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[00:31:42] it is two o'clock on tuesday july 16th we will begin with a moment of silence all rise if you

[00:32:01] are able for the pledge of allegiance all right thank you everyone we are now on to item 3a and that is to proclaim july 21st of july 27th pre-trial probation and parole supervision week

[00:32:35] Can I get a motion? So move Madam Chair. Second. All right let's vote. Motion passes six to one Supervisor Weir voting nay Supervisor Bode absent from vote. All right Maureen Anderson and anyone

[00:33:00] who is with you if you can come down meet me at the front podium. These supervision programs in Prince William help minimize unnecessary exposure to the criminal justice system by allowing court involved individuals to stay within their communities. The employees who supervise these

[00:33:38] individuals are a vital part of our justice system in protecting the safety of our citizens, providing support and services to victims, and providing rehabilitative justice and services to their charges to reduce recidivism. Without their efforts, we would not be able to provide the opportunity to keep people in their communities when possible. These officers are what make our safe and secure community goal possible. I hereby am proud to proclaim July 21st to July 27th, 2024, Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week.

[00:34:13] Do you have any comments you'd like to make? Thank you, Chair Jefferson and members of the board. On behalf of Criminal Justice Services, State Probation and Parole, the 31st District Court Service Unit, and the Juvenile Pretrial Service Program at Office of Youth Services, we are happy to accept this proclamation and are appreciative of the recognition from the board.

[00:34:35] Supervision officers strive to reduce recidivism, break the cycle of crime, and contribute to community restoration by incorporating the use of evidence-based practices to assist those under our supervision make positive changes in their lives. Currently in Prince William County, we have over 4,000 individuals who may otherwise be incarcerated, and supervision officers manage to effectively supervise these individuals in the community.

[00:34:59] We are appreciative of this recognition to the dedicated officers who provide vital public safety services to the citizens of Prince William County. Thank you.

[00:35:24] All right, we are now on to the consent agenda.

[00:36:06] Hold on. And I would like to get a motion for 4A through 4N. Madam Chair, could you pull 4G, please?

[00:36:26] All right, 4G. Anyone else? I concur, Madam Chair. 4G. Okay. Anyone have anything else you want to pull from consent agenda? So we will pull 4G, and we will take that up after the rest of the items.

[00:36:47] Okay, Madam Chair. Yes. I move forward items 4A through F and H through N. All right.

[00:37:04] Second. Anyone's going to second? Second. All right. Discussion?

[00:37:20] Vote unanimous. Supervisor Bodie absent from vote. All right. Let's go on to 4G. Do I have a motion to move 4G forward? So move, Madam Chair. Second. Second. All right. Discussion? I don't see anyone in the queue.

[00:37:38] Supervisor, where did you have discussion? Nothing to say? Supervisor Bailey? All right, Supervisor Bailey. Thank you. Madam Chair, I just wanted to make sure that this was acknowledged.

[00:37:59] This is an item that we have continually worked on in the Potomac District as it relates to previously in 2018-2019, it being pulled from the bond referendum in 2019.

[00:38:17] And so we're moving forward. There was a public hearing driven by the Transportation Department, and I really appreciate that to keep the community involved and get their views on what we need to do and how they'd like for us to move forward. But this is a smart scale in reference to that discussion held at Henderson Elementary School.

[00:38:37] So with that, I do move it forward, but I just wanted to make mention of that and thank the Transportation Department for just walking us through each step as it relates to the Van Buren extension not being on the bond referendum but moving forward as such. All right let's vote. Motion passes five to two. Supervisor Vega and Weir voting nay.

[00:39:08] Supervisor Bode absent from vote. All right thank you. We are now going to go on to public comment time. I'm going to call everyone up in groups of five and you'll be speaking at the back. You have three minutes it will be up on the screen your time um so first person i have and i should say if you are from a non-profit or an organization you do have five minutes um but you have to let us know ahead of time so first up i apologize that's during public hearings oh good public

[00:39:42] comment time is still limited three sorry guys so three three minutes each i am going to call up KP Lau, Carrie Wiggins, Cole Gretton, and Teresa Benz. Thank you, Madam Chair, member of the board.

[00:39:59] I'm KP Lau, president of Concerned Citizens United for Belmont Bay. My wife and I have been residing in Belmont Bay for 15 years. The golf course in Belmont Bay was closed eight years ago and a resounding request was filed in 2022 to add 190 new homes and it was withdrawn a year and a half later. In April, a new rezoning request was filed to add 358 new units in Belmont Bay. Now,

[00:40:34] it looks like the density has dramatically reduced, but the reality is that Belmont Bay will not be able to accommodate even the reduced numbers. In 1999 rezoning, the followings were request an approved town center, the right way of a flyover over Highway 1, and face the development approach, capping residential units at 1475 until flyover is built, which afterwards can add 398

[00:41:10] units. 25 years later, today we have 1312 homes in Belmont Bay. However, Mill and Smith is currently building 92 new units. That would increase the unit to 1404 units. The number of units proposed for Belmont Bay, if approved, will be 1762 units, which is 287 units more than the cab originally established. Why this is important? Because without a flyover, Belmont Bay has only

[00:41:45] one ingress egress at the Dawson Beach and Highway 1. We also have three new distribution centers, a warehouse under construction on Dawson Beach Road. This will create 24 hours construction traffic of commercial trucking. Recently, a truck hauling recycled metal material overturned at a junction of about Dawson Beach Road and totally blocked the exit for the residents and the commuters. Additionally, 2,000 units of apartments are building around that area,

[00:42:22] and they're going to increase the traffic to VRE tremendously. Now, the residents have to take 15 minutes or more to get out to Belmont Bay during the rush hours. Therefore, unless we have a second egress ingress point, Belmont Bay should remain capped at 1475 units.

[00:42:44] Another ingress egress point should be considered at the end of a distribution warehouse on the other side. That will separate the traffic of commercial trucks and residents. You will be inappropriate, irresponsible to approve density increase over the cab of Belmont Bay without addressing the traffic issue first.

[00:43:06] Thank you very much. Thank you. Next speaker. Good afternoon. Harry Williams, 3525 Waters End Trail, Lake Ridge, Virginia. I'm here to talk about the Aquan Reservoir, and a pretty serious issue that we're at a tipping point in terms of drinking water.

[00:43:31] About 400,000 people in Prince William County rely on the Aquan for their drinking water. And the issue is not like Flint, Michigan, lead, it's salt. And the salt levels in the Aquan have been steadily increasing for 25 years.

[00:43:52] Right now, the salt levels in our tap water exceeds the EPA-recommended levels every day of the year. If you are on a low-salt diet, you should not be drinking tap water in Prince William County. Additionally, more than 60 days a year, the salt levels exceed 30 parts per million, which you can actually taste.

[00:44:20] This board and the water authority, Prince William Water Authority, had done nothing for 25 years to solve this issue. And if we don't have water, we don't have a county. And that's exactly where we're headed.

[00:44:37] Ten years from now, there will be no drinkable water in Prince William County. The issue, there's a number of issues around this. I think most of you know there was a bill in the last General Assembly session that would have prevented VDOT, which puts 60 million pounds of salt on the watershed roads each year.

[00:45:03] That salt goes into the Aquan Reservoir. It was a bill to prohibit VDOT from using salt and brine in the reservoir. This board, the former board, did not support that legislation. The service authority did not support that legislation.

[00:45:21] And if you look at the past five years, the salt levels continue to go up, up, up. VDOT is responsible for 26% of all the salt going into the reservoir. Micron is responsible for 14%. That's 40% of all the salt going into the reservoir.

[00:45:40] The rest are residents and businesses, garbage disposals, sewer treatment, et cetera. We don't do something about this soon, and this board and the service authority has never done a thing about this.

[00:45:59] In fact, ignored most of this issue. they've allowed rpa violations in fact some places in some points have actually encouraged builders to violate the rpas the board doesn't do something and get on board with fairfax county to solve this problem there won't be a prince william county thank you thank you next

[00:46:25] speaker please and also if you're not speaking if you could please have a seat good afternoon I'm Carl Gretton of the Gainesville District. Regarding SUP 2019-00044, there are no specifics regarding if there are any EV fueling positions, including in the statement contains 20 fueling positions using a maximum of 10 double-sided pumps. Regarding SUP 2023-00027, on page 13,

[00:47:03] says fabricate and install an interpretive marker at the property about the Battle of buckland mills buckland mills is miles away it would be prudent to place the marker closer to the true event it's always amazing how the board of supervisors approve plans without knowing all the particulars how can you approve the digital gateway without knowing how it is powered we know your answer will be that is dominion's responsibility come up with the answer because that is their responsibility this way you do not have to account for power towers and substations you also do not have to take responsibility for the land that is being taken for these towers or substations.

[00:47:40] You also do not have the responsibility for the comprehensive water study, and if that has been accomplished, this was a feeble attempt. There's a solution for these problems. Right of resolution, including the future data centers that have already been approved or that are in the process, will not be allowed to move forward until small nuclear reactors are placed on site to power the data centers. The funding will be secured by the developer, applicant, or contractors in the buildings. The SMRs will be secure because the data center complex will be in a secure location.

[00:48:14] Many publications and agencies have written that data centers will cause harm to the stressed electrical grid. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has approved the design of a new kind of reactor. New scale power is intended to speed construction, lower costs, and improve safety over traditional nuclear reactors, which are typically many times larger. New Scale plans to build reactor modules that have a capacity of less than 100 megawatts. New Scale's SMR project should require about 65 acres of land. A utility can combine up to 12 SMRs at a single site,

[00:48:51] producing 600 megawatts of electricity, enough to power a mid-sized city. The NRC says it expects an application for a 60 megawatt version of NuScale's SMR. Using SMRs to power adjacent data centers will help support the grid. Perform the right actions to delay data center growth and power the data centers with adjacent small nuclear reactors. Write another resolution that data centers will not move forward until a comprehensive water study is accomplished. Thank you. Thank you.

[00:49:24] Next speaker, please.

[00:49:33] Threesome Inns, the Potomac District. We should not be celebrating Pride Month. It has no morality, and it shouldn't be elevated the way it is. And our churches have let us down because they haven't stood up against this evil.

[00:49:52] There is nothing to celebrate on Pride Month. If we got back to our biblical teachings, this nightmare wouldn't be happening. And as far as I'm concerned, the Democrat Party is anti-America.

[00:50:09] your actions have all proven it. Our government has gone rogue. I mean, we can't depend on the DOJ, the FBI, Secret Service, or anybody to protect us because they are playing politics with people like Beijing, Biden, okay? You're not protecting us from China, from Russia, from Ukraine, from all of these places, Iran. Oh, and that's another thing. Our tax dollars

[00:50:40] are being used against us. You're giving money to Iran, and then you're taxing us for all of our stuff here in America, and then you're giving yourself pay raises so you can do your hair, your makeup, your nails, and all that other stuff, okay? No, I'm not prepared to speak today, but I'm outraged because our government hasn't put us first. They put terrorists first. They put illegal aliens first. Americans have no rights. The people coming into America are not assimilating.

[00:51:20] And I got news for you. We're having men that are the age to be soldiers. They're here to work against us. When the cells are activated, we are going to get it because they're within. The enemy is from within. And we can thank the Democrat Party. And unfortunately, we can thank the rhinos too, because they betrayed us. And I got news for you. Former President Trump was not the problem.

[00:51:53] The problem was people like, the worst thing that ever happened to America was Obama, the worst. And remember, I voted for him the first time. And he is anti-America, just like the Democrat Party. You're destroying America. You're throwing us away. I don't know. I may be all over the place, but I really don't care because you don't represent us. The border's wide open. And after 9-11, how did america turn into a cesspool how did this happen to us and the churches you've betrayed us

[00:52:26] our government was started with biblical rights not this oh well i guess i'm just disgusted you're you just you you're evil all right thank you and miss madden do we have anyone um else in person or we're gonna go to remote all right i'm gonna turn it over to supervisor for the remote public comment time thank you madam chair miss van are we ready to start we

[00:53:01] have no remote speakers for public comment time at this time great thank you all right thank you so very much so then we are going to move right into item six public hearings including consolidated land use we i'm sure there's some items we might want to pull out when we get to voting but i do want to open the public hearings for item 6a through to 6q and I'm waiting for the list now

[00:53:39] this time if you're speaking you get three minutes but if you're with the organization you get five sir can you have a seat or all right we have two people for public hearings we have Dr. Jack

[00:54:08] Kamoynian and Mr. Clancy McQuig. Good afternoon Madam Chairman members of the board I'm Jack preemption president of loka i like the five minutes as a president of loka yes sir but only i'm going to comment on two projects um because the other person uh mr mcquick also signed up for local pelt so usually give it to one organization we'll get the five minutes okay okay and i just

[00:54:47] by the way a background i'll comment on 60 tommy's car wash and 6p costco at potomac mills With regard to the Tommy's car wash, Loka Pelt met with the applicant's representative in November of 2023, and we discussed a proposal to have a car wash at the Minneville Shopping Center.

[00:55:17] And you have to understand, along that stretch of Minneville Road, I would say LOCA has touched its hand on development of projects all along that corridor, including the Minneville Shopping Center, Madison Farms, Kaiser Permanente, Virginia Employment Building, et cetera, Fairfield Homes that went in.

[00:55:43] And what we did was have a quality ambiance for the architecture, signage, landscaping, the building materials in particular, you'll see a predominance of Virginia brick. And in fact, so we take great pride in having done all those upgrades, including Mr. Garber's Holly Farms, Holly Acres, and his RV boat sales.

[00:56:10] He actually hired the architect that did the original Lake Ridge Shopping Center to get the ambiance along the corridor that the community had requested. So everybody's been very cooperative. So when we were discussing the land use issue on the car wash, the committee was comfortable with having a car wash go in there.

[00:56:36] What they weren't comfortable with was the standard architecture that Tommy's Car Wash has, which is a very large structure. It's a very avant-garde design, and the predominant colors were black and red. And so there were some grays.

[00:56:53] So we discussed that at the November meeting, and then later we spoke at the Planning Commission April 24th, and we had a local Pelt meeting on the 25th, and Mr. Stedman came to that meeting also. We discussed it, and he talked with Tommy's Car Wash, and the corporate folks adjusted the architecture a little, the color, to be predominantly gray.

[00:57:20] Now, in the current staff report, I believe the rendering that's in there is the old rendering. So we just want to make sure, two things, that we have a courtesy review so we can get the neighborhood together to look at the final site plan prior to final site plan approval.

[00:57:39] So we were asking Supervisor Bode, who is not here now, but the two things we want is to be sure we have the courtesy review for the community before the final site plan is reviewed. And to be sure the rendering that we discussed on April 25th that Mr. Stedman presented to us with the grays, it's predominantly gray facing Minneville Road.

[00:58:04] There's red on the caps, but the red was eliminated facing Minneville Road. So I just want to be sure that those two items are taken care of. And with that, we would be generally comfortable with that design. Now, on the regard to the item P, should I start at that?

[00:58:24] I can go ahead and do that as well. So we support Tommy's car wash, but request a courtesy view. And to be sure, the updated rendering showing the predominant gray visible to Minnieville Road is the one that would be in the SUP.

[00:58:43] In regard to the Costco, we've been assured that we will have a courtesy discussion with the Costco folks. We discussed it in Pell Committee, but we didn't ask them to come in to meet with us because we were comfortable with the expansion of an existing use.

[00:59:00] we congratulate them on their business you know expansion we just wanted to have a discussion to make sure we were comfortable with the overall layout and that's basically the commentary thank you very much thank you sir next speaker please good good afternoon I'm Clancy McQuig from LOCA I just want to explain a couple things to folks here LOCA has been doing this for 50 years And our standard has always been the good of the community.

[00:59:33] Every time we weigh a project, we look to see if it fits in, whether the community is going to be complemented by what's going on or whether it's not going to be complemented. And we've tried for the good of the community to have a community that works together rather than as individual projects stuck in that don't fit.

[00:59:52] And we've discouraged a few developers over the years to go back to Texas and not build their big, red, ugly buildings here. I think it's really important to understand our objective always is the good of the community.

[01:00:09] What is good for the community? How can we facilitate the good of the community and work with developers for them to be fitting in and becoming part of the community? So I just wanted to explain that today. Thank you very much for your time. Thank you, sir.

[01:00:26] I don't believe we have anyone else signed up, so I will turn over to Supervisor Vega to see if we have anyone available online. Do we have anyone online? We have no online speakers at this time.

[01:00:42] All right, thank you so very much. So I am going to close the public hearings for items 6A through 6Q, and I believe I just want to look around the day as I believe some people might have things that they want to pull.

[01:01:02] Let's see, Supervisor Gordy. Madam Chair, I have nothing to pull, but I do have some comments on a couple of items. All right. And, oh, wow, this is lit up. What I'm going to ask people to do is the comments that we have on the items, we'll do that within the motion for each item.

[01:01:17] So, Supervisor Franklin. I would like to pull 6L. Yes. All right. Supervisor Bailey. 6N, please. All right.

[01:01:33] Supervisor Weir. 6A, please. Supervisor Vega. Okay. All right. Thank you guys so very much. I just want a reminder, these are the ones that we're pulling are things that we, more than like an intended vote no one.

[01:01:50] If it's something that you want to highlight within your district, then I ask that you do it within the motion for when we approve the rest of them. So I would like to get a motion for 6A through 6K. I'm sorry, 6B through 6K.

[01:02:06] Don't move, Madam Chair. Wait, hold on. I'm sorry, Madam Chair. I had 6C. All right, we have one more, 6C. C, 6C. So I'm going to say this slowly so that we, I would like for motion for 6B, 6D as in David, through 6K, 6M as in Mary, 6O through 6Q.

[01:02:30] So moved, Madam Chair. Second. All right. Any discussion on those particular items? I don't see anyone in queue, so let's go ahead and vote.

[01:02:53] Vote unanimous. Supervisor Bodie absent from vote. All right. We are going to go into item 6A. Again, all discussion, if we can include that in the motion, in our discussion.

[01:03:13] I'd like to get a motion for 6A. Madam Chair, I move to approve item 6A. Second. All righty, discussion. And let's go with Supervisor Rear. Thank you, Madam Chair. As the board is very well aware, I have significant issues and concerns with respect to this particular item.

[01:03:35] I am concerned about the long-term impacts both to the county and to the parties and the potential risks we face. will not be voting in favor of this. All right, any other speakers? Supervisor Gordy? Madam Chair, this is one of these issues that I inherited in the Brentsville District.

[01:03:57] The development is an essential project for George Mason University, for their housing, for student housing, mostly for their graduate students. The applicant to this point, or the developer at this point, the issue related to this is the limitation of them being able to only borrow $10 million until they get a footings permit. The issue here was that the type of

[01:04:32] footings that this development is building is not something that our county staff is used to. In the meantime, the developer, particularly working with Davis Construction, has now invested over $40 million into the site. The contract that we're amending sought to allow the county to have recourse if something were to happen, and we could buy back the property at $10 million or less. Well, the developer has far exceeded that amount of $10 million,

[01:05:08] and now it's over $40 million. I've been to the site. I've seen the infrastructure that's been in place. They've been boring four-foot tunnels underground for stormwater management. They're getting roads, and this also, this project also affects the Innovation Town Center project for Catherine Johnson Road that needs to be built in order to facilitate that development. So it's an unfortunate set of circumstances that brought us to this place, but in order for this project to move forward, this really is our only option. Mr. Jim Davis from Davis Construction has given me

[01:05:45] his personal promise that he will see this project through in support of Mr. Kistler, who's here with us today. So I will be voting for this, but I just wanted to give the public just kind of an overarching understanding of what's going on in this situation. My office is next door to this site. I see the construction going on every day. I'm often held up by the construction equipment on site, so nothing has stopped. It is continuing to move, and I am confident that this project will continue to move to its completion. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you so very much. So with that,

[01:06:24] let's take a vote. Motion passes five to two. Supervisors Vega and Weir voting nay. Supervisor Bode absent from vote. All right thank you we're now going to go over to agenda item 6C.

[01:06:48] Madam Chair. Yes. Before you make the motion I do have a quick question for staff. Yes. I'm not sure who can answer for item 6C. Wait let's get that in the motion. It's a question. Okay. Hi Paula how are you? So we have 16 properties correct? Yes. Out of the 16 properties how many have we reached agreements with um madam chair members of the board paulo belito with the department transportation

[01:07:27] i know that these discussions are ongoing with all part all the parcels i will defer to our consultant who has been heavily involved uh troy sullivan with rda is he is walking right up thank you madam chair members of the board of these 16 parcels i do not believe we've reached agreement with any of these parcels today thank you just want to make sure i was reading the staff report correctly so we have um 15 properties that are we're being asked to um do a quick takeover and

[01:08:06] we haven't reached agreements with them and i believe that only with one there is a verbal agreement so i just wanted to bring this to the attention of my colleagues here on the dais that we're being asked to go ahead to move on um taking action on these 16 properties when we have not met any agreements with the owners of this property and so for those reasons madam chair I don't believe that this item is ready.

[01:08:27] I understand, based on the staff report, that because of the timing of the project, they're asking for us to take action on this. However, I do not think it's prudent for us to do so when we have 16 properties in question and all of them are still up in the air. All right, Supervisor Weir.

[01:08:44] Thank you, Madam Chair. If I could ask a question of the county attorney. Do we have to secure outside counsel in this particular circumstance, or are we handling this in-house? We're handling these matters in-house, sir. Madam Chair, I mean, this is two work meetings in a row where we've had this issue.

[01:09:07] And I understand timelines, but I also understand a lot of our projects run long. I'm not comfortable with it at this stage with that many properties outstanding. I've been involved in similar condemnation cases, but never one where you've got this many properties on a percentage basis that haven't reached any sort of agreement yet.

[01:09:27] So, like Supervisor Vagan, I think we're putting a little bit too much for a rush on this. Supervisor Bailey. Thank you, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, I will be supporting this project. This is a project that we started in 2020, actually 2019, at the tail end of 2019.

[01:09:50] But there has to be strategic and consistent coordination as we do quick takes in reference to this project. It also has to be coordinated with their electricals. And, Paolo, if you could just expound on that.

[01:10:06] We had this meeting this week and this morning again, and I just need for you to go in detail and explain, please. Madam Chair, members of the board, the timing is key. This is the third time we've come to the board for this type of action. We plan to come once or twice again, but it does impact project schedule as it relates to utility relocation, and it creates that domino effect as well.

[01:10:29] So it's important for us to move forward with the quick takes. As I said prior, it doesn't preclude us continuing discussions. I will say that our contractors and our right-of-way team have a good track record of working with impacted property owners, so we're confident to reach a conclusion and a resolution on some of these items.

[01:10:48] So it does play a role into the project timeline. And this is phase one, correct, Paula? This is phase one to this project. There is a phase two? Some aren't, some are not, what I'm being told, but it is over several phases.

[01:11:04] Okay. And my last comment, Madam Chair, if I may, this is a project that the town of Dumfries mayor and I have been working on for quite some time now in order for them to have progression in their town and move forward and offer a higher level of service to the community.

[01:11:22] I'm going to support this. I'm more than confident that this team can move forward with the quick takes and do it in a very, not only expeditious way, but in a very fair way and respectful of the constituent. And as it relates to the last discussion that we had, for the other properties, that has been resolved?

[01:11:46] Yes, that is correct. We've been in discussions with the constituent or the attorney that called in, so we've had and resumed discussions. Okay, and so this is just a follow-through. There has been no discussion whatsoever or any concerns in my office as it relates to the constituent or any kind of concern.

[01:12:03] So I will be supported, and thank you, Madam Chair. Supervisor Franklin. Sure, just a quick question, and hopefully this can be answered publicly, but are we close to some agreements with most of these property owners? The property owners on this particular agenda, we are not close with most of them, I would say.

[01:12:27] We are still in negotiations. We have some property owners who are represented by attorneys who have actually suggested that we move forward in this manner because we will likely not reach an agreement on terms. And I guess maybe to the county attorney, if an agreement isn't reached, yet we've taken this action, then essentially what does that mean?

[01:12:50] Madam Chair, members of the board, this allows transportation to get on the property and move forward with the project going forward. We still, the county is still responsible for paying the property owner the just compensation. It will continue to move forward with negotiations with the consultant.

[01:13:07] If we're not able to reach an agreement, then it will move forward into the court system. Sure, and then last question, and just remind me, because I'm sure I've participated in these, but is there a precedence for us moving forward without an agreement?

[01:13:26] Madam Chair, Madam Chair, Mr. Board, yes, we have. We've done it along the Route 1 corridor with other projects where we've had to condemn otherwise. And I guess particularly while on this board, while I've been on the board, is my question. But then also, this may be harder to kind of say, but is there a precedence for us being still further away in negotiations and still moving forward?

[01:13:50] Yes. Okay. With the Route 1 projects to the north, timelines were very important, and they're four- to six-year construction projects. So, yes, there's a precedent for it. All right. Thank you. I guess Supervisor Vega, did you? Just a quick comment. Again, based on the staff report, I believe every single owner has retained council.

[01:14:08] So I think that's important also for us to consider before we make our vote. All right. Thank you. Anyone else? If not, let's. Oh, yeah. I'm sorry. I'm sure I moved this item forward. I thought we had a motion. Okay. Second. All right. Motion passes five to three.

[01:14:35] Supervisors Franklin, Vega, and Weir voting nay. All right. The next item is we are going to go to 6L. Can I get a motion? So moved. Second. All right. Discussion?

[01:14:52] Madam Chair. Supervisor Franklin? Sure. Just as I've done before, you know, we've talked about being able to sell firearms as a home-based business. I've been against this in the past, still against it. Still think that we should talk about what this means.

[01:15:11] I do believe that these entrepreneurs should be able to do this, but in a more appropriate manner, more so brick and mortar, as opposed to residential neighborhoods. So I don't want to stifle innovation, but certainly want to continue to have the discussion about the appropriate manner or place where these type of sales should be taking place.

[01:15:32] Thank you. All right. Supervisor Gordy. Thank you, Madam Chair. This application came to this board and to the Planning Commission when I first got on the Planning Commission for a previous address, and it was approved a little over two years ago.

[01:15:53] The individual, the owner of Mystico's Armament, has moved to Offent Hill Road on a much larger property that's not in a neighborhood. So he has actually moved to what I would consider to be a much more favorable location for this type of activity.

[01:16:10] It's a 1.6-acre lot off Ben Hill Road, and, again, this is a continuation of a current existing home business. It's just that he's moved, and not far from where he lived. He's just right off Rollins Ford Road, but he has moved it more into the rural area and certainly out of a neighborhood.

[01:16:32] Thank you, Madam Chair. All right. I don't have anyone else on my queue, so we can go ahead and vote. Motion passes 5-3. Supervisors Bailey, Franklin, and Jefferson voting nay.

[01:16:55] Chair Jefferson. All right. We are now going to move on to item 6N. Can I get a motion? So moved, Madam Chair. Second. All right. Discussion. Madam Chair. Yes. Thank you very much. Madam Chair, I appreciate the opportunity to speak on this item's behalf in that it is going to be one of the largest veteran-owned Starbucks in the Mid-Atlantic.

[01:17:22] So I'm very proud to say that. And thank you to the team that's been working on this to assure that with the ready-set pad that's there already, there will be adjustments made in terms of giving additional, a higher level of service with four extra lanes. I want to thank my colleague, Mr. Weir, for his comments earlier in reference to making it a more creative product.

[01:17:46] But based on the area and the size that we have, that's what we have to do with what we have to do with. And so, Bob, I do appreciate that. So with that, I am going to support it, of course. All right, I'm going to go on to Supervisor Gordy, but I'm going to ask the people, you know, we have a chance.

[01:18:01] Everyone has projects in their district, and we have a chance to comment on them when we bring it up. We have to get out of the habit of pulling things just to comment. Let's continue tradition. We pull things if we are going to vote against them. So, Supervisor Gordy. Madam Chair, I also will be supporting this, But I just wanted to thank the applicant and their support for our Marines and our veterans.

[01:18:25] This is going to be a veterans-focused store. And I just wanted to offer my appreciation for making that commitment and extending that appreciation to our vast 40,000-strong veteran community in Prince William County, as well as the thousands of Marines that are stationed at Quantico.

[01:18:43] And I look forward to seeing this opened and how you continue to support our military community. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Glory. All right, let's take a vote. Vote unanimous.

[01:19:01] All right, thank you so very much. We are now on to Agenda Item 7, so County Executive Time. Mr. Shorter, the floor is now yours. Good afternoon. Thank you very much, Madam Chair, members of the board. Appreciate the opportunity, as always, to address you.

[01:19:20] I've had an opportunity to get around and talk, I think, to each of you about a follow-up from our earlier in this year extended work session. That is particularly around board committees. While we bring up the slides, we talked about a number of things at the January extended work session.

[01:19:43] Many of those items we were able to work with you to follow up on. Certainly talked a lot at that session about the strategic planning process and your priorities for this term. We talked about the historic 1996 updating of the 1996 basic principles resolution.

[01:20:04] The board did that in February, and certainly proud of that moment. We also updated with the county attorney support and staff the board's rules of procedure, as well as followed up with the board on adjusting the dispatch timeline And that work was certainly done out of or as a result of the discussion we had at our extended work session.

[01:20:33] One of the items that we had not followed up on, and we can move to the next slide, was this discussion. At this point, I have had an opportunity, as I've said, to talk with each of you as well as our leadership team in the cabinet about what this means and how we could do this in Prince William County.

[01:20:53] We wanted to follow up with you today to quickly bring this back, and the board could certainly react and or direct us to move forward if it so desires. That said, the purpose of these committees, consistent with some of our neighbors, is really to support the board.

[01:21:14] The purpose of these committees is not to replace the board. These committees will not be structured to take some responsibility, if you will, from the board's process. Presentations, deliberation, and action will remain with our board.

[01:21:32] We can move to the next slide. We are proposing or recommending, based on the discussions we've had internally and with you, three standing committees, those standing committees as laid out in the memo sent back in March to each of your offices.

[01:21:49] These are the committees. We provided some additional detail in that memo of what these committees would do and what they would be scoped, if you will, to review. We are proposing four board members for each of the committees, and it would be up to the chair of the respective committee to determine the meeting schedule.

[01:22:16] Obviously, with the Legislative Policy Committee, This is a committee that would be most active right before and during the Commonwealth's legislative season. Happy to discuss this further or answer any questions that you might have.

[01:22:37] Move to the next slide. We are also recommending one ad hoc committee. This committee is consistent with the directive we received in February. This is an interjurisdictional committee focused really on the county and the two cities.

[01:22:53] and really providing a forum for our jurisdictions to work together on issues of common interest. We are calling it ad hoc because this committee would be called really for that purpose, issues of common interest, most notably the shared services agreement, which is one that we have discussed during a board meeting and, again, as follow-up to a directive that the board has given.

[01:23:22] That is the gist of it. We wanted to make sure that we provided an opportunity for the collective board to respond. I know I've had individual conversations with each of you, and based on your direction or not, we will certainly work internally as a staff to come back to you based on the capacity needs internally and what we would need to do based on your action today.

[01:23:49] All right, Supervisor, thank you. Mr. Shorter, Supervisor Bode. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Mr. Shorter, for following up on this. I know that, as you mentioned earlier, we had quite a few

different conversations about this, especially early on in the year as it pertains to our retreat. So I appreciate you bringing it back.

[01:24:07] I, for one, am very supportive of the committee structure as a principal, but also the ones that you honed in on as ones where we can start for a few different reasons. I mean, I know we've had discussions on this board quite a bit on being able to work through some of the more granular policy issues in a sort of committee structure, so it gives staff more time to be responsive to us, but also, frankly, gives us more the ability to talk through issues and look at some of these different policy goals.

[01:24:37] You know, transportation, land use, housing, and economic development are all things this board has basically prioritized in one way, shape, or form, but frankly, with how much our current board meetings are structured to be responsive and reactive to things that are happening, you know, whether land use cases, what have you, we don't always get the opportunity to be proactive in how we sort of formulate our policy direction and what have you.

[01:25:00] So I appreciate that one. Finance and budget, same thing. I feel like there's always a hurry up and wait from a board perspective. You know, we get our budget proposal from you as a CXO in mid-February, then it's sort of a slapdash rush between mid-February to late April for us to work through something, which really, in my opinion, should be worked through sort of throughout the year methodically, talking to agencies, getting other asks, what have you, so I appreciate that one as well.

[01:25:25] Legislative Policy Committee, I see Nikki Brown here. One of the biggest concerns I've heard from folks, whether they be advocates, residents, but frankly also our very own delegation, is we can't take active or dynamic policy stances during the General Assembly session because we adopt a legislative agenda in late fall, then we don't touch it, we don't do anything, we can't really respond as the General Assembly session goes on.

[01:25:52] As everyone this day can attest, the General Assembly session is very fluid. There's bills that pop up overnight. There's budget amendments, all sorts of different things. And frankly, we're hamstringed, in my opinion, by our inability to sort of have dynamic conversations about where we stand on various issues.

[01:26:10] So I'm very supportive of this. If for no other reason, it helps empower us as a second largest locality in Virginia, but also, frankly, for our legislative folks to be able to work and have stances as this board decides is appropriate. Finally, the ad hoc one.

[01:26:26] I've talked quite a bit about us wanting to be more collaborative with our neighbors, whether they be towns but also cities, and we have a lot to work through in terms of legacy sort of agreements with the cities, but also ones that we might want to foster in the future as well.

[01:26:43] So I think this is a good one as well. Just wanted to weigh in on that. I think this is all a very good place to start. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, CXO. Thank you. Supervisor Weir. Thank you, Madam Chair. Let me go back to the ad hoc committee. Was there any consideration given to adding the towns to that ad hoc or at least having a parallel sort of committee?

[01:27:02] Because I think as we saw in the comments by the few that actually commented at our strategic work session, there are a lot of issues, particularly with respect to communications, land use, that sort of thing.

[01:27:17] and they sort of speak from experience, sort of feel ignored, even though everybody in the towns are actually county residents. They pay dual taxes, and they have issues that are somewhat different than your normal type of county resident that doesn't live in a town.

[01:27:37] So if we could consider that and add that to the model, I'd greatly appreciate it. Supervisor Franklin. Sure, yes, and thank you for this discussion. I've been going back and forth about this because while in my first term I initially supported the idea of committee structures, now, four and a half years in, I know the reality of the job, and I can tell you, I was just writing this down, I sit on one, two, three, four, five regional commissions on behalf of the Board of Supervisors,

[01:28:12] And that's in addition to events, town halls, and community meetings that I host throughout the year. And so I think this looks great on paper, but I do wonder if it's realistic in terms of a time commitment. I happen to think perhaps if we had a larger board, perhaps this would make more sense.

[01:28:33] But there are eight of us that we would have to divide up between these legislative committees. And so I just wonder if, you know, we're thinking about it in a realistic sense in terms of our time commitment.

[01:28:49] If we set up committee structures, we want to make sure that they're effective, right? And so I think it comes down to how many times the committee is expected to meet, what outcomes are we expected to have from these committees, and can we really put the amount of time needed to really be effective for these committees.

[01:29:12] You know, we have most of these commissions once a month, VRE, PRTC. I sit on the policy committee for NVTA. The Virginia Association of Counties meets several times a year in various parts of the Commonwealth. And then, as you all know, I just came back from the National Association of Counties event.

[01:29:29] So, you know, in Florida, which was not even close. So I do want us to be kind of realistic about the time commitment that we can actually put into a committee structure, even if it's a good idea and looks good on paper. All right, I don't know if you have anything you want to say about that to address the time commitments, Mr. Schroeder, before I move on.

[01:29:50] I would only say that we are concerned as well, that ultimately, based on the board's direction, we will need to go back as an organization and do some work internally to make sure that we had the capacity to support the various committees.

[01:30:07] I can't speak to your time commitment and what decisions you make about how you want to move forward, but I certainly could speak to ours in that the staff will have some work to do to help make sure that we get properly staffed the various committees.

[01:30:24] All right, thank you. Supervisor Bailey. Thank you, Madam Chair. I concur with my colleagues' comments about the time constraint as well and what you learn on the journey of being a supervisor from four years later.

[01:30:41] So I concur with that. I do see the need for this from a perspective of us just having a wider education on different projects and what we're working on. But the time constraint is a true consideration.

[01:30:57] And, Bob, I agree with you also about us having to build a stronger relationship and support level for the towns across the county. I think they need a little bit of love and concern and hand-holding, if

you will.

[01:31:16] I mean, they've got their own rules and regulations, but I think relationship need to be built in order to help them get things accomplished cohesively with us. And so that's what I mean by hand-holding a little bit.

[01:31:32] So, you know, I think it's a great idea in terms of us just maybe heightening how we operate with each other and our respective districts as well. So I just wanted to offer that, but time is of essence.

[01:31:50] So thank you for bringing this back. We really appreciate it. All right, Supervisor Vega. Thank you, Madam Chair, and thank you, Mr. Shorter, for the follow-up. We've had conversations, and to Supervisor Franklin's point, you're spot on. That's pretty much the direction that I took when the county executive came and asked for my opinion.

[01:32:07] Believe it or not, all of us up here are already stretched pretty thin. I know that I've all untold Supervisor Weir when he was elected to take my position on PRTC just because... I haven't forgiven you. Just because with, you know, the responsibilities at home, the children, regular work, there is a lot that goes behind the scenes that the public doesn't see.

[01:32:31] and so I do think that we have fantastic staff. They are the subject matter experts. They already do this work. They already brief us. They keep us informed and provide updates on the regular, so I think that we're creating something that is really not needed, and I'll take it a step further.

[01:32:49] When the county executive talks about going back and, you know, seeing, looking at the idea of having support, to me I translate that as you probably don't, which means we're going to have to hire people to assist us on this endeavor. If we're stretched thin up here, I don't even want to mention how stretched staff is, and I think we can all agree on that.

[01:33:11] So this would be adding an additional burden to staff, and then, of course, having to look at other ways to supplement the workload that this is going to generate. But the hook, I guess, where I'm going to hang my hat on is transparency and accountability. We come here on our board meetings because we owe it to the public to discuss their business, county business, and the purview of the public to be transparent about it.

[01:33:34] When we're having these conversations behind closed doors, we take that from the public, and they don't have that opportunity, that ability to hear what we're talking about. And I take issue with that because if it were up to me, 90% of the time that we go into closed session, we should be discussing those items here in the public view.

[01:33:52] So for those reasons, I am not really supportive of this. I would be interested in hearing more about the conversations surrounding, you know, the cities. It gets a little dicey because folks are kind of territorial, and we've had certain cases in the past where they have a project in their corresponding jurisdictions, and they don't want the county involved.

[01:34:14] They don't want us telling them what to do or how to do it. And so I'm just going to be curious to see what comes of that conversation. But those are just my comments, Madam Chair. Thank you. Supervisor Gordy. Thank you, Madam Chair. Yeah, I do have a little different opinion on this.

[01:34:34] The, you know, going back to the transparency piece, I mean, there's four of us who would be serving on the committee. So it would be we would have to have a public announcements, go through the

normal process for together talking issues. It's the public's going to be participating.

[01:34:52] And my hope is that we would actually be having public comments as we're dealing with issues at a much more granular level. um, in order to, to, to get to a better place on the issues. Um, as far as time, uh, both for myself, I mean, I spent a lot of time trying to get answers and that means I'm calling staff and bugging them. And if I'm doing that, each of you are doing that. So that means they're having to answer eight questions over different periods of time. So I think there's a, a, a, you know,

[01:35:24] good, and there's maybe not so good by the way we do it and the way under this model, I think it's worth trying to see if it works. If it doesn't work, it doesn't help us become more effective at governance, then we abandon it. But I do know that it seems to be working pretty effectively with other jurisdictions that surround us, and it allows them to get into these policy issues at a much more granular level rather than having to just, and again, I complain often that we can't really have conversations about these issues so that we can work through the differences that we have

[01:36:03] and we can find a good place for all that we all can live with. So I just see this as an ability to try to work through and find those common grounds on some of these much more dicey issues, particularly as it comes to land use policy and in our budget as well.

[01:36:22] and so um i appreciate mr shorter all the work you're doing i appreciate all the staff and your input in this as well um but i do believe that for whatever we uh burdens we cause we will be relieving some burdens on the other side thank you supervisor bode thank you madam chair and supervisor gordy um as the the other half of supervisor bode i i agree with you 300 percent um joking aside i i agree with everything that was just said including the transparency piece

[01:36:50] Suarez or Vega, completely see you on that, but as Supervisor Gordy just said, since there would be four of us on that, it would still have to be subject to all the public scrutiny and public requirements that we already have. And more importantly, at least to me, is that it wouldn't just be a committee that would just make decisions without the Board of Supervisors.

[01:37:13] As the county execs said at the outset of this, this would be a supplement, not a supplanting. So just like how the audit committee and joint audit committee make recommendations that this board then adopts, to me, I see that as a very similar thing. Those committees would work through these issues, then come back with recommendations to the full board to discuss and then vote on based on that.

[01:37:32] So it's a way, again, for us to work through the granular things that would frankly take a lot of time during our public board meetings and would require a lot more staff questions, back and forth, what have you. then by the time it's ready for prime time then that's a recommendation from the committee back to the full board yes there'll be discussion here but it wouldn't be nearly as much of the sort of time consuming back and forth that we see and as Supervisor Gordy just said to me it's a way for us to work through some of these differences we have an opinion in a still public setting but in a place that's geared and centered towards that as opposed to being a sort of generalist BOCS means so I see you Supervisor Gordy I agree with that and it's another reason why I'll be supporting thank you Madam Chair Supervisor Franklin

[01:38:12] Yeah, I just want to point out for some of the other jurisdictions that have committees, they're also full-time. So we have to take that into account as well. And Supervisor Gordy, I remember when I was young and bushy tail like you, and, you know, I thought the same things.

[01:38:29] But the reality is when you get settled into governing, which I appreciate every single day that I'm able to do it, you know, you become incredibly more active. And I'm just really wondering where the time in a week is going to come.

[01:38:46] And so last week was PRTC. This week, I think, is VRE. I know that I have several meetings. I think I have a town hall coming up with one of our communities. I just want us to be realistic about the time commitment.

[01:39:01] I think the committee structure on paper looks great. If we're going to do it, that's exactly how we should be doing it. Can we effectively do it, I think is the question. Supervisor Vega. Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm just, you know, going to close with saying that we are a board for a reason, okay?

[01:39:17] Four board members don't make up or represent the entire board. And you can act in good faith and say, I'm not going to take your place. But the reality is, is that you are. Because if I'm not in that room, when those conversations are being held, my district doesn't have a voice or their representative, which is why we were elected collectively to make those decisions as we are right now.

[01:39:38] And the last thing I will say is that I have yet to see where adding more bureaucracy to anything improves anything. And Madam Chair, we're not voting on this today, so we're just giving our opinion, correct? So this is what I wanted to do. I want to hear from everyone, and I want to see how much interest is there really moving forward.

[01:39:53] I do want the ad hoc interjurisdictional committee. I think that one is very vital. We talked about it during budget season. So that's one I would like to move forward with, and that is one I also will sit on. So for the people who are concerned about time, That's only going to have two representatives, but again, I do want to hear from everyone, see where we're at, because maybe we have one standing committee or two standing committees, so we don't necessarily have to do everything that is presented.

[01:40:25] That would have to be a second one, it sounds, you know, because, you know, I'm thinking the issues with, you know, City of Manassas and Manassas Park and Prince William are going to be different than us meeting with the actual town.

[01:40:41] And so we can, I don't know if you have anything you want to add, Mr. Ford. That was great, Madam Chair. Our relationship is different with the towns than with the cities. I would recommend allowing me to go back, talk about what we could potentially do with the towns, consistent with Supervisor Weir and Supervisor Bailey's request.

[01:41:04] I think we might be able to do some work with the towns internally, meaning I meet with their managers to gain some level of regular connection, to hear their issues and to be able to be responsive versus having elected officials from the towns meet, which is a bit of a different matter.

[01:41:26] So we would come back and provide recommendations separate and apart from the interjurisdictional committee that we're recommending here. All right. My cue got a little, you know, wonky on me. So I'm just, some of you, if you've already spoken twice, you know, you know, I, oh, before I go actually to supervisor where he would speak twice, I want to go to Supervisor Angry.

[01:41:48] He hasn't spoken yet. May as well. Madam Chair, I'm willing to explore this opportunity. Again, I think Supervisor Gordy said it best. If it doesn't work, then we abandon it. But I'm willing to explore it. I think what you put together is spot on.

[01:42:05] Let's see where it goes. Thank you, Madam Chair. Supervisor Weir. Thank you, Madam Chair. What Vic just said. But if we're going to pick and choose, much as I would prefer personally to keep all four, understanding time, but I'm not going to make the time commitment argument given the raises we just gave ourselves, and I'm not going to put myself in those crosshairs. But if we have to pick and choose, I think, you know, the ad hoc committee is probably most necessary, but I also believe that

[01:42:43] in order to prevent a lot of the issues that come up at budget season, we absolutely need a budget committee to sort of determine where we're going to go, how much money there is, what pieces or missing from the budget and I can think of one particular transportation piece that was missing this year which has caused quite the kerfuffle so if I had to pick and choose I would say ad hoc and budget but I would time constraints aside I would prefer all four. Supervisor Bailey. Yeah

[01:43:17] this is my last time manager. I think that I agree with with Tom also I think we should take a shot at it as well it is going to be time constraining but i think it's worth its weight and goal we need to take the plunge and and give it a good effort this will help us uh also to grow as a board i think to be even better than where we are right now and i just want to um for lack of a better word i just want to clarify because i don't want my myself to be on camera and say the wrong thing uh i i think when i said hand holding i i just think support would have been a better word

[01:43:57] because i think that the towns um we do need to build stronger relationships and we do need to offer them a little bit more support uh and understanding their vision and their direction as as well and so um just want clarification on that before we go forward so i will be voting for it supervisor gordy hey madam chair i just want to offer my deepest appreciation to supervisor of Franklin for her concern related to my quality of life I will respond by saying I already work three jobs and so I mean I you know I have a full-time job that pays the bills I do this and

[01:44:36] I'm a Navy reservist I'll be gone for five days next week and for for military training so so I get it believe me I get it I also have a family and and I have a lot of stuff going on around my house so just like we all do so um i appreciate it but but again i also feel like there are many times i'm less effective in this job and doing what we do just because of the lack of information and um and the lack of the ability to affect things earlier and we tend to be more reactive and responsive rather than um more strategic in our approach to how we govern

[01:45:12] so i think it's worthwhile and i look forward to participating in um in at least one of these thank you so here's what we're going to do because it sounds like more people are interested than not the people who are not interested we're going to spare them okay i think out of fairness you know i i was trying to wait wait hold on but we have first of all we have four um proposed committee three standing one ad hoc i'm going to go around i'm going to start with bailey i want to see you know um how you i just you know for each of these you know let me know which ones that you're

[01:45:51] interested in this hat because we don't have to do all of these and it is a time commitment you know i'm a big fan of the ad hoc um because i think that's one we really really need so madam chair do we have to only have we can change how many are we can change but i want to know which ones you think we should move forward i'm going to do that with everyone to be fair okay ad hoc and uh legislative okay all right we're which ones we're most supportive of is that which ones we're most support i mean you could say all of them you think we should have all committees but Transportation, finance, and ad hoc.

[01:46:25] I'm sorry, trans what? Transportation, finance, and ad hoc. Okay. And mine was ad hoc, transportation. Got you. All right. Bodie? All four. All right. Angry? All right.

[01:46:43] Vega? None? I'm good. Franklin? None. You want, like, I'm just saying, do you want, if you had to choose which ones we really needed before, finance and budget, ad hoc, and then Gordie?

[01:47:02] All four. All. Okay. So, counting. Looks like definitely ad hoc is one we should move forward with. And I don't, you know, we can discuss at a later meeting or maybe tonight, you know, who might be interested in going through some of those.

[01:47:18] Looks like... Madam Chair, can I have a quick question? Yes. So what is the out if this doesn't work or if... What is the out? What is the plan? Sure. So my plan is based on the board's direction tonight, if direction is given, to go back, We will need to amend your rules of procedure to allow.

[01:47:38] Right now, we have not contemplated committees. And so we would need to do some work with the county attorney and our staff to make sure that we amend the rules. I'd also be coming back likely with whatever we talk about internally is our need to support the various committees.

[01:47:56] I am going to make the best effort possible to do the coming back with a resolution or some direction in September or October. and we'll be able to then make the amendments to the board's rules.

[01:48:13] Right, but my question is, are we going to have a period where we're going to, I guess, measure the success of these committees and if it's not working out, if time does become a factor and we can't serve in accordance to what you have on paper, how do we dissolve it?

[01:48:32] The board reserves the right always to start and stop. And so it will not, honestly, it will not be based on the staff's interpretation of success, but instead the board's interpretation of success. So if you all feel more informed, if you all ultimately in a year want to continue to move forward, then we will move forward.

[01:48:55] At any point, the board can dissolve. Hold on. I see a couple more people. We've already done our two rounds. I just want to note this, and I will give you guys a few moments. The reason why I asked everyone which ones they're most interested in, just to see, again, where the most interest lies.

[01:49:16] You know, obviously inter-jurisdictional, you know, got the most, budget and finance, and then housing, transportation, land use came in, and legislative came in after that. I'm just wanting people to know that, see which ones are most popular, which ones have the greatest expression of interest.

[01:49:33] I really do believe strongly in ad hoc, and that's something that had the most votes. And I think that's something we should start putting together, that one first, because there is a real timeline associated with that. Supervisor, where do you just have a couple of thoughts? Just a very quick one.

[01:49:50] That is, if we are going to incorporate this into the board's rules, I do want some language in there regarding the process for dissolution, just so there's no questions now or questions when the next board takes office.

[01:50:06] so that, you know, it's clear that there is a procedure in place that if the board decides it wants to disengage and dissolve the committees, that there is a process there in writing for that to occur. And that is a great point.

[01:50:23] But I also want to make clear to people this is a discussion. You know, obviously more work is going to be done, correct? Correct. More work is going to be done. We're going to have more discussions. But just for the sake of transparency, you know, the ad hoc, you know, is something I think we should move forward with. had votes um certainly something again um you know i had addressed this during budget season that this was a need and the rest of them you know we can talk about you know realistically who wants to be on what or how many of the other of the standing can we really do it seems like budget and finance you know had support um but again this is going to be a continuing discussion

[01:50:58] so so for now we are planning to move forward with the standing committee for our interdistictional sort of work with the cities yes um can you speak into the microphone you're kind of hard to hear so so for now we're moving forward with the ad hoc committee yes very good all right and then we will have further discussion on the standing committees you know all right any other anything else before we move on to county attorney uh just uh one one one additional thing i wanted to just lift up i

[01:51:34] know we did it last week our summer interns uh rounded out their experience with the county last week, 24 amazing young people. This Friday, I'm also going to be celebrating 16, what is it, juniors, seniors, and recent graduates who are part of the Facilities and Fleet Management's externship program. They have been with us for two weeks. They are learning about our government, spending a lot of time with our FFM team, and sort of just really

[01:52:08] understanding what we do i always take the opportunity to just really express excitement that we are educating young people about public service and so wanted to certainly do that here thank the ffm team for all of the work that they do to make the experience riching enriching for for those young people and and so we'll be celebrating them on friday and with that madam chair that is all for me thank you so very much we are now going to move on to agenda item eight County attorney time. Ms. Robles, the floor is yours. Thank you, Madam Chair, members of the board. This afternoon in closed session, we will have consultation with legal counsel and briefings

[01:52:47] by staff members pertaining to the discussion or the consideration of the acquisition of real property for public purposes, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. We will have consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members pertaining to the discussion or the consideration of the disposition of publicly held real property, right-of-way property, along with the accompanying consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel pertaining to condemnation law where such consultation discussion or briefing in an open meeting would adversely affect the

[01:53:23] bargaining position negotiating strategy or litigating posture of the public body these items are appropriate for closed session pursuant to 2.2-3711a3 and 8 of the virginia code motion to authorize second all right let's vote vote unanimous all right we are now moving to agenda item nine agency time i'll turn it over to mr shorter to kick this section off thank you very

[01:54:00] much matt thank you very much madam chair let me get to it on the agenda here all right yep this is uh amendments to the mobility chapter of the comprehensive plan we're going to turn it over to director washington to lead us through this discussion good afternoon madam chair members of the Board, Tanya Washington, Planning Director.

[01:54:23] I'm going to turn this over to Mark McCaskill and our staff to walk us through this agenda item.

[01:54:35] Members of the Board of the County Supervisors, this is an initiation. We received an application for a conference of plan amendment for McGraw's Corner Drive. And I'll briefly walk through here. There we go.

[01:54:58] So conference of plan amendments are normally accepted on the first Friday of January, April, July, and October of every calendar year except if there is a concurrent rezoning which is the case for this McGraw's Corner initiation request. There is a rezoning application in actually named Gardner instead of McGraw's Corner. So the Board of County Supervisors you have a discretion to initiate or initiate with a different study area and or different land use designation or to not to

[01:55:34] initiate and initiation essentially gives permission of staff and not just the planning office in this case um transportation department is also involved to um to work and analyze um and prepare a conference of plan amendment so um this request is to the amend the mobility chapter of the conference of plan to remove mcgraw's corner drive uh from the roadway plan map to remove a shared youth path along McGraw's Corner Drive from the countywide trails map and to amend the text of the mobility chapter to delete the reference to McGraw's Corner Drive and actually

[01:56:12] to rezone along with the concurrent rezoning to have the county executive sign the rezoning application for this right-of-way that we have within the project area. So there is the site. It's the Brentsville District. It's, and there it is on the right with the aerial photography.

[01:56:39] It goes largely through industrial three long-range land use designation, and here are the rights of way for McGraw's Corner Drive to be affected, Nolan Road, and then there are some VDOT owned parcels is my understanding that the applicant is working with VDOT in their procedures for relinquishing that right of way.

[01:57:09] So the staff recommendation is to initiate the conference of plan amendment for the mobility chapter and the map and the county trails map for the rezoning application for the Prince William County right of way of McGraw's Corner Drive and Nolan Road.

[01:57:32] There is, we do recommend an addendum to this, that the requester will scope and prepare a transportation demand analysis, a computer software analysis using the CUBE software package to analyze traffic rerouting and the impact on other roadways in the vicinity for the removal of McGraw's Corner Drive from the roadway plan.

[01:57:58] So it essentially would never be completed. The scope of the analysis will be subject to Prince William County's Department of Transportation and VDOT's approval. All right.

[01:58:18] Thank you so very much for your presentation. I am going to go to Supervisor Gordy. Thank you, Madam Chair. Go back to, if you would, just go back to the previous slide. And if we could have someone from transportation talk a little bit about, I mean, Route 29, for all intents and purposes, is a disaster area.

[01:58:38] I'm not convinced we can widen our way out of this problem. Due to the number of businesses along Route 29, the number of neighborhoods that have access to it, there are too many entrances that are too close together to put red lights in the vicinity.

[01:58:59] To what extent does removal of this from the comprehensive plan limit your ability to find solutions for Route 29? Madam Chair, members of the board, Paula Belito with the Department of

Transportation. So you had mentioned 29 and winding.

[01:59:14] In our comp plan, it is six lanes. As part of the CPA, if initiated, we would look at impacts of removing the segment. So we would look at it before and after and what it does to this segment of Route 29. It doesn't impact us looking at other improvements along the 29 corridor.

[01:59:31] For example, the board just endorsed the smart scale application earlier this meeting where we're looking at operational improvements along the 29 corridor. So those efforts are still continuing regardless of any efforts with regards to this inquiry.

[01:59:47] So as a follow-up, so if we initiate this CPA today, and if at some point as you're going through your study and you see that there may be a need for an alternate route, would this still, in your mind, would this still be the ability for us to pull this back and use McGraw Corner if you deem it necessary for the future?

[02:00:18] Yes, that's definitely an option. as part of the cpa if initiated we would have a full staff analysis and depending on the modeling results will then come with a conclusion and recommendation which may or may not include additional routes or additional measures okay and then the last thing is is part of the cpa it's eliminating the blue the trails uh that are part of this and i know a lot of people are very concerned about losing the the walk the the trails that were a part of this uh have you considered alternates um um to uh given the the nature of this environment you've got a very you've got a

[02:00:57] creek that runs through there and i know the applicant for the gardner case is here have you had discussions with them about alternates for the trails potentially uh we have not yet uh but during the cpa review we can look at working with other agencies such as parks to see the feasibility of alternate routes that'll be part of our staff analysis okay thank you thank you supervisor weir

[02:01:21] Thank you, Madam Chair. Paolo, please don't leave. I get to beat up on you and not Rick today. Sorry. Something of note during the presentation that suddenly we're going to need to incorporate a rezoning into this for county-owned property. Is there any precedent for that, doing that at the CPA stage?

[02:01:43] Or is that typically something where the property is transferred by deed and the underlying zoning? Because roadbeds, generally speaking, don't have zoning. In this matter from our discussion with planning guidance, there is an underlying zoning, but I will defer to the planning office on that if they can help me with the answer.

[02:02:06] So the underlying zoning for the property you see there that was given to the county for McGraw's Corner Drive is zoned A1. And so it would need to be rezoned to become part of a cohesive project. If we choose to vacate the property, they would need to rezone that as well and then be able to place the proffers and calculate their FAR and other things that they would need to do as part of the rezoning calculation so that that land would need to be rezoned from A1.

[02:02:40] While you're discussing that, what is the current zoning of the surrounding parcels? Because I believe it's B1, not industrial. Is that correct? I'll save it to trouble.

[02:02:59] The answer is yes, it's B1. Yes. So, I mean, the assertion that it's industrially zoned is not correct. Planned. We said it was industrially planned. Planned, but not zoned. Okay. Thank you. Yeah. All right.

[02:03:16] Doesn't look like, thank you guys, so much doesn't look like we have anyone else in queue. So, Gordy, did you want to make a motion to move forward? Madam Chair, I'm going to move to initiate, to approve item 9A, but I would like to amend it to, if we go back to one of those slides that talks about initiating it with some amendments, I would like, as part of this CPA, to provide alternate routes, not completely eliminate the trails, the walkability in this area.

[02:03:57] I know that my predecessor in this role had a lot of conversations with the Somerset community. They were not in support of this connectivity. My understanding is the bridge is, what, $90 million that would cross the creek, and so transportation found it to be an unaffordable route.

[02:04:20] So I still go back to my point. I don't think we can widen our way out of 29's problem, but I think we can initiate this and continue to work in tandem with the Route 29 study to find the right pathway forward here. So, Madam Chair, I do move to approve Item 9A.

[02:04:38] Second. All right. Discussion, Supervisor Wierth and Supervisor Bode. Thank you, Madam Chair. This one gives me a lot of heartburn on a number of fronts. The Somerset community is right across the district line from me, And quite frankly, it is literally within a stone's throw of my house.

[02:05:02] And I've had numerous discussions with the community over the years. And one of the concerns they've had, both pro-con, depending on the particular aspect of the application, is pedestrian connectivity.

[02:05:20] One of the other things that I think we need to bear in mind is that over the last 12 years, we have gone back and forth and back and forth and back and forth over how we're going to address the 29 problem whether it's paving alternate intersections new stoplights you know new types of interchanges and nothing's ever happened and then you go back to the strategic plan meeting we had last week and there was angst amongst these board board members here about removing connections

[02:05:54] particularly pedestrian connections from the plan and i would remind everybody that at one point in time when there was a proposed small area plan to be developed just to the south of this, one of the assertions was that it was connected to public transit, which was two and a half miles away. And the only way to get to it would be through this type of connectivity. I'm not happy with it. I'm not happy with the process that we got here. And I would simply note that whether

[02:06:33] it's true or not, or whether there's any sort of basis to it. There will also be an optics issue to this, given what it will enable. And I don't think that's been discussed. And I suspect that we would need a little bit of time if we were to initiate this. We should probably have a little bit of time to talk with the neighborhood about this and what its impacts are. So I can't support at this point in time.

[02:07:05] Supervisor Bode. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Supervisor Weir, for highlighting all those things. I agree with a lot of what you just said. You know, a lot of the CPA initiations that come across our dais generally are sort of land-use-centric CPAs.

[02:07:21] They look at the underlying land use, underlying planning, what have you. This is a much different animal. To me, this is sort of prejudicing the idea that we're going to look at removing a potential planned transportation improvement out of the comp plan as supervisors just we are at a time we're talking about wanting to improve connectivity and improve walkability improve alternate connections to various corridors in various areas of the county um understand again i i'm nowhere near this district what

have you but understanding respecting both supervisor uh we're just in also conversations i've had with supervisor gordy i know that like was said 29 has a lot of issues

[02:07:57] And we know that 29, like a lot of other major roadways in this county, we can't just widen our way out of the issues there. We have to create other connections to allow people to move throughout these corridors by means other than just jumping in their car and braving the congestion, braving the perils of that corridor.

[02:08:19] I also have an issue with the fact that if we were to move forward with approving the CPA at the end of this process and removing this roadway, if it were to be found to actually be a benefit, it would then almost completely absolve the applicant for the rezoning from having to contribute towards a planned road in the CPA.

[02:08:39] And I have issues with that too. So at the end of the day, I just have a lot of heartburn, like Supervisor Weir said, about us at a time where we're trying to increase connectivity. It's actually from a bike ped standpoint, completely reeling back from that commitment by eliminating this.

[02:08:56] I appreciate so rather Gordy, his amendment to the CPA initiation, because I think that ultimately we should be looking at alternatives alongside this. But I still have a lot of reservations about this. Thank you, Madam Chair. All right. I don't see any other speakers, so let's move forward with our vote.

[02:09:14] Motion fails four to four. Supervisors angry, votey, vega, and we're voting nay. All right, next up is 9B, Mr. Short, if you want to key up that presentation as well.

[02:09:39] Thank you, Madam Chair, members of the board. So consistent with what we do annually, we'll have Shana Terry come down and walk us through procurement regulation amendments for the year.

[02:10:01] Good afternoon, Madam Chair, members of the board, Shana Terry, Chief Procurement Officer. Today I'm just going to give a brief overview of our procurement regulations updates.

[02:10:19] Our procurement regulations were last updated in September of 2023, and the purpose of these changes are to incorporate annual legislative changes, align our regulations with the Virginia Public Procurement Act, and to incorporate transparency, and to remove barriers to competition.

[02:10:39] This slide goes over just a list of the minor changes. These are all minor. There are no policy changes, no changes to the way that we do business. This next slide captures all of the major changes, these R&D policy changes, and I'll walk through each of these in the next set of slides.

[02:11:03] So this change here is to increase the threshold for required competition. The threshold is going from $5,000 to $10,000. This change here is to increase the informal procurement threshold to more than $10,000 and up to $30,000.

[02:11:27] And within this threshold, agencies are required to solicit quotes from a certified small women and minority-owned business. And this is in accordance with Section 2.24310A of the Virginia Public Procurement Act.

[02:11:43] The next slide captures our small purchase threshold increase to $10,000 or less for non-contract goods and services. And at this threshold level, competition is not required.

[02:12:04] And this process allows us to increase efficiency and reduce administrative costs. And purchases at this threshold are paid via our P-Card. The next change is related to our construction.

[02:12:22] This change allows us to use informal procurement procedures for requests for quote for non-transportation construction services that are less than $300,000 and transportation construction services that are less than $25,000.

[02:12:39] So this change allows us to expedite the procurement process, being that this now will be an informal procurement versus a formal invitation for bid. So this next change provides an increase to the level of competition for professional services that are below $80,000.

[02:13:00] So with this change, we are now conducting professional services below $80,000 as an informal request for proposal. So in this case, it's a more expedited process.

[02:13:16] In the event competition were not practicable, we would move towards a sole source. And so this change removes the bid bond requirement for projects that are below $500,000.

[02:13:32] This removes barriers for our small firms, and it allows those small firms with limited bonding capacity to be able to compete for our projects, and it also reduces costs. And this change removes the payment and performance bond requirements for projects that are below $500,000.

[02:13:55] Again, this is a requirement for construction contracts and allows those small construction contractors to be able to bid on our construction projects. And that concludes the highlight of all the changes.

[02:14:11] Happy to take any questions. All right. Thank you so very much. Just waiting. I don't see if anyone have any questions. No one's in the queue. Thank you. All right. So I am. Do we need to approve a resolution?

[02:14:27] Yeah, that's what I'm about to do. All right. Move to approve, Madam Chair, 9B. Second. All right. Now we have Supervisor Weir. Not surprisingly, Madam Chair, I've got a good deal of angst over this.

[02:14:46] And I think we need to look no further than some of the audit reports we were delivered a couple of weeks ago, particularly with respect to contracting things that weren't done properly, things we got dinged for with red and yellow flags, things that, quite frankly, I wasn't comfortable with and had I known, I would have taken issue with.

[02:15:11] You know, you're looking at significant changes in informal and formal bids, raising and lowering thresholds, increasing the amount of things that can be sole-sourced contracts. I mean, these are the exact sort of weaknesses that were revealed in our audits, in the audit reports.

[02:15:31] And I think we're opening the process up to allow for more of that. And, you know, if you look around us regionally, you will see a lot of contractual contracts being disputed.

[02:15:52] You know, one of the things I receive every day is the daily GAO report on contract disputes, and it's over much smaller dollars than this very often. Does that mean it would happen? Probably not. Would I prefer that we have more stringent requirements in place, just to kind of cross the T's and dot the I's and keep us on the straight and narrow yes?

[02:16:15] So I don't think this is quite ready yet, and I may never get to the point where I'm going to be in favor of it, But in its current state, I can't support it, Madam Chair. Thank you so much. Anyone else?

[02:16:32] Supervisor Bailey? Thank you, Madam Chair. Shana, don't go. So for my understanding, these are changes that have been made according to state law?

[02:16:48] Yes, some of the changes are, and some of them we needed to align with the changes that were already in place by the Virginia Public Procurement. Yeah, because some of them were old? Yes. Okay. Sorry that we're picking on you, Shana. Oh, I'm happy to answer any questions.

[02:17:05] But we do need to have alignment, and we've not had alignment for a very long time. And so I'll support this wholeheartedly because we do need to have alignment. And the question that I had was one that's referred to the P-Card.

[02:17:28] Yes. If you could, please. I didn't quite catch the explanation. Am I to understand that the threshold was increased, or was it just brought to standards? So we increased it to align with the state.

[02:17:43] The state's threshold for informal procurement, where it doesn't require competition, is $10,000. We were at $5,000 for some time. And these transactions, I think, yeah, so transactions that are below $10,000 are to be made to be paid via the procurement card.

[02:18:12] So we only require you to go directly to one vendor for the good of services that you're seeking, but it's paid via PCARD to reduce costs, significant costs to cut each PO, so it cuts down on the administrative costs. That's why we pay it via PCARD.

[02:18:28] - So is there a timeframe, and maybe I'm thinking of it in the wrong way, is there a timeframe that you can secure the vendor? I mean, does it matter? - No, no, it doesn't, no. Okay. So if you have a need, it's a non-contracted need.

[02:18:44] We don't have a contract in place for that particular need. You know one vendor that is registered with the county that can provide those services, you can go directly to that vendor. Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair. Supervisor Rear. I see Ms. Atreides in the audience.

[02:19:02] I have a question for her with respect to this. Understanding that the principles of sound fine management are next, Does this comport with either the current or the proposed principles of sound financial management with respect to contracting, or is there no correlation?

[02:19:28] So our principles of sound financial management say that we're going to follow the Virginia Public Procurement Act, and so what Shana is proposing here is bringing our purchasing regulations in compliance with those... In some respects, but in other respects, it's simply reducing...

[02:19:44] Yeah, there's nothing that... It's allowing more sole-source contracting with non-competitive bidding. Does that, and I understand if it does, does that sort of flow with your principles of sound financial management? I don't think there's anything being done that violates our principles of sound financial management.

[02:20:02] Okay. Yeah. Thank you. Or Virginia Code. All right, I don't see any other speakers, so let's move forward with the vote. Supervisor Ingrid, is your come up?

[02:20:25] Thank you, sir. Motion passes 6 to 2. Supervisor is Vega, and we're voting nay. All right. And then, Mr. Schroeder, if you can keep our final. I want to thank you to Ms. Terry for the presentation and the work.

[02:20:45] And now, again, annual updates to our principles of sound financial management, turning the podium over to Michelle Attrey. Good afternoon. If you recall, in March, we had a work session regarding our principles of sound financial management, whereby I laid out various options, and so I have taken that feedback, taken some of the outcome of the FY25 budget and incorporated that into a package that I believe hopefully you will be satisfied with in passing forward today.

[02:21:19] And at the end of the presentation, I'll talk about some of the open items that we may want to consider for the future. Just as a background, our principles came into place in 1988. They've been amended many times during the year. The principals themselves require that we review them every four years with each new board, but also review them annually if there is a change needed to bring those forward.

[02:21:40] They do guide the board and the county executive in the budgetary and fiscal decisions that are made, in the planning of decisions, budget flexibility, and that structural stability, meaning we want to make sure we don't start things that we can't sustain over the long term. Importance of the principal, I've stressed this many times.

[02:21:58] as we go through with our rating agencies these principles of sound financial management are talked about quite a bit right they what they look for is are we adhering to them are we doing what we say we're going to do do we plan for our expenditures do we plan beyond just the for current year are we looking long term when we bring a capital item on on board for example are we planning for the operating expenditures in the out here so here's just some of the things you know it is an underlying factor for our AAA from an economic development perspective when businesses come here they want to know they're going into a well-run community it also is a you know a trust we're stewards of taxpayer dollars and it shows that we are taking that very seriously there are

[02:22:36] 12 policy sections in the existing policy I'm not proposing that we amend beyond those 12 today and just to remind you there are two types of changes what I would consider administrative they are just terminology changes sentence structure changes things that don't really change the meaning of the principle itself and we typically will clean that up each year then also substantive changes those are the things where it's either a new principle we're recommending changing a threshold or there's another meaningful addition and deletion where we feel the board needs to sign off on this and accept it because at the end of the day these are your principles so the substantive changes that we're recommending are to

[02:23:16] four policy sections fund balance fiscal planning revenues and debt management I'm the first is the result of the FY25 budget discussions is that FY25 budget was adopted a data center revenue stabilization reserve was seed funded in the amount of a million dollars and so I call that the starting balance and the budget contains funding for that the data center revenue stabilization reserve would only be appropriated what we're recommending is by resolution of the board as with our normal revenue stabilization that we reserve that we have we would come to the board if we needed to appropriate it we're recommending

[02:23:51] that have a target balance of 10 of our revenue generated by our computer and equipment peripherals based on fiscal 23 that would be about seven six point seven million seven million dollars by fiscal 24 that's probably closer to eight maybe a little higher we'll calculate that as we go through the audit um so just like our revenue stabilization reserve we'll go through an annual calculation to see how that

would be funded but we're seed funding it at a million We'll figure out how we end up this year, whether we want to reach that full $8 million this year.

[02:24:22] I think in the resolution, we have written authority for us to fund that in order of precedent. And I'll go through that in one of the future slides. But we've created a new policy around this specific reserve for you. I did lay out some other options. Like I said, I'm recommending option one at this point, which is what I'm calling the stable allocation at 10%.

[02:24:40] If you want a more moderate allocation, you could do 20%, 30%, or some variation thereof. and that would give you an idea of how much money you would need to fund that type of reserve at those various levels. During the budget cycle, I think there was discussion that Loudon had established a revenue stabilization fund, so they funded it initially at $15 million.

[02:25:01] They put another $40 million into it. Now, keep in mind, I'm not sure that they have that other revenue stabilization fund like we've had for many years. Ours is at about $29 million right now. I think that they have just one revenue stabilization reserve, but that is kind of how Loudon went about it.

[02:25:17] This slide shows your current hierarchy. We have the unassigned that gets funded first, that's shared with the schools in terms of funding it at 7.5%. That really is what we would call the rainy day fund for that catastrophic. Then we split any surpluses with the schools in accordance with the revenue share agreement, fund that revenue stabilization reserve that exists today, capital reserve at the minimum, the economic development opportunity fund reserve, and any excess flowing to capital reserve for one-time capital.

[02:25:46] Under this proposed new hierarchy, same order, but then we've added in, we also make sure the data center revenue stabilization reserve gets funded before we put excess into capital reserve for one-time capital. The second policy is around fiscal planning.

[02:26:04] This is one that just aligns really with how we are at year end, giving you your quarterly update report, that revenue and expenditure report, moving that from 45 to 90 days. It really takes a good 40, 90 days to get through, closing out the books and records, making sure we're capturing accruals, receivables for the year, deferrals of revenue.

[02:26:22] And so this would just really align with how the reports have, we haven't hit that 45 day. And it's becoming, it's just very difficult. And if we do give it to you, the numbers are going to change drastically. And our goal is to give you information that's as close to auditors as we can. So we want to propose that just that fourth quarter only, we get 90 days to then produce that report for you.

[02:26:42] And again, it's still preliminary, it's unaudited. And then the audited figures would serve as the final report, in which I typically come and that's when I go over fund balance with you here publicly and we go over those final audited numbers. So that would be principle 2.09. On 2.13, we're recommending that annual contingency reserve in the principles is at $500,000.

[02:27:02] Moving it to a minimum of a million, you have that budgeted in your five-year plan at a million or more. So we believe that this is already funded and wouldn't require sort of going back to the drawing board to figure out how is it going to get funded since it's already built into your five-year plan. And that's a number that's more reflective. I'd still say it's small for an organization of our size, but $500,000 barely buys a consultant. So it gives you a little more flexibility. Lastly, revenues, that's the same as the expenditure

report. It's just linking that section to the same 45 days for the revenue side of the report. We do combine it as one report when

[02:27:39] we send it out between the budget and finance office. And then lastly, I wanted to talk about our debt capacity. So debt capacity kind of makes sure that you're not overextending our ability to repay obligations. How much debt can the organization take on? And then the affordability side is the repayment of the debt service. And as you know, your principals have two self-imposed limitations today. One is 3% of the assessed value of taxable real and personal property. We are well under that metric. You'll see there for the history. And if you go back further, we've always been well below that capacity. And our affordability measure is around

[02:28:15] around annual revenues and that's revenues of all funds and it can't exceed 10 percent we are below that as well the problem is is all funds can't pay debt service it's our general fund and it's our fire levy primarily paying the debt service you know if the landfill were issued debt you'd have some payments coming out of the landfill on a proprietary side but by and large it's those two funds that are paying our debt service and so we want to start to look at should we put some guardrails around making sure we're not taking on more debt than we can afford as an organization and the rating agencies also look at this so we are recommending a 13 percent metric that is higher than our peers rating agencies want it much lower we are still a growing community and i don't want

[02:28:55] to put something in place that we are immediately going to violate we have looked at sort of the projections of the cip going out for the next six years the school's 10-year cip other proposals that have been on the table around financing facilities to make sure that we have cushion for it and will fit within this metric and we do believe at 13 we will fit in there for the long term however i do want to also point out that there we are paying very close attention to our rating agencies at this point we had a credit assessment yesterday in preparation for our fall bond sale for school bonds and one of the rating agencies is changing one of their metrics

[02:29:32] and they're putting a much more higher weight on debt burden and so we're going to have to pay attention to that because we will not fare as well in that area because we are still a growing community we haven't even started issuing our geo debt yet and so I do think it's time to start putting some guardrails on to make sure that we can sustain the debt service that we choose to issue so those are the recommendations and then I just want to remind you these were some of the ones that we have brought during the work session that we may want to I would take a directive at some point during the year if we want to come back and revisit some of these one was around the revenue stabilization reserve do we want to

[02:30:11] increase it but maybe the focus is we want to increase that data center stable revenue stabilization reserve now so that's why I've dropped that off for now we're focusing on that other reserve emergency response reserve is another one that I've talked about it would be a good thing to have a set of dollars that if there is a locally declared emergency we could quickly access so that's another one we had recommended anywhere from I think at one point we recommended 5 million down to a million you know any anywhere in there so that's one I think we should still revisit we did talk a lot about redevelopment the board has talked a lot about redevelopment and so at some point do we want to establish a redevelopment opportunity fund similar to our eat off

[02:30:49] to find some of those encourage some of that development and then lastly I had a self insurance reserve in there for 500,000 just to offset unknown increases in premiums so those are ones just to keep on the horizon for later and then And if so, we would have a redevelopment policy.

[02:31:07] We'd have to create a whole new section. And that's all I have for today. Pretty short and sweet since we spent a lot of time at the work session. But I'm happy to take questions. All right, Supervisor Weir, then Gordy. Thank you, Madam Chair. Afternoon is a treat. I mean, I'll be honest, there's significant motivation to adopt this today.

[02:31:27] And I'm with you on that. But I actually read the whole bloody thing. One concern, and it's probably just a structural one, I was a little confused by the way in which you have done your editing, your change tracking, so that you'll have a paragraph that's in blue, and then suddenly in the middle of it there's a red paragraph, leading to me to sometimes question whether you're redacting, not redacting, because you've got strikethroughs in red, and then you've got this other underlined.

[02:32:02] Am I to assume that the final is the red and blue without a strikethrough? Sure, yes, it is. And I can send you, we actually have a version, which I think is maybe a little easier with balloons. So the strikethrough is moved out in balloons. The different colors is we've had different people working on it.

[02:32:18] That's what I figured, but it got a little confusing, especially when you start getting into the minutia. I appreciate that, and that sort of alleviates my fears. I would simply note this, that I'm not surprised credit agencies are finally focusing on the debt service.

[02:32:36] It's always been a concern of mine, and quite frankly, I'm a little surprised they haven't taken a harder look at it in the past. And I suspect we should be a little cautious because that's always been the thing that could rise up and destroy our credit rating in a heartbeat, particularly if a certain school division gets a little out of control with their CIP and their proposed debt service, especially when they have a cliff at the end of theirs because they don't project it beyond a number of years rather than when the debt service ends.

[02:33:12] Food for thought. Supervisor Gordy, then Bailey. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Ms. Altreed, for the briefing. And I just want to make sure I understand, so the change when we're going from 10% to 13%, it's, these are, you know, it's 10% of annual revenues compared to 13% of our funds.

[02:33:35] Of our expenditures. Of our expenditures. Expenditures of the general fund and fire levy. Okay, so it doesn't mean that we're extending, going to be able to extend ourselves more. It's just becoming a stronger metric to actually, even though the percent is going up, it's on a smaller amount, so therefore it kind of restricts us a little more.

[02:33:55] Correct. Okay, thank you for that. The old metric won't go away, but this would be an additional metric. An additional metric. Okay, thank you. I just wanted to make sure I understood that clearly. And, yeah, thank you. That was the only question I had. Thanks. And if I may circle back to Supervisor Weir.

[02:34:11] As an appendix on the March work session, there was an appendix that laid out all the changes, I think, very nicely in a column grid and matrix kind of format where you can see what changed. So that might be something you could refer to as well if there's any area. I read text better than matrix.

[02:34:27] Okay. Sure. All right, Supervisor Bailey. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Michelle, thank you for your report. Beautiful as always. But the one question I have is you've always been, you know what

our question is.

[02:34:44] Our tag team is, what's the credit rate? And you tell me, triple pay. The guardrails, I know, are important. So what does that look like? Immediately we're going to put guardrails in place, or what's the time frame on that to protect us? So if you adopt this resolution today, that would put some stronger guardrails in place.

[02:35:03] But it is something we will have to continue to watch. Like I said, one of the rating agencies is changing their metrics, and it hasn't played out yet. So we don't know how it's going to play out. We're going to have to get through this fall, see what it looks like, and we may have to come back with additional metrics. And then the last slide that you presented, where was it, the one that you said about the coming back to us to for the directives we can depend on you to make the recommendation when it's time to do that correct and proactively correct yeah we want to make sure if you're going to give us a directive

[02:35:40] to fund a new reserve or that we have the funds to actually do it so we want to get through fiscal 24 audited numbers and let's see where we you know what are the needs okay you have to weigh that against your budgetary needs yes you know there's a lot of needs and wants out there so it all has to be weighed against and it will work through the county executive as he puts together his proposed budget. Okay. All right. Thank you, Madam Chair. All right. Thank you. I don't see any other speakers, so let's move forward with the motion. So move for adoption, Madam Chair.

[02:36:10] Thank you, Boardy. And let's see, we have Supervisor Bode. Thank you, Madam Chair. Just to quickly retread ground. It's already been tread. Thank you, Ms. Atch-Reed, for bringing this forward. I also appreciate you putting some more formal guidance around the Data Center Stabilization Fund. I know that I sort of posited that with the support of my colleagues back during budget season so i appreciate you doing that the last thing i'll say is i love the last slide that you had on those potential other funds i know that we had some discussion about the redevelopment fund back during the budget i think that's a necessary thing but i also

[02:36:46] definitely appreciate the ongoing conversations we've had about emergency response and the self-insurance as well i won't belabor them too much else other than saying that you know as we continue it seems like every i'd say eight to twelve years we go through some kind of era of financial uncertainty. We've weathered those better than others at times, understanding that we can do a lot to help safeguard ourselves and become more resilient as accounting to shocks to the market, shocks at emergencies that may arise, but also knowing that the insurance market isn't always as dependable or as reliably anticipated as necessary. So understanding all those things,

[02:37:25] I appreciate you putting those seeds out there for us to germinate on, look at the savings that look at towards the end of the year on hopefully uh of seating some of those as well but really wanted to say i appreciate your work on this thank you madam chair thank you i see no one else in queue so let's go ahead and take a vote vote unanimous all right thank you so much we are going to move into supervisor's time a couple things first you know we have a bunch of people to vote on for appointments and then after that i know supervisor rare is going to you know we wanted

[02:38:02] to um you know leave the rules of procedure for his appointment um to planning commission and then we will go around the horn so first up again let's take care of our appointments can I get a motion for 10 a to move 10 a through 10 f so movement you second and I'm sure just a question yes and that that's just what's 10 10 a through 10 have not they've waiving of rules for okay yeah not yet that's gonna be after

this separate thank you all right spin a motion moved and second it I don't know if anyone has any comments on 10 a through 10 F if not let's just

[02:38:40] vote so he did oh that's vote unanimous all right then the next item sorry um before we go around the horn i know the supervisor weir wanted to waive the rules so that he can make an immediate appointment to the planning commission do i need a motion for that or no we don't need to vote on

[02:39:19] i do i'm sorry um madam attorney it can combine into one motion it would be waiving the rules and then making the nomination so I would like to get a motion wave the rules and make the nomination looking at you supervisor so moved all right sorry let's have my timer on because it was hard to see earlier madam chair I had intended to do this during supervisors time but whatever is your pleasure I was going to give the notice of intent to nominate Gary Blake

[02:39:53] Ross to the Planning Commission I apologize for the need to waive the rules. However, in deference to Dr. Liver, I didn't want to rush this, and I didn't want to put it on our plates. Well, quite frankly, the ceremony for his passing hadn't passed yet, but we do have a need to put somebody on the Planning Commission. We've already brought him up to speed, to some respect, with stuff that's coming up tomorrow night, and a number of the cases that are being heard tomorrow night are Gainesville cases, so I would like to have a supervisor sitting up there.

[02:40:28] So if, you know, I would move the appointment of Gary Blake Ross to the Planning Commission. All right, I have Supervisor Franklin. Sure, yes, thank you for this. My apologies.

[02:40:44] Supervisor Rear, you made the motion. Did we have a second on that? Oh, thank you, Supervisor Bailey. Thank you for this. Definitely understand the need to push forward someone for the Planning Commission to make sure that all districts, particularly the Gainesville District, is represented.

[02:40:59] I will tell you that I had to really think about this in terms of not wanting to set a precedence of waiving the rules and then doing it day of. And so I called Mr. Ross, and I talked to him about his intentions on the planning commission, and we actually had a very good conversation.

[02:41:18] One of the things that we talked about, and I told him, I said, sir, I actually don't care where you stand on land use. I just want to make sure that you're able to engage in civil dialogue with those who you disagree with. And we had a very good conversation around that.

[02:41:34] And so after that conversation definitely made me comfortable with moving forward. And, of course, I told him, as I've told others, pointed to the Planning Commission, that, of course, I'll be watching, as I know all of us are. But having that conversation made me comfortable in moving forward.

[02:41:50] So thank you, sir. Supervisor Bode. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you for that, Senator Franklin, because I had a similar thought process, and I appreciate you, Senator, were explaining why, because I looked, you know, after the Planning Commission meeting tomorrow night, they don't meet again until after we've already come back in September.

[02:42:06] So we could have had an opportunity, but since there are cases that you feel like you need your district represented at tomorrow night, as that's the last one before our recess, I'm comfortable supporting you on this. Thank you, Madam Chair. all right if we don't have anyone else i just want to say i understand the expediency of this i know that the votes are up but i'm going to say i i understand it's hard because you

lost someone um you know john livers dr livers passing was unexpected and i respect the fact that you wanted to talk to people that you wanted to um weigh this carefully and that you know there is an

[02:42:43] immediate need for that so with that is a yes all right vote unanimous all righty now let's say i'm dying to play schools out for the summer we are going to go around the horn starting with supervisor gordy thank you madam chair um last uh wednesday evening um we had a uh a community meeting in noakesville uh about the the dump trucks uh that are um terrorizing our community

[02:43:21] um i don't laugh because it is a serious issue a serious safety issue um and and you know to put a magnitude when you have over 30 dump trucks coming down your road within one hour um and that's happening all day every day it becomes very very tiresome uh for the community and um over 100 about 150 people showed up uh i appreciate all the citizens who participated came out share their concerns. I also want to thank Chair Jefferson for joining us in that meeting. Deputy County

[02:43:55] Executive Wade Hugh, Mr. Dick Burke from VDOT, Richard Wyman from Prince William County Transportation, and Captain Welsh, Eileen Welsh from Prince William County Police, who gave us a very 360-degree view of all the efforts the county is taking, as well as at the state level, to address um the dump trucks as well as their impact on our roads um uh also i uh participated on last thursday evening the the 11th at the virginia serious gaming institute at george

[02:44:30] mason university they celebrated their 10th anniversary um and it's very interesting to see some of the you know how they use games uh to do everything from um opening our eyes to history as well as teaching people how to fly drones which is becoming more and more commonplace within multiple industries today as well as many other things such as health care and all this is it's all about training and teaching people how to do things through serious games and and that is opening up doors for job growth job creation business creation so really

[02:45:06] appreciate all the work George Mason is doing on that front yesterday I had a meeting with the general manager of the Manassas Mall, regarding last week's shooting, as well as a conversation with one of the operators within the mall.

[02:45:26] This shook them up, as you can imagine, and so worked with them, showing them what we are doing as a community to try to redevelop that area and try to change the environment that would hopefully preclude these types of events from happening again in the future.

[02:45:47] But I am very distraught by the fact, and I've said this before, that we continue to see violent crimes being committed in our community by people who are already awaiting trial for violent crimes.

[02:46:03] Some of these people had two pages, their rap sheet was two pages, of violent crime committed with weapons and knives and guns, and they were still walking our streets. And this is something we have to get after.

[02:46:19] This story keeps being repeated time and time again, of how people awaiting trial for violent crimes continue to commit violent crimes. So I look forward to us having a further conversation about that and look for solutions on that.

[02:46:35] And lastly, I just want to thank this board for setting an example for civility and politics. We saw something on Saturday, and it was predictable because of the nature of the conversation that's happening in our country. But I'm proud to be part of a board that seems to be taking a different approach,

working together in friendship and collegiality to present a civil discourse in how we address issues in our county. And so I just want to offer

[02:47:13] my appreciation and my my my pride in being part of a body of people who are looking to find ways to work together for the good of our community to solve the problems facing our community so thank you thank you so very much supervisor gordy we are going to go to supervisor franklin yes thank you on july 8th i participated in the neabsco mills road ribbon cutting alongside supervisor inquiry with the help of this project we were able to turn this two existing lane into a divided four lanes allowing for easier access to businesses in the area and improving the safety of motorists

[02:47:50] bicyclists and pedestrians it's been a good process on time project and on budget so I just want to thank transportation NVTA as well as this board for supporting that project on the 13th my team attended seals on wheels hosted by clerk of the court Jacqueline Smith and her team in the Woodbridge District Office had a booth and where we answered questions and inquiries to the community.

[02:48:16] A few upcoming events we have. We're doing a couple of ice cream socials, 1st, July 30th at 3.30 p.m. at the Acclaim. So feel free to come by and say hello. And then we'll also be at the Belmont Bay Rehab Center on Route 1 on August 6, 2024.

[02:48:35] And so come out for that as well. And then we are participating in National Night Out on August 6th, which I'm sure a lot of my colleagues will be doing as well. And then we have another ice cream social at the Woodbridge Senior Center August 16th. So feel free to come to that. And then our dumpster day in the fall, September 28th, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

[02:48:54] You can follow us on social media for any of those events or go to our website or, of course, you can call our office. And with that, I yield. All right. Supervisor Vega. Thank you, Madam Chair. Just want to make sure that Ms. Elizabeth Wilkins McKee resume has been received. I know that I made my notice of intent on 7-2, but we did not have the resume in our hands until after the agenda was prepared.

[02:49:17] On 7-8, July 8, I had a meeting with members of the HOA roundtable. We had a very productive discussion in regards to land use. And what does that look like in terms of Prince William County? Yes, there was an extensive discussion around data centers.

[02:49:34] and other items that have been a hot-button issue, if you will. But I'm just glad that, you know, folks see the value in coming together and having a seat at the table, which is exactly what we need in order to get things done and to make sure that we do it in a responsible manner.

[02:49:52] On the 14th, I attended the groundbreaking ceremony with Chair Jefferson for Woodbridge Seventh-day Adventist Church. It was incredibly hot, but we had a great time, and it's really exciting to welcome these folks to the Coles District. We look forward to those doors actually opening one day and being able to worship with them, so congratulations to the church and the pastor.

[02:50:14] I'm going to go ahead now, Madam Chair, and I will be issuing a directive, but before I issue the directive, I'd like to provide a little bit of history. So on 2020, the strategic plan process began to develop a proposal with the following language, to create agribusiness, agritourism development strategy for Prince William County that will encourage preservation and investment in the rural area.

[02:50:41] It went on to further say that we wanted to increase, sustain agritourism and agribusiness investment in the rural area with the objectives of outlining the focus area aimed at establishing Prince

William County as a leader in sustainability through expansion of agriculture, agritourism, land conservation, and preservation promotion of clean and renewable energy consumption, increased focus on recycling and reuse of materials.

[02:51:03] On February 2021, the Board of County Supervisors approved the zoning text amendment that stated that the county executive and county staff were directed to research and provide recommendations to identify a strategic approach in how to grow and support the rural economy with a special emphasis in enhancing agritourism and agribusiness in Prince William County, and that the county executive would provide the board an additional update for our consideration.

[02:51:27] To date we have not been provided such updates but I do feel that this is imperative and that we must take action immediately. So without objection I would like to direct that Prince William County Department of Economic Development device a comprehensive plan for development of recreation and historic tourism in order to preserve and treasure our historic and natural sites while simultaneously enhancing their economic potential. And that's all i have madam chair all right thank you so very much we're going to go to the other side now to supervisor bailey yeah we always do that i go here there because i always come to the i'm last

[02:52:06] oh that's right that's right no problem madam chair thank you for the opportunity afternoon everyone um on july 4th i had the honor to participate in the four seasons parade as the honorary grand marshal along with senator mcpike we had a grand old time and i also attended the Dale City Parade. The temperature was extremely hot, but we had a great time. I want to thank the new Quantico Base Commander, Colonel Jenny Colgate. Welcome aboard, ma'am, for the wonderful Independence Day celebration that we shared with you that evening. And I look forward to building

[02:52:41] a great partnership with her, as I did with the previous commanders. On July 8th, thanks to my staff for attending the Neabsco Mills Widening Ribbon Cutting. Congratulations to my colleagues. And on July 9th, thanks to PBI for their presentation of the 2025-2028 strategic plan.

[02:53:01] I thought that was an exceptional session. We got a little pungy at the end, but we got through it. On July 10th, I was pleased to attend the Board of Equalization swearing in for one of my appointees, Carolyn Vine-Sapplett. Congratulations, Carolyn. Upcoming events on July 17th, my staff and I are looking forward to taking a tour of the CRC Center with Mike Goodrich and Elyse Madison.

[02:53:26] And then on the 18th and the 20th, I'll be attending the COG Leadership Retreat in Cambridge, Maryland. And on the 21st, I look forward to attending Colonel Phelps' retirement. On the 24th, I look forward to attending Ms. Carolyn Vine-Sappler's retirement. Again, my appointee, she's retiring from the Federal Bureau of Prisons as the Chief EEO Branch Officer.

[02:53:49] And then August 15th through the 16th, I'll be attending the Baco Board Directors' Meeting in Richmond. And to all, stay cool, hydrate, and have a good evening. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you. Supervisor Weir. Thank you, Madam Chair. I just wanted to note that the dump truck issue was not confined to the Brentsville District.

[02:54:09] We have a burgeoning problem in the Gainesville District as it stands. So potentially with Supervisor Gordy, my office staff, the county attorney's office, and county staff, we're going to need to explore some options to address the underlying cause of the dump truck traffic.

[02:54:29] And hopefully we'll have some sort of update for you guys in the very near future. Number two, it looks like Supervisor Vega is living in my head with respect to the agritourism district because I have a directive of my own.

[02:54:46] As a way of background, I met with staff last Friday, and this sort of came up tangentially, and I think we need to address it, so I would, without objection, direct staff in conjunction with the county attorney's office to review the text of the Agricultural and Arts Overlay District Section 32-510 at sequence of the county code to determine if it is still viable given to the most recent changes in the comp plan and the lack of an overlay map, and to bring back suggested edits and draft maps if necessary to allow for the overlay district to

[02:55:26] occur and that's all I have all right supervisor Bodie thank you madam chair um I I won't retread the ground you know there's been a lot of different events going on the community since last we met uh did want to highlight the uh the 4th of July uh Independence Day that Dale City puts on every year wanted to commend my colleague for helping to make sure that happened this year I know that was a little bit up in the air, but really always appreciate the ability to go out and celebrate the birth of our nation with our community.

[02:56:01] Without anything else, Madam Chair, in terms of just events, I had two directives that I wanted to give. One is I wanted, without objection, direct the CXO to engage with staff to work with Prince William Water, formerly the Prince William Service Authority, its legal counsel, the county attorney's office, to explore the creation of a revolving loan fund utilizing the county's water sewer credits to encourage affordable housing projects.

[02:56:26] Staff recommendations, including draft guidelines, should be brought back to the BOCS for its consideration in a memo or presentation of the board at a future meeting as staff determines appropriate. My second one is one that's been long overdue, in my opinion, and I thank Chair Jefferson for working with me on this one.

[02:56:45] Give me one second to bring up the language for it. There we go. um without objection i would like to direct the county executive to work with staff to bring forth a resolution to conduct a study to assess the groundwater supply that's recommended by the sustainability commission in their june 2020 20 june 27 2024 adopted resolution the resolution for the board's consideration should include the timeline scope of work costs any budget appropriation of funds needed to complete this study so without any objections i just wanted to

[02:57:24] give a little bit more comment on that um first one i know that folks have become pretty um familiar with the water and sewer credits that the uh service authority now principle and water has sitting that they're sitting on christina when some other folks use it every so often to help projects uh throughout the community so i want us to look at potentially setting those to use for affordable housing the second one um you know i had given a directive for a water study back in 2021 and uh it it you know we got a memo back from county staff uh not too long after and

[02:58:00] then we really didn't take uh and county staff didn't take much uh direction or action on it afterward when i re-bring up that conversation again madam chair i appreciate your your uh your camaraderie on that one that said the last thing i have is uh folks probably noticed that i was a little tardy to the today's meeting and that's because i went up to connecticut this past week to visit my father-in-law, who we almost lost due to appendicitis and his appendix bursting.

[02:58:28] This comes not but about a month after we lost my brother-in-law to a tragic motorcycle accident. This comes not but less than a year after we lost my son, Cyrus, back in August of 2023. I say that it is all to say is family is important. And I know that as we continue to do work on this dais. As Surzer Gordy and some other folks alluded to, we have personal lives that go part and parcel to this. So as folks continue to watch the Board of Supervisors, watch how we

[02:59:04] conduct ourselves on this dais, watch as we continue to do our business, remember that we are people. We have families. We have lives outside of this job. And most importantly, if you have not said something to your parents, no matter how estranged you are, a family member, what have you, Take that time, because although this past week my father-in-law pulled through, his surgery went well, he's currently resting at home, that was a question for a little while.

[02:59:32] And so we took it upon us as a family to bring his grandkids up to him to visit him this weekend so he could make sure he could see them, if not, it might be for the last time. So, again, just uplift everyone in your prayers as we move through these troubling times and know that, you know, there's a lot of trouble out there underneath the surface of everyone's lives and continue to have prayers for all those who are suffering.

[02:59:52] Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you so very much, Supervisor Bodie, and I'm glad that your father-in-law is on the mend because I remember we spoke about it last week and you were very concerned. Supervisor Angry. Thank you, Madam Chair. First of all, I want to thank the Dell City 4th of July Parade Committee for putting on a great parade.

[03:00:09] And I want a special thanks to Amazon Web Services and Communications for being a major contributor to make sure that parade went off as successful as it did. I also want to congratulate Lake Ridge Rotary for the installation of officers for their new term.

[03:00:25] Also, Victory Christian Ministries International had their 19th anniversary this past Sunday, so congratulations for that as well. This, I guess that's Thursday, the 18th, I'm having a transportation virtual town hall. You should have the information. It's on the website. And so I hope to look forward to having folks join that and having a productive session.

[03:00:46] And that is all, Madam Chair. Thank you. All right. Thank you so much. Let me start your timer for myself. First of all, I did a lot. And, you know, the Dale City Parade was wonderful. It was hot. It was blazing. It was blazing.

[03:01:02] But I had fun with the Latino Caucus, and I was trying to do a few fancy moves, do a little salsa here do a little no but i i'm an ally and we won two first place awards i just want to i want to name that um and it was great also seeing you victor at the nyamska mills um road opening that was you know another hot day but it's really nice to see how far that's come along um and again um i have so many jokes about hitting pay dirt after attending supervisor gordy's town hall it was full i mean oh my god i've learned a lot about dirt and dirt hauling and i'm actually going to go to a couple of residencies out there. And again, it was also nice to welcome

[03:01:38] the Woodbridge Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sunday with Supervisor Vega. I did want to also tag on something Supervisor Gordy said. You know, politics is fun, okay? I mean, campaigning is fun, but governing is hard. And I do appreciate, you know, the people on the board who, you know, have been willing to work with me, you know, have dialogue across party lines, because this is what's needed you

know someone told me um earlier this year the biggest challenge i'm going to have in this role is that you know no one knows what leadership looks like anymore um and not even me and that's something that i take to heart trying to have a dialogue trying to meet people where

[03:02:17] they're at because we are the face of the county and our behavior is a reflection you know of the county and i want to make sure this is again a great place to live work play retire you know whatever visit um and so i appreciate all the people who have been you know gracious with me and willing to work with me so i have um a couple of few notices of intents that i need to make so um deputy chief missouri to serve as the alternate to chief newsham on the jail board dr sulaiman bassi of the farfax water authority patrick sours as the community services board's

[03:02:55] representative on the housing board, Lauren Schwartz as the alternate for Jacqueline Smith in the Prince William Manassas Regional Jail Board. And so that is it for me. We are now going to go into closed session. Thank you.

[03:03:34] Is it working? Are we rolling? Yeah.

[03:03:53] That's why I'm... All righty. Now we are out of closed session. Thank you. We're returning from closed session. I need a motion to certify closed session.

[03:04:10] So move. Second. All right. And then we vote and report out, right? All right, let's go. Supervisor Bega? Okay, yes or no for me?

[03:04:26] Thank you, ma'am. Vote unanimous. All right, and we have one item to report out. Yes, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, I move to declare certain portions of 1,805 Richmond Highway Triangle, Virginia, acquired by the county through the exercise of eminent domain as surplus, offered to sell such properties to the former owners, heirs, successors, or assigns and delegates to direct and authorize county staff

[03:05:01] to satisfy the applicable statutory obligations resulting from said declaration in the Potomac District. Second. All right. I don't think there's any discussion, so let's take a vote. Supervisor Vega?

[03:05:20] You're good. Thank you. Supervisor Franklin? You've been re-eventilized. Congratulations. No, I joined the meeting. Do you want to give me a verbal? Very good. Thank you, ma'am. Vote unanimous.

[03:05:37] All right, it's .tom. We'll go adjourn. Second. All right. Nobody can leave yet. Let's vote. We haven't voted yet. Vote unanimous.

[03:05:57] Vote someone. Okay.