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[00:32:06] Good afternoon. It's 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19th. For those who wish, please join me in a moment of silence. Thank you. If we could all rise for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

[00:32:24] I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, the republic for which it stands, under God, in his hope, with the duty of justice for all. Welcome. Thank you, everybody, for coming out today.

[00:32:44] We are actually going to begin today with our community presentations. And today we have on Agenda Item 3, the community presentation. Mr. Lurch from VACO, Director of Public Policy, I believe, is here. I will come down and join you at the podium to present Achievement Awards.

[00:33:05] You are the Director of Local Government for VACO, I believe, right? Policy, okay. To present Achievement Awards to representatives from the County Sheriff's Office, who I can see, as well as our Department of Social Services. So those who are involved, just please come down to the front and join me.

[00:33:45] Do you want to go ahead and get started? Well, thank you, Chair Wheeler. Once again, Chair Wheeler, members of the board and the public, I'm Joe Lurch, Director of Local Government Policy with the Virginia Association of Counties. It's my distinct privilege to be here today to present these two awards.

[00:34:01] Just for the benefit of some of your citizens that might not know about VACO, We've been around since 1934, and it's to serve the efforts of our boards of supervisors elected throughout the state. We do this chiefly through our advocacy efforts, both at the state and the federal level.

[00:34:18] We also provide educational programs, member services, and communications. We established the Achievement Award Program in 2003. This is actually our 21st year, and it's a way to highlight the innovative programs that are being developed at the ground up at the local level.

[00:34:36] that can be replicated imitated in other areas sometimes people will take things and say hey we like what you did there we're going to tweak it this way so i'm proud to present two awards today and i'll show these in a moment but just a little bit more about um this year's 21st annual achievement award program we received 135 entries and 33 winners were selected from 20 counties so you can see it's truly a competitive program uh to compete now here's here's the great news prince Prince William has won 28 achievement awards in the entirety of the program, which is fourth all time. And Prince William has won an award 10 consecutive years in a row now, I think with this

[00:35:15] year. And also in 2020, you all achieved the best achievement awards. That's the top. And then in 2022, you received a special distinction for achievement award for the largest county or large county category um just a little bit about um you know the criteria i mentioned the innovation that's that's really important we also look for intergovernmental cooperation which i think you can see with with both these programs are going to be highlighted is it a model that can be replicated other other ways and is is it also an innovative approach so that the two that are going to be awarded here today uh first is for the gun safety program with the sheriff's office here

[00:35:55] and i had a chance to talk with them briefly uh about their pride in the program and the effect that it's seeing in the community uh the fact that you know students go home with a contract and a little badge and say hey mom dad i gotta talk you know and and they have to sign that contract it's a really neat engagement and they're seeing some positive results in the community the second is um uh the child advocacy center which is really unique in in virginia i think there's only a couple others that do this where they house it within the county government and the Department of Social Services and really bring a lot of resources together with a lot of

[00:36:31] cooperation and even some savings for the taxpayer when you do it that way. So I'm not going to take any more thunder, but these are new awards this year. You'll notice we've upped our game with the plaque. I've got the boxes, but I'll go ahead and turn it over back to Chair Wheeler and to the recipients and then we can do some pictures so thank you well thank you um and i and i want to give supervisor franklin kudos for initiating the child advocacy center it was a board board effort that year but thank you for initiating that um joe do you have write-ups on all of these do

[00:37:06] you have like write-ups yes we do i don't okay so so i'll just and so i'm expecting you to say stuff well you know like that i'm a little humility here i'm not prepared to shoot i was What I was thinking, I just briefly described the programs, but I thought the people that developed the program should be the ones to highlight because they knew them a lot better.

[00:37:33] Madam Chair, I am prepared to do some things, but I'll briefly describe what our program does. The Child Advocacy Center provides a safe, neutral environment for alleged child victims to have forensic interviews, advocacy, and court support throughout their endeavors with us.

[00:37:55] So one of the things that we like is, so Madam Chair, members of the board, it's an honor to be here. For those who I have not had the pleasure of meeting, please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Clyette Portis. I'm the program manager for the Child Advocacy Center here in Prince William County. I'd like to introduce my team briefly.

[00:38:12] I have Madeline Manzano-Dilsla with us. She's our administrative coordinator and translator. Karen McGurk, she's an advocate and clinician with our program, and Dr. Michelle Denae Johnson, she's a forensic interviewer. I have two people that are not here, Rebecca, who is also a forensic interviewer, and Laura Thomas, who's also an advocate and clinician.

[00:38:32] So we want to say first, thank you so much for selecting us as an awardee. It is indeed an honor to be recognized. We're a relatively new and small program. There are six of us within the Prince William County DSS family. our team conducted our very first forensic interview in December of 2021 in a temporary location. And thanks to Ms. Franklin, thank you. We are in her, some space that she had in some other space that was renovated in April of 2022. We had our grand opening. And since our inception, we have conducted 458 forensic interviews of alleged child victims

[00:39:10] in less than two years. We've conducted 300 instances of mental health related services therapy, intake, that kind of thing, 1,400 advocacy-related services, and have staffed and reviewed over 400 cases with our multidisciplinary team. All of that in less than two years.

[00:39:29] We understand the work that we do is important. We don't undertake it lightly or haphazardly. We recognize it's a privilege and an honor that we've been provided. The children that we serve, our most valuable population, they are placed at the center of everything that we do at the Child Advocacy Center.

[00:39:46] space with and for those children and their non-offending caregivers is something that we take pride in. It's not just our job, it's not just our career, it's a passion for my team. We would be remiss if we didn't turn to our leadership and thank them for supporting us in everything that we do every day. So thank you to the DSS Advisory Board, our Director Courtney Tierney, our Deputy Director Phyllis Jennings-Holt, our Assistant Director Lena Purifoy, the Prevention Team Program Manager Teresa Wilson, but interagency collaboration is where things happen. I would like to extend a special, special, special thank you to what I believe to be the most

[00:40:22] dynamic, multidisciplinary team in the state of Virginia, consisting of representatives from the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, the County Attorney's Office, the Prince William County Special Victims Unit, and NOVA's FACT Team, which provides our forensic medical SANE exams for us, the Prince William County Community Service Board, who handles our more acute behavioral health patients, our Victims Witness Office. Without their collaboration, this process could not and would not work. We could not have staffed those cases and seen those children if it wasn't for those team members. So to the CAC team, y'all, you are the best. I'm going to try not to cry, y'all.

[00:41:00] You are the best. I consider it an honor and a privilege to walk this journey with you and these families every day. I thank you for what you do, how you inspire the children that we deserve. And lastly, I just want to thank Mr. Lurch from VACO for recognizing our program.

[00:41:17] Thank you. Good afternoon, Chair Wheeler and members of the County Board of Supervisors. I am Glenn Hill. I'm your sheriff, and I'm also elected to serve the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. My sincere thanks to VACO for selecting us as the winner of this competitive award. We are proud and

honored to be recipients of it. The Prince William County Sheriff's Office created the Gun Safety Program in 2016 in a collaboration with Project Child Safety and the

[00:41:57] Virginia Cooperative Extension. In Prince William County, this program is provided as an additional component of the Safe at Home, Safe Alone program taught to fourth graders students around the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Gun Safety Program is taught to fourth graders in public and private schools within Prince William County and the cities of Manassas. The purpose of this program is to educate children on what to do in the event they find a firearm at home, at a relative's or

[00:42:30] friend's home, or outside. We believe this was an opportunity to create a meaningful program that would prevent unintentional firearm injuries or death because of a firearm. The fourth grade students are given a responsibility contract and are encouraged to complete it with their parents.

[00:42:52] The program gives law enforcement the opportunity to engage with the youth. We want them to trust us, know who we are, and what we stand for. It has been very well received by the parents, school administrators, teachers, and parents. In the future, I plan to extend the program to 7th and 8th grade students.

[00:43:16] I would be remiss in my comments if I did not recognize 1st Sergeant Matthew Todd, Deputy Greg Johnson, and their supervisor, Captain Kelly Crespo. 1st Sergeant Todd and Deputy Johnson are the presenters of this program.

[00:43:38] They possess the interpersonal skills that enable them to communicate positively with students, command their attention, and answer their questions. Again, thank you for having us today. And before we take pictures, I just want to thank Mr. Lurch and Vaco for taking the time out for recognition.

[00:44:04] Personal recognition takes time and sorting through all those programs and things like that. And it is so important to recognize the localities, people, individuals. And I just want to thank you for Vaco for taking the time of that. And I also want to say, you know, I'm just grateful that we have the best employees in the Commonwealth.

[00:44:20] So thank you. Well, I think, Chair Wheeler, what we'll do then is do pictures, one award, then the next award. So whoever you want to go first, maybe we'll do it the way it was presented. So we'll go with child advocacy first and get the team up here with you.

[00:45:25] Thank you, Ms. Mann.

[00:47:00] We are now on to, we'll move on to item number four, public comment time. We'll do in-person, then remote public comments. We're going to begin with in-person public comment time this afternoon. We have 10 people signed up to speak. I will call the speakers five at a time. Each speaker will have three minutes to share their views and opinions regarding matters before the board.

[00:47:19] We said all speakers state their name and generally where they live or magisterial district at the beginning of their remarks. After the first 15 minutes, the in-person public comments list will be closed. So, the microphones in the back of the room.

[00:47:36] Our first five speakers are Pastor Ricardo W. Payne, John Bloxton, Carl Greeton, Lindsay Atkins, and Victor Angry. Okay.

[00:47:55] You're not up there. Freaking me out. And we've got five more after that. But Pastor Payne, John Bloxton, Carl Greeton, Lindy Atkins, and Ayn Johnson. Please proceed.

[00:48:12] Good afternoon. My name is Pastor Ricardo Payne. I live in Triangle, Virginia. I believe that's the Potomac District. I'm having the same conversation that we've been having since my daughter and her husband have been here with regards to our grandson.

[00:48:32] It's the same conversation. We've asked the same question. What is right and what is wrong? And I keep coming back to the same point. We stand. We have a moment of silent prayer. We stand and do pledge allegiance to the flag.

[00:48:52] I'm a United States Army officer. I am a veteran. I've served in the highest echelons within the government. But in the same vein, I cannot get a straight answer. Who called my daughter a guinea pig?

[00:49:09] Who cannot answer the question of why we still have not gotten an answer from the county about the removal of my grandson? We want to have meetings and talk about the same thing that's obvious.

[00:49:27] And as such, it's just disrespectful. It is the same conversation we had before my daughter had her baby. It's the same conversation I'm having today. We talk about recognizing people and the time they invested.

[00:49:44] My son and his wife has spent countless hours asking the same question. What have they done? And they need to have an answer. The point is still the same.

[00:50:03] If it's wrong, it's wrong across the board. And if people need to be held accountable, they should be. Same conversation. No differently than anything else that we do in this life, we want to know what we did or did not do as it relates to my grandson.

[00:50:24] And in turn, I will not take disrespect of my family's name. I will not take disrespect of my family and continue just, well, we hope it goes away. It will not go away until decisions are made that will allow people to have their right to have a difference of opinion.

[00:50:46] We're clear in our country about everyone has rights. Well, what is the difference here? There is no difference because we keep saying the same thing and we get the same results, which is nothing. Thank you for your time. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Yes. Good afternoon.

[00:51:16] My name is John Bloxton. I've been a resident in the Prince William County area since May of 1980. Lived in Cat Harpen since fall of 1982. Four generations on our farm, and we've loved it here. Cat Harpen was always meant to be the farming community, rural and pristine. Everyone in Prince William County is going to benefit from the budget increases Prince William County will receive from the deal with the Prince William County Development. Let's get this upgrade deal done so we can move on to the next task because there's a lot more going on in Prince William

[00:51:52] than rehashing decisions that have already been made. It's not a question of building thousands more homes that will further increase our traffic problems. Not a situation where an outside entity is trying to exploit the residents of Pageland Lane.

[00:52:08] This is an initiative started by us, people who have lived here for 30, 40, 50 years to leave this area, which has grown up around us over time. Benefits of job creations, tax revenue, and landowner support makes this an easy win for everyone.

[00:52:25] In closing, I want to make it clear that my family and friends who are residents along Pageland support the proposed data center to the comprehensive plan for Prince William County. Thank you. Thank

you. Next speaker, please. Good afternoon. I'm Carl Gretton of the Gainesville District, and we are against the Prince William Digital Gateway and its associated rezoning. Thanks for letting the rest of the board enjoy their Thanksgiving break. Does the change make a difference? We would assume the Democrats will vote as they already have

[00:53:05] in favor of the Digital Gateway. What would make you change your mind? Would bankrupting Prince William County citizens make a difference to you? We know you will say it is not the county that will be bankrupt, it will be the citizens. The county will make money for everyday county procedures while the citizens suffer. It was so nice of the developers to make an offer for Prince William County residents to buy back land from the developer. This land is wetlands, under power lines, and is in a delayed parkland timeline. This is just another bill Prince William County residents will have to pay for. If you have watched the news lately,

[00:53:42] President Biden just freed up $6 billion to give to our enemy Iran. That is one country to another country. The bill from Dominion will be almost three times that amount to Prince William County residents. Do you know how much money we have given to Ukraine? That amount is about $7 billion. Once again, the bill to Prince William County residents is over twice that amount.

[00:54:06] What does $16.7 billion mean to the Prince William County citizens? The result is paying an additional $800 a year per household. This payment will not stop this year. This is just one more increase from the Democrats on the Board of Supervisors who have already increased personal property taxes, increased tipping fees for trash collection, included the meals tax, added a Board of Supervisors salary increase, spent over $100,000 of taxpayer money on the Stantec report.

[00:54:35] You mentioned that you are for affordable housing. That is just speaking into the wind. If median family households cannot afford your increasing costs, how do you expect folks with lower income to survive? If we give out grants, that is not the answer because median family households are paying for those grants.

[00:54:53] With interest rates and gas prices driven higher by Democrats, affordable housing will not be achievable. Listen to your staff. They recommended a fourth rezoning application for the Digital Gateway. Does my supervisor represent me or you? Do you expect other supervisors to agree with you on projects in a specific district?

[00:55:13] It is time to vote against projects in other districts if the affected supervisor votes no or for a delay. Supervisor Bodie, are you aware that the power towers will run through your district? These towers will run from Possum Point. How about you advertise this fun fact?

[00:55:29] The only reason we can figure out why the five Democrats are voting for the digital gateway is to put your stamp on a failed Prince William County because we will be gateway bankrupt. Next time my discussion will talk about fungible money being transferred in the county.

[00:55:45] You can look it up for that time. Early voting starts 22 September this Friday. Go to elections.virginia.com. Gov, thank you. Thank you. Next speaker, please. Good afternoon.

[00:56:02] My name is Lindy Atkins. I live in the Gainesville District, and I'm here to support the PW Digital Gateway Project along Page of the Lane. To me, it seems like a win-win for the county, for the homeowners in particular, with the outrageous taxes that we pay now.

[00:56:20] This is our best chance of getting some relief from that. So, again, a very short message, but I urge this board to vote yes on the Prince William Digital Gateway. Thank you. Thank you. Our next five speakers are Aine Johnson, Elizabeth Moritana, Elena Schlossberg, Pat Harders, and Teresa Minns. Aine Johnson, Eliza Martirana, Elaine Schlossberg, Pat Harders,

[00:56:54] and Teresa Minns. Please proceed. Yes, ma'am. Good afternoon. My name is Aine Johnson, and I spell A-I-N, and I say Aine because my parents, they did a wonderful job naming me, and as the Bible says, a good name is rather to be chosen, and my name has the origin of Precious in Swahili. So again, Aine Johnson, seven months in, but it's still Aine Johnson. Good afternoon, Madam Chair, County Attorney, County Executive, Board of County Supervisors, and ladies and gentlemen here virtually and here in the chambers. My name is Aine, A-I-N,

[00:57:28] Johnson, and I am a member of the Woodbridge District. I stand today as a wife, a mother, and advocate to foster children and to foster parents. Foster parents, they have my heart. Mr. Shorter, I want to speak to you again today and break down the salaciousness, the salacious nature of information surrounding our family, because unfortunately little conversations are held with our family, but many conversations are had behind closed doors.

[00:57:54] I read a quote recently, because it's always a quote in bringing things back together. When they can't kill your dreams, unfortunately, and I'll take it, make it personal, individuals within the county, Prince William County here, try to assassinate my family's character. So let's be clear about something.

[00:58:10] We're going to break it down. I became a foster parent because I had a dream as a little girl. I said, one day I'm going to foster and adopt a child. That has nothing to do with Prince William County. I am a mother to three children here on earth, two beautiful children in heaven. That gets me every time.

[00:58:27] And possibly, by the grace of God, to be able to adopt four children. My husband and I have been friends for over 15 years, and we have been married four times. I've married the same man four times. I just love my husband that much. We have never sued the Department of Social Services.

[00:58:44] So if that's one of the fun stories about the Johnson family, because sometimes it's we can't talk about it because it's a legal issue. The Johnson family has never sued the Department of Social Services. We have never hired an attorney to fight the Department of Social Services. We have used our platform here of public comment to have a conversation.

[00:59:03] We have never been to court because, again, that narrative is we got to hush, hush about the Johnson family. We have never been to court over abuse or neglect of our foster son. Very important to put that out there on the record. It doesn't exist. We've actually been told that we cared for our son, foster son.

[00:59:20] We have never had DSS report to the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, to the Circuit Court of Virginia, Prince William County, or any court in Virginia that there's allegations of abuse or neglect. So while you're waiting for this salacious story to be revealed, Mr. Shorter, we are too as a family because we are still waiting for what is going on with the Johnson family.

[00:59:45] So, Genesis 50 verse 20, but as for me, you thought evil against me, but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. For every foster parent that now gets recognized, for every foster child that doesn't get looked over, we thank God for it.

[01:00:07] Thank you. Next speaker, please. The overhead, please.

[01:00:12] Appreciate your patience.

[01:01:15] Elizabeth Martirana, Gainesville, Prince William County resident for 47 years. I would like to remind the supervisors of the biggest decision in Prince William County history coming before the board in December, that of the three rezonings for the Prince William Digital Gateway.

[01:01:40] As you will see in this photo of the Gainesville Crossing Data Center complex of soon-to-be five buildings, plus the very large substation in the upper right-hand corner of the photo, there are approximately 268 backup generators for those five buildings.

[01:01:57] You also see in the lower left-hand corner that if the DEQ variance that was requested earlier this year had been granted for 24 additional operating hours per year, a data center complex of this size would require over 1 million gallons of diesel fuel for just those 24 hours.

[01:02:19] With almost 60 data centers presently approved in Prince William County, The addition of the Prince William Digital Gateway, Devlin Tech Park, and the Gardner property would bring us to about 100 data centers with hyperscale, 100-foot-tall buildings.

[01:02:36] The number of backup generators required for this many data center buildings emitting their particulate matter, which cannot be seen or smelled, will take us back to the 50s and 60s. Incidences of lung cancer and asthma will increase.

[01:02:52] Our health will deteriorate from all this burning of diesel fuel. You supervisors have heard citizen comments for almost two years now. You have heard of the devastation to wildlife in our previous rural crescent, which you have already taken away from us.

[01:03:09] You have heard of the noise problems, viewshed problems, failure of our watershed, the burden of electrical infrastructure costs to all Prince William County citizens, The wiping away of part of our Virginia and American history and the black staining of buildings from diesel fuel and the resulting bad air quality that will stay with us.

[01:03:30] But the decision to approve all these data center zonings without having the proper studies done will lie in your hands. When you push your button to vote come December, remember you will be the reason for the biggest environmental tragedy in the world if you vote yes.

[01:03:46] Let it be known that we citizens and environmental groups and preservation groups have all given you the information to prevent this travesty. So someday, when our grandchildren say, how could they have let this happen, we citizens will respond.

[01:04:03] We tried to tell them. They wouldn't listen to us. We did our best. Thank you. Next speaker, please.

[01:04:24] Can you get the overhead for me, please? Okay. So, I'm sure you all may be wondering, what was happening outside?

[01:04:54] Why were all the TV cameras there? Well, they were there because I think that this information that is pretty jaw-dropping is representative and endemic of the way this community feels about our representation on this board as it pertains to data center development.

[01:05:12] This is from Pete Canlon, May 7, 2023, to Jeff Mulhausen, who is a data center developer. Jeff, thank you for the introduction. So clearly Pete is right now working on the behalf of a data center

developer to make a project happen. But the most interesting comment I find is, as you probably know, our county is unusual compared to the other NOVA localities as our approval process

[01:05:45] is very relationship-oriented. Boy, is that an understatement. I just want to share how I hope that some of you had a little bit of a bored look on your face when Liz was speaking. It is very clear from every industrial data center online magazine and print magazine that we are coming up against the reality that data center development today is unsustainable. And that's not me.

[01:06:18] The very first time you all heard me speak for new board members, it was about power lines. Do you remember that? And I tried to warn you. And ultimately, what has happened two and a half years later is full circle. Only I had no idea that what we would be facing would be the kind of

[01:06:41] infrastructure. So I know people thought it was a joke when I dragged down all that bag of coal for Ann Wheeler, but the reality is we are making friends across county lines. We're making friends across state lines. And this particular meme is from a new friend in West Virginia who is fighting

[01:07:15] a transmission line that begins in West Virginia and comes to Data Center Alley and Loudoun. Why? I'm sorry, Chair Wheeler, am I boring you? The reality is, is that we don't have the transmission and we don't have the generation. And Supervisor Bode, I don't know if you're going to make it to the Data Center 101, but Possum Point, that is in the crosshairs of taking that substation from a 230 to a 500. And do you know where that transmission line starts? And if you'd like to reach out to me. I can get you the map from PJM. Starts in New Jersey, comes through Delaware into

[01:07:54] Maryland, crosses the Chesapeake Bay, ending point, possum point. Now, there isn't a transmission line yet, but there will be. Please proceed. Patrick Harters, Gainesville District. I have a quote that says, today, a voracious horde of selfish corporate and political interests gorges itself on the trough of power at the public's expense. The common and long-term well-being of the American

[01:08:29] people is an afterthought at best. That was James Madison talking about the corruption of America back then. If he could only come to what I've called the most corrupt county in America, most corrupt county in Virginia for sure, Prince William County, and look at it, he'd be shocked at the deals that you guys have done. For years, we said Camlund was defying the COIA laws. It was apparent. We went to Amy Ashworth. We went to others and said, these laws are being defied.

[01:08:58] And it was only when we put immense pressure on that she adjusted her opinion and finally put some pressure on him and he finally resigned, but not after pushing his deals through. Then we see these emails going out where he's working with corporate, working with data centers to help them develop, and that's against the law.

[01:09:17] He's got to pause for an entire year. So my question is, how much of this communication is going on behind people's backs? How many of you have secret emails? Kenny, I know you do. I've seen the FOIA where you were writing the people of Pageland asking for support. Why are you, this group, working with data centers, working with corporations, and not looking out for the interests of the people? Ultimately, we will have the final word.

[01:09:48] Ultimately, we will win. Just like Ann, your election didn't go well. It went terrible. You should have won that easily. But it was your dependence and pushing through these horrible deals for whatever gain you may have, which I have no idea. But there is so much corruption.

[01:10:08] We see these emails going out with Canlan. We've seen other emails. And election season is here now. People are waking up. People are paying attention. And this is all going to come out. There are many of us, Democrats, Republicans, coming together and working together to say, we don't want a corrupt government. We want a government that simply will work with the people, that will look out for the interests of the people. You're our representatives. That's what happened in Gainesville. We put Bob Weir on and we all came together because he's looking out for the people. He may not always do what I want or Elena or someone else in the district, but ultimately he's got integrity and

[01:10:47] he's working with the people. My final thought is just on the current Democrat party of Prince William County. This party is in a lot of trouble. I know there's Tim Kaines coming down to back the board and crazy things like this, where they're going against the environment, they're going against small business. Instead, you have become a corporate shill that is just pushing through their agenda and not helping the people of Prince William County. Next speaker, please.

[01:11:16] Three cements, the Potomac District. I want to thank law enforcement and first responders for all that they do for us. And they are continuously in harm's way. Unfortunately, this Democrat board is not. We are in harm's way from them. I want to bring up the illegal meeting this Democrat board had in the beginning of their takeover. The Republicans were not notified of the meeting,

[01:11:53] and this Democrat board didn't care. They did not care that they excluded the Republicans. So that's what we get from Democrats. And unfortunately, I was real disappointed when I saw the meeting on TV the other day where Supervisor Ware asked Shorter to not do something in changing the way the structure is with our offices. And he pleasantly, respectfully asked

[01:12:33] and Shorter blew him off. Okay. And I want to know if we're concerned about people being able to live here and work here, making the right amount of money, why did we bring Shorter in from out of town? Why have we brought people in from other places? I need to read this before it's over. This is how the Nazis took over Germany. They banned guns. They got rid of God. They banned church services. They burned Bibles and books in the streets, tore down statues, burned the flag,

[01:13:10] got rid of any and all history they did not agree with, got rid of the public police so only the rich could afford it, put their country in a state of fear, created domestic terrorist organizations that got rid of anything and anyone that disagreed with them. And speaking of Tim Kaine, his son was part of Antifa, if you didn't know it. Yes, Tim Kaine, Senator Tim Kaine. So guess who is in with the Democrats? The Nazi George Soros. And yes, George Soros is a Nazi. He's a career

[01:13:48] Nazi. And we also have to fear our mainstream media for all the lies. And oh, remember, the Nazis, they're for the Iranian race. They don't like intermix and all that other stuff. Just thought I'd throw that out. And this board gave themselves a 70% raise. They don't care what's happening to the little guy. And of course, Wheeler's over here telling me how I should use

[01:14:22] my speaking time while she's buying electric vehicles and parking out front. I don't think any employee should park out front. Thank you for nothing. That will conclude our in-person public speaking time for today. With that, I'll turn it over to Vice Chair Bodie. Ms. Madden, is there anyone online? Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, everyone, for your comments. As with in-person public comment time, those speaking online have three minutes to speak. Please identify who you are and whereabouts in the county you live. Ms. Vann, shall we begin? Your first speaker is Mike

[01:15:00] Kaczmarek. Mike Kaczmarek, Heritage Hunt, Gainesville. I want to state my opposition to your plan to vote on the Prince William Digital Gateway during the lame duck period. I think you should defer to the will of the voters and allow the new board to address this issue. The chair in the primary was defeated on this issue and it should not be up to the current board to push this plan despite what the voters want.

[01:15:26] Let the new board decide this critical issue and not impose your defeated agenda on the county. You should not give away all future county authority to regulate data centers. Past Republican boards did that, but this Democratic board needs to take responsible force and preserve future county options.

[01:15:43] You have plenty of hard work to do before you should even consider the Pageland Industrial Park and other data center projects. You need to establish modern-day industrial noise regulations before you can approve any additional data centers. Approving new projects is the easy part.

[01:16:00] The hard part is developing the regulations and establishing the monitoring, oversight, and enforcement provisions. Prince William County needs to start doing the hard part. This has to be done before approval, not after approval. You need to set the regulations while you still have leverage to do so.

[01:16:18] You cannot surrender all future county authority to the data center industry by approving projects before regulations and enforcement procedures are established. The first step is to establish who will be responsible for monitoring and how will this be conducted.

[01:16:35] Then, what enforcement procedures do you have, if any? How will you ensure the developers and data centers will be held to whatever standards is established? Setting the noise level can be the last step in this process. It should not take three years to establish as is now planned.

[01:16:52] Such a delay will only hand all power to the data center industry. Delays will cause the regulations to be non-applicable to Pageland and other new projects. Set up the controls before any new approvals.

[01:17:09] Take on the difficult effort first before considering new approvals. Do not cave in to the billion-dollar data center industry and large landowners who are only interested in cashing in on a half million to a million dollars per acre windfall.

[01:17:25] Five to ten million or much more, depending on how much, how many acres they will be selling. Only DeSondra Jefferson can take on this effort because she will attack the problem with new perspectives. She will not follow the bad practice of previous Republican-led boards.

[01:17:42] In closing, I'd like to comment on that last speaker. The Nazis came to power because they were supported by Christians and the conservatives. They legally came to power and then they took actions. So we're not Nazis. We're not authoritarians. We just want to have the new board look at this idea. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Kashmiric. Next speaker, please. Your next speaker is Ken Nahr. Good afternoon, Ken Nahr, Gainesville District. In the past week, we've learned that

[01:18:20] the Prince William County residents will not be the only ones paying for the $16 billion worth of power grid enhancements. We've learned that all power improvements costs are shared by all

[01:18:31] We've learned agreements have been negotiated and signed for companies to pay for the lion's shares of the line upgrade and substation costs. We've learned the commercial rates are significantly

higher than the residential rates for electricity. The Prince William Digital Gateway will facilitate Northern Virginia having the most technologically advanced and redundant power grid in the entire world. As with most all of the accusations made over the last two years, these claims we've heard in prior weeks.

[01:19:04] are misleading at best. I respectfully request for your support for the three Prince William Digital Gateway rezoning applications when they come before you in the coming months. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Nahr. Next speaker, please. The next speaker is Joseph Naismith.

[01:19:30] Mr. Naismith, if you're speaking right now, we cannot hear you. I'm sorry. The unmute bit me.

[01:19:50] Yep, we can hear you now. At any rate, all right. I live in Cat Hartford. I've lived there for over 35 years, and I want to say I fully support the data centers. I think this is economically a great thing for the Prince William County, and it's going to bring a lot of life to the parts of the county that have needed revenues for a long time, and it's a smart decision, and I support the program fully. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Naismith. Next speaker, please. There are no more remote

[01:20:30] speakers. Thank you so much Ms. Van for your assistance as always back to you Madam Chair. Thank you Ms. Van thank you Vice Chair Bodie that concludes our public comment time for today which brings us on to item number five County Executive Time Mr. Shorter the floor I almost said that Mr. Shorter the floor is yours Thank you Madam Chair and members of the board just a few quick items for me just wanted to make sure that brought to your attention two memos that I sent earlier this afternoon to you. One, a commitment that we

[01:21:07] made to you as part of the 24 budget process that we would bring back recommendations and a path forward for our community partners program. Would ask for your consideration and review. I'm certainly available along with DCXO Quentin Haynes to answer any questions related to the program. I also wanted to bring to your attention the provisional employee alignment memo that was sent out a bit earlier this afternoon. Obviously, a lot of work has been done by the team. I want

[01:21:40] to just really give the HR team and DCXO Quentin Haynes credit for all the work that they did. That memo outlines a path forward for provisional employees. Those employees will receive communication this week.

[01:22:00] There will be an appeal process, as outlined in the memo, for employees who do not agree or may have additional questions. And so, again, very happy to bring this forward as it has been outstanding for some time. I wanted to give a big shout-out to Michelle Attrey and the entire finance department.

[01:22:21] As you know, for the 42nd consecutive year, the county has received the GFOA Certificate of Excellence Award as part of our annual reporting process for the Comprehensive Financial Report.

[01:22:38] Significant work, as always, and happy to say that we have, as a county, gotten this award for, again, the 42nd consecutive year. And finally, if we are in a position by next board meeting where the federal shutdown is still a matter of concern, we will bring to the board next board meeting an update on how Prince William County's government might be impacted.

[01:23:09] Again, we are closely monitoring this week, and if by next Tuesday we are still in a position where a federal government shutdown is likely, we will bring information to the board for your awareness just in terms of some of the impacted programs, employees, and services.

[01:23:26] And that is all for me, Madam Chair. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Shorter. Okay, well, that moves us on to county attorney time. Ms. Robo, the floor is yours. Thank you, Madam Chair. We have nothing for closed session this afternoon. Okay. Well, that was pretty simple, which brings us on to today our work sessions. We're now into work sessions. Our first one is this year's quarterly report for the departments of parks and rec and tourism, public works, and facilities and fleet management. Mr. Villareal, welcome. I see you're starting us off. I'll let you guys handle it. Thank you.

[01:24:03] i didn't do it good all right so good afternoon chair wheeler members of the board matt villareal

[01:24:38] director of facilities and fleet management and today i'm joined by tom smith for director of public works instead of jason paulie and seth hendler voss director of parks and rec we are here to present the fiscal year 2023 fourth quarter quarterly project report and these are the projects that we will be highlighting today first project that i'd like to highlight is the animal services center this is for the restored space permit drawings have been approved

[01:25:18] currently we are working with the a consultant and procurement services to produce documents for an invitation for bid we anticipate awarding a contract to a gc this winter once construction starts we will we feel that it will take about a year to complete the project and construction obviously will be dependent on availability and lead times for the equipment used in the space Next project I'd like to talk about is the Homeless Navigation Center East.

[01:25:50] We are currently in the design phase of this project. We've been working closely with social services to ensure that the new facility will meet their needs. We are designing the facility to a LEED gold standard and hope to incorporate a green roof and a geothermal heating in this facility.

[01:26:12] Next project I'd like to talk about is Station 27. With Fire and Rescue, we've been working on the schematic design process. During this process, Fire and Rescue has been heavily involved in ensuring their program needs are being met in the design of this building.

[01:26:29] Madam Chair. Supervisor Vega. It's a work session, so can we ask questions as we go, or how do you want to do this? You know, it is a work session, and even though we're sitting up here, and I'm thinking next time maybe we sit around a table so it's a little more informal.

[01:26:46] If people wouldn't mind, I know it will take a little bit longer, But if you have a question now, let's just not have a presentation. Why don't you go ahead and ask it? Thank you, Madam Chair. I do. It's quick. Since you mentioned the Homeless Navigation Center, I'm just curious where we're at in terms of finding a location for one on the west end.

[01:27:01] So we're still looking to find a property where we can put that, and we just have not been successful. That's kind of where we're at. I don't have a great answer for you other than we keep looking, and it just can't seem to find something that will meet the needs and is in a location where we can serve the clients that will be using it.

[01:27:23] I just want to encourage you all to keep searching. As you all know, there's been a surge also on the west end, especially the Sudley Road corridor, and could really use a facility like this on the west end to help us with those issues. Absolutely. Thank you. And if you know of an area or space you want us to check out, please let us know.

[01:27:39] We'll be happy to take a look. Next project, Public Safety Training Center. This project is in the programming design phase. We're working with fire and rescue and police in developing design for the classroom building.

[01:27:59] Next project is the Crisis Receiving Center, and I have some exciting news to share about this project. All the permits for this project have been approved, so we are working with procurement services to put together a bid package to get this out on the street.

[01:28:15] We were able to complete a design process in a significantly reduced time, and I want to thank property management's Nadida Mukherjee for putting in the extra time and effort, along with our designer, Peck Peck, to get that done in that short time period.

[01:28:32] Next project is we did an office alteration. We reconfigured the former DOIT GIS space, and we've made it now that this space will now be able to house the DOIT Communications and Infrastructure Division that was moved from the Owens Building to make way for the expansion of the EOC.

[01:28:56] This project is complete, and the space is in use. A big thanks to property management's Chad Shaw on this project. Along with this project, or along with similar to that last project, We're redoing the do-it space on the second floor of the Development Services Building.

[01:29:15] This project is going well. We anticipate office furniture being delivered the first week of October and the systems furniture to be delivered the first week of November with an occupancy most likely at the end of November. Judicial Center Improvement Projects, Renovation Park.

[01:29:35] Courtroom number seven. This project, the design has been completed. The project went out to bid, and those bids have been received last week, And so we're in the process of reviewing them, making sure that they meet what we anticipate for this project. And then I wanted to go over some additional renovation projects that we're working on.

[01:29:58] The Commonwealth Attorneys Suite, we are in the process. We've awarded a contract for this project. And during the pre-construction meeting, the contractor asked if we could move forward with construction starting in January.

[01:30:15] So that's what we'll be doing with them. The upgrade of the courtroom and video audio systems. We have a designer, SWST. They anticipate having their design back to us by March of 2024. There is a mistake in my slide.

[01:30:31] It says 16 courtrooms. It actually should be 18 courtrooms that we're going to be upgrading to AV equipment on. Next on this is that I'd like to highlight is the modernization of the six elevators and the tunnel repair at the Judicial Center. Permit plans have been submitted for review, and permits were issued for architectural, mechanical, and plumbing.

[01:30:56] The designs for electrical are still in the review process. This is for the elevators. I apologize. The work related to this project will be staggered so that there's always an operational elevator. So currently this project is estimated to be completed in June of 2026.

[01:31:11] The tunnel repair, which we've had water infiltration, we've hired ECS to do a geotechnical report, which has been completed. It is anticipated that that revised report will be submitted to staff for review by October 15th.

[01:31:29] SWSG, who we're hired to develop repair plans for the tunnel, is currently reviewing their plans, and we anticipate receiving a revised plan from them in mid-November. And the last project to highlight is the HVAC replacement.

[01:31:46] Those plans have been submitted to Building Development for permit review. So I'm happy to answer any questions. Thank you very much, Mr. Bel-Royal. Are there any questions? I'm trying to figure out why I don't see them.

[01:32:05] Yeah. Do you have, I mean, yeah. No, it's not showing up. Mine's grayed out. Okay. Supervisor. Okay. I can wait. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair. Matt, 16 courtrooms will have upgraded audio-visual?

[01:32:25] 18, yes. No, I'm sorry. You're right. You said 18. My bad. Does that leave us with any that will still need to be updated, or do we have six in each court? I believe it's six on each court, so there will be some courtrooms that we won't be able to get to.

[01:32:45] Well, there's JDR, district, and circuit, so that's 18 right there. if there's six on each? There's more than six courtrooms on each floor. So there's some of the courtrooms we won't be able to do the improvements on.

[01:33:01] Is that a lack of funding for some of them? Well, because I remember a few years ago, we, well, not we, you and your division transformed part of, I think it was circuit court to add us sixth or seventh.

[01:33:20] What I'm getting at is, will we still have to prioritize some additional courtrooms? And if so, how many? We will have to, I guess when they have the audiovisual needs, they'll have to prioritize which courtrooms they're putting into. I'll have to find out exactly which courtrooms we exclude it and get you a better answer as to what the plan is for those rooms.

[01:33:41] No, I don't need to necessarily know which one. I just know that they're all probably in need of it, and we will want to prioritize equipping all of them. Okay. Would you agree with me? I would imagine that every judge wants updated. audio and visual yeah um so let me find out exactly what we're missing and i will report back to the board yeah what like if it's a funding gap or if it's for logistical challenges within each courtroom i'm i would imagine probably a funding gap but it's also probably due to some of those courtrooms are extremely small and it might not be as necessary but let me find that

[01:34:20] out and report back thank you matt you're welcome and i'm going to jump in and say thank you for fixing the audio visual i know that when i went over there when i first got an office one of the places was using a karaoke machine for for their audio um and that there were some needs in the jury boxes and things like that and i know that you guys have come a long way with addressing that so i really appreciate the efforts thank you i don't know if i can take the credit or not but i will make sure somebody somebody did somewhere so so thank you uh supervisor angry thank you manager hey matt if i'm ahead of um this question then just tell me we'll we'll work it out later

[01:34:57] but and i apologize because normally i'd have you come and we'll talk about this in the office but i'm just curious um and i don't want to say elite anymore because it's not elite is there an update have we changed the name that are we where are we with that project so that that project is we are in the building it is an operational range at this point police is training in there um our staff was able to get the facility up and running and usable uh we were police has been using it since the end of july they've run in

their first class through it right now um my team working with police department we did an excellent job of getting together making it work um we still have work to

[01:35:36] do in there there's more um changes and things are going on there but we're able to run the classes through there right now so that's and i'm just what are we calling it now Are we working? We don't have an official name, but I've started calling it the indoor shooting range. Okay, all right, thanks.

[01:35:55] Supervisor Bailey. Thank you so much. Matt, thanks for the presentation. You're welcome. I appreciate the presentation also on the Navigation Center. I think it's going to be really, really helpful for us. But I mostly thank you for the Crisis Receiving Center and how it's moving along.

[01:36:13] You said you put the RFP out? I have not. we will be putting together a package to put out that was subliminal okay okay so any time frames or do you want to hold off on saying i want to hold off on saying uh but we are still working towards our um end of february early march uh occupancy okay in the facility in 2025 okay and to and to the activity of of healing the in montclair the rotten pipe in six months you guys are doing a yeoman's job with the crisis receivement in a short amount of time.

[01:36:47] Thank you. Our staff, they've taken to heart this project, and they're really doing a lot to get it done. We really appreciate it. Thank you. Supervisor Franklin. Sure. I just want to point out the Judicial Center and kind of upgrading and building new facilities there.

[01:37:05] I took a tour with our Commonwealth attorney not too long ago, like a comprehensive tour. And prior to that, I didn't have, you know, strong opinions one way or another. But after kind of seeing the small amount of space that they have for a large amount of work that they have to do, I'm fully supportive of making additional commendations for really the entire complex that we're looking to do.

[01:37:32] It was really incredible to see just paperwork that just they didn't have anywhere else for it to go, for it to just be in the hallways and for staff to kind of just be milling around just really they they have a system that they've figured out in terms of having an outdated facility so they you know it seems everyone's doing the best that they can but looking forward to kind of getting that underway yes we are too okay i don't see any other questions for you thank you very much for coming out to us today thank you very much mr smith welcome public works yes good afternoon chair

[01:38:10] Wheeler, members of the board. Mr. Pawley's on medical leave, so I'll fill in for him. It's good to see you all. Just a couple of quick updates on some projects. One is our Powell's Creek restoration project. It continues to move forward very well on schedule within budget, so we're still estimating a completion of that project at the end of this year, late fall 2024, hopefully before the snow hits. It's going to be an excellent project and a good example, and then we'll begin to move on to our next project, which I believe is Chin Park.

[01:38:44] I think that's our next on our list. The eco-park at the landfill, the primary project we've got going right now, as you know, is the renewable natural gas project that is coming along construction-wise. We are working with OPAL, our partner.

[01:39:02] Again, this is a public-private cooperative agreement. They are looking at, again, the gas line along Holy Road right now, but in the interim they may and are looking at a temporary fueling station to essentially put the gas, the natural gas, into big trucks and then haul it to an injection point.

[01:39:23] They're going to sell the gas to Washington Gas. So we're working on a minor amendment to their agreement to let them do that. You might see that in the end of October, early November time frame. We have the outdoor discovery trail that is essentially complete. We're working on some signage.

[01:39:39] We had a private sewer line installed that kind of intersected it, so we wanted to do a little cleanup, working with our parks folks on that, and hoping to have some kind of an opening, ribbon-cutting later this fall. And our eco-building, we actually had concept plans done by Virginia Tech.

[01:39:58] They're architectural students, as well as working with George Mason to do like an education facility at the landfill. That project is currently kind of on hold because we have no money to build it, so we're looking for grants and other things, other opportunities, particularly for grants, to see if we can get some money to move that project forward.

[01:40:18] The Solid Waste Management Plan, all approvals have been received. We've got to do a little formatting before we send it in to the state. We did submit our annual recycling port. Now, we are required, we are mandated by Virginia law to recycle a minimum of 25% in Prince William County.

[01:40:35] as well as to submit an annual report. We have submitted that, got some comments back. We have what we call a base rate in recycling in calendar year 22 of 33.6%, a slight increase from last year, and DEQ allows some credits. So the reported rate is at 38.6%, some credits for some waste reduction in other programs.

[01:40:57] So just to let you know that recycling continues to be strong, we continue to need to do more in the area of recycling to get hopefully up over 40 percent fairly soon. With that, that's the only updates I'll have. I'll be happy to answer any questions. Supervisor Weir. Afternoon, Mr. Smith. I know we talked about this and I've been promised an update on this for several months. Where do we stand with providing opportunities at least once a week, if not twice a week, it falls forward for hazardous waste

[01:41:36] disposal to perhaps alleviate traffic at the dump? We have talked with our contractor about setting up that program. We don't have a facility right now, you know, like we do at the landfill. So we've asked them for a price to do a per event, which is typically how many localities do it, where they set up and do an event. It's not inexpensive. So we're going to be providing that information to Wade and Mr. Shorter just to give him an idea and then we'll probably get you the information of what the cost is.

[01:42:08] Why would we be doing a facility instead of a transfer point? Well, that's essentially what we're talking about. It's setting up a temporary transfer point. With a contractor, typically would set up a tent and bring the bins out, whatever it is. This is all hazardous waste. It has to be handled properly and set up what we call an event location.

[01:42:28] It would not be a building. It would just be more of a setting up a location. All right. So I got in order, Sue Reza Franklin, Sue Reza Bailey, then Sue Reza Angry. Sure. I just want to point out, and we've talked about it before, but just want to continue to put it in the public, having some type of entity that we can help out for those that are trying to dredge their marinas.

[01:42:54] Currently, the situation is that we don't have enough room at the landfill for this and really for other things that would need to go to the landfill as well. We just have a capacity issue at the landfill. But want us to just be thinking about who we can partner with, whether it's a private entity or another public entity with regards to we have several marinas in the area.

[01:43:17] We also have some other entities that need to dredge and making sure that they have resources in and around the county where they can go. And I know right now they have to go as far as Maryland to dump some of their silt. but having something a little bit closer, and this is not going to be a short-term issue.

[01:43:37] It's something long-term that we probably need to plan out, but just want to continue to put that kind of at the forefront for your team. Yes. Thank you. Supervisor Bailey. Thank you very much, Mr. Vice Chair. Two things. Tom, are we still in partnership with Quantico as it relates to silt?

[01:43:54] Yes, we currently have an agreement with Quantico for quote-unquote county silt. Okay. And right now, we are developing our plans, getting our permits to go on their site and actually do the work for preparation of the site, but that is still ongoing.

[01:44:11] Okay, thank you. And then the second question I have, in terms of Powell's Creek, I know we had some unwanted visitors in that area at some point. Has that subsided, or are we still working on that? Unwanted visitors? Help me out.

[01:44:27] Cars? Oh, okay, yeah. I'll check on that. I have not heard that, to be honest with you, but I'll make sure that that's been taken care of. Yeah, because we were going in a good... Yeah, yeah. Okay, I just wanted to make sure. And then the other part to that is, what's remaining that we need to do there?

[01:44:45] Because you've done such an impeccable job. Typically, in the fall, which is right around this time, is when we do all the plantings. Okay. Get all the trees planted. Yes. So I imagine that's the main issue that we have to finish up over the next couple months. I think most of the channel work is done.

[01:45:01] It's just getting the plantings done. This is the best time of year to plant trees and other shrubs and things. So that's likely what's going to be happening the next couple months. Thank you. And then the last thing, I just wanted to highlight that both communities on either side, Potomac Shores and Montclair, were being such partners as we were going through this process.

[01:45:22] And I just want to acknowledge that the community is paying close attention to what's going on, and we appreciate that partnership. So thank you for the great work that you're doing there. I appreciate it. Supervisor Angry. Thank you, Mr. Vice Chair.

[01:45:38] Hey, Mr. Smith. On the gas line, I know we still haven't figured out or if they're going to use that holy route. Just a couple of points. A, can we stay on top of that as far as the community goes? So if they're going to, you know, they still got to go out that way, so I'm still going to have to let folks know what's going on.

[01:45:57] And then B, if they're not, because you said they may truck out some of this or figure this out, but if they're not going to use that route, I know we had discussed a potential win-win, which was the portion going along that Ridgefield Road that could help the trail out. They looked at that site, and it wasn't advantageous for some reason.

[01:46:15] But what they have decided to do, supervising or angry, and maybe I wasn't clear, is go down existing right-of-way on Holy Road. And they have indicated that they need no property to do that. There's already a gas line there as well as other utilities.

[01:46:31] There's some little, you know, it's a little more expensive to make all the road crossings or the driveway crossings. And I'm just saying, that can be great, but still, when they start that project and all that

truck is out there and they're doing all that, just to alert the community that it's happening. So just an awareness piece.

[01:46:46] And I'm happy that they don't have to go through that whole permitting piece, but we still want to let people know when that will be happening. So maybe they'll avoid that area and take a different route. Yeah, I don't think we're talking about a huge number of trucks, four to six per day. And the landfill gets over 100 per day, so it shouldn't be a major impact.

[01:47:05] But I understand. We'll keep the community advised. Thanks. Thanks. Anyone else? Madam Chair? Vice Chair Barney. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Mr. Smith, for the presentation. Piggyback off of Supervisor Angry. I know that some of the frustrations that folks in the community had was even when they were just surveying to look at different parts of what they were going to do.

[01:47:27] If we can get as much communication to the residents, because you said there's going to be some driveway crossings for them. Along Hoadley Road. Yeah, so I would assume those are residents' driveways, right? Combination, probably. Combination. So if that's going on, any sort of communication that can be given to those residences as they're even surveying, because last time around we were given calls saying, hey, there are people out on my property looking around what's going on.

[01:47:54] So even just surveying, I think, would be good communication to give out to people so they know why there's people maybe crossing their driveways at some random time of the day. Yeah, that's a good point, but thank you. We will do that. This is a challenge even for utility companies. They just go out there and start working in the utility, and you've heard you get calls on that, and we do too.

[01:48:12] And they really don't tell anybody. So, yeah, that's a good point. I think we can take that proactive approach. And at least we can tell them that we tried, right? Yeah. Appreciate it. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Mr. Smith. Yes. Anyone else for Mr. Smith? Seeing no further questions, thank you very much.

[01:48:30] Thank you in public works for all you do. Mr. Villarreal, you're back. To answer Supervisor Lawson's question earlier, it actually is every courtroom is getting the AV upgrade. So I just wanted to make sure I let you all know that. Thank you. Mr. Hendler-Voss, welcome.

[01:48:49] Tell us about parks and recreation. Thank you, Madam Chair, members of the Board. Seth Hendler-Voss, pleased to serve as your Director of Parks and Recreation. Try that again. All right, so I'll begin by updating you on the status of the American Rescue Plan projects, followed by the Building Facility Program projects, then the six-year CIP and 2019 bond projects, and lastly, I'll review some of our other miscellaneous capital projects.

[01:49:20] So starting with the ARPA projects, here are some examples of the $17 million worth of ARPA projects that this board approved. Thank you for that. We're going to go over all the projects today. All of them are in some stage of development. That's the good news. Marching down the field with a lot of confidence that these projects will be complete prior to the death.

[01:49:41] deadline. Here you can see the new sand bunkers over at the Prince William Golf Course in the Brentsville District and some court renovations over at the Ann Moncure Wall Park in the Potomac District. We actually hosted a rededication ceremony with Supervisor Bailey on September 8th for the Ann Moncure Wall Project and we had a nice turn out there. That was special. Here you'll see some more court

renovations at Brittany Park in the Potomac District and accessibility improvements to Muromsko Acre Lake Park in the Woodbridge District. Muromsko Acre Lake Park

[01:50:17] is a wonderful success story in terms of making forward movement on our comp plan, which calls for us to improve all of our parks to at least a B level. And this park was at a D level prior to the ARPA project infusion, a cash infusion.

[01:50:36] And now we're back where we need to be, very close to an A level. So very grateful for the funding to make that possible. We also hosted a rededication ceremony for this park with Supervisor Franklin on August 15th. Also had a nice turnout there. Enjoyed meeting some of the community members who were fawning over the park and telling us how appreciative they were of the investments.

[01:50:59] Here are some of the other complete or substantially complete ARPA projects. Prince William Golf Course cart path paving. Actually, that is now complete. Forest Greens Golf Course cart paving, also substantially complete.

[01:51:15] All of these have actually been substantially completed since the presentation was put together. We still need more funding to complete full cart path paving at both golf courses, so we'll look to future budgets to make that happen. Here are some ARPA projects that are currently under construction.

[01:51:38] We have the Pat White Center elevator in the Gainesville District. It's about to come out of the ground. You can see here they're working on the footers. The footers are now complete. The Rosemont Lewis Park trails have been repaved, and we're working with the schools to make other improvements, which they agreed to as part of the Rosemont Lewis land deal.

[01:51:56] We repaved the parking lot and courts at Braemar Park, and we're waiting to stripe the basketball courts, or tennis courts, rather, which were renovated, and we're going to add two pickleball courts out there. We also added accessible parking stalls at Fairmont Park in Nicole's District, as well as an accessible route to the bathrooms and playground out there.

[01:52:21] Next week, we're going to be adding a sidewalk from the road to the parking area and also a trail, an accessible trail, from the parking area to the ball fields, and then that project will be complete. The Ben Lohman basketball and tennis courts in the Gainville District have been repaved.

[01:52:40] We are now waiting to add the striping, and we're going to be adding a slew of dedicated pickleball courts out there. So, Mr. Weary, you'll be a hero overnight when that project is done. The pickleball community is anxiously awaiting that project to be complete. Here is a list showing the status of the remaining ARPA projects, again, all of which are in some state of development.

[01:53:04] So you can see in the left column, we have a series of projects that are still awaiting construction. And there have been some changes since this was put together. I'll announce here in a moment, Ellis Barron Park improvements in the Gainesville District. Still need to get those started. They're all designed.

[01:53:21] Jenkins Park improvements are under design now and in the Abscoe District. The Veterans Park ADA improvements and the Birchdale Park playground replacement in the Woodbridge and Neabsco district, respectively, are actually about to get started.

[01:53:38] The Birchdale Park playground project is actually ongoing right now. They just mobilized. And in the right-hand column, you can see all the other projects in some stage of planning, including park

entry sign refreshes, Joseph Redding Park improvements in the Coles district, broad run greenway improvements in the brentville district orchard bridge park improvements in the calls district sharon bockham dale city park improvements in the absco district cloverdale park comfort station improvements in the absco district alley creaker improvements in the potomac district locust shade park maintenance building construction in the potomac district as

[01:54:17] well veterans park picnic area improvements in woodbridge i mentioned that earlier waterworks park picnic area upgrades in the absco district valley view trail improvements in the brentsville District, Belmont Park Improvements in Woodbridge District, and lastly the trail on Cotton Mill Road in the Aquacorn District. You can see here there are 31 projects totaling $17 million. 26% of them are complete. The remaining projects are either under construction or under design. All funds must

[01:54:55] be encumbered by next December 2024. We will beat that and have all the funds encumbered before that point give us a lot of breathing room that's the plan and that's what we're going to stick with now i'm going to shift to some of our building and facility program projects here you can see the newly renovated chin spa over in the aquapon district we've had a few hiccups with this project we will admit it's going to be filled up tomorrow hopefully for the last time we'll invite people back into it we've had some leaking issues that have been a little pesky we think we finally have them solved and here you can see the paving work cloverdale park in the neabsco district the second

[01:55:34] phase of this project is actually ongoing as we speak, and that'll be done in December. And that project, just like Neabsco Acre Lake, will be regraded and hopefully at the level which we have called for in the comp plan. Moving forward this fiscal year, we're going to make some big improvements at the Chin Aquatic Fitness Center. We're going to provide, excuse me, we're going to install a new white coat on the pool. We're also going to replace the bulkhead. So the pool will be closed for a few weeks this winter, but the end results will be worth the wait. We're also going to be spending the remaining BFP money on that Cloverdale Phase II project I mentioned

[01:56:11] earlier. Shifting to CIP projects, Rollins Ford Park in the Brentsville District is substantially complete, and we're at the punch list phase. We're going to be cutting a ribbon on this park on October 7th, so stay tuned for full press promotion. Hope you all can make it out for that.

[01:56:30] The park is closed, by the way, although when you drive by, it looks like it's open. So unfortunately, we're going to have to ask folks to just hang tight until we can Get the punch list items done and get everything safe for use on October 7th.

[01:56:49] The Howison Park Improvement Project, the 2019 bond project in the Coles District, is moving along very nicely. The site plan was just approved, and the bid documents are under development, and we hope to bid it out this fall. It's going to be a very good project out there.

[01:57:06] We've worked in close partnership with PWSI, and they're very excited for the improvements. Taking that park and bringing it up to that A-plus level that it was originally intended to serve. Also in the Coles District, we're moving along very well on the Howison Park 2019 bond project.

[01:57:26] Site plan was also approved for this project and bid documents are under development. We hope to bid this in the fall as well with Howison. And as you may recall, the Northern Virginia Soccer Club are in the process of putting together their drawings for a field house, which they're going to be constructing as part of an MOU, which you approved recently.

[01:57:52] Neabsco Greenway Bridge Replacement Project, you guessed it, and the Neabsco District is still under design. We're 50% design. We do want to try to pick up the pace on this project. We recognize it's been a little stuck, and we hope to come back to you next quarter with much more progress.

[01:58:12] Just last week, you all approved the design contract for the Palace Creek Crossing, which spans both the Potomac and the Woodbridge District. We're currently preparing the notice to proceed, so we'll get started in earnest with the design for that project soon. That's part of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, by the way.

[01:58:38] Decoquan Greenway Project's moving along at a very good clip. We are still in permitting for the Hoos Run Bridge crossing, and we hope to bid it out this winter and get under construction this spring to follow up on the wonderful progress with the Segment 3 bridge, which unfortunately is still closed.

[01:58:55] We have some punch list items. It did not pass inspection. There's some issues with the bolts, and so the contractor has ordered the bolts. They'll be here in the next two or three weeks, and then we'll cut the tape off that bridge and open it back up for the public. We anticipate the Featherstone Wildlife Segment of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail to be ready for bid this fall.

[01:59:22] VDOT is reviewing the bid documents now, and then they have to send them over to the feds, and then we'll be able to rock and roll with this project. This is in Woodbridge District. Here's a summary of all of our 2019 bond projects.

[01:59:38] We're going to plan to begin design on the Frollo Heights expansion in the Potomac District this fiscal year, leaving only the Neabsco District Park as the final project awaiting appropriation, which will come in fiscal year 25. The Long Park Intersection Improvement Project is shovel-ready.

[02:00:01] DOT is going to be managing construction for this project. On October 10th, you all will be considering a TBA request to appropriate transportation proper funds as well as building facility program funds to fund the project at 100%. And our friends at DOT are chomping at the bit to get this thing out on the street.

[02:00:20] They're going to expedite this project and get it built as quickly as possible. The ADA parking pull-off on Blackburn Road adjacent to the Neabsco Creek Boardwalk and Woodbridge District is shovel-ready.

[02:00:37] We're currently obtaining professional cost estimates to determine whether we have adequate funds to construct the improvements. More to come on this one. The Rocky Branch Bridge replacement in the Brentville District is still in permitting.

[02:00:53] Well, we got a final opinion on the need for Clomar flood study work, and they were positive results. We're now hoping to get it out of permitting and hope to get this thing bid and constructed in the spring.

[02:01:09] We're hoping to use either, we can bid it, but we're hoping to use the JOC to expedite the construction. There are two other small bridge repairs that popped up since this one, which as of today have been both completed. Supervisor Lawson.

[02:01:30] Thank you. Do you mean on the Broad Run Trail? Yes, ma'am, on the border. There were two small bridge issues from other bridges that were recently remedied. And what does JOC mean? Excuse me, job order and contract. Oh, okay. Did we get any insurance money from that?

[02:01:49] We're still trying to track that down. We still are? Well, I actually just emailed my folks the other day to give me an update on it. Wow, they're putting up a fight. Well, not necessarily. I just need to follow up with my folks on the update. So we may have gotten an update from finance, but we may have not done our work to follow up with finance.

[02:02:10] So I need to get to the bottom of it. Okay. Either way, Supervisor, there is funding available through the ARPA project as well as some money from the existing CIP project. So financially, we're okay. Right, but let's make sure we pursue that insurance money.

[02:02:28] Yes, ma'am. Considering it was the year of the record floods. Yes. Thanks. Yes, ma'am. Last but not least, the new splash pad at Cat Harpen Park in the Gainesville District is almost ready for site plan permitting. Our goal is to install the project this summer for the pool season. It'll probably be the fall, but we're going to do everything we can do to get it done in the summer. Last week, you all approved a public hearing for a Novec easement extension and the installation of a transformer to bring power to that part of the site.

[02:03:07] That'll take a few months to do. And there are field lights out on the property now that VSA will be installing via their own contractor part of an MOU that you recently agreed those lights also are reliant upon that transmission line easement so lastly I just want to thank you all for your your financial support your interest in our projects I want to thank the project management team as well we've got a wonderful group of men and women who are working very passionately to

[02:03:40] deliver these projects to you on time and within budget thanks thank you Mr. Hendler-Vosch I do want to say thank you for I mean it's been great being able to use 17 million dollars of ARPA funds to to spruce up our existing parks right a lot of bang for the buck we were talking about that when we were out of Brittany I do have a real quick question you went over a lot of different bridges and a lot of different segments I got an email in my office this week about a bridge over a creek that got washed out six years ago near the Westridge community was that in any of those bridges that you were talking about no ma'am but we're working internally to try to develop a

[02:04:16] solution for that constituent. Okay. I just, I didn't know the bridge as well enough to know, so I just saw it. So, well, thank you. Are there any, Supervisor Bailey? Thank you so much, Madam Chair. Seth, your giftedness goes before you. You've done an awesome job with our ARPA funding and with our parks, and I really appreciate it. Thank you. Great team. Tomic's got a little love, and I'm excited about that. I also wanted to thank you for the communique that you send out to bring the citizens in when we're doing the ribbon cuttings to let them know that they're not forgotten.

[02:04:51] And so I just want to encourage you to keep doing that as well. It's kind of hard to rally everyone, but we live in a very historical environment, and so when we do improvements like this, it's important that you do just what you're doing, bring all of the residents in to let them know that we really care.

[02:05:08] So I appreciate it. Brittany was one of those projects, kind of old. I live there. I like it. I don't mind the oldness, but you spruced it up and made it new again. And so thank you. Great team. I think you used the term vintage parks the other day. I like that. Yes, I did. Oldies but goodies.

[02:05:25] Oldies but goodies. Thank you. Anyone else? Okay, well, we've got a great park system. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Handler-Voss. I think that is anybody else? Any other quarterly reports from you guys?

No, that was a lot of information. Thank you.

[02:05:41] Thanks for all the questions. I guess that brings us on to Ms. Wallace. who is from the Office of Management and Budget and going on a presentation for an update on our strategic plan that we work so hard on.

[02:05:58] Welcome, Ms. Wallace. Always good to see you. Good to see you as well. Good afternoon, everyone. Can you hear me okay?

[02:06:17] Kay Wallace, your strategic plan coordinator. I'm here today to give you all the year two update on the current strategic plan. For today's update, I will provide a high-level review of our strategic plan while highlighting current activities for year two in each strategic goal area, and then I will briefly review key performance indicators to compare year one and year two data.

[02:06:47] I've heard that brevity is king or queen when it comes to presentations, so I actually plan to, in this presentation, kind of breeze over some of the slides and focus most of my comments on the activities that we're doing right now in year two. But before I do that, what I wanted to do first is just briefly for the community, give you all kind of like an overview of what's in our current strategic plan.

[02:07:11] So the plan has seven goal areas, as you all can see here up on the screen. And the format of the plan is that each focus or goal area has the following components.

[02:07:26] It has a goal statement that states what the goal area expects to accomplish. It has, each goal area has objectives which state what we must do well as a county and community to be successful in our strategic plan. Each objective lists action strategies that state action steps we can take to achieve our goals.

[02:07:46] And note here that the action strategies listed under the objectives in our strategic plan are not directives or mandates. They're just suggestions of things that we could do to help achieve our goals in this current plan. And then finally, each goal area has key performance indicators that assess our progress towards our overall goals.

[02:08:07] So this is goal area number one, health, well-being, and human services. And here is our goal statement with three objectives that focus on access to affordable services, homelessness, and community enrichment.

[02:08:23] So how are we moving the needle forward in goal number one in year two? For objective number one, improving awareness and access to quality and affordable services, the design phase for the crisis receiving center is actually complete, and permitting and planning of design has been approved.

[02:08:44] And then, as you all know, in May of this year, you all held a community dedication ceremony for that facility. With regard to Action Strategy A, which is about the No Wrong Door Solution Study and creating an information referral call center.

[02:09:01] In November of last year, the Area Agency on Aging and the Department of Social Services did a brief pilot study just to test the technology, and that pilot was successful. For Action Strategy E, which addresses waiting lists, in the FY23 budget, the board approved funding for additional staffing at community services, and due to that additional staffing, the number of days on various waiting lists over at Community Services has reduced dramatically.

[02:09:38] Finally, under Objective No. 2, which addresses homelessness, the programming stage of design is complete for the Homeless Navigation Center in the eastern side of the county. Here are the key

performance indicators for goal area No. 1.

[02:09:55] It has nine KPIs, and for the sake of time, as I said, I'm not going to review all of these KPIs. I would like to note, though, that I am happy to see that as a community, We are trending in the right direction with regard to opioid and substance abuse-related deaths.

[02:10:12] And for calendar year 21, we had 95 people pass away, but for calendar year 22, we only had 80, so that's definitely an improvement. Goal area number two is safe and secure community.

[02:10:29] Here on this slide, you can see the goal statement, and it has four objectives that deal with meeting demands for services, improving relations in the community, increasing our workforce diversity, and being prepared for emergencies.

[02:10:49] Under this goal area, with regard to progress for Objective No. 1, Action Strategy A, which addresses appropriate staffing, equipment, and resources, in the FY23 budget, you all approved a 17.5% pay increase for police officers as well as pay increases for the Sheriff's Office and Fire Department staff.

[02:11:09] Also, earlier this year, you all approved the purchase of the Elites Shooting Sports Facility, which will meet the growing training needs of our local and regional law enforcement agencies. With regard to Action Strategy E, which deals with reducing recidivism by using data-driven decisions, in the FY24 budget, you all approved funding for the Community Safety Initiative.

[02:11:34] The CSI will focus on prevention, intervention, diversion, and other strategies that are driven by data. This goal area has five, I'm sorry, has eight KPIs that I've spread out on two slides.

[02:11:51] So please note for KPI number four, it was originally written to increase the number of police officers who receive crisis intervention training, but at last year's update, Supervisor Vega asked if we could start tracking the number of employees at the Sheriff's Office who are also trained in CIT, and so we are tracking those stats now.

[02:12:15] The third goal area of our strategic plan is resilient economy. This area has three objectives, as you can see here, which deals with business expansion, redevelopment, preserving and increasing or expanding our commercial tax base, and having a positive brand image that reflects the diversity of our community.

[02:12:40] Am I going too quickly? No? Okay. To move our current strategic plan forward in this goal area, on the objective number one, Action Strategy A, the county completed the Barriers to Success Study, which pinpoints actions to enhance economic equity for underrepresented entrepreneurs.

[02:13:00] Also in FY23, the county relaunched the Ignite Startup Grant, allocating $1 million from the American Rescue Plan Act to bolster the growth of high-tech entrepreneurs and startups. For Action Strategy B, under this objective, the Department of Economic Development has fostered the development of mixed-use town centers at four distinct developments throughout the county.

[02:13:27] Those four developments are Riverside Crossing in Woodbridge, Potomac Shores Town Center in Woodbridge, the Quartz District in Dale City, and Innovation Town Center in Manassas. Madam Chair. Supervisor Weir.

[02:13:42] Could you give me a little further detail on playing an instrumental ombudsman role and what that means and why is economic development getting into development?

[02:14:00] I don't know. I don't think Christina is here. And Supervisor Weir, I would have to get back to you with more detail on that, as that information was provided by the Department of Economic Development. It just seems odd to me that economic development is playing an ombudsman's role in a development review process.

[02:14:19] I got it. I would like you to follow up with my office on that, please. I most certainly will.

[02:14:35] Okay, moving along. Under objective number two in resilient economy, which deals with expanding our commercial tax base, for action strategy A, the Cayman-Targeted Industry Land Use Analysis Study was finalized, and this study analyzed future land needs for the county in our six targeted industry sectors.

[02:14:59] Under action strategy H, activities under this action strategy include completion of both the hub zone study and the barriers to success study, and also the Department of Economic Development completed a grocery study which devises strategies aimed at small businesses and retail stores.

[02:15:31] Here are the KPIs for the Resilient Economy Goal Area. There are six of them. Goal area number four is quality education and workforce development. This goal area has five objectives. For goal number four, under objective number two, action strategy B, which speaks to increasing internet and technology accessibility in the classrooms and at home. In late FY23, the board accepted a $250,000

[02:16:08] grant for outreach programs to help residents obtain affordable broadband services. Under objective number five regarding workforce development, in the FY24 budget, the board approved funding for the Department of Economic Development's membership in the Northern Virginia Economic Development Alliance, which is a private-public partnership that will endeavor to share resources and develop of talent attraction and retention strategies.

[02:16:38] The resilient, I'm sorry, this current goal area has eight KPIs.

[02:16:52] We're goal area number five, environmental comment. Madam Chair, if we could back up a slide. Sure. Supervisor Ware. In looking at the slide, it's troublesome to me. If we've got KPIs that aren't measurable as written, are we doing anything after two years to rewrite them?

[02:17:10] And if the school system isn't responding or we're not getting data from them over a course of two years, Why aren't we? And what can we do to rectify that? Because otherwise, we're not going to measure anything. In the history with regard...

[02:17:25] Let me, if I can. Yes. Just, and don't want to interrupt. Obviously, you can continue on. But, Supervisor Weir, certainly want to, for the purposes of the community who might be watching, the way that I understand the strategic planning process and the way that it was designed, The KPIs came from community, and so we want to make sure it would not be fair to community to change them mid-strategic planning year.

[02:18:00] I will say that we are now, certainly as a government, preparing ourselves to start up the new strategic plan development process next year, and we'll certainly have an eye towards making sure that our KPIs are measurable and are developed with a more technical eye towards sort of smart KPIs.

[02:18:28] That said, I can't speak to the school system's information. We will certainly reach out to the school system so that the next time that we are providing an update forth this strategic plan, we're able to, if we have the information provided. I would simply argue that if you've got a KPI that you can't measure,

you need to come up with a different measurable, or at least amend it in some fashion, instead of just leaving something up there that is unmeasurable or that is gone unresponded to.

[02:18:57] How can you determine where we stand if either you've got an unmeasurable indicator or you're not getting the information from the schools? I mean, we fund the schools. If it's a matter of the schools giving us the information and the data, then, you know, by God, they should be sending it to us or we should be making a harder push to get it from them.

[02:19:17] That's my only point. Thank you very much, Supervisor Ware, for that opinion. Please proceed. Okay. Thank you. So goal area number five is environmental conservation, and this goal area has five objectives.

[02:19:37] To move the needle forward in this goal area, under objective number one, action strategy C, in the FY24 budget, the board approved $300,000 for an initiative that provides reforestation projects on privately owned properties across the county.

[02:19:56] Under objective number two, which aims to improve streams, other water bodies, and drinking water quality, the county is moving forward on several stream restoration projects, Chin Park and Piles Creek.

[02:20:11] And under objective number five in this goal area, which deals with flooding in our communities, in fiscal year 23, the board accepted a $950,000 grant to develop a climate change and flood impacts study.

[02:20:34] This goal area has eight key performance indicators. Goal area number six is sustainable growth. This goal area has five objectives.

[02:20:50] Efforts to move the strategic plan forward in this goal area include the work of the Sustainability Commission, which has drafted the Community Energy and Sustainability Master Plan.

[02:21:09] That draft is currently available for public review and feedback, and I believe the CESMP is scheduled for presentation to the board later this fall. In the FY23 capital improvement plan, the board approved $1 million to implement the recommendations in the CESMP after it is adopted by the board.

[02:21:34] The county also continues to increase the number of hybrid and electric vehicles in its fleet and recently submitted a grant application for funding to install eight EV charging stations at Chin Library and the Aquatics and Fitness Center. This gold area has nine key performance indicators that are spread out over a couple of slides.

[02:21:58] Madam Chair. Supervisor Lawson. Thank you. Can we back up? And Kay, you may not be the right one to ask this, but since you brought it up, the charging stations, is there a plan to eventually charge?

[02:22:18] Can you, I think that was originally ARPA money, if I recall correctly, or can you refresh band? I'm actually not sure. Thank you, Supervisor Lawson. No, I believe when they went in, we were just talking about this the other day. It was the belief that we couldn't be a reseller of electricity because we're not legally a reseller.

[02:22:37] And so at the moment, they're free, and I know that they're evaluating that. Supervise, Mr. Shorter, why don't you address that, please? Thank you. You said it, Madam Chair. We are investigating

internally how, you know, my understanding of our relationship with the vendor is that we would be charging the vendor, not the user.

[02:22:59] And the vendor would be charging the user. And so we are exploring internally how we would go about amending the current contract with the vendor. I understand that the vendor actually did the building of the actual installation of the equipment.

[02:23:18] And in that regard, we would be amending any agreement we have with the vendor. So we're exploring it, and we'll come back to the board with an update prior to us moving forward with actually beginning to charge. But that is the goal.

[02:23:35] Thank you very much. I'm trying to remember. Was that ARPA originally? I don't believe it. Is Mr. Villarreal here? I don't believe it was. No, I think it was just out of regular funds. Was it a grant? I don't think it was a grant. Really?

[02:23:52] No, it definitely wasn't ARPA. It was an ARPA. Dave, do you know where that money is? Mr. Sinclair. it was not local funds it was okay um what what i will do is get to the bottom of that and send an update out to the board okay i can look it up i didn't mean to madam chair as long as mr sinclair is up while you're looking that up um could you could you send me a copy of the contract with the contractor because it seems odd that if you've got a contractor who's installing a station and we're not charging for its use how we would charge a contractor if we don't have the ability to recoup the money for the electricity.

[02:24:32] I'm assuming that they don't, because if they did, one would assume they'd already be charging. Can you just kind of get that contract and figure out where we stand with that? So let me say that we'll work with FFM to get that contract to you supervised.

[02:24:47] Well, we'll send it out to all and make sure that we answer the question of the nature of the contract as well. We digress, but it's good. Thank you.

[02:25:03] Thank you. Our final goal area in the current strategic plan is transportation and mobility. And I believe you all recently heard the quarterly update from Mr. Conazales about their many projects that they have going on.

[02:25:20] However, this slide highlights the fact that an agreement, the county executed an agreement with the United States Department of Transportation to develop a comprehensive traffic safety action plan, which we hope will address some of our concerns in the community about pedestrian and other fatalities in the community.

[02:25:41] And, of course, the county has multiple projects that are in design or construction that aim to decrease congestion and improve walkability in Prince William County. Oh, my apologies. I hadn't proceeded for it. This goal has 11 key performance indicators spread out over three slides.

[02:26:12] In conclusion, I'd like to remind everyone that the activities included in this presentation are just some of the activities that are going on right now. It's not a list of all of them. The board and the county staff continue to work diligently to accomplish the goals and objectives in our current strategic plan.

[02:26:29] I also would like to direct the board and the community to our strategic plan website where you can not only view the plan in its entirety, but also link onto our strategic plan dashboard that includes charts and graphs and provides year one and year two data where available on the key performance

indicators in our plan so thank you for your time and i'd be happy to answer any questions you all may have thank you very much ms wallace are there any questions for ms wallace and i need people's lights because i still don't have a patent in front of me it's like the old way right we're going back to the old system no no worries it's

[02:27:08] work session so it's kind of easy on anyway okay well seeing your lights thank you very much i know that we're going to be redoing our strategic plan as mr shorter pointed out you know updating it it's been a few years now so um but thank you for all the work you did with us you know really that was during the pandemic and all the time it was it was a great great effort so thank you for and i know you've sort of shepherded the group of uh community people that we had also so thank you thank you okay with that uh i guess we are on to item number eight supervisors time um i do want to

[02:27:44] note that uh supervisor vega had to leave she is being uh she's down to the governor's mansion to be honored during um hispanic heritage month and as well as uh as an honor for our board as she is the first um hispanic person to be on our board of county supervisors so she i just want to let you know that that's why she's not here yeah very good uh with that supervisor franklin sorry i started left the last time i thought i'd start to the right sure yep just uh just a couple of things on thursday september 14th i celebrated hispanic heritage month uh with the latino round

[02:28:24] table at fred lynn middle school we had a wonderful time in turnout and we met with various families who came out uh we had presentations by representatives from the Prince William County Office of Equity and Inclusion, EJU Futuro, the Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations, and the Legal Aid Justice Center. And we also have food provided by Donna today on Route 1.

[02:28:49] Also, I just want to point out, this was kind of like we usually do a panel discussion, but this time it was more like an organizational fair. And I like that because one of the things that I noticed there was there was a gentleman who was sitting down with one of the organizations filling out an application to get his driver's license and that's the type of situation we wanted to create and that's exactly what happened so thank you to all those organizations who participated earlier that evening i also attended the back to school night at potomac shores middle school so thank you to uh their their new principal who's there she's doing a wonderful job and looking

[02:29:24] forward to working with her some upcoming events we have i'm participating in a public safety forum this Thursday at Woodbridge Middle School hosted by the Woodbridge Potomac Civic Association and that's going to be at 7pm. The information is on our website as well as their social media and then we're also doing a dumpster day at Rippon Middle School September 30th from 10am until 2pm and again we have information on our website and newsletter so any other questions happy to answer. Thank you Supervisor Franklin. Supervisor Angry I'm going to zoom around to you.

[02:30:02] Thank you, Madam Chair. Just real quick, so I have two notices of intent. You have them both on file. So Human Rights Commission, Ramonda Lark-Young, and our Service Authority Board, Ms. Marlowe Thomas Watson, want to reappoint them both to each of those commissions respectively.

[02:30:25] And I want to just go on record of saying happy birthday, United States Air Force. Yesterday was their 76th birthday. They had a nice weekend of ceremonies, and so happy birthday. And, Madam Chair, that's it.

[02:30:40] Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Ang. Oh, I'm sorry. You'll probably mention, well, maybe one of you will, primetime, just the graduating Fire Academy class. So just want to say congratulations to our 33 new fire employees in the county, primetime.

[02:30:57] Awesome. Yes. All right. Thank you. Supervisor Weird. Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to echo supervisors. Supervisor Angri's mentioning the 33 graduates from DFR. I'd also like to invite the public yet again.

[02:31:14] We're having a Navigating Medicare seminar in my office, 13575 Heathcote, on Thursday the 28th at 10 a.m. And I'd like to thank staff for the 9-11 ceremony last week. And last but not least, so the town will leave me alone and not harass me.

[02:31:29] I need to remind everybody to start marking their calendars for Haymarket Day, which is October 21st. Thank you. Okay, thank you, Supervisor Weir. Thank you, Supervisor Lawson. Vice Chair Bode. Thank you, Madam Chair.

[02:31:45] Just a few quick things from me. I wanted to thank the Prince William County Police Department for hosting their third annual community fair back on Saturday. Bigger and bigger turnout every single year, which is a testament to how much outreach they're doing and how much support there is for such a great community event.

[02:32:03] I found it notable that, you know, they had a dunk-a-cop tank there And that as soon as Captain Castilla got up there, suddenly half the force materialized out of nowhere to dunk him. But joking aside, it was a really great time. It was a really great way to spend some time in the community and bring together law enforcement, a bunch of other county agencies, and the community.

[02:32:26] So kudos to the police department and the other county staff that makes that possible every year. Other than that, just it was mentioned during public comment time, but a PSA generally, early voting starts this Friday. the 22nd so for folks that are sort of in this area um the closest location for you to go to is the woodbridge dmv on katon hill the folks that live a little bit farther west in the southern county area can either go there or to the manassas registrar's office um just please know that obviously now we have 45 days of early voting you can vote by mail you can vote in person at one of those early voting locations we will also be opening some more voting locations as we get

[02:33:05] close to the election. So please utilize that. We are a better stronger community when more folks are out to vote. And that's all I have Madam Chair. Thank you. Thank you Vice Chair Bode. Supervisor Bailey. Thank you Madam Chair. Good afternoon to everyone. On September 14th I had an exciting time at a pickleball dedication court in Brittany.

[02:33:27] And we had a blast. We really did have a lot of fun. I want to thank Madam Chair for showing up on that day. We had a beautiful day. The day was just awesome. And to Seth Henler-Ross and his team. They continue to amaze us with the consistent work that they do with our parks. So we appreciate them. September 15th, I want to thank Kathy Holzlander for hearing our voices. Supervisor Lawson, you started the trend in this and to our county exec who heard the trend, Kathy came and talked about the beautification across the county and Potomac District was the item on the

[02:34:04] for that day, and so we're looking for some exciting landscaping and opportunities in the Potomac District. So thank you, Kathy, for the great work that you do. On the 16th, I had a wonderful time at Grace Church at their family and fun day here in Potomac District, and it was packed. It was packed.

[02:34:24] And so to Bishop Greer and his staff for inviting the community in and providing food and fun we appreciate you and thank you for that event on the 17th I attended attended the first pastoral anniversary for Reverend Dr. Crystal Woodard at the Dumfries United Methodist Church and I joined her with our own mayor Derek Wood and we both presented accommodation and proclamation to her we welcome her again this is her first year she's out of Alexandria and

[02:35:02] And the awesome thing about, you know, her anniversary, she was once a Baptist minister, now she's a Methodist minister. So that, too, can happen. So we're proud to have you in our neighborhood. Upcoming events on September 20th, myself and my friend Victor Anger will continue with our VACO training.

[02:35:23] I'm looking forward to that. We're talking about leadership and how we can enhance our leadership as it relates to our supervisory roles. So it's been a good journey. On the 21st, we'll be participating in the Community, Military, and Federal Facility Partnership.

[02:35:40] That'll be fun. And hopefully, Dr. Jill Biden will join us. We're waiting to hear that. On the 23rd, I'm looking forward to the Dumfries Fall Festival. And that's always fun, a lot of fun with the community in Dumfries town.

[02:35:56] So we're looking forward to spending the day with the mayor. Lastly, I would like to invite my colleagues and the community for our third annual 5K Mental Health Awareness Walk with the theme Reset, Refocus, Renew, and we all need to do that.

[02:36:12] Sunday, October 15th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Prince William Forest Park. That's where we had our first one, so we're returning back home there. Please go to my website for the link to sign up, and for my colleagues, let's get it done together.

[02:36:28] Hope to see all of y'all there. And then lastly, also, I'd like to say happy birthday to one of our stalwarts in the Potomac District, but she's served the entire county, as well as Manassas City and Manassas Park. Our own Mrs. Joanne Bonneries, who is one of our civil rights leaders here in the community.

[02:36:48] Aunt Jo, as we call her, will be turning 80-plus. She told me don't say the ears. So happy birthday to you, Aunt Jo. And to that, Madam Chair, thank you. Madam Chair, before. Thank you, Supervisor Bailey. Vice Chair Brody. Sorry to slow your roll there.

[02:37:03] I know that the town of Occoquan would kill me if I didn't mention at least this. So this coming weekend, September 23rd and 24th, they're having their annual fall arts and crafts show, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Hundreds of people come out every year to this great festival.

[02:37:21] I will be there for part of that time. And as a PSA, there are shuttles from the different commuter lots around, So don't try to drive into town, and also the town has actually started doing complimentary shuttles on Saturdays every week, not just for the festival.

[02:37:36] So if you want to go into the town of Occoquan on Saturday, whether it's for the festival or not, you can start doing that for free by going to the computer lot. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you. I'll be real quick. I got to attend the Dumfries-Brittany Neighborhood Park Rededication Ceremony. It was looking beautiful, and it really goes to show you how, you know, less money can go a long way in really having a bank.

[02:37:57] for the buck for those redoing those local parks that are already there. Later that day, I got to participate in the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority's monthly meeting, but during the meeting, we had a ceremonial ribbon-cutting that was held to help celebrate the $1 billion in local distribution fund milestone since the NVTA has started taking in funds.

[02:38:18] And, you know, that's a billion dollars in investment in our roads across Northern Virginia, and I really believe it's made a difference um on friday i got to also i got to participate in the ribbon cutting of the showcase dance studio grand reopening event over on ballsford road a beautiful space wonderful wonderful business you know grateful that they stayed in prince william county when they were choosing to expand um the only thing uh oh on saturday i i did attend that i was at quite a at the the police department's third annual community fair for a while this past saturday and i did get to dunk it wasn't office uh wasn't captain Trujillo but i got to

[02:38:57] Trujillo Castillo Castillo um but i did get to dunk a police officer in the tank and you know that was wow that was exhausting looking when you see them just kept on falling in the tank and you know there's the way you fall it was uh god bless them and i i will throw out there that they did think that next year they could have board of county supervisors come to the dunk tank and it might be a good um it might be a good fundraiser for a good cause and all so so so i'll just leave it at that that's a great idea i think um anyway

[02:39:32] yeah yeah captain castillo castillo was great um and so i do have item 8a which is amending the board of county supervisors 2023 meeting calendar i alluded to that this this past week um the meeting changes are very clearly laid out in the resolution.

[02:39:59] I don't know if there are any questions, but if I could get a motion for item 8A. So moved, Madam Chair. Can I get a second? Second. Motion made by Supervisor Bailey, seconded by Supervisor Angry. Any discussion? And you're going to have to turn your lights on because now my screen is completely gone.

[02:40:17] Supervisor Weir. It's going to come as no great surprise that I'm opposed to this for a number of reasons. I don't know what type of applications are coming down the pike, whether it's residential, commercial, or otherwise. It seems to me that rescheduling a variety of things, including a meeting with the school board, given that we give them more than half of our budget and they're seemingly unresponsive and were early in the budget season, I think it would be the appropriate time to maintain that meeting with them, especially one where the public could attend.

[02:40:52] The same applies to the new delegation. I'm assuming it's going to be dramatically different than it was last year and will require more time. Combining the two of them and having a breakfast would limit the opportunity for any sort of meaningful conversation. The calendar would require four straight weeks of land use hearings.

[02:41:10] would essentially be, in my estimation, doing more cases in that four weeks than we've done all year. And I would suggest that that's going to place a significant burden on what is already an overburdened planning staff.

[02:41:27] If these things aren't ready or if they haven't got the staff reports ready or if there's this much of a backlog, I don't understand the right, well, I do understand it, I don't approve of it, just this move to clear

the decks before January. and I will be voting against it. Any other discussion? Seeing none, Ms. Madden, can you like, I guess you can have everybody vote and then I can just tell you mine. Okay. Please vote.

[02:42:01] I'm an aye. Motion passes 5 to 2. Supervisors Lawson and Weir voting nay. Supervisor Vega absent from vote. Thank you everyone. This concludes our September 19th, 2023 work session. The next board meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, September 26th. If I could get a motion to adjourn. So second.

[02:42:32] Just a quick discussion, real quick. I just want to continue to encourage us to move the work sessions from here into back the community and would love to have people in the Woodbridge District. Thank you, and I've already brought that up today with staff, so great minds think alike, so thank you very much.

[02:42:51] Motion made by Supervisor Lawson, seconded by Vice Chair Bode. Yes. Do we have any more work sessions scheduled? Yes, we have one in October. Oh, okay. Yeah. Thank you. So I'm trying to get that scheduled for somewhere where we can actually have a work session. Okay. Yeah, I know. I know.

[02:43:08] But we don't have a date. I'd place certain. So I've just been going to wait. Okay. I'm on it. I know the rules. So, yeah, we're adjourning. We have a motion. If you could, everyone could please vote. And I'm a yes. Vote unanimous.

[02:43:30] Okay. Thank you. We will see you next week.



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