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[00:00:11] I would like to go ahead and call the meeting to order. And let us begin with a moment of silence.

[00:00:39] Thank you. Please rise if you are able.

[00:01:05] All right, before we begin, I just want to acknowledge that we have a new member on the dais. He was previously mentioned during our finance and budget committee meeting, but since this is the start of the official meeting, I just wanted to take a quick moment to welcome George Stewart, who is the new Gainesville district supervisor.

[00:01:25] So welcome. - Thank you very much, Madam Chair, and to my fellow board members and staff that are here. I have some big shoes to fill for the predecessor that sat in this seat before me, and I'm looking forward to getting to work.

[00:01:45] Thank you. - All right, thank you. So we are going to move on to agenda item number three, and that is the approval of minutes. May I have a motion for items 3A, 3B, and 3C? - So moved, Madam Chair. - Second. - All right, do we have any discussion? If not, I'd like to call for the vote.

[00:02:08] Vote unanimous. Supervisor Stewart abstaining from vote. All right. We are going to move on to agenda item number four, and that's commendations and proclamations. I would like to note that for 4C that there is a request to reschedule that for December. So we will not be taking a vote on 4C today.

[00:02:27] So I would like to get a motion for 4C. So I'd like to get a motion for 4A, 4B, 4D, through 4F. I think it might be 4D. 4D. Oh, 4D. I'm so sorry.

[00:02:42] 4d i circled the wrong one so 4d i would like to get a motion for 4a 4b 4c 4d and 4f so moved madam chair second all right it's been properly moved and seconded is there any discussion on these items all right let's go ahead and take a vote vote unanimous and from what i understand for item 4b and that's to commemorate the life and legacy of congressman jerry conley

[00:03:18] um supervisor bailey he wants to take a picture picture with everyone on the with your permission yes so what we can do is we'll go ahead and we'll go through all of these and take a photo and we will hold um for um b we'll hold that the photo for that to the very end if i may make a request i'm not sure that mrs conley is in the audience yet okay and karen is outside waiting for her so if we can take her last yes that's what i'm thinking yeah we'll take that ought to work. We'll take her last because I'll figure we're going to do the photo last. Thank you so much.

[00:03:53] So I'm going to go down and if you can, you have a couple here, Supervisor Bailey, if you can join me for 4C and then you'll come down when Supervisor Conley's

[00:04:04] family is here. Thank you. My pleasure. And do we have Mount Olive, do we have representatives from Mount Olive Baptist Church here?

[00:04:49] Thank you for coming. Alright, and 4A is to commend Mount Olive Baptist Church on their 110th anniversary. Mount Olive Baptist Church was founded in Woodbridge, Virginia on October 17, 1915 by members of the Agnewville Mission Sunday School. Since March 3, 2001, Mount Olive Baptist Church has been led by Reverend Ellis, who has created pioneering and progressive ministries to develop the membership of the church and is truly dedicated and determined to lead his flock by example. Under the spiritual guidance of Reverend

[00:05:28] Ellis, Mount Olive continues its spiritual growth as a church, as one family that believes in caring, sharing, and loving. Over the course of its long history, the Mount Olive Baptist Church congregation has navigated through rough seas, dark nights, and has faced the tempest and many storms. But through it all, they've learned to trust in their faith and one another. Therefore, today, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby commends the congregation of Mount Olive Baptist Church on its 110th anniversary.

[00:05:58] Reverend Ellis, do you have any words for us? Knowing that you're a pastor, let's keep it brief. I'll be here to say that it's dangerous to give a pastor a microphone and an audience. But anyway, thank you so much.

[00:06:15] Well, thank you, Chairman Jefferson and to the Prince William County Board of Supervisors and those who are present. Thank you so much for this honor. I always style myself kind of as a football player, obviously not in stature, meaning that as a pastor, you get to be the face of the congregation.

[00:06:31] But in reality, you represent some dedicated and faithful people who, of course, are not here today. And so I want to say thank you for recognizing and honoring the memory, the faith, and courage.

Little known to many people, the Chen family members established Mount Olive Baptist Church.

[00:06:52] And, of course, the name Mary Jane Chin graces our aquatic and library. And it was her children who started Mount Olive Baptist Church and whose shoulders I now stand upon. And with the assistance of Neabsco Baptist Church, Mount Olive was set apart in this community on October 17, 1915.

[00:07:13] So thank you all so much for honoring us, and I'm just so privileged to be able to accept this on behalf of the Mount Olive Baptist Church congregation. thank you so much. And then we'll take a quick photo. We are going to hold 4B, and then 4C,

[00:07:49] Supervisor Bailey, if you would like to come down for that. And anyone associated with the Family Caregivers Proclamation, National Family Caregivers Month, please come to the podium. Thank you, Madam Chair. It's a pleasure to do this today. As a caregiver for my mom, it's always a blessing, first of all, to be a caregiver, but also to acknowledge those who

[00:08:27] focus on the art and the prayerful service of caregiving. And so with that, family caregivers are the backbone of our communities, providing compassionate care and unwavering support to loved ones who are aging, ill, or living with disabilities.

[00:08:48] They provide billions of hours of unpaid care every year, often balancing work, family life, and personal health challenges along the way. November is recognized nationally as the Family Caregivers Month, a time to celebrate the selfless dedication, strength, and commitment and love of millions of Americans who care for family members and friends.

[00:09:18] By recognizing National Family Caregivers Month, we shine a light on their experiences and provide a direct pathway to the resources, community, and support they deserve. Therefore, today, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby proclaims November 2025 as National Family Caregivers Month in Prince William County. Congratulations.

[00:09:50] Good afternoon, Madam Chair Jefferson, members of the board, Phyllis Jennings Hope, Director of Social Services. Today I have with me my Deputy Director, Holly Handy, Lena Purifoy, who is the Assistant Director over Advocacy of Prevention and Protection, better known as AP.

[00:10:06] I have, well, Josh Lee is here from aging, and Laura Halo. Okay, Dawn, thank you. Adult daycare. Great, thank you. And we are here today to jointly accept this proclamation.

[00:10:25] Caregivers, whether they are family members, friends, or professional staff, give extraordinary support to older adults, individuals with disabilities, and those who cannot care for themselves. I understand the importance of the role and responsibility of being a caretaker, as I was my mother's caretaker for several years at the age of 23 after she had a massive stroke.

[00:10:49] Sometimes, as caregivers, you may feel forgotten, as a lot of emphasis may be placed on the individuals who are in need of the care. The love and commitment and support that is provided is very important and much appreciated. I would like to thank our APSAS team, in-home providers, community partners, and especially friends and family who show up every day to provide support and care.

[00:11:14] Thank you again for this proclamation and your continued support to allow us to serve the constituents of the county. Photo.

[00:12:06] Ready? Okay.

[00:12:25] We'll do that at the very last. Okay, you want to do that? Yeah, that's your glasses. All right, next we have 4E.

[00:12:40] That's a Proclaim November 2029 Small Business Saturday. Will everyone associate it with Small Business Saturday? Please come forward. Do we have economic development here?

[00:12:58] All right. I will give this to them later. I'll go ahead and read it. Small Business Saturday, celebrated annual between Black Friday and Cyber Monday, is a day dedicated to supporting the small businesses that help create jobs, boost the economy, and keep communities thriving across the country.

[00:13:17] Since 2010, Small Business Saturday has illustrated the significance of supporting small, independently owned businesses across the country. Prince William County, through the county's Department of Economic Development, is committed to supporting small businesses to creating jobs and to preserving our community's unique culture.

[00:13:36] Prince William County Small Business Program, established in the summer of 2019, has assisted small businesses to create more than \$63 million in capital. Prince William County is joining local governments throughout the country to acknowledge and celebrate Small Business Saturday. Therefore, today, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby proclaims Saturday, November 29, 2025 is Small Business Saturday and encourages our community to support our small businesses on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year. I am going to go into National Adoption Day and

[00:14:12] then we will get back to 4B. With everyone associated with National Adoption Day, please come forward. You are getting your flowers today. All right. Prince William County recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe, and loving families through adoption. More than

[00:14:46] 100,000 children in the United States foster care system are waiting to be adopted. More than 800 children in the Virginia foster care system are waiting to be adopted, and more than 15 children in the Prince William County foster care system have or have the goal of adoption. To help these children find permanent nurturing families, the local courts of the 31st Judicial District will open their doors to celebrate National Adoption Day on Saturday, November 22, 2025, to finalize and recognize the adoptions of local children and join other organizations to celebrate all

[00:15:22] adoptions. Therefore, today the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby joins the Department of Social Services in proclaiming November 22nd, 2025 as National Adoption Day. Prince William County will celebrate on November 22nd, 2025. Prince William County will continue to urge all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness about the importance of adoption. Do you have any words you'd like to say? Good afternoon again, Madam Chair, members of the

[00:16:00] board, Phyllis Jennings Hold Director of Social Services. Today I have with me my team, Deputy Director Holly Handing, Jessica McCauley, who is Assistant Director of Family Support Services, Diane Gestrick, Human Services Manager for the Family Support Services Unit, and Cheryl McMullen, who is a senior human services caseworker, both for the adoption program.

[00:16:28] Prince William County Department of Social Services is proud of the work we do to promote permanency and safety for children for whom we serve and protect. It is our thought that children who live in a permanent home with caring, adoptive parents have an opportunity to thrive and grow into healthy adults.

[00:16:46] Adoption is an alternative that provides family life for children who cannot live with their biological parents. and provides an opportunity for those children to find a forever home. We all desire to be connected to someone, and family is that foundation that keeps us rooted.

[00:17:02] This Saturday, as mentioned, November 22nd, we will celebrate our 22nd National Adoption Day and recognize nine families that will become a forever home for a child. I am hoping that you will be able to celebrate with us.

[00:17:20] I am proud to accept this proclamation on behalf of the Department, And as always, we thank you for your continued support and this recognition for the work that we do. Thank you. Let's go ahead and take another photo.

[00:18:11] All right, and Supervisor Bailey, smarter of you to sit in the audience. You and Mrs. Conley can come up, and anyone else you have, and then we'll take a picture for this out in the atrium.

[00:18:34] Thank you, Madam Chair. It is with excitement and great joy that I present this to our citizens today on behalf of our friend, Jerry Conley.

[00:18:59] Congressman Gerald E. Jerry, as we know him to be, Connelly, dedicated his life to public service, representing the people of Northern Virginia with vision, integrity, love, and an unwavering commitment to the common good.

[00:19:17] As a member of the United States House of Representatives for Virginia's 11th Congressional District, Congressman Connelly worked tirelessly to ensure that Prince William County and the entire Northern Virginia region received a strong federal advocacy on critical issues such as transportation infrastructure, economic development, veteran services, and public education.

[00:19:45] He was instrumental in advancing regional transportation initiatives such as improvements to the I-95 corridor, expansion of the Virginia Railway Express, and the extension of mass transit options, enhancing mobility and economic opportunity for residents of Prince William County.

[00:20:08] Congressman Connolly was a tireless advocate for public servants, federal employees, and military families, recognizing their contributions to the nation and ensuring that Prince William County, home to the thousands of these individuals, was well-represented, represented, and well-served.

[00:20:30] And, therefore, today, the Prince William County Board of County Supervisors hereby commends, honors, and remembers Congressman Gerald E. Jerry Connolly for his exemplary public service, his steadfast advocacy for the people of Northern Virginia, and his enduring contributions to the progress and prosperity of Prince William County.

[00:20:58] His wife, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you very much, Supervisor Bailey. Thank you, Madam Chairman, and all the members of the Board of Supervisors. I bring greetings from my daughter, who you don't want to have bring them in person because she's sick.

[00:21:20] But we both thank you for this recognition, this honor. You should know that one of the saddest days of Jerry's life was when he was redistricted out of Prince William County. He loved this community, and he loved spending time here with you all.

[00:21:35] Friday marks six months since he passed. Jerry was fundamentally, as a human being and as a public servant, other-centered. When he asked you, how are you, how are you, how are you doing?

[00:21:53] He actually wanted to hear the answer. It mattered to him. It mattered to him that if you had a problem, if you had an issue, whether regardless of your party or your circumstances, you're a constituent of his or even somebody he worked with or knew, that he was able to help, that he would step in to try to make a difference.

[00:22:18] Jerry understood that what my needs are, what my wants are, do not help further our country or our democracy. He understood that public service is about the other. He understood that effectiveness mattered, that getting elected was just getting the job. Then you had to do it once you were elected i cannot thank you enough for this honor you all hold a special place in our hearts as well

[00:22:53] and um and i want to also thank you for the work that you do as other centered public servants you make a difference please keep up that good work and in jury's name in your own names it doesn't matter in the public's name it matters thank you so much i would like to invite all the board members

[00:23:16] to come down for this photo all right thank you everyone we are now moving on to agenda item number

[00:23:54] five and that is the consent agenda um i wanted to see if there was anyone on the board who would like to pull anything off from the consent agenda supervisor vega thank you madam chair item 5n 5n is a nancy anyone else all right seeing none i would like to get a motion for wait hold on

[00:24:30] because you don't know what i could be asking for a motion for i'd like a motion from 5a through 5m and 5o through 5v so moved it's been moved and properly seconded any discussion on these items madam chair i have a 5w as the last are you was that pulled wait did you um 5n is on

[00:25:01] 5w did you want to pull that i'm sorry okay i'm sorry just just confirming thank you yes yes it It was, I apologize. Yeah, that one has been withdrawn. All right, Supervisor Angry.

[00:25:22] Thank you, Madam Chair. Just real quick on 5.0, 5.Q, 5.R. We've been talking about the courts district for a little bit now, and we're in those phases where the pain starts. So we're going to start seeing a lot of movement of dirt, trucks, construction signs.

[00:25:43] Again, if you don't need to be in this area of Prince William Parkway and Mannyville Road, find alternates. I hate to put it that way, but this is going to go on until we get this construction done. Of course, you know the course is tied to the SPUI, which is a single point urban interchange.

[00:25:59] Got it right? Okay, and so that road is a major construction road because we've heard, and I've heard, that when we do developments, we don't improve the road infrastructure. So you're going to see Parkway going under Mannyville. We've already had one town hall meeting on this.

[00:26:15] We'll be having another one here real soon because of now the next phase that we're in. So if you're not on my email list, I would ask that for folks listening in, folks around, shoot me an email. Go to the website neapschoolnews.org. Get on this list so you'll know where we're going to have this meeting so you can come out and hear all the changes that are taking place and really be a part of the discussion, any questions you have that we can answer as we go through this process.

[00:26:42] This is going to take a couple of years, but at the end of all this, I just think you'll be very impressed with what we have. So just want to put that out, and we're there now. All right, so thank you, Madam Chair. All right, does anyone else want to comment on anything? Madam Chair.

[00:26:58] Supervisor Bailey. Thank you, Madam Chair. Just want to thank our fire department and our facilities department for the movement on Fire Station 27. Every little incremental movement is great, so that I appreciate you just keeping your eye on the prize and making sure that that fire station is there in terms of public safety and taking care of our citizens.

[00:27:20] Thank you, Madam Chair. All right, thank you so very much. I don't see anyone else in queue, so I'd like to go ahead and call for the vote. Vote unanimous. All right, thank you. We are now going to go over to 5N, Supervisor Vega.

[00:27:38] Thank you, Madam Chair. I understand that we're just voting to authorize a public hearing. I still remain fundamentally opposed to this initiative even starting, so I want to state that for the record. All right, thank you. Are there any additional speakers if not I'd like to obtain I'd like to get a motion on 5N second should properly move and second it any discussion all right let's go ahead and take a vote on that

[00:28:03] Item motion passes seven to one supervisor Vega voting nay all right thank you so very much we are moving on to agenda item number six and that is public comment time I already have a sign-up sheet what I'm going to do is going to call people up in groups of five um and I ask the people um that everyone in the boardroom please take a seat. So I'm going to have, and I apologize if I cannot

[00:28:38] make out the handwriting, Lefe Jones, Brian Landrum, Ron Sachs, Chris Blazia. And so everyone, just a few general pointers, make sure that you speak directly into the microphone.

[00:29:00] On the screen, it will have how much time you have. Everyone has three minutes. And please begin by stating your name in the Magisterial District where you reside. Good afternoon. My name is Leafy Jones, and I reside down the street, so I'm new to this, so I apologize.

[00:29:19] She's in Neopsc. Okay, Neopsc. And the only comment that I wanted to make is in reference to, I guess, 7F with the Kings Grove that's potentially going to be here on the corner.

[00:29:35] And my only concern with that is that the entryway to that facility, I would recommend that the only entryway to that facility is going to be on Black Forest Lane, not Prince William Parkway, because Prince William Parkway is always already a backlog on trying to be in that right-hand lane.

[00:30:06] and that's really my only comment I don't know how this process works but I did want to voice my opinion on that so generally I will just give you and the public comment time you can come and speak on anything public hearings um what you're referring to is 7f we actually have a separate process for that but if you want you can speak again during that time or if you're finished with your comments if you're satisfied you don't have to speak again that's my comment unless you

[00:30:42] all present something else that I need to speak on I like that clever next speaker please okay good afternoon Brian Landrum chairman of the architectural review board uh Gainesville District Madam Chair supervisors thank you for the opportunity to speak today on behalf of the architectural review board about agenda item number 10c the request for 85 000 in out-of-cycle funding to develop the thoroughfare historic overlay district design guidelines thank you to board for your commitment to historic preservation in Prince William County including the recent

[00:31:18] purchase and ongoing rehabilitation of the Williams Dawes house and the Ned Distiller home in Buckland and thank you supervisor Gordy for your leadership in securing that funding and moving those projects forward thoroughfare is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to preserve an incredible piece of our

shared history our county should be proud of frank washington and the thoroughfare community and this board for working diligently to ensure that future generations here have the opportunity to experience the rich history represented there these design guidelines are a critical piece of the overlay district project and this out of cycle funding is key

[00:31:56] to ensuring it stays on schedule so i respectfully request that you approve item 10c and the out of cycle funding request for the thoroughfare design guidelines thank you so much thank you next speaker please hello um chris blaze uh friendsville uh district uh thanks for letting me speak and i do want to apologize to the board i'm going to be a debbie downer uh also i haven't been at these meetings because i do travel a lot but i just recently got laid off uh as well as many other people in in virginia and i just want to you know mention to the board you know priority is of course

[00:32:34] residents right we're all prince william county residents and i say that because um i we get all these mailings and flyers about data centers, personal property taxes, and I'm hoping the board has priorities over this because now I'm hearing that data centers are now taking public locations like retail or nurseries and providing them lots of money to build data centers.

[00:33:05] I didn't know that was Prince William's goals or objectives, and I'm sorry I didn't make any meetings because i'm supporting my family every day and um there's a lot of states that are no sales tax i i fly a lot and i know that there's probably a lot of other objectives that the board could probably look work with other politicians i'm sure we can get rid of personal property tax in in general um it's we know it goes in a general fund i don't know where it goes And I just want the board to just put priorities to the data centers and personal property tax.

[00:33:41] These are all the things that you mentioned when you guys are running for office, so I really would like that to be a priority. Thank you for your time. Thank you. And next speaker, please. I'm Ron Sachs. I live in Ms. Franklin's district, and I guess I'm talking to all the board members.

[00:34:04] Recently, we lost a bus stop on Valley Drive and Carter Lane. Sir, can you move the mic closer to your mic? We can barely hear you. You can move the microphone. Anyway, we lost the bus stop.

[00:34:20] Now, two weeks before, well, two weeks into the school, the Woodbridge High School students, Fred Lynn students, and Occoquan Elementary School students, they did not have any information that they had eliminated this bus stop.

[00:34:41] Two weeks, I tried to get in contact with them. Their computers were down. Two weeks, I tried to call with the telephone, no response. I don't understand how they can, that bus stop's been there for 60 years.

[00:35:02] I collect cans, and I go ahead and I give the money to the kids when they get off the bus at the end of the school year so they have one opportunity to go swimming at Hamble Mill Pool. This year it was \$6.

[00:35:18] But anyway, one of the problems is they eliminate it. I got news today that they're not going to put it back. I know we got information a couple weeks ago that they're changing the times of the bus stop.

[00:35:38] Well, it was on the paperwork of Mr. Lint. He's the principal of Occoquan School. He's not the one who initiates this. Do you want everybody to call Mr. Lint the principal about the bus stop times? I mean, it's crazy.

[00:35:54] I mean, that person or whoever the entity was remained anonymous. And, I mean, we want the bus stop back. I mean, what's a child's life worth? And then you've got people going up to Ardine Kilby.

[00:36:10] They're walking up these hills, icy, snowy. I mean, I don't understand. I mean, have you ever pushed a carriage up a hill with two kids? I mean, it's difficult. I mean, I don't know how you feel about it.

[00:36:32] Can you even read and write? The Declaration of Independence was written. There's no more writing in the public schools. What's going on? I'm blessed that I went to a private school, I mean, a Catholic school.

[00:36:48] But my time is running out. Thank you for the time, and good luck on the Valley Drive. Thank you so very much. We are going to be moving on to remote public comment time, and I ask people, sir, if you can, in the back, if you would like to sit, if you'd please have a seat.

[00:37:09] All right, Supervisor Bailey, do we have anyone signed up? We do, Madam Chair. And here is my list. Are we ready? Thank you.

[00:37:26] Okay, Madam Chair, back to you. Thank you so very much. We are going to move on to agenda item number seven, and that is public hearings. Before I open the public hearings, I want to see if anyone on the day has had any questions or wanted any clarification.

[00:37:46] Madam Chair. Supervisor Bodie? Yeah, thank you. Before we get to the public hearings, Suarez Angry and I have something we have to read. Madam Chair, before the board holds the public hearing, considers and votes on item 7A, which budget and appropriate school board carryover funds, I need to declare a personal interest in this matter.

[00:38:05] As a school employee, my wife and I are members of a group which is affected by this matter. Are we participating in this matter because I am able to do so fairly, objectively in the public interest? Thank you, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, before the board holds the public hearings, considers, and votes on item 7A, which budget and appropriate school board carryover funds, I need to declare a personal interest in this matter.

[00:38:28] My wife is a school's employee. As a school's employee, my wife and I are members of a group which is affected by this matter. I will be participating in this matter because I am able to do so fairly, objectively, and in the public interest. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you so very much. Supervisor Franklin. Well, I wanted to separate out an item.

[00:38:47] I'm not sure if we're there yet. You can do that. Okay, I just want to separate out 7C. All right, 7C. All right. Actually, what I am going to do is I'm going to open the public hearing for everything, and then we will take 7C separately.

[00:39:08] All right, so I am going to open the public hearing for items 7A through 7F. Right now, I have two people who are signed up to speak. The rules are that you have, again, similar to public common time, you have three minutes.

[00:39:26] The timer is gonna be on the screen. If you are speaking as a representative for a recognized group, 501C3, you have up to five minutes. I have two people currently signed up. Again, state your name and where you reside. I have Miriam Higginbotham and Paula Kassir.

[00:39:50] So if you both make your way up to the back. Oh, right over there, ma'am. - My name is Miriam Higginbotham.

[00:40:06] I'm here to speak on the Kings Grove development. If you can step into the mic or have the mic come to you. Sure, is that better? Okay, great. I am a homeowner in the Reeds Prospect HOA, which is across the street from where this development is being planned.

[00:40:23] I've been a homeowner there for 12 years. And we have concerns about a growing trend that we've seen in residential development in which the integration of rental apartment units into HOAs under often the broad and misleading label of multifamily housing units.

[00:40:42] We believe that some developers may be using this terminology to obscure their true intent, introducing rental units into traditionally owner-occupied communities. This practice not only misleads potential homeowners, but can also compromise their voting rights and influence within the HOA.

[00:41:00] So this is what has happened with Reed's Prospect, which is right across the street. It was originally developed to include 200 condo units. That was what was approved by the Board of Supervisors and 314 single family homes and townhouses.

[00:41:18] Those units were later transitioned into apartment units, But the governing documents, which were drafted by the same law firm, which is representing this development here, which is the law firm of Walsh, Kalushi, Lubelli, and Walsh, drafted our governing documents in such a misleading manner so that now those 200 apartment units have 200 votes in our HOA, which are cast by one person.

[00:41:45] So the entire time I've lived there, our HOA has been effectively, practically, and absolutely controlled by the interests of one person. Our HOA has put together several collective actions because we do have more votes than the 200, but you can imagine in our community, we are a group of homeowners, many federal workers, folks that don't have English as their first language, so that kind of collective action problem.

[00:42:15] This represents a petition that we have worked get to get signed as well as proxy votes to try and reclaim our voting rights this has been met led by an hoa attorney which they have hired using our own funds to spend over seventy thousand dollars rejecting our effort this year so my concern regarding this community we have met um last year with kenny body's office um and said there's nothing that they can do to help us with this because this has already been developed this has already been planned so my concern is moving forward when i look at the description of these multi-family

[00:42:53] units two over two mixed with um attached townhouses my concern is that you guys protect homeowners that are getting into this to make sure they can't have the same thing happen to them this is not a business deal for us as it is for the apartments thank you very much this is our personal investment next speaker please hi i'm paula kaiser i'm with i guess ocaguan district

[00:43:25] i just want to discuss the kingsgrove last time kingsgrove was brought to the planning meeting there was several people who spoke on the problem the issues with the schools the traffic congestion on the parkway and what i'm here for is about the dog park being adjacent to the well house um that's next door so i just wanted to bring i haven't heard on any of these issues i

[00:44:01] don't know what what's planned for any of to answer address any of those issues that's just what i wanted to say thank you thank you very much do we have anyone remote i don't have to speak remotely madam chair i have one person do we have anyone on remote remote okay thank you so i would like to close the public hearings for items 7a through 7f i would also like the request i believe the

[00:44:35] first speaker said she had a petition if you would like to share it with the clerk to share it okay thank you all right so for the um for the for agenda line i'm sorry for agenda item seven i had a request to pull off 7c and 7e so we're going to take those up individually and separately Does anyone on the board have any questions?

[00:45:04] Because if not, I'd like to get a motion for 7A, 7B, 7D, and 7F. So moved, Madam Chair. Second. It's been properly moved and seconded. All right. Going ahead to discussion. Madam Chair. Supervisor. Sorry. I didn't know where to jump in on that, but I wanted to give the applicant and respond.

[00:45:24] Sorry. This is the consolidated land use. These are things that have gone through expedited. So I'd like to go ahead and have our discussion. Does any, Supervisor Vega and then Bodie.

[00:45:41] Thank you, Madam Chair. I just have a few questions on item 7A. Hold on. I had asked earlier if anyone from the dais had any questions. Okay, so we will go ahead.

[00:45:58] Not a big deal. All right. Would you like to withdraw your chance to speak? Supervisor Bodie. Thank you, Madam Chair. Just wanted to speak very quickly on 7F Kingsgrove. Ms. Hickenbotham, good to see you again. I know that had you had a little bit more time, I understand, and I hear you.

[00:46:14] I know that our office has been working with you and some of our state delegates and the ombudsman on the state level to try to work through common interests, and I know it's very frustrating because there's only so much that we can do here on that. So I just wanted to say first I hear you. But I also know something you've also been here before on is the signal light, right, to speak to one of my other constituents.

[00:46:34] The traffic on Prince William Parkway backing up all the way to almost the intersection there is real we'll be hopefully partly fixing that with the Occoquan and Old Bridge Road sorry Old Bridge Road and Prince William Parkway realignment but with this project King's Grove we actually will be putting in the signal light that's supposed to have been there for quite a while now it will warrant it based on the traffic generation from King's Grove I know a lot of people there that try to come out of Reed's Prospect and want to turn left front on Prince William Parkway currently are taking their lives into their own hands by doing so.

[00:47:09] Flashing yellow light, I don't know why VDOT did that, but we are where we are. But with this Kings Grove project, we'll be addressing that being a fully signalized intersection there with a full signal which will allow people to safely move through that corridor more freely and more safely.

[00:47:26] This project does deliver 239 homes at a time where people are struggling to find homes that are affordable. it does offer 23 new attainable dwelling units it also fills the county's goals of mixed use development as anyone knows on that side of princeview and parkway it's all commercial right now right on the reeds prospect side it's a mixed use on this side it's all commercial right now so we talk about mixed use we're actually bringing the housing to that side of the parkway as well to deliver a real mixed use area in that in that part of the of the corridor this makes a small but important step towards making the county more affordable and livable close to

[00:48:03] this employment center here closer retail shopping their shopping centers basically bookends on the parkway side and the the the holy side so this is the kind of place where we want to see more housing I really wanted to say thank you to the applicant thank you to the planning staff for working through this one and I will of course be supporting it thank you madam chair all right thank you

supervisor Bailey manager if you could just remind me who pulled item number 7e 7e is supervisor vega okay thank you very much all right i don't see any other questions

[00:48:37] so we're going to take a vote again for 7a b d and f vote unanimous all right we're going to move on to agenda item 7c um did you have any questions supervisor vega c oh that was c that was i'm sorry supervisor franklin are you just going to vote again okay all right so then i would like

[00:49:10] to entertain a motion for 7c uh did you have a question i was going to make a motion yeah okay second second all right it's been properly moved a second any discussion on 7c supervisor franklin yeah just generally i have not been supportive of creating or expanding uh home-based gun businesses and so uh just keeping with that and that i'll be voting nay any further discussion so i am simply going to abstain from this one i recognize that the applicant has a number of

[00:49:49] a lot of support. I just again I'm doing this more or less to keep a precedent. So I would like to go ahead and call for the vote. Motion passes 5 to 2. Supervisors Bailey and Franklin voting nay.

[00:50:14] Chair Jefferson abstaining from the vote. Alright thank you very much. And the other item is 7E. Move to approve. Second. Was there any questions or discussion on this one? Supervisor Vega? Thank you Madam Chair.

[00:50:30] Earlier this year we had a presentation from Chief LaBelle And I know, Supervisor Gordy, that there's been some concern in regards to access to emergency services. And so just wanted at least some type of a clarification in regards to what the plan is.

[00:50:49] It is my understanding, based on the staff report, that this does fall outside of the four-minute travel time for emergency response. And just want to know what the plan is in regards to that. I'm not sure if it's for you or for Alex to respond to.

[00:51:11] Well, I'll say we have a new fire station that's planned. It's programmed that's going to help mitigate this, probably within the time frame of construction for this development. It's on Wellington Road, not more than two miles from its location.

[00:51:27] That's going to help us solve this problem in this area. But note that it's pretty much in this entire area. We do desperately need more fire support, and I know Chief LeBell, that's a priority for him, and he's been working on getting that, and that new station on Wellington Road is going to help us mitigate that.

[00:51:48] That's the answer. I need to thank you, Madam Chair. All right. Thank you so very much. If there's no further discussion, I would like to go ahead and get a motion. I'm sorry. We already have one on the floor. So since there's no further discussion, let's go ahead and take the vote. Vote unanimous.

[00:52:10] All right. Thank you so very much. We are now going to go on to agenda item number eight, and that is county executive time.

[00:52:45] All right. Good afternoon, Madam Chair, members of the board. This is a bit of a surprise to the team, but wanted to use this as an opportunity to really give recognition to our transformation management office. All of them are behind me here in the board chambers.

[00:53:03] They have, two years ago, this office was created, and I will tell you they have really become a model team and a model organization. We are getting calls from jurisdictions around the country, and certainly here in the Commonwealth, about the work of transformation.

[00:53:21] They've been responsible for initiating 41 countywide projects, nine community-based projects around our county, and have been doing absolutely phenomenal work.

[00:53:37] So I wanted to take this opportunity to recognize them as they are transitioning out from this two years, and a new group of leaders will be taking over in transformation management. The team has also transformed key functions across departments, modernizing processes and permitting, land acquisition, planning, procurement, transportation projects, and community outreach.

[00:54:04] The team has also supported the launch of offices such as sustainability, community safety, and we are very close as we get to February to coming back to the board for your consideration with the Department of Transportation and Capital Construction, which will merge much of our construction and capital project effort.

[00:54:26] So the team has been absolutely phenomenal in making much of that happen and supporting it across the county. And they have certainly strengthened the customer experience by mapping processes and permitting, planning, libraries, public works, and the clerk's office.

[00:54:45] So I really wanted to express, again, appreciation for the great work that they've done with a small token. And I have one certificate for each of the leaders within TMO. I'm going to read the certificate. Why don't you all come on down?

[00:55:07] So, Madam Chair, this certificate reads, Certificate of Appreciation and Recognition of Your Outstanding Dedication and Leadership to the Transformation Management Office during 2024 through 2025.

[00:55:27] And this is signed by me, and I have one for each, again, of our phenomenal leaders in transformation management. And Lisa, Lisa, do you want to say a few words? I'm going to put you on the spot. I'll hold this while you talk. Thank you. On behalf of myself and the team, I just want to thank you for your innovative idea of this opportunity.

[00:55:51] And we have had a great two years getting to know the county more, working across departments. We've loved being able to enhance the customer experience and offer meaningful and impactful solutions.

[00:56:07] and really just, you know, we will take these tools and these skills back and are very excited and thankful and really excited that it's continuing and that the need for this office is valued and really been beneficial. So thank you all, and thank you.

[00:56:24] Of course, of course. Thank you. Madam Chair. Supervisor Bode. Very quickly, I would be remiss if I didn't mention for the public's benefit that there is a TMO podcast. So if no one, if people didn't know about the TMO actually has their own podcast, it has really good content, so just want to put it out for public benefit.

[00:56:44] Thank you. All right, thank you so very much. I'm just laughing because you're tall and you have to. Well, thank you all very much. You can have a seat. Thank you again. We are going to be transitioning to a new TMO.

[00:57:00] Mandy Sfina has been named our next transformation management chief, and she'll be starting next month. So, again, wanted to use this as an opportunity to say thank you. It's not every day.

[00:57:16] And, of course, so we have the members of the TMO here, but I will tell you dozens and dozens of staff across the county who had to backfill them in the agency also had two years of training in professional development. So I want to thank all of them for serving in those active roles as well.

[00:57:34] While I'm here, I wanted to go ahead and provide the updates I always provide during CXO time. There were seven new directives issued in our last meeting. Staff was directed to, one, work with the Towing Advisory Board and return in six months with a report and data points on any safety concerns or other impacts related to the updates to the towing ordinance.

[00:58:00] This directive was assigned to our police department. We were asked to provide a report one year from now That includes an analysis of the effectiveness of the noise ordinance, any violations found, any potential revisions to the noise ordinance that need to be made, and this was assigned to our public works department.

[00:58:26] Three, we were asked to develop an inventory of all boards, committees, commissions, advisory, and or working groups established by the board via resolution or directive. This directive was assigned to the clerk of the board. Four, we were asked to identify land to purchase in the Woodbridge Magisterial District suitable for the development of the county-operated community recreation center and bring back appropriate recommendations for the board's consideration.

[00:58:55] This directive was assigned to parks and to FFM. Five, we were asked to develop recommendations for establishing a county-owned and maintained history museum. This directive was assigned to parks, facilities, and fleet management, and to planning.

[00:59:16] Sixth, we were asked to develop and present a framework for the establishment of an agricultural and forest reserve. This directive was assigned to finance, budget, planning, and public works. And then finally, we were asked to follow up to a previous directive to expedite the exploration of the elimination of the data center opportunity zone overlay district.

[00:59:38] And this directive was assigned to planning. There were three directives closed since our last meeting. A response to the directive to explore options for establishing additional community gardens on county-owned property.

[00:59:55] And the follow-up directive to add a potential botanical garden at Fetter Park was sent earlier this month to the board. And then finally, and a response to the directive to develop a recommendation for a new framework to leverage the power of the arts was provided to the board last week.

[01:00:15] I'd like to, yes, so those were all of the directives opened and closed. I'd like to also express real excitement about an opportunity, and I'm going to have the chief come up and to talk a bit about this just for a minute or two because it's such a big deal for our county.

[01:00:34] The county fire and rescue system is introducing two major life-saving advancements here in the county. And once I got word that we had gotten to this point, I wanted the chief, Tom LaBelle, to come up and talk about this because I really wanted the board to have awareness of it, but also our community to have awareness of it.

[01:00:55] Chief, you're around. I appreciate you raising the podium before I got here. Good afternoon. Tom LaBelle, your fire chief. Madam Chair, members of the board, I am always excited.

[01:01:13] I'm always so proud of the career volunteer staff of our amazing fire and rescue system. But I'm even more so when we're able to give them the resources they need to literally save lives of our residents, our citizens, and our visitors.

[01:01:29] And so there's two particular programs I want to talk about. The first is we'll be introducing ultrasound out into the field, and that means we'll be able to look inside patients. We'll be able to look at whether or not they're having congestive heart failure, whether it's a COPD issue, whether they have a collapsed lung.

[01:01:46] We'll also be able to see if their heart is actually stopped. All of those are incredibly helpful in the field. The second, just as exciting, is we will begin delivering whole blood in the field. That means when an individual has a traumatic injury and is bleeding out.

[01:02:07] Right now, we don't have the ability, unless we call another community, to provide whole blood to that person on scene. We'll now have that ability around the first week in December. And I can tell you unquestionably that that will save the lives of people in this community that currently die because we can't do it.

[01:02:28] And so I'm also excited because we're able to do this without asking you all to give us more resources. And that's always a good spot to be in. And as all of you know, we've been working to try to be really efficient with our EMS model. We're continuing down that road. This is part of it.

[01:02:45] The last two things I want to say is we couldn't possibly have gotten this done if you all hadn't approved Dr. Amon Shaw to be our medical director. Most of you know I've got a fair amount of energy. I'm not sure where he gets his from, but he's got more energy than I do.

[01:03:01] And he is bringing forward amazing things for us. This is a perfect example of what we've been able to accomplish with this medical director. I really enjoy working with him. Then the last piece is this Saturday at OWL Volunteer Station over on F Street.

[01:03:19] We're going to be having a blood drive because you can't give out whole blood if you don't have blood. So the good news is it's Saturday from 8 to 1. I hope to see you all there. uh chief newsham and i will be the first two uh delivering blood uh the other really good news is if you weigh yourself beforehand and after you will lose weight so uh really encourage everyone everyone listening to this uh to come out from eight to one this saturday uh to our blood drive and a special shout out to inova who's helping us out with this program absolutely amazing this is

[01:03:58] you could uh madam chair members of the board understand why i wanted to have the chief deliver that message. It's such great news for our community and for all those who will be helped by our system in the future. All right, I am almost there. I wanted to quickly recognize a few employees for their outstanding work. Big thanks to our planning office and communications and engagement for creating a small area plan hub on the PwC Works platform on the PwC Works website.

[01:04:34] We're going to have the next time we're together on December 2nd, the planning office talk a bit about what is happening on PWC Works and highlight some of the, you know, sort of advancements they've made, not just with the small area plans, but there have been some other advancements we want to have them highlight next time we're together.

[01:04:55] Last but certainly not least, I want to give a big, big shout out to all those who were involved in responding to the gas leak incident last Friday. So I know that a few of you will probably talk to this as well at some point this afternoon.

[01:05:11] The event necessitated an evacuation of approximately 65 townhomes, leading to the need to immediately shelter 82 people, 11 of whom were children, at Woodbridge High School on Friday. 30 adults, two children were further assisted by other emergency management and Red Cross services when they could not return home after the emergency repair due to loss of heat.

[01:05:39] So we believe that certainly thanks and recognition are in order. There are so many agencies that had a role to play in this process. We were able to accomplish what we believe is one of the largest, if not the largest, emergency evacuation that has happened for the purpose of hazardous material release in recent history.

[01:06:04] And we did that seamlessly and humanely, and I wanted to recognize all of the agencies involved, our Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue, Occoquan Woodbridge Volunteer Department, Noakesville Volunteer Department, Prince William County Emergency Management, Prince William County Public Safety Communications, of course, Prince William County Police, Red Cross, Washington Gas, Prince William County Department of Social Services, OmniRide, and Prince William County public schools all played a part, and we want to just recognize the great work that happened on last Friday.

[01:06:46] And that is all for me, Madam Chair. Call down. Supervisor Franklin. Yeah, just a quick question. I know about a month ago you sent an update on our report campaign and included a lot of important data points.

[01:07:01] I was also wondering, whenever you all decide to schedule an actual presentation for the board, if it can include kind of our marketing strategy for the trashy guy, whatever we're calling it, the trashy raccoon.

[01:07:19] We absolutely will. There may or may not be an appearance. Happy to do so. I think we are planning to come in December with a presentation and an update to the board on litter. That's helpful because I just want to make sure that we're marketing in various parts of the county, various modes.

[01:07:38] I haven't seen a lot, but maybe I'm not in the right places, but I'm certainly up and down Route 1. And so I may have questions about, you know, where exactly are we doing our targeting and how effective is the actual campaign. I know the litter crew is doing the work, but, you know, we need to kind of raise awareness to our residents so that we all do better in terms of our trash.

[01:08:01] Happy to include that. So, yes, we actually did speak about that, about when this is coming back. And I, just for the record, Nikki, Chris, I did not put her up to ask me about Trashy. Okay? But I want everyone to know that whenever you pick up a piece of litter or clean it behind yourself, the spirit of Trashy lives within you.

[01:08:21] I couldn't help it. Couldn't help it. All right. I love the mom jokes. Supervisor Bailey. Yes. Thank you, Madam Chair. I love the mom jokes. I wanted to personally thank, on behalf of the board, Lisa Majorin, for, as she was a part of the TMO, one of the things that I got scared about is, who's going to take care of the CRC?

[01:08:46] And she took it with her to that new assignment. So she had two big new assignments to work with her team. And I really appreciate the delivery of the Crisis Receiving Center as you embarked upon rising us up like a phoenix with your team for Prince William County.

[01:09:06] Your giftedness goes before you. So thank you. All right. We don't have any further comments, so you can roll right into agency time. I'm sorry. County attorney time.

[01:09:22] Oops. Yeah, I'm sorry. Michelle. Thank you, Madam Chair, members of the board. This afternoon in closed session, we will have consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members pertaining to the discussion or consideration of acquisition of real property for public purposes to include for public safety and other public uses where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position, litigating posture, or negotiating strategy of the public body.

[01:09:45] We will have a personnel discussion relating to the appointments and officers of the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission, the Chair Pro Tem of the Board, members of the Board Audit Committee, members of the Joint Audit Committee, and members of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Climate, Energy, and Environmental Policy Committee and Chesapeake Bay and Water Resource Policy Committee.

[01:10:08] We will have personnel discussions relating to the annual performance evaluation of the county attorney and the county executive where consultation or briefing or discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position litigating posture or negotiating strategy and these items are appropriate for closed session pursuant to 2.2 dash 3711 a one and three of the code of virginia move madam chair second all right it's been probably moved and seconded let's go ahead and take our vote vote unanimous all right now we can do agency

[01:10:43] job thank you very much madam chair members of the board just want to thank uh the sheriff and and all of our constitutional officers, I see the clerk here as well, for their willingness to come down. What we wanted to do, unlike last year, is have our constitutional officers present directly to the board their budget as we get started in terms of the FY27 budget development process.

[01:11:12] The process, as we talked about during the committee meeting this morning, will move forward in the way that it always does, but we wanted to make sure that our constitutional officers had an opportunity to present to the board directly. So we are starting that process in earnest with the sheriff, and I want to thank him again for being here, and sheriff with that, I will say you could take it away. I am Sheriff Glenhill. I am elected every four years

[01:11:52] to serve Prince William County and the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. My sincere thanks to the board for giving me the opportunity to come before you to present the Sheriff's Office FY27 budget request.

[01:12:08] With me this afternoon is Chief Deputy Terry Fearnley, our Budget Analyst Whitney Brown. During my presentation, I will talk briefly about who we are, how we serve our mandated responsibilities, and our meaningful prevention programs that contribute to a better quality of life for our community.

[01:12:33] I will conclude with my FY27 budget request and answer any questions you may have. Our mission statement explains our commitment to our values, profession, and the community we serve.

[01:13:02] Who we are. The Sheriff's Office is the oldest and first agency established in Prince William County. The police department was established in 1970 to provide law enforcement duties. The Prince William Manassas Regional Jail Operation began in 1982.

[01:13:22] All court functions remain with the sheriff's office, but we collaborate with all public safety agencies to maintain the highest level of service for our community. This slide is a summary of how we serve our mandated primary responsibilities and how we assist other law enforcement agencies.

[01:13:58] The most important position on our organization chart is at the top, the citizens and community we serve. Additionally, the chart allows everyone to see the chain of command and understand the structure and functions of our office.

[01:14:21] Courthouse security. Providing courthouse security is among the many mandated responsibilities of a sheriff.

[01:14:39] The court services division is responsible for upholding the integrity of the judicial process. The sheriff's office provides 24-hour security in and around the judicial center complex. In FY25, the courthouse deputies screened 305,937 individuals who entered the courthouse.

[01:15:01] Approximately 90% of the people who enter the courthouse are there for court purposes. Some of them are uncomfortable entering and being in the courthouse. That's why I'm so proud of my deputies that do an outstanding job greeting, screening, and assisting individuals entering the courthouse to make them feel comfortable.

[01:15:26] They also assist the physically impaired and ensure visitors know how to get to their destination. You won't find too many courthouses anywhere that greet the public when they come in and assist them. Deputies often respond to unusual circumstances and situations within and around the courthouse and are often the first responders when someone suffers a medical emergency.

[01:15:59] Some offices in the courthouse have duress alarms in case of an emergency. We work with other agencies in the courthouse to implement evacuation procedures. deputies often escort individuals and families to their vehicles to ensure their safe departure from the courthouse. Courtroom security. I will focus on courtroom security because this is a function of our office. I will be requesting additional personnel. The courthouse has 18

[01:16:36] courtrooms. We are the second busiest courthouse in Virginia. Our circuit court has seven courtrooms. A courtroom deputy's primary responsibility is to provide security and maintain order in the courtroom, including inmate supervision.

[01:16:58] In Prince William County, deputies provide support to judges, the clerks, and managing jurors handle additional related tasks and other duties. Court house security and courtroom security is a collective effort.

[01:17:14] Everyone, regardless of their rank, including me, the major and captains of rank, must all participate to ensure every courtroom is properly staffed and advanced preparation is required. In other words, we plan days before how we're going to manage our courtrooms.

[01:17:36] Two deputies are assigned to each circuit courtroom. Some cases require additional deputies for security, jury movement, and other additional screening of courtroom attendees before court begins. Frequently, deputies are reassigned from other duties to assist in our courtrooms.

[01:17:59] I will talk later about this in my presentation about deputies assisting in courts and its impact on their duties and responsibilities. To assist us with our court responsibilities, we utilize off-duty jail officers and reserve deputies.

[01:18:18] Our general district court has five courtrooms. One deputy is assigned to each courtroom. The deputies in this courtroom receive most of the assistance from the deputies assigned to our vertical deployment and our inmate movement.

[01:18:40] Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court is our third court. Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court has six courtrooms. One deputy is assigned to each one of those courtrooms.

[01:18:57] A new law went into effect July 1st, prohibiting the use of juvenile restraints unless approved by a judge. We now have a court order to request a special hearing to use restraints. There is no guarantee our request is going to be granted, and we have had some interesting experiences in supervising our juveniles.

[01:19:23] People awaiting to appear in court are frequently asked for assistance involving their security and safety in the courthouse. Many people we escort to their vehicles are involved in cases out of juvenile court. Our Control Center Dispatch, the Sheriff's Office Public Safety Telecommunicators dispatch calls for service in the Judicial Center complex.

[01:19:53] All transportation and other units communicate with the Sheriff's Office dispatchers. Civil process deputies, the ones that are out in our community, communicate with Prince William County dispatchers. They receive and process all incoming calls for this office.

[01:20:10] Our public safety telecommunicators are required to complete Dispatch Basic Academy. Additionally, they are required to maintain V-CIN, the level of certification through a Virginia criminal information network.

[01:20:31] They monitor over 200 cameras to assist courthouse deputies. They monitor and dispatch 50 emergency alarms throughout the courthouse. So a lot of officers have those monitors in their offices, and our dispatcher monitors those emergency alarms.

[01:20:52] They also track the movement of inmates in the courthouse throughout the courthouse on a daily basis. Our vertical deployment life scan personnel are assigned to vertical deployment to receive inmates from the adult detention center for court.

[01:21:10] Inmates are then escorted to and from courtrooms within the courthouse. Inmates remaining in our custody are returned to the adult detention center to serve a sentence, remain in custody, pending a court date, or they may be released.

[01:21:26] They also take into custody persons committed to the adult detention center and process, and we transfer them to the adult detention center. In FY25, this section escorted over 30,000 inmates to and from the courthouse to the adult detention center.

[01:21:48] The live scan section is responsible for mandated processing of sex offenders. Persons convicted of certain offenses are processed and DNA is collected and sent to the state forensic laboratory. Persons released by the police on a summons for a certain amount of violations are processed by this section after their court appearances.

[01:22:18] They also assist people requesting fingerprints for job applications. We also conduct background checks for citizens applying for concealed weapons. In FY25, we conducted 6,224 background checks.

[01:22:35] The background checks are done to assist the clerk of the court in issuing concealed weapons permits. Our operations division and some of our court functions.

[01:22:54] Civil process deputies are very busy. Deputies assigned to our civil process serve legal documents within Prince William County and the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. Most documents we serve are posted on the property, but some require personal service and are oftentimes consuming.

[01:23:18] There are several documents we serve that require two deputies. In FY25, deputies serve 73,522 documents. Two of those documents are levies and convictions.

[01:23:34] To complete the execution of an eviction requires at least three visits to the residence. Even though we get one document for an eviction, it's going to require several visits to that residence.

[01:23:52] In FY25, we executed 3,091 evictions with four deputies. Those deputies I have on my eviction squad. We also executed 172 levies and conducted four sheriff's sales.

[01:24:08] Also in FY25, to assist the eviction squad because they needed assistance to get their work done, the civil process deputies served 512 five-day notices. That's one of the visits that I mentioned that we have to go to the residents in the process of an eviction.

[01:24:27] They also serve 475 30-day notices and 2,027 summons for unlawful detainers. Unlawful detainers is a process that we summons people to come to court so the court can issue or decide to issue the eviction notice.

[01:24:51] When an emergency call comes for service for police and responds to dispatch, a deputy will respond to assist if they're in the area. Simply, sometimes we are in areas of the county where there's no police presence, and when a call comes out, the deputy will assist the police departments.

[01:25:11] Sometimes the deputies are the first ones on the scene. Fuel escorts are a mandated, it is not a mandated responsibility, but as your sheriff, I believe it is absolutely necessary to provide this service to our community.

[01:25:29] I get a lot of nice letters from our citizens about how we do the funeral escorts. And I especially like those letters that come from people that visit our community or are here for a funeral and see how we provide this service for our community.

[01:25:49] In FY25, this section performed 333 funeral escorts. Providing funeral escorts sends a message to our community and visitors about who we are and as an agency in Prince William County and the city of Manassas and Manassas Park.

[01:26:10] When discussing earlier the reassignment of deputies from other duties, the deputies that we normally pull to assist us in our courts, they are our civil process deputies. Transportation. To and from criminal justice facilities is a challenging daily process, mainly because of the distance to other jails and facilities within the state.

[01:26:40] Next, we have temporary detention orders. By Virginia Code, all persons committed to facilities for treatment are transported by primary law enforcement agencies in that jurisdiction. For

Prince William County, it is all of our police departments.

[01:26:56] Before the law changed about 10 years ago, it was the sheriff's office responsibility. If the person is in crisis, is a juvenile, and a temporary detention order is issued, and the juvenile is medically cleared for transport, it is the police department's responsibility to transport the person in crisis.

[01:27:19] By state law, the petition is a subpoena notifying the parent or guardian of the hearing date and time location. This petition can only be served by a deputy sheriff. Regardless of when this occurs, the sheriff's office agreed to do all juvenile transport for our police department.

[01:27:45] By agreement, this office assists the police departments in transporting persons in crisis. There are other times during the week my office agreed to do temporary detention order transports. Our agency agreed to help because I know our police departments are busy.

[01:28:02] And when they have a transport such as a person in crisis, it takes two officers to do the transports. So we assist them to keep the officers on the street. And I have deputy sheriffs on call so that we can do the transport for our police departments.

[01:28:19] In FY25, this section of civil transports totaled 4,107 hours spent. In FY25, we assisted the police department in doing civil transports, totaling \$3,599. Starting this fiscal year, the courts are now sending court orders to our office to transport people that have been arrested around the state.

[01:28:46] Historically, these transports were done by law enforcement agencies within Prince William County. These transports are statewide and require at least two deputies to perform the transports. So far, we have done 47 of these types of transports this fiscal year.

[01:29:06] By mandate, the Sheriff's Office is responsible for post-commitment hearing transports to include transports to mental hospitals in the Commonwealth. Please keep in mind, for cautionary reasons and safety reasons, each transport requires two deputies.

[01:29:25] 80% of our transports are done with two deputies. I do not feel comfortable sending one deputy on a transport by themselves. Deputies frequently travel to facilities and jail all across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

[01:29:46] Depending on what time deputies leave Prince William County and distance travel, they often stay overnight and return the following day, which means they are not available for full duty the next day. Warrants.

[01:30:03] The warrants section handles all child support and post-eviction warrants. In FY25, the warrant section served 773 warrants. We work very closely with the Adult Probation Office to apprehend and serve probation violations.

[01:30:22] We serve court order violations and failure to appear in court violations as well. Court order executions are very powerful. For example, a child removal order requires a minimum of four deputies to transfer the child to the custody of the other parent or guardian.

[01:30:44] Those situations can be very emotional, time-consuming, and it requires good communication skills and patience. Additionally, the section is responsible for out-of-state extraditions. If the extradition involves flying, deputies are required to be trained and certified to fly while armed.

[01:31:10] Our deputies ensure the average of 30 traffic summonses and warnings a month. So in other words, we are on the street a lot, and we see people that are violating the law of speeding, and my deputies occasionally will write a speeding summons.

[01:31:28] Our administration division and core functions of our administration division. Our human resources division is responsible for recruitment and all our application processing.

[01:31:56] Training all deputies, all deputies of law enforcement are certified and trained with law enforcement certification. Our deputies are also certified in civil process and courtroom security.

[01:32:11] Some deputies are jail certified to maintain certifications. Our deputies are also mandated to attend 40 hours of in-service training every two years. We have several other training requirements that exceed an additional 80 hours.

[01:32:32] We have two deputies permanently assigned to the Criminal Justice Academy. Accreditation, we were the first agency in the Commonwealth to be accredited through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission.

[01:32:53] We've just completed our seventh reaccreditation assessment and should receive our certification certificate in December. This section also handles all of our internal affairs.

[01:33:24] As of today, community services. Our community services. We'll start with Project Lightsaber.

[01:33:42] We place bracelets on seniors with Alzheimer's and autistic children who tend to wander or run away. The bracelet emits a signal on a frequency and it allows us to locate a missing client.

[01:33:58] We visit our clients to ensure the bracelet is properly in place and to change the batteries. Most of our clients are referred to us because the police department has probably responded to the residents and because a person is lost, walked away.

[01:34:19] And they referred those people to apply for applications for us to come out and put them on our Project Lifesaver. We use our tracking equipment to locate missing clients. All police stations have tracking equipment that can be utilized while the Sheriff's Office personnel are responding.

[01:34:36] In 2022, we had 33 clients on our Lifesaver program. Currently, we have 54 clients, 28 adults, 26 children in the program. As of today, we have 15 pending applications.

[01:34:56] And I do not want to say no to any family that wants to put a family member on Project Lifesaver. Unlike some jurisdictions, we do not charge a fee for families to be on the program. Also, I have a Senior Safe Program.

[01:35:14] We started the Senior Safe Program about eight years ago because we learned of a senior that failed, and it was a tragic ending. And we thought we could do something to help our seniors. So we provide medical alert equipment to seniors who cannot afford it at no cost.

[01:35:36] In 2022, we had 14 seniors in this program. Today, I'm proud to tell you that we have 91 seniors on this program today. As I mentioned at the beginning of my presentation, we are proud of our meaningful programs that contribute to a better quality of life for our community.

[01:35:56] I get some good comments from our seniors because they just get a joy out of the deputies coming to their house, spending time with them, talking to them about security issues. But the deputy president makes a difference with our seniors.

[01:36:14] Our gun safety program. Our gun safety program is a very popular program for children. In FY25, this program was presented to over 5,000 students. In 2023, this program received the Virginia Association of Counties Achievement Award, our rate, aggression, and defense program.

[01:36:39] Currently, we conduct about two classes a year. I want to increase those classes next year. It's difficult for us to schedule these classes, but I want to see if we can do at least two more classes next year. unclaimed residents. I am the only agency in the county that handles unclaimed residents.

[01:37:02] The primary law enforcement agency is responsible for all unclaimed residents. Previously, it was the sheriff's responsibility until the law changed about 11 years ago. Because I had a policy in place to comply with the law, I agreed because I represent not only Prince William County, but Manassas and Manassas Park, to continue this responsibility.

[01:37:25] In FY25, we received about 26 cases. Each case requires about 20 hours of work. Those hours include attempting to locate relatives working with funeral homes, hospitals, and the curator and attorney to obtain a court order to close out the case.

[01:37:43] We also conduct a yearly ceremony to honor and provide a dignified burial for our unclaimed deceased residents. Our civil disturbance unit.

[01:38:02] In 2020, over 200 demonstrators attempted to enter the courthouse, and we persuaded the crowd to leave and prevented any injury or confrontation. I think some of your board members might have been there that day, but I am very proud of how our officers reacted to our demonstrators.

[01:38:25] When we talked about treating people with dignity and respect, this was a prime example of how we should treat people in those situations. We were not prepared to handle a group of that size. So to prevent future issues, I immediately sent staff to training and purchased equipment to manage any disturbances that may occur.

[01:38:49] I would be remiss in my comments if I did not mention the incredible work our deputies do to support Special Olympics. Each year we host a bass tournament. This year we raised over \$56,000 to support Special Olympics.

[01:39:05] We hosted two golf tournaments to support our Project Lifesaver program. We used those funds to buy a drone and other equipment needed for the program.

[01:39:25] This is an agency basis. Prince William County revenues include charges for service. You can see charges for service also are 3% of our total funded. So we can see how much we get from the compensation board, the city of Manassas, Manassas Park.

[01:39:47] Currently, our full-time staff sworn, 99, part-time sworn, 5.5. We have 17 civilians, 121.5 total. Also, we have some reserve deputies. We have seven reserve deputies that come in to assist us.

[01:40:06] We require them to come in once a month. I think Chairman Vega is one of our reserve deputies. It comes in to help us sometimes, so I appreciate that. Thank you. Our FY27 budget request is we're requesting \$15,000 and no FTEs to assist us with buying additional equipment to support our Project Lifesaver.

[01:40:40] As I mentioned, we have 15 people, applications awaiting to be processed. I don't want to say no to any of these clients because it means so much to the families, And it gives them a lot of relief to know that we have a bracelet on, a relative, in case something happens, we can find them.

[01:41:02] We'll also be asking uniform staff for 12 FTEs. We also ask for leading business service specialists and our communications analysts. Some of the initiatives that, and I talked about some of them earlier, within the Transportation and Court Services Division to address inmate, jury, and persons in crisis transportation.

[01:41:31] So we certainly need extra deputies to help us in our transportation. And, of course, one of the big, big issues in transporting inmates is I do not want to send one deputy on a transport with a person that's in crisis.

[01:41:57] Uniform staff, operation impacts, and drivers. Deputies are frequently reassigned from other essential duties. When I mention pulling people from the civil process to come in and help us in our courtrooms, That's because we have a lot, a lot of trials that require more than the two deputies in the courtroom.

[01:42:18] So to get additional help, I have to pull from other areas to come in to assist us. I also mentioned that we have to pull from the adult detention center to use jail officers that are off-duty to assist us. Deputies often juggle multiple high-risk duties, increasing fatigue and safety risk.

[01:42:38] When I mentioned that deputies have to travel a long distance to other facilities to do the transport, a lot of them times they are tired when they get back and we cannot use them, so that has an impact on our staffing. Also, when I talked about the hours of mandated training that we are required to do, we have 40 hours that's mandated, but we have other hours of training that's required.

[01:43:03] For example, each deputy is issued a taser, So they have to be trained and make sure they are certified in case they have to use that TASER.

[01:43:23] Some of the operational benefits, increased case volume. We look at a number of cases that we're having in court.

[01:43:42] I talked about the legislative change. One of the legislative changes that I mentioned was in juvenile court that we cannot use restraints. That legislative change alone requires us to have more deficits because, as I mentioned earlier, the unpredictable actions of our juveniles sometime we were having in court we've got to make sure that the deputies are safe we have had some injuries uh restraining uh juveniles in our court so to prevent those things we need extra deputies in our juvenile courts also i mentioned in the hallways you know a lot of people that are there in juvenile court for our custody cases

[01:44:22] they simply do not like each other and there's just some words that that happen and people and threats are made, and if we are asked to come in to help out, certainly we have to do that to protect everyone that's in our courthouse. Also, our high-profile trials require greater security.

[01:44:42] Sometimes we have to double-screen people going in to make sure everyone is safe, make sure no one is carrying devices that can interfere with the court proceedings. So that requires extra deputies.

[01:45:08] Established dedication to community analysts to, let me go back to this one, okay. I want to make sure that, let me back this one up. Improves courtroom security, enables two-person transports for increased deputy safety.

[01:45:24] This is something that I want to focus on to make sure the board understands the importance of having two deputies on our transports.

[01:46:01] Establish a dedicated, excuse me, here we go. Whoa, whoa, whoa, wait, wait. We're interfering with your progress here, sir. Okay. We're going to go to slide number 18.

[01:46:21] 18? 18. All right, thank you. Thank you. Additionally, business service specials to support inventory management, procurement, and quartermaster operations.

[01:46:38] Currently, we have one civilian is managing the accounts payable and quartermaster duties. Those duties include our purchase orders, accounts payable, traveler funding and itineraries, extraditions, off-duty detail management, supply purchases, maintaining inventory records, issuing equipment, procurement allocation.

[01:46:58] In addition, civilian will help alleviate the current workload and strain to better support the crucial functions of our office. And simply, the one person that does this job now has a lot to do, and basically that person is overwhelmed with work, and we need one civilian to help us manage that position.

[01:47:22] Also, I'm requesting one civilian position to assist in managing our forward requests, social media, graphic designs, and IT. Our service level performance and trends, as you see, our docketed cases increased from FY24 from 230 to over 240.

[01:47:51] Our security screenings increased to 305,000. Hours in our courtroom security increased to 47,629. Police assist. Now, when I'm talking about hours in our courtroom security, that sort of hours that we have to bring in extra deputies to assist us in our courtroom has increased to 47,000 hours.

[01:48:17] Police assist TDO hours. These are the hours that we spend assisting our police with our temporary detention orders. And as I mentioned, I will always want to be committed to assisting our police because I know they're busy and we want to help them so they won't have to leave their duties.

[01:48:41] I want to thank you for allowing me to come before you today. I know this has been a lengthy presentation and I apologize for it, but please ask me any questions that you may have. Thank you so very much, Cher, for coming here and giving us a thorough overview of the services and everything that you provide.

[01:48:58] I really wanted to focus in on something I saw on page 18 and 16. You don't have to bring it up. But you mentioned that you perform court-ordered transports to and from correctional and medical facilities.

[01:49:16] And on page 16, you mentioned the mental health hearings. I'm just curious about the role of the CRC. Will sheriff deputies be responsible for those transports? Because some of them, I assume, won't necessarily be court-ordered. But what is your role in working with CRC?

[01:49:33] Our role is by definition that when we get the calls and orders, it's our responsibility by state code to do those transports. All right, Supervisor Gordy. Thank you, Madam Chair.

[01:49:50] I was just getting an update on a case pertaining to our district, and I appreciate all the work that our Sheriff's Department has been doing in supporting the court cases that are certainly important to our community. Just a couple questions.

[01:50:06] You know, with the change in the law related to juvenile defendants and the inability to restrain them, in terms of transporting, I know, like, when I've worked with kids in different aspects of my life, you could never have one child alone with another adult, so you always need a second, but it really always required a third.

[01:50:30] So how many people do you actually have to have in order to transport and secure a juvenile defendant? between, you know, while they're in custody at the courthouse? Yes, we pick them up at the juvenile detention home, and most of the time we try to send two deputies to pick up.

[01:50:50] If it's only one child, we send two deputies, and we bring them to the courthouse for their court case. And while they're there, we put them by themselves. We don't put them with other juveniles for obvious reasons.

[01:51:07] And one of the things that happened in July, starting July 1st, we can, if that juvenile, we find out some history on that juvenile or if that juvenile is acting a certain way, we cannot by law now put restraints on them, right?

[01:51:23] We have to get a special case before the judge and explain to the judge why we have to put restraints on them. And the judge may grant our request or he may not or she may not. So in terms of the increase in man hours and number of personnel just to facilitate this new policy, what has been the net impact on your staffing in order to meet these requirements?

[01:51:56] Because we know that juvenile crime is not in decline in Prince William County. It's actually increasing. So in terms of trying to manage under this new regime, you know, what has that done to your staffing requirements?

[01:52:12] It's required us to bring in more deputies into the courtroom, and we have to pull them from other duties to make sure that it's ordered in the courtroom, make sure the decorum is in the courtroom, and make sure that no one gets hurt. So it's always better to have extra deputies to help out.

[01:52:30] Okay. And so when we look at your 12 FTEs that you're looking at, how much of that kind of goes to help alleviate some of the challenges that have been presented because of this new law? Yes, yes. The extra deputies, I intend to put six in the courthouse and six in operation because, as I mentioned earlier about the transports that we have to do, those deputies will be assigned to assist also with our civil process and our transports.

[01:52:56] And, of course, all the deputies that I'm asking for for the courthouse is going to help us out with our high-profile trials and a lot of the court cases that we have now that require extra deputies, extra screening going into the courtrooms. Also, there's a lot of activities in our hallways while they're there.

[01:53:15] There's a lot of people, and they're there on both sides, both sides of the cases. So we want to make sure that everyone is safe because occasionally we do have some disruptions there for the defense, and also for the defenders also. Okay. And then on the uniform, we know you're having to upgrade uniforms across your force.

[01:53:36] Can you kind of give us a little more insight into what's driving that and how that's impacting your budget? Yes. I will share with you that we're looking at changing the brown uniform to another uniform because the brown uniforms are so hard to get and it's hard to match up the colors.

[01:53:55] So we're looking at that, but the civilian that handles this does an outstanding job helping us, but that person is overwhelmed because of all the requirements of being a quartermaster, keeping the records, issuing the uniforms, replacing uniforms, and also handling those other duties such as the overtime requirements that we have to process.

[01:54:22] so that person is also going to be responsible for that also okay thank you appreciate it okay supervisor bode thank you madam chair thank you sheriff hill for coming before us again it's always good to see you good to be here appreciate everything that you and you and your team continue to do to keep folks safe judicial center and all throughout the community so wanted to say that first thank you sir um wanted to check in with you because you're obviously asking for more positions and you know of course there's there you've all established the need for that how has hiring been? I know you had vacancies previously. You've been working on that. Can you talk a little bit about that piece? Yes, yes. You know, filling vacancies

[01:54:59] is not easy. It's not easy because now we're in a competitive process with other sheriff's offices, other police departments in the area. So we have to be very competitive. And of course, I have not lured my standards as far as recruiting. We want to make sure that we get the best and the brightest to come to work at the sheriff's office. So it is a challenge. It is a challenge. And our best recruiters are the people that work at the sheriff's office. And they tell me they want to be able to

[01:55:32] help me recruit because they know what type of deputy sheriff that we want. And they actually go out and help us recruit those type of deputies. So they want to work with them. I always love it when we're trying to poach people from other places as opposed to the other way around. So I appreciate that um so um that's great to hear because i like you said i know that we've had difficulty in the past i know we've been trying to help you over the past couple years to get us where we need to be to make you a lot more attractive of an employer to get folks to come in so i'm glad we've been working on that um my other question to go in the other direction is on the project lifesaver and senior safe program really appreciate everything you've been doing

[01:56:10] with that obviously literally life-saving work on that so my question for you is only ask for \$15,000, which I hate to say it this way, but it's a very small amount of money, and that's based on the wait list you said that you have. Are you able to sort of project out and tell us over the next couple years how much you may need with that, knowing that we have an aging population here in Prince William County, and frankly, chances are the folks you have, which is good that you're starting to have a core group, you said 90-something folks on it, that is likely under-representative of the people that probably need to be on it.

[01:56:47] So could you talk about that a little bit? Yes, yes. Project Lifesaver is a program that I'm very proud of. And as I mentioned earlier, I don't want to say no to a family that called me, put an application in, they want to be on the program. The \$15,000 that I'm asking for is simply an amount to help us buy additional equipment, some bracelets, some batteries, and some other replacement equipment that we need uh for that program uh hopefully the 15,000 that we're asking for will last a year a year to make sure and as i mentioned earlier uh sometimes when we're going to have families to replace the

[01:57:24] bracelet uh sometimes you know they get uh damaged and we want to make sure that we have a good bracelet on the families but one of the things i lack about that program is that uh the families like for us to come into the residence and visit with them the kids just absolutely love the deputies that come in and I get some good good comments from families about how we visit deputies visit the family and the time we spend with them so that's important I know you're you guys are very popular with all age groups I know that my I brought my son to an event during I think around June and I know your deputy sheriff there and my kids both my kids got a lot of a lot of a lot of

[01:58:03] pictures with him so I appreciate yeah we start recruiting early too I don't know my my wife would be okay with you recruiting my son but i will say agnostic in that thank you and my last question madam chair if you'll just let me um in terms of the transportation piece you you narrowed in on that hard on why you need the extra folks and what have you and i appreciate uh the the chair bringing up the the crisis receiving center um as these crisis receiving centers are established not only here in prince william county but throughout the region how do you um suspect that'll, both from our end of giving you more people, but also with those CRCs or the crisis receiving centers

[01:58:42] being established closer, frankly, than where they've been, how do you see that helping you in the long run? I see that helping. But when I look at the crisis center today, they are almost like three-quarters full already, and they haven't started to take walk-ins yet.

[01:58:58] That tells me that we're going to be back doing the same things that we were doing before the crisis center opened. And that is transporting people to long distance to other hospitals for service. It certainly provides some relief, but certainly we're looking at how many beds that are full now.

[01:59:18] And, of course, this is the time of year that we normally get most of our transports. So I see that as a plus for us, but we're planning to still do our long-distance transports to our hospitals. And I appreciate you saying that. amount of time but i wanted you to highlight that because that means we still have more work to do thank you yes all right thank you so very much i don't see anyone else in the queue thank you so very much champ hill and to the people that you brought out today for your team we appreciate you and your work thank you all right thank you very much for allowing me to come before you all right

[01:59:56] thank you very much madam chair members of the board again sheriff thank you for the presentation and for your service to the county i'll now ask that our clerk jackie smith take over okay okay

[02:00:28] thank you all right perfect do so say you can go on proceed we just have a little silliness going on okay thank you madam chair

[02:01:07] members of the board mr shorter uh my name is jackie smith i'm elected by the people of prince william county manassas and manassas park to serve as their clerk of circuit court i'm happy to be back here I was just thinking how many times I've been here it's five or six times we've had this budget presentation but I'm always pleased to come and share with you what we've done with the resources that you've supplied us with and what our needs are for the coming year so today I'll start with who we are and what we do provide an annual update share some new mandates that we're seeing and as well as our service level trends and of course share with you

[02:01:46] our FY27 budget initiatives. So at the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, we define ourselves through our shared vision and values. We provide the best court customer service in the Commonwealth always. We are professional, we inspire confidence, and our customers' needs are met completely.

[02:02:07] We value our customers, the taxpayer dollar, our people, integrity, and teamwork, and we always remember that we serve the people of Prince William Manassas and Manassas Park. When most people think of the clerk of the court, they think of the person sitting to the left or the right of the judge, taking notes, assisting the judge, keeping the record. But this is actually a small fraction of what the clerk

of the court does in the Commonwealth. Most notable probably for this type of meeting is that we collect our recordation taxes for the county. Of course, we create,

[02:02:45] maintain, and protect the official court record. We also issue concealed handgun permits, as you heard from the sheriff earlier, and we are again this year on target to produce more concealed handgun permits than any other jurisdiction in the Commonwealth. We still do it faster than anyone else, and we do it as cheap as you can find in the Commonwealth. It's a service to our constituents.

[02:03:10] There are also 800 more duties prescribed to the clerk by statute, but these are sort of the highlights. We work with multiple different government agencies. Most notably, we added FEMA this year.

[02:03:27] They contacted us with interest in our Seals on Wheels program and our self-service kiosk to see how they can implement them in the federal government to benefit their operations. so for our annual update we sit we support safe and secure communities in many initiatives the first is accessibility we operate seals on wheels our fully mobile clerk's office on Saturdays generally once a month to provide services to prince william county residents as well as the residents of the two cities in a location convenient to them outside of normal

[02:04:07] business hours and i'll give us a plug that our last seals on wheels event for the year is in Gainesville District on Saturday from 10:00 to 1:00 at the library. Please stop by and see us. We also host Judicial Center pop-ups which occur on the Judicial Center campus after business hours to allow people who need to get their work done or get their business done after working a full day have an opportunity to do that without having to take time off work. As I mentioned earlier, we've deployed self-service kiosks throughout the county including in this building. Through the kiosks you can interact with our office, you can interact with other courts, pay

[02:04:46] your taxes and even register to vote. We've deployed kiosks at about half of the county libraries and we are deploying another four kiosks this year. We'll have three more to deploy the year after and this program is completely grant funded. We also operate a litigant self-help center and law library. The self-help center is aimed at giving people access to the courts whether they can afford an attorney or not. We provide different legal resources as well as exemplars and forms to help people take care of their business in the court when possible without the assistance of

[02:05:23] an attorney. Last year, you may remember, we launched our Real Property Fraud Alert service. This is a service that we provide for free to our constituents. There are some services that you can subscribe to for a subscription fee, but we were able to secure grant funding to provide the service to our residents free of cost. All the resident has to do is go on the system, register their property, and anytime someone tries to do any kind of activity in the land records on that property,

[02:05:58] the registered owner will be notified. This doesn't prevent deed fraud, but it makes deed fraud a lot less harmful and a lot easier to correct if it should happen, which it has not in Prince William County. We also still provide free gun locks to gun owners to promote safe and secure communities. And we've expanded our online services this year to include online scheduling, online probate of most wills, historic records online portal where all of our historic records can be accessed from your home. And coming in May of 26, we'll be announcing that we are officially

[02:06:36] fully digitized in our record system. Another issue with accessibility in the past has been the availability of parking at the Judicial Center. We undertook a lot of talk and research in how to improve

this at a low to no cost. And what we came up with was creating a network of Google Maps that show all of the available parking areas in and around the Judicial Center.

[02:07:11] On the Judicial Center campus, we have signage everywhere with QR codes so that people can scan it with their phone and have their phone direct them to the nearest available parking. We've also expanded our language services. We can now communicate with our customers in more than 50 different languages in writing and verbally. Our efforts to improve accessibility to the judicial center and the courts have been recognized by Virginia Lawyers Weekly, Fox 5, DC 101, and WTOP

[02:07:44] News, and the Virginia State Bar has appointed us to the, I want to get this one right, to the Access to Legal Services Board to share some of the innovations that we've brought to Prince William to help to spread them across the Commonwealth to communities that will benefit. We also endeavor to provide civic education. We just had our first annual fair on the square, which was a private public partnership that brought together 60 local businesses and government agencies to share with

[02:08:19] the community what services were available. Although we didn't plan it this way, the fair was very timely with the government shutdown. There were a lot of people in need of this information. It was very well attended and we're looking forward to expanding it even further next year. We also were able to host a very successful animal supply drive at that event. My office was full of dog food. We participate in the annual Town of Dumfries Expungement Clinic along with the other elected constitutional officers. We've also participated in expungement clinics in other

[02:08:55] communities, but by far the Town of Dumfries Expungement Clinic is the most popular, and I would say it's down to the Dumfries Town Council who does an excellent job running that event. We also host a student art contest every year for Law Day.

[02:09:13] The theme is always a constitutional theme, and the children are asked to interpret that theme and what it means to them. It's open to Prince William County school students, Manassas, Manassas Park, and also private school students and homeschool students.

[02:09:29] As you probably realize, we are in Supervisor Gordy's district. supervisor gordy has been so pop so supportive of the art contest i appreciate that you all entered a proclamation about the art contest supervisor gordy came and read it to the kids they were very excited we had a celebrity in the house i really appreciate your support of that program we also provide presentations and trainings to the league of women voters prince William County Schools, Girl Scouts, and the Scouts of America. We provide services to the

[02:10:09] Justice Like Me initiative within the courthouse. We provide access to different artifacts to homeschool groups to bring history alive for them based on what they're studying at that time. And we also do that for different community groups who express interest. We're also focused on potential efficiency improvements. One of the greatest areas of success we've seen is in employee development, satisfaction, and retention. We have developed a three-tier

[02:10:43] training model for people that we hire your employees that we bring into our agency. The first is the new employee skills training module. That's a one-year module where month-to-month there are benchmarks to meet. We use the resources provided to us by the county through PwC University. We also form discussion groups around the different lessons that are learned to set a bar of professionalism for our employees and also to promote positive mental health because we can

[02:11:20] be put in some very difficult situations in the courthouse and we interact with a lot of different people every day, and it can be difficult sometimes. But knowing that our employees have that support within their own agency community, they have their classmates that have gone through the same training, has been very beneficial to help create solid partnerships within our agency and to promote employee retention. After that, we have our reality-based rules of the workplace module, which is sort of the next level. If you show promise for

[02:11:58] leadership in the office. We will have you attend that class. It focuses more on mental health, how we treat others, how we treat ourselves in our self-talk. And after that level, we look to the reality-based leadership program, which we focus on taking all those tools that you've learned from the first two levels and taking it to the next level so that you can be leadership and management within the office. And these systems are modeled after Colin Powell's leadership program and we have modified it to be specialized to our agency. For fiscal responsibility, we do an annual

[02:12:36] audit of all of our expenditures to analyze their necessity. Over six years, we've independently secured nearly \$1.5 million in grants. We've used those grants to completely outfit seals on wheels for the preservation of our shared history, and self-funded the renovation of our space in the Judicial Center. This year, we added transparency as an office focus, and we are primarily focused

[02:13:11] on better data analysis. We are analyzing service trends, community needs, community usage, again, doing efficiency audits, both in process and expenditure. We're looking at national trends that we're seeing in the courts and also evaluating court case volume and how we can best and most efficiently handle that. So for the new mandates, this one's an interesting one. The rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia dictate the operation of the circuit court and the Supreme Court has

[02:13:47] modified their rules in the past year to allow self-represented litigants to e-file. Self-represented litigants had previously been excluded from e-filing. However, the systems we use for e-filing, which are provided by the Supreme Court of Virginia, do not allow for self-represented litigants to e-file, and indications are, or representations are, that there aren't any plans to include this in the future. So we'll talk about the cure for this issue a little later in the presentation. We also have a legislative mandate, the mandated automatic sealing of certain criminal

[02:14:26] cases from 1986 to the present. I put automatic in quotation marks because the code calls it automatic and it is automatic for the citizen, but somebody's got to do it. But we began preparation for this significant undertaking in fiscal 23 with the help of some smart budgeting by the county to accelerate our final digitization of our historic case files. This 100% digitization will be complete in May of 26, which is ahead of schedule, but right on time for this mandate.

[02:15:02] Last year, the State Compensation Board, in conjunction with the Board of County Supervisors, funded a full-time equivalent employee. We have filled that position almost immediately. She's already training for the project to begin January 1, but we are ready to hit the ground running when it comes. If there's no disruption of operations, I've learned to say that since COVID, no additional needs are anticipated to achieve this mandate. So service level trends.

[02:15:36] Our jury pool is continuing to grow, which means that the amount of postage it costs to send out the jury questionnaires continues to grow. You can see from the graph, the blue line is the number of jury questionnaires we need to send out each year. During that time period, our postage budget has been

static. There has been no growth in that budget line. So I'll share with you how we've been able to make up the shortfall and what we need to do for the future to prevent the shortfall.

[02:16:08] We've seen rapid growth in the area of probate administration. We did anticipate this growth. We've been talking about it for a few years. This year is the first year we saw a real spike, which I consider a spike, 14%. It's attributable, in my opinion, to the aging population, our population growth. We're seeing increased property values and increased asset complexity. And we've also seen an increase in popularity of estate planning, which is a wonderful thing. Our people are planning for their future, but it does more frequently require court

[02:16:46] intervention. We've also seen rapid growth this year in our self-represented litigants center and law library. Specifically a 30% increase in the number of residents served. I attribute this primarily to the fact that this year we expanded the services we provide in the self-represented litigants center to not just include circuit court but also include general district court and the juvenile and domestic relations courts. The clerks of those courts as well as the chief

[02:17:21] judges of those courts have been very helpful in allowing us to do that and maintain accurate exemplars and resources. So we are happy to support that. That does not result in additional cost. Where we're seeing the additional cost need is in the resources that are not available digitally. There are some legal resources that are only available in print, and they are resources that are used regularly. So because of the nature of the law, we're required to update or even replace the volumes every year. And these are expensive books. Think back to buying textbooks

[02:17:59] for school. They're expensive. And they've only increased in cost over the last three years by about 20%, which is attributable not just to the increase in the cost of goods, but also the rapid increase in the cost of postage. So here's an overview of our budget initiatives.

[02:18:20] Restore annual excess fees revenue, the e-filing system upgrade, jury pool expansion postage, juror questionnaire return postage, self-represented litigants center, and law library. And we'll go into each one. The first is restore the excess fees revenue to the county.

[02:18:41] This is a second request. It has been included in the 2026 county legislative priorities. Thank you. I appreciate that. Excess fees are those fees collected by the clerk in excess of her state allotted budget.

[02:18:59] Those excess fees, two-thirds of the fees, are supposed to come back to the locality as unrestricted revenue. So that revenue goes to the county, to you, to use as you deem fit. It does not come back to the clerk's office. It goes directly to the county coffers.

[02:19:16] And we will be working in Richmond side-by-side this year to try to get that restored. Next, we have the e-filing system for self-represented litigants.

[02:19:32] As I mentioned, the Supreme Court has modified the rules to allow e-filing for self-represented litigants as well as attorneys. We've identified a compliant e-filing service that is currently functioning in some other localities comparable to Prince William.

[02:19:50] It's working effectively. It's about \$25,000, but it would be a seamless transition and allow self-represented litigants and attorneys to e-file equally. It's also just a better, more streamlined system.

[02:20:07] It's more recently created. The jury pool expansion postage increase. Our jury pool continues to expand. The way the jury process starts is the chief judge orders questionnaires be sent out to residents.

[02:20:30] Those questionnaires ask questions that would inform us if someone is qualified to serve on a jury or not. So are you over 18? Are you a citizen of the United States? Are you a resident of the 31st Judicial Circuit? The clerk then collects all of the answers to those questionnaires and appoints jury commissioners to look at all of the responses and decide if this person is qualified or if this person is not qualified. So if someone says I'm 17 years old then they go into the not qualified pile. All of

[02:21:04] those questionnaires that are deemed qualified, Supervisor Stewart knows well he served as a jury commissioner, all of those people will get a summons for some point in the year to report to the circuit court for duty. That doesn't mean they're actually going to sit on a jury. It doesn't mean they're actually even going to come to the court, but it means they have to be at the ready should the need arise for their services on a given day. So they call us every Monday or every Tuesday or every Wednesday that month or look at our social media preferably and see, do I have to

[02:21:39] report this day? So we are faced with quite a lot of postage given that the questionnaires have to be mailed. The jury summons have to be mailed and sometimes there's some back and forth. To make up for the shortfall that we have, I'm looking for \$73,000. Again, this budget line has not been increased in over 15 years. I say over 15 years because that's all the records we have. I don't know the last time it was updated, but it's time. Also relating to postage is jury questionnaire

[02:22:17] return postage. Because we had a shortfall in availability of postage sending out the juror questionnaires, we had to make up the shortfall. And the way we made up the shortfall was we did not provide return postage for our residents to return their jury questionnaires. It did result in some complaints, more complaints than we would have expected. But in order to eliminate this undue burden to the citizens to provide what's almost a dollar now for a stamp. And frequently,

[02:22:50] the larger issue is the inconvenience of going to buy a stamp. I'm asking that we now have a separate line item of \$26,000 to cover that return postage. It would be business reply mail. We only pay for the postage we actually use, but our citizens will have the option to do that. And finally, our self-represented litigants center and law library. As I mentioned, the number of customers served increased by 30% this year. Our services have been expanded to include all three

[02:23:24] levels of court. The cost to update and replace the print materials has increased by over 20% over the last three years. We're looking to make that up. I should add that this is one of the areas in our office where we're continually evaluating the expenditure, because it's my hope that these print materials that are quite costly will eventually be available by electronic subscription. So every year we audit the collection to see can we shift more over to the electronic

[02:23:57] side. But as of right now, this is where we stand. So again, that's our summary of requests. Thank you again for having me here to speak with you. Thank you to those of you who have visited our office. You have almost 65 county employees out in Manassas in our office, and if you haven't stopped by, I'm sure we'd all be happy to meet with you. And I hope you'll join us Saturday at Gainesville Haymarket Library from 10 to 1 for Seals on Wheels. Thank you so very much for coming,

[02:24:33] and thank you again for everything that your office does. I love seeing, you know, when you guys pop up somewhere, like Montclair Library and all the services you're able to provide. Supervisor

Franklin. Yes, thank you. Thank you for the presentation and thank you for the tour that I took recently.

[02:24:50] Got a lot more insight into kind of how everyone is doing their best to work together within our court system. Just a quick question on slide 16 where it mentions about the number of trials requiring jurors to be summoned. It's saying that that's in decline.

[02:25:08] Is that for civil or criminal? So we don't break it out by civil to criminal. These are statistics that come out of our jury division. So when we have a jury trial on the docket, if it hasn't been resolved prior to the night before of the trial, we have to summon the jurors to come in. Sometimes the case might resolve that morning. Sometimes it might resolve later in the morning, but we have to have the jurors available in case the case goes forward.

[02:25:39] Understood. Thank you. And then Mr. Shorter, or I don't know if Nikki is here, if someone can remind me with regards to the annual excess fees if that's in our legislative agenda I think it is right it is included we worked with the clerk's office months ago to include the language it is in the agenda yeah thank for that I know we've talked a little bit about it and obviously the state gets a lot of money when they're not returning it back to the counties and so we'll do as much as we can to push for that within our delegation so thank you. Thank you. I will too. All right, Supervisor Bailey. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you for your

[02:26:19] presentation. You and the Sheriff did Yeoman's job of making sure we totally understand what you do and why you need. So I really appreciate both presentations. My question to you is, you're very innovative in securing grants. Do you foresee, as you go forward, that being interrupted at all, if you will, in the plans that you have, the strategic plan you have for your department?

[02:26:52] So we've evaluated all of the grants we receive right now. The recurring grants that we have that are virtually zero risk of going away. The restoration grants that we get from the Library of Virginia, we use to take books, we refer to them as our ancient books, but books from like the early 1700s, even early 1800s that are sort of deteriorating. The Library of Virginia we can apply to for grants to restore those books. I think you've seen some of them. Those grants are

[02:27:32] kind of a question mark right now, but we don't plan to rely on those grants. Those grants are sort of nice to have, but if we don't have them, the book is just going to have to wait another year, it's not a question of having a shortfall of budget. So, and another question is, in reference to that, are you looking to digitize any of your documents in the office to make sure that they're restored in that regard? Because that's going to be a cost as well. Is that in the plan as well?

[02:28:02] So, as of May, we will be 100% digitized. Okay. The digitization of the historic books is a little more difficult because when digitization first started, we were doing it by photograph because they're literally bound, very brittle books. But when we have a grant or available funds to send it to an actual restorer, they completely disassemble the book and they do a high quality scan of every single page and then bind that into a book. And if you didn't see the outside and know this is a

[02:28:38] new book, when you opened it up, you would think you were looking at the original. So we do have digital images of everything. They're not the best. We use the grant monies to make them the best and to restore the physical book. So the last question, Madam Chair, if I may, is for the expungement clinics, and they have been quite successful in Delphi's, you know, since the inception of them starting the program, how do you see that program expanding across the county?

[02:29:09] We have had other elected officials reach out to hold expungement fairs. I don't know if it's a question of need or something else, but they just haven't been as popular as Dumfries.

[02:29:27] The town of Dumfries does a phenomenal job promoting the event, training the people working the event, and making sure we have the resources to successfully kick off the event. Thank you, Manchur. All right, thank you.

[02:29:44] I don't have any other questions or comments in queue, so thank you very much for coming here today. Thank you. I also want to recognize that we have our chief public defender, Tracy Lennox, here with us as well today. Thank you very much, Madam Chair, members of the board, and again to our clerk, Jackie Smith, thank you for the presentation.

[02:30:08] All right, the next presentation we have, I'm really excited about this presentation. So Rachel Taylor from our Office of Community Safety will come forward and talk about domestic violence fatality review. This is a longstanding opportunity for us.

[02:30:24] I'm very excited that this is getting started. I think we're going to have Dan, our deputy county executive, kick this presentation off. But I will say that this is a very good opportunity for our county and our community to have this review happening.

[02:30:40] So with that, Dan, I'll turn it over to you. Thank you, Mr. Shorter. Thank you, Chair and Board Members. Dan Alexander, deputy county executive, thank you for the opportunity to share what really represents a milestone in our work to build a safer, more resilient Prince William County. Today, we are proud to announce the launch of our Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, a multidisciplinary initiative rooted in our very mission as an office in community safety.

[02:31:04] This team reflects our commitment to comprehensive well-being as a community, strengthening both sides of the left and right of bang spectrum. And in that, we'll use lessons from the fatality reviews to spot missed warning signs, improve service coordination, do more effective interventions for individuals and families at risk.

[02:31:26] We are also putting a structured process in place to understand system response breakdowns, ensuring we learn what leads to better outcomes moving forward. So this work goes beyond an individual case. It's about improving the entire community safety ecosystem.

[02:31:43] The review team is part of a larger council focus on a holistic approach to how we deal with domestic violence. It certainly reflects our office's role as convener, connector, and capacity builder across systems. So with that, it's my pleasure to introduce Dr. Yazeen and Rachel Taylor to provide more detail about the council, the team, and the process. Thank you.

[02:32:06] Thank you, Madam Chair and members of the board, Dr. Tahiti Yassine, and I'm the director of the Office of Community Safety. As Dan reiterated, the development of this domestic violence fatality review team is really part of our office's larger effort in creating data-informed pathways.

[02:32:29] So over the last year, as Ms. Taylor will discuss, the data we have compiled really proves that there is a need for further development of coordinated response pathways. And so what we've been working on is the improvement of the ecosystem around prevention and intervention, as well as risk identification.

[02:32:50] So the DVFRT is really just one effort in the revival of our Domestic Violence Council, which Ms. Taylor leads, as well as our DV placement triage work with our agency partners. So I'll pass it over to Ms. Taylor and she'll describe it more.

[02:33:08] Thank you. Thank you to Dan Alexander and Dr. Yassim. But I'd also like to thank the board and Madam Chair for this opportunity to come talk to you today. Domestic violence in the United States kills approximately three people every day, and it is also the leading cause of death among pregnant women across the nation. Nationally, it accounts for approximately one in every five homicides. That's approximately 15 to 20 percent. In Virginia, the picture is a little bit more bleak with about 20 to 25 percent of all homicides being linked to domestic violence. In Prince William County, however, we find the numbers to be even more serious with an average of 30 percent

[02:33:44] of all homicides attributed to domestic violence. In 2024 alone, however, that number was 45 percent. Since 2020, ACTS, who operates our local domestic violence hotline, since 2020, they saw an increase in calls for help by 500%.

[02:34:01] So at the Office of Community Safety, we've joined with our community partners in addressing this critical issue. By reviving the Domestic Violence Council and conducting domestic violence resource mapping, conducting a gap analysis, we've identified that there are scarce resources for victims that are within our county.

[02:34:17] Of particular concern is the fact that the county's only emergency safe house only has five bedrooms for a population of 500,000 people. We have one forensic nurse for the entire county that is also at this time unable to serve children, so all children and the vast majority of our victims have to go to neighboring counties to get forensic exams.

[02:34:37] The fatality review works as a type of social autopsy for our community. It includes the analysis of local homicides to identify systems gaps, improve agency collaboration, and strengthen prevention efforts to reduce future deaths. Who is at risk in the community are questions that we would like to have answered.

[02:34:55] We want to know what is the information related to characteristics of violence and the relationship of those involved. What are the red flags for domestic violence within Prince William County? What are the resources in our community? And more importantly, are they working? From these conclusions, how does the team propose to prevent future domestic violence fatalities?

[02:35:15] Well, the work being done here among our community has been truly inspiring. Following a training provided by the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative out of Arizona State University, we created an interagency agreement and protocol to hopefully establish the Greater Prince William County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team.

[02:35:32] This effort has included the signature of 16 agencies so far, with hopefully more to come. I'd like to recognize Chief of Public Defender's Office, Tracy Lennox. We have Acting Director of Criminal Justice Services, Tamadri Thomas, and we have the domestic violence coordinator, Roxanna Shore, from the Prince William County Police.

[02:35:51] In addition, we would like to point out this is indeed the greater Prince William County fatality review. We have representation signed from the Prince William County Police Department as well as

Manassas City and Manassas Park with hopefully more to grow. The foundation of a DVFRT, however, is built upon confidentiality.

[02:36:07] So under Code Section 32.1-283.3, the DVFRT records are confidential and they are not subject to Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Review materials cannot be subpoenaed, requested in discovery, or used as evidence in any civil or criminal case. I would also like to note that all of these cases under review are completely closed.

[02:36:25] There's no pending litigation, no investigations of civil or criminal matter of any kind. Participants cannot be compelled to testify about what occurred during the fatality review or what information was collected. And civil immunity applies to team members and anyone providing information, unless there is gross negligence or willful misconduct.

[02:36:42] In recognizing this initiative in Prince William County, we joined approximately 20 other teams across the Commonwealth, 49 other states in this nation, and several other countries that are also conducting these important reviews. We are all working to implement, prevent, implement intervention, and build resiliency.

[02:37:02] So far, the committed members here in the greater Prince William County have developed their mission, vision, values, team protocol, and interagency agreement. In order to proceed under the protections of the Code of Virginia, we respectfully ask today that the Prince William County Board of Supervisors recognizes and supports the creation of the Greater Prince William Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team.

[02:37:23] Thank you. Thank you so very much. Supervisor Bailey. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you for your presentation. This review team is, yeah, you can't sit down. Thank you for your presentation and just elevating the importance of this program.

[02:37:46] um it's something that dan and i talked about when you first came on board it's something that's resonating in our communities it's something the percentage of the need has increased since covid so we are way overdue with this i i will totally support um how we go forward uh because it is absolutely essential and there are advocates in our community i know specifically in my district when down freeze did their annual uh breast cancer awareness slash uh domestic violence

[02:38:20] month program that are interested in this endeavor so thank you for your foresight uh in this and and again back to mental health healing minds you heal the land and protecting our citizens so i really really appreciate it thank you supervisor voting thank you madam chair uh thank you dan Dr. Yassine, Ms. Taylor, for this long time coming, glad you're able to revive the previous efforts and really inject new life into something that I know is near and dear to the hearts of everyone in the States and throughout the community.

[02:38:55] We know that often, and you cited the percentages and the stats, a lot of this happens by folks who are the closest in proximity, and it happens, unfortunately, when there are warning signs that we don't have enough resources to sense ahead of time.

[02:39:11] So to Dan's comments earlier about left a bang and right a bang, this really gets at the heart of that. It's my hope that, you know, as you continue to build your team, build the work, and start actually moving to identify cases, talk to folks, what have you, they're able to start to get us smarter on being able

to see those warning signs to hopefully save lives and frequently change the trajectory of everyone that's involved in these situations.

[02:39:37] That said, and that gets to my question, is sort of after, obviously, I'm going to be supporting this, and I think most of my colleagues will, other than everyone else, but once you get our support and you are able to establish this team and what have you, my first question is, what is your immediate next steps?

[02:39:53] And two, a model I've seen will pop up around the region, around the country, are then family justice centers, which also have a broader continuum on this and get at the heart of, similar to what we do in our child advocacy centers, but then broaden that out to the entire family and the victims that we're talking about here.

[02:40:10] So can you talk about that and what the forward vision is afterward? Yes, I love where your head is at, Supervisor Bodie. Yes, so immediate steps. We are very fortunate to have Dr. Neil Websdale and his team at the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative. He literally invented Domestic Violence Fatality Review back in 1990.

[02:40:28] So we've been working with his team to help do our training earlier this year, like I said. But we're also going to be inviting them back in to help us conduct our very first review and figure out how to select that case. And so moving ahead, just as you said, there are so many opportunities.

[02:40:43] Family Justice Center is wonderful. I think that as we develop our data and understand the circumstances a little bit more, we'll find out exactly what that would need to look like here in Prince William. Thank you. - Supervisor Franklin.

[02:40:59] - Yes, thank you. Thank you for the presentation. I would point out, and you kind of alluded to this, I think in 2024, particularly as most crimes in Prince William County was on the decrease, incidents of domestic violence was actually on the increase.

[02:41:14] So this is incredibly important. I do have just a couple of questions Now, once this is fully set up, are you all looking to kind of derive more data from some of these domestic violence cases and then, in turn, turn them into recommendations for how to handle some of these cases?

[02:41:38] Yes, absolutely. The applications are really kind of determined upon what we find, of course, But ideally, we would be being able to compile regular reports that would be provided to the board itself, other community members and agencies to help guide practices.

[02:41:53] Okay, so there's a data point where you collect all the data, and then you all would develop recommendations from there. That is correct. And then how does this relate to the community safety initiative? Is it part of it, under it, working in tandem? Yes, that's a great question.

[02:42:09] So the community safety initiative, as a goal of a convener to pull together these coordinated community responses, one of the things I'll note is that there was a domestic violence council probably prior up to the pandemic, but it fell apart. And so through the work here with the county, what we found is that it's people volunteering their time to come together and really try and pull this up.

[02:42:32] However, it is unstable unless there is a particularly clear leading entity for that. And so here at our office, we're able to really spearhead that, make sure that there's continuity, so that way we don't lose this again and we don't look away from this really important topic in the future.

[02:42:49] I don't know if we'd like some more expansion on that. Yeah, just briefly, you know, if you think about the connective tissue around what we do in community safety, it's kind of driven by engagement and formed by evidence and then ecosystem coordinated. And so there are a number of areas that we've identified, domestic violence being a big one.

[02:43:06] We've talked about human trafficking a little bit. We're on gangs right now with another member. There are a number of focus areas that allow us in this office as a convener to kind of reach across systems where we typically haven't to the degree that we can now and drive work along those three elements that I talked about earlier.

[02:43:24] So this is absolutely an important program piece to the work we're doing broadly in the office. That's great. Thank you for that. Thank you for the work that we're doing. And Mr. Shorter may be good at some points also to just get an update on the overall community safety initiative to see kind of how the working group is going, how things are looking to be rolled out.

[02:43:44] So thank you. All right, Supervisor Vega, then Bailey. Thank you, Madam Chair. My question is about the work distribution. I know that this is going to benefit the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park, but to kick it off, the burden is going to fall on Prince William County, correct, in terms of staff and the work that they have to do?

[02:44:06] Not necessarily. At this point, one of the first objectives moving ahead will be determining who we'll have as a chair for the body of the organization. And of course, we would like to seek representation from the greater area. So I don't necessarily think that that has to be true.

[02:44:21] I think that we can have members step up and participate equally. Well, that's good because the reason why I ask is because I'm trying to, you know, identify if this will add an additional financial burden and or additional responsibilities to our county staff and whether it's the clerk of the court or the sheriff's office they service the cities as well and they pay their fair share and so I was thinking along those lines that this would require the same type of MOU if that's what we want to call it but I'm happy to hear that there will be some type of collaboration and I look forward to seeing how that develops thank you thank you supervisor Bailey thank you very much you may have answered this in a certain in a

[02:44:59] different kind of way but there are organizations and subject matter experts one of the things that The community program that Dan created is good at bringing organizations within the community that have been strategically working on this already.

[02:45:18] So what does that look like in terms of how y'all are going to move forward and bringing them in? And that is also a great question. We're still developing that structure. So I know we are working to pull in a variety of different partners. And I don't know if, Dan, if you wanted to jump in on any aspect of that.

[02:45:36] And I know it's not going to happen overnight, but I just wanted to know, is that in the plan? Yeah, I think, you know, she's probably not thinking about it. You look at the current team members that are involved in this. I'm going to go off your list, right? Criminal justice services, victim witness acts, community services, health districts, social services, homeless services, all the police departments we mentioned before, OAR, adult detention center.

[02:45:59] So it's very inclusive in terms of process and who we're going to involve in this work. But certainly we can expand beyond that to other governmental and non-governmental entities for us to work

on this issue and all the other issues that we work on. Yeah, and Dan, I was just thinking of the non-for-profits.

[02:46:16] Absolutely. You know, and when you mentioned human trafficking, that's a tender spot. But there are non-for-profits within our community that will be elated that we're starting on this. And so that's what I was alluding to. Thank you. Thank you. Supervisor Bode.

[02:46:33] Thank you. Just a couple last couple questions. I appreciate my colleagues stirring more thoughts and questions from me. The school system, where does the school system sit in the partnership, the point that my colleague just made on the team?

[02:46:49] So we're still collecting signatures at this point. I think that being able to formally recognize the team would be a really great way to attract new members. I know that we work really closely with the schools in our human trafficking task force that we operate. So hopefully sometime very soon.

[02:47:05] Appreciate that. And the last question that I had was, and it goes back to something that Supervisor Franklin asked, and I think it pretty pointed in a good way, is that, you know, Ms. Taylor, when you were talking about some of the current situation acts, as you brought up, is part of this, and I assume the answer is yes, in some way, shape, or form, but also identifying the gaps that we have, frankly, in being able to address these needs, detect them, and frankly, be on both left and right or bang.

[02:47:34] Is that part of it? That is absolutely correct. Okay, appreciate that. Thank you. Thank you. All right, thank you very much. I don't see any further questions, so. All right, thank you very much, Madam Chair, members of the board.

[02:47:50] That's why I'm looking. It's a resolution. Oh, yeah. So I was getting ready to grab my, go through my agenda. So this is a resolution. I would like to get a motion to recognize and support the creation of the Greater Prince William Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team.

[02:48:08] So moved. Second. Is there any further discussion? on this. I just want to say quickly, I think it's sad that we need this. I've spoken to a number of our police officers who say that domestic violence calls are the most dangerous. And reading through the staff report and reading through this, you know, that domestic violence is the highest, you know, cause of death among pregnant women. That's sobering. And that's actually quite scary.

[02:48:41] Oftentimes people are in relationships and there's a lot of trust built. And that's how people fall pray to things you know and it's something i just would be remiss if i didn't say it doesn't just impact women but also men are victims and that's something that we cannot lose sight of there are men who are victims of domestic violence oftentimes because of social stigmas they're afraid to speak up so thank you for all the work that you do on this around this issue supervisor angry thank you madam chair i just want to thank you i know this is a um again a touchy subject is a lot of work

[02:49:16] involved. And there's a lot of unknowns right now. So I know you're going to go answer these questions, build your team. I can't wait for you to get back and let us know once you have the package in place and how well it's doing. I know it's going to take some time, but I think it's going to be well worth it. So thank you for all the work you've done thus far.

[02:49:37] Vote unanimous. All right. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. And to the team, thank you very much. I think this was Rachel's first time in front of the board. So Rachel, great job. So Madam Chair,

with item 10c we are asking for a transfer of 85 000 of contingency funds the planning office is bringing this forward for consulting services and i'll turn it over to tanya to answer any questions

[02:50:14] or to director washington to answer any questions good afternoon madam chair members of the board tanya washington director of the planning office i am joined today by eric griffiths who is with our cultural resources team in our countywide planning division we are here to request that the board transfer 85 000 from contingency to the planning office for consultant services to produce to support the production of the thoroughfare historic overlay district design guidelines as i'm sure you are aware we have an initiative underway right now to create a new historic

[02:50:52] district for the thoroughfare community and we have a lot of work that has already been taking place already we've conducted three community meetings between june of 2024 and september of this year we have already done a lot of work on the first phase which is producing the historic register the national register of historic places in virginia landmarks register nomination that process is still going through the state review process

[02:51:25] one big change that took place after one of our community meetings was that community members asked for consideration to expand the boundaries of the of the area that will be that's being recommended or nominated for the national register in virginia landmarks process and that triggered some additional review on the state side and so that process is taking a little longer than what we initially anticipated and so we decided in september to start the work on the second phase which is to develop the zoning tax amendment that will create the historic overlay district

[02:52:02] and as part of that accompany to accompany the zta we also need design guidelines that is actually the mechanism that will help to regulate matters such as architectural changes archaeological resources and other historic resources within the overlay district once that is established assuming the board establishes it and so because we are getting a little bit started a little bit earlier we we do need some resources during this fiscal year for the design guidelines in order to

[02:52:36] procure consultant specialized consultant resources and support to produce that the goal is that when we complete the draft of the zoning text amendment we will bring the design guidelines along at the same time so that the board can approve both at the same time so happy to answer any questions um if you have any thank you first i have supervisor franklin vega then bode yeah so i know that we put some money towards creating the interactive park i guess so to speak is that

[02:53:10] separate from what we're looking to do now yes i'm not entirely sure or not familiar with what you just referred to can you provide some more details you actually okay okay yes it is a separate project that will definitely say that much okay no uh eric griffith territory resource specialist with the planning office so the um that the original um thoroughfare historical initiative included both the interpretive park and the uh historic overlay district but they were uh parceled

[02:53:48] off into separate agencies the planning office is handling the historic overlay district and parks and recreation historic preservation division is doing the um uh the historical park aspect of that project all right supervisor vega uh so for clarification purposes i think you might have answered my question we need uh to spend this amount on consultants for the design guidelines yes okay and do we um anticipate that 85 000 will be enough that's what we are requesting as a

[02:54:24] budget so if we get those funds that's what we will use okay thank you supervisor boating thank you madam chair less of a question more or a comment miss washington i appreciate your thought process here having things run concurrent frankly um because sometimes you know we end up in a place where we're waiting for things to be subsequent and we end up spending more time frankly than i know that this journey for thoroughfare has been a long time coming years in the making and i appreciate the fact that you're sort of already thinking about the zta the design guidance having this come to us hopefully concurrently so as the process at the state level works itself out

[02:55:03] for the historical part of it and the registry there, you're already starting to work through the process of having our land use policies conform to that. So that leads me then to my question is, one of the things I've seen is sometimes, and I imagine it won't be the case here, but I will just socialize anyway, overlays that we adopt sometimes contradict underlying zoning of what's already there.

[02:55:27] I know that the context of the comprehensive zoning ordinance, there's a lot of moving pieces that are going on at the same time. Can you speak of how this is going to fit into that and knowing that the comprehensive zoning ordinance update is a completely separate process and how this will make sure that at the end of the day, once we adopt that and this and everything else, we won't have anything that contradicts as we've seen with the TIOD and other things in the past.

[02:55:50] Certainly. So with the historic overlay district, it will not change the underlying zoning for the areas that will be considered and included in the boundaries for the county's historic overlay district. So we will not run into that issue. and that is something that we have already shared with the community the other piece that I wanted to note with regards to the national register in a state process and that boundary and the battery that will be used for the county's historic overlay district they may not necessarily be the same and they do not have to be the same additionally with regards to the national register

[02:56:29] process um which again that ultimately the state has to sign off on that and then it goes to the national park service for that for that ultimate approval there uh the state uses a specific criteria in terms of what types of properties are eligible to be considered for those nominations eric is very much an expert on that but that's something that we've also discussed with the community that the national register boundary may be different than what the county's bound it could be the same but it the county's boundary does not necessarily have to follow the um the national

[02:57:05] register boundary so i just wanted to provide that clarification but to get to your first question the overlay district essentially will sit on top of the existing um zoning for for that community to follow up and then i would imagine then that the overlay will follow the county's boundaries yes and not if they're different they're not going to follow the state or or yeah i mean we we could if we wanted to and what the community support followed the national register boundary but again because they use very specific criteria there may be other areas that for the county's boundaries

[02:57:43] for the the actual over historic overlay district it may be different it may be expanded what have you and so during the last community meeting in September that was something that we raised and said you know are there areas that we should consider that may be outside of the boundaries that have been already identified for the National Register nomination that's still going undergoing review so that is something that we will be working out with the community my final point on that is thank you and that's where I was gonna get at ultimately I know there's been a lot of community interest around this and I

appreciate how you've been delineated because ultimately we don't have to we may we may not adopt the same exact boundaries of

[02:58:21] the state and the national but knowing that we may be more inclusive frankly than they are and being very clear with the community on that process that we don't necessarily have to handshake we may end up having to recognize and put the overlay over a larger area versus a smaller one that's correct thank you all right supervisor stewart hi miss washington good afternoon uh so just a simple question. So the necessity to spend \$85,000 on a consultant, for the Long Range Planning

[02:58:57] Commission, is there not a skill set in-house to do this yourself to develop the design guideline? So it's a combination of specialized skills and staff capacity. This project is being managed by, within our countywide planning division, and specifically within our cultural resources team they already have a very packed work plan and additionally with regards to design guidelines because it goes into a much a greater level of specificity such as architectural design and other matters that's really more of

[02:59:33] a specialized skill set and in order for us to produce these design guidelines in a timely fashion along with the ZTA it would take us longer if our own staff had to we do have you know some architectural design backgrounds within that team but they have a lot of other projects that they're managing such as the comprehensive zoning ordinance update the sustainability resilience CPA this historic overlay district other comprehensive plan amendments and so it would be a major limitation on our ability to continue to advance those projects if we had to pull the staff that may have that skill set to work on

[03:00:11] on this. So it's much more efficient for us to be able to hire the consultants who do this type of work, you know, regularly and can get this done in a timely fashion so that we can focus on creating the zoning tax amendment, which the same team also have to produce. Thank you. All right. Thank you so very much. We don't have any more questions. Really appreciate this, Ms. Washington. Thank you.

[03:00:36] So the last speaker, Supervisor Stewart, I want to see if you wanted to move this forward. So moved. Second. Oh, that was simultaneous.

[03:00:55] I'll give it. Wait, I thought it was also Franklin. All right. I said Franklin, Franklin. All right. All right. Any further discussion on this agenda item? All right. If not, let's go ahead and take our votes. Vote unanimous.

[03:01:22] All right. Thank you. All right. Thank you very much, Madam Chair, and to Director Washington and Eric. Thank you for the presentation. Madam Chair, members of the board, with item 10D, Manassas Park is asking or has asked that the county review remaining requirements associated with a 1989 voluntary settlement agreement.

[03:01:44] And so we're asking for the board consideration. All right, thank you. Does anyone have any questions, Tendi? Or need additional information? Is that you, Supervisor Vega?

[03:02:00] I'm just going to move it forward since it's Nicole's district. All right, go ahead, move it forward. Who wants to second it? That was Supervisor Fowdy. Any further discussion? All right, let me go ahead and call for the vote. Vote unanimous.

[03:02:20] All right, thank you. nope we got a few one more we have a supervisor's time so normally i break out calendar changes i don't know if anyone has any questions on 11e or 11f if not i'm going to go ahead and just do everything in one motion wait hold on hold on i guess supervisor franklin talk about

item 11f so we are canceling the meeting and adding on whatnot so the applicant for that was scheduled for Tuesday December 2nd has pulled their application so there is nothing

[03:02:58] else lined up for that day okay and I just want to make sure from our planning department I guess I would imagine we have cases ready to go I just want to make sure I mean there if there are other cases we can go ahead and get out the way Tanya Washington director of the planning office we already have cases scheduled through the end of this year including the December 16th meeting it's really more of a timing of because there's a lot of things that have to get lined up and we have to get them by a certain time frame in order to then produce this act report and get it in the queue for specific board dates and so

[03:03:36] this is really more of a matter of you know it's how the chair just described but we do still have other cases for December 16th we have several cases coming yeah thank you for that and Ms. Washington knows this because I've talked to her about this but I just want to make sure that we're moving cases along and that you know we We've had several meetings, or a couple canceled, for the 7 p.m.

[03:03:59] And I just want to make sure we're getting through our land use cases. That's all. We are very much getting through our land use cases. Just today, the board approved four cases during a consolidated agenda. Actually, the majority of the cases that the board takes action on are on the consolidated agenda, which is in the afternoon.

[03:04:16] It's really only a small number of cases that are the evening cases. But we definitely have cases already, we're already looking into dates for next year. So we are definitely making progress to continue to keep cases. And just one last thing, you should look at the Planning Commission's agendas, which are even more filled.

[03:04:35] So those roll over to, you know, to the board. So we are definitely getting through cases. And so I just want to piggyback on that. I swear I'm not for, you know, asking Supervisor Franklin to say any of this, because I've asked these questions myself. But I also want to note, there's a reason why on 7B, that we were doing an off-cycle budget request.

[03:04:58] You know, we want to make sure that planning team has the resources they need to continue to move these cases. Again, the consolidated land use agenda, we do get through quite a few things. You know, the cases in the evening, they can be more contentious, I know, than December.

[03:05:13] We're going to have, you know, at least one late night, you know, because of a case. But I really do appreciate planning. And, yes, hopefully they will have more stuff and we won't have to cancel so many evening sessions moving forward. Anyone else want to speak?

[03:05:31] Nope. All right. I heard that. All right. Didn't need a microphone. All right. Thank you so very much. I would like to go ahead and ask for a motion for 11A through 11F. So moved. All right. Vega Gordy.

[03:05:50] All right. Any additional questions or any additional comments? Seeing none, let's go ahead and take our vote. Vote unanimous. All right. Thank you very much. Now we are going to go around the dais. I'm going to actually start with our newest supervisor. Supervisor Stewart, do you have anything you would like to do for supervisor's time? Yep. Okay. So got a card trick? No. Okay. So this past Saturday, October 25th,

[03:06:25] the Gainesville district had held a fall dumpster day. There was no sighting by the trashy raccoon in our office parking lot but the following results from the Gainesville district dumpster day we

collected 5080 pounds or 2.55 tons of trash and 2160 pounds or 1.08 tons of metal a total of 3.63 tons of discarded household items

[03:06:59] and metal were collected from the community uh also i want to announce um we're going to be playing a lot of mariah carey's christmas album uh there's a holiday party uh at the gainesville district um office we're going to have an open house on friday december 12th um from 5 p.m to 8 p.m be there or be square all right that was short and simple supervisor um bailey thank

[03:07:34] you madam chair good evening everyone October 29th I was my staff and I participated in the 2025 salute the Armed Forces forces with Oliver North who was the wonderful guest speaker we are grateful for his service he's a decorated marine and thank you to the chamber for the event and then on November the 7th I had the opportunity of cutting the cake with the Marine Corps again. Thank you, Colonel Colgate, for inviting me, and to be able to be in the presence of the oldest Marine, Sergeant Jim Westcott, who is 104 years young, yes, and the youngest Marine,

[03:08:13] Private Joseph Pachella, age 19, and it was an exciting day, windy, but the cake was good. On November the 11th through, I mean, November the 8th through the 11th, I participated in the annual Virginia Association of Counties conference with my colleagues in Bath County, and we had a great time. I want to say congratulations to our new chair, Supervisor Victor Angry, the happy man. Thank you so much for serving in that capacity. And then on the 8th, my

[03:08:49] staff attended the annual anniversary gala for Did Lake, and I want to thank them for the invitation. I was not able to attend myself because I was at VACO, but my chief of staff presented a proclamation to them for their dedication, innovation, and community impact in Prince William County and Manassas to serve the developmental disabled, and they are great at it. On the 12th, I was able to participate in a ceremony with one of our citizens, Dora Mohamed, who allowed me to participate in a doctoral study development outreach strategy

[03:09:24] program that talked about sustainability and interfaith engagement in local government, and it was very exciting. Madam Chair, thank you for being there with us, and congratulations to Dr. Dora Mohamed, my buddy, my friend. November the 13th, I was so proud that the Economic Development Department had their annual Make Your Mark award ceremony and business celebration to Christina Wynn and her staff.

[03:09:55] You absolutely rock. It was an exceptional program, and I was really grateful that you asked me to be one of the guest speakers there at the program. On November the 14th, my staff attended the ADC Jail Basic Academy 42 graduation. Congratulations to the strong students that were able to finish the program and to feel good about themselves and the things that they do, 25 graduates from the Prince William County Academy, and so we're very proud of that.

[03:10:29] Yesterday, November the 17th, we had our Potomac District Town Hall, and I'd like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the economic development team, the planning team, transportation team, and Prince William County Water.

[03:10:45] They were exceptional. We had 70 guests there, and they all said that they garnered a lot of information from them, so thank you so much for coming to the district and making sure that people are aware and educated of what's going on in the district. Upcoming events, November the 20th, we look

forward to having the opportunity to present the Military Veterans and Public Safety Council and Women's Leadership Conference.

[03:11:13] I'll be participating in that when it was today. Yes, anyway. On the 22nd, Dumfries Polar Express Holiday Parade in Dumfries. So bring your Santa Claus hats and come and participate with us. It will start at 9 a.m. on the 22nd.

[03:11:31] It's a Saturday in Dumfries. And then I just want to thank Region 8 for re-electing me to the Virginia Association of Connolly's board again. I'm honored to continue in serving for Prince William County and as the chair of Health and Human Resources.

[03:11:48] So that's all I got. Until then, happy Thanksgiving. Oh, wait a minute. I got 45 seconds. I'm also delighted to serve as the vice chair, Northern Virginia NBRC for term 2526.

[03:12:04] So that's exciting as well. So that's all I got, really, Madam Chair. Thank you so much. All right. Thank you so very much. Supervisor Bodie. - Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm gonna go in reverse order on events here. First, wanted to thank everyone who came out last night to Occoquan Elementary for Old Bridge Road 123 and Old Bridge Road Miniville public information meeting.

[03:12:27] Really big kudos to the transportation staff, Paolo Belita and his team that came out to support that. We got a lot of good feedback on some two very important intersections on the Old Bridge Road corridor. I'm really glad that so many folks came out had some really good feedback and conversation for us as we continue to look at ways to alleviate traffic and increase safety and pedestrian connectivity in one of the most important corridors in the Occoquan district. Also got a chance to sit in on the joint COG metro board meeting yesterday. Both boards did indeed adopt the DMV moves initiative, which doesn't touch us

[03:13:07] as much as it touches the inner core, but it does at least set up a scheme to hopefully stabilize metro and also continue talking about regional transit. Hopefully there'll be eventually some fruits of that effort that will hopefully touch BRE and be able to establish some more stable, reliable, and frequent transit all the way down here in Prince William County versus those interjurisdictions. Also had the opportunity this past Friday to be part of the swearing-in ceremony for our new colleague, Supervisor Stewart. It was really great to meet his family.

[03:13:45] I should have brought my four-year-old because I didn't realize you were going to bring your four-year-old, but we'll have to rectify that at some point. But really was happy to see that historic moment for you. Wanted to celebrate you in that regard. Also on Friday in the morning, I got a chance to go alongside my colleague Suhra Bailey to the NVRC housing work session, which it was really productive.

[03:14:06] It's part of a new initiative to set aside and create a strategic plan for the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on an issue that I know is near and dear to a lot of our hearts, housing, and how NVRC can sort of step up and help play a more regional role in helping all the Northern Virginia jurisdictions tackle and find good policy and messaging around housing.

[03:14:26] so that was a really great uh opportunity as well um finally uh in terms of of um events i think that's almost it's yeah the last thing i'll say on events is as supervisor bailey just said this will be our last meeting before uh the thanksgiving holiday so i want to wish everyone a great thanksgiving and the last thing i'll say is um you know we on december 2nd uh when we come back we we'll be looking at the affordable housing trust fund.

[03:14:58] And staff has put a lot of work into that. I know they've met with all of our offices over the past month or so because we did adopt the ordinance back during the summer. And I know we're near the finish line on that. I will be sending an email to my colleagues here shortly that'll talk about some findings that my staff and I have found recently in regards to that and some conversations we've had with Elijah Johnson and Joni Duckett.

[03:15:21] I know I've had some brief conversations with the county exec as well. and some of my colleagues around the fact that we are almost there but there are a couple of tweaks that i would like tourists consider before we adopt the affordable housing trust fund policy and guidelines one of which is the fact that loudon county back in june uh adopted and i should say revise and reform their policies be a lot more streamlined more uh more um friendly to getting awards out faster and frankly a lot easier to understand from applicants and also this idea that some other localities in the Commonwealth allow for the process of actually awarding the

[03:15:56] money be an administrative process versus actually going through the board again not proposing anything for tonight but wanted to give my my colleagues a heads up about that because I will be sending a pretty verbose and everyone's used to that by now email from me here shortly but wanted to put that on everyone's radar before I send it out thank you madam chair thank you so very much I'm actually going to save the best for last that's supervisor angry so I'm going to go Over to Gordy, Supervisor Gordy, if you would like to.

[03:16:20] Yeah, I said that. Best for last. It's going to be Victor's moment. All right, go Gordy. That was insulting. The rest of you are second best to last. Yeah, that's it. All right. Well, so, yeah, chopped liver.

[03:16:41] There we go. Quite a few things going on. So, attended the Prince William Chamber's Salute to the Armed Forces. Really appreciated Colonel North's comments. Did a fantastic job talking about our veterans, our service members, and their families, and their service and sacrifice on behalf of our nation.

[03:17:01] It was a really great event, and congratulations to the chamber for that event. On the 5th of November, we held a Dominion, held a community meeting regarding the Noakesville to Hornbaker lines.

[03:17:16] This is going to be something that we're going to be talking more about in a couple of weeks as we look at, you know, these lines do cross a lot of county property, and so we need to have a conversation about that. Also, on November the 8th, attended the American Legion Post 114 Veteran Appreciation Luncheon.

[03:17:38] It was a great day to learn about a program that they're raising funds for to build veterans homes to meet the veteran homeless issues on their property in Manassas. So great effort that they've got there and really appreciate the invite to participate in that luncheon.

[03:17:59] On the 9th of November, my church, Oakdale Baptist Church in Venn Hill, celebrated its 165th anniversary, and so it was great for that homecoming and to continue to see the community of faith and then he'll continue to remain strong on the 10th of November first of all happy birthday Marines 250th there you go and but also that day was honored to join a lot of veterans at T Clay Woods Elementary Schools Veterans Day celebration and parade they do a

[03:18:38] great job in celebrating our veterans and bringing out the veterans from the Noakesville and Bristow community. Also attended the Make Your Mark event on the 13th, and a great evening. A lot of great Princeville companies recognized that night, whether they were one or whether they were in the

final running. So really congratulate all the community businesses that are certainly making a difference for Prince William County. And then this past Saturday, I was joined by Chair Jefferson and Supervisor Vega at the Pump Track Grand Ribbon Cutting.

[03:19:16] I really appreciate all the work of the Parks Foundation in helping raise the funds, get that to fruition, and why I tell you, to watch three-year-old kids on a bike, you know, riding up and down these pump tracks, it's amazing. It's even more amazing watching the old guys do it. So congratulations to the community, and it's already serving as a tourist destination as we've got people coming from outside the county to participate.

[03:19:40] And Ms. Shorter was there as well. So thank you, Ms. Shorter, for coming out. A couple of items. On December the 8th, we will be having a listening session with Chair Jefferson regarding the Vent Hill developments that will take place from 630 to 8 at the Noakesville Firehouse in Noakesville.

[03:20:02] So I want to invite the community to come out and share their perspectives on that. And also I want to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. - Supervisor Franklin. - Yes, thank you. As mentioned by several of my colleagues, I also attended the VACO Conference, and also just wanna say congratulations to our new president, Supervisor Victor Angry.

[03:20:26] For those not familiar with VACO, incredibly important group, basically leading on behalf of all local elected officials for the entire Commonwealth to the General Assembly. So it's a big job. Obviously, you have the support of us looking forward to kind of bridging some gaps with the general assembly and so looking forward to supporting you however i can also just want to congratulate supervisor kathy smith from fairfax who is the new second vice president i believe and so congratulations all of us are going to be able to work i think really well together also on the 12th hosted a community meeting with several

[03:21:06] communities on the foundation and soil management program for them to ask questions to give an update on kind of where things stand so thank you to county staff who was able to be there to help answer some of those questions on the 13th i also attended the make your mark event hosted by economic development great event and also just want to thank carlos castro of toto supermarket who operates two stores in woodbridge on winning one of the awards so very proud of all of our woodbridge businesses um also just want to point out on the 15th this past weekend i actually hosted

[03:21:46] two cleanups with keep prince william beautiful on separate stretches of route one one in the northern end and one in the southern end so i just want to thank keep prince william beautiful for helping to organize and then all the volunteers who came out for that also just want to thank our local chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for their annual scholarship banquet.

[03:22:10] We were also joined by former Defense Secretary Lloyd Alston who shared some remarks and that was a great event. I just want to thank the Omegas for the incredible work that they do here locally. Lastly, in terms of recent events, I was able to be joined by Supervisor Angry last night for the general assembly's appropriations committee's annual retreat which was held here in prince william county and so it was great to meet other members of the committee um to talk about um you know casually kind of what some of our priorities are what the general assembly is looking to do

[03:22:47] potentially uh the next session so i just want to thank the delegation and also other members of the appropriations committee for having their retreat here in town upcoming events very quickly on the 21st at stonebridge i will be participating once again the holiday tree lighting at stonebridge town center

the holiday artesian market and activities will start at 5 p.m and the tree lighting will be at 7 p.m so feel free to come and join and on december 12th i will be hosting our annual senior holiday luncheon at the woodbridge senior center and i look forward to seeing chris

[03:23:24] shorter and elijah johnson and whoever else on county staff wants to come and dance with our seniors so that'll be fun and allegedly later that day i'm going to the gainesville uh holiday party so i will tell you supervisor weir and i had a thing where we had the bourbon and the eggnog so you got got just a little bit of shoes to fill there but we always had a good time so looking forward to joining you there and welcome to the team absolutely do you want to say that out loud all right notion what's your event again i'll write that down so i can compare holiday parties

[03:24:00] all right supervisor vega i thought we were saving the best for last kidding all right let's dive into it i want to thank our sponsors who were able to donate a hundred coats for our annual coats district coat drive this year um i'm not sure if it's the government shutdown or what's going on but there's a lot of need in our community so if you have generous donors who are constantly asking especially during this time of year what they can do to help I would consider talking about the various ways that they can help the community.

[03:24:31] So thank you to our generous donors and to everybody that came out. We certainly know that those coats are going to be a blessing for children and that they're not going to be cold this winter season. On November 5th, I attended the Dominion Transmission Line Open House. I attended the press conference, and I also attended the formal Open House session.

[03:24:50] I wanted to hear for myself and listen. I've talked to some of my colleagues on the dais, And we expressed that mutual agreement that we believe that those transmission lines should go underground, but that's a conversation that we're going to continue to have. I want to thank all of the members of the community that showed up and to the organizers of the press conference leading up to the open house.

[03:25:10] On 11-9, I, too, attended VACO. It was a long, and I say long because I was in such great company that I didn't want it to end. And I'm not saying that sarcastically. I mean it. We had a great time. Prince William County was represented well, but I wanna give a special shout out to Nikki, who always goes above and beyond in ensuring that we are taken care of, and to Glenn, who does a great job at advocating for our priorities here in Prince William County, and of course, the county attorney who keeps us in line, and the second set of eyes that we have with the county executive.

[03:25:46] Thank you for joining us at VACO. On the 12th, I attended the veteran's docket ceremony with Supervisor Angry and Supervisor Franklin. At our last board meeting, I talked about the drug treatment court and how incredible it is to be able to participate in these folks achieving such a great accomplishment.

[03:26:05] And I will put a plug in, if you haven't gone to the veteran's docket ceremony, I recommend that you do, because it's really good to see the work that this program does and how folks are able to overcome and continue to become productive members of society. On the 13th, I had my early Thanksgiving lunch with folks over at the Manassas Health and Rehab Center.

[03:26:26] For those that want to volunteer or have kids, high schoolers that want to help out, we have a lot of need at nursing homes and at facilities of this sort who don't have loved ones during the holiday

season. So if you have some spare time, I would recommend that you go by, sit down, have a cup of coffee, you know, lunch with these folks who would be very blessed to have some company.

[03:26:48] And I will say that Joanne is such a blessing, she's the one that runs this program. And she says that typically during November and December, she does not know what to do with the amount of people that wanna come by. But she says there are other months throughout the year where we're just lonely and nobody comes.

[03:27:05] So you have 12 months in the year. So if you have the time or know somebody that's interested, I recommend these organizations. I too attended the Make Your Mark event. I'm gonna take it in a different direction. Christina, you're a rock star.

[03:27:20] Thank you for putting such a great event on. But I also wanna highlight Trevor. I did not know he was quite the comedian. In my opinion, he was the highlight of the night. Of course, everybody that won an award, but he was great. Thank you to Victoria from Cakes by Happy Eatery, who was one of my guests, along with Lisa, the owner of East Coast Wings and Grill.

[03:27:45] I attended the pump track opening, along with Supervisor Gordy and Chair Jefferson. I think this is a great addition to our Parks and Recs portfolio, one that Seth is incredibly proud of. And of course, anytime that we add to it, he becomes even happier. On the 20th, I will be partaking as a panelist on the Own Your Voice Public Speaking and Leadership Presence.

[03:28:06] This is hosted by the Realtors Association of Prince William County and the Women's Council of Realtors. I want to end by cordially inviting everybody. I'm not going to name you. I'm just going to say I expect to see every member of the board attend the Coles District annual district Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

[03:28:24] I did have most of the board attended last year, and I think it was a good time, so I hope to see everybody this year. It will take place on December 6th at the Lucasville School at 5 p.m. Lastly, it's been a rough year for a lot of us. I know here on the day is we've had some very challenging times in our personal lives.

[03:28:44] i just want to say that not just in the month of november or around the time of thanksgiving but throughout the whole year i'm incredibly thankful for the love of my family the support of my friends a lot of you sit on this dais and despite our political differences i just want to let the people of prince william county know that there is a lot of love a lot of respect that goes on behind the scenes and that we may go at it from time to time here on the dais but at the end of the day um we are there for each other and it's not just words that are said it is a true uh reflection of love that has been demonstrated to me personally by your um actions so i just want to say that i'm very thankful for you all i wish everybody a happy thanksgiving and i hope to see

[03:29:23] you all at the christmas tree lighting ceremony thank you madam chair all right thank you so very much that means all is forgiven i guess with what i said earlier best for last i mean come on sometimes someone has to be the valedictorian today it's going to be victory hold on you're out of order. Since he's the best, apparently, there's something I just learned. We got an announcement from the governor's office that we've received \$1.1 million that will go to the American Battlefield Trust for the acquisition of 152.2 acres at Bristow Station Battlefield

[03:29:59] to further expand the Bristow Battlefield. And so that was announced today. So I just wanted to get that out to the community and um and thank the governor uh for uh including the bristow battlefield uh in these grants today over 15 million dollars was given away and we got 1.1 million of it thank you all right let's all right now let's stop trying to steal victor shine no anyways um i really first of all i do look forward to doing the town hall with you tom supervisor gordy on um december 8th because i think there are a lot of discussion important

[03:30:39] discussions to be had that day. But I really want to say that Prince William County is making moves. You know, again, congratulations to Supervisor Bailey for being named chair in VRC. But I did really want to uplift Supervisor Victor Angry. As Supervisor Franklin was saying, VACO or Virginia Association of Counties plays a very important role within our Commonwealth with being the voice of counties legislating for our combined um i'm sorry advocating for our combined legislative agenda and so the fact that supervisor angry has been named president really is truly a big deal

[03:31:17] um the last person there have been three other people from prince william county who were named chair but the last one was john jenkins and that was back in 1997 we don't want to know we don't know i know how i don't want to know how old anyone was all right stop that anyways he was talking about Dallas Cowboys, we are Cowboys fans, so that's okay. But I really want to uplift that because that is such a big deal. It's been decades since Prince William County, someone from Prince William County has been a chair. So thank you for taking on this tremendous responsibility,

[03:31:55] this amazing opportunity. You know, we're looking forward to great things from you. Again, this is really significant, as you've heard from a number of people say it, but I want to use my time to really uplift you, Victor, because I'm so very, I said this to you, I'm so very proud of you. I'm so very proud of the work that you've done you are the most senior member of this board which actually really doesn't say much but that's okay um you are the most senior member of this board and you know looking forward to your leadership on veyco so with that i'm going to turn the floor over to

[03:32:25] you for your update uh no comments no all right let me open this up here because it's kind of a lot uh salute to the armed forces great event so you've heard a lot about that um and veyco you've Heard a lot about that, so thank you, everybody, that was there.

[03:32:46] Veterans docket, I've got to tell you, I'm going to say what Supervisor Vega said. If you haven't attended one, please attend those. We must always ensure we keep our dockets here in Prince William County. Our drug docket and our veterans docket and any other docket they want to create, first of all, vet it, make sure it's good.

[03:33:03] But I just think these dockets are amazing. The Make Your Mark event, Christina Wynn and your team, outstanding. I just want to recognize my four businesses. Of course, businesses throughout the county are very important. So R.J. Ziegler, who has the Prince William Ice Skate Center, this man is homegrown.

[03:33:20] He was a kid skating there. He bought the building, and he's teaching kids now. Remember, we got the deal with the Washington Capitals doing the roller rink piece. And so, bless you, he's doing big things. Robert Arrington came into the county out of D.C. He's a lawyer, him and his wife, Simone, and they opened the AFC Urgent Care right there on Minnieville and Dale, right by the Wendy's and the, forget that grocery store.

[03:33:42] But anyway, in that area, Brad Exweiler, School of Rock. He has a school of rock, just like the movie where he's teaching kids and adults. I may go over there and learn how to play my bass with these guys. But he just opened his business here great. And then, of course, Sam Holman, who, with Rock Creek Properties, purchased four shopping centers here in Dell City and started literally remodeling, refurbishing them.

[03:34:07] He did the concrete, the asphalt, the painting of the buildings. So it's just been great. So I just want to thank all of them for what they've done. And then the Jail Basic Academy graduation, I had the privilege of being the speaker over there to the graduating class, which went very well.

[03:34:23] So thank everyone who was attending. Chris Roder was in the house. That was really good. So we had a few. But anyway, just thank everybody for being there for that. And welcome to the family, to our latest 25 employees on that. And I do want to thank Pi Lambda Lambda Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated.

[03:34:43] They honored me with being the Citizen of the Year there. So that was a real big, big deal, big event. Didn't know that was happening, but I was very honored to receive that award from them. And then, you know, I just want to mention that congratulations to Reverend Pastor Sandra James.

[03:35:02] They're going to do her pastoral investiture, if you will, this Saturday. And so she's now running First Mount Zion Church, and so congratulations to her. I'm sure we'll be hearing more from her and attending the church. Now, I want to just mention this and see where we go with this, but I gave the directive for the Arts Council to look at dissolving, and you all should have seen that memo.

[03:35:26] I don't know if this is where it needed, but the next steps were provided directed to staff to draft a resolution to dissolve it with a date, And then, you know, they got in here basically before 30 June, 2026. So I'd like to start the year off with that being dissolved.

[03:35:44] I don't know if you need, if we need to come back to that. I know our last meeting is December 16th. I don't know if we can make that decision now, but I want to give you a date because we haven't given you a date. If that's something to discuss with this board, you guys want to talk about that now or hold it to 16 December?

[03:36:03] Do you have a directive? Go ahead. I don't know if it was a directive, because he sent the memo, so I'm just trying to answer the, give a date on that. So it would need to be a directive. So the directive was just really a recommendation if ultimately you or another board member would be interested in providing the directive we would need for it to be done.

[03:36:25] Okay, do we want to just come back then on 16 December and kind of provide that? So yes, please share your directive language with everyone on the board, including our chief staff, and then you can come back and give the directive. Awesome. Okay, let me just kind of swing through it and make sure I got – oh, the last and the greatest one.

[03:36:43] I want to thank Michael and Ari from First Lego League, the Metal Jackets. Now, let me tell you something. We must always support these young folks and what they're doing. They had a two-day competition, and we've got folks coming in from Chantilly, from Loudoun, from Richmond, from far south of Richmond.

[03:37:05] All these schools came up here to be a part of this competition, this Lego tech competition. And I want to tell you now, I know this is a school's program, but I was there with Tracy Blake, Neap School School, and that was amazing. So I want to thank Michael and Ari for giving me the tours.

[03:37:21] These two young people literally stood up a lot of this stuff, and they run it. And they got kids in there as young as five. I mean, it was pretty amazing to watch over the weekend. So if you haven't seen that, I would ask that we get involved and we keep this first Lego League movement going because that is exactly what we need in this county for our youth going forward.

[03:37:44] So that is it. That is my, I'm done. I just want to, I want to praise what they're doing over there because that's a great thing. Okay, and I'm done. So thank you, Madam Chair. All right, thank you so very much. We are going to go into closed meeting, closed session for the board members. You've got five minutes.

[03:38:00] Use it wisely, and then we will meet in the back. Thank you.

[03:39:39] All right, everyone.

[03:40:21] We are back. Before we roll into the 7 o'clock, we have some things to finish with closed session. Are we rolling? All right. I'd like to go ahead and certify what we've discussed, but we will continue in closed session because we have other additional items that we were not able to get to.

[03:40:43] So for the first item, I would like to, I guess we're going to have to do a motion, correct? Motion to certify. So I'd like to get a motion to certify items that we discussed. So moved. Second. It was moved.

[03:40:58] I'll give it Bailey Bode. And do I need a motion or just report out what we've agreed to? Yep. All right. So I'd like to give a motion to – oh, wait. Hold on. Yeah, we got that one.

[03:41:17] It's just a certify. Thank you. Vote unanimous. All right. I would like to get a motion to name Supervisor Yesli Vega as Chair Pro Tem. So moved. All right. Any discussion? All right.

[03:41:37] Let's go ahead and take a vote.

[03:41:49] Unanimous. Supervisor Vega abstaining from vote. All right. for the next one i would like to get a motion to replace victor angry as a regular member of the board audit committee and name supervisor george stewart so move second i am mr and including mr angry now as an alternate so move all right i can do all of this okay all right so the rest i'm going to do um so i would like a motion to i'm sorry we're going to do that one over to name

[03:42:25] george stewart as a regular member of the board audit committee and he's going to replace supervisor victor angry who will now be an alternate on that committee i would also like to name george stewart as a joint audit committee as an alternate i would like to name george stewart as a regular for the potomac and rappahannock transportation commission known as prtc and also to name him on the climate energy environmental policy committee and the chesapeake bay and water resources policy committee those are two separate committees on the metropolitan washington council of governments

[03:42:59] so move second and to clarify he's he'll be an alternate on chesapeake bay i'm sorry he'll be alternate on chesapeake bay all right it has been properly moved and seconded any discussion let's go ahead and vote vote unanimous supervisor stewart abstaining from vote all right and just to name that after we roll into after we finish with everything with the seven o'clock meeting we will go back into closed session because we have two additional items to discuss with that it is

[03:43:34] now 7.03 we are going to start our evening session i would like to begin um with 13a and i would like to ask the applicant to come up and present to us madam chair if i could um before the applicant comes up and and speaks um i would just like to note that tonight as we start to take a look at this case, we're going to notice that there's going to be, it's going to be different from the usual cases than we've seen in the past. As you may be aware, the comp plan opened up development

[03:44:10] on Venn Hill Road and shortly after its passage, developers began drawing up plans to bring residential communities to the area between Sudley Manor Drive and Rollins Ford Road. When I ran for supervisor, I committed myself to smart growth stating I will push for a plan for roads, schools, parks, police, and fire. The mistakes of overdevelopment before roads, schools, and essential services were ready are what led to the challenges we saw in the 2000s along Linton Hall Road and the severe opposition to further development at the time. Unfortunately, the bad memories of that approach still linger for many in our community. When I saw that seven neighborhoods were being proposed, I sat down with the developers and asked them to take a

[03:44:49] different approach. Noting that the whole would be greater than the sum of the parts, I asked them to come up with a unified approach to roads, parks, and schools, fire, and police, to community design along Vent Hill Road and to other elements. While there are legal limitations imposed by the General Assembly on how far we can go, we sought to work within the parameters we have to strike the right balance. Tonight is the first case we will see that incorporates that unified plan.

[03:45:17] A lot of work over the past nearly two years has been put into identifying the challenges, engaging with neighboring communities and seeking solutions to address the challenges. My hope is that this helps us take a smarter, more holistic approach to development. I appreciate county staff's support for this approach, particularly those within our transportation and planning departments, and I hope that this will better serve our county going forward.

[03:45:42] Thank you, Madam Chair. All right, thank you so very much. You may approach the green one there. Okay, all right, thank you.

[03:45:58] Good evening, Madam Chairman, members of the board. I'm Sherman Patrick with Compton & Dooling. We are here this evening representing Brookfield Homes in this application for rezoning. The property is located on the Vent Hill Road corridor, and I appreciated Mr. Gordy's introduction because it will cut down on the amount of time that I will be bending your ear this evening.

[03:46:17] I'll try to keep this as brief as possible. I have about 15 slides. I'll spend more time on this first slide probably than any of the others. So the property in this case is located on the north side of Vent Hill Road, just west of the Braymore Residential Plan community.

[03:46:34] The application was submitted in 2023, February, in fact, of 2023. It was heard by the Planning Commission the first time in February of 2025 and then May of 2025. The Planning Commission recommended to approve it at their hearing this past May.

[03:46:49] The proffered conditions include master zoning plan, design guidelines for architectural and landscaping treatments throughout the community, a 50-foot buffer along Vinhill Road, and many other measures to assure a quality of design that would be a benchmark along Vinhill Road and be continued throughout the length of Vinhill Road as Supervisor Gordy was striving for.

[03:47:15] In addition, there is a water quality monitoring contribution that is proffered \$75 per acre. There's a fire rescue contribution of \$1,200 per single-family dwelling and \$1,170 per single-family attached townhouse unit.

[03:47:32] The schools will receive a \$5,000 per unit for the market rate units in the proposed development. And the Parks and Recreation Department will receive \$4,700 and \$34 per single-family dwelling and \$3,900 per single-family attached.

[03:47:52] in addition to the dedication of a 10.5-acre property that Brookfield owns that is a long, broad run. It is somewhat separated from the site, but it fills in a missing link of the broad run linear trail that is along Linton Hall Road.

[03:48:09] There are three 10-foot wide shared use paths that do trails, paved asphalt trails. One is along Vent Hill Road. There'll be one on both sides of Vent Hill Road, in fact, and I'll cover that more in the transportation section. There will be one, notably also, that will extend northward from Vent Hill Road through this development and connect to the adjoining property so that it will eventually become a direct connection to the broad-run linear trail that is north of this property.

[03:48:41] There is a \$17,000 per unit contribution of both townhouses and single-family detached for the improvement of Vent Hill Road, and there are many other details about the improvement of Vent Hill Road that will be covered a little further on the application or the discussion.

[03:49:00] The property is 55 acres. The comprehensive plan is calling for one to four dwelling units per acre. The existing zoning is A1. The applicant is proposing three dwelling units per acre for a total of 168 dwelling units.

[03:49:16] There will be 151 market rate dwelling units at different price points, And there will be affordable, there's a commitment to affordable and workforce housing of 17 units. That's 10% of the total. And there's 46% open space, which is a generous open space area for a project of this size.

[03:49:39] The housing chapter of the comprehensive plan notes that the area, and in fact the entire nation, is facing a significant housing shortage. And the net result of that is escalating housing prices. So the comprehensive plan does two things in that regard.

[03:49:58] It encourages a diversity of housing at different price points, which this project includes, but it also encourages the provision of affordable housing and workforce housing, which this application also provides. There will be eight homes that will be constructed that will be affordable to households earning 80% of the area median income and nine homes that will be affordable to households earning 120 percent of the area median income. The balance of the homes will be considered market rate homes, but as you can see

[03:50:33] from this exhibit, the house types are varied by width. In this case, we're talking about a 70-foot wide lot width, but that affects the width of the house as well, so that affects the size of the homes. And then some of the single-family detached will be smaller lots. The houses will follow that in comparison to the size of them. And then with respect to the single-family attached, it's a little bit easier to see a direct relationship between the lot size and the unit width. But there will be 24-foot wide single-family attached, 20-foot and 16-foot wide single-family attached.

[03:51:09] And so this provides you a mixture of five different housing styles that gives you a diversity of price points that is something that is very badly needed in the market. At the Planning Commission in February, we heard from a neighbor that owns this property here. This is six acres. It's immediately adjacent to the Strathmore proposal. Strathmore has a 50-foot buffer against that property. This neighbor was very interested in what the impacts might be or

[03:51:45] how that was going to affect their enjoyment of their home and the property is outlined here in this aerial photograph and that issue has been resolved as Brookfield met with them they actually have the property under contract now and so this property will be purchased by Brookfield they have a good arrangement between the two of them for their transitioning from the site the settlement would occur after the rezoning and then there will be some time for them to take their time to relocate. Eventually, Brookfield will probably come in with a rezoning for this piece of property.

[03:52:21] It is a non-conforming A1 zoned lot, but you can see from this photograph that there is a large water feature, a pond, on the property. And then you can't quite make it out here, but there's a stream that comes into the property through here. So it's pretty much environmentally constrained.

[03:52:37] There'll be no significant increase in the number of dwelling units as a result of this when it comes in later on. Schools is always a very important component of the analysis, and you heard Supervisor Gordy mention that earlier. The school capacity and enrollment are something that we're giving careful consideration, and the analysis of available school capacity in this area brought focus to some challenges that the school system is facing. Those challenges include instances where there are schools that are substantially overcrowded and schools that are being utilized

[03:53:16] under capacity and if a school is being utilized under capacity then it is not operating efficiently and sometimes they do not have sufficient funding to provide the special programs that are expected in the community. So there is a negative impact of being under enrolled if you will. There is a declining public school enrollment across the county and we weren't able to get a memorandum yet because this is an issue that's still unfolding for the school board and they We'll have to be making some difficult decisions in the future to address these challenges.

[03:53:49] But what we provided for you this evening is a collection of public statements that have been in the media about their recognition that this is an issue that gets resolved at their level, possibly through school district scene or as through school assignments, which I'll show you an example of in just a minute.

[03:54:09] The Noakesville School provides elementary and middle school education for this site at the present time, the way the district boundaries are drawn, and the Noakesville School is over capacity. The Brentsville District High School is under capacity.

[03:54:26] It has available capacity to serve the needs of this particular project. So we mentioned, let's see, I think I skipped a slide.

[03:54:49] I did. So this is showing the declining enrollment challenge that the school board is facing. There has been a persistent reduction over the past seven years. There are 3,000 students fewer that are enrolled in county schools.

[03:55:07] In the next four years, there's an expectation that another 3,000 students would be in the system, if you will. The slide on the left now is showing you the boundaries of the seven applications that

Supervisor Gordy mentioned that were requested to do a collaborative effort to analyze the public infrastructure impacts that would come from the collective results of these different developments.

[03:55:45] There was a lot of focus on schools and transportation because there was some significant challenges there. The conclusions of this were that a \$5,000 per unit monetary contribution would be consistent with the impacts that were being created and consistent with the state code parameters for providing for offsetting impacts on public infrastructure.

[03:56:13] And also the Alderwood rezoning is dedicating a middle school site. On this map, you see Vent Hill Road coming through the property in this alignment. Here is Sudley Manor Road, and the development that you see over here is Braemar.

[03:56:30] So there's quite a bit of residential development in this area, suburban residential type of development on the north side of Vent Hill Road today. And then above this, just out of the view, is a Kingsbrook development that is accessed by Linton Hall Road. but it is coming in the direction of the Vent Hill-Lenton Hall Road corridors.

[03:56:51] Strathmore is outlined right here. You'll recognize the shape, I think. Added a little bit of a gold color to it to try to help it stand out. And then these other applications have been filed by, most of these have been filed by other applicants.

[03:57:07] Brookfield has recently filed this Silver Bell case, and that has been into the county for a little over six weeks, and we're awaiting comments on the first review. So the applicant in the master development study came up with a kind of a common-sense type of approach that could be used for assigning students from these developments to existing schools in the area, and it would relieve the capacity problems at Noakesville School.

[03:57:40] This chart is showing how students would flow from elementary school to middle school to high school. It is not requiring the redistricting of any students that are currently attending school. These are from vacant parcels that are a part of this rezoning, these seven rezoning applications that we talked about.

[03:58:01] Oh, actually, I'm sorry. There were an additional six proposals that were added to the analysis. There were six zoning cases that had already been approved or were very near approval going through the system, and so those were added. So when it comes to schools analysis, we're not analyzing just the seven applicants that we've given the title of the Vent Hill Road applications.

[03:58:27] We're also including six other applications that are in the vicinity and are also served by the same schools. I have several slides here to give you a sense of what the enrollments are at the present time and what they would be as a result of this development.

[03:58:45] So this is a projection to 2037. You see here that you see here for the elementary school level that the the Glen Kirk Elementary School after the projected students that are based on without the approval of these seven cases.

[03:59:10] Then you add these cases into the mix and there's still 159 empty seats capacity beyond what is being required for the development. Cedar Point Elementary School, you have a slimmer margin, but it's still 51 empty seats after all of these rezonings are addressed through the assignment process that's been proposed.

[03:59:37] And T. Claywood, after all of these students are added, would have 124 empty seats. What is striking about these charts, what is most striking about these charts, is that you see that this school and this school are 50% or below capacity without some type of growth being added to those, which is problematic.

[04:00:00] So this is the same type of format. We have the more stellar middle school. Even after the addition of the 13 cases, you have 110 empty seats, and that is including the 210 seat expansion that is in a 2028 CIP and would be funded with the \$5,000 per unit contribution that would come from this application and the other Vinhill Road applicants.

[04:00:27] Over at Gainesville Middle School, the same thing, only there would be 398 empty seats after the addition of all three of these, I'm sorry, every 13 of these proposals. And then high school, again, sort of the same situation.

[04:00:45] Patriot High School would have 534 empty seats afterwards, and Gainesville High School would have 81 seats. But what we've tried to propose is a common-sense way of distributing the students that will be generated by this new growth as opposed to saying that you have to redistrict existing communities, which is always a very sensitive point.

[04:01:09] There may be some other efficiencies that the school board gains, and they decide to by redistricting, but that is a decision that would be up to them. But we think that there's an opportunity here to address the need. With respect to the Vent Hill Road widening and making it consistent, there is a design that's been agreed upon by the Vent Hill Road developers.

[04:01:35] They have agreed to this 120-foot right-of-way section that you see here. There'll be two lanes in each direction, a 16-foot median, and a 10-foot wide shared use path on both sides of the road, which isn't required in the normal county standards or in the VDOT standards.

[04:01:54] And in addition to that, there's a utility easement and a 50-foot landscape buffer along both sides of the road, which also is not required under the existing standards or requirements. This exhibit is showing the same project, all of the projects that are part of the proposal.

[04:02:18] These are the traffic-generating vent hill applications. The Strathmore piece is right here again. And with respect to Strathmore, there is no negative impact on the level of service or capacity on Vinhill Road.

[04:02:35] It's only through the participation in this collaborative effort that Strathmore is obligated to provide additional improvements and monetary contributions to make sure that Vinhill Road has a uniform cross-section and is built in a way that is addressing the needs of growth.

[04:02:56] So the proffers that are being proposed provide for the oversight of a development agreement, a coordinated effort by the Prince William County Department of Transportation. There is a commitment to joint development agreement by the applicants.

[04:03:15] There will be dedication of right-of-way and monetary contributions either to the county or to the joint development fund. and phasing that assures that the impacts of home construction do not get ahead of road construction and road level of service.

[04:03:32] I think that was a very important feature that Supervisor Gordy wanted to attain from this. There are also provisions for interim improvements as necessary to maintain the levels of service. And if

the opportunity arises for the county to be able to leverage the additional improvements in the corridor through taking direct supervision of the construction of these road improvements, then the county has the flexibility to do that and would take all of the funding that is being provided to the Joint Development Agreement Fund and use that for road construction.

[04:04:09] This is a flowchart that was prepared by the Transportation Department to keep track of how the different pieces would go. I'm going to try to summarize that very briefly. The first column here is, the first scenario is actually just if one rezoning were submitted, and that lays out how the funding would be collected, and then the applicant would complete clearing and grading across their property and provide interim improvements necessary to maintain the levels of service.

[04:04:38] And they'd also dedicate the right-of-way. The second scenario is if all of these 11 zoning cases, I'm getting the numbers mixed up, all of these seven cases that are part of the transportation agreement are approved.

[04:04:55] And in that instance, you have really two columns, and these are just decision points that will be made along the way, but you have two columns because the first column is indicating the developers are completing the road through their joint development agreement, through their private coordination, overseen by the Prince William County Transportation Department.

[04:05:16] And this other column is in the event the Prince William County Transportation Department decides that it would like to take the project and provide direct supervision. and that would presumably happen if there's a way to get revenue-sharing funds or additional funding that would allow them to leverage things and get a little bit better, a little bit more improvement in that air corridor.

[04:05:38] And then the final scenario here is for in the event that only several of the seven applications that are part of the transportation agreement would be approved, and it operationally is the same as this over here. There's still the decision where the county can take it over, But if the county doesn't take it over, there is a joint development agreement and improvements will be provided in a phased fashion and in a way that will maintain level of service throughout the length of the concept area for the improvements to Van Hill Road.

[04:06:10] So this concludes the presentation. The applicant is addressing the Prince William County needs as well as the master development plan is looking at the Prince William County needs for schools and particularly transportation. It is compatible with the densities that are in the area, the development area of the project, obviously of Braemart, which is a very large planned community.

[04:06:36] And school assignments are suggested that could avoid the issues that come from redistricting, but that's truly a school board decision that needs to be made at a later date. But the Vent Hill Road four-lane improvements, I think, are the part of this application and the agreement between the collaborative effort that really stands out from all of the zoning cases that I've witnessed in the time that I've been around here in doing this.

[04:07:03] This is really a pretty exceptional type of project that has been undertaken, and I think everyone involved, the Transportation Department as well as the different applicants, are to be commended for this effort. if you have any questions i'd be happy to answer them all right does anyone have i don't see anything in the queue so thank you so very much we will now go on to the county good evening madam

[04:07:42] chair members of the board scottmeyer in the planning office as sherman had pointed out this project has been a collaborative effort for the vent hill quarter this has been in process for just about two and a half years but to clarify it's gone through numerous different iterations different layout changes um it initially went to the planning commission in february uh then it went to the planning commission for final action in may of 2025 um there's been a lot of coordination with the various applicant parties in this quarter so just to kind of uh you know just uh point that

[04:08:22] out um so just you've already been oriented to where the site is here but this is strathmore this is the first project in in the seven vent hill quarter projects to which sherman was uh mentioning so um just to clarify um this is the first project in the density is 3.03 dwelling units per acre proposed which we feel is very much in line with the one to four rn2 residential expected densities so a staff is recommending approval it's 55 acres and we're going to have a

[04:08:58] a total of 168 residential units consisting of single-family detached and single-family attached. All of the affordable units are the single-family attached. There's various widths and so forth that Sherman had mentioned, so I just kind of wanted to get your orientation on that matter.

[04:09:17] This is on the north side of Vint Hill Road. Just to clarify, this is in what is the development area. Bremer is over to the east, you'll see right here. So we're looking for compatibility.

[04:09:35] That's not to ignore the fact that there's a massive infrastructure outlay for this whole area. This is drastically going to change the whole quarter of this area. You know, we've been in coordination with the applicant. I know Supervisor Gordy's office has been doing an awful lot of endeavors with that.

[04:09:51] So this is where we are right now. It's currently zoned A1. Just to give you an idea, excuse me, but yeah, it's a little slippery here. So this is showing all the projects right here.

[04:10:07] I just marked with the red star, the Strathmore project. Again, this is the first one that is for the board. This is showing the aerial, the whole vicinity context of the projects. The frontage improvements are being made. There is a proposed, with the realignment of Pioneer Drive, there is a roundabout.

[04:10:28] You know, that's ultimately proposed in this area. But, again, we're focusing here on the Strathmore site itself. So this is from the design guidelines. Ms. Sherman had mentioned there are numerous connections to the external part of the site. This is just trying to give you an orientation and a perspective of how it's going to link to the other projects.

[04:10:50] Green Haven to the east, the village at Broad Run to the west. Alderwood is on the south side of Vint Hill Road. And as Sherman had mentioned, the Stewart project property, pardon me, this is now under contract. It was kind of a holdout site before, and we are looking at a 50-foot contiguous buffer along the frontage.

[04:11:12] That was another very important aspect of this, along with the different easements and so forth. So this is showing the layout. Again, not to go into a lot of detail here, but the most affordable units are in the interior part of the site here in yellow.

[04:11:32] All the single-family attached. We have single-family detached throughout the site. 46% open space, which we feel is quite noted. This is from the master zoning plan, which Sherman has already talked about. One of the environmental things, just to mention, is that the prioritization of the resources we had some discussion with over time.

[04:11:57] We feel we're in a better spot now than we were before. There is a 55-inch wide, what we think is the county champion tree, the White Oak. The applicant is doing significant strides to save it. But, however, we're still concerned about how well this will be done in total because the applicant on the west side, the village side, is not doing exactly what this applicant is doing.

[04:12:20] But what do you do when you have a tree on a property line? You do the best you can on your side. So I just wanted to mention that as well. This is included in the staff report, Vint Hill Improvement Concept Plan, as I mentioned before. This is the current alignment of Pioneer.

[04:12:36] And, you know, this is in the back of the staff report. There will be an roundabout planned here, and we feel the applicant is doing their tributal share for their impacts to the access improvements along the frontage. These are from the design guidelines.

[04:12:52] You have single-family detached, single-family attached. There's a modified townhouse detail, which is allowing for a reduction of down to 16 feet in width. We feel that this provides a variety of houses that we're looking for in this area. There's also a berm. There's a utility easement. It took a while to get to this point, but, you know, this is just showing different perspectives.

[04:13:16] There's entrance feature. We try to look for continuity with this site and the other sites. I can't speak to all the other sites, but since this is the first one, and we felt that this is really going to set the trend for what happens downstream with the other developments. And again, this is just another perspective here. Don't want to get into a lot of detail.

[04:13:38] But so with the staff report, excuse me, so we feel that, you know, all the plant components are consistent. Environment, just wanted to point out that these are still remaining weaknesses that, you know, I need to mention because we're telling all sides in our analysis.

[04:13:55] There's, we feel the applicants done a really commendable job with their impacts to the specimen tree, that white oak. but we feel that we still are not sure how successful that will be in time with the other development to the west. There are residual impacts to on-site wetlands and streams, but overall we feel the applicant has observed the lay of the land and the resources.

[04:14:21] With schools, there is available high school capacity. Staff has not vetted the additional analysis that the applicant has done for schools. Just to point out, the combined applicants have done their separate analysis for this quarter and Vint Hill for schools.

[04:14:38] That's included in the back of my staff reports. Sherman spent a lot of time talking about schools redistricting. My planning staff report does not get into that scope. So we are going by what schools has provided us.

[04:14:55] It goes back to March of 2025. Redistricting and other things is another conversation to be had. I know Supervisor Gordy, we had discussed that. But, you know, we just have not done a lot of additional analysis with schools.

[04:15:11] We feel that there is a level of uncertainty based on assumptions that are made, but we feel that with the monetary contribution that is provided, the extra capacity, The trends of reducing, you know, yield for, you know, the other developments we'll have on schools.

[04:15:33] We feel that it's going to be mitigated, but we can only speak to the analysis that schools have given us. So just wanted to mention as well. Also, there was a quarter study which was kicked off last small

area plan for the Vint Hill quarter, and that was last night.

[04:15:55] Of course, the timing of this, Strathmore has been in the pipeline for a long time. So Strathmore is before you tonight, but the small area plan was officially kicked off last night by the planning office. With these different projects, we now have more formal guidance on how we're going to assess the cumulative impacts in this quarter.

[04:16:16] I also wanted to mention that just the process timing of the small area plan is in its early stages. And obviously those impacts are not known right now, but Strathmore has done as much as it could have done, given the timing of and given its evolution over time.

[04:16:33] So we feel that, you know, we're in a, you know, supportable spot with the application. Staff Planning Commission did ultimately recommend approval with the proffers data in January. There was additional consideration by the Board of County Supervisors that was made.

[04:16:54] They've been reflected in the proffers, and we are recommending approval with the proffers dated October 3rd. We feel that the density is consistent. It's a cohesive plan mixed development. We need rooftops, so it fulfills different affordable housing needs, and it's in line with various objectives of the strategic plan.

[04:17:17] We do have transportation staff here, and we have also environmental staff here. And, of course, the applicant, I'm happy to try to answer any questions for you. Thank you very much. All right, thank you. Does anyone have any questions for staff? All right, Supervisor Stewart.

[04:17:34] I have a question for transportation.

[04:17:46] So by the look of the overall map, it appears that from the east we have four lanes moving down to two lanes, opening back up to four lanes, moving back down to two lanes, once more opening up to four lanes for a very short period of time. back down to two lanes. According to the traffic study, there's going to be 23,000 more trips.

[04:18:12] Have you, first of all, coordinated with Fauquier County so that they can handle that much traffic coming their way, number one? And number two, why not just make it four lanes all the way through to avoid bottlenecks? Because it occurs to me you're going to get bottlenecks anyway once you enter Fauquier County. Madam Chair, members of the board, Paulo Abelito with the Department of Transportation. Superintendent Stewart, great question. I'll start with your first regarding coordination of Fauquier County. In terms of the traffic analyses, we work with the applicants and

[04:18:52] VDOT on a study area. Typically when we look at a rezoning like this or multiple in area, we look at a specific study area we typically don't go beyond uh the limits especially if it's in a different county unless it's adjacent to a neighboring county uh so we in our comp plan we have uh vent hills four lanes between wrongsford road around 28 west of wrongsford road it becomes two lanes so there are certain assumptions made but to answer your question we did not coordinate

[04:19:23] with bockier county we typically focus within the study area the intersections uh at play can address your other question yeah sorry go ahead so when it comes to the widening uh bryce if you could zoom out real quick bryce barrett is our transportation case planner he's been also heavily involved so the way the vent hill corridor uh is developed it's essentially two miles of widening between owl's nest and

kettle run so when we looked at the widening we looked at impacts we looked at different tias the different tias looked at the developments individually they also looked at

[04:20:01] the developments as a whole to include the seven that we are discussing. And what the TIA showed was impacts to several key intersections within the Tumar Corridor. Hence, the focus of the widening was within the Tumar Corridor. So that doesn't exactly answer my question. So I'll just kind of put it more in a flat-footed part. So before correcting that bend in the road to the west, that's more of a blind corner. I mean, the point is, is that this is a very dangerous rural

[04:20:36] road, there have been fatalities and other accidents. Is that part of the road not being widened because proffers didn't want to be given for that specific area to make the whole thing four lanes all the way through? It was part of the oral discussion. One of the things we looked at when looking at the corridor improvements is the right-of-way available. And we wanted to look at to see what is feasible within the number of developments coming in and the improvements that's being proposed. When it comes to safety, that is something we looked at. The applicant is realigning as part of the longleaf of Kettle Rowan case. They are realigning the curve in the road. And one of

[04:21:16] the things we work with the applicant on is a roundabout at Alice Ness. That's when you have a transition from two to four lanes. A roundabout will serve as a traffic control, but also a safety measure as you transition from two to four lanes. No more questions. All right, Supervisor Vega, than angry oh come back supervisor you want to skip and go to angry sorry no i was telling him to come back the questions are for him um i have uh just a few questions and so i'll ask for very brief responses so that i don't run out of time and later madam chair if there wants to be um

[04:21:54] another opportunity for folks to expand they can do so um so based on discussions with my office on the 13th we were informed that currently the only reason vent hill needs widening is because of the proposed projects on the table is that still the understanding that is correct okay so my question now is understanding that this project stands alone for scrutiny for the projects planning to come to the area are related as they all have signed a jda together right the intent is for them to come to a jda yes depending on approval has any of those circumstances changed

[04:22:30] that you are aware of i'm not aware okay now um does this mean that these projects are initiating the need for the road improvements? Yes, they are. Okay. Now, if traffic volumes were unchanged from current levels, would these improvements still be necessary for public safety or for traffic flow? For congestion purposes, it would not be necessary. Okay. Thank you. Now, does this now then mean that the current road is suitable for travel? Should nothing change? Yes. Okay.

[04:23:02] I was also informed that there are no current safety concerns as the accidents that have been occurring in this area are largely due to driver behaviors rather than road conditions. Is this still accurate? That is a part of it. There was a recent incident at Owls Nest. We believe it was related to behavior. I'll have to confirm, but we did look into that accident. Okay. Thank you for that. Madam Chair, those are all the questions I have for now. Actually, before I go to angry, I just had a couple of questions about accidents. When you're talking about driver behavior, are you talking about speeding under the influence? Speeding, correct. If it's not related to the design of the roadway, not yielding, not yielding to traffic, speeding typically or under influence.

[04:23:42] But I just want to go back to that blind spot, that curve up there. Have there been a lot of fatalities or anything, again, related to that curve? If people are speeding, not paying attention, going too

fast around that curve? In a recent review, and I'll have to confirm, there's been some incidents that are what we call off-road delusion control.

[04:24:02] That's typical in a roadway like this, but we can come back and confirm the exact incidents. So I guess my question is, again, driver behavior is sometimes dependent on the road and the design. Because Ventel is a place I've seen a lot of people just go fast because they feel that they can.

[04:24:18] Correct? Correct. All right. I have no more questions. Supervisor Angry. Yeah. Not really for you, Apollo. Okay. In the seven projects, all these developments come together. And I don't know if I heard this. And I know we're just talking about one now.

[04:24:34] But interparcel connections. Are we going to connect these neighborhoods? And I would just ask for your one of them. I guess we've got six more to go, but I would really hope so because, you know, that's kind of the best way to get around it. Yes, sir.

[04:24:49] There was a great deal of attention given to interparcel connection between these various developments. And wherever the opportunity was available, it was provided. Okay. All right. Does anyone, Supervisor Bode? Thank you, Madam Chair.

[04:25:05] Scott, if you could come back up. Yes. Thank you for the presentation. Thank you to the applicant. Thank you to the transportation staff. A couple quick questions for me. So, Scott, in your presentation, you always do a really good job of establishing the context of the land uses around it, both proposed and current.

[04:25:26] If you could just bring that back up quickly. And I think it's your first or second slide. Second slide, I think it is. Yes. Appreciate that. Sure. And I think this is a really good job of actually highlighting where this is, right?

[04:25:42] Because a lot of folks who have, you know, intoned concern, what have you, have tried to make it seem like this is some far-flung place, you know, deep in the rural area where there's an existing RPC community, not but a couple parcels to the east, right? And so from your expertise as a planner, to me, especially given how much open space is being proposed here, would this be an appropriate sort of transition point from the very sort the heavier pre-established communities as we go farther out we feel yes okay given the context it does provide for that transition appreciate that and you said during your your presentation this

[04:26:19] is in the development area right correct and could you elaborate on that a little bit yeah so uh we we had a rural area the rural crescent before we don't have that anymore um there are areas where we are sensitive to density but being on the north side of vint hill road this is kind of like where srl was before suburban you know residential lower density so nothing has changed with where density or where lower density suburban development could have been anticipated i appreciate

[04:26:55] because i think that's an important context again it to me looking at this corridor it always felt like that southern section is where we really wanted to be a lot more uh sensitive to the densities, because that was the actual boundary line. The rural crescent was down there, and that's why all that, when we did the comp plan, is all designated C-RES versus your suburban style density. Is that correct? Yes.

[04:27:19] Appreciate that. This is, again, everything on the north side is more of that suburban low density. Appreciate that. That's all for you, Scott. I appreciate it. I think that was important placemaking.

So, Paulo, back to you for a second. To go back to transportation application and the roadway considerations here. I know that some of this is sort of just a product of how this is being planned out, how there is going to be six other applications throughout the way, but to talk about the traffic safety piece about this a little bit, where we have planned

[04:27:55] roundabouts, planned signalized intersections where there weren't any before, more connectivity around pedestrian, things like that. Could you talk about the grander sort of vision for that piece? Sure. When it comes to the Vint Hill Corridor Plan, we did work with the applicant. For the comp plan, it is a minor arterial roadway, so it's intended to carry over 15,000 vehicles per day.

[04:28:15] One of the things we worked with the applicant on is modifying a typical section. We did lower the design speed from a safety point of view. That helps with the character of the roadway. We made sure that as part of the development itself, we have turn lanes. You have your crashes mostly at intersections.

[04:28:32] That's where you have the most conflict points. So we made sure that all entrances have adequate turn lanes that meet standards. We have two roundabouts that are proposed within the corridor plan, one at Realign Pioneer as part of Strathmore, and the other as part of Isles Nest, where you have the transition from four to two lanes.

[04:28:50] We also focused at the major intersections, Rollins 4 Road and Vithill. We see a lot of congestion there from a safety point of view. We wanted to separate traffic, so you have dedicated left and right turn lanes in addition to the through lanes. And same thing when it comes to Sudley Manor and Vent Hill. We have adequate turn lanes and facilities there.

[04:29:10] The plan itself, as Sherman mentioned, does have a shared use path on both sides. Typically, when we have a project, we'll do one trail on one side and the sidewalk on the other. So it's what makes this corridor a little unique to address some of the safety and connectivity concerns. And if I could last point, Madam Chair, thank you for landing on that shared use path piece.

[04:29:29] What is the current condition of pedestrian connectivity on this part of Vent Hill Road? There's none, or it's very minimal. We have, if any, paved shoulders, but it is a ditch section, so there's no space to walk. So we'd be going from ditches assured use paths on both sides. Correct. Appreciate that. Thank you, Madam Chair.

[04:29:46] All right, Supervisor Vega, then Bailey. Paulo, you're the man of the night. Sort of. The TIA shows that the daily trips on this project will only drive up a 2% increase, right?

[04:30:01] That is a projection that's used when we do traffic analyses. That's a typical growth when you look at a traffic study. Okay, but according to the TIA on this project, is there a need for major road improvements? Excuse me, can you repeat that last question? But according to the TIA specifically on this project, is there a need for road improvements?

[04:30:20] Yes, frontage improvements. What type of improvements? Frontage improvements, which are your turn lanes, mainly your access. On its own, when we looked at the development individually, All it required was the furniture improvements, left and right turn lanes. Thank you. Can I have Scott come up, please?

[04:30:37] Thank you, Paula. Scott, you mentioned that staff hadn't had enough time to properly vet the school analysis. Can you elaborate a little bit on that?

[04:30:52] Yes. So a couple things, and I'm glad you're asking it. So we received our development impact statement from schools, and that's attached in the staff report. The applicant at the same time has done a collaborative Vint Hill corridor study on their assessment of schools.

[04:31:14] That was sent to the schools, the county schools. We are reflecting that in the report, but we're basing our analysis on what schools had given us. We haven't done, we don't have the expertise to do an extra level of analysis.

[04:31:34] So it is acknowledged and understood that trends may be changing, but we don't have the metrics behind what the applicant has done. So Sherman can probably answer that a lot better than I would be able to. I was just curious, since you said that you hadn't had the time to, or had not vetted the school analysis.

[04:31:53] Yes. So, okay. That's correct. And then I brought this up earlier today in a different project, but it seems to be a reoccurring trend here, And one that we need to figure out and figure out rather quickly and it also has to do with the required for a minute travel time for basic life support This falls outside of that radius. What are the plans and maybe it may very well be Supervisor Gordy that the fire station that you mentioned is the one that's going to service this entire area Okay, and are you aware? Can you can you share any of that Scott? Are you in a position to do so?

[04:32:26] I I don't have specifics on that I guess Supervisor Gordy, if there's anything that you want to say. I do have two more things, Tom, so if you want to, in your time, bring it up. There is a proposed fire station site that would be proffered as part of another one of the developments at Silas Road and Owl's Nest.

[04:32:49] And I know the fire department is already working with the developer on, already in conversations about that site. Okay, and then do we have the county arborist? That's with a different application. Yes. Okay, yes. Is the county arborist here? Hello, I have a couple of questions for you sir. So hello, so we heard a little bit about The white oak tree and the clearing and all of that. Can you talk a little bit about The concerns I did read a little bit about it in the staff report for for the public

[04:33:24] Public's awareness. I'd like to hear it from you. So in our DCSM requirements It talks about tree preservation and so basically what our DCSM basically states is for every inch diameter you should be out a foot radius. So that would be with a 54-inch tree, you should be going out a minimum of 54 feet to no disturbance, no compaction, no impact to the tree roots and whatsoever. The concern that we have is the adjacent development is not doing like a mirror

[04:34:01] image. Now, my industry actually calls for more protection as a foot and a half, but our DCSM for the county only requires a foot radius per inch so they are offering to do a chemical treatment with camber stat which is a growth regulator um the growth regulator basically kind of slows the tree down so that it can handle certain impacts specifically with root uh compaction and root damage of some kind okay thank you for that explanation and then um scott i think it's

[04:34:33] probably going to be you um i'm sorry sorry i didn't i didn't catch your name will shoot county Will well, thank you. Well, I'm Scott. Can you show me and I don't know if you have it in the presentation I know that there are some concerns about impacted wetlands on different parts of Can you talk to me a little bit about that? Sure. Yeah, so this is a yeah, I think I guess it's probably on here Yeah, there's a It's it's up in this area here. Actually. I should probably go to the excuse me

[04:35:17] Yeah, okay. Yeah, so where this road is right here. See it's it's It's crossing this area as well. I mean, we always try to look for a connected, contiguous network of areas, and we have that mostly.

[04:35:36] But, again, when this came in, we didn't have the scope of one of the issues was where is this road going to. But when you see how it fits into surrounding development, it does link to adjacent development. This has been around for a while, so we didn't have the benefit of the context of how everything links together.

[04:35:56] But we feel that the applicant could have changed the layout with this because this might be more of a Will question, I think. All right, Will, you're up again. We talked about the prioritization of the resources, but I would rather Will clarify that.

[04:36:16] Thank you. So, of course, with wetlands, there is a process to disturb wetlands. It's not through the county. It's through state and federal permitting. But when we see wetlands, obviously they serve a purpose in the natural environment. So we try to minimize or reduce any kind of impact whatsoever.

[04:36:36] So when we see that a wetland is going to be disturbed with roads or with some kind of development, we always discourage that in some fashion and try to have a different layout proposed. And was that done here? They adjusted it. We thought maybe they could do more, but they did adjust and they did listen to our comments. Okay. Thank you That's all I have my entrepreneur. Thank you. All right Supervisor Bailey. Thank you mentor Paula, please. I just have a quick question about the roundabouts and going back to something as Supervisor Stewart was asking

[04:37:13] Are the roundabouts? I know it eases traffic, but is it also? because there's a couple in my district but in this instance are we are we on a trend of using roundabouts to ease not only ease traffic but also because there's been fatalities with that prevent that a little bit more as well yes it does okay what roundabouts do is typically it forces you to slow down there's a small pinch point so it forces you to slow down as you approach the intersection there is a trend with roundabouts you do need more right away so in this situation

[04:37:52] where it's part of a development, it does make it easier to implement a roundabout as right away is being provided as part of the improvement. Okay. And is it more cost effective if you do it that way? Long term, yes. Signal prices are going up as well. So it's a balance of how much right away and how much room is available to complete the improvement. And then the last question, as we progress with the other projects, should we expect more? At this time, only two is being proposed the two roundabouts is part of the entire corridor so the jda would likely implement the roundabout as part of the widening uh but the way the proffers are set up it's it's possible

[04:38:31] that others can can occur there's flexibility in the proffers okay thank you paula thank you all right supervisor stewart so this is for scott so when your your mention of the uh small area uh plan from last night and you said that uh certain impacts are not known yet uh and combining that with uh your lack of information about the impact for schools how can you kind of check this

[04:39:11] off to say that this is something that should be going forward our director tanya washington could address that okay sure good evening tanya washington director of the planning office So, Supervisor Stewart, when the board initiated the Vent Hill Corridor Small Area Plan, we did note to the board that these applications have already been submitted and already under a county review, and that they will likely, most certainly, come to the board for action prior to the Small Area Plan being completed.

[04:39:47] The Small Area Plan will be focusing on a larger area, not just the area covered by these applications. And so, given that it will take about two years to complete the small area plan, we could not hold up these rezoning applications, which are on a one-year clock, before we could complete the small area plan.

[04:40:10] And so, the focus is to continue the staff review, the county staff review, working with Supervisor Gordy on these applications to ultimately get a product that, depending upon what happens with the other applications, the board can make a decision on and then with regards to the small area plan itself whatever decisions the board ultimately makes on those applications will get folded into the larger analysis for this area for the small area plan but these applications again were submitted quite some time before the small area plan was initiated and so we you know because they are rezoning

[04:40:49] applications and per the state code there is a time clock on them and so we needed to continue to move forward. So it's a somewhat unique situation, just to the extent that we do have a small area plan that started later, but we did have to move forward with the review of these applications. Right. So I'm kind of new. So how much time is left on the clock?

[04:41:16] For Strathmore, yes. So for Strathmore, the one-year clock has already passed. Yes, two years. I think it was 2023, right? April of 24. Yes. It was submitted in April of 2023. Gotcha. So taking a little more time for some more community input, we'll still have it be passed. Well, I will say that for this rezoning application, as well as for other land use applications going through

[04:41:50] the entitlement process, the planning office has guidelines that strongly encourage applicants to do community engagement prior to coming to public hearings, prior to the planning commission public hearings and so this project did go through community engagement and i'm sure mr patrick could probably speak to that um and so that we do we encourage that so that the community have opportunities while the project is still going through county review to be able to provide their feedback and applicants have the opportunity to make adjustments to those applications prior to

[04:42:24] starting the the formal public review process the public hearing process thank you before i go on to Supervisor Gordian I just want to invite the applicant back up if you can answer questions about your community engagement I think that would be helpful because the community has multiple points you know obviously the applicants do their community town halls we have a planning commission meeting where people give input so if you can give us a little bit more information about that I'll turn on the mic thank you didn't know you could turn it off thank you for asking

[04:42:59] the question we had three community engagement efforts on this property we did one that was online, which was reasonably well attended. We also had two other open house type community engagement sessions. We notified people within one mile of this property. So we actually had sent out 4,000 notices to different property owners. So there was a great deal of very extensive notice to the community and opportunities to participate. This is in addition to the notices that the county sends out when an application is first filed

[04:43:39] and then for the Planning Commission public hearings as the two and also for the meeting this evening. And just a note, after we go through the questions for the applicant and for our county staff, we're going to open the public hearings, and that's another time to hear from people.

[04:43:55] All right, that's all I have. I'm going to go over to Supervisor Gordy. Thank you, Madam Chair. And I'll just note onto that that this application, We tapped the brakes on it many times, much to the angst, I would say, of the applicant, because I wanted to get the holistic plan done, and they were patient and actually contributed.

[04:44:24] And I'd say that Mr. Gookin did a tremendous amount of work in studying and analyzing what was going on with schools. We have three elementary schools that are closer to this development than the one that they're zoned to, all under capacity.

[04:44:45] And one of the schools has actually had to cancel programs because of the lack of enrollment within their school. Tee Claywood lost their drama program, which they were noted for, because they don't have enough students anymore to fund that program. So we're already seeing as the community in this area aging, our schools are losing enrollment.

[04:45:10] We're seeing it. So we know that there's capacity. And as the school system has continued to, and I've had from day one, I've had meetings with Superintendent McDade, with Chair Lateef, with my own school board member and other school board members to talk about how the way that we analyze schools during a planning process in my view has been broken because when we take these developments in isolation you could have one development that you take at one time and they'll say oh this development will put the schools over capacity

[04:45:47] and then four months later we could have another development impacting the exact same schools and they say there's no impact because we don't take a holistic look at what's happening in the environment and so they've agreed to take that holistic look and say it's not just about what my development's doing but it's about what my development's doing along with everything else they don't have to do this they did not have to do this at all but they willingly did it at my request so that we could take a better approach to development and understanding and

[04:46:24] mitigating the impacts that these developments potentially would have on our community and so and then on transportation as well. I've asked them maintain rural character. Give us a design along Venn Hill that is seamless. It is every development has the same design. Put in the traffic circles because it maintains that rural character. It doesn't bring out the flashing lights. It doesn't have all those things. And so it helps us maintain the rural character in along the Venn Hill corridor. And so as we take so as we've gone through this process of to understand

[04:46:58] the impact on schools and the impact on roads and how this is going to work together again we've tried to look at this from a bigger picture more contextual approach rather than just taking each and every case in isolation because as I said earlier the whole is greater than the sum of the parts and that is something that we've seen happen over and over again throughout the county but we've never changed our practices to get better at it to better mitigate against that and so I appreciate all the questions my colleagues gave and i will say the one accident though the fatality that we

[04:47:33] had at al's nest um that was caused because the view was blocked by construction equipment replacing water lines for the for the city of manassas they had the corner blocked and the driver literally could not see the truck that was coming up then hill road that's what caused it just complete the the vehicles the construction vehicles blinded the intersection and so that's what caused that um and so but other than that we're and again and what this do is uh right now the speed limit out there is 50 miles per hour but i can tell you nine times out of 10 i'm going 45

[04:48:09] or slower because people are just driving slower out there um but but nonetheless you know we are looking at trying to make this a road safer uh and and and addressing the impacts of of the potential developments in the area that's all i have for now madam chair thank you all right so I don't have anyone else in queue, so what I'm going to do, thank you so very much.

[04:48:31] I am going to, if we can get the sheets. So I am going to open the public hearing for agenda item 13A. I'm just waiting to get the sheets. So I do have to, you guys can go to the back, but wait, I do have to have the sign up.

[04:48:51] We'll just go through the rules with you guys. You have three minutes to speak, unless you are an approved 501c3 or something recognized, an organization recognized for the board when you go to the back please state your name and where you reside which magisterial district where you reside you're going to go over there to the microphone the with the pink microphone and make sure that you have it close to you so that we can hear you that's the common concern that i have okay but he's a resident all right so um i know

[04:49:30] other people are signing up and we will get to them but i'm going to start start with um paul shortle that you sir that's you all right you can go back are we ready laura be ready to start the

[04:50:09] timer and sir are you ready to begin no i'm trying to compose my notes please give me a minute if you need additional time i can call the next speakers okay please all right so we will get the sheet all right so amy crosby um thomas persing and angela klein if you guys can go to the back again

[04:50:41] state your name where you generally reside we need it for the public record okay are you ready Yes. Good evening. This is my first time attending. My name is Amy Crosby. I live in Braemar. My son attends T. Claywood. So it's great. Congratulations, Stuart, as I read some of your stuff today to kind of prepare myself. Mr. Gordy, you would be my district as far as being in Brentsville. I've been a resident in Braemar for almost five years. I've done a lot of plan commission meetings, but not in this state. My ex-husband is a former military,

[04:51:19] so i'm very familiar with a lot of the things that happen in indiana so if you guys don't mind i'm just going to kind of read off the notes that i've been planning because i only get three minutes that way it kind of just puts some things out there if that's okay um so first off it's really good to know that there were seven different things because i don't think i realized that in my head but for the utilities how will this new development add to the newly early overloaded grid in conjunction with all of the data centers that are coming along secondly the schools i've kind have already learned this question but it was what elementary school would this feed into t clay wood and then i saw that the village strathmore hawthorne and another would actually

[04:51:57] go into t clay wood um i one of the gentlemen said that you're we're under capacities in our schools and i didn't know that my i have a fifth grader at t clay wood um and we did lose the drama program i did not know that it was because it was under um there was under enrollment there so second thing was if the timeline clock denotes one year timeline for the rezoning in the plan Commission why not change that ordinance because as you noted that it was two years already in the making why couldn't we go ahead and accommodate these different things I felt like that was counter counter to the roads Vent Hill Road before you get to Rollins Ford is a nightmare

[04:52:35] it is very very sharp curve it is two lanes Mr. Gordy you said that you go under 50 in that area I can promise you at night people are going over 60 in that area because it is so dark there's no street lights. I also was thinking, would there ever be any kind of eminent domain to connect to either Glenkirk or Rollins Ford a different way? Because Broad Run River, which my house backs up to Broad Run on Solitary in Braymar, that kind of really hurts the connection. If you look at Braymar, it's an award-winning subdivision. And again, I've only been there four years.

[04:53:13] You can connect at several different places. You can connect at Vent Hill. You can connect at linton hall um and then those connections make other connections to glenkirk to rollins ford that gives a lot of other ways to go around so anyways just thinking of that um i was wondering about the eminent domain for because you have to think of kettle run road sudley manor uh patriot high school all of those kinds of things families how many homes are expected my girlfriend answered that for me teaching staff the shortage at large and new schools equals more teachers how do you plan to accommodate staffing for those teachers that might be why the elementary schools are

[04:53:50] under filled is because there may not be the staffing effort for that which I did see some rezoning which I thought was good last one was the utilities what is the current load capacity I'm sorry water yes I know you have a lot but thank you so much no worries all right next speaker please hi I'm Angela Klein I'm from Brentsville as well I've seen most of you congratulations supervisor stewart on being part of the board so i'm here asking um the bocs to deny or defer

[04:54:25] the strathmore rezoning application development in the rural areas will require substantially more infrastructure improvements including but not limited to the transportation as was alluded to on vent hill road and other connecting roads and the proffers offered at least of my review the applicant are inadequate to account for the infrastructure needs i understand And a lot of planning has gone into this, but I just don't think it equates to what we see on a daily basis.

[04:54:54] The meeting last night that others referred to, the Vent Hill Small Area Plan, was greatly attended. I think the community showed out for that, and it was well received. I think it offers the county the opportunity to plan thoughtfully and intentionally by taking a holistic approach for the entire Vent Hill quarter.

[04:55:13] When we take a broader view of our infrastructure and the needs and the fragile watersheds and natural resources for conservation, and by approving Strathmore application, the residents will see the county and the supervisors approving a developer-based vision for the Vent Hill Quarter and wonder why we even had a kickoff meeting for the Vent Hill Quarter in the first place.

[04:55:32] this this area and what the applicants are the Strathmore applicant and then others along the Vent Hill quarter are asking for rezoning is a big part of the Vent Hill quarter small area plan so I don't see how that can't be part of the equation as well so Vent Hill I'm going to talk most about roads because Vent Hill is currently a two-lane road we see a lot of speeders just as the neighbor alluded to on there. I live on Silas Drive right across from Owls Nest where you saw mention that that road was going to get realigned and a roundabout was going to be put there. We got the police on a nightly basis

[04:56:12] because people like to use Vent Hill as a drag race so we are actually in favor of the roundabouts there. But traffic is expected to increase to approximately 22,000 trips along Vent Hill Road which currently sees about 11,000 daily trips. And I'm using just for note the applicant's estimate of the 9.53 daily trips. I think it's important for you to understand that as residents of that road it takes about 15

to 20 minutes every morning for us to get out onto Vent Hill Road because of the traffic and another 20 to 30 minutes for us to go from

[04:56:46] Rollins Ford onto Lytton Hall if we want to go to 66 just in wait times given the current density there so i'd really like to see a lot more attention to vent hill road understanding that right now going from four lanes to two lanes really is going to bottleneck that area given who is already out there and what um it we're going to uh eventually see in growth no matter if it's this application or others thank you all right thank you next speaker please just don't

[04:57:25] want it to start screaming at us uh good evening everyone my name is thomas persing and i'm from the Cat Harpen part of the Gainesville district. I'm here to encourage my newly elected supervisor, possibly overwhelmed supervisor, to vote in favor of the Strathmore project in Supervisor Gordy's district. First and foremost, Supervisor Gordy supports this project, and as the elected representative for the Brentsville district, no one knows the interests and needs of that district better than Supervisor Gordy. Furthermore, it's my expectation that many of the Democrats on the board will be crossing the political aisle in supporting Supervisor Gordy's efforts to improve his district with this development project. This is a classic opportunity for the board to provide

[04:58:02] good bipartisan governance. I've read through the agenda packet. I think the proffers offered a reasonable, and this has the staff's support. Additionally, it's important not to overlook the interests of the current landowners. Many in our county are uncertain as to how they're going to support their children's higher education or have a secure retirement. One of the top ways constituents can achieve those goals is by exercising their private property rights to sell their properties to developers. When supervisors vote against a project, they're voting to deny those constituents their private property rights and deny those constituents the ability to accomplish those very personal and important to life goals. Now, sometimes opposing a project is the right thing to do. I'd be very skeptical of permitting a mine or a

[04:58:42] plastics factory, which are industries known to release chemicals into waterways, but this project, like the majority, does not pose a significant harm to our community. While there will always be people who bemoan change and will miss how things once were, our longing for the past cannot come at the expense of our future. And we also need to understand that perfection is something that is worth pursuing, but it's not a standard that we hold, because if we do, we won't be voting on any project ever, because nothing is ever going to be perfect when it comes to us. Supervisor Stewart, as a constituent who advocated and voted for you, you have my support in voting in favor of this project. But thank you all for your time and service to our community, both the elected officials

[04:59:20] and staff. You all deal with a lot of difficult people, and that is certainly appreciated. Thank you all so much all right thank you and mr um shortle are you ready to speak i was here in april at the planning commission for the first planning commission hearing with mrs washington i came back

[04:59:55] for a 90-day deferral they brought nothing new to the table the applicant i i recommend denial because it's they have brought nothing forth after 90 days to increase transportation other than a traffic circle at the point of pioneer drive um and they have not whether it's 15 000 per unit or whatever but the road has to be put in first now they have made no contribution to add anything to the road brookfield development mr patrick um so once again talking to apollo and transportation

[05:00:33] i'm like the road needs to put in before the infrastructure i saw this happening 45 years ago in burke center hazel did not build the parkway cost me two million dollars of taxpayer of money 40 20 years

later to do it the road can vent hill cannot go from four lanes to two lanes at schaefer back to four lanes from kettle up to sully two lanes down and then it's supposed to be from reed lane stanley martin is going to improve the highway to four lanes so as you go for four lanes from reed down to pioneer one tenth of a mile two tenths of a mile and then it's gonna go

[05:01:13] back to two lanes and then it's going to become four lanes from the other side of pioneer at the traffic circle all the way down to silas which is only almost nine tenths of a mile and then then suddenly then stanley martin said we're not going to widen vent hill from isles nest down to rollins but we're going to widen the curb well you can't go four lanes to two lanes to four lanes to two lanes and have nothing but bottleneck grid lock it's and then brookville says oh 7 500 cars is not enough a day let's put 15 000 cars a day on a two lane slash four lane

[05:01:52] road and congested with two traffic circles so that there's no flow of traffic movement and there is no no flow of the traffic so it's going to become pure gridlock and total hell on alice nest i've had one fatality i've been there 22 years one fatality this year i've had two motorcycle accidents and last year two car accidents where they flipped over the hill at my address at 14920 so they are speeding on alice nest right on right where i come out of my driveway there's been one fatality, two major motorcycle injuries, and two cars that have flipped, hit the embankment,

[05:02:31] taken out the whole neighbor's fence. And the three people that were just injured were my neighbors. A very prominent old school family, the golf family that has been in Nooksville for 50 years. The one man, the one son is so injured he can't work. He's on comp right now. He's going to have to go through surgery and then he's going to have to have a litigation. Wait, sir, I'm sorry your time is up, but can you do me a favor? Can you say your name in the magisterial district where you live for the record? My name is Paul Short. I live in Brentsville Magigioro District at 14920 Owls Nest Road. All right thank you so very much. May I have additional three minutes please? No I'm

[05:03:09] so sorry. This is what I'm going to do next is I'm going to go to remote public comment time and then I will ask any additional questions. So Supervisor Bailey I'm going to toss to you for i'm sorry wrote public hearing or yes ma'am gotcha all right um i have three people are we ready for our guest thank you miss grove please begin uh good evening chair jefferson and board of

[05:03:48] supervisors um my name is jessica grove i'm in the gamesville district i would actually like five minutes um with the coalition to protect prince william county on this one no i'm sorry ma'am you have three minutes. Okay. Is she? I'm sorry. Are you asking, are you a representative for Coalition to Protect Prince William County? Is that what you're saying? And you're requesting five minutes? Factor on the board of the Coalition to Protect Prince William County.

[05:04:23] Okay. I'm sorry. I didn't hear you. Please. Okay. Continue with your five minutes then. Okay. I would like to ask you guys to defer or deny this project. I was looking through the proffer statement or page 21 of 26 of the Strathmore proposal. And on section I, it says, eminent domain. In the event of the applicant is not able to acquire a right-of-way required in order to provide the road improvements identified in proper conditions above for roads

[05:05:01] and associated pedestrian facilities identified in the comprehensive plan, including but not limited to any easement required for utilities, utility location, grading and stormwater management for the road improvements and any other property interest, the applicant shall request the county to acquire

the necessary property interest by exercise of its condemnation powers at the applicant's expense. The applicant request shall be in writing and shall comply in respect with the

[05:05:33] eminent domain policy. This sounds to me like they have purchased a piece of land and they don't have enough room to do what they want to do. And so they are going to take more land of neighboring properties. I think it's kind of despicable to think that anybody would vote in favor of that and to destroy established neighborhoods to put in the infrastructure for a new housing

[05:06:06] development is not very neighborly. Also, I would send everybody an email today. I would like to read. Hopefully, I'll get through it. First of all, welcome, Supervisor Stewart. I really look forward to having representation in Gainesville again, who's willing to listen to the residents.

[05:06:27] Last night, I saw you at the small area plan for Vent Hill. I'm really confused. I feel like the Cats have already been let out of the barn if you approve this project, and you'll not be able to put them back in.

[05:06:43] So what's the plan here? Are you just getting community outreach and then going to say that your opinion didn't matter? There were a lot of people there last night who were worried about their community. I feel like if you do approve this plan tonight, you owe everybody an email who attended last night to say that you are sorry that you wasted their time and that their opinion really didn't matter.

[05:07:08] in any case. The western end of Prince William County has been talking about the three R's, reimagine, reinvest, redevelop. I think this plan needs to be implemented as soon as possible because high density housing in these rural areas is detrimental to the residents and homeowners who have invested so much into their communities only to have it plowed over and impact their quality of life that they have worked so hard to develop. Somehow this doesn't seem fair, especially if the new developments impact things like roads, schools, and their wells.

[05:07:39] Adding 2,000 new houses is going to bring a lot of school-aged children, and how will that affect the traffic in the area as well as the schools and the classrooms, especially since Noakesville School is already slated to be overcapacity right around the same time that the small area plan would be due.

[05:08:01] So would you be spending two more years trying to figure out where you're going to send the kids? And then I came across two very interesting pieces of information this week, one from DEQ with Virginia Drought Monitoring Task Force. They have expanded the Drought Watch advisory now to 50 counties and 23 cities.

[05:08:20] Prince William County is included in this, and all Virginians are encouraged to protect water supplies by minimizing water use and monitoring drought conditions. And how is that water study coming in Prince William County? Are you guys prepared to pay for people's wells that are affected by this?

[05:08:39] And another piece of news came out from NBC Washington. According to a report from the National Association of Realtors, first-time homebuyers are putting an average of 10% down, and most of them are getting loans from family or friends. And the average first-time homebuyer is down 40, an all-time high, the National Association of Realtors says.

[05:08:59] And an economist says you need a household income of about \$300,000 if you want to purchase a single-family detached home in northern Virginia. It seems to me that times are changing, and Prince William County is again behind the eight ball.

[05:09:15] Please defer or deny this project until adequate proffers and or decreased density are in place. Thank you very much. Thank you, Ms. Grove. Next speaker, please. Yes, our second speaker is Vida Carroll.

[05:09:32] Ms. Carroll, please begin. Ms. Carroll, you can begin. Vita Carroll Brentsville, can you hear me? Yes, I can.

[05:09:48] Okay, perfect. I would like to request five minutes as a board member of CABSA, the Civic Association of Brentsville and Surrounding Areas. Yes, ma'am, continue. Thanks so much. Okay, so I live in Brentsville, as you all know. Welcome, Supervisor Stewart. And I actually live along Vint Hill Road. Owl's Nest is my point of access into the world, right, how I get around.

[05:10:11] So I traverse this area very regularly. And what I heard tonight was a discussion of a lot of things, a roundabout at Owl's Nest, a fire station, land for a fire station, land for a middle school, the curve on Vent Hill Road and how that's going to be addressed.

[05:10:30] And let's be clear, those are not proffers associated with this application. I heard a lot of discussion of proffers and mitigations and what other projects are doing. And my understanding is that y'all are not allowed to discuss any proffers that would commit a board to a future vote.

[05:10:52] I pulled the zoning ordinance while I was listening to you all, and it's pretty clear. It's pretty explicit. Only those written and graphic materials that have been referenced in a proper statement may be displayed at any public hearing before the planning commission or the board of county supervisors.

[05:11:09] So what are we really discussing here? We're discussing Strathmore, a standalone application. And we're discussing Strathmore's impacts on schools, Strathmore's impacts on roads, Strathmore's impacts on our natural resources like the watershed, like our fire department, our parks, our libraries.

[05:11:31] And I appreciate what the applicant has done with their master plan. And I want to address the developer master plan because I was a little confused again when this was brought up tonight. So I went and I pulled it while I listened to you all speak.

[05:11:47] And it was submitted on April 22nd, 2025, over six months ago, over six months ago, before the community meetings, before the planning commission hearings, before the small area plan kickoff. None of the, before Silver Bell, which the applicant acknowledged was only submitted about six weeks ago. Silver Bell's not even in there in a comprehensive manner. So I'm a little confused why this developer master plan is now being held up as the plan for the Vent Hill area and the Vent Hill corridor. When last night, my family rearranged our schedule so my husband could take

[05:12:26] the time to be at a Vent Hill small area plan kickoff meeting. I thought that was the plan. So I'm confused. Is this a community driven process to develop out this area or is this a developer driven process? Because when I hear about this developer master plan that, by the way, was never presented to the community, it was never presented to the community.

[05:12:45] Was there a community meeting for the developer master plan? No, there was a community meeting for Strathmore. There's a community meeting for Stanley Martin's projects and there's a community meeting for J.R. Realtors projects. And you go to them and I would say, well, what about the traffic on Owls Nest? And they say, well, we're not dealing with Owls Nest. We're Strathmore down here.

[05:13:01] And then I go to SAFE's projects, and he says, well, we're not dealing with Owls Nest. We're on the other side of the road. And then I go to Truett's projects, and he said, well, we're at Owls Nest, but we're not bringing the density. So the community is not getting a fair answer. And then I am expected to sit here and say, oh, the developer master plan has it all figured out.

[05:13:19] Schools, roads, fire departments, all of it. Let's be clear. What is proffered from Strathmore is less than one million dollars for schools. It is less than nine seven hundred thousand. I think it's about seven fifty thousand dollars for parks.

[05:13:35] It is way less than that for transfer fire. And I'm a little confused if we're at a school board redistricting meeting or if we're at a board of county supervisors hearing. Because when I hear Sherman Patrick up there telling me where these where all these kids in the area are going to go to school, I have concerns because I did not vote for Sherman Patrick on my ballot.

[05:13:56] for school board or for board of county supervisor or for county chair. I do appreciate Supervisor Stewart bringing up the fatality at Owls Nest because I was at that fatality within 10 minutes of it happening with my kids in the car. And it was horrific. And it was because of the construction.

[05:14:12] Yes, Supervisor Gordy is correct. But there have been other accidents right in front of that house, multiple accidents, people being rear-ended, motorcycles. A few weeks later, our cable and internet were cut out because there was an accident that cut the cable. So it is not just because of one person speeding or one construction.

[05:14:30] There is a real problem in this area and adding density, well, they may be, I am supportive of the roundabout. I'm supportive of traffic improvements. But adding density and not properly planning, that is not a partisan issue. You do not have to be on either side of any aisle to understand that poor planning is poor planning.

[05:14:47] And the people that suffer are the people who live in the area. And I appreciate that Mr. Patrick sent out mailers to people within one mile radius. but when i see that he is now talking about mitigations along the road along a four mile span of road were all those people on that road sent your mailers mr patrick i don't think so i didn't get one thank you ms carol next speaker please uh there on the board there are no more speakers that concludes the speakers for the evening all right thank you so very much um i am

[05:15:23] going to go ahead unless there's anyone else who want to speak if you have not spoken i don't see anyone so I'm going to go ahead and close the public hearing for agenda item number 13a and I would like to have either the applicant or I guess applicant first if there's anything you wanted to respond to I'm just all right sir I've closed the public hearing um did you have I'm sorry no no no no no no I'm so sorry so how this is with the um public hearing everyone gets a chance

[05:15:56] to speak once so unless you are with an approved hoa 501c3 then you get the five minutes otherwise everyone is limited to three minutes and that's so that we can move the meeting along so what i'm doing is i'm allowing the applicant to come back up and respond to any questions or anything that he or she has heard this is how the you know rules work so i'm sorry but i do appreciate you for coming out today. Mr. Patrick, the guy with two last names. Thank you very much for the opportunity

[05:16:34] to come back and comment on a couple of things that were raised. I'm going to go through these quickly as they were read and try to give you some additional perspective on some of these. There

was a comment about the small area plan and the timing of the small area plan. While it is not ideal that the small area plan was conceptualized and initiated after these rezoning applications were filed, it is not incongruous.

[05:17:03] The small area plan will continue to have a very important purpose in looking at the remaining properties and for the different infrastructure decisions that are going to be made for this area in the future. And as the planning director said, the small area plan will cover a much larger area as well.

[05:17:26] So if you look at the map, and I don't have it on the screen now, but if you look at the map and you look at the seven rezoning applications that are being discussed this evening in the context of our 155-acre rezoning application, there is quite a bit of land left, and we've had a level of cooperation because of the three developers involved in this particular case, the small area plan will assure the continued cooperation and consistency of future applications that you would receive in this area.

[05:17:58] With respect to the amount of traffic on Vinhill Road, Vinhill Road, after the development, after the traffic impact analysis was completed, which added traffic from this proposal, has about 30% pass-through traffic on it. That is traffic that is coming from Fauquier County or other points and going into Prince William County and back and forth. And that's why we have a state highway department because roads are not traveled just within the county. People go from one county to the next. And so we have to recognize the fact that traffic is going to grow on Vent Hill Road as adjoining

[05:18:35] counties grow and as employment opportunities grow in Prince William County. And whether we have residential or not, the traffic in the road is going to be widened and it's going to need additional improvement. And in fact, it's already in our comprehensive plan for some very substantial improvement, as Mr. Paolo Belita explained when he was standing here. The traffic impact analysis, I also want to explain, is a very complicated and sophisticated computer modeling process that is completed by professionals. This isn't a group of developers going out and saying, well,

[05:19:12] we think that there's going to be this many trips or that many trips. There are companies that make a great deal of effort and apply their best professional knowledge, as well as, as I said before, automated techniques for determining how traffic might grow.

[05:19:31] And so this is a very substantial effort that's been undertaken, not only by Strathmore for their particular project, which did not show any negative impact on traffic capacity on Vinhill Road, but also with the collective effort of the seven developers who are a part of the Vento applications.

[05:19:50] There was a lot of discussion about the white oak tree and uncertainty about the white oak tree that rests on the property line or actually is actually more on the adjoining property than it is on the Brookfield property. I want to make it clear, Brookfield has done everything that it can on its property, and it has even proffered with the applicant, with the neighbor's permission, to go onto their property and apply the campostat, which is a chemical that is very effective in preserving trees that are being disturbed or that their root systems are being disturbed,

[05:20:24] to try to slow the growth during a couple of seasons after the construction occurs so that there's lesser impact. But on the Strathmore side, it was clearly said that they have done what they can and that they have complied with the design and construction standards manual requirements for critical root zone protection. There is 46% open space on this property. I think that got overlooked as we were going

through some of the comments. That is a very significant amount of open space on a development of this size. And part of the reason that that's possible

[05:21:01] is because you have smaller lots. We've talked for years about, oh, we need to cluster development to preserve our natural resources and preserve environmentally sensitive areas like wetlands. Well, that's exactly what this developer is doing. That's why we have 46% open space.

[05:21:18] It's because those wetlands are being protected, and the design is sensitive to the environmental sensitivities of the particular property. A comment was made about the eminent domain proffer that is in the proffer conditions.

[05:21:36] I want you to know that that is a proffer condition that the county has been accepting for 35 years. That came up a really long time ago and is the result of a need that was recognized by the county and the county attorney's office helped to craft it that many years ago that was necessary because occasionally you need to get a sliver of land from the property next door.

[05:22:00] You need to get an easement for the stormwater pipe that needs to go under the road. And a private property owner cannot get those things on their own. And that's why they look to the government to help them with that. And it's not stealing anyone's property.

[05:22:15] It is being done on the basis of the greater good, consistent with the county's authority to make decisions for the greater good and to provide for the public safety and public infrastructure that's necessary to serve us all. The fact that the average first-time buyer was reported to be 40 years old, that is pointing directly to the issue that I mentioned at the very beginning, that we have a housing crisis.

[05:22:41] in this country, and that housing crisis is the direct result of people opposing housing wherever it might go. I can tell you that every application that we process, and I've been doing it for a long time, there are people who are opposed to the housing on the property next door.

[05:23:03] Everyone agrees that we need more affordable housing. Everyone wants their own children to be able to buy the homes and to have the opportunities that they had to gain the wealth through the purchase of a home, but when it's in their neighborhood, they don't want it.

[05:23:19] And so that type of approach and attitude is making it extremely difficult for you as a governing body to make sure that everyone has housing and has opportunities to buy housing uh in the county uh so that you can there is a direct correlation uh with the availability of housing uh to the employment opportunities and the tax base in the county so if you have any additional questions if there's anything that you want me to expound upon i'm happy to try to do that but i hope this evening that you'll be able to take action on this case which has been in

[05:23:55] since february of 2023 not april since february of 2023 all right thank you i don't see anyone on the day is jumping so thank you so very much for the clarifications i don't know if staff is anything if so you guys are good all right all right so um supervisor gordy would you like to go ahead and make a motion yes madam mayor thank you thank you to um the folks who came out and spoke tonight uh thank you for again uh for all the work that's been done by our staff uh to uh help us

[05:24:31] uh look at a a better approach a smarter approach more holistic approach to try to meet the housing needs of this community um in prince william county and um and while it it is definitely different um my hope is that we we get better development as a result of it um so madam chair i moved uh to

approve item 13a second all right so we probably moved to second it any discussion supervisor bode yeah thank you madam chair i'll be quick on this one first wanted to thank

[05:25:07] supervisor gordy for his vision on this i know as you said before you pump the brakes on this a lot you really really dug into this alongside this applicant the other applicants but obviously we're here to talk about this project so i'll just sort of stay there um with this project with this adds 168 residential dwelling units 17 affordable units uh 840 000 go to the school for improvements and nearby intersections so planning commission and staff recommended approval this for zoning hits every single yes on the comprehensive plan as staff reported out we see this as an opportunity

[05:25:44] to do things differently as supervisor gordy said but again also in the context and i appreciate scott myers work on this in the conversation we had along the way context matters and again this is not some far-flung part of a rural area. This is next to Braemar. It's next to a planned residential community. At one point, by the way, was also a farm that someone at some point didn't want to happen. So we need to make sure that we have that in context and continue to look at this project and other projects as well. Also wanted to highlight the almost 50% open space that is being preserved here. That's important because, again, as we look at context, as we shift away

[05:26:22] from the more developed areas and then the suburbia proper in Braemar and other parts, that kind of preservation of open space helps create the context of us seeing a more gradual transition to a more rural area both south across Vint Hill Road and as we go west towards the Falkier County line.

[05:26:41] So I think that's an important point too. And ultimately, as was said by some of the speakers, but also by Super Azagordi and by the applicant, We have a shortage of housing in this region, in this county. We cannot get at that housing affordability.

[05:26:56] We cannot stabilize housing prices in this county if we don't approve more housing. It's as simple as that. What I do appreciate about this project is they are looking at a continuum of housing types, not just having one cookie-cutter type that is over the entire thing, like we see with other housing and residential developments.

[05:27:16] So I wanted to also highlight and say that, both and especially in this context of this project, but in the grander context of what's to come after that, having a diversity of housing is how we are able to provide more opportunities to have more people have not only a place to live, but homeownership, which as was said before, is a way to start generating wealth and build to be a social ladder to climb up in the world.

[05:27:36] And again, we cannot get at that if we don't approve and build more housing in responsible, smart ways like this one. So of course, I would be supporting this. Thank you, Madam Chair. Supervisor Vega. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you to the residents of the Brentsville District that came out to speak. Thank you to county staff for all of your hard work, and thank you to the applicant as well.

[05:27:55] I know, Supervisor Gordy, you have put in a lot of time and effort in this project. With that being said, I do recognize that the county has developed a document from 1990 which predates the constitutional amendment that was adopted in 2012, and I'll read that for our awareness.

[05:28:11] It says that a taking of private property is not for public use if the primary use is for private gain. private benefit, increasing jobs, increasing tax revenue, or economic development. What we've established here tonight is simple and very clear. This road widening is not needed today by the public.

[05:28:27] It becomes necessary only because seven private developments are adding thousands of new trips to this corridor. Without those projects, this improvement would not be required. I think we've made that very clear based on the answers provided by our Department of Transportation.

[05:28:43] And that matters because when government uses its power, especially the power to take property, the Virginia Constitution requires that the primary purpose be public, not incidental, not secondary, primary. Here, the primary driver is private development.

[05:29:00] The immediate benefit is private development. And that raises constitutional concerns for me that go well beyond whether something is merely defensible in a legal proceeding or not. I take property rights very seriously, and everybody on this dais knows that. And I take the Constitution seriously.

[05:29:17] And I cannot, in good faith, support a rezoning whose critical infrastructure needs exist only because a private project demands it. So with that, Madam Chair, I'll be voting no. All right, is there anyone else before I speak? Supervisor Stewart. You know, I do believe in housing, and I do believe that we do need more housing.

[05:29:40] I just believe it needs to happen in the right way, and it needs to happen also in the right area. And I don't think this is the right area, and I don't think this is the right way. um unfortunately you know it's i'll also be voting no all right just real quickly i am going to jump in i apologize to everyone because i really truly meant to attend the vent hill small area plan last night unfortunately i did have car issues um and so that is not that is why i was unable to attend

[05:30:19] i've been going through listening to the comments reading the emails that we got and i'm going to say, yes, Jessica Grove, you're right. We, you know, you're going to need around \$300,000 to afford a house nowadays. You know, you need to have two incomes. But the problem I think is that because we are behind the eight ball, that's causing the problems with affordability. We are behind the eight ball. Now, obviously I would like to conserve land and that's a whole separate conversation that we need to have. What is the best way to preserve land? And just as those who

[05:30:57] oppose this project because, you know, they feel it compromises their own quality of life. I just want to be careful with that because you have a home that you love. And I want other people to have a home that they love. We cannot do that right now in this moment without looking at different ways to create more housing stock. We don't, I'm not going to say we have a housing crisis. We have an affordability crisis. People cannot afford to live here. And that's a problem.

[05:31:34] That's something that I take personally. I came to Prince William County because this was the affordable place to be. It's not affordable anymore. Someone like me, 10 years ago, adjusting for inflation, they still really cannot afford to live there. I want people to be able to come to this community and make it their home. And it's become so much harder because of that. You know, and i i've heard a lot of people talk about at least on email we're talking about high density calling this project this one project but the whole quarter as well high density high density

[05:32:13] is multi-story apartments they're you know they're condos you know they're something they're projects that maximize the land by building vertically this is suburban development just as people who have single family homes love their homes we need more of that other people want to have their piece of the American dream. I cannot stand in the way of that. I think there's a lot of conversations we need to have around housing and land use. And again, preservation is an important part of that

[05:32:45] discussion. But just because you have your piece of the American dream, don't deny it to someone else. So I am supporting this project. And I am going to give praise to my colleague, Supervisor Gord, because I know you've taken some hits on this. And I want to be very clear. All this stuff, The ball on this project, on these projects, started before Supervisor Gordon and Supervisor Stewart got into office.

[05:33:17] Yes, the small area plan is playing catch-up. It should have come many years prior, but it didn't. I still see a need for that because we still need to look at how this whole corridor is going to work together. It's not ideal, but a lot of our development is not ideal.

[05:33:37] And what I want to get away from and what I like about this project is that it's not piecemeal or patchwork. Because we have a lot of that in this county. We have a lot of piecemeal and patchwork projects. So that's why I'm supporting it.

[05:33:54] So I do want to say to my colleague, Supervisor Gordy, this is in your district. I appreciate the work that you have done and also trying to bring the different developers to the table. I truly appreciate that. I'm actually going to let you have the last word. I'm going to go to Supervisor Angry, then Supervisor Gordy.

[05:34:12] I didn't want to speak. I don't do this, but I feel the need to because I've been on this board six years now. You've heard it, so I'm the last standing, longest surviving. This board has been all over the place, and I'm talking to the board. I've always said this. The public gets to hear us.

[05:34:28] We're a fishbowl, but we talk to each other and not them. They get three minutes, and then they get public hearing. I've heard this board go all over the place. Support the district supervisor when they make a motion for what's in their district. You know, and then it's been support, not support.

[05:34:45] There is one county in Prince William. It's Prince William County. There are not seven counties in Prince William County. Even the projects we approve for these districts, we have an obligation as this board, as this dais, to approve and move this county forward. Staff does a great job with it.

[05:35:01] We've got a planning commission that does a great job with it. We have everything in place to do the job that we're supposed to be doing, and we make these decisions. And I'm sorry. I love it's recorded, people get to hear, but I'm talking to you all. Supervisor Gordy, you put a whole lot of work into this.

[05:35:18] You probably found the best solution out of lowering density of what you just approved here. It probably could have been way higher. You've worked, you've made it home, you've done all you could with this, and it's your project. That's why I give you credit for the district that you represent. You brought it to the board.

[05:35:34] I think you brought a great product to the board. I get everything that's been said around it, But at the end of the day, when we talk about these housing and the price of houses in the county, you only lower prices when you get more homes built. And that's exactly what you did. Could have done more again, but you've done what you need to do to keep that corridor balanced.

[05:35:54] And that's what you've done. So I just wanted to say that, folks, because I think we spent a lot of time going around this stuff. And, you know, so I'll just stop right there. But thanks. Thanks. Supervisor Gordy, thanks for that. Appreciate it. All right. All right. Thank you. Supervisor Gordy. Thank you and thanks for the for for thank you chair especially for what you you said about you know what's going on

with housing and thank you everyone else for for your input. I just want to remind the community and and this board how we got to where we are

[05:36:29] right now. There was land for residential development along the Linton Hall corridor that people said don't put houses there. It had sewer, it had water, there were roads and there were schools. But they said, don't put houses there. But what did they put there? Data centers.

[05:36:56] Raise your hand if you're happy about the data centers going along Linton Hall corridor. Nobody. When we govern in fear, we end up with decisions like that. So now here we are, 10 years later, we have a housing crisis. I do call it a crisis. I don't know how my kids are ever going to be

[05:37:30] able to afford a house. And if it were not for home ownership, I would still be paying student loan debt. If it weren't for home ownership, I would be stuck with a lot more debt. But home ownership is the greatest opportunity in this country for wealth building. And right now in Prince William County, upward mobility has come to a screeching halt. And I know this because I get complaints from neighborhoods like Braemar complaining about the number of families living

[05:38:05] in a house, jamming up the road with cars. And so we can be blind to the problem. But the reality is we're going to have to build houses somewhere. And so now we've got to find a way to adjust this.

[05:38:29] Now, if we don't build it here, guess they are going to build it somewhere else. They're going to build it in Culpeper, Falkier, Stafford. Go to Fleetwood in the morning and see how much traffic is coming through Prince William County from Stafford County. Guess who's going to have to pay to fix Fleetwood. Our taxpayers are and we're going to have to use eminent domain on that except it's for a public need caused by Stafford County. We get no economic benefit from it but we have to

[05:38:59] pay for it and so this is going to be a repeated pattern of bad behavior if we don't take a look at the need that we have before us and begin to address this. Prince William County is part of Northern Virginia. And while I do want to preserve open space, and I have a directive aimed at doing just that so that we can establish a free market approach to land conservation and land preservation

[05:39:34] through PDRs, purchase and development rights, transfer development rights, and conservation easements. So we also have a plan for that. But it gets back to one word that I've continued to use since I got sworn in. It's about balance. And right now we're out of balance. We're out of balance with data centers. We got too many of them. We got to get it back to balance. We got, we're out of balance on housing. A single family home on a less than a half acre lot in my district

[05:40:07] just went for \$1.9 million. It is insane what's happened. And guess what? That means our taxes are going up. So we're going to pay for this one way or the other. So by saying no, there's a downstream effect on all of us by saying yes, there's a downstream effect on all of us. My job is to figure out what's the right balance. And I think we've struck the right balance here.

[05:40:42] And I'm going to continue to work to try to strike that right balance because it's what's necessary for a good community. And so I appreciate all the hard work that's here. I appreciate, look, we're going to agree to disagree amongst ourselves. That's okay. But when it's all said and done, we're going to get together and we're going to still respect one another and we're going to continue to work for the good of this community and and i appreciate all the input that people are offering and but let we just got to continue to work towards that right balance and i appreciate all the work that's been done so far and will continue to do thank you thank you so

[05:41:18] very much i'd like to go ahead now and call for the vote motion passes 62 supervisors vega and stewart voting nay all right thank you so very much we are going to go back and do closed session to resume um our close i'm sorry yes oh yeah i'm sorry i'm getting hurt it's what happens when i don't have the agenda right in front of me all right public comment time sorry y'all who we got

[05:41:46] all right we have um mr paul shortle if you want to go back to the back six two and then we have so this is paul if you want to quickly take the sign up i don't know if we have another one back

[05:42:19] there do we have another sign up sheet back there okay all right mr shortle you can go ahead and then when we have other people we can and you have three minutes and this is pertaining to a follow-up on which on what topic you can speak to any topic are you prepared or should i invite the other woman back up i think i'm prepared okay all right thank you sir you may proceed

[05:42:57] but this applicant is not part of the may no contribution to the widening of the um comprehensive road plan which is what the other developers greenwich jcl and stanley martin are proposing to do to Vanille Road.

[05:43:15] They made no contribution to the road, and then they've taken 10 school credits from Noakesville and transferred those 10 school credits to the bar seller. Now, neither school has had an expansion, and each school has 10 trailers housing current children that are over capacity. Why is the planning commission, why is the board of supervisors not more 100% involved with the school board in a whole to find out who's going to fund these? Now, they've offered two new

[05:43:49] sites in the um alderwood and longleaf development but no school in this strasburg development well who's going to fund these schools 300 million dollars is what i quoted equated crunching my numbers because the planning commission asked the developer stanley martin how much is he going to make profit per house he said 300 so 300 times a thousand 300 million dollars who is going to fund the schools. We cannot continue to put the burden of taxation on the residents of this county to keep funding the roads and keep funding the schools when the developers need to proffer up

[05:44:27] and make concessions to the county as part of their development package. Going back to what I just said, if we want to build these schools, who's going to fund these schools? Real estate is a negative drag. It does not produce economics for the county. And more taxation, more taxation, so that we're virtually being taxed out of the county.

[05:44:51] This happened to me in Fairfax County. And I dealt with the planning tax administration who's now my friend. Real estate is a negative amortization.

[05:45:08] It does not bring economic growth to the county. So more houses, more houses, more houses. And changing the rural Crescent density zoning to what's now called rural plan master development.

[05:45:26] But the next six, seven applicants are still 7,000 houses. This is 150. The next guy had 24, and he asked for 76. Too much is too much.

[05:45:42] And more housing, more housing is not bringing a relief to the problem because houses don't bring economic. And the more houses is not going to bring down the price of the house because the builder wants to maximize their profitability.

[05:45:59] So we can build, build, build, and we can destroy whole western Prince William County. I am sorry sir before you go just say your name and where you generally reside one more time before you sit.

I'm sorry my name is Paul Short. I reside in Brinsville District on Alice Ness Road. All right thank you. Next speaker again say your name where you generally reside. We need to get it for the record because there's a county attorney who'll look at me if I don't do it. Thank you again my name is Amy Crosby. I live in Braymar. It is the Brinsville District. First off I do think this is the right location. I believe that because I know vent hill my son we came from faulk here into prince william again almost five years we've

[05:46:39] been in the county it is the right location because of what i'm seeing more often than not is families phase out which is what i believe that i read inside inside nova in the article it was the family phased out the farming they no longer wanted to do that so while the current residents may want to you know hold off and not want that who's to say that their children are going to want to maintain at the same location so then in 20 30 years we don't have new homes again we could have data centers that's atrocious it is a great location however the traffic study i think is the biggest key here vent hill road is a dangerous road i do think infrastructure

[05:47:14] needs to change regardless of these homes coming in i think it's been dangerous for a while um i hope that you guys will look at that but also look at the water rollins ford that could be a great area of connection and i think that that needs to be figured in as well for connecting the roads an eminent domain it is the lower part of the water broad run put some more bridges in over it so that way it can connect and other people can go out a different way that would help ease congestion um but and then looking at lake manassas is used for the city of manassas could it also be used to help water with the prince william water on that side of the county so

[05:47:51] anyways thank you all again so much this was a great first meeting for me and i hope to see you all again soon thank you thank you so very much if you want to join the frequent flyer club it is free to sign up all right anyways thank you so everyone who's come out and who has spoken do we have anyone for remote no ma'am all right wait yes i'm sorry vice chair we have one person okay thank you yes we do manager please proceed all right by the carol brentsville can you hear me yes ma'am i can okay just making sure i just wanted to make two brief comments one i didn't

[05:48:29] hear any discussion of housing costs or HOA fees for this project. Maybe I missed it. And two, I wanted to read from Planning Commission meeting July 27, 2022, CPA 2022-00015, Devlin Technology Park. Recommended for approval, motion made by Commissioner Gordy, seconded by McPhail,

[05:49:03] And then the subsequent rezoning, 2022-00022 Devlin Technology Park. Motion for approval made by Commissioner Gordy, seconded by Commissioner McPhail. And yeah, I do have a problem with the data centers on Linton Hall Road.

[05:49:23] But I also remember how they got there. Thanks so much. Y'all have a great night. Thank you, Ms. Carroll. Are there any others online? Vice Chair, there are no other speakers. Okay. Thank you very much for your help. All right. Thank you so very much to everyone who's coming out, who's come out to speak today and who has spoken for vote.

[05:49:42] We are going to go ahead and resume our closed session. So for supervisors, you got five minutes, and then we're going to make sure that we meet in the back. Thank you so very much.

[05:50:17] We are back from closed session.

[05:51:54] First, I need a motion to certify. So move. Second. All right. It has been moved and second, and I'll give it to Yesli Vega. Spreading the love. All right. Let's go ahead and take our vote. All right. Now we

have two motions. We're going to make the first one. Supervisor Bailey.

[05:52:18] Thank you, Madam Chair. Madam Chair, I move the county exec annual performance review and compensation adjustment. Second. All right. Let's go ahead and take our vote. Vote unanimous. Supervisor Stewart abstaining from vote.

[05:52:38] And our second. Madam Chair, I move the county attorney's annual performance review and compensation adjustment. Second. So we moved and seconded it. Let's go ahead and take our vote. vote unanimous supervisor stewart abstaining from vote and then our most important vote of the evening is to adjourn motion to adjourn that was a good it was boardy it was it was boardy that's boardy you have it to gordy i'll

[05:53:13] second no don't don't vote unanimous all right thank you very much everyone i will see you back in december thank you



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