekly basis. It's either an email or a phone call. I happen to be coming from an event that Supervisor Lawson and I attended in Dumfries on Saturday when I was waiting to turn left onto Bristow Road.

[02:29:35] I recorded a video with my phone that I do plan on sharing with all of you all so that you can see what I witnessed. It is a safety concern. I mean, the potential issues that can stem from what I witnessed on Saturday can be catastrophic. I know that folks were angry, cursing, you know.

[02:29:54] I was just shocked. and so I want you all to know that I've reached out to Tom Smith and to his staff and I'm sorry but I am not going to tell my constituents or the people of Prince William County to try

to go to the landfill Monday through Friday between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. when the majority of folks are working and so it is up to us to make sure that we keep everybody safe to include the folks that work at the landfill and that we do something about it. I will bet that when you guys see the video you will see the need of possibly even having, and I know that our police department is probably going to be yanking their hair out when they hear this, but some type of traffic concern because the

[02:30:31] situation is that bad. Folks are trying to turn into the landfill and it is so backed up, not just going into the landfill when you're coming in the opposite direction of 234, but the folks are already backed up about a mile trying to turn into the landfill. So they're blocking both lanes off of 234 from the folks that want to go straight because they're trying to enter the landfill.

[02:30:52] And so I saw the middle finger, I saw cursing, and we have to do something about it. So I understand the frustration that folks are experiencing right now. And so, Mr. Shorter, I ask that you look into this matter with me so that we can find a solution. I know it's not just for folks in the Coles District.

[02:31:08] It's anybody that's wanting to go to the landfill. And I've seen some stuff on Facebook also about folks expressing frustrations with the landfill, the facilities over off of Bosphord Road. And so I hope that we can come up with some solutions to help the situation out.

[02:31:24] That's all I have, Madam Chair. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Vega. You know, I'll just go through. I mean, the Celebrity Luncheon was great for the Rotary. I'd never done that before. I want to highlight the ribbon cutting for the Ballsford Interchange. As someone who drives through that every day, it's amazing how much that really helps with the flow of traffic.

[02:31:45] We had the retirement reception for Acting Chief Jim Forgo since we've last been here. We've had the swearing-in of our new Chief, Thomas LeBell, since we've been here. I got to speak at the Virginia Department of Transportation's Commonwealth Transportation Board's Northern Virginia Joint Transportation Meeting with regards to some of the things that were important to Prince William County with regards to transportation.

[02:32:08] Last Wednesday, I attended a meet-and-greet hosted by the Gainesville-Monassas Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, I think that's going to be a really wonderful benefit to western Prince William County. Yesterday, the groundbreaking at the new garage was just, it is going to be, that's not just a game changer for that area, but it's really a game changer for Prince William County.

[02:32:30] It's going to be a wonderful facility when that VRE station and the garage finally get built out. In terms of things, observing things in Prince William County this month, today is fentanyl awareness day. And for anyone who understands what the effects of fentanyl overdoses are having on our society, it's a great opportunity to become more aware of what can be done to combat our epidemic.

[02:32:56] As someone mentioned, it's also Teachers Appreciation Week. Kudos to our partners in the school system. It's National Hospital Week. And so I just want to highlight our members, partners at Sentara and UVA Health Systems because our health system is so important to our communities. I'm looking forward to going on Thursday to the CRC event also.

[02:33:15] That's going to be wonderful. And someone asked me to mention that the next CaxiCab meeting is June 19th at 7 p.m. in the Potomac Room. And so maybe we can get people appointed before then. I don't have anybody to appoint tonight on that, but we will all work on that if we need to.

[02:33:33] And I would like to announce my notice of intent to appoint Sarah Henry to the Northern Virginia Health Center Commission. That's a change, and that's been requested by staff. With that, it's 4.35.

[02:33:49] We have a closed session that we're going to go into, and then when we come out of closed session, we have no other items except to adjourn and report out from closed session. We will go into closed session. We're going to take a 10-minute break and go into closed session at 4.45. We are back from closed session.

[02:34:29] If I could get a motion to certify, please. So moved. Second. Motion made by Supervisor Bailey, seconded by Vice Chair Bodie. Any discussion? Seeing none, please vote. Vote unanimous.

[02:34:48] We have one issue to report out on. Supervisor Lawson. Thank you, Madam Chair. I move that the board directs staff to schedule a public hearing for the June 6th board meeting for the disposition of publicly owned.

[02:35:06] No, I'm sorry. You know, I don't even have the proper language, but here it is. My bad. Staff is directed to set a public hearing on June 6th to consider the sale of real property at 7074 Curry Farm Drive in Haymarket.

[02:35:22] Second. Motion made by Supervisor Lawson, seconded by Supervisor Bailey. Any discussion? Oh, okay, cool. Well, I said I moved, so. Yeah, that's why I said it. Yeah. Right. It is. Thank you.

[02:35:40] Okay. Well, good. Then I will entertain a motion to adjourn. So moved. Second. Motion made by Vice Chair Bodie, seconded by Supervisor Bailey. Any discussion? Seeing none, please vote. You guys are faster than our technology.

[02:36:03] Vote unanimous. We are adjourned.

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