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[00:30:31] All right. Good afternoon, everyone. Today is Tuesday, July 8th, and we are going to start with a moment of silence. All rise, if you are able, for the Pledge of Allegiance.

[00:30:59] To the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, visible, with liberty and justice for all. All right. Before we move on to agenda item number three, unfortunately, two supervisors were unable to make it in person today so i am going to ask that we waive the rules of procedure to amend the agenda and add an item to approve requests for remote participation may i so moved

[00:31:38] all right and that was properly moved by um supervisor bodey and seconded by supervisor franklin can we go ahead and take a vote i don't think there's any discussion unanimous supervisors gordy and we are absent from vote and they will be joining us remotely hopefully sometime soon And while we're waiting for them to come up and be on the screen, I just want to wish my colleague, Supervisor Yossi Vega, a happy birthday.

[00:32:14] We didn't sing for Supervisor Angry. Do you want us to sing for you? No, I didn't think so. I think you're okay because you haven't heard me sing. All right, so we are going to move on now to agenda item number four. Do we have Supervisors Weir and Gordie present? I'm here.

[00:32:40] All right. So moving on to the accommodations and proclamations, can I get a motion for 4A, I'm sorry. I think item three is the approval. Oh, yes. Approval. All right. All right. Mark that. All right. So agenda item number three. Move for approval. Second. All right. It's been probably moved and seconded. Can we take a vote?

[00:33:04] Supervisor Gordy. Aye. Thank you, sir. Supervisor Weir. Aye. Vote unanimous. All right. We have a number of people who have walked in. If you can all take a seat. I'll give you a moment to take a seat. Oh, they're here. Oh, dang. Wow. All right, Seth, you're rolling hard today i mean he is if if you cannot have a seat i mean because you're going to be up soon it's just the fire marshal does not well you're the first one let's hurry up and take a vote

[00:33:43] move for approval manager hold on for we're on agenda item number 4a and 4b so motion move for approval madam chair second all right let's go ahead and take our vote aye supervisor weir i thank you i think seth you might have the biggest crowd i've seen yet i don't know we've got to start measuring these things all right so i'm going to go to the podium um for 4a and 4b and for 4a seth might as well just have your people come stand to the side if they want or they can remain seated until we take a photo we'll probably take the photo out in the atrium

[00:34:22] all right this is for item 4a and that's to proclaim july 2025 parks and recreation month in Prince William County I think what we're going to do is I'll say a few words I'll invite you Seth and then we can take a picture after I do the second proclamation since you have a large group

[00:34:59] all right each July we celebrate park and recreation professionals and how they improve the lives of tens of millions of people making a lasting impact in communities across the country launched in 1985 this year marks the 40th anniversary of park and recreation month park and recreation programs are essential to community health and well-being they promote health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who have access to parks.

[00:35:28] And here are a few fun facts about parks. Spending time in nature positively impacts our mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimer's disease. They promote physical health by providing space for sports, hiking, swimming, golfing, playing, and many other activities designed to encourage active lifestyles.

[00:35:53] Today, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby recognizes July 2025 as Park and Recreation Month in Prince William County and celebrates the hundreds of full-time, part-time, and seasonal employees in the Parks and Rec Department, as well as the bevy of volunteers who work tirelessly and with utmost passion to steward and expand our beautiful park and trail system, preserve our historic assets, and provide award-winning services.

[00:36:20] And we encourage all county residents to go outdoors and to enjoy the benefits of the parks and recreation system. Seth, do you have any words? Thank you, Chair Jefferson. Thank you, members of the board, Mr. County Executive. We are very appreciative of all of the support you provide our department.

[00:36:38] You all see the transformative power of our department, of our industry, which has come a long way over the last few decades. Now, parks and recreation are really central to all facets of quality of life. And you all have the foresight to help our department really capitalize on that potential.

[00:37:01] And it's just been amazing in the last eight years I've been here to see how far we've come as a department, really moving from that good to great status. And I also want to thank the county executive and all of the other department heads for your support of our department. We bill ourselves as a lead collaborator, and we really rely on the partnerships internally and externally.

[00:37:23] to have the impact that we enjoy. And lastly, and most importantly, I want to thank all of our wonderful staff. We have 1,500 employees in our department, many of which are working right now out at our pools and summer camps.

[00:37:43] We have employees of all ages, of all statuses, whether it be seasonal or full-time. And these are the folks that do all of the hard work that really represent this county organization and create those wonderful experiences for the citizens that reflect so well on the whole organization and as well as on you as a board.

[00:38:04] I look forward to the great things to come because of this great team. And again, thank you for all your support. And we look forward to a wonderful Parks and Recreation Month. We're going to have a bunch of community outreach events. We have a program called Rec on Wheels where we bring rec programming out into the neighborhoods.

[00:38:21] We have some free movie nights coming up. And of course, we have Fridays at 5 this Friday. with the DeLoreans 1980s cover band. So join us for that fun to celebrate the transformative power of Parks and Recreation.

[00:38:37] Thank you. And I'm going to have Mr. Steve Austin and those associated with the Criminal Justice Services from Safe and Secure Community.

[00:38:53] This is about the Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week.

[00:39:07] Pretrial, probation, and parole supervision are essential parts of the Prince William County justice system. Pre-trial, probation, and parole services officers are charged with the duty of helping to preserve the safety of the citizens of Prince William County by maintaining contact with court-involved individuals, supervising their behavior and making appropriate referrals to treatment, ensuring their strict adherence to mandated conditions, including appearance in court, and ensuring that the courts are properly notified of any noncompliance of probation or pre-trial conditions.

[00:39:39] Pre-trial, probation, and parole services officers contribute greatly to the criminal justice system by supporting rehabilitative justice and helping court-involved individuals become productive citizens. Therefore, the Prince William County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of July 20th to July 26th, 2025 to be pre-trial, probation, and parole supervision week, and we encourage all citizens to honor these officers and recognize their achievements.

[00:40:08] Mr. Austin, do you have anything you'd like to share? So I'm not Mr. Austin. No, no. That's okay. I'm here and joined with Tamadre Thomas, our Deputy Director, and Sarah Weatherford, our Domestic Violence Program Manager.

[00:40:26] My name is Christopher Chase, and I serve as the Pre-Trial Probation Manager for the Pre-Trial Team at Criminal Justice Services. Today I'm honored to speak on behalf of our Director, Steve Austin, and our Deputy Director, Tamadre Thomas, along with our dedicated partners. Deputy Chief Shantae Hunter, representing the Virginia State Department of Corrections Probation and Parole District 35, Shanil Harris,

Program Manager, and Kevin Jenkins from the Prince William County Office of Youth Services, and Director Kimberly Keller from the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice.

[00:40:59] We're here to acknowledge and accept the proclamation recognizing pre-trial probation and parole week. The acknowledgement is significant as it highlights the tireless effort our officers who work daily to supervise individuals in our community.

[00:41:14] Their commitment extends beyond public safety. They provide essential reentry services, allowing our supervisees to have the opportunity to reform and lead better lives. In the fiscal year 2024 alone, our collective efforts served over 2,700, excuse me, 3,700 individuals.

[00:41:33] Each of these individuals represents not just a statistic, but a life with potential and a chance for a better future, thus contributing to a more resilient community. Our work has tangible benefits reflected in our impressively low recidivism rates, showcasing improvements in public safety.

[00:41:55] Those rates are as followed. Manassas Probation and Parole District 35 has a 9.5% recidivism rate, which is fourth best in the state. Department of Corrections has a rate of 17.6, which is the best in the country. Office of Youth Services Juvenile Pretrial reports a rate of 9.4%.

[00:42:16] Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice reports a rate of 17%. And Criminal Justice Services has a three-year rate of 17%. While the challenges we face are numerous and complex, our commitment remains unwavering. We believe in justice, accountability, and rehabilitation.

[00:42:34] We work diligently to support these principles with our community. Thank you for your continued support and recognition of our efforts.

[00:45:27] Ladies and gentlemen, they'll be right back. They're taking a snapshot outside because it's a big group.

[00:46:39] While I was out there, I challenged the fire department because they usually have a lot of people.

[00:47:45] So I think Parks right now is winning. So we are going on to agenda item number five, consent agenda. Before I move forward, does anyone have anything they would like to pull? Supervisor Veo?

[00:48:03] 5B. 5B as a boy? Yes. All right. Anyone else? Supervisors Weir or Gordy? Do you have anything from the consent agenda that you would like to pull? Nothing. Nothing for me. All right.

[00:48:18] So I would like to get a motion for 5A, 5C, through 5I. So moved, Madam Chair. Second. All right. It's been moved and seconded. Any discussion? Supervisor Bode.

[00:48:35] Thank you, Madam Chair. Just very quickly, I wanted to first come in and uplift 5A, which is a submission for a grant application for Safe Streets for All. I know that our Transportation Department was awarded that grant a couple years back, which then led to our Comprehensive Traffic Safety Action Plan, which is a mouthful, but I've been able to say it quite a few times now.

[00:48:54] So I wanted to highlight that, but also say that they're coming back for more funding to see planning steps, implementation, low-hanging fruit, things like that, actually begin implementing it, which is the most important thing, because it's one thing to have a plan on the books, another thing to actually start getting money together for outreach, for actual projects.

[00:49:10] So I wanted to uplift that and say really commit his folks for that. And the last thing is 5-H, Application for First Responder Wellness Grant Program. Just wanted to highlight that. You know, we talk about mental health wellness for our community. Well, also, our first responders need that, too.

[00:49:25] So really wanted to say glad that our folks are thinking about that holistic look at the folks that serve us every day. Thank you, Madam Chair. All right, Supervisor Bailey. Thank you, Madam Chair. I, too, want to acknowledge item 5-H. Mental health is so imperative in our country as well as our community.

[00:49:44] And so just want to thank the folks for keeping that as a forefront, particularly for our public safety folks. It is imperative. As they serve us, we must serve them. And then 5I, I just want to acknowledge our own county clerk, Jackie Smith, for coming in and presenting to us during budget season in reference to this.

[00:50:03] And it's good when everything comes to fruition. So thank you for your support as well to the county. All right. Supervisors Gordy, are we here? Nada. Nothing for me. All right. Now I should, yes. And acknowledge Jacqueline Smith, who is our clerk of the court.

[00:50:23] Thank you for being here today. All right, so let's go ahead and take a vote on those items. Supervisor Gordy? Aye. Supervisor Weir? Aye. Thank you. All right. We are going to go back to 5B, Supervisor Vega.

[00:50:46] Thank you, Madam Chair. I did see Matt. There he is. Not really sure if maybe it's up to Matt or maybe an item for the county executive. But when you look at the breakdown and the 10-year span, every year, obviously, it goes up and it goes up drastically.

[00:51:02] When we hit the 10-year mark, we're talking upwards of \$230,000 in regards to rent. And I did read in the staff report how we're shifting different departments to other areas to be able to accommodate services and whatnot. Where are we in regards to the land that was purchased for county space, and what does that look like in this 10-year plan?

[00:51:23] Have we taken that into consideration when running these numbers? Members, sorry. Madam Chair, members of the board, Matt Villarreal, Director of Facilities and Fleet Management. To answer your question, we are in the process of doing the master plan on the countywide space, which is the 10-, 20-year outlook of space here in this complex, which affects a lot of the different departments throughout the county.

[00:51:48] Obviously, we take that into consideration when we lease into new space, but we know that we have an immediate need right now for space in the Development Services Building where aging is located, so it makes sense to try to get them out. I also have an immediate space need for my security division that's co-located right now with my buildings and grounds division.

[00:52:07] There's just not enough space in that facility for them. So that's kind of where we're at. It solves the immediate need that we have. And we know that space around that judicial center complex is always at a premium. So we understand there will be some other use for that space.

[00:52:23] If we were ever to move any of those two groups out of there, it would be something else that would probably be related to the court operations that would make sense to put in there at that time. And where are we in regards to the timeline for the master plan completion? We hope to have that back to you all, I believe, in November.

[00:52:39] Okay. And then I know we're meeting with each of the board members in August to kind of talk about where we're at with the master plan process. Okay, not opposed to it, Madam Chair. I just had those questions because we obviously invested some money in the land purchase, and when we look at this 10-year breakdown, it just keeps going up and up, and I would much rather have those funds be allocated to building out this space to ensure that we have the facilities needed in order to house folks for our county.

[00:53:07] But that's all I had. Madam Chair, I'll go ahead and move it forward for approval. Thank you, Matt. Thank you. All right, it's been moved and seconded. Is there any further discussion on 5B? I don't see any, so let's go ahead and take our vote. Supervisor Gordy? Aye.

[00:53:24] Supervisor Weir? Aye. Vote unanimous. All right, thank you so very much. We are now on to agenda item number six, and that is public comment time. The sheet, do we have the sheet?

[00:53:50] Thank you. All right, so we have some new names up here.

[00:54:06] What I'm going to do is I'm going to call speakers up, and you'll go to the back to the microphone. Please adjust it so that we make sure that we can hear you. Begin by stating your name and the magisterial district where you reside. You don't have to give your address unless you want me to show up for dinner. So with that, I have Kevin Rostad, Forrest Lingenfelter, and Owen Meyer.

[00:54:32] And you have three minutes. You will see the timer on the screen. Good afternoon. Adjust the mic. We can't hear you. Good afternoon, Madam Chair and member of the board. Can someone, hold on. We want to see if it's, I can. I can't get any closer.

[00:54:48] Steve, can someone see if it's on? It is? Hello. We can't hear you. Thank you.

[00:55:05] Good afternoon, Madam Chair and member of the board. My name is Kevin Roussezad. I'm the owner of Woodbine Church property in Coles District. This Sunday is the 150th anniversary of the little church on the property, And I'm here to officially invite every one of you to come and honor us with your presence to celebrate, I think, the oldest standing building in Prince William County,

[00:55:44] which has been restored to withstand the next 150 years. And since I heard some proclamations, I also want to ask you all to proclaim July 13th, which is the birthday of Woodbine Church as an official date in Prince William County for it.

[00:56:10] It's a significant part of Prince William County's history. Woodbine Baptist Church is designated as a historical landmark in Prince William County.

[00:56:28] It has been proven by the state of Virginia to be designated a historical landmark. And once the SUP is finalized, I'll be able to give the property easement to the building so the state of Virginia can designate it as a historical landmark and also recommend it for national historical site.

[00:57:01] So it's a significant part of the history of Prince William County, and I think it deserves the respect I'm asking for. Also, the Prince William County Historical Society, they came up with the idea of putting a historical street sign on the property by the road.

[00:57:27] And last week I was told that the county will not fund it and therefore the plaque will not be issued for the Woodbine Baptist Church. And I offered to pay for it and they said then it won't be registered on Prince William County.

[00:57:48] The money has to come from Prince William County for it to be. So I'm asking also to consider, Ms. Vega, please, you may want to advocate for that, to allocate the funds for the historical plaque for the oldest and best survived building and property in Prince William County.

[00:58:13] I encourage you all, please attend Sunday from 10 to 2 p.m., even for a few minutes. You're all going to be deciding the future of this property in the next day. Thank you, sir. I'm sorry your time is up, but thank you.

[00:58:29] Thank you. Okay, thank you, ladies and gentlemen. Three minutes? It takes me that long to introduce myself. I'm Forrest Langenfelter.

[00:58:45] I'm the Virginia State Coordinator and the Region 8 Coordinator for the Missing in America Project. We are a 501c3 nonprofit organization, all volunteer. No one is paid for what we do. And what we do is we go to funeral homes, mortuaries, crematoriums, coroner's offices, sheriff's offices, state hospitals, anywhere where there may be cremains.

[00:59:08] And we are looking for unclaimed cremains. And when we find those, we collect the identifying information, and we provide that to the VA to see if it's a veteran or the eligible dependent of a veteran entitled to internment at a national cemetery or a state veteran's cemetery.

[00:59:26] And when we find those, we see to it that they receive what they've earned with honor. You have a unique situation here in Prince William County. Located at Woodbine Church in Woodbine Cemetery, you have the 84.

[00:59:43] four cremains that were abandoned at the wall. The Vietnam Memorial. In 2015, the Missing in America Project entered into an agreement with the National Park Service to take possession of those cremains and to see their honorable interment. We had to do that at a private cemetery because many of those, the vast majority of whom, okay, had already been buried. They had received military honors. But what we had were little keepsakes, little baggies, little bits and pieces. We only

[01:00:18] had five or full sets of cremains. One was in a 155 shell. But anyway, we were able to intern them there, and we want to continue to add to that. We're working with Woodbine Church and Woodbine Cemetery to see to it that we can expand upon that and ensure that Prince William County is identified as being uniquely unique okay okay in that it takes care of its veterans even those

[01:00:52] that have been abandoned at the wall thank you thank you next speaker good afternoon madam chair and the board of county supervisors i am owen meyer and i live in the occoquan district police are critical to serving the county and protecting citizens from immediate danger we turn to them in our most urgent moments where danger is imminent and lives are at risk but mental health crises are not crimes and armed police are not the best responders. Mental health crisis calls have increased significantly in the county in the past few years. In 2021, police officers responded to

[01:01:29] over 1,800 mental health calls. However, in 2024, that number nearly doubled to 3,500. These calls now account for about 20% of police responses, but these situations demand skills beyond law enforcement, skills rooted in psychology, empathy, and de-escalation. Many people in crisis fear police. Sometimes this fear escalates the situation and officers respond with deadly force.

[01:01:56] The county seems to understand that there is a problem with officers responding to mental health crises. The county created the co-responder program for this purpose. It pairs mental health

specialists with police officers to help with these emergencies. However, in one month, co-responder units could only respond to 27% of calls due to limited staffing. I have had to call police before due to family experiencing mental health crises. I have unfortunately never encountered a co-responder unit. Often officers are dismissive or unempathetic, not out of malice,

[01:02:32] but because they believe that that is not their role. That isn't why they joined the force. They joined to make a real impact in enforcing the law and protecting the community. I respect the police and their role in society, but we have to stop treating them like they are mental health professionals. I am advocating for a team of social workers, counselors, and other mental health professionals to absorb some of the policing budget so they can respond to mental health crises. This solution allows police to focus on crime and encourages vulnerable people to receive real help. Thank you for your time and your consideration. Thank you so very much.

[01:03:11] I'm going to turn to Supervisor Bailey to see if we have anyone online. We do, Madam Chair. Chris, are you there? I am here, yes. Okay, shall we begin? Madam Chair and the board, we at the moment do not have anybody for online comment time.

[01:03:29] Okay, thank you very much. Thank you. All right, then. So we have completed agenda item number six, and that's public comment time. We are now going to move on to the public hearings. We have three items. How about you go?

[01:03:53] All right, thank you. Madam Chair, before the board holds a public hearing and votes on agenda item 7C involving the Alive Church SUP, I would like to make a voluntary disclosure. GIF Hampshire represents the applicant. Mr. Hampshire is also my legal counsel in a separate matter.

[01:04:10] I have consulted with the county attorney's office, and they have advised me that I am not prohibited from participating in this matter, and I am not required to make a declaration before I participate in it. However, I think voluntarily disclosing it best serves the board's interests, helps ensure transparency, and fosters the public's trust in the board.

[01:04:28] Because I am able to participate in this matter fairly, objectively, and in the public interest, I will be participating in the board's discussion and vote on this matter. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Franklin. So I am going to go ahead and open the public hearings for 7A, 7B, and 7C.

[01:04:45] Do we have anyone signed up? Do we have anyone online? All right, so I will go ahead and close the public hearings for 7A, 7B, and 7C. I'm going to ask for a motion for each one of these separately. For 7A, can I get a motion to move that forward?

[01:05:02] So move. Second. All right. Does anyone have any questions or want to comment on that? Supervisor Weir, since this is your district, do you have anything you'd like to say on 7A? Nothing. All right. Let's go ahead and take a vote on 7A.

[01:05:18] Supervisor Gordy? Aye. Supervisor Weir? Aye. Thank you. Vote unanimous. All right. We're moving on to agenda item number 7B.

[01:05:36] Mr. Ingrid, would you like to move that forward? Thank you, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, I move item 7B for approval. Second. Any comments? Madam Chair. I'll go Ingrid, then Vega. I was just going to be real quick. You know, 7B is just another part.

[01:05:53] We just finished a first piece with the lease. This is an in-line rink that we have been working. Happy to see RJ, owner of the Ice Skates Rink, right next to the Boys and Girls Club. There's a partnership going there with the Capitals, and so we've got two portions that we finished.

[01:06:09] Got another piece coming up here, and then we'll be on our way to making some magic for a lot of young people. All right. Supervisor Vega? Thank you, Madam Chair. I think it's equally important to highlight that this is to no burden to the taxpayers, that it's being funded through proffers. For anybody wondering, here in Chambers and at home, that's my plug-in. Thank you.

[01:06:31] All right. Anyone else? I'm actually very excited about this, and thank you guys for working so closely to bring this to fruition. So let's go ahead and take a vote on 7B. Supervisor Gordy? Aye. Supervisor Weir? Aye. Thank you. Vote unanimous.

[01:06:49] All right, we are moving on to Agenda Item 7, seeing that's a special use permit. Supervisor Gordy, would you like to move this forward? Madam Chair, I move for approval. Second. I will give that to Supervisor Bodie.

[01:07:04] Any discussion? Supervisor Gordy, do you have anything you would like to say? No, just glad to bring this application to its completion and look forward to seeing the impact of a live church on the Bristow, Noakesville, and Gainesville community.

[01:07:21] All right, anyone else? All right, let's go ahead and take our vote. Supervisor Gordy? Aye. Supervisor Weir? Aye. Vote unanimous. All right. Thank you so very much.

[01:07:38] We are now going to move on to agenda item number eight, and that is county executive time. Mr. Shorter, the floor is yours. All right. Thank you very much, Madam Chair, members of the board. Good afternoon. Just a quick few updates for me. One, in terms of directives issued last week.

[01:07:55] So there was one directive issued last week, and this was a directive... providing matching funds for the acquisition of 1-1-2-1-5 Aiden Road, which is directly adjacent to Bristow Station Battlefield and currently under contract for purchase by a nonprofit land conservation entity known as American Battlefield Trust.

[01:08:18] This was assigned to Parks and Recreation. We also closed one directive last week. This was sent to you, but staff was directed to review the agreement between the county's police department and the incorporated towns of the county regarding the use of the Mike Pennington Scenario-Based Training Center.

[01:08:39] You received a memo last month explaining that the existing memorandum of agreement template can be amended to remove the established fees and be re-executed with each of the towns and the board if the board so decides to move in that direction.

[01:08:59] In terms of grant funding, I wanted to just really give a big shout-out to our library system. Libraries received a \$400,000 grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York to expand its English as a first or second language in workforce development programs.

[01:09:16] The county was selected through a competitive process for proposals that drew more than 1,400 responses as part of a two-year initiative launched by the Carnegie's Education Program to help deliver critical services that promote economic mobility.

[01:09:33] Prince William Public Libraries was among only 11 public library systems across nine states to receive the grant. So big shout-out to our public libraries for the grant and an acknowledgment of their leadership.

[01:09:50] I want to give a few kudos, but before I do, Madam Chair, Yesterday morning, first thing yesterday morning, I met some absolutely amazing young people. They just so happened to walk into the chambers this afternoon. FFM has, as you know, a career exploration program where high school and rising freshmen in college, I think there are two in the program, get an opportunity to shadow.

[01:10:18] And so I wanted to just acknowledge them, thank Matt and Michelle for the program, and have the students maybe stand up and welcome them again to Prince William County. But last time you made them introduce themselves.

[01:10:38] Let's do it. Let's go. All right. So we're going to have you all introduce yourselves, where you go to high school, And for those who are going to college in the fall, where are you going to college?

[01:10:56] My name is Brandon Glover. I'm 17 years old, and I'm going to my senior year at Colgan High School. I'm Thomas Hilton. I'm 17. I'm also going to my senior year at Colgan. My name is Michael, and I am 16, going on my junior year at Forest Park.

[01:11:15] I am Noah Mendoza. I'm 17 years old, and I'm going to my senior year at Forest Park. Hi, everybody. I'm Sohail Farazi. I'm 17, and this upcoming fall, I'll be going to UVA.

[01:11:33] I'm James Kirby. I'm 16, and I'm going to start my junior year at Battlefield High School. My name is Chelsea Folk. I'm 18 years old, and I will be a freshman at NOVA in fall. You're right here. I'm not.

[01:11:51] Fantastic, yeah. Well, welcome again. Just really excited to have them here shadowing that they will have an opportunity over this next two weeks to meet some of our staff, hear about our programs and opportunities if they so decide for career and public service. So thank you all so much for being here. All right. I also wanted to just give a few shout outs, if I can, first to our Department of Transportation who received the 2025 Construction Management Association of America National Capital Chapter

[01:12:28] Best Infrastructure Project for the Route 234 Brintsville Road Interchange Project. I want to acknowledge our Office of Procurement Services, who received the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award from the National Procurement Institute, which recognizes public agencies that demonstrate excellence in procurement by embracing innovation, professionalism, productivity, and leadership, and a commitment to e-procurement.

[01:12:56] So just want to recognize procurement for the phenomenal award. I know very competitive. And last but certainly not least, and really appropriate, given that this is Parks and Recreation Month, and what you heard and saw from our Parks and Recreation Department, the department was recognized by Inside Nova in 11 categories.

[01:13:21] They received top billing for the best of in the Prince William County contests. This is a, as you know, highly competitive contest, features 194 categories, which I would say even 4,000 nominations, nearly 19,000 voters.

[01:13:44] Parks received best recognition in the following categories, and this was wonderful to see.

[01:13:52] Best summer camps, best swimming instruction at Chin Center, best swimming pool, Chin Center, best, yes, indeed, no competition, no competition, best sports activity venue, Dale City Recreation

Center, best place for family fun, splashdown water park, best farmer's market, best agritourism attraction, farm, and best plant center, Dale City Farmer's Market.

[01:14:25] best administrative assistant Shannon Janicki best in yep and best yoga Pilates instructor Cassie Pugh at Chen Center and best dance instructor choreographer Michelle Gagan at Dale City Recreation Center as well big congratulations to Parks and Recreation what a list what a list so Seth thank you for your leadership in for being such a strong advocate for parks and recreation programming in

[01:15:00] Prince William County. Madam Chair, that is all for me. Thank you so very much. And we are going to go on to agenda item number nine. Oh, wait, a couple people. Supervisor Bailey, you had something? Yes, I did. Thank you. I just wanted to comment and compliment the county exec for your leadership and for your team. We've been getting a lot of awards over the past year and half. And so it speaks to the season intent of our county staff and to your leadership. And so thank you for how you support us as well. As you get those awards, we really appreciate the work

[01:15:38] that you do for us. All right. Thank you so very much. And now we are going to go for sure. Anyone else in queue? I don't see anyone else. All right. Going once, twice. Gone to agenda item number nine, and that is county attorney time. Thank you, Madam Chair, members of the board. This afternoon and closed session, we will have consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members pertaining to actual or probable litigation with the related legal advice regarding public nuisance and related legal claims in response to the manufacturer, marketing, sale, and distribution of opioids, and regarding the potential settlement with Henry Schein and

[01:16:16] its related entities, InSource, and GIV for the role in the distribution, manufacture, and sale of the pharmaceutical opioid products, where consultation, briefing, or discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position, litigating posture, or negotiating strategy of the public body.

[01:16:33] We will have consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members pertaining to the discussion or consideration of the acquisition and or disposition of publicly held real property to be park lands, along with the consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel pertaining to land use and property law, where such consultation, discussion, or briefing in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position, negotiating strategy, or litigating posture of the public body. And we will have consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members pertaining to the discussion or consideration of the disposition of publicly held real property,

[01:17:11] along with the consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members regarding the probable litigation in the Dominion Energy Morrisville to Wishing Star 500 and 230 kilovolt project, 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 land use law and energy regulatory law, where such consultation, discussion, or briefing in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position, negotiating strategy, or litigating posture of the public body.

[01:17:44] These items are appropriate for closed session pursuant to 2.2-3711A.3, 7, and 8 of the Code of Virginia. Move for approval, Madam Chair. Seconded. All right, let's go ahead and take a vote. Supervisor Gordy? Aye.

[01:18:00] Supervisor Weir? Aye. Thank you. Vote unanimous. All right, thank you. Mr. Shorter, if you want to agency time. All right. Thank you, Seth.

[01:18:16] All right. So, yeah, this is what Supervisor Angry just talked about. This is authorization that Parks and Recreation is bringing forward for the MOU. Madam Chair, there is no presentation associated with this.

[01:18:32] We wanted to include it under agency time so that the board could take action on the other items first. If there are any questions, Seth is certainly here to answer those questions. All right. Thank you so very much. For 10A, does anyone have any questions? Madam Chair.

[01:18:47] Supervisor Vega. Just want to make sure that the only expense is going to be the 10K for insurance purposes. Madam Chair, members of the board, Seth Hemler-Vosch, your Director of Parks and Recreation.

[01:19:06] That is correct. That is the only, basically, general fund money that would be included in this project. And that is an estimate. We'll need to confirm the actual insurance premium costs once we have them in hand. Thank you, Seth. Anything else for 10A?

[01:19:22] Because I just wanted to move them separately. All right. I don't see any other questions. Let's go ahead. Can I get a motion to move forward? Second. It's been properly moved and seconded. Any discussion? Nope. Yeah. I guess Supervisor Angry.

[01:19:38] Do you have something? Supervisor Angry. Thank you, Madam Chair. Yeah, so I just want to congratulate, you know, actually Prince Jim County, you know, the Ice Rink, the Capitals, and the Boys and Girls Club, because this is actually a well-put-together planned process, and as smooth as this was, I'm very happy to see.

[01:20:03] So I cannot wait until we actually get that up. I'll be through there to see that. I really wish we could have pulled in. Well, I guess we got two Boys and Girls Club board members here. I wanted to get, really, the chair over there here, but we missed that opportunity. But, again, just really excited about it.

[01:20:19] I thank everybody involved, Steph. The team is amazing. I see you in the back. The team is amazing to do the work with this. So I appreciate you all. Thanks a lot.

[01:20:35] Supervisor Bailey. Thank you very much. I just want to compliment my colleague for the great work that he's done for his community in reference to this and thank you so much for your support as well for this is a community that this is an uplift for the community that has been needed for a very long time and so uh again i love it when a plan comes together i know we've been working on this for quite some time and so just thank you so much for just staying the course with us and staying the course with with vic to make

[01:21:09] sure that this is a higher level of service to the community all right don't see anyone else so Let's go ahead and take our vote on 10A. Supervisor Gordy? Aye. Supervisor Weir? Aye.

[01:21:26] Vote unanimous. All right, going on to agenda item 10B. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. So with this item 10B, we are asking for the board's consideration in scheduling a public hearing to consider the establishment of a local foundation and soil management fund.

[01:21:48] This is consistent with a general assembly law that just passed HB 1659. there is a presentation associated with this item we wanted to provide to the board

[01:21:59] and eric is going to kick us off i believe or ricky's going to okay yeah sorry about that i'm new at this sorry guys forgive me um madam chair members of the board ricky o'connor deputy director

[01:22:37] of development services mandy's out sick so she's nursing some uh some medicine and hopefully be back here in the next day or so or she would be here doing this for you um back in may supervisor Franklin has signed a directive to us to draft an ordinance for the board's consideration to establish this foundation and soil management fund during that hearing supervisor Vega asked for a little bit of background so today we wanted to provide just a little bit of background to go along with us coming

[01:23:14] through here on during our one-on-one meetings in the remainder of July we're really gonna have to kick this into gear to get it to meet the deadline of of September 9th so with that we'll have a little presentation here to give you some background from Mr. Eric Mays our county building official who on July 10th will be celebrating his 30th year as your Prince William County building official so pretty remarkable but anyway Eric's coming up to give you some background information as Supervisor Vega asked and happy birthday Supervisor

[01:23:51] So they asked me what I wanted for my anniversary, and this was it. Surprise. So what's coming before you in a request for a public hearing is actually a pretty big proposal.

[01:24:11] And with that proposal, we thought it was really important to share history and background, kind of know what the current state is so you understand how this may fit into that context of that current state. So as the resident historian, they asked me to present background.

[01:24:27] So I just have three slides, so it's very brief, but obviously you may have a lot of questions along the way. Probably the most important thing to acknowledge, safe buildings, safe developments, they come from the developer, the builder, the trade contractors, and the government.

[01:24:48] It's a team effort, and in that team effort, every party plays a different role depending on what the specific aspect is. The reason I share that context is it's important to understand that the majority of the site development soil work is, in fact, inspected by the private sector.

[01:25:06] We have the profession of geotechnical engineering. It's a very robust profession. We're blessed to have quite a strong cadre in the private sector and the metropolitan area. And so I thought that was an important point of context.

[01:25:22] I will say from a county perspective, over the last 40 years, we've steadily upped our game in terms of the information we provide and the level of oversight. If you've been here for a while, you know 30 or 40 years ago, all the less expensive sites developed were developed early.

[01:25:44] And so now the sites with the more problem soils. And so as the county has grown, there's been fewer sites with easy soils to work with. And so we've upped our game over the 40 years, and the private sector, I think, has done the same.

[01:26:06] Let me go on to the next slide. Which one? White one. Thank you. So in terms of timelines, this goes back to some of my predecessors. Back to 1964, some folks in the planning office, along with the Soil Conservation District, had a vision that soils is going to be important to the development of this county.

[01:26:28] They spent 20 years developing the Soil Survey of Prince William County, which was literally going out and taking hand augers across the county with state employees. We then went on, and after that was completed, actually in 1999, that information was put on your GIS mapping layer.

[01:26:51] So it gave quick access to the professionals and county staff. And then from 2000 to 2017, we steadily increased our presence and our oversight and level of knowledge. I think the one most specific thing or two I want to mention that I personally thought was significant is Public Works in 2003 and 2015 added geotechnical engineering positions to their staff, which helps with the technical review of what the private sector is proposing.

[01:27:22] And then the latest development is the GIS layer has now also been put in a data center, which, again, provides greater access to the private sector. In between those times, we had an overlap between the building code and the design and construction standards manual.

[01:27:42] The state actually required the building official to develop a soil policy where there were problem soils, and you'll see that in 2007. That was actually a joint effort between Loudoun County, Fairfax County, and Prince William to develop that policy. And I will say that that policy on use of lime in expansive soils was a huge improvement combined with the two geotechnical engineers in public works.

[01:28:11] This probably pertains more to what you're being asked to consider, is what is the level of consumer protection that's already afforded by state law? And so by state law, builders are required to provide a one-year warranty on a building and a five-year warranty on the foundations.

[01:28:32] And that foundation warranty, actually something like 25 or 30 years ago, that was also one year. There was a major incident in a jurisdiction in the Richmond area that the General Assembly decided that five years for foundations would be more appropriate.

[01:28:48] Now, kind of the risk with warranties is it's a civil contract, so it's a civil contract you can sign your right away. So a builder is supposed to give a five-year warranty, but if you sign a contract and take one year, then you've lost that as a consumer.

[01:29:09] We actually do have some builders out there as part of their marketing offer 10-year warranties on the foundation, but that's a private sector decision to offer that. In terms of the regulatory process or the governmental process, we have a very limited opportunity that once a certificate of occupancy is issued, we have two years to discover a violation of the building code.

[01:29:31] And that applies to anything to include foundation problems. Upon discovery, we only have one year to prosecute if we're not getting voluntary abatement. So from a consumer point of view, the most protection you're going to get under the current laws and current contracts would be a five-year foundation warranty through the builder.

[01:29:52] And as a code official, I limited once that certificate of occupancy is issued. And when it comes to soil and foundation problems, they are latent defects. And sometimes they don't show up for 10 years, 15 years, 20 plus.

[01:30:10] And currently, there is no consumer protection for those latent defects. So before we go to next steps, any questions?

[01:30:27] Thank you. Supervisor Vega. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you for the presentation. For the sake of time, what we're being asked to approve today is just the public hearing, correct? We will have time for more in-depth.

[01:30:43] Good. And then I will reserve my 20 or so questions. And I will reach out offline also to hopefully have these questions addressed. But just want to be clear that today is just to authorize a public

hearing. Madam Chair, members of the board, it's to authorize a public hearing on the proposed ordinance.

[01:31:01] At the public hearing, if you want to change any words in the ordinance, we will have to have another public hearing. So this is a public hearing on the ordinance as written. So that's why we're before you. I should ask my questions, is what you're saying. Thank you, Madam Chair. Madam County Attorney, I don't know if that's a promotion or what.

[01:31:19] The motion, I don't make as much. I guess I understand the intent behind what is being proposed, but I have grave concerns on several of the things that have been presented to us here today. The biggest one is I'm just hoping to really understand what the reasoning is behind limiting eligibility to foundations that are at least 10 years old, but no more than 20 years old.

[01:31:44] Can you expand a little bit on that and what the rationale process is behind that? Okay, I'll now not speak as a building official, and I'll speak as a professional engineer. Really, it's going to, I think it's obvious, this is a policy decision for you all to make.

[01:32:01] There is no right answer to this question. It is a judgment call. And as an engineer, I will tell you that most new buildings have a minimum life of 30 years if they're built correctly into code.

[01:32:19] And honestly, with proper maintenance, most buildings can make it 50 years easily before major renovations. So where you decide to draw that line, if you wanted to draw the line at six years, you could. If you want to draw the line at 10, 20, 30, or 40, you could.

[01:32:36] And I don't think there's a right answer. It's just a judgment call and how far you think the public sector and the private sector should intersect on helping solve the problem. I will tell you from personal experience, every time we've had a major soil or slope failure that's impacted a building, the number one hurdle that has been overcome every single time, it actually takes longer to do this than to actually do the repair, is figuring out who's responsible and who's going to fund it and then who's going to do the work.

[01:33:14] And during that interim period as a code official, I always have to struggle with, do those buildings need to be posted unsafe and people have to move out of their houses? And we've had to do that. So I know that wasn't a very simple, direct answer. I think it's simply a judgment call.

[01:33:31] Where do you think the intersect should be from the public sector supporting an unforeseen condition that happens out in the future? So I think that's a judgment call on your part. And thank you for that. I think it's a good segue into the next question that I had, because there's a lot of ambiguity in what's being proposed here, and that doesn't sit well with me.

[01:33:52] You know, we've had issues with homes that are less than 10 years old, right? Foundations and whatnot. And so when we want to put a limit on it, I'm just trying to think ahead of what those potential unintended consequences could be. And so my next question is, has there any analysis been done in regards to the age distribution of foundation issues here in Prince William County?

[01:34:13] Absolutely not. I will share with you, I did an ad hoc search in our permitting system. We don't necessarily track foundation repairs separately as an item, so it takes a lot of time.

[01:34:28] Based on my quick search, we have between 10 and 20 foundation repair permits issued per year for the last three years. But I didn't go in and actually analyze the address and the age of that specific

building. Okay. So just to circle back, the answer was no.

[01:34:45] There's no additional testing that's been conducted. Thank you. No, ma'am. Okay. In regards to the funding and fiscal impact, beyond the initial \$200,000 transfer from contingency, what is the long-term funding strategy for this? Do we have one, Mr. Shorter?

[01:35:04] So two things. One, we are going to get around. So if there are questions today that you were not prepared to ask, the plan is for us in the month of July to get around to your offices individually. And what will be reflected in the ordinance that is advertised is what is discussed and what we believe is the best approach.

[01:35:28] That said, in terms of funding, we are going to ultimately bring, in my mind, bring it back for a board decision as part of the budget development process. So we still have some details to work out in terms of how we will accept applications from private homeowners and then how we will reflect out those applications to the board in terms of the total request.

[01:35:58] That I would like to do during the budget development process so that we have some consistency in the way that we do this. Thank you for that, Mr. Shorter. I am prepared to ask my questions. I just don't want to go ahead and vote on something that I don't believe is fully ready for us to be authorizing a public hearing.

[01:36:15] I think that these are questions that should be answered prior to that advertisement. And, you know, again, I'm prepared to ask the questions. So not sure if, is there a timing component to this? I know that it was presented earlier that if we wanted to meet, I think you said the November or August?

[01:36:35] It was asked to be brought back by September 9th. September 9th. Yes, ma'am. And some of these we could take to the administrative procedures, and that's kind of what we were going to iron out in the one-on-ones to try to button this up so when we brought it back, it would have the components that everyone was more comfortable with.

[01:36:56] This was just kind of to advertise it for public hearings. Supervisor Franklin, I don't know if you wanted to. Well, so what we're going to do, I can go to Supervisor Franklin, and then if you have more questions, I'll come back to you. All right, Supervisor Franklin. Yeah, and I mean, this, like, the issue of the directive has been on the agenda for a while, so I would expect everyone to come with their questions or at least to reach out to staff if they have questions.

[01:37:21] A couple of things I want to talk about, because what I've been very dismayed by was I now have three separate communities that have not talked to each other that are having the same challenges, And I think the time for like at least 10 years, I actually think that's good because most of these developments have not seen those issues until after 10, 15 years, right?

[01:37:49] And some of these residents, you know, bought these homes not having these issues and then developing the cracks and things like that. So I want to talk about like how do we, and Mr. Mays, I think you went over this a little bit, but it really does come down to the soil.

[01:38:06] And how do we make sure that the projects that we're approving now are using soil that won't be negatively impactful 15 years from now? Because that's really what we're seeing. Each of these communities, it goes back to the type of soil that was used.

[01:38:24] And I'm about to get some of this wrong, but is it the marine clay that we use on the eastern end? So how are we guaranteeing that we're not making those mistakes by approving or allowing builders to use a certain type of dirt or soil that's going to continue to cause these problems?

[01:38:43] Because now I'm concerned about the newer developments that are five years old. Are they going to come back to us in 10 years? And the reason why we're even doing this is because a lot of the bonds for the HOA have run out by now. So it's not like they have any mitigation themselves.

[01:38:59] And, of course, the developers aren't taking any responsibility. And, quite frankly, all of their plans were approved by the county. So why should they take any responsibility, right? So I guess my question is, what are we doing to make sure that we don't have these problems with newer developments 15 years down the road?

[01:39:19] Well, I'm going to stick my neck out and share with you that 99% of the time our current process has worked and worked well for my 30 years. The challenge is the 1% of the time it happens, it's 100% for that homeowner or 100% for that HOA.

[01:39:36] And so, you know, it's a difference of perspective. As a code official, I will share with you the process we have in place, I think, does prevent that from happening. I will tell you, if you have somebody who chooses to steal a car or chooses to use problem soils, how do you catch them?

[01:39:56] And how we catch them is we rely on the geotechnical engineers working in the private sector and then receiving and reviewing their reports throughout the process. And 99% of the time that's worked. In the three instances you're talking about, I don't remember the exact ages of those subdivisions, but I think they're a little on the older side.

[01:40:17] Yeah, somewhat. I mean, Potomac Club, I mean, that's probably the newer of all of them, and I wouldn't expect them to have any problems. Yeah, so anyway, I think we need to continue to have the discussion about making sure that these newer developments don't have these problems down the road.

[01:40:36] Because we stepped in here because those HOAs and those homeowners had no other recourse. The state tried to help, and the best they could do was come up with this plan to give us the authority. There was a bill to fund it, but it didn't pass.

[01:40:54] So that's why we're here today. but I think we need to continue to have the discussion around soil. My hope is that we're using different types of soil these days than we did 20 years ago. Well, okay, so that backs into one of my earlier comments, but maybe I breezed over it.

[01:41:13] So generally speaking, the expanse of soil is on the eastern part of the county. The eastern part of the county was developed first in the county's history, and that's when all the good lots went. And then when home prices went up, it justified the overhead for dealing with problem soils.

[01:41:30] And along the way, I would have to say the reason the county has constantly worked to improve our level of enforcement is because of the communities you're talking about right now. And I'm confident that what we have in place now works.

[01:41:45] Could I guarantee on making it to 40 years that it won't happen again? No, I couldn't. Because the challenge with this is some of this stuff can sit for 30 or 40 years before it shows up. Sure, sure. The failure may have started 40 years ago, and it only surfaces with a significant rain event or a tropical storm going through.

[01:42:05] Yep, yep. So, yeah, I mean, this is to authorize a public hearing. We'll have more time. But, yeah, I would hope that we would move forward, at least with allowing residents to come in and talk about some of the challenges that they've been having. So I appreciate that, because that's going to lead into my question, because you mentioned Potomac Club.

[01:42:24] and I've heard a little bit about it, but I don't know what the situation is. Are you able to offer some insight into what is going on in that particular community? So the only insight it can offer is the direct contact they've had with me. They've made multiple requests over the last couple of years for county documents.

[01:42:40] They've made a similar request to Public Works. They shared that they were experiencing structural problems resulting from expansive soils. And if you're not familiar with marine clay being in expansive soil, It's exceptionally sensitive to water and exceptionally sensitive to drought.

[01:43:01] So if your rainfall is constant over time, it may not move at all. But if you have a sudden drought and it shrinks, it can affect a foundation wall and a basement. And go way back to houses built on the east side of Route 1 before there was building code enforcement.

[01:43:20] We've had houses there that have had problems for that very reason. So really, it's the expansive soil issue, and it's weather dependent. The closer it is to the surface, the more subject it is to expanding and contracting.

[01:43:36] The deeper down it is, the less likely it will damage the structure. And then it goes to my next question. Are there certain, I mean, you were saying the eastern part, are there certain communities other than Potomac Club where we're really seeing this more than others? Okay.

[01:43:52] So I think Potomac Club has, at least from the emails and calls that I've had, They have the most expansive issue, but the other communities that we're now working with is River Oaks and then, to a degree, Newport Estates. But I think Potomac Club probably has the most issues that we've seen.

[01:44:11] I appreciate the clarification. I'm going to go now to Supervisor, back to Supervisor Vega. Thank you, Madam Chair, for your line of questioning, because that's one of the questions that I had, was if there's an estimated number of properties, both private and common interest communities, that are likely to be eligible for this program.

[01:44:33] And I've only heard the ones in Supervisor Franklin's district. So specific to communities, the only ones I'm aware of are the ones she referenced. In terms of individual homeowners, we can do more research on the foundation repairs and identify the age of those buildings and see if we can get some more data to individual homes as opposed to a community.

[01:44:59] In terms of community, those are the only ones that I'm aware of. Yeah. Thank you. And I'm just wondering, Supervisor Franklin, if there's another way to probably resolve this manner instead of putting forth an entire ordinance for a few communities that have come up. And I say that because I'm afraid that this might, and the county attorney may give her opinion, on the liability that it places on the board.

[01:45:23] Well, I'm sorry, yeah. So, background, we've been working on this issue for about two or three years now. And I'm actually a little surprised that no one else, at least on the eastern end, has been approached about issues in their district.

[01:45:41] And actually, I hope you don't get approached about it because some of these people are totaling in like the \$20 million range because this isn't just one house. For particularly in Potomac Club, you have a couple of different streets that have the same issue like in a row, right?

[01:45:59] And then in River Oaks, we were just approached about similar issues, I think, about three or four months ago. And then Newport Estates, their issues are kind of similar, but it's not as expansive. I think it's only one or two homes.

[01:46:15] So in the background, we actually have been working on this for about two years now. We went to the General Assembly to tell them that we didn't have the authority to do anything. And that's why all those documents were being asked for, at least for Potomac Club, because we were trying to get NVR and Kettler to take responsibility.

[01:46:33] But, A, the documents, some of them don't exist anymore because after a certain amount of time, we get rid of documents. And then, B, without the documents to show that Kettler and NVR were the builders, they don't have to take responsibility for it.

[01:46:50] And so that's how we got here. We put it on the General Assembly to say, you guys help out. And what they did was came up with this bill to give us the authority. Senator Carol Foy attempted to get funding for, but it was denied. So that's why we're here today. We've tried everything that we could.

[01:47:07] I think you all are probably just now hearing about it, but we've been working on this for like two, three years. And River Oaks just came to us about a year ago. But Potomac Club, we've been talking to them almost since I got into office. So we've been working on this a long time.

[01:47:23] And like I said, I'm surprised that other communities haven't approached on the eastern end. But I'm happy that it hasn't because, again, Potomac Club is looking at \$20 million worth of damage. Madam Chair, if I could just wrap up my point. You know, again, I raise the concerns that I do believe a comprehensive fiscal impact analysis is desperately needed because by the sounds of it, it sounds like \$200,000 is low-balling it.

[01:47:51] And, again, I have grave concerns, you know, about opening the door to government overreach and to private property matters. you know uses of public funds to resolve private matter issues and so I don't know that I feel comfortable moving this forward not ignoring the issues in your district at least of what has been made public but I have grave concerns of what's been presented here today to include you know the application allocation of these funds because based on the staff report it's going to be slowly up to the discretion of the board and we still don't really know you know who will be part of this committee and what their specific roles and responsibilities are going to be.

[01:48:31] Again, I understand the issue that's been raised. I just don't know that this is the best way to go forward to resolving this problem. I'm going to go to Angry, Bailey, and then Gordy. Thank you, Madam Chair. I haven't heard these issues, but here's my concern because, and maybe this is where you all come in, you know, you've got some folks, they've probably been having this damage for years to their homes and just never knew how to go about reporting or figuring it out definitely getting county involved is something but since we're kind of down this road I'd be curious is there any kind of way we could

[01:49:10] poll these older communities I don't even know if we know how many older communities we have I mean Neopsco is one big old community but I haven't heard any of these concerns I'm not saying they're not out there but if they are and we open this door for questioning and people to bring forward I'd

be interested to see how bad that problem really is yeah supervisor bailey thank you did you want me to take a problem with doing the research and

[01:49:46] and those things would be you don't know if it's original construction they're causing the problem or is it because of repairs or something the neighbor did or you know what is causing the issues and to look at a permit application and see that it's a foundation repair is that a true accurate description of that that's what this fund would be able to be able to use or to help fix because during this application process of course they got to show that it's original construction they got to do some research up front and show that this is from original construction and this isn't because i put an addition on the back of my house or i've added a garage to the side well we've regraded our lot to put in our swimming pool

[01:50:26] and now we've we've we've messed with things so just a simple foundation repair permit doesn't actually won't actually tell us whether or not that that's original construction because we're not doing that research now to find out was it original construction or has has a lot or lots around it been altered that causes the problem so that's gonna be some of the problems we're trying to go back to figure out and we won't know the universe and I'm sure the universe will get bigger once it opens up to say hey there's something that's here to help um and we won't know that universe until we get there all right supervisor thank you so much

[01:51:03] um i uh i want to go back to something that um uh supervisor franklin mentioned and that is for i think we need to get ahead of of the opportunity as it relates to newer construction because i think if we wait another 30 years with the newer construction that's going to be that's going to be a bigger problem. But when she said that, I thought about in my district, Potomac Shores. And while we're talking about it, it's now a time for us to really get ahead of that, proactively get ahead of that. But I think my thoughts are, when I think about

[01:51:42] the question that she asked, have we heard anything on the Eastern Corridor? Well, I have, but the residents take responsibility for it and taking care of the foundation. And I'm specifically talking about Montclair and where I live in Brittany and then in the older residence in Triangle and on the little cusp of Dumfries.

[01:52:09] So this is kind of where I've heard the rumblings of it, but they've taken the responsibility of handling it themselves. But I think establishing a local foundation and soil management fund, because we have been talking about it for quite some time, I don't want to prolong it because we've got to start somewhere.

[01:52:28] And just establishing, going this vital step and protecting it from a long-term basis as it relates to, you know, the sustainability of our natural resources, I think it's important. And healthy soils, the soils that we used a long time ago, that's not the soils that we need now.

[01:52:47] So I think just to make sure that we have the backbone from an ecosystem resilience is really, really important, and we start somewhere. So the other thing is by institutionalizing a healthy soil funding right now, this partners with the next steps that we've done in the General Assembly with the HB 1659 bill.

[01:53:13] I think it's critical that, since we asked them to do it, that we partner with them in moving forward. And the next step, hopefully, is the funding that they'll give us to make sure that it supports what we're doing here. But we've got to start somewhere because it's been 30-plus years that we've not been anywhere.

[01:53:31] So I just, I really would like to see us, if we can, move forward with something right now as it relates to sustaining our communities and the good resources as we go forth with these new communities.

[01:53:47] Thank you, Madam Chair. All right, Supervisor Gordy. Thank you, Madam Chair, and thank you, Eric, for your briefing. Thank you, Ricky, as well. You know, it's interesting when I moved to Prince William County in the middle 2000s, I was warned about the the clays on the east end of the county and and was advised you probably don't want to buy a house in near the Potomac simply because of the the soils that are there.

[01:54:19] And it is really the reminder of the parable of the one who built his house on the sand, the one who built his house on the rock. Our homes are only as good as the soil that we build them on. And so when we, this is not a new issue.

[01:54:38] The development community has known about this for quite some time. And so one of the things that I would ask us to consider as part of the funding for this is that contributions be made from development into the fund in order to create and maintain the fund going forward.

[01:55:03] We have soils issues throughout the county. I literally met with a community of developers who do all the soil work for commercial development, and they say they have to remove all the soil that you can't build on to get down to the soil that you can build on, which means moving a heck of a lot of soil in Prince William County.

[01:55:30] Um, so, and then there also causes a lot of other challenges in relations to the dirt movement, uh, by dump trucks. Um, so the question I would have, I guess this to the county attorney is, is do you see in the, the, um, the draft line or the, or the, the, the bill and the law from the state, um, whether or not we would be permitted to put this as a contribution from the developers, either as a proper or some other mandated contribution like we do with other funds.

[01:56:09] Madam Chair, members of the board, the impetus behind this is private property owners were having issues with the foundation. They were trying to figure out who was responsible and who would pay to fix it. As Mr. Mays and Mr. O'Connor stated, sometimes the documents are too old.

[01:56:26] Under the Records Retention Act, they've been destroyed, so they weren't able to figure it out. So they came to the county and asked the county to pay for it. The county did not have any legal authority to use public funds to fix the private property owner's issues. That's where the bill came forward.

[01:56:42] The state declined to be responsible for any of this, and the state declined to put state money into it. What the state did with the General Assembly and the governor signing this law allowed the localities by discretion to create this.

[01:56:58] The localities are not required to create this fund. They can create it if they want. localities can determine how much is in the fund, how much is given out, et cetera. Mr. Gordy, I'd have to look further. I do not think that we would be able to have in this fund the developers paying into this.

[01:57:17] We can discuss it further, and I'll look into it. But what's before the board today is whether or not you're going to have a public hearing on an ordinance which has to be advertised before the public hearing and before the board can adopt it, and the language of that ordinance to be advertised.

[01:57:33] pursuant to the newly enacted Code of Virginia. All right, before, I wanted to see, Supervisor Rear, did you have any questions or comments? No, I have a question, I have a comment. This opens the

door to a very, very slippery slope.

[01:57:51] What we're essentially doing is authorizing government funding of what is essentially a private property issue between a developer and the homeowner. You know, how far do we take it? You know, we have issues with utility easements granted by HOAs, undercutting of soils by other developments.

[01:58:15] This is a civil matter, and I don't know why we're suddenly going to get into funding a civil matter of limited scope that in many cases, because of the age of the property, you're not going to be able to determine who's really responsible.

[01:58:32] I don't think this is a road we should go down. I don't think it's one that sets, I think it sets a precedent for other actions that could be very expensive to the county and something that we ordinarily wouldn't or shouldn't get ourselves involved with.

[01:58:50] Like I say, I think this is a civil matter between the parties involved and not the county. Thank you, Madam Chair. Supervisor Franklin. Yeah, I just want to thank Supervisor Gordy for what he asked about the developers. And I actually think we should look into that to see if that's something that they can pay into if we have the authority to at least ask.

[01:59:11] Because actually that's something that we discussed in one of my HOA meetings, if that was a possibility to get additional funding since the state, since that wasn't signed into law. And so that is something that I would like to look into. And quite frankly, I mean, again, the county approved for these plans to be built with this soil back in the day.

[01:59:34] And now, you know, we can't hold any of these developers accountable, which is why we're here. And so the least we can do is see if there's a way for them to at least pay into such a program so that we can help those.

[01:59:51] that, I mean, I think I heard one of my colleagues say that their homeowners usually just pay for it themselves, but some of these issues, at least that I've seen, they're extensive. I mean, it's a lot of money, and it comes out of nowhere, and they're like, it's not like they did anything wrong, right? And they tried to stick the developers, and it couldn't, because the paperwork doesn't exist anymore. So anyway, I would hope that my colleagues would at least support moving the public hearing forward so that you all can hear these stories yourself. Is there anyone else?

[02:00:29] So what I would like to do, because I know there's still more questions, if anyone else has questions for our staff, please speak now. If not, I'd like to get a motion and we can have additional discussion within the motion. For me?

[02:00:48] I think, Michelle, you said it. So this just is authorizing a public hearing, but then after the public hearing, then we'll really get into whether or not we want to approve anything like this. So what are we approving today? You're authorizing a public hearing which has to be advertised. The language has to be advertised pursuant to the Code of Virginia put in in the notice provision and then on your September 9th board meeting pursuant to the directive there will be a public hearing at which time the board will have the decision to adopt what was advertised or not adopt it. If you want to tweak the language of what was advertised

[02:01:27] then we would advertise another public hearing, and then that is the adoption. As the slide up there then says, development services will create the application process and the procedures, and the

proposed implementation date is six months afterwards, so this wouldn't be going into effect.

[02:01:44] But you are here today to authorize a public hearing, and then on September 8th, if this motion passes, this ordinance will be before you for a public hearing, and then the board can determine whether or not to amend your county code with the ordinance. So basically, if no one has questions, we're going to move this forward.

[02:02:07] We will have additional discussion within the motion, and we will take a vote. So does anyone else have any questions? Gordy, Weir, do you have anything? Madam Chair, the only thing I would ask is, given what the county attorney just advised,

[02:02:24] I would think we would, given the level of questions and concerns that have been brought forward, that maybe a work session should be brought to bear on this so that we can work that out so that when we come to the final hearing for the adoption of the resolution, the ordinance, that we've got it all worked out before we, you know, instead of having to bring it up, have a public hearing.

[02:02:49] And then if we don't like what we have, then we've got to go back, start all over again, have another public hearing. So maybe a work session would be an option to help refine this in a more collaborative way.

[02:03:09] All right, hold on before I go back. Supervisor Weir, did you have anything else? I'm good. All right, Supervisor Franklin. Yeah, I'm still hoping that this will move forward for at least a public hearing, but I agree with Supervisor Gordy that a work session may be a good idea.

[02:03:25] And in the work session, if we agree to that, I really do think we need to really talk about the soils so that people really understand kind of what the issue is, particularly in various parts of the county and the different types of soils that have been used over time and what's happening today in terms of the types of soil versus 30 years ago.

[02:03:50] I mean, we even have guys, some marina guys who want to get rid of their soil, and they can't because they have the marine clay that people can't do anything with. So this is, I think Professor Gordy mentioned, this has been going on for a long time, and now it's just starting to impact, I think, some of our residents.

[02:04:09] So if we do agree to a work session, I want to make sure that we actually talk about the actual issues in terms of how we got here. and some of it may be a little bit more scientific than we like, but I think it's important to understand why at least I'm trying to move this forward.

[02:04:26] So if we, I just want to interject, because I have a couple more people in queue, but I just want to interject, if we're going to do a work session, the earliest work session we can do is September 16th, correct, Mr. Shorter? So that means we will have done the public hearing. We don't have to, I guess, we don't have to take action, but if we're going to do a work session, you know, I guess it is my recommendation that we talk about that and not take a vote on the public hearing.

[02:04:50] What are your thoughts, Mr. Shorter? You are correct in that. If today the board indicates that it is interested in a public hearing to discuss the ordinance, then we will not meet the timeline that was originally discussed of September 9th.

[02:05:09] Based on our timeline, we would need to be in a position to advertise this ordinance in August in order to get to the board in September. And I would even say early August. Well, but we would advertise.

[02:05:28] So the idea that we would be getting around in July would ultimately be to make sure that we are fine-tuning. So if there is a lot of discussion and the board is interested in doing collectively a work session, then yes, that work session would need to happen in September or after.

[02:05:49] and it would mean that we would not be coming back on September 9th. Madam Chair, I still want to approve the public hearing today because these residents want to come out, but I think in terms of actually voting on the ordinance, I think it will be fine to push that back because I know these residents are eager to really talk to board members.

[02:06:15] Okay, so would that mean that we would be approving a public hearing but not for a date certain? Hold on. Honestly, I think I want to rein this in a little bit. I think it would be better personally to have a work session than to have the public hearing.

[02:06:33] So that way that we can talk about these issues, get certainty, and maybe have the public hearing the next meeting. Or technically, we could do it during our work session. That's not something we've done before. Correct? I mean, so we typically do not take action during work sessions.

[02:06:56] But what I think I'm hearing is, and we will, if consistent with what you just said, Madam Chair, we were interested in doing a work session, then based on what we learned at the work session and based on the collective feedback of the board, we would come back with an authorization request.

[02:07:16] So I also, I'm sorry, Madam County Attorney, you were saying something and I kind of cut you off. The county exec is correct. Typically, during your work sessions, you do not take legislative action. You do not vote. But legally, you could. A work session is the same as a regular board meeting. Whenever you have a quorum present, the majority may act. You typically do not take actions, though, during your work sessions.

[02:07:39] I'm actually going to recommend, because a work session needs to be a work session, and, you know, I think there still might be questions. We might want to have follow-up with staff and sit on things. It would be my recommendation, but I'm going to speak with you. I want you to speak to this, Supervisor Franklin, because it seems a lot of this is happening in your district.

[02:07:55] Perhaps we do a work session, and then the following session we do the public hearing and all that. How do you feel about that? I just want to make sure that we're not, Madam Chair, I'm sorry to interrupt. We wouldn't have time to advertise. We need to know what is the language that you want to be advertised and advertised, I think, once a week for however many weeks, et cetera.

[02:08:18] So if you have the work session on one day, it would have to allow enough time to get with the newspapers to put the advertisement. Madam Chair, if I can offer that, I would like to move the public hearing forward.

[02:08:36] And while I like the idea of the work session and could have been supportive of it, I don't want to jumble this up. any more than what we're doing. And if board members have questions, it sounds like staff is going to go around to each office anyway to have those conversations.

[02:08:55] And I would say push come to shove. If we have to open it back up for another public hearing, if people have a lot of changes they want to make, then I think that's just part of how the legislative process goes. But I would rather move this public hearing forward, at least today, And then we'll see where the ordinance actually falls, if people want to make changes or not, in terms of actually opening it back up.

[02:09:20] All right. Well, first off, before I go to anyone else, again, unless we have questions for staff, because I want you to sit. You know, you guys have been up there, and I thank you very much for your presentation. Does anyone else, because I see a lot of people in queue. Supervisor, do you have questions for staff? I'm just yes or no. It's a question for the county attorney.

[02:09:37] Okay. Well, I'm asking for, does anyone, Franklin, Vega, Anger, if you do, I'm going to assume you have discussed, from amongst yourselves so what we're going to do because i would rather contain discussion within a motion so thank you so very much for your presentation i would like to get a motion and a second to move this for and then we will have additional discussion so supervisor franklin do i have a second second it has been properly moved and seconded supervisor bode thank you madam chair and i hate to be remedial here but there's been a lot of talk about putting a work session in between authorization and when we actually have the public hearing so what we're

[02:10:15] We're authorizing to be in the public hearing right now is the actual text of this, right? So we couldn't then go and have a work session between now and the public hearing and change it because what's going to be reflected in the public hearing is what's already written. So I just want to make sure everyone's clear on that.

[02:10:31] I know most people are, but I want to be sure because if folks want to have the work session to maybe change language, we can't do that if we're authorizing a public hearing today. So I just want to make sure everyone's... I think we're all clear on that. I just want to make sure. Supervisor, I'm sorry. Yeah, I'm good. Supervisor Vega.

[02:10:49] And thank you for that clarification, Supervisor Bodie. I think this is why the county finds itself in positions like this, because we continue to do things backwards. The appropriate course of action is to get all of our ducks in a row, have all these questions answered. And I'll say this publicly, we do ask questions off the record.

[02:11:05] My personal preference is to do it publicly because I owe it to my constituents, those here in chambers, and those watching at home. And so it's not that we haven't done our due diligence behind closed doors. We have to do it publicly also. and this is a very serious matter and I believe that we have to take it seriously because we're getting ready literally if this moves forward to put a public hearing out for notice for the language that is attached to item 10b I don't think it's ready for prime time I do think that there's an opportunity to work through these unresolved questions and issues concerns whatever you want to call it that we have but the prudent thing would be to do it in the way that madam chair described we have the work session we figure it all out hash all of our concerns out and then

[02:11:45] we advertise the public hearing with that being said madam chair i still want to go on the record stating that this is a private matter i don't think that the county should be involved but i do think that moving forward everybody on this day is should be committed to holding developers accountable for every application that comes before this board so that we can continue to really protect citizens and not find ourselves in this very same position over and over again supervisor angry thank you madam chair i'm going to get right to the language so we can have a public hearing but right now today we can work on this language if we wanted to so we we can or we cannot my only concern i

[02:12:22] would just ask this because i do feel like this is going to open up a pandora's box and i do think there are two issues going on here one is if developers and this soil issue is an issue then we need to make sure and i think i heard um i heard it say rick i don't know if you said it but that i think in our development

process now you guys do monitor like how how soil is what they're doing i i watched some condos being built right right by my office and they dug down probably like it seemed like to china uh that was the deepest hole i've ever seen to pull out and i understood

[02:12:58] what they were doing they're pulling out bad dirt and putting in good dirt or whatever that process which i now i understand so my only concern with the language i'm going to ask is two things one is if we're holding developers current today accountable going forward.

[02:13:14] And two is this should have at least, you know, a date that we go back to. I mean, if you just grandfather this thing forever, this could just get messy to the point of, Rick, I think you were saying, there's really no way of trying to determine if someone built an addition on or put a pool in or changed the soil.

[02:13:32] So this language should have a start date on it. I feel like there's some time limits missing in there that we need to be looking at on how we're saying who has an opportunity to take advantage of this if they're in this place. And I'll go back to the point of this, where you said if the files are missing already because they've already deleted them and it's that old, maybe we need to have something written in there that talks about what that time language looks like, that window frame.

[02:14:02] There is a language in there. I just want to let you, if you have a chance, to see it. Okay, because I'm reading this right here. It must be, okay, at least 10 years. So the project such property must no longer be encumbered by the county bond obligations and for undee, the foundation must be at least four years, but no more than 20 years old.

[02:14:24] I mean, 10 years, but no longer, older than 20. Does anyone else have any additional comments? If not, let's go ahead and take a vote. Supervisor Gordy?

[02:14:42] No. Supervisor Weir? No. Motion passes five to three. Supervisors Gordy, Vega, and Weir voting A.

[02:14:58] And I just wanted to say, I should have said this before. is my hope that we can continue to have these conversations ahead of the, when the public hearing actually happens. So, all right, we are moving on to supervisor's time. Before I go around the horn, I'd like to get a motion for 11A through 11E.

[02:15:15] So move. Second. All right, any discussion? I don't think so, so let's go ahead and take a vote. Supervisor Gordy? Yes. Supervisor Weir? Yes.

[02:15:31] Thank you. Vote unanimous. All right, so when we go around the horn, I'm going to start with those who are, I'm sorry. I just wanted to make sure that I was clear really for the benefit of staff. Are we coming back for some sort of collective discussion at a work session or board meeting?

[02:15:52] If so, I need to work with staff to figure out kind of how we. We are going to just move forward with the public hearing. Okay. Okay. And again, I just want to say there is still time between now and the public hearing for us to talk to staff, work with staff, work out any questions.

[02:16:09] My office is certainly open if anyone would like to speak with me so that we can make sure that we get to a good final product. So with that, we are going to go around the horn. I'm going to start with those who are virtual. Supervisor Weir, are you ready? Pass.

[02:16:25] Supervisor Gordy. Thank you, Madam Chair. Just want to congratulate our new volunteer fire graduates that graduated on June 30th. Excited to have them now on the force. I also want to just make

mention of a meeting I attended on July 2nd with Christina Wynn at George Mason University to learn more about potential public-private opportunities for a university village and the student housing opportunities that are there for us to really see George Mason go to the next level.

[02:17:03] We've got to provide student housing. And so understanding what George Mason's plans are, their funding and the development opportunities was critical. And so I really appreciate the opportunity to participate in that conversation to learn more.

[02:17:18] I just also want to make note that on June 26th through 29th, nearly 70 of the world's top professional bass fishermen competed on the Potomac River for a top prize of \$150,000.

[02:17:35] The winner of that tournament was a guy named Ott Defoe, who incidentally caught 78 pounds of scorable largemouth bass, all of which were caught in Neabsco Creek.

[02:17:51] When we talk about sports tourism, one of the things that we have, and we talk about our maritime opportunities that we have for Prince William County, this just demonstrated how much of an incredible asset the Potomac River, the tributaries in Prince William County are to recreational fishermen and to the recreational fishing tourism.

[02:18:21] So I just want to highlight that and just look forward to other opportunities to promote the recreational fishing on the Potomac in Prince William County. And then lastly, I just want to remind the community that Dominion will be holding a meeting on Thursday evening at Marsteller Middle School from 5 to 7 p.m.

[02:18:43] to present the Nokesville to Hornbaker transmission route and encourage the community to come out and learn more. I'll pass back now, Madam Chair. Thank you. Thank you so very much.

[02:18:58] I'm going to go over now to Supervisor Bailey. Thank you, Madam Chair. Just wanted to say on June the 25th, I completed my Prince William Water Academy excitement.

[02:19:15] So I'll get my certificate, and I'm really excited. And thank you to Mr. Calvin Farr and his team for letting us learn more in detail about our pristine water and what they're doing to keep it pristine, so we appreciate that. I participated in the NOVA Network Annual Women's Summit also, where I was a speaker, and that was exciting.

[02:19:35] And then congratulations, as my colleague said, to the fire and rescue volunteers. Congratulations to the Smoky Smiths. I think that's great. Class of 25189. And then on the 30th, I participated in the Sigma Phi Phi 10th Annual Reception.

[02:19:55] Sigma Phi Phi is the boule here in the community that is very much instrumental in supporting our youth. And so our own Mr. Shorter is a part of that organization. We appreciate your support, sir. On July the 1st, we introduced, again, the Fettle Park Market Study with our county staff.

[02:20:18] And thank you so much for participating to 100 attendees. And we will continually talk about that. It's the next step for the Potomac District and the vision for the Potomac District. So thank you to my four-season folk for participating, coming out, and asking your important questions.

[02:20:35] And then on the 3rd, I had the opportunity of sharing with our own Colonel Colgate at the Marine Corps for the 4th of July. There was a little skew in that. We thought 4th of July fireworks was going to be on the 4th of July, but they did it on the 3rd. And so I was glad to participate with Tom and his wife, Supervisor Tom and his wife, in that event.

[02:20:55] And then on the July 4th, of course, the annual Dell City Parade had fun in that. It wasn't as hot as last year, but we had a good time. And then on the 5th, condolences to our very own partner and sister in the county, Mayor Michelle Davis Younger.

[02:21:14] Condolences to you for losing her dad. It was an absolutely beautiful funeral service. And then on the 6th, I had the opportunity to speak at the Olive Branch Church at their annual Women's Day program. And to Reverend Dr. George Farmer, we appreciate the invitation and thank you for allowing me to talk a little bit about Prince William County.

[02:21:37] On the 6th, the Dumfries Parade, my staff attended. I did not. But to my mayor, thank you for again and again making me a partner with Dumfries. And then on the 7th, the KPACS STEAM program began.

[02:21:54] Our own Denise McPhail, our community member, she is always, always there to make sure that our youth is involved in the full STEAM ahead. That was held at the Hilton Performance Arts Center. And then upcoming events, I will be distributing care packages to our homeless shelter on the 14th of July.

[02:22:16] Thank you, Madam Chair. Supervisor Bode. Thank you, Madam Chair. Just very quickly, was proud to march in the Independence Day Parade in Dale City with my son on the 4th. Always a great time, and I agree, it's usually about 95 degrees. This time was only 85 degrees, which is a much different, yeah, we did survive.

[02:22:34] So was proud to do that, and I will be joining Cesar Angry for his Quartz District Town Hall. Looking forward to that. Thank you, Madam Chair. All right, not so fast. Mr. Angry, it's going to be Supervisor Franklin. Thank you, Madam Chair.

[02:22:53] I'll make it quick. On Monday, June 30th, I hosted a meeting with Senator Jennifer Carroll Foy along with Delegate Roja Henson to discuss with voice their efforts to improve the process for religious organizations to develop and build affordable housing here in the county.

[02:23:17] So one of the things we talked about, and actually Delegate Henson is calling me now. Maybe he didn't know. One of the things we talked about was how we could better support nonprofits in building affordable housing alongside the county. Obviously, we're doing our part, and so how do we help nonprofits do their part as well?

[02:23:34] On Tuesday, July 1st, I hosted a town hall with our transportation department at the Ospreys at Belmont Bay to get community input on the Route 1-123 intersection project. Well attended, received a lot of feedback, and I think we should be having some updates soon going out to that community.

[02:23:53] Also, just want to congratulate Denise McFell on the opening ceremony for KPAC. As Supervisor Bailey mentioned, their arts really summer camp to get young kids and young adults interested in the arts. They put a lot into the arts community over the past 10 years, and so I'm looking forward to attending a play later this summer.

[02:24:17] Some upcoming events, we have several this summer, including participating in the African American Heritage Festival in Manassas and the Prince William Community Foundation Back to School event that will be at Garfield High School on Saturday, August 2nd.

[02:24:33] Hope to see you all there. If you want to donate backpacks, feel free to bring them to my office and then on August 6th I will be participating in national night out with our public safety officers we'll be

stopping through several neighborhoods looking forward always a fun event every year best example of community policing always fun and our next dumpster day will be september 13th at ripon middle school from 10 a.m until 2 p.m and lastly i want to do notice of intent to appoint Rich Ehrenbaum to the DCSM Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee and Melanie Bell Carter to the

[02:25:09] Weapons Ordinance Advisory Committee. Thank you. All right I'm going to go to Vega next and then you're going to come to you then me. All right Vega. Thank you Madam Chair. I want to go ahead and thank my staff on July 1st we had our very first office hours in the park over at Hellweg.

[02:25:27] We had some great folks from Parks and Rec join us and they were actually kind enough to bring us some parks and rec swag and so uh thank you to janet and um gosh i can't remember the other young lady's name for swinging on by and saying hi to us we had great conversations and just really want to thank folks who took the time to actually come and meet us at the park i always say i love meeting folks where they're at but i kind of felt like in this instance they met me where i was at which was the park so thank you to everybody that came out we had great conversations also had a great time at the Dell City 4th of July parade. Hope everybody had a wonderful Independence Day celebration. I saw a few of my colleagues at the parade and it's always nice to see you guys

[02:26:07] outside of these walls. And now through September, sorry, July 25th, our office is accepting school supply donations. We're doing our annual Kohl's District Back to School Supply Drive. So if you're able to swing by the office and drop off pencils, crayons, notebooks, paper, backpacks, we will certainly take them as you all know there are great needs in our community and we just try to fill the gaps wherever possible lastly our back to school drive event will be taking place on august 2nd at our office between the hours of 10 a.m and 1 p.m so if you guys have any further questions feel free to email me whyvega at pwcgov.org you're welcome to call our office or swing

[02:26:46] by monday through friday between the hours of 9 a.m and 4 30 p.m that's all i have madam chair Thank you. All right, Supervisor Victor Angry. Thank you, Madam Chair. I want to start by giving a hometown hero recognition. And so that hometown hero was in chamber this afternoon, R.J. Ziegler.

[02:27:07] He actually owns the ice rink on Ridgefield Road and Dell Boulevard next to the Boys and Girls Club. Why that's so significant? He grew up in Prince William County. I mean, grew up in Prince William County. Skated in that rink his whole life. And when he was able to buy it, he purchased it, and now he owns that.

[02:27:25] And so what he has done with this opportunity and partnership with the Capitals and the Boys and Girls Club is he wanted to create an opportunity for all kids, regardless of race, ethnicity, financial status, to see if they like to skate.

[02:27:46] So this inline rink is an opportunity to get folks who may have never skated before to find out if that's a passion for them and really just an experience. So I really want to shout him out, thank him for really this opportunity and bringing us. I'm very excited for it. Secondly, this Saturday, and your supervisor Bodie just mentioned it a little bit, we're going to be giving a courts district update.

[02:28:09] And I plan to give as many of these as we need. So right now you'll see a lot on Princeton Parkway, Mannyville Road, there are big signs out that even talk about it. We've got two digital trailers up that talk about it. We've sent that out, emails, blasts, just everywhere, put it on our social media sites, just

really trying to get the folks that have questions or want to know what's going on with this project, keep them 100% fully informed.

[02:28:37] I will start by saying this. It's on time, on target right now, and we want to keep it that way. So that's the goal. Now, thirdly, you know, 4th of July is a great time. But for many veterans who have gone through some combat experiences, you know, the PTS, the post-traumatic stress of that is always something.

[02:29:01] And I always tell folks, I have folks that call my office every year, we go through this, and I even go through this. But the 4th of July, we hold on to because we know that's a great day we can get through it. But the 5th of July, we just need to stop all the fireworks, folks. And the 6th of July and the 7th of July, I think every night I'm still hearing fireworks, and a lot of folks still have.

[02:29:20] Now, I can't do much but put out a public service announcement to say, if you could be considerate of those folks who really had a hard time even on the 4th, but now if we don't have to necessarily do that, well, actually, there's no necessarily. We don't have to do that.

[02:29:36] If you've got extra fireworks, hold on to them for next year. If you could just do that, I think we would be very forever grateful for that. That is it, Madam Chair. Thank you. I appreciate the public service notice. I will be admitting a few years ago I was one of those people who had delayed.

[02:29:54] It wasn't too late. I let my neighbors know. I just couldn't resist some really good fireworks. So I am hoping at our July 29th meeting to have a handful of notices of intent because I have a few positions. And thank you to the clerk who has forwarded me some resumes because we're always looking for talented people to serve.

[02:30:14] So I have a few more boards, commissions, and committees to hopefully fill. I just want to say this weekend, I am going to be attending my first conference for National Associations of Counties. So NACO conference in Philadelphia. And I'm excited to meet with other county elected officials to learn more and to hopefully bring back some great ideas.

[02:30:35] And then later this month, I am going to the COG retreat. Again, hopefully, you know, creating additional relationships, meeting people, see what more that I can bring back to the county. And with that, I'm pretty easy today. I really don't have much to say other than for everyone this day, as we are going to go to closed session, you have 10 minutes.

[02:30:53] And I do mean 10 minutes. Do not make me come and find you. All right, 10 minutes. Thank you.

[02:30:58] All right.

[02:32:08] And do we have Tom and Bob online? All right. So we are back from the closed session. I would like a motion to certify our closed meeting. So moved. Second. If we're properly moved and seconded, let's take a vote. Sorry.

[02:32:27] Thank you. Supervisor Gordy? That's weird. Supervisor Gordy, thank you. All right. We have something to report out. Supervisor Bailey.

[02:32:43] Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, I move to authorize and approve Prince William County's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims. against Henry Schein defendants and directing the county's attorney and or county's outside legal counsel to execute the

documents necessary to effectuate the county's participation in the settlement for all magisterial districts. Second. All right, let's go ahead and take a vote.

[02:33:11] Supervisor Gordy? Aye. Supervisor Weir? Aye. Thank you. Vote unanimous. And then we have a director from Supervisor Angry. Thank you, Madam Chair. I motion that we, first of all, The Woodline property with 9.15 acres at 7074 Curry Drive, Haymarket, Virginia.

[02:33:37] I direct the county executive to work with staff to exercise the buyback option in the purchase agreement and deed and authorize the county executive or his designee to endorse the necessary documents approved as to form by the county attorney's office to effectuate this directive.

[02:34:06] There we go. Thank you, Madam Chair. Objection. All right, Supervisor Weir. I know it turns into a motion. Do you have anything you want to say, though?

[02:34:22] I just think it's a bad idea. Okay. All right, thank you. All right, so let's go ahead. It turns into a motion. Do I need a second? I guess I need a second. all right supervisor gordy aye supervisor weir nay motion passes six to two supervisors vega and we are voting nay all right it's that time y'all motion to adjourn second all right that's

[02:34:56] kind of weak but we got it we got it all right let's go ahead and take a vote unless anyone wants to debate you're the new boss aye supervisor i got you sir thank you supervisor franklin there we go vote unanimous thank you thank you so very much



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