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At a regular meeting of the King George County Board of Supervisors, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of March, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Revercomb Building Board Room at 10459 Courthouse Drive, King George, Virginia:

PRESENT:

Jeff Stonehill, Chairman
Richard Granger, Vice-Chairman
Cathy Binder, Member
TC Collins, Member
Annie Cupka, Member
Chris Miller, County Administrator
Kelly Lackey, County Attorney

0:00:04.3 Chairman: Good evening everybody, since we're all here, I figured we might as well get this meeting going prior to 7:30, like I said. So at this point, I'm gonna call together the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of King George County, and to start off, we're gonna have Mr. Granger with the invocation.

0:00:26.0 Richard Granger: Lord, we just come before you, we thank you for the freedoms we enjoy, we thank you for the blessings you've given...

[Pledge of Allegiance]: ALL

0:01:37.1 Chairman: Thank you everyone. Moving on, Mr. Miller, any amendments to the agenda tonight?

0:01:42.0 Chris Miller: No, sir.

0:01:44.0 Chairman: Okay, thank you. At this time, I'm gonna open the floor up for public comment. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person in order to afford everyone an opportunity to speak. If comments relate to a specific public hearing item. We ask that you offer those comments at the time of the public hearing. Would anyone like to come up for public comment? Mr. Simonoff, come right up, sir. And when you start, you can just state your name and address, sir.

0:02:28.4 Adam Simonoff: 5340 Gordon Drive, King George... Test one. Okay, here we go. Adam

Simonoff, 5340 Gordon drive, King George, Virginia. Here's my public comment. The Ralph Bunche High School was built by the injustice of segregation, closed by the justice of integration. The county and the school's alumni association previously expressed a unified desire to repurpose this historic landmark as a Civil Rights Museum and Performing Arts Center in honor of all its alumni who studied science, technology, engineering, math, and the arts.

I therefore request the board of supervisors move to issue a public letter of intent to re-purpose the school as a Civil Rights Museum and performing arts center as it did in the past. Anything less would be a slap in the face to the community. I further request the county set a date and make a... Excuse me, I further request the county to set a date and make public the approved architectural plans and all cost estimates for the repurposed school's opening day to the public with a strategy to operate the property by county staff or professional contractor support.

These actions honor the school, advance tourism and give both the county and the public the opportunity to fundraise and donate restoration funds to the county without raising our taxes. If King George... Excuse me. If Colonial Beach, Virginia, under the same state laws, can invite public participation in their public works project and inscribe donors names on their public fishing pier bricks, then why can't King George raise funds the same way for the Ralph Bunche High School? Thank you.

0:04:37.5 Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Simonoff. Anyone else? Mr. Bushrod.

0:04:44.0 Wayne Bushrod: Good evening, Wayne Bushrod, 10144 Deer Lane. Good evening Chairman Stonehill, members of the board. I stand before you today representing the King George branch in AACCP, and we want to reiterate that we're continuing the push to move the Confederate Statue that still sits in front of our county courthouse to a more appropriate location. The board held a public hearing on November 23rd, 2021, and voted unanimously to move the statue. Here we sit on March 1st, 2022 and a contract still has not been awarded for the removal of and relocation. We have been dealing with this particular issue for almost two years. Why is this project taking so long to complete? We ask the board to gain, not lose any more momentum and get this project completed. Thank you.

0:05:39.7 Chairman: Thank you. Sir?

0:05:46.0 Chris Payton: Yeah, I'm Chris Payton, I represent the Thurman Brisben Center which receives money from King George County. Okay, there are a lot of misconceptions about homelessness, and I would just like to read a little vignette about one family that passed through our shelter last year. We provide shelter and services for men, women and children experiencing homelessness. I'm here with my colleague, Alice Stanton, who has been at King George since 16-something I think. Doug, Elise and their four children were doing pretty well seven years ago, childhood sweethearts from King George, they were renting a house on the water in Colonial Beach where Doug worked as the water man and Elise as a housekeeper. They had no car, but everything was within walking or biking distance. All that suddenly changed when their house was foreclosed on and they were given 15 days to leave. With no recourse, they gathered their belongings and moved into a hotel in Stafford, near where Doug found work as a heavy equipment operator for \$14 an hour. Their plan was to stay there only until they found another rental unit. But the \$485 weekly rate and lack of a kitchen made it nearly impossible to save enough for a down payment and first month's rent. It was not a good situation with two beds and four children, one of them with special needs, entirely deaf. Two of them always slept on the floor. A microwave, turning refrigerator and hot plate comprised their kitchen. Due to occupancy ordinances, they had to

move out every 28 days for at least 48 hours. Sometimes they all slept on the floor of Elise's grandmother's assisted living unit, which put her residency at risk.

The hotel grounds were never altogether safe, almost as bad was the stigma. People assumed Doug and Elise were involved in illicit activities when they were just trying to hold their family together. For seven years they lived like this. When COVID hit Doug lost his job. The relief funding bought them some time, but they were ineligible for eviction prevention funding because it did not cover short-term occupancies.

Faced with unsheltered homelessness, Doug and Elise swallowed their pride and entered the Brisben Center. It took a week or two for the constant stresses of survival mode to begin to relax. Food and shelter were now a given. One of the children burst into tears at seeing she would have her own bed. For the first time in recent memories, the parents could clear headedly take stock of their circumstances and plan steps toward resolving them.

Now enrolled in Medicaid they made long overdue doctor's appointments, they applied for food stamps to assist them post shelter. Doug is shopping a new resume around and Elise is in classes for nursing. They'll tell you that The Brisben Center has been like family. They participate in chores, prepare meals, and share laughs over Friday night movies. And their advice for others is this, Dig deep within yourselves for the desire to overcome your hardships. No one can do it but you, but there are miracles around the corner that you can't even imagine. And for the folks we serve, we thank you.

0:08:57.4 Chairman: Thank you, sir. Anyone else? Welcome Mr. Huntsinger.

0:09:12.4 Brent Huntsinger: Thank you. Mr. Chair, members of the board, I am Brent Huntsinger with Friends of the Rappahannock. I'm here to speak with you tonight about Senate Bill 537. This bill provides for the increased authority of local government to address the loss of tree canopy during the development process, both replacement via tree planting and conservation of the existing canopy. The bill is a local option and does not mandate localities to adopt tree ordinances. This bill is a product of months of intense negotiations between many stakeholders, including conservation groups, VACo, the home builders and development industry, the Commercial Real Estate sector, the agricultural community, and others. The bill is complex, but at its core, it does the following. Number one, it expands to all localities provisions that currently only allow certain localities to adopt an ordinance providing for the planting and replacement of trees during the development process. Number two, it adds more flexibility for implementation and management of tree canopy banks, credits and tree canopy requirements. These will assist in meeting tree canopy goals, including planting and maintaining trees on public and private property, and advancing pollution reduction, storm water management, flood mitigation and other conservation goals. It allows for larger tree canopies to be required when development occurs on forested and other environmentally sensitive areas or when a locality agrees to a somewhat reduced local parking lot, setbacks and similar requirements. It also requires a state forester to convene a work group at the state level to adopt standards that can be used by localities in determining how to achieve tree canopy percentages.

I am asking King George County to please consider voicing your support for Senate Bill 537, which is up for consideration in the House of Delegates, cities, counties, and towns, subcommittee number two on Thursday morning at 7:30 AM. The county has benefited from and expressed interest in tree giveaways and plantings. This bill would help provide resources to continue these types of programming and help the county address tree canopy loss as increased development occurs. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to continuing to work with the county in the future.

0:11:58.9 Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Hunsinger. Anyone else for public comment? Mr. Dines, is anyone online or on the phone? Board members, anybody have any correspondence? Mrs. Cupka?

0:12:15.5 Annie Cupka: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I do. I believe we all are in receipt of an email today from Mrs. Dee Strauss. And she requested that I read it during public comment. "Dear board members, Dee Strauss, 10362 Ridgeway Drive, King George. I would like to share with you my public comment in regards to the THC resolution to be presented by Sheriff Giles at tonight's meeting. On June 14, 20... I'm sorry, on June 4, 2019, I spoke at public comment to the Board of Supervisors about my concerns in regards to a new business that had opened in the Kings Pizza Shopping Plaza, and the harm that the products being sold could do to our use. I stated the harm and gave links to information I had found online about the inhalants and other items this new business sold. To quote my previous statement, "This was a vape shop, a jewel store, a hookah supplier, a promoter of whippets, and seller of kratom and CBD, and something about tobacco. Not good stuff. I won't go into all of the CBD material I have read. Just let me say, in my opinion, a drug is a drug. I am guessing that this business applied for his business license under the guise of a tobacco store, like all the 10 or so others that populate our county's 301 Corridor. Were all of these other products on his application to be approved in accordance with our zoning laws? Are there zoning restrictions or guidance in place to regulate these types of products?" I highly encourage this board to adopt this THC resolution to condemn the sale of synthetic cannabinoid products in our county and support every effort to pass and enforce federal, state and local laws banning the sale of synthetic cannabinoids as they contain federal and state Schedule 1 controlled substances, lack quality control standards, can have detrimental effects upon one's health and are marketed to purposely appeal to underage users. Thank you. Dee Strauss."

0:14:36.0 Chairman: Thank you, Mrs. Cupka.

0:14:37.5 Cathy Binder: I will try to shorten my board report up because we have a family out here that's waiting. Oh, sorry. I apologize.

0:14:47.1 Chairman: I thought you had a comment.

0:14:48.8 C. Binder: No, I didn't. I thought you were giving me a heads up to start my public comment. Sorry about that.

0:14:54.2 Chairman: Okay. So if there's no more public comment and nothing else to be read, I will close public comment and start with... Go to reports of members of the board. But we're gonna start here in the middle with Mrs. Cupka.

0:15:07.8 A. Cupka: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate your indulgence. So I will finish the rest of my report after but we do have a group here in the audience that we would like to accommodate first. So we are gonna go ahead and do that. I have a member commendation to bring forward. Supervisor Binder and I would like to present a memorial commendation to the family and friends of Elizabeth Lee, King George County historian who passed away in October. Ms. Binder will read the commendation aloud. She and I have both signed it as it is a member commendation. And then I would appreciate the board and the audience's indulgence upon reading of the commendation, if we would stand for a moment of silence in honor of Mrs. Lee. Thank you.

0:15:55.5 C. Binder: Alright. “Whereas Elizabeth Nuckols Lee, distinguished historian of King George County died on October 8th, 2021. And whereas, Elizabeth Lee was born in North Carolina and moved to King George County at a very young age and graduated from King George High School and the University of Mary Washington and retired in 1994 from the Naval Surface Warfare Center after a long career as an accomplished physicist. And whereas in 1987, Elizabeth Lee, a woman of strong faith and achievement, justly proud of her County's rich and diverse history, was instrumental in the establishment of the King George County Historical Society, located in the old jail at King George courthouse, where she provided untiring service in the preservation of County history. And whereas, Elizabeth Lee served as president of the King George County Historical Society, was co-creator of its museum and enriched the lives of researchers, genealogists, scholars and historians, routinely delving into the rich collections of rare books and photographs, magazines, Bible records, church records and cemetery records. And whereas, Elizabeth Lee was a member of the... And I might butcher this. And I apologize. Patawomeck. You know what I'm talking... P-A-T-A-W-O-M-E-C-K Indian tribe of Virginia, past member of the Virginia Genealogy Society board of directors, past president and member of the Friends of the Virginia State Archives board of directors, and past member of the Central Rappahannock Heritage Center board of directors. And whereas Elizabeth Lee compiled and published books about King George County and articles published in the Virginia Genealogical Society Magazine in the Northern Neck of Virginia Magazine of History. And whereas in 2006, Elizabeth Lee co-authored the widely received book, King George County: A Pictorial History, which chronicles the County's history. And whereas in 2019, Elizabeth Lee published The Last Hope: Lies, Truths and Legends of John Wilkes Booth's 34-Hour Escape through King George County, Virginia, which shed new light on how Booth made his way through King George County to Garrett's Barn in Caroline County. And whereas Elizabeth Lee's historical accomplishments provided the foundation that led to the enjoyment of our County's 300th anniversary celebration in 2020. And whereas Elizabeth Lee served on the history team of Shiloh Baptist Church, where she was instrumental in preserving church historical records for archival purposes at the Virginia Baptist Historical Society, University of Richmond. And therefore, be it resolved that we, the citizens of King George County, recognize Elizabeth Lee's achievements and contributions to the preservation of King George County history, and are grateful for Elizabeth Lee's dedicated service and determined commitment to King George County history, and that a copy of this commendation be presented to the family of Elizabeth Lee, presented this first day of March, 2022.”

0:18:58.2 Chairman: Thank you. Can we all stand for a moment of silence, please.

[pause]

0:19:28.2 Chairman: Okay, thank you everyone.

0:19:32.2 A. Cupka: And Mr. Chairman, with your indulgence, we would like family members and friends, anyone who wishes to come forward to please do so, so we could formally present you with the memorial commendation.

[pause]

0:21:30.0 A. Cupka: Thank you for your indulgence, Mr. Chairman, and I'd like to go ahead and finish my report. On Sunday, February 20th, the House Appropriations Committee and The Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee advanced their budget bills out of committee. I am pleased

to report that both money committees reported the \$16 million in ARPA upper wastewater improvements contained in former governors, Governor Northam's original budget. These funds would allow us to address the decommissioning of Perkins corner and Oakland Park wastewater treatment plants, both of which are necessary as we will be unable to meet the reliability standards and the DEQ superseding consent order, as well as future capacity upgrades and improvements to Dahlgren Hopyard and Fairview beach wastewater treatment plants and inflow and infiltration projects without taking on new debt by the authority. So the copy that I provided all members, that I marked up in blue and green ink is actually from the floor votes by the House and the Senate, the full floor on... I'm sorry.

Thursday, February 24th, they had additional budget amendments, and you'll see in the markup that none of King George County Service Authorities money was reduced or eliminated, so those amounts still stand in the state budget. I did confirm that with Senator Stuart today that our money for the service authority is still in the state budget, and now the House bill needs to go to the Senate to be approved for their version, and then the Senate Bill needs to go to the house to have their version approved, but that's good news coming out of Richmond, that as of right now, we're still on track with that money. So I wanted to share that with you all.

Another state item, and I shared this with all of you, the budget amendment with regard to the suitability study of Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail was reported by the House Appropriations Committee, and there is a copy of that for you all as well. So that is moving forward. Tuesday, February 22nd, I attended the first county budget work session. I wanna thank staff for your work on crafting the budget process and looking forward to more budget discussions. Saturday, February 26th, I participated in the Friends of The Rappahannock clean up at Waterloo Farm. Thanks to everyone who came out and helped. Monday, February 28th, I attended the GWRC Meeting. The Regional resilience plan was tabled indefinitely, so it will be up to individual localities to develop their own resilience plans.

I want to congratulate Dahlgren half marathon participants who competed and the volunteers who supported their event last weekend. A reminder of fire safety, I know I mentioned this at the last meeting about the burn ban, that it took effect on February 15th, however, I am seeing many calls for illegal burns on active 911, so I just wanna remind the community again that there is a burn ban in effect.

And last but not least, I wanna thank everyone for coming out for public comment tonight. Mr. Simonoff, thank you very much for your comments about Ralph Bunche High School. So we are preparing an RFP for the roof for that \$500,000 National Park Service grant we received, so we're working on that. We have a letter of intent in for another grant opportunity that I brought to the board to possibly replace the electrical service, so we're waiting to hear if we get selected for a full application on that. And we are awaiting the updated study, which I believe Mr. Miller updated us about at the last meeting on the Ralph Bunche High School, the Old King George Middle School and the courthouse. So right now, we the county proper are taking steps to do the due diligence that we need to do to do a proper assessment of the building, and we are actively pursuing grant funds and other resources to try to shore up the building to mitigate future damage as best as we can. I personally am very proud of the role that I have taken in bringing these opportunities to the attention of our board and the attention that I have tried to bring to the building. So for right now, I just don't feel that we're at the point of needing a letter of intent to issue a letter of intent, we're just not quite there yet, but I do wanna reiterate the fact that we are definitely working towards a goal of doing something with the building, so thank you for your comment.

Mr. Bushrod, my understanding is that there was some more legal work that Ms. Lackey reported she was working on for us with regard to the Confederate memorial, so I'm sure going forward, you'll see something on that. Mr. Payton has left. Thank you to him for coming out and commenting

about Thurman Brisben. And Mr. Hunsinger, I see you are still here, and thanks for organizing the clean up on Saturday, and I believe that Mr. Stonehill is going to address the remainder of your comment that you brought to us tonight during his board report. So thanks very much and thank you to Mrs. Strauss for submitting her comment. Thank you, sir.

0:27:22.1 Chairman: Thank you. Since we're over here, Mr. Collins?

0:27:26.8 TC Collins: Mr. Chairman, I'll yield last.

0:27:30.4 Chairman: Okay. Mrs. Binder?

0:27:34.7 C. Binder: I would like to thank everyone who spoke tonight, first off. I virtually attended the monthly Dahlgren Heritage Museum monthly meeting. They're a new approach to museums in a virtual world is moving forward. The museum looks forward to bring back their lecture series in some manner this summer, and they are still facing the challenge of a lack of visitors due to the bridge construction and look forward to its completion. But they also wanna mention that those that are working on the bridge have been very helpful and mindful of the museum and helping them out and taking care that the grounds and the artifacts and stuff around are taken care of. I attended the first of our budget work sessions last Wednesday. This was just our kick-off meeting, and tomorrow we will start to get into the budget in depth. A lot of hard choices will need to be made while balancing the needs of the citizens young and old and the county as a whole.

On Monday, I completed a FOIA training with our county attorney, Ms Lackey, and I enjoyed getting a different perspective this time, and I felt it was well done and thorough, so thank you Ms Lackey for providing that. Later that evening, I attended the GWRC and FAMPO meetings. I wanna thank GWRC staff and the Berkeley Group for creating a template for a resilience plan that each locality can base theirs off of. During the FAMPO meeting, it was mentioned from the Director of FAMPO about in the president's infrastructure bill, that they're encouraging communities that they concentrate on a transit-based in multi-modal when designing communities and communities are encouraged to develop a housing coordination plan and long-range planning with Housing Consultants. And they are also planning on holding a summit to address the challenges to move freight in this region.

I also attended the monthly Healthy Generations meeting where I was surprised to find out that they are seeking a grant to help address the need of all of our communities in Planning District 16 about what I had mentioned at the beginning, when we had the residents who had lack of power. So they're looking for a grant to help provide that to people that maybe seek to be on a list that during a disaster or power outage might have a check-up call. And the last... We already did the resolution. Originally, I met Elizabeth Lee about 2015 when I was looking for yearbooks to scan, and then my little project of getting all the year books together to scan for King George High School and Ralph Bunche, and I considered her my friend. I enjoyed visiting them a lot of Thursdays, just to say hi to herself, Bobby and Gene Graham who is here. And a lot of times I went to just listen to them because it was very nice to hear their stories about King George and their recollections about all manners.

But I wanna bring up two things that I'll still always remember, and one is my last memory of Elizabeth was coming to the farmers market while I was running for office, and she came up to say hi to get a sign from me, and she was having trouble putting it in the wheelchair, but she was proud of just being named to the tribe of the Indian tribe that has their headquarters in Stafford. And she was so honored to finally get her designation as a member of the tribe. And she was so proud of

that. And it still warms my heart to remember her just going around beaming that she got that. And then last but not least, we mentioned genealogy and the resolution, and I wish her family was still here to hear this, but one of the things I remember is how much passionate she was about genealogy. Somebody came in to the historical society on Thursday and talked, said "Can you help me?" She opened up that computer and she was ready to go about helping somebody to do research. And one of the ones I remember that says a lot about Elizabeth is this couple came in, and it was a brother and sister. They were older, and they were coming to do a wish for their mother who had just passed away. And she wanted to find the grave of... They wanted to find the grave of their infant sibling who had passed away when they lived in King George, and she helped them find the grave and they honored the wishes of their mother to put a grave marker on the gravesite of their infant sibling. So those are the things Elizabeth did, and she meant a lot to the community in preserving the history of King George, and that's the end of my report. Thank you.

0:31:38.3 Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Granger?

0:31:40.7 R. Granger: Yes sir. I'd like to say a thank you to everyone who came out to give comment, to express recommendations and concerns. I don't really have anything beyond what Mrs Cupka had to share, so I won't belabor those points any further. On Thursday, March 17th, I did have the opportunity, I was invited by Mr. Chris Smith from the Hopyard HOA to come out and discuss any and all things that Hopyard might be interested in. The big thing that they were discussing was their new section, the fact that they don't currently have any street lamps and what the process would be to go about having lights or lamps installed in that section. So we discussed that at some length. Tuesday, March 22nd, I also attended the organizational budget work session. I'd like to say thank you to the staff for preparing that and then just helping us through this whole process and preparing us for this next to meeting starting tomorrow. So I'm sure it'll be fun one as well, so thank you staff for all that you do to make the budget work session go smoothly. That's all I have. Thank you.

0:32:38.5 Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Collins?

0:32:40.7 TC Collins: Thanks to everyone who came out this evening. I, being new to the board, I've taken copious notes in regards to this and these items. And also have been following along for about eight years now. I'd like to take my time during the board comments to comment in regards to service authorities and the Board of Supervisors lack of transparency to the board members and to the public. Since taking office in January 1st, 2022, I board member TC Collins, am aware of communications to several Board of Supervisors members, to each other, and to the County Administrator, not only to Service Authority members and some Board of Supervisors, the information is not being shared to every board member, and I'm being one of them. Recently, there was a dumping of sewage in the Machodoc Creek. I was not advised until I read it in the newspaper. Also, Purkins Corner has been shut down, and sewage is being hauled away to Dahlgren with a high price tag associated with this activity. When I asked my appointed member, Carrie Cleveland, the member of the Service Authority, she was unaware of these instances each time I called. Service Authority had been in several closed meetings since January, and the last meeting, the agenda was changed to include discussion of merging the service authority with the county, after yet another closed meeting and brief discussion, they voted to have a meeting with the board of supervisors in regards to a merger. There had been no previous discussion in public in regards to this merger. I was invited to a meeting along with another supervisor, the county attorney, the HR director, and the county administrator, and a representative from the county's financial advisor. This meeting was

not open to the public and this is not transparency. Two members of the Board of Supervisors or members of the service authority, and this is a conflict of interest, especially since both are not customers of the service authority and had publicly stated that they had wells and do not want the county to absorb the service authorities debt. That will be left to the customers along with future debt. You cannot be in the best interest of the service authority and be a member of the board of supervisors. Also, the county administrator is the service authority manager, and also the county administrating wearing dual hats cannot have the best interests of each entity. I'm serving a freedom of information act on the county attorney. Thank you from... This concludes my comments.

0:35:25.7 Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Collins. I wanna thank everybody that came out out today for public comment. Mr. Simonoff, thank you for all of your information and due diligence of everything that you dig into. You bring up some very valid points, so thank you. Mr. Bushrod, thanks for coming out. Yes, it's been kind of a slow process. I hope to have something at our next meeting for you, so it's just complicated and the wheels of government, you know how quickly they move. So, we will see what we can do. Mr. Payton from the Thurman Brisben Center shelter, hopefully we can do something for them come budget season. Mr. Hunsinger, thank you, and I will address some stuff with that later on and thanks for setting up that trash pick up for the county. And Mrs. Strauss, thank you for the email.

Tuesday 22nd, I also attended with the rest of our board members the first of our, hopefully not too many, budget meetings. It was kind of a general overview of what's to come. We do have another one tomorrow evening, if anyone is interested in... That is open to the public, so anybody can come see or listen. Saturday the 26th, as Mrs. Cupka said. Myself, and her, and Mr. Hunsinger helped with a Friends of The Rappahannock River Clean Up, which we did on the north side of Mathias point where there is tons of trash. There were maybe six or seven of us, I think, and we ended up picking up 40 bags of trash, four tires, two wheels, a handful of ghost-crab pots and other wonderful items. All that stuff just gets right into the Potomac then it goes right into the bay. So it's a great thing to get all those things out of there.

I also called in to attend the King George NAACP program for Black History Month. Thank you, Mr. Bushrod for getting that all situated. There it was very interesting to hear from Dr. Lucas, whose father Dr. Curtis Harris actually was with Martin Luther King and marched with him in numerous civil rights movements. It was very fascinating to hear her remembering of her dad, and so it was very interesting. Also, this week, I ended up meeting with some representatives from C&F Bank and they unfortunately told us that they're closing the Dahlgren branch of the C&F bank, so we are losing really our only "bank bank" in Dahlgren. The one up here in King George will remain open, so everyone can be using that up there.

And going back to senate bill 537, you all got a copy of my email and letter from the Friends of Rappahannock. And it is a bill that's very much supported by VACo and also the entire Rappahannock River Basin Commission as well. They're all very much in favor of this bill. And I would like to get consent from the board to sign this letter of bill that's just in support of the bill. It doesn't lock us into anything, it's just a local option, and it doesn't mandate localities to accept any of the tree ordinances. I did speak with Ms. Hall and she did say that that would be okay, and that if that did pass that King George... We would then come up with our own version of it for our County. So, I would just like to get consensus of the board to sign that letter of support and get it down to Richmond prior or hopefully tomorrow for their hearing on Thursday.

0:39:47.5 R. Granger: That would be tomorrow.

0:39:48.8 Chairman: Yeah, right.

0:39:54.0 R. Granger: I'm amenable. I'll be honest, I haven't looked at it, based on what I'm hearing from you though I don't have a problem with how it sounds, in regards to that it's not actually mandating anything currently and it would make an option open to us. What localities currently... I thought I heard that some localities currently have this available to them and I know that's been in the past. There's been some situations where some localities are given authorization... Like cigarette tax previously used to... Certain handfuls of counties, so is that accurate? Some counties currently have this opportunity and...

0:40:21.1 Chairman: Mr. Huntsinger, could you come up here and just answer these couple of questions for him?

0:40:30.0 B. Huntsinger: Currently, the tree ordinances under state code are 961 and 961.1. It's very complicated. 961 deals with the replacement of trees, so tree planting. 961.1 currently deals with the replacement or conservation of tree canopy. 961 can be adopted by any county within the Chesapeake Bay watershed or by any county that has a population density of over either 75 or 750 people per square mile. 961.1 is limited to Planning District 8 in Northern Virginia. It's an air attainment quality zone. So the legislation that is before you and before the CC&T Committee basically renegotiates those two ordinances into something that is more palatable to all the sectors of Virginia so that we may attain more and keep our tree canopy going forward. So they fundamentally rewrote the sections into a 961.3 and then 961.4. So that said, the localities that have already adopted a tree canopy ordinance, either in the Chesapeake Bay watershed or in Planning District 8, it grandfathers those in. They will not have to change their ordinances. So that has all been negotiated in the last 10 months.

0:42:33.0 R. Granger: I appreciate it. Thank you so much. Yeah, I just pulled it up to look at it a little bit, just to make sure I had put eyes on it. And that's what it sounds like to me. So I'm amenable to forwarding this on.

0:42:43.9 A. Cupka: Mr. Chairman, would you like me to read the PDF summary of the fiscal impact statement for the actual bill that we're being asked to do the letter of support for from the General Assembly website?

0:42:56.6 Chairman: Sure. Go right ahead.

0:43:00.1 A. Cupka: So the summary is, "It expands to all localities provisions that currently only allow certain localities to adopt an ordinance providing for the planting and replacement of trees during the development process. The bill adds more flexibility for implementation and management of tree canopy banks, tree canopy credits, and tree canopy requirements. The bill changes and updates standards, reference documents, and published reference texts. The bill expands options for localities to disburse funds to charitable organizations. The bill adds percentage specifications for ordinances related to cemeteries. The bill removes the prohibition of invalidating local ordinances adopted before July 1, 1990, the allowance of 10-year minimum requirements for pre-1990 ordinances, and the ability to invalidate an ordinance adopted pursuant to the section relating to the replacement of trees during development process in certain localities." There's a little more information about a stakeholder advisory group, but I did do a close reading of it, and the very first line says, "Localities may..." It does not say... The first line does not say, "Localities must" or "shall" adopt a local ordinance. It just says localities may adopt a local ordinance to do all of the

stuff that they're talking about here, so I'm in favor of the letter of support.

0:44:23.5 Chairman: Thank you.

0:44:24.0 A. Cupka: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

0:44:27.5 TC Collins: Mr. Chair, may I have the floor?

0:44:29.2 Chairman: Mr. Collins.

0:44:33.2 TC Collins: Mr. Hunsinger, I haven't seen you since our zoning and ordinance workshop. It's good to see you, and I'm just glad to see you again come forward with this information. We discussed a little bit of that during the workshop. And the tree canopy... So in King George, that's important to this community. And during our discussions with ordinances and zoning, I hope that we will be bringing up this subject matter so we can keep our tree canopy in King George in line with this bill. So, Mr. Chairman, I would be in favor of supporting this resolution.

0:45:21.5 Chairman: Okay, thank you, everyone. I will get with Mr. Miller and Ms. Lackey tomorrow and get that letter on the way down there, so thank you, Mr. Hunsinger. And that's all I have. So moving on to the consent agenda?

0:45:40.2 R. Granger: Move to accept the consent agenda as presented.

0:45:43.4 C. Binder: Second.

0:45:45.8 Chairman: We have a motion properly seconded. All in favor?

0:45:48.1 C. Binder: Aye.

0:45:48.3 TC Collins: Aye.

0:45:48.6 A. Cupka: Aye.

0:45:48.7 R. Granger: Aye.

0:45:51.5 Chairman: Chair votes aye. Motion passes. County official's report, Sheriff Giles.

0:46:13.2 Sheriff Chris Giles: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and good evening, Mr. Chair, members of the board. As sheriff of King George County, I took an oath to serve and protect the citizens. I come before you tonight to request that you adopt this resolution to support efforts to ban synthetic cannabinoid products that are endangering our citizens. Synthetic cannabinoid edible products are labeled to appeal to and entice the young. The National Institute on Drug Abuse states, Synthetic cannabinoids refer to a growing number of human-made mind-altering chemicals sprayed on dried shredded plant materials or vaporized to produce a high. Synthetic cannabinoids are sometimes misleadingly called synthetic marijuana or fake weed because they act on the same brain cell receptors as THC, which is the mind-altering ingredient in marijuana. The effects of synthetic cannabinoids can be unpredictable and severe or even life-threatening. The only parts of synthetic

cannabinoid products that are natural are the dried plant materials. Chemical tests show that their active ingredients are human-made cannabinoid compounds. Synthetic cannabinoid users report some effects similar to those produced by marijuana, such as but not limited to elevated mood, relaxation, altered perceptions, symptoms of psychosis and physical health problems including rapid heart rate, vomiting, violent behavior and suicidal thoughts. Synthetic cannabinoids can be addictive. Behavioral therapies and medications have not specifically been tested for treatment of addiction to these products, overdoses can occur and can cause toxic reactions, raised blood pressure, reduced blood supply to the heart, kidney damage and seizures. Deaths occur when dangerous synthetic opioids, such as Fentanyl, are added without the user knowing. For these reasons I stated, I'm asking you adopt this resolution to support efforts to ban the synthetic cannabinoid products that are endangering our citizens. And Mr. Chair, if you'd like, I'll go ahead and like to read it.

0:48:33.2 Chairman: Go right ahead.

0:48:35.0 Sheriff Giles: It's titled Resolution to support efforts to ban synthetic cannabinoid products. Whereas synthetic cannabinoids are intended to mimic THC particularly, but not limited to Delta-9, tetrahydrocannabinol, one of the main ingredients in marijuana that produces psychoactive effects. And whereas synthetic cannabinoids are not organic, but rather a chemical compound created in laboratory and are being sold as legal alternatives to marijuana. And whereas synthetic cannabinoids are dissolved in solvents in order to be applied usually by spraying to dry plant materials or delivered through e-cigarettes or other vaping devices or edibles. And whereas synthetic cannabinoid products are packaged without information as to their health and safety risks, and the majority of synthetic cannabinoids are manufactured in Asia without quality control standards or manufacturing requirements. And whereas synthetic cannabinoids lack pharmaceutical grade chemical purity standards, and sanitary processing standards, have no accepted medical use and have been shown to cause side effects more severe than those reported from THC. And whereas synthetic cannabinoid products are labelled to appeal to and entice youth with names such as Spice, K2 and others as a safe alternative to marijuana and at times in packaging similar to cereal treats and candies also marketed to children. And whereas the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has not issued regulations to govern the quality of consumable... I can't say the word now. Cannabinoid products manufactured outside the Medical Marijuana Program. And whereas the Commonwealth of Virginia continues to recognize tetrahydrocannabinols other than marijuana as scheduled one controlled substances under the code of Virginia section 54.1-3446. Likewise, synthetic cannabinoids are also illegal under federal law per 21 USC, Section 812 and 813. And whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have determined that synthetic cannabinoids can affect brain functions including agitation and irritability, confusion and concentration problems, hallucinations, delusions, psychosis, suicidal thoughts, violent behavior, seizures, sleeplessness and dizziness, as well as other health problems including breathing problems, gastrointestinal problems, heart attack, fast heart rate, high blood pressure, stroke, kidney failure and muscle damage. And whereas it is the responsibility of the board of supervisors to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of King George County, Virginia. Now therefore, be it resolved that the King George County Board of Supervisors hereby condemns the sale of synthetic cannabinoid products in King George County and supports every effort to pass and enforce federal, state and local laws banning the sale of synthetic cannabinoids as they contain federal state schedule one controlled substances. Lack of quality control and may have detrimental effects upon one's health and are marketable to the purpose appeal to the underage users. Thank you and I appreciate your consideration for adopting this resolution.

0:52:26.3 TC Collins: Mr Chair.

0:52:26.3 Chairman: Thank you, sir.

0:52:29.5 TC Collins: The floor. May I have the floor?

0:52:34.6 Chairman: Sure, go ahead.

0:52:35.8 TC Collins: Sheriff, thank you so much for bringing this forward. This, in law enforcement, is a serious, serious problem, especially with our youth. I appreciate that you bring this before this board that is responsible for the health and safety of the citizens, and like you are also. When you touched on the mind-altering, it's been my experience with these, I call it synthetic marijuana, but there's a different term that you use, the violent behavior is unbelievable. Many police officers have been shot, as you know, with people that are on these mind-altering drugs. Our young people have easy access to these things, and I applaud you for bringing this to us and I strongly support this resolution. Thank you so much.

0:53:21.3 Chairman: Thank you sir. Any questions for Sheriff Giles? Okay. Do we have a motion?

0:53:33.3 R. Granger: I move to adopt the resolution to support efforts to ban synthetic cannabinoid products as presented.

0:53:39.3 TC Collins: Second.

0:53:40.9 C. Binder: I'll second it.

0:53:41.8 Chairman: Is there any discussion?

0:53:43.5 C. Binder: Mr. Chair, I just wanted to make one comment. What distressed me the most was seeing that they look like fruit snacks, and that really distressed me, because young children would not know that it was something that could really harm them, so thank you.

0:53:57.5 Chairman: My only comment is, I am full support of this as well, I think the three of us have dealt with folks on... Or all of us have dealt with folks on these drugs, and as Mr. Collins said, the aggression and the volatility of people being shot or to fight people that are on this is... It's terrible, so I am in full support of it. So we have a motion properly seconded and we will do a roll call vote. Mrs. Binder.

0:54:25.6 C. Binder: Aye.

0:54:26.4 Chairman: Mr. Granger.

0:54:26.5 R. Granger: Aye.

0:54:26.7 Chairman: Ms. Cupka.

0:54:29.0 A. Cupka: Aye.

0:54:29.9 Chairman: Mr. Collins.

0:54:30.8 TC Collins: Aye.

0:54:31.6 Chairman: The Chair votes aye, motion passes. Thank you, Sheriff.

0:54:36.5 Sheriff Giles: Thank you. That's all I have.

[pause]

0:54:46.2 Chairman: Moving on to the report... Oh, Mrs. Hart, I'm sorry. I did see you back there and I'm reading my piece of paper. Come right up.

0:55:01.7 Judy Hart: Good evening, board members, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Lackey. I am recommending the board of supervisors authorize the county administrator to transfer \$1293 from the general fund balance to the reassessment budget to provide funding for the Board of Equalization and the secretary position. As a result of additional request to meet with the Board of Equalization to review the recent re-assessments, there is... We have two addition... I wanted this for two additional dates at the cost of \$431 per day, for a total of \$862. Additionally, there is a need for a BOE work session that will come after all of these meetings at the cost of \$431. Total funds needed for these meetings would be \$1293. We have had 12 appointments, we have seen 59 taxpayers, and I have about 30 or so to go to just set up appointments, and we're gonna need these two days.

0:56:26.0 Chairman: Thank you. Any questions for Mrs. Hart? Mr. Granger?

0:56:31.9 R. Granger: Yes, ma'am, it was \$1293 from the general fund to the... Which fund?

0:56:37.2 J. Hart: Reassessment budget.

0:56:39.7 R. Granger: Okay, thank you.

0:56:44.1 C. Binder: Mr. Chair.

0:56:46.1 Chairman: Mrs. Binder?

0:56:48.7 C. Binder: This is a question follow up. I spoke to one of your Equalization board members, and they had suggested the work session is thoughts and experiences you've had to give us some recommendations of things that we might need to change or add. Correct?

0:57:00.8 J. Hart: Well, the work session that I have mentioned here is to finalize a lot of the folks that we have met with. They need to discuss situations, some of the taxpayers have to bring us like, pictures, other information about the properties, and we have five commercial properties that will be discussed at this work session. We've met with those folks on the phone, and they felt that it is better to have a heavy work session 'cause it's gonna take a while to...

0:57:31.1 C. Binder: Thank you.

0:57:33.0 J. Hart: To finalize those.

0:57:35.3 Chairman: Thank you, Mrs. Binder. Ms. Cupka?

0:57:37.0 A. Cupka: Mr. Chairman, may I ask a question? This is not directly related to your request for funding this evening, but since you are here, I wanted to ask on behalf of a citizen and a taxpayer, are you... After their hearing, are you asking or requesting taxpayers to sign a form? Because Ms. Binder and I were informed that one of our constituents was asked by you personally to sign some sort of form.

0:58:06.9 J. Hart: Yes, it was a...

0:58:07.2 A. Cupka: Can you tell me what that is?

0:58:07.9 J. Hart: It was a release, I failed to get a letter in the mail for the folks. I wish I had it with me, and I don't. Letting them know about the board and the process for that. And Mrs. Lackey, I brought it to her attention that I didn't get that out in time, and she came up with another writing for these folks, and she felt it important that I had them sign it, and several of them I have emailed them to them, I've made copies for it for taxpayers when they have requested it. Someone wanted to take it, read it, and bring it back, and I said that was fine too. Yeah.

0:58:43.6 A. Cupka: Okay, thank you. Could someone, whether that's you ma'am or Ms. Lackey, could someone provide all members of the board with a copy of that form please, so we can answer our constituents' questions?

0:58:57.4 Kelly Lackey: Sure, I'd be happy to. And if I may, the form is an option for folks who are ready to proceed for the Board of Equalization. There was a lack of a certain notice of documents that they could request, so it was completely at their option whether they wanted to wait out the time period in which they could request additional documents or proceed with the BOE, but I'd be happy to provide a copy.

0:59:17.8 A. Cupka: Thank you very much. Thank you, Ms. Hart. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

0:59:22.1 Chairman: Anyone else with questions? No questions. Do we have a motion?

0:59:30.2 R. Granger: I move to transfer \$1,293 from the general fund to the reassessment budget as presented.

0:59:37.2 C. Binder: Second.

0:59:39.4 Chairman: We have a motion, properly seconded. Any discussion? There being none, all in favor?

0:59:44.5 C. Binder: Aye.

0:59:45.6 TC Collins: Aye.

0:59:46.5 A. Cupka: Aye.

0:59:47.3 R. Granger: Aye.

0:59:49.2 Chairman: Chair votes aye. Motion passes. Thank you, Mrs. Hart.

0:59:49.9 J. Hart: Thank you.

0:59:53.2 Chairman: Moving on to report of the county attorney, Mrs Lackey.

1:00:02.6 K. Lackey: The first item I wanted to mention dovetails with what Commissioner Hart just mentioned, which is there's been a need for some additional sittings of The Board of Equalization, which is not in and of itself a bad thing, but I wanted to bring to the board's attention that if it desired to, you can set a deadline for Board of Equalization appeals to be made, and you can also set a deadline for the Board of Equalization to complete its work, and that has various advantages, I think, both to the citizens and to the board. To the citizens, it would be a deadline that they would need to adhere to, it would have to be advertised as an ordinance, so there would be public notices prior to those deadlines being enacted, and in addition, then the board would have a full set of information on what the valuations are when you're looking to set your tax rate, so that is something that I wanted to bring to the board's attention. Yes, if it was the will of the board, I could advertise a proposed ordinance to be considered at the next meeting based on what the board passed for the 2010 re-assessment. So in the spring of 2011, when they were looking at appeals from that reassessment, they set the deadlines as the end of March for the submitting your appeal and the end of May for appeals to be completed. Commissioner Hart's indicated there are already a few dates now of, as she mentioned, there's additional dates of The Board of Equalization in April, so I would suggest that if you wanted to explore those deadlines, I would recommend that they be no earlier than end of April and end of May, respectively.

1:02:00.4 Chairman: Mrs Hart, does that give you and the board of BOE time, say if we did come up with something for the end of April for taking the last appeals and close of business for BOE the end of May? Okay, thank you. Does the board wanna go ahead and...

1:02:22.8 R. Granger: We need to make a motion to direct staff... Alright, I move to direct staff to advertise a public hearing for setting dates to complete the appeal process and the execution of the duties of the board of Equalization as presented by Ms. Lackey.

1:02:44.3 C. Binder: Second.

1:02:45.0 Chairman: We have a motion we have a second. Any discussion? All in favor?

1:02:47.4 C. Binder: Aye.

1:02:48.7 TC Collins: Aye.

1:02:49.6 A. Cupka: Aye.

1:02:50.7 R. Granger: Aye.

1:02:51.7 Chairman: Chair votes aye, motion passes. Thank you, Mrs. Hart. Thank you, Mrs. Lackey.

1:02:56.0 K. Lackey: And if I may, I did have one more item. In your agenda package, there is a copy of a deed of dedication, vacation, and easement for Hopyard Farm Section 17. It's not unlike a lot of deeds that you've seen in the past that deal with dedication of certain rights for utility easements to the service authority and to the county, stormwater easement to the property owners association, and then there's some additional easements having to do with emergency vehicle access and things of that nature. So I would ask for a motion allowing for staff to execute that agreement that's been reviewed both by Community Development staff and by me.

1:03:48.8 Chairman: Thank you. Do we have a motion?

1:03:52.1 R. Granger: I move to authorize staff to execute the Hopyard Farm Section 17, Deed of dedication as presented.

1:03:58.0 C. Binder: Second.

1:04:00.3 Chairman: Any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor?

1:04:02.2 C. Binder: Aye.

1:04:03.0 TC Collins: Aye.

1:04:04.7 A. Cupka: Aye.

1:04:05.2 R. Granger: Aye.

1:04:05.7 Chairman: Chair votes aye, motion passes. Thank you. Okay, moving on to 303 presentations and reports. Mr. Beale, thanks for coming out. Sorry, it was delayed for you.

1:04:27.8 David Beale: It is no problem. It's good to be here. I'm sorry I didn't sell more tickets, but glad you all stayed. I think it was last year in December, and it's... But first let me... David Beale, Northern Neck Resident Engineer with VDOT. Mr. Collins, it's good to see you have a face with the name, and I look forward to working with you years to come. I was last here in December, and we've had a busy winter. I think January, we had a storm every weekend, and the first storm December... January 2nd and 3rd, was quite a memorable one. We got caught in that proverbial wash rinse repeat cycle in January and the first week of February, but we're recovering now and getting back to some good maintenance. You can see on your report, we've completed grading our non-hard surface roads, our gravel roads.

Ms. Binder, you'll see that I had Alden on upcoming, but we actually finished that today, so our gravel roads have been graded. Back to cleaning some ditches, shoulder repair, pothole patching county-wide. We fixed an erosion problem on University Drive, and we've removed a tree on Salem Church. We're still working on all the debris removal from the January storm. There currently is one crew working in King George. It is a FEMA contractor. They're not state employees, but they are hired by VDOT. They're on 218 and their progress... They started at the Stafford County line, they made it down to about Fairview, turned around and started heading back. And I think they're about halfway back, so I do anticipate two things. One, that production will increase as we move

on, as we're able to find and hire more crews and also the second thing is it's gonna take months to get the county clean. So I appreciate your patience with that. It is a tremendous task, and I really appreciate the board and citizens patience on that debris.

Alright. We also have additional ditches on various routes, we have planned to clean, and being that it's spring, it's pothole season, so we're trying to keep up with all the potholes and get them filled.

You may notice I added the payment schedule for 2022 on to the report, we're planning to use some latex treatment on 2-18. We're gonna use cape seal throughout the county, and I'll just touch a base on cape seal. It is a preventive maintenance measure. It's two steps. The first step is a chip seal, you may refer to that as like a tar and gravel that you'd see on the rural secondary roads, and then that's followed a couple of weeks later by a slurry seal that goes down and fills in all the crevices and makes a nice appearance. So we get a lot of feedback on cape seal, talk with the county administrator, and we're gonna do a direct mailing to their subdivisions so the citizens will know what's happening in their neighborhood and set their expectation.

So Fox Run, Eden estates and Oakland Park we're planning to do a Cape seal in those sub-divisions as well as a small piece of... Or a large piece, two thirds of Port Conway, we're gonna do cape seal then from to route three we're gonna do plant mix asphalt, which is your inch and a half of a hot mix of asphalt. The other plant mix route, that's in Oakland Park, French court. We needed to build up the pavement structure there, so there's one road in Oakland Park that's actually gonna get plant mix asphalt and the rest of it will get cape seal. Currently, there are a few routes in Oakland Park that aren't on the payment schedule, and I'm working to get them added so that we'll do the entire sub-division this season.

On the second page, the secondary six-year plan, spring is always secondary six year plan update time. So at the board's pleasure, I could come do a presentation in April for a planned public hearing in May, or if you'd rather, I can do a presentation the same night as a public hearing. We just need to have that secondary six-year plan finalized by your last meeting in May, so we can work out those dates. We are planning to hard surface Rixey Road and Chestnut Hill Loop. The environmental work is done on those, and we're gearing up to get started on those soon. Prim is in the out years of the plan. Although I think you'll see when we do the update that we're able to move that up, that first phase up a little bit from summer 2027.

Smart scale, we have the one project Intersection of 206 and 218, that intersection improvement project. We'll go to add this fall, the others are still in the out years. And the other project I'll draw your attention to is the scour repair on 301 over at Pine Hill Creek. That goes to add next month, in April, and that project will contain a southbound lane closure and I expect that lane will be closed probably from about August to December, and that's based on the project being bid and awarded and having an acceptable contractor. That's our schedule right now, but I do anticipate approximately a four-month lane closure while that repair is being done. That is everything on my report. I'm happy to take any questions you all may have.

1:10:56.4 Chairman: Thank you. Just to start about, I'd like you to be here twice. If you can do a presentation for the public hearing. I don't know what everyone else wants to do, or just have him come at once.

1:11:13.9 R. Granger: I would... I would agree. If you're available, he had to come beforehand, before the public hearing give people to speak to it, people opportunity to adjust it a little bit.

1:11:22.7 Chairman: Sure. Yeah, that would be great, thank you. Any other questions for Mr. Beale?

1:11:27.1 C. Binder: Mr. Chair, I just have one brief question. For Eden Estates, is that both sides of the road, or is it just one side?

1:11:37.8 D. Beale: I can give you all the routes...

1:11:39.6 C. Binder: I was just...

1:11:39.8 D. Beale: Eden Drive is not in the schedule. That's the one that goes to the way through, then there are routes on both sides of Eden Drive that are in the schedule, but there also a bunch of roads that are private that are not in the schedule.

1:12:00.6 C. Binder: I was just asking about Eden 'cause one side is in my district. So I just wanted to know. Thank you.

1:12:02.1 D. Beale: I'll shoot you an email with all the routes.

1:12:04.7 C. Binder: Cool.

1:12:07.1 Chairman: Anyone else with questions? I have a couple of questions. Scour repair? What is that?

1:12:18.8 D. Beale: So there's a box culvert under 301, and so that's a concrete four sides, and as the stream transitions from concrete to natural stream bed, it just churns and it digs a hole, and we call that scour. So that hole has gotten deep enough that it's time to be repaired before it jeopardizes the integrity of the structure, so we'll go in there and armor that stream bed so it doesn't scour.

1:12:51.1 Chairman: Okay, great, thanks. Another question is, do we really only have one crew that's doing tree work? A FEMA crew that you said that.

1:13:00.8 D. Beale: There's currently working on 218.

1:13:05.6 Chairman: So you guys, VDOT, you're not doing any of it?

1:13:07.4 D. Beale: No.

1:13:07.9 Chairman: It's just the FEMA designated or FEMA contracted contractors?

1:13:13.6 D. Beale: Correct.

1:13:14.3 Chairman: Okay, I was gonna say, I hadn't seen anybody yet so I wonder where they were but I just... Just to put it on your radar, base is back, 85% or something, I think, or...

1:13:29.2 R. Granger: The official policy is 60% on site for all employees.

1:13:33.9 Chairman: Then 31st...

1:13:34.1 R. Granger: At least. I'm sorry, say it again.

1:13:35.6 Chairman: The 31st of March, it's supposed to be...

1:13:39.6 R. Granger: No, that's the current policy that's set to go into... It went in place today. There is no other change beyond that that I'm aware of.

1:13:49.4 Chairman: Okay, base traffic was back... I was backed up going down there all the way up to... Back to 301 again this morning. And leaving again, it was all the way back. The area, especially down by the firehouse and stuff, there's a lot of trees and debris that's right on to the fog line or maybe even into the road, and I was concerned with base getting back into full gear, actually all of 206, especially down Culpepper Creek and the bottom of the hill there. That whole section going up and down the hill, there's still a lot right to the fog line and even extending a little bit out, just to give you the heads up on that.

1:14:29.4 D. Beale: We can... I'll have somebody ride that route. We've been asked to cut it back to make sure it's off the road, but we're letting a FEMA contractor pick it up, but we wanna try to mitigate any safety issues you have.

1:14:41.6 Chairman: Yeah, that's definitely in the road, and like I said, it's on to the fog line. There's some number of good trees and just with the increasing traffic on base, especially down by company two, and down by the rescue squad, there's a lot right there.

1:14:56.4 D. Beale: 301?

1:14:57.4 Chairman: 206, Dahlgren Road. So really, it's really almost from the area of Williams Creek up to Cleydael, that section is really bad, and then there's some other sections further west on Dahlgren road, so...

1:15:18.1 D. Beale: The district is managing this contract and we prioritize interstate and primary routes, and none of them are complete yet. I'm happy that we have one tree crew, I wish we had more. But it's King George and a little bit of Westmorland is a part that impacted our residency, but we're working to try to get it up. I think it's been estimated it's 400,000 cubic yards of debris, which I forget how many thousands of dump truckloads that is, but it's just... It's a big effort, and I did appreciate Mr. Miller's assistance working with the landfill. They agreed to accept the debris from within King George. I don't know if we've sent any there yet, but I appreciated the willingness and the cooperation to work together to get that up.

1:16:08.6 Chairman: Alright, thank you. I guess the price of mulch go down this year. I would like to see that. And what do you know about the weather coming up, are we done with all these storms?

1:16:19.9 D. Beale: I hope so.

1:16:20.4 Chairman: You've looked in your VDOT crystal ball? Okay, well, that...

1:16:23.9 D. Beale: Completely restocked the salt so we're ready to roll, but we're hoping it doesn't happen until next year.

1:16:30.6 Chairman: That's all I have. I thank you very much for coming out. And when you get set with Mr. Miller or whatever about for your presentation and all that, that'd be be great.

Hopefully we'll sell some more tickets for you.

1:16:43.4 D. Beale: Alright, thank you.

1:16:44.2 Chairman: Thanks. Mr. Miller, county administrator report?

1:16:56.9 C. Miller: Okay, at the last meeting you had all asked for an estimated cost to do a... So I'm gonna jump to item number three first. So at the last meeting, you all had asked for a update on what the cost would be to do a Resiliency Plan, a grant. We have reached out to a number of folks. The Berkeley Group is one that has obviously made themselves available for this, and the cost would be about \$40,000, so that would be a 25... Or a 10% match? No, not 10%. We would have to pay \$10,000 of that, so it'd be like a 75-25 deal, so the cost for the county would be 10,000 if you wanted to do this. We did look at the University of Virginia. They have offered their services as well. We looked into it further, and they're sending out emails to people and asking if they want to do that, and they will do some of the work, but the majority of the work falls back on the county in terms of preparing and finalizing and completing the grant. So I don't know that that's an option in terms of the timeframe, and one of the things that's really guiding this is we don't have a certified flood plain manager on staff, and that is required in terms of what you do, in terms of putting this grant together, so I think that's one of the overarching concerns, but you had asked for a cost and it would be \$10,000.

The other thing that, and I will get with Mr. Beale, we've identified the majority of the issues that we have for resiliency projects and are things that are on VDOT right away. Ditches, right off the line, coverts, that kind of stuff, right off of their roads. And so we have to be very careful about, obviously, if those are included in the plan, and then if you get a project, those are actually things that would not fall within the plan, and couldn't then therefore get some kind of a cost sharing with the state, so it becomes like a 50-50 grant at that point, so I think we just need to be very careful, and our staff will work with Mr. Beale on this in terms of if you want us to go forward, we still have time obviously, but the Berkeley Group has indicated that cost, roughly \$40,000. And we'd have to pay 10,000 of it, so...

I will keep going then, and you can ask me questions. I didn't know if somebody had a question. The Service Authority meeting, we... Going back up to the top. Service authority meeting, we talked about a joint work session with the service with the Board of Supervisors. We had proposed the idea of the meeting on the 15th, starting the Service Authority meeting early, but I think there were some conflicts, that that is spring break. And so some people wanted the flexibility of maybe not having an extra meeting, and so I think we need to look at another time. So if y'all want to let me know some thoughts, I was wanting to definitely work within your timeframe and what you're dealing with from a schedule standpoint of your consideration of budget proposals. And I think that we're meeting tomorrow night on Wednesdays, and it's my understanding that historically, you've always met on the Wednesdays. And so we can certainly keep that closed from a meeting standpoint so that we can allow you all to have your Wednesdays to do budget activity. So think of a time, let me know. It's not a critical item, but it is obviously based on the discussions that the Service Authority and you all have had regarding the idea of a merger. And so the next step in that process was to hold a joint meeting of the two boards and to have a discussion at that point. Okay, so update on the Service Authority, I guess that would be my update. Obviously, the Service Authority continues to deal with issues associated with Dahlgren Wastewater Plant, and also the Purkins Corner Wastewater Plant. I updated the Board of Directors at the earlier meeting regarding both. I can happily report that Dahlgren Wastewater Plant is returning to its normal operating status. The plant has pleased the efforts of our contractor Inboden, and the staff has well-pleased the DEQ

folks. And that's a quote, "well-pleased." So we're very excited about the work that has been done in getting that plant back in line. Perkins Corner, long-term issues there. It is a plan obviously the board has approved. The CIP, the Board of Directors had approved the CIP to decommission Perkins, so we are starting that process. That is a three-year process, and we will continue to operate the plant. And there have been some challenges, and as I updated the Board of Directors, we are working to address those challenges. And I do believe that I provided a copy of the email that I sent to the Board of Directors of the Service Authority to supervisor Granger, chairman Stonehill, and supervisor Collins to let them know as a courtesy of what's going on with that.

Update on the Ralph Bunche building. So Ms. Cupka did allude to that. We had applied for the grant that's gonna go towards the electrical work, and we have put a letter of intent in. And then it was to be like a 30-day to 45-day process until we heard from them if we got to go to the next level in that process. And so we're anticipating hearing something soon on that. I think Ms. Cupka characterized it accurately. We are working with an engineer on the roofing portion, dealing with the \$500,000 grant. I will tell you this that it's my understanding that there is a group that wants to do tours of the county and various attractions, and they have asked about the idea of having tour stop at the Ralph Bunche building. And our obvious concerns would be that the building is closed and the building's not in a condition that you would wanna have any tours going through. And also we would obviously want whatever tour stopped there to have them far enough off of 301 that no one could be impacted by the traffic that's on 301. I believe that they are gonna be working with our economic development tourism office on that, so exciting news for Ralph Bunche. Commonwealth budget updates.

I think Ms. Cupka, again, alluded to the wastewater budget opportunity that we have, and the fact that it's made its way in getting closer to fruition, so I think that's an outstanding achievement for this county if that ultimately comes about. I think that's good news. And much kudos to Ms. Cupka, and also to Senator Stuart for his assistance, and really kind of trying to push this forward to help a real shot in the arm for the Service Authority to deal with wastewater issues. And that is it. Yeah, that's it. I'll answer any questions if there are any.

1:26:02.1 Chairman: Do you have time on the resilience plan? If you can get with Mr. Beale and check with him on... Do those two, or... Do our plans and VDOT right-of-ways overlap? And get some more information on that and then get it to us later and...

1:26:19.4 C. Miller: Yes.

1:26:20.2 Chairman: Decision on that.

1:26:21.2 C. Miller: Oh, I think that that's an important point, because if VDOT through the state is having to do similar work, then those... That kind of removes some of those other areas that we've identified, that our staff is identified. So I will talk with Mr. Beale about that.

1:26:38.2 Chairman: Okay, and do we need... We have a supervisor's meeting on the 15th, right, so we were gonna do a meeting prior to that?

1:26:49.0 C. Miller: Well, we were, but I think that the Board of Directors or the Service Authority has said they need to kick it around, and so I think what I had asked is that they hold off on making a decision to kinda hear from you all. So if you guys tell me a date that's really off limits, then I'll do that. I will tell you this, that we've been asked for your budget meetings that the schools would like to come on the 23rd, because it's obviously spring break on the week of the 14th through the

18th, and so we reserved that day... That night for mostly school stuff. And that gives them then a week to do whatever they have to do based on your input and get it in by the 31st, so...

1:27:41.8 Chairman: Do we need a date now?

1:27:43.9 C. Miller: No, not necessarily, if you wanna... You just kinda... Everybody give it back to me later or give me some ideas when you'd wanna do it, you know, keeping in mind that you may be reserving your Wednesdays for budget prep. So...

1:28:00.5 Chairman: Okay. I'll get back to you on that.

1:28:03.9 C. Miller: Yeah.

1:28:05.0 Chairman: Any questions? Mr. Miller? Mr. Collins?

1:28:09.1 TC Collins: Yes. Mr. Miller, what was the date that they started hauling sewage from Perkins Corner to Dahlgren?

1:28:20.4 C. Miller: So they had to... And I updated the board of directors on this. They began hauling some of that out over the weekend, the past weekend, I guess it would have been the... I'm trying to think. It would have been on the weekend of President's Day week, so it would have been the 19th and the 20th. They had some issues that they had to begin hauling sludge out, that was... As I explained to the Board of Directors, the solid levels...

1:29:01.7 TC Collins: It's been answered. Mr. Chair? He answered the question.

1:29:10.3 C. Miller: Okay.

1:29:11.5 Chairman: Mr. Collins, can you let Mr. Miller finish please? And then you... When he's done...

1:29:14.4 TC Collins: Well I asked a question and I didn't want any more than the answer that I...

1:29:21.3 C. Miller: That's fine. The 19th and the 20th, and then they also hauled throughout the week of last week.

1:29:30.9 Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Collins?

1:29:31.0 TC Collins: Second question. What date did you send the email to the Board of Directors notifying them that that was occurring? Or any member of the Board of Supervisors?

1:29:45.6 C. Miller: So I sent that email and you also received that email on the Friday the 25th.

1:29:56.1 TC Collins: Thank you.

1:29:57.5 C. Miller: If I may answer that.

1:30:00.4 TC Collins: Go ahead.

1:30:01.8 C. Miller: So as I explained in the email and as you also received, there were issues of operations and there were issues of needing to get rid of waste so that we would not have issues of being out of compliance with the... With the Department of Environmental Quality, and so that was why they began doing that. They then did it throughout the week, because the levels of solids in that plant due to some operator miscalculations or inconsistencies or deficiencies of how they were performing, had the... The solid levels were as high as 8000, and you're supposed to operate a plant in the 3000 to 4000 range. So they had... They basically had dead sludge, dead waste that needed to get out of there, so that therefore you could begin the process of treating it in a more effective way. DQ is notified of everything that goes on there. We've had a discussion at the Board of Director's level. I believe that there was clarification from them about the level of input and operationally what they need... They want to know, in terms of these things.

I will submit that the Service Authority hauls from Perkins at least on a regular basis, one to two times a month. We also haul from other plants. We haul waste and that's wet waste, if you will, sludge waste. We haul it to Dahlgren and Dahlgren has a... Has a piece of equipment called a belt press, and you run it through, and it essentially then goes through what's called de-watering and that takes the water out of the sludge that then dries and then it's sent to the landfill. That goes on at Perkins corner regularly, and that goes on at all the other plants regularly, and the fact that it's being received at Dahlgren is actually a very good sign for Dahlgren because when we were in the middle of our crisis at Dahlgren and the challenges we faced, we stopped accepting waste because we knew that that would overrun that plant. So the operations and the activities of our contractor at Perkins most likely saved additional heartbreak, I guess, if you will, or concerns for the service authority, but I provided that update for the board of directors and I provided you a copy of the memo that I provided to them and that's my input.

1:33:10.8 Chairman: Thank you. Anyone else have questions? Mrs. Cupka?

1:33:11.3 A. Cupka: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I know that Mr. Miller, you put it back on us to get back to you later, but I actually would like this board to come up with two proposed dates for the joint work session with the service authority, because if we do this, if we don't give him two dates, then the service authority board is gonna meet again first before us on the 15th, and they won't know what the pleasure of this board is, and so if we can get two dates on paper then the service authority at their next meeting, at our next meeting can actually pick one and we can set a meeting. So in the interest of moving that process forward, I was looking at Tuesdays that we don't have regular meetings. And I do realize you said the 23rd was when Dr. Benson was coming for the school budget.

1:34:10.8 C. Miller: That is what he prefers, yes.

1:34:12.1 A. Cupka: So I was looking at either of the Tuesdays, the 22nd or the 29th of March.

1:34:18.6 Chairman: I think that makes sense. Would just to also maybe add on, I know that staff's recommendation was to hold it before the meeting, the regular schedule meetings, so I certainly don't mind putting those two fourth, but then a third, if we just wanna say, "Hey, if those don't work for the service authority, the 5th before the beginning of the service authority meeting as well just to have another option, if everyone else is amenable to that."

1:34:44.8 C. Miller: I can convey those options to the chair and let him direct this if that's okay.

1:34:54.1 Chairman: Mr. Collins, do you have something?

1:34:56.3 TC Collins: Did you say the 5th?

1:34:57.3 C. Miller: That would be April 5th, yes. That's your first meeting in April, yeah.

1:35:06.6 TC Collins: The 22nd or the 29th.

1:35:07.6 C. Miller: And you can tell me the time on the 22nd and the 29th, if you wanna do it at 6:00 or you wanna do it at 5:30, whatever.

1:35:17.1 R. Granger: I guess what the question would be what would be the earliest everyone could do, and then if the service authority's like, "Hey, if we said 5:30 and they're like, Well, we can't do it before 6:00," then that'd still be fine with me. So I guess, does everyone have an earliest time that they would be available?

1:35:34.3 Chairman: 5:30 either on the 22nd or 29th.

1:35:37.1 R. Granger: Yeah, I'm amendable to that.

1:35:41.3 C. Miller: That works for me.

1:35:41.8 Chairman: Thank you. Okay, thank you.

1:35:46.6 TC Collins: Mr. Chair which one is it?

1:35:48.8 Chairman: Well, either the 22nd or the 29th at 5:30. Those two dates available for you?

1:36:05.3 TC Collins: Yes.

1:36:07.8 Chairman: Okay, Mr. Miller, thank you. If you could get with the other board and find out which one of those two dates with Mr. Morris.

1:36:15.1 C. Miller: Yes, sir.

1:36:16.1 Chairman: Great, thank you. I think that's it and for upcoming pending appointments. Anybody have any appointments or anything?

1:36:25.1 C. Binder: Mr. Chair, I do have one for our workshop tomorrow for the budget committee. Would that be okay if I could make that one right now?

1:36:34.1 Chairman: Sure.

1:36:34.8 C. Binder: I just got confirmation from the person they can do it.

1:36:38.1 Chairman: Okay, great.

1:36:38.8 C. Binder: I would like to nominate Mr. Isaac Hughes to our Board of Supervisors Budget Committee.

1:36:45.3 R. Granger: Second.

1:36:46.8 Chairman: We have a motion properly seconded, all in favor?

1:36:48.5 C. Binder: Aye.

1:36:49.8 TC Collins: Aye.

1:36:50.1 A. Cupka: Aye.

1:36:50.3 R. Granger: Aye.

1:36:51.3 Chairman: Chair votes aye.

1:36:54.1 C. Binder: Thank you.

1:36:54.3 Chairman: Thank you.

1:36:57.6 TC Collins: I have three appointments please.

1:36:57.6 Chairman: Okay. Mr. Collins?

1:37:00.6 TC Collins: I'd like to appoint Ms. Buck to the parks and rec committee, Mr. Booth to the EDA committee and Ms. Thompson to the Citizen Advisory Committee for budget.

1:37:18.8 Chairman: Would you mind making a motion for each one individually?

1:37:19.3 TC Collins: I'd like to make a motion for Ms. Buck, be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

1:37:25.8 R. Granger: Second.

1:37:26.1 Chairman: All in favor?

1:37:26.3 C. Binder: Aye.

1:37:26.3 TC Collins: Aye.

1:37:26.8 A. Cupka: Aye.

1:37:27.5 R. Granger: Aye.

1:37:28.8 Chairman: Chair votes aye.

1:37:30.6 TC Collins: I'd like to make a motion to appoint Mr. Booth to the EDA.

1:37:35.8 R. Granger: Second.

1:37:37.3 Chairman: All in favor?

1:37:38.1 C. Binder: Aye.

1:37:38.3 TC Collins: Aye.

1:37:38.8 A. Cupka: Aye.

1:37:39.3 R. Granger: Aye.

1:37:39.8 Chairman: Chair votes aye.

1:37:42.3 TC Collins: I'd like to make an appointment to Ms. Thompson to the Budget Advisory Committee.

1:37:47.1 R. Granger: Second.

1:37:48.3 Chairman: All in favor?

1:37:48.8 C. Binder: Aye.

1:37:49.3 TC Collins: Aye.

1:37:49.6 A. Cupka: Aye.

1:37:50.1 R. Granger: Aye.

1:37:50.6 Chairman: Chair votes aye.

1:37:52.7 R. Granger: Can I just ask, I'm not sure if you know, but would you mind passing their contact information onto staff so they can reach out to them to make sure that they get on the meetings properly?

1:38:04.8 Chairman: Especially Mr. Thompson, and...

1:38:06.8 C. Miller: It's Ms Thompson.

1:38:08.8 Chairman: Oops, sorry.

1:38:08.8 C. Miller: And she's currently on, I believe, yes.

1:38:14.3 Chairman: And then Mr. Hayes, get his information so they can get contacted for tomorrow. Okay, great. If that's it, do we have a motion?

1:38:25.3 R. Granger: I move that the King George County Board of Supervisors convene

enclosed meeting to discuss the potential acquisition of real property for the purpose of Fire and Rescue facilities pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-371183 and 6. These provisions permit discussions concerning considerations of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect their bargaining position or negotiation strategy of the public body, and discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where if made public initially, the financial interests of the governmental unit would be adversely affected. I invite the county administrator, county attorney and fire chief because they are deemed necessary and/or their presence will reasonably aid the board in its consideration of topics to be discussed pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712F.

1:39:19.3 A. Cupka: Second.

1:39:20.4 Chairman: All those in favor?

1:39:21.7 C. Binder: Aye.

1:39:22.4 TC Collins: Aye.

1:39:23.3 A. Cupka: Aye.

1:39:23.6 R. Granger: Aye.

1:39:25.8 Chairman: Chair votes aye. We're in closed session.

[Pause]

1:39:26.0 R. Granger: I move that the King George County Board of Supervisors return to public meeting and certify by vote that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion, convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered during the closed meeting.

1:39:37.6 C. Binder: Second.

1:39:38.4 Chairman: We have a motion properly second. Can we certify by vote please?

1:39:43.8 C. Binder: So certify.

1:39:44.2 R. Granger: So certify.

1:39:45.8 A. Cupka: So certify.

1:39:46.1 TC Collins: So certify.

1:39:46.4 Chairman: Chair so certifies. We are back in session. Do we have a motion?

1:39:50.2 R. Granger: I move to adjourn until Wednesday, March 2nd, at 5:30 PM in the Board Room.

1:39:58.3 C. Binder: Second.

1:40:02.7 Chairman: All in favor.?

1:40:05.2 C. Binder: Aye.

1:40:06.5 A. Cupka: Aye.

1:40:06.9 TC Collins: Aye.

1:40:07.4 R. Granger: Aye.

1:40:08.7 Chairman: Chair votes aye. We are adjourned