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King George Board of Supervisors &
Service Authority Board of Directors
Tuesday, January 06 , 2026, at 5:30 p.m.



Roll Call

Board of Supervisors	David Sullins, Chair William Davis, Vice Chair Cathy Binder Bryan Metts Kenneth Stroud
Board of Directors	Cathy Binder, Chair Lee Rowbotham, Vice Chair William Davis Bryan Metts David Sullins
Administration	Matthew Smolnik, County Administrator Dan Hamilton P.E., General Manager Richard Stuart Sr., County Attorney
Staff	Lavita Cobb, Director of Finance and Procurement; LaVern Dillard, Supervisor; Jaci Fish, Director of Administrative Services; Amy Southall, Director of Community Engagement

Call to Order

0:00:00.1 Matthew Smolnik: I call the meeting to order on January 6, 2026. Annual Organizational Meeting of the King George County Board of Supervisors. This meeting is being held in accordance with the board's bylaws and rules of procedure. And the applicable provisions of the Code of Virginia. Pursuant to the board's adopted bylaws, the annual meeting is defined as the first meeting of the calendar year. And the county administrator is authorized to preside during the meeting pending the election of the chair. I'll start with a quorum.

Quorum

Matthew Smolnik : Ms. Binder?

Cathy Binder: Here

Matthew Smolnik : Mr. Davis?

0:00:27.1 William Davis: Here.

0:00:27.7 Matthew Smolnik: Mr. Metts?

0:00:29.3 Bryan Metts: Here.

0:00:29.8 Matthew Smolnik: Mr. Sullins?

0:00:30.7 David Sullins: Here.

0:00:31.3 Matthew Smolnik: Mr. Stroud?

0:00:33.0 Kenneth Stroud: Here.

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0:00:33.1 Matthew Smolnik: You have a quorum. So, since a quorum is present, the board is authorized to conduct official business. At this time, we'll begin with an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation, Pledge & Public Comment

0:00:44.8 Cathy Binder: Please rise. Please Lord, bless our meeting, bless the county, bless the country, bless the world. And especially bless all those who are seated here and those on the board. We have a challenging year ahead. And bless us all to make the best decisions for the county's residents. Amen.

0:01:09.9 ALL: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

0:01:25.2 Matthew Smolnik: The purpose of the annual organization meeting is to complete the board's required organizational actions for the calendar year of 2026. These actions include the election of the board chair and vice chair, the establishment of the regular meeting schedule, and consideration of the board's bylaws and code of ethics. In accordance with the board's bylaws, the next order of business is the election of the Board of Supervisors chair for a term of one year. I will now open the floor for nominations for the chair.

Nomination of Chair

0:01:53.5 Kenneth Stroud: Yes, sir. I want to nominate supervisor Sullins for the chair position, please.

0:02:00.4 William Davis: Second.

0:02:01.8 Matthew Smolnik: Are there any further nominations? Hearing none, the floor is closed for nominations. And then... We need to take a roll-call vote on the nomination of Mr. Sullins as chair for 2026. Ms. Binder?

0:02:23.1 Cathy Binder: Aye.

0:02:23.6 Matthew Smolnik: Mr. Davis?

0:02:24.4 William Davis: Aye.

0:02:24.8 Matthew Smolnik: Mr. Metts?

0:02:25.7 Bryan Metts: Aye.

0:02:26.1 Matthew Smolnik: Mr. Sullins?

0:02:27.2 David Sullins: Aye.

0:02:28.1 Matthew Smolnik: Mr. Stroud?

0:02:29.0 Kenneth Stroud: Aye.

0:02:30.0 Matthew Smolnik: Congratulations, Mr. Sullins. I've got a gavel. Congratulations.

0:02:52.8 Kenneth Stroud: Mr. Chair, Mr. Chair, I'd like to be recognized.

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0:03:00.9 **David Sullins:** Thank you.

Vice Chair

0:03:02.4 **Kenneth Stroud:** I'd like to nominate supervisor Davis as vice chair.

0:03:07.6 **David Sullins:** Do I have a second?

0:03:11.7 **Bryan Metts:** I'll second.

0:03:13.6 **David Sullins:** Do we have any other nominations?

0:03:14.9 **Cathy Binder:** I would like to nominate myself as vice chair.

0:03:23.1 **David Sullins:** Second. Can I second? I can't, can I?

0:03:28.8 **David Sullins:** Are there any further nominations? Hearing none, the floor is closed for nominations. Is there a motion to elect somebody as vice chair?

0:03:53.7 **Kenneth Stroud:** I make a motion that we elect Supervisor Davis as vice chair.

0:04:02.0 **David Sullins:** We have a motion. Do we have a second?

0:04:05.1 **William Davis:** I second that. Second...

0:04:21.0 **Richard Stuart:** I'm sorry. We were having a discussion. Mr. Chairman, I think you've had two nominations, and I think all you have to do is call for the vote on each person. You can start with whomever you'd like. There were two people nominated.

0:04:35.0 **Kenneth Stroud:** You only have one vice chair.

0:04:36.9 **Richard Stuart:** You don't have to have a second for nominations for chair or vice chair.

0:04:40.2 **David Sullins:**

0:04:40.7 **Richard Stuart:** You can call whichever order you like.

0:04:42.7 **David Sullins:** We'll go in the order they were nominated. So we'll start with... We'll conduct a roll-call vote for Mr. Davis. Ms. Binder?

0:04:51.9 **Cathy Binder:** Say nay since I've nominated myself.

0:04:56.2 **David Sullins:** Fair enough, Mr. Davis?

0:04:58.1 **William Davis:** Aye.

0:05:00.1 **David Sullins:** Mr. Metts?

0:05:01.5 **Bryan Metts:** I didn't realize who all was interested. I'm going to go nay.

0:05:05.3 **David Sullins:** Mr. Stroud.

0:05:06.4 **Kenneth Stroud:** Aye.

0:05:09.9 **David Sullins:** What do we have? Two, two?

0:05:11.6 **Bryan Metts:** Two, two.

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0:05:11.7 William Davis: Vote.

0:05:11.8 David Sullins: Great.

0:05:16.0 William Davis: You wanted to be chair.

0:05:19.1 David Sullins: Chair votes aye. Motion carries.

0:05:26.5 Kenneth Stroud: Congratulations, Mr. Davis.

0:05:28.5 David Sullins: We have to do the musical chairs now. By vote of the board, Mr. Bill Davis is elected vice chair of the King George County Board of Supervisors for the 2026 calendar year. Congratulations. We've played our musical chairs, and I will say that you leave a big chair to fill. But I like my baby chair, so we're not going to switch out. My legs actually touch the ground when I sit in the smaller one. With the organizational meeting continuing, we will now proceed to the remaining agenda items. Beginning with the establishment of the board's regular meeting schedule for 2026.

0:06:33.2 Richard Stuart: Mr. Chairman, you can take up wherever you like, but Mr. Smolnik skipped amendments and public comment. I don't know if you want to go back to that or stay with appointments.

0:06:47.7 David Sullins: We're going to start at the top. So we did skip public comment. We will open public comment.

0:06:54.7 William Davis: Any amendments to the agenda?

0:06:56.3 David Sullins: Thank you. Are there any amendments to the agenda for tonight? Hearing none, I'll open the floor to public comment. Public comment will be limited to 3 minutes per person to ensure everyone has an opportunity to speak. Please provide your full name and district when submitting your public comment so that it can be properly included in the public record. Do we have anybody who would like to make a public comment? For the sign-up here, I've got Pastor Davis.

Public Comment

0:07:27.9 Pastor Davis: Thank you and congratulations. Congratulations to Bryan Metts for being elected. I didn't vote for him, but in his district. In fact, I did everything I could to keep him getting elected, but he's here. And so, anyway, congratulations, and we'll pray for you as we can... From a Davis to Pastor Davis, I forgot to say that. The word "world" is used in three different ways in the Bible. It's used where God created the world, the heavens, and the earth, and all the territory, all the real estate belongs to God. It's used in John 3:16, where the Bible says, for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son. That means he loves people. So the world is used by people. In 1st John 2, the Bible says, " Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life is not of the Father, but of the world. And the world perisheth. And so it's not talking about just the real estate. It's about the theories and philosophies at work in the world. That's just one in our world. This world, well, it's the ungodly worldly lust, as the Bible says. And the world, as the ungodly, can express the lust and the lostness and all that the world tries to put out. God says not to love that world. That world is a system organized by men who don't care what God says. For example, there are people in the worldly philosophy tonight who would not like for the Bible to be read in the

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meeting. They would like the prayer to be said during the meeting. They wouldn't want prayer or the Bible in school. It's a worldly system. And they would rather have children committing abortions and killing babies and all that, the world, that is the world system that's against God. And so our systems are designed by sinners and sinful men. And so the point here is all about who has the right to rule over us, who has the right to rule over man, God, or our own philosophies, or what we come up with? And so we want to encourage you, board, tonight to continue praying. Continue to let people voice their opinions, of course. And of course, stay on track. I love King George County. Been here going on 50 years. And rejoice in what God is doing. I like rural counties; I always vote for conservative people. And that's just my preference. But anyway, we will appreciate you. Love you. And I'm here for you if you need me. God bless you. Thank you.

0:10:36.1 David Sullins: Thank you, sir. Pastor Shaw.

0:10:43.5 James Shaw: James Shaw, James Monroe District, columnist for the Northern Neck Sentinel, citizen journalist KGMedia.top, not speaking tonight as a member of the EDA new hat 2026 Happy New Year. Welcome, Bryan. As a James Monroe District resident, I have already had the opportunity to get some information from him regarding the service authority and county debt. Thanks for your help. Results of that study are forthcoming and should include a consolidated payment schedule and the ongoing interest rate. The peculiar thing is that some of these notes were set up with a variable and increasing interest rates. Very small, but you know, when you're doing spreadsheets, that affects things. And so it adds a fun layer of complexity to presenting a friendly report or graph to consumers or taxpayers. Now I know why this information has not yet been published. It's fallen on me. I'll do my best. Taxpayers basically want to know four things. One, what did we pay for? A building, accumulating fines, pipes underground, or whatever? What's the interest rate? Is that rate less than the money we have on hand for cash flow and unplanned emergencies? That is invested in Richmond. When do we pay it off? Last payment is around March 1st of 2035. Just over nine months, 3,341 days from now. What's the current balance? Are the user fees being collected? Keeping up with the payment schedule? Because you have variable rates and all that fun stuff. Not ready to put those numbers available, give me a few more weeks. God bless the King George Renaissance, where the debt gets lower, and the payoff date gets closer. Thank you.

0:12:56.0 David Sullins: Thank you, sir. Is there anybody else in the audience who would like to make a public comment at this time? Mr. Dines, do you have anybody online?

0:13:07.5 Mr. Dines: No, Mr. Chairman.

0:13:08.8 David Sullins: Thank you, sir. Did anybody receive any correspondence? Ms. Bonnie, have you heard from Ms. Lovell? Okay, good. Is she okay? It's not like her to not show up. Just making sure. , a good deal. , so we'll move on. We'll close public comment at this time and move on to the following item on the agenda: the appointment of the clerk.

Appointment of Clerk

0:13:39.7 Cathy Binder: I'll make a motion to nominate Mr. Matt Smolnik.

0:13:48.8 William Davis: Second.

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0:13:51.5 David Sullins: We have a motion on the floor. Properly seconded. Do we have any discussion? Roll call vote. Ms. Binder?

0:13:58.8 Cathy Binder: Aye.

0:14:00.5 David Sullins: Mr. Metts?

0:14:00.6 Bryan Metts: Aye.

0:14:01.1 David Sullins: Mr. Davis?

0:14:01.9 William Davis: Aye.

0:14:03.7 David Sullins: Chair votes aye, motion carries. Congratulations, Mr. Smolnik. One more task on your list. With the review of the adoption bylaw, standards of conduct, and code of ethics, starting with the adoption or amendment of the 2026 King George County Board of Supervisors bylaws. Are there any changes that people would like to bring forward?

Review of the adoption bylaw, standards of conduct , and code of ethics

0:14:31.2 Cathy Binder: I had a couple of changes that I want to consider. One thing I know we were going to discuss later, maybe the meeting dates. So do we need to wait to adopt them until we decide on the meeting dates? That was my one question. And then I'll wait to... I know there's going to be some discussion about meeting dates, so. The next one I was going to bring up is for public comment. I know we have some citizens who sometimes feel three minutes is a little less than, and we give them a little extra time. So maybe if we moved it to four minutes, that would allow that. So we could just cut them off at four minutes, and make sure citizens get priority over outside residents.

0:15:21.3 David Sullins: Is that a motion or?

0:15:22.8 Cathy Binder: I'm just throwing out for consideration on that one. And if it's no, then everybody gets three minutes, and it needs to stay uniform.

0:15:37.2 Kenneth Stroud: I don't necessarily agree with that. I think that we keep it at three minutes. And if, for some reason, the chair decides that somebody needs more time, then it's his discretion at that point.

0:15:50.2 David Sullins: Only issue with that is we need to be even-handed across the board. We have extended in the past, but when we do so, we've done so for all parties.

0:16:02.6 Kenneth Stroud: Well, the thing is, whenever it's been extended, whether it was in public comment or whenever it was a... Whenever we had a town hall, we definitely went, but I know there were times when it went over. I'll tell you what: I think we might have a second public comment. So keep it at three minutes, and if they have more to say, then come back at the second public comment.

0:16:41.5 David Sullins: We've seen people be creative in the past where they'll bring someone with them, whether it be a spouse, a friend, or whatever, and extend it out through that means. But that's an observation on my part. What's the will of the board on this?

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0:16:56.4 Bryan Metts: Well, I was going to say, Mr. Chair, as probably the most recent one to use those three minutes, it does make you prepare ahead of time and get your essential parts across very quickly. We do have the second comment period. I think three minutes makes people think about what they're going to say, what the most critical points are to make. And if it is a big, contentious topic, work with others so they can continue a thought across multiple meetings, which gets more people out here to the meetings as well.

0:17:29.2 Cathy Binder: Mr. Chair, why I brought that up is talking to people. Some people are uncomfortable speaking, and they... Even though they wish they could be concise in three minutes, they get nervous, and they stumble. And I don't want to restrict people's ability to speak. And feel like they have to rush, which makes them nervous. Somebody who has anxiety or, you know, but that's all I was bringing it up for.

0:17:51.2 David Sullins: Mr. Davis, were you going to say something?

0:17:51.8 William Davis: Sure. When we did it before, it was, you know, if we added 30 seconds, we kept it uniform, so everyone got a little extra if they had more to say. It's not like you're going to give one more time than the other. I think it... A meeting like tonight with a handful of people, four minutes is no big deal. But when you have like 20, 30 people, you start tacking on minutes and stuff, and it can sometimes turn into rambling. I would say leave it at three. And I'd make... I want to make a motion, chair, to accept the bylaws as presented.

0:18:28.2 Kenneth Stroud: Second.

0:18:30.8 David Sullins: We got a motion on the floor properly seconded. Do we have any discussion?

0:18:32.8 Cathy Binder: Yes. I want to bring up, and this goes back to when I joined the board, whether I agreed with the person who put it in. I thought it was a good policy that the chair should rotate between districts. And the reason I bring that up is, again, every district is represented once, at least with what everybody's interested in on the agenda for that district. And I would like to bring that up again. I know it'll probably be voted down, but I just wanted to put it out there.

0:19:04.0 David Sullins: So is that a motion?

0:19:05.0 Cathy Binder: That is a motion. We did it from 2016 to 2024.

0:19:10.9 David Sullins: Okay, so we have a second...

0:19:12.4 Bryan Metts: Is that an amendment to the existing motion?

0:19:15.2 Cathy Binder: I want to make that in the bylaws. I didn't get to finish. There was a motion made. I would at least like that part of the discussion.

0:19:23.9 William Davis: I would object to that.

0:19:28.8 Bryan Metts: I would support having the chair rotate.

0:19:33.3 David Sullins: So, right now, we're still discussing the first motion. The first motion was to accept the bylaws as presented. We're talking about that. And Ms. Binder would like a modification to the bylaws, so.

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0:19:46.5 Richard Stuart: She's asking for an amendment. There was a second to that. So you would call for a vote on the amendment first, then go back to the original motion.

0:19:54.6 David Sullins: Any discussion on the amendment?

0:19:58.0 Bryan Metts: I'll second the motion for the amendment.

0:20:00.9 Kenneth Stroud: There's a discussion because supervisor Metts said that he supports it rotating, but it doesn't rotate. It already rotates between now; it's just whenever you add in, as we have right now, the At-Large who represents all the districts. We're just including the At-Large in the rotation, so. But it does rotate, Mr. Metts.

0:20:23.4 Cathy Binder: That is incorrect.

0:20:26.3 Bryan Metts: I'm reading the bylaws right now. I cannot find the word rotate anywhere in the bylaws.

0:20:31.1 David Sullins: I think what they're shooting for is not the fact that it changes, but it's a chronological thing where it goes district to district to district. And we don't vote on it, we don't discuss it, it just moves along from year to year. Is that correct?

0:20:44.0 Cathy Binder: What I'm trying to say, and maybe I didn't state it right, is... And I will give Ms. Bravo credit; she was the one who came up with this. Is that there was a set like it was At-Large? I don't remember the exact order at this point, but there was an order. It was Shiloh, At-Large. I think it was then James Madison, then Dahlgren, then James Monroe, and it rotated so that every district was represented. It was a gentleman's agreement. It was not in the bylaws. I am just asking for it to be put in the bylaws. And that is why, Mr. Stroud, I said I disagreed with you because, yes, it does rotate, but it does not rotate at this moment between the districts.

0:21:24.7 William Davis: Mr. Chair.

0:21:26.0 David Sullins: Mr. Davis.

0:21:27.8 William Davis: I don't necessarily think that... I mean, why vote on it if it's something that's going to rotate? I believe that if you can't win the respect of your peers to vote for you, it goes a long way to having something given to somebody just because they're in that seat. You do your job well, you earn respect as a leader, you handle yourself well, you lead yourself, and you get voted as chair. I don't even think it should rotate every year. You don't change CEOs of companies every year. You don't change presidents every year. If someone does a good job, I don't care if it takes a year, two years, or three years. The guy in Westmoreland goes for 20 years. That doesn't bother me. If someone's doing a good job, then they should stay in there, just like Mrs. Binder, the service authority chair for two years, because she's doing a great job at that. So I'm not for an automatic rotation where everyone gets a turn. I think it's about respect, and it's like you earn it just like everything else.

0:22:23.8 Kenneth Stroud: Concur.

0:22:25.6 David Sullins: Any other discussion? All those in favor say aye.

0:22:32.8 Cathy Binder: It's my motion. First, I want to clarify. For the first one, I say aye.

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0:22:38.0 **Bryan Metts:** Aye.

0:22:39.9 **William Davis:** Nay.

0:22:40.3 **Kenneth Stroud:** Nay.

0:22:42.1 **David Sullins:** Aye. So chair votes aye. Motion carries. Correct?

0:22:47.5 **Bryan Metts:** The amendment.

0:22:48.4 **David Sullins:** The amendment to the motion carries. Now, back to the original motion, I'm assuming the rest of the bylaws are accepted as presented?

0:23:00.8 **Kenneth Stroud:** So...

0:23:03.3 **William Davis:** You just voted to rotate the chair by district.

0:23:07.2 **David Sullins:** I know.

0:23:12.8 **Kenneth Stroud:** That opens up a whole new can of worms, so. I'll leave that can of worms right now. It's going to come up, but now you have to figure out the sequence for that. What the rotation is going to be. Is it going to be alphabetical? Is it going to be by name? Is it going to be by height or what? So.

0:23:41.5 **David Sullins:** I understand. But we're relatively smart people. I think we can figure that one out.

0:23:44.3 **Kenneth Stroud:** We were smart enough to figure it out before having it in writing.

0:23:47.6 **David Sullins:** I got you, back to the original motion.

0:23:56.9 **Cathy Binder:** I have no problem with the original. I just clarified. Do we need to have the actual meeting dates before we adopt the bylaws?

0:24:04.8 **David Sullins:** So, can we table that until we get back to the meeting dates? , so we're going to table that for now. We'll come back to it at the end once we've established the dates. Item 0105: Adopt or amend the 2026 Standards of Conduct.

0:24:27.3 **Cathy Binder:** Mr. Chair, I only had one question, and I brought this up last year. Should the Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct be the same document? Or do they need to be separate documents? Because they kind of repeat stuff. I think I mentioned it to you, Mr. Stuart, last year.

0:24:45.6 **Richard Stuart:** Mr. Chairman, I think they're all in this one. Am I wrong about that, Jack? I think you did that already in this document. I'll go through it. But I think they were all in this.

0:24:56.6 **Cathy Binder:** Because there are two separate documents. The 2018 code of ethics, and there's the 20... I forget when the standards of conduct were, and they kind of overlap; do they need to be separate documents?

0:25:13.9 **Richard Stuart:** I'm not sure there's a significant difference. If they are one document, there would be three subdivisions. If it were three documents, they'd be three. I'm not... It can all be one document with three subdivisions. It can be three separate documents. It's whatever you all prefer as a

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board; it's the words in those documents that matter, as such, I guess, is what... If I'm answering your question.

0:25:39.8 Cathy Binder: No, I'm just looking at when I used to coach. You have all these rules. You have to live by all the rules. If you can succinctly put it into one document that's not 5,500 pages, it's easier to follow all the rules than to remember them all.

0:25:53.5 Richard Stuart: It's something you all need me to do with it, I'm happy to do it, if there's some direction you want to give me about this.

0:26:01.1 David Sullins: I'm okay with it being two documents. I mean, there's a great deal of overlap, almost like 90, 95%.

0:26:09.8 Cathy Binder: I'm okay with it. I bring it up because I did last year. I was bringing it up again.

0:26:14.0 David Sullins: They're not contradictory, I know that.

0:26:18.4 Richard Stuart : I'm happy to reform it, revise it, whatever you all want me to do.

0:26:22.5 Cathy Binder: How about this, to make it non-controversial, I'll make a motion to accept the, I guess it's called the 2020... 2018 Code of Ethics. And the... Did I get the names right? And the Standards of Conduct. I don't think there was a year on that.

0:26:37.2 Richard Stuart: As presented.

0:26:39.3 Cathy Binder: As presented.

0:26:43.5 Kenneth Stroud: Second.

0:26:43.7 David Sullins: And your motion is to accept both of them?

0:26:46.6 Kenneth Stroud: Second.

0:26:46.7 David Sullins: The motion is seconded correctly. Do we have any further discussion? Ms. Binder?

0:26:52.0 Cathy Binder: Aye.

0:26:53.2 David Sullins: Mr. Metts?

0:26:54.1 Bryan Metts: Aye.

0:26:54.5 David Sullins: Mr. Davis?

0:27:00.4 Kenneth Stroud: Aye.

0:27:00.5 David Sullins: I'm sorry. Mr. Davis?

0:27:00.7 William Davis: Aye.

0:27:01.5 David Sullins: Chair votes aye. Motion carries. Establishment of meeting schedule for the calendar year 2026, item number 0107, establishment of the day of the week. There were three options out there. I don't know if you can bring those up. One option was a status quo meeting on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, starting at 5:30 PM. The other one was for only one meeting a month,

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on the first Tuesday. The other was for one meeting a month on the third Tuesday. Do we have any discussion on these three?

0:27:55.7 Kenneth Stroud: I don't know how we would accomplish everything in one meeting.

0:28:00.4 David Sullins: I don't think so either. Some of our meetings, even though they're twice a month, go really, really late.

0:28:03.6 Kenneth Stroud: **Especially** if you had a public hearing. That would really limit public hearings, too.

0:28:09.5 David Sullins: And we have warrants every two weeks as well, so.

0:28:12.4 Kenneth Stroud: Yes, I mean, you know, that's... It'd be nice, but I don't think it's feasible.

0:28:21.7 David Sullins: What do you guys think?

0:28:23.0 Bryan Metts: Just thinking, if we keep the service authority together with it, I think we have to do two nights. I don't think you get through the agenda topics without... And you, as chair, can always keep it very short if needed.

0:28:39.4 David Sullins: Do we have a motion?

0:28:42.1 Cathy Binder: I'll make a motion to establish schedule option number one for our Board of Supervisors calendar year 2026 as presented.

0:28:50.8 David Sullins:

0:28:53.9 Mr. Smolnik: Mr. Chairman, under option one, I want to draw your attention to November 3, 2026. November 3 is election day. So, if the board wants, you can choose right now between November 2nd and 4th, or we can do that later in the year. I want to, you know, bring that to your attention.

0:29:10.4 William Davis: We usually do it the day before.

0:29:12.7 Cathy Binder: I can remake my motion. I will make a motion to establish the meeting schedule for calendar year 2026 as option one, with one change. November 3rd now changed to November 2nd because of the election.

0:29:27.3 David Sullins: We have a motion properly on the floor. We have a second?

0:29:32.5 Bryan Metts: I'll second that.

0:29:33.8 David Sullins: Motion properly seconded. Any further conversation? Seeing none, we'll take a vote. Ms. Binder?

0:29:42.8 Cathy Binder: Aye.

0:29:43.4 David Sullins: Mr. Metts?

0:29:44.6 Bryan Metts: Aye.

0:29:44.7 David Sullins: Mr. Stroud?

0:29:45.5 Kenneth Stroud: Aye.

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0:29:46.1 **David Sullins:** Mr. Davis?

0:29:46.9 **William Davis:** Aye.

0:29:47.3 **David Sullins:** Chair votes aye. Motion carries. Item 0108, establishment of location. Right now they're... The meetings are in the Board Room of the Revercomb building, located at 10456 Courthouse Drive, King George, Virginia. Except when the boardroom is being used for other purposes, such as the election. Are there any thoughts or discussion on this?

0:30:20.5 **Cathy Binder:** I'll make a motion to accept the Revercomb Building as the central location for our meetings, except when it needs to be changed due to unforeseen circumstances like elections.

0:30:33.6 **David Sullins:** Do we have a second?

0:30:34.4 **Bryan Metts:** Second.

0:30:35.4 **David Sullins:** Mr. Stroud?

0:30:38.0 **Kenneth Stroud:** Aye.

0:30:38.6 **David Sullins:** Mr. Metts.

0:30:40.4 **Bryan Metts:** Aye.

0:30:40.8 **David Sullins:** Ms. Binder?

0:30:41.5 **Cathy Binder:** Aye.

0:30:41.9 **David Sullins:** Mr. Davis?

0:30:42.8 **William Davis:** Aye.

0:30:43.3 **David Sullins:** Chair votes aye. Motion carries. And the establishment of time. For the last couple of years, the meetings have started at 5:30 PM on the scheduled evenings. Do we have any discussion on that?

0:31:02.4 **Kenneth Stroud:** Mr. Chair?

0:31:03.6 **Matthew Smolnik:** Mr. Stroud.

0:31:07.5 **Kenneth Stroud:** Go ahead, sir.

0:31:09.4 **Matthew Smolnik:** Thank you. One thing I know, we have... There's been some discussion here, and we've moved up some public hearings in the last calendar year. We went through the agenda and public hearings. I believe they can start at 9:30 at night, you know, so there was some discussion, and it was put on the table. We can keep it as it is and, you know, roll through it. And whenever we get to it, we get to it. Or do we establish a set time for public hearings? So [0:31:35.7] ____ knows I need to be there at 6:25 or 6:30 for the public hearing and get their crew there at 6:30. That would also dictate when we do the advertisements. You know, the specific time of the public hearing will be announced in the ad. So just something for discussion. I know we made a couple of amendments last calendar year due to some lengthy meetings.

0:31:57.0 **Matthew Smolnik:** Thank you, Mr. Stroud.

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0:32:01.5 David Sullins: Any other thoughts?

0:32:04.8 Bryan Metts: I guess, really more of a question. Doesn't the chairman have the ability to work with you, Matt, and set the agenda on any given... I mean, I know there's a template for the agenda, but... I guess you had to vote for it. I'm curious how this would work if we have two public hearings on the same night. You really can't predict how long that first public hearing will go.

0:32:31.4 David Sullins: I think the concern is, traditionally we start the board of... We start the meeting, then we kick it off with the Board of Directors. Sometimes that meeting, in and of itself, goes a little long. I think what Mr. Smolnik is looking for is that we start the meeting, we get the public hearings up front, and then we... When that's complete, then we kick it off with the Board of Directors. Does that work? And then we finish up with the Board of Supervisors? Is that what you're asking?

0:32:57.3 Matthew Smolnik: Yes. You know, I think, to answer Mr. Metts' question first, if there are two public hearings, whenever we advertise them, we could say, "Public hearings will start at 6:30, and they will be in this order." So we give the public a specific time when they start. If there are three that night, they will begin at, say, 6:30, in this particular order.

0:33:20.7 David Sullins: I might have meant that to say at or around 6:30, because if whatever's happening, but starting from 5:30 to 6:30, if it goes a few minutes long...

0:33:31.5 Matthew Smolnik: That's right.

0:33:34.1 Kenneth Stroud: The challenge with that is the sequencing that we have. We will need to address that also whenever we're going through the bylaws, because the sequence is in the bylaws, and public presentations are down the list, so. The other thing, if we're looking at that, you know, I would like to move up any... The meetings where we have to have county employees at... Try to get those... Get the county employees out as early as possible. I mean, if we're going to look at that... And it's something that, you know, I mean, we've tried to do that in the past. I know last year, whenever possible, Chairman Davis wanted to move them to get them out. But even, you know, more so when we can try to get them out. Because sometimes they're here way too late, IT is stuck here. But sometimes we have people here way too late, and then we expect them to work the next day, which makes it challenging.

0:34:42.2 David Sullins: I think we can handle that on a meeting-by-meeting basis. I don't necessarily think we need to codify that, because it's going to get really complicated, really fast. But I do appreciate, you know, trying to consider the employees.

0:34:54.3 William Davis: Talking about changing the time if we have to have them here?

0:34:57.4 David Sullins: Yes.

0:34:57.5 William Davis: What we need to do is make sure those events where they're going to be speaking are higher up on the agenda. Get them done early.

0:35:03.6 David Sullins: That's why I say handle it on a meeting-by-meeting basis. Get them up front... Go ahead.

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0:35:08.4 Kenneth Stroud: Well, that's what I was trying to say. But the thing is, we have the agenda set right now. We have all this spelled out in the bylaws. So it makes it challenging either way: if we don't go by the bylaws and remove it from the bylaws, or if we let the chairman set it for each meeting, you know.

0:35:31.9 William Davis: He does.

0:35:32.4 David Sullins: He does...

0:35:38.0 Bryan Metts: What if... I know we're trying to get through this procedure, but we can change the bylaws at any point during the year. We always have to approve it here. But I think you're talking about moving item 12. So echo 12 page... I don't even know what page this is. Two?

0:36:00.3 Cathy Binder: Yes. Three, it would be.

0:36:00.8 Bryan Metts: Two and three kind of overruns it, moving item 12 up to something like three or four. I don't know what that would cause. There may be other repercussions to that. I think Matt can work through that. If you could bring us back a proposal, it would be a good idea to make it permanent.

0:36:19.1 Cathy Binder: Mr. Chair, the only thing then, if we did that, is to make sure, number eight, because we talked about the employees, number eight, to make sure that it's in front of the public hearing, because constitutional officers, they have to present, they might not have anything. But...

0:36:35.1 Richard Stuart: Mr. Chairman, too, just so... I know you all probably know this, you can always amend the existing agenda, regardless of what the order of business and the bylaw says at a particular meeting, if you choose, the chairman always can bring things up early on the agenda if they so choose. So if you leave it, you can move it up or you can, whatever. You have great latitude and flexibility.

0:37:03.0 David Sullins: Okay, sounds good.

0:37:05.0 Kenneth Stroud: And this all started because of trying to set... To tell when the public hearings were going to go at a set time. So basically, in the end, we're just leaving it the way it is and dealing with it as it comes.

0:37:22.3 Matthew Smolnik: I think that's probably the cleanest way. Yes, sir.

0:37:26.6 David Sullins: Yes, we are. So, back to the original question at hand. What time do we want to start our meetings?

0:37:33.2 Cathy Binder: I would assume 5:30 as always.

0:37:36.4 William Davis: I would say stay at 5:30.

0:37:38.3 David Sullins: Okay, we have a motion.

0:37:40.4 Bryan Metts: Is that a second?

0:37:40.8 Cathy Binder: I'll make a motion to have our meetings held at 5:30 PM in the boardroom for 2026.

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0:37:47.6 William Davis : Second.

0:37:48.6 David Sullins: Motion properly seconded. Any further discussion? Please no.

0:37:53.4 Cathy Binder: Aye. Well, you didn't get to me yet, but...

0:37:55.2 Bryan Metts: Aye.

0:37:56.1 David Sullins: Mr. Stroud?

0:37:56.2 Kenneth Stroud: Aye.

0:37:56.3 David Sullins: Mr. Davis?

0:37:56.4 William Davis: Aye.

0:38:00.4 David Sullins: Chair votes aye. Motion carry. We will start the meetings at 5:30 in the Revercomb Building. And we will follow option one, continuing with two meetings per month. Okay, next item on the agenda. Appointment of King George County Service Authority Board of Directors. And... Yes, sir. Yes. Thank you. We do have a motion on the floor that has not been addressed. And that was to adopt the bylaws as presented, with the exception of adding the rotation of the chair on an annual basis, on a prescribed annual basis. So the motion has been made, properly seconded. Any further discussion on that?

0:38:45.5 Kenneth Stroud: You just added the word prescribe, that wasn't in the first motion.

0:38:48.4 David Sullins: Fair enough. Yes. Rotate from year to year. You're right. So I'll retract that.

0:38:57.8 William Davis: By district because it already rotates. Rotate by what?

0:39:02.4 David Sullins: That motion's already been addressed.

0:39:09.3 Richard Stuart: So, Mr. Chairman, again, I would point out that you were just elected for a year. So you probably got a year to work...

0:39:20.1 David Sullins: Figure it out?

0:39:20.2 Richard Stuart: Yes. Work through this motion before it rotates the following year.

0:39:24.4 David Sullins: So, roll call vote on the motion to accept the bylaws. Ms. Binder?

0:39:32.1 Cathy Binder: Aye.

0:39:32.2 David Sullins: Mr. Metts?

0:39:32.9 Bryan Metts: Aye.

0:39:33.3 David Sullins: Mr. Stroud?

0:39:34.1 Kenneth Stroud: Aye.

0:39:34.2 David Sullins: Mr. Davis.

0:39:35.6 William Davis: Aye.

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0:39:36.0 David Sullins: Chair votes aye. Motion carries. Back to our regular scheduled program. Appointment of King George Service Authority Board of Directors. So item 01010 or 01-10 At-Large district. I'll nominate myself to represent the At-Large district on the Board of Directors again this year.

0:40:03.8 Cathy Binder: Can we take them all as one slate, Mr. Chair?

0:40:08.5 David Sullins: Is there anybody planning to nominate somebody else in their stead?

0:40:14.5 Kenneth Stroud: I am.

0:40:17.3 David Sullins:

0:40:17.4 Kenneth Stroud: I'd like to nominate Mr. Lee Robotham to fulfill the change in the Madison District.

0:40:21.8 David Sullins: Do we have a second?

0:40:23.8 William Davis: Second.

0:40:24.2 Cathy Binder: I'll second.

0:40:26.1 David Sullins: All in favor say aye.

0:40:27.1 Cathy Binder: Aye.

0:40:27.6 S?: Aye.

0:40:28.2 David Sullins: Opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries.

0:40:30.9 Cathy Binder: Do I need to make a motion to accept the... I can give each name so we can adopt the whole slate.

0:40:37.0 David Sullins: Please.

0:40:37.7 Cathy Binder: So I will make a motion to accept for the appointment of the King George County Service Authority Board of Directors for the At-Large, Mr. Sullins. The Dahlgren district, Mr. Davis. The James Madison, Mr. Robotham. James Monroe, Mr. Metts. And the Shiloh district, Ms. Binder, and I.

0:40:56.4 David Sullins: Do we have a second ?

0:41:00.8 Bryan Metts: Second.

0:41:01.1 David Sullins: All in favor say aye.

0:41:02.3 Bryan Metts: Aye.

0:41:02.8 Cathy Binder: Aye.

0:41:02.9 Kenneth Stroud: Aye.

0:41:03.0 William Davis: Aye.

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0:41:05.5 David Sullins: All opposed? Chair votes aye, motion carries. Now I'm going to call for a recess and hand it over to the King George... Call of recess of the King George County Board of Supervisors. And have Mr. Hamilton call the Board of Directors to order.

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Call to Order

0:41:26.9 Dan Hamilton: Do I need a gavel, or can I proceed? Thank you. I'm Dan Hamilton. I'm the general manager of the King George County Service Authority. Excuse me. I'm officially calling to schedule the Board of Directors' organizational meeting for the Service Authority in 2026. This meeting has been duly noticed and advertised. And is being held in accordance with the authorities' bylaws. And I guess I need to do a roll call and confirm that we have a quorum. I think I can already see that everybody's here but Mr. Robotham, since you're immediately to my left. You're here.

Quorum

0:42:06.8 Lee Robotham: Here.

0:42:07.5 Dan Hamilton: Ms. Binder, you're here.

0:42:08.2 Cathy Binder: Here.

0:42:08.4 Dan Hamilton: Mr. Metts, welcome. Mr. Davis?

0:42:11.4 William Davis: Present.

0:42:13.0 Dan Hamilton: Mr. Sullivan?

0:42:14.0 David Sullins: Here.

0:42:14.6 Dan Hamilton: Mr. Stroud, I guess you're not technically part of our roll call here. But according to my notes, that means we have a quorum. And the authority is therefore authorized to conduct business. The purpose of this... Excuse me. The primary purpose of this organizational meeting is to elect officers of the authority for the 2026 calendar year. Specifically, the offices of the chairperson and the vice chairperson. And the appointment of individuals to serve as the clerk or secretary, as well as the treasurer, in accordance with Article 6 of the Authorities Bylaws. So at this point, we'll proceed with the election of the chairperson. Pursuant to Article 6, Section 1 and Section 5 of the bylaws, the board shall elect a chairperson from among its members to serve a one-year term coinciding with the calendar year. Nominations are now open for the office of chairperson.

Chair

0:43:16.9 David Sullins: I'd like to nominate Ms. Cathy Binder.

0:43:20.9 Lee Robotham: Second.

0:43:24.6 Dan Hamilton: Are there any additional nominations? Hearing none, the floor is closed for nominations by a roll-call vote of those in favor of electing Ms. Cathy Binder as chair. And this... Oh, I guess we have to do Lee secondarily. I'm sorry. So anyway. Excuse me. So, by roll-call vote, all those

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In favor of electing Ms. Binder as chairperson of the King George County Service Authority for the 2026 calendar year, please say aye. Mr. Robotham?

0:44:00.5 Lee Robotham: Aye.

0:44:00.6 Dan Hamilton: Ms. Binder?

0:44:00.7 Cathy Binder: Aye.

0:44:00.8 Dan Hamilton: Mr. Metts?

0:44:02.7 Bryan Metts: Aye.

0:44:02.8 Dan Hamilton: Mr. Davis?

0:44:03.1 William Davis: Aye.

0:44:03.6 Dan Hamilton: Mr. Sullivan?

0:44:05.9 David Sullins: Aye.

0:44:06.7 Dan Hamilton: Hopefully, that's the last time I'll do this year.

0:44:08.7 David Sullins: I'm going to correct you. It's Sullins for the record.

0:44:10.9 Dan Hamilton: **Sullins**. I'm sorry. I apologize. I'm ashamed. In any case, it sounds to me like we have a new chair or a reappointed chair. And therefore I will...

0:44:24.0 Cathy Binder: Pass it off.

0:44:24.1 Dan Hamilton: Transition to the new chair to take the meeting from here.

0:44:26.1 Cathy Binder: Thank you. I like this seat. This is a different... I haven't been over here in a while. I want to take nominations for the election of vice chair.

Vice Chair

0:44:35.8 David Sullins: I'd like to nominate Mr. Lee Robotham.

0:44:38.2 Cathy Binder: I will second that. Do I have any further nominations? Any further discussion? Oh, close the vote or close the floor. Sorry, it's been a while since I've done this one. Thank you. With that, I will take a roll-call vote on the appointment of the vice chair, Mr. Lee Robotham. Mr. Robotham?

0:45:06.8 Lee Robotham: Aye.

0:45:07.0 Cathy Binder: Myself, aye. Mr. Davis?

0:45:09.8 William Davis: Aye.

0:45:09.9 Cathy Binder: Sorry, I'm so used to going in a particular order from last year. Mr. Metts?

0:45:12.9 Bryan Metts: Aye.

0:45:13.5 Cathy Binder: Mr. Sullins?

0:45:14.9 David Sullins: Aye.

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0:45:15.9 Cathy Binder: Obviously, the chair votes aye. I'm a little off my game today. Thank you, Lee, for stepping into that role again. I really appreciate it. Now we have the clerk or secretary appointed per the bylaws. And usually in the past, it was the general manager. And so, do we have any nominations for the clerk or secretary?

0:45:35.7 David Sullins: I nominate Mr. Dan Hamilton.

0:45:37.7 Cathy Binder: We have a second? We have a motion properly seconded. Are there any other nominations? Any discussion? I will close nominations and take a roll-call vote. So, per the bylaws, the appointment of the clerk or secretary is Mr. Dan Hamilton. Mr. Robotham?

0:45:57.3 Lee Robotham: Aye.

0:45:58.2 Cathy Binder: Mr. Metts?

0:45:58.9 Bryan Metts: Aye.

0:46:00.3 Cathy Binder: Mr. Davis?

0:46:00.4 William Davis: Aye.

0:46:00.5 Cathy Binder: Mr. Sullins?

0:46:01.5 David Sullins: Aye.

0:46:01.9 Cathy Binder: Chair votes aye. Motion carries. Now, the appointment of a treasurer. Do I have a nomination for the appointment of a treasurer, who would most likely also serve as the general manager? Is that a different one? Randy Jones. I'm sorry.

0:46:18.3 Richard Stuart: Yes, Madam Chair. We changed those last year and split the positions.

0:46:23.9 Cathy Binder: Forgot about that.

0:46:24.6 Richard Stuart: So would have the county treasurer.

0:46:26.4 Cathy Binder: Thank you, Jaci, for reminding me. Oh, come on. The Board of Directors' treasurer is Mr. Randy Jones. Do I have a nomination? We have a nomination. Do I have a second?

0:46:44.7 David Sullins: Second.

0:46:44.8 Cathy Binder: Motion properly seconded. Any further discussion or other nominations? I'll close the nominations. And I'll take a roll-call vote on the appointment of the treasurer at the meeting, Mr. Randy Jones. Mr. Robotham?

0:46:55.1 Lee Robotham: Aye.

0:46:56.5 Cathy Binder: Mr. Metts?

0:46:57.4 Bryan Metts: Aye.

0:46:57.8 Cathy Binder: Mr. Davis?

0:47:00.0 William Davis: Aye.

0:47:00.1 Cathy Binder: Mr. Sullins?

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0:47:00.2 David Sullins: Aye.

0:47:00.3 Cathy Binder: Chair votes aye. Motion carries. Next up, and bless you in the audience, the review of the adoption of the bylaws. SA10105, adopt or amend the 2026 bylaws, which are referenced here, the 2025 bylaws. Do I have a motion on that? But hold on. We might want to hold off on that, since we want to discuss whether we should go to once-a-month meetings. So would everybody like to table that to jump down to the Board of Directors discussion on location, day of the week, and time? So I know there's been discussion about the Board of Directors meeting monthly. Because there are some meetings where we do not have a lot on the agenda. But there is a concern about the warrants. So, how can we address that? And are people interested in just going to once-a-month meetings? So I will take suggestions from anyone.

0:48:02.2 David Sullins: Prefer to maintain the status quo because sometimes that stuff's going to build up. And for the same reason, it's challenging to take the Board of Supervisors to a once-a-month meeting. It's just going to snowball on us, and we have to pay the bills regularly.

0:48:18.4 Cathy Binder: Anybody else have thoughts? Mr. Robotham, I know you've brought this up before.

0:48:21.7 Lee Robotham: Yes, so just one of the thoughts I was... If needed, additional warrants came up. If the chair of the Board of Directors had basically called a secondary meeting during the second meeting...

0:48:44.9 Richard Stuart: Mr. Chairman. Yes. So if you have a regularly scheduled monthly meeting, you could continue it. If you didn't finish your business for that next meeting, which the board's going to have the second meeting of the month, you can call a special meeting. Again, you have flexibility.

0:49:06.3 Lee Robotham: Then if there's nothing. If there's... You know, if warrants were handled at the beginning of the month during the first meeting, if nothing had come up as an emergency, or if we adjust how some of the... With the general manager this year, how is some of the flexibility handled for the bills the service authority needs to pay? Suppose we look into some of that once a month, and if this is something we need to continue, you know, we can have a little bit of discussion on it and move that further into another meeting. We can keep the status quo for now. It was just a thought.

0:49:43.6 David Sullins: I think you make some good points. Sorry.

0:49:46.9 Cathy Binder: That's fair, Mr. Sullins. And we could put it on our future agenda so we can discuss it, maybe outline some steps, and talk to our finance team about it too. So, to get their thoughts on it. So everybody agrees to put the discussion on the future agenda, at least, and keep the status quo? I don't... Because I think there's a lot of moving pieces. It's a good point. Do I have a motion to adopt or amend the bylaws? Then I will go back to that.

0:50:22.0 David Sullins: I move that we adopt the 2026 bylaws. Referencing the 2025 King George County Service Authority Board of Directors bylaws as presented.

0:50:31.8 Cathy Binder: Do I have a second?

0:50:33.3 Lee Robotham: Second.

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0:50:33.8 Cathy Binder: We have a motion properly seconded. Any further discussion? That said, I will call for a roll-call vote. Mr. Robotham?

0:50:42.6 Lee Robotham: Aye.

0:50:43.3 Cathy Binder: Mr. Metts?

0:50:44.2 Bryan Metts: Aye.

0:50:44.7 Cathy Binder: Mr. Davis?

0:50:46.7 William Davis: Aye.

0:50:46.8 Cathy Binder: Mr. Sullins?

0:50:47.2 David Sullins: Aye.

0:50:47.3 Cathy Binder: Chair votes aye. Motion carries. Next up, the establishment of the location. The day of the week and the time. So the day of the week, obviously, we said it would be the same board meeting. So, for the location, the Revercomb Building, unless changed. And then, the time is 5:30. We could have a motion on that if everybody agrees.

0:51:05.4 Lee Robotham: Can we make a motion that the establishment of the meeting schedule for 2026 for the Board of Directors at this time, currently follows the Board of Supervisors meeting schedule for calendar year 2026?

0:51:20.8 Cathy Binder: Is that your motion?

0:51:22.5 Lee Robotham: Yes.

0:51:23.1 Cathy Binder: Do I have a second?

0:51:24.6 David Sullins: Second.

0:51:25.5 Cathy Binder: I have a motion properly seconded. Any further discussion? I will get by the roll call vote. Mr. Robotham?

0:51:31.4 Lee Robotham: Aye.

0:51:31.8 Cathy Binder: Mr. Metts?

0:51:32.6 Bryan Metts: A ye.

0:51:33.0 Cathy Binder: Mr. Davis?

0:51:34.7 William Davis: Aye.

0:51:34.8 Cathy Binder: Mr. Sullins?

0:51:35.9 David Sullins: Aye.

0:51:36.2 Cathy Binder: Chair votes, aye. So now that we have the day of the week. So we have the time and the location. Do I have a motion on both of those?

0:51:47.4 David Sullins: What was the question?

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0:51:48.5 **Cathy Binder:** Or does that cover Mr. Stuart? That, Yes.

0:51:50.7 **Richard Stuart:** You made a very thorough...

0:51:52.2 **Cathy Binder:** I think I was being very...

[overlapping conversation]

0:51:53.3 **Richard Stuart:** You covered all three...

0:51:55.5 **Cathy Binder:** , never mind that. Thank you, though. Do I have a motion on the consent agenda as presented?

0:52:04.3 **Lee Robotham:** So moved.

0:52:06.0 **Cathy Binder:** We have a motion. Do we have a second?

0:52:08.5 **David Sullins:** Second.

0:52:09.2 **Cathy Binder:** Second. Any further discussion? Roll call vote. Mr. Robotham?

0:52:16.4 **Lee Robotham:** Aye.

0:52:16.5 **Cathy Binder:** Mr. Metts?

0:52:16.6 **Bryan Metts:** Aye.

0:52:16.7 **Cathy Binder:** Mr. Davis?

0:52:18.1 **William Davis:** Aye.

0:52:18.2 **Cathy Binder:** Mr. Sullins?

0:52:18.3 **David Sullins:** Aye.

0:52:18.4 **Cathy Binder:** Chair votes aye. Motion carries. We don't have any information... Do we have any informational items, Mr. Hamilton?

General Manager Report

0:52:33.9 **Dan Hamilton:** I wasn't sure whether you wanted me to present a report tonight. I assumed it was going to be whatever conversation we have, it'll be very brief. I guess there are two or three quick things I'd like to maybe, if you could spare me 60 seconds, I'll get them out there. First and foremost, we finished the year with, I believe, 26 water leaks. From the time I came here on the 20th of July through the end of December. Which puts us on pace for roughly one a week. About 52 leaks in a year. I have no other statistical information to average that against. But to give you a sense of what we're dealing with, you're talking about one day a week where the entire crew is dealing with something like that, potentially after hours or whatever. And we can come back to that. We want to let you know. We did have two events over the holidays that significantly impacted service. There was a reasonably large water leak at the entrance to the Hop Yard community, I believe, on Christmas night, or the night after that. I cannot remember the timing. It's never good. But it was a significant leak, and we had to bring in a contractor because the pipeline was at a considerable depth. And I don't want people working in a ditch that's not safe. It was... Service was restored within about five hours, I believe by about 2:00 AM,

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and I think it affected about 15 or 20 homes. And then we had a sewer backup/grease issue in front of the food line in Dahlgren on New Year's Day, since we're keeping with the holiday spirit here. And that was reported quickly by someone sitting in this room. And thankfully, we staff responded and resolved it in-house pretty quickly without bringing in contractors. So there were a couple of quick events. And then, just last but not least, in the previous meeting in December, I mentioned that we had sent out letters that are now required by federal law regarding an inventory of people's materials used to construct the water service line on the property. When that inventory was conducted a year ago, if we were unable to identify in our records whether your service line was made of copper, PVC, or galvanized pipe, it's classified as unknown under EPA and federal law. And we then have to send a mandatory letter about the health effects of lead. That letter was sent out about a week before Christmas. It had to be sent by the end of the year, and several folks have received it. And if they've had questions, of course, as far as I know, they've called or emailed the office, which I'm grateful for because I want people to have accurate information. And, as it's worded, the language is mandatory. We can't change it; it could be perceived as alarming by someone who doesn't understand the reference. So I know there was apparently some social media debate over these letters over the holidays. And all I can say is if anyone on this board or anyone listening to this meeting this evening has a question, please get in touch with me personally or someone in the service authority office. I will give you every possible detail. And I've also coordinated with Ms. Southall, and next year the plan is to draft a cover letter to accompany that. Although we can't change the mandatory language of the letter sent based on the inventory, we can undoubtedly add a cover letter, which might help eliminate some of the confusion. So other than that, I don't have anything significant. And thank you for your time.

0:56:00.6 Cathy Binder: No, I appreciate it. And I want to recognize Mr. Davis, who was the one who reported that, so... And it was taken care of right away.

0:56:08.9 Dan Hamilton: Oh, and one more comment. Mr. Sullins, I'm truly sorry. I know your name. I'm stumbling and bumbling tonight.

0:56:14.3 David Sullins: Oh, I don't get offended. It gets messed up all the time. I just wanted to make sure, for the public record, that it was right.

0:56:18.7 Dan Hamilton: No, sir. Thank you.

0:56:20.6 Cathy Binder: And then do I have a motion? Thank you, Mr. Hamilton, for the adjournment.

Adjournment

0:56:27.1 David Sullins: Madam Chair, I move that we adjourn the Board of Directors to Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 5:30 PM in the Board Room of the Revercomb Building.

0:56:36.1 Cathy Binder: With a motion. Do I have a second?

0:56:37.7 Lee Robotham: Second.

0:56:38.4 Cathy Binder: Motion properly seconded. Any further discussion? All those in favor say aye.

0:56:43.0 Lee Rowbotham : Aye.

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0:56:44.3 Bryan Metts : Aye.

0:56:44.3 William Davis : Aye.

0:56:44.3 David Sullins : Aye.

0:56:44.6 **Cathy Binder:** Chair votes aye. Motion carries. We are adjourned. We'll move it back to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Sullins.

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0:56:48.8 **David Sullins:** We'll reconvene the King George County Board of Supervisors. Next item on the agenda is the consent agenda. Do I have a motion?

0:57:13.6 **Kenneth Stroud:** Mr. Chair, I move that we approve the consent agenda.

0:57:18.8 **David Sullins:** A motion on the floor.

0:57:21.3 **William Davis:** Second.

0:57:23.3 **David Sullins:** Motion properly seconded. Roll call.

0:57:25.9 **William Davis:** Any further discussion ?

0:57:27.2 **David Sullins:** Oh, thank you. Any further discussion?

0:57:30.6 **Cathy Binder:** What was that?

0:57:31.7 **William Davis:** Approving the consent agenda.

0:57:33.0 **Cathy Binder:** Yes. That's... Sorry.

0:57:35.6 **David Sullins:** Ms. Binder?

0:57:37.2 **Cathy Binder:** Aye.

0:57:38.2 **David Sullins:** Mr. Metts?

0:57:38.3 **Bryan Metts:** Aye.

0:57:38.5 **David Sullins:** Mr. Stroud?

0:57:40.5 **Kenneth Stroud:** Aye.

0:57:40.6 **David Sullins:** Mr. Davis.

0:57:40.8 **William Davis:** Aye .

0:57:41.8 **David Sullins:** Chair votes aye. Motion carried. Do we have a constitutional officer sitting with us tonight? Do you have anything? No. Okay, thank you. Next item up. We have no public hearings, no presentations. We do have an action item. The appointments to boards, committees, and commissions. Starting with the Tourism Advisory Committee. The appointments to this committee are for a one-year term, and we have a stack of names here. We also have a couple of vacancies. Do we have any discussion on the tourism advisory committee?

0:58:25.5 **Kenneth Stroud:** Mr. Chair, I've got a nominee for the Agricultural Tourism Committee.

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0:58:30.8 **David Sullins**: Yes, sir. Go ahead.

0:58:32.4 **Kenneth Stroud**: And that would be Mr. Tom Joakum.

0:58:36.9 **David Sullins**: How do you spell that?

0:58:38.0 **Kenneth Stroud**: J-O-A-K-U-M.

0:58:43.1 **Bryan Metts**: Mr. Chair.

0:58:44.0 **David Sullins**: Yes.

0:58:44.4 **Bryan Metts** : I also have a name for the agritourism position. Mr. Dragon Kurbilaja.

0:58:52.2 **David Sullins**: And how do you spell that last name?

0:58:53.6 **Bryan Metts**: K-U-R-B-I-L-A-J-A.

0:59:00.3 **David Sullins**: Any other nominations? So we'll address that first, and then if there are any nominations for the lodging, we'll come back to that, and then we will approve the entire slate en masse. So, for the agritourism vacancy, first off, we'll take up Mr. Joakum. All in favor of Mr. Joakum?

0:59:29.8 **William Davis**: Need a second. Second.

0:59:31.3 **David Sullins**: Oh, thank you. Properly seconded.

0:59:33.9 **Cathy Binder**: I just have a quick question. Since we're... I remember when these... We had a big debate a long time ago about these specific positions and what, so I would just like to know each person nominated and their background for serving in that position, since there are two nominees.

0:59:49.0 **David Sullins**:

0:59:50.3 **Kenneth Stroud**: So, right. So Mr. Joakum is a Marine. He's currently a contractor, but he also runs his own business. He owns property and a home. So, there are two separate locations within the county. He is a James Madison resident, and he travels a lot. So he's got a lot of experience in that area. And Ms. Southall also has had the opportunity to meet with him and... Or talk to him. Sorry. I have the chance to speak to him. So he's here tonight as well.

1:00:37.1 **David Sullins**: Would you like to come up and introduce yourself?

1:00:40.8 **Cathy Binder**: I guess the question I'm asking is, because I remember these debates a year ago, before any of you were on the board, is that for each of these positions, they represent the agritourism, or the outdoor recreation, or the arts and events. That's why I was asking. And you got two nominees.

1:00:58.7 **Tom Joakum**: No problem. My representative, Stroud, thank you for the nomination and for hearing me. I'm a professional pilot. In fact, I was 15 minutes late because of air traffic control tonight. But I won't hold that against them because I had to fly an airplane from Maryland for work today. But I own a piece of property that's actually a forestry and an apiary. I actually meet with the USDA and the Virginia Department of Forestry tomorrow. That's located in the Shiloh district. My home is in the James Madison district. I grew up in an agricultural community background. I have an MBA from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. I own a company called Fast Strike Industries that provides defense industry

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consulting and Second Amendment activities. And my farm's actually Forestry Outdoors Honey LLC. As Mr. Stroud said, I've traveled all over the world. I've been well, say the Middle East. Check all of it. Africa, Asia, and Central America. So I've been to a few places, and I enjoy King George County. I moved here because I was flying out of Pax River, and I like living in a rural community. So, a lot of our agritourism, I've been a patron. Now I'm a participant. Sorry, no water, and I'm running out of gas for the day. I've been going since I got up. I didn't expect to fly today, so it was a phone call. The other pilot got sick. I had to fill in. Do you have any additional questions for me?

1:02:52.6 Cathy Binder: No. That was an excellent summary of your experience.

1:02:55.6 Kenneth Stroud: Also, one other thing to note. Talk about your anniversary and what you did there.

1:03:00.9 Tom Joakum: Oh, Yes. So for my anniversary, we stayed at Bella Grove bed and breakfast, and then we actually went to Creekside and a bunch of agritourism farms. And I'm not going to pick one out because I don't want to show favoritism, but I've been to just about every agritourism farm. I actually cut trees for one of our local vendors who does chainsaw art at the King George County Farmer's Market. In fact, I don't even charge them. I'm just like, man, please get rid of these pines. So I'm like, pick the ones you want and we'll cut them. So, yes, Most of my grocery shopping is not at Food Lion. I'll put it like that. So it's mainly at the farm.

1:03:56.8 David Sullins: Thank you. Go ahead.

1:03:58.9 William Davis: I asked you one question. Why do you... Are you interested in doing this?

1:04:04.0 Tom Joakum: There's a need. And, you know, I'm interested in agriculture. I opened up a farm of my own. And agritourism, I'd like to see more tax dollars and industry. Well, I want to see more tourism in King George to help our local businesses sustain what we have. We're agricultural, so I think we're a little overlooked for what we have. I mean, Bella Grove is where James Madison was born. I think, historically, we're a lot more significant than most folks believe or know.

1:04:52.7 David Sullins: Thank you.

1:04:55.3 Bryan Metts: So I'll do a little intro. So the reason I nominated Dragon, Dragon, and Kevin's Gardening Gay Farm, a growing agro business in this county, is that it is bringing in tourists from outside. We've been talking for the last year about how to get more tourism dollars into the county. And I might... And Dragon's in the back there. And I'm sorry, I go by your first name because I don't think I'm pronouncing your last name correctly. And I would like to... He can get up and speak. Big background in food service as well. So this kind of crosses over a couple of items that the Tourism Advisory Committee, I think, is going to have to contribute to county policy and where we want to go. I might even make a recommendation here based on the feedback. I see we still have a vacancy in lodging, and I think Dragon's a good fit.

1:05:52.5 David Sullins: Let's do one at a time.

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1:05:53.8 Bryan Metts: Yes. Getting ahead of myself. Good fit because he's in the business that we're trying to grow within the county. Right? To maintain that rural character. So with that, I'll let him get up and speak.

1:06:07.5 David Sullins: Would you like to come and introduce yourself?

1:06:12.8 Dragon Kurbilaja: Thank you so much. My name is Dragon Kurbilaja. As Metts said, Bryan said. I own and operate Garden Gays Farm here in King George with my husband, Kevin. We've been here almost five years. We've grown that business from the ground up. Started with 35 chickens, and it is what it is today. Have a substantial social media following. My experience with this: I've spent 14 years in some of Orlando's biggest resorts as a banquet manager, and then moved to the DMV area, where I managed restaurants. I was the general manager of Filomena Ristorante of Hank's Oyster Bar down at the Wharf and smashing grapes up in Annapolis. That was my last position as a hospitality manager. So I have a deep background in hospitality. Here in the county, we, on our farm, welcome all of our local businesses. We currently have over two dozen local small businesses that display and sell their products with us right on the farm. Last fall, for those of you who are aware, we organized the fall festival on the farm there, drew about 600 people on Saturday and another 450 on Sunday, which was... Help me with the dates—the last weekend of October last year. So we're planning on another four of those events for this year. And we love everything local. We have huge plans for the farm. People often compare us to Westmoreland Berry Farm, and we would love to bring something like that back to King George County. So thank you.

1:08:00.1 David Sullins: Thank you. Any questions? Sorry.

1:08:08.4 David Sullins: We're good. Thank you.

1:08:08.5 Kenneth Stroud: I have a question.

1:08:10.7 David Sullins: Never mind.

1:08:10.8 Kenneth Stroud: So yes, sir. So farms are expensive. They're costly to run. So I'm curious, you're on your farm, so you guys generate enough agricultural revenue to pay for the farm and for your activities all at the farm, or is there outside funding?

1:08:36.2 Dragon Kurbilaja: So Kevin still works a full-time job. He's a lifelong journalist. I stepped away from hospitality completely. I'm full-time on the farm. This year was the first year that we... Oh, I'm sorry, 2025 was the first year that we finally had a part-time employee. This year, we're looking to add three to five employees to the farm. And the farm is starting to produce enough revenue that we can afford to have employees. But we reinvest literally everything we earn on the farm right back into the farm...

1:09:13.0 Kenneth Stroud: Thank you, sir.

1:09:15.6 David Sullins: Any other questions? Thank you. , so I'm going to do it a little bit differently this time. We'll do a roll-call vote, but I'll ask for your response. Either say "Mr. Joakum" or "Mr. Kurbilaja"?

1:09:29.5 Dragon Kurbilaja: Dragon.

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1:09:29.6 **David Sullins:** Dragon. We'll go with that. Thank you. Either Tom or Dragon. Ms. Binder.

1:09:36.9 **Cathy Binder:** This is for the agritourism, right?

1:09:38.5 **David Sullins:** Yes, ma'am.

1:09:38.6 **Cathy Binder:** Tom, did I get that right?

1:09:41.2 **David Sullins:** Yep. Mr. Metts?

1:09:43.8 **Bryan Metts:** Dragon.

1:09:45.5 **David Sullins:** Mr. Stroud?

1:09:46.9 **Kenneth Stroud:** Tom.

1:09:48.4 **David Sullins:** And Mr. Davis?

1:09:49.5 **William Davis:** Tom.

1:09:51.0 **David Sullins:** And chair votes for Tom. Tom, Congratulations. I believe you wanted to talk about lodging.

1:09:57.8 **William Davis:** Something real quick.

[overlapping conversation]

1:10:00.5 **Bryan Metts:** Go ahead.

1:10:01.9 **William Davis:** I'm sorry, I don't want to interrupt you. I want to say that most of the time we have... We are having a tough time finding people to fill roles. And so thank you to both of you, you are tremendous candidates for that role. I honestly believe that. And I appreciate everything that Dragon and you guys bring to this county and all that you do. People love going there. That's really a tough decision for me. So, I really appreciate what you guys are doing. I really do. And just that you're volunteering means a lot. Thank you.

Tourism Advisory Committee - Lodging

1:10:34.4 **Bryan Metts:** So then I'll move my recommendation to put Dragon in as the lodging, I think. Again, this isn't about their farm. When I had this conversation with him and talked with Ms. Southall, who also chatted on the side, it was about how we grow these businesses within the county. We have a great business owner here. You just heard about the growth they've made and the employees they're bringing on within the county. And I'm all about jobs.

1:10:58.5 **William Davis:** Second.

1:11:00.3 **Bryan Metts:** Thank you.

1:11:00.8 **David Sullins:** Motion properly seconded. Do we have any other nominations before I close that out? Okay, I'll close out nominations. Dragon is the only nomination for the lodging vacancy. Ms. Binder?

1:11:13.9 **Cathy Binder:** Aye.

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1:11:15.0 **David Sullins:** Mr. Metts?

1:11:15.6 **Bryan Metts:** Aye.

1:11:15.9 **David Sullins:** Mr. Stroud?

1:11:16.7 **Kenneth Stroud:** Aye.

1:11:17.3 **David Sullins:** Mr. Davis?

1:11:18.1 **William Davis:** Aye.

1:11:19.0 **David Sullins:** Chair votes aye. Congratulations, Dragon, and thank you. As he said, I'll echo Bill's thing for both of you guys. Thank you for stepping in and taking on these roles.

1:11:29.2 **Cathy Binder:** Mr. Chair?

1:11:30.6 **David Sullins:** Yes.

1:11:30.7 **Cathy Binder:** I think we need to make a formal... Can I make a nomination to accept the remaining names on the slate?

1:11:35.1 **David Sullins:** That was going to be my subsequent request.

1:11:36.7 **Cathy Binder:** For the Tourism Advisory Committee.

1:11:39.2 **Bryan Metts:** Second.

1:11:40.6 **David Sullins:** Any discussion? All in favor?

1:11:44.5 **Cathy Binder:** Aye.

1:11:45.9 **William Davis:** Aye.

1:11:47.3 **Kenneth Stroud:** Aye.

1:11:47.4 **Bryan Metts:** Aye.

1:11:47.9 **David Sullins:** Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. Regional Boards, Health...

1:11:55.2 **William Davis:** Emergency Operation Center Liaison.

Emergency Operation Center Liaison

1:11:58.5 **David Sullins:** Thank you. Got tucked in there. Board of Supervisors Emergency Operations Center Liaison. This is a one-year term. Do we have any nominations or anybody who would like to self-nominate?

1:12:10.0 **Kenneth Stroud:** I'll self-nominate myself for that. Is that the same as the fire liaison?

1:12:15.4 **David Sullins:** I'm not sure.

1:12:17.5 **Matthew Smolnik:** It is.

1:12:17.6 **David Sullins:** It is?

1:12:17.9 **Cathy Binder:** I'll second that.

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1:12:21.2 David Sullins: Any other nominations? Motion properly seconded. Any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor say aye.

1:12:32.4 Cathy Binder: Aye.

1:12:32.7 Kenneth Stroud : Aye.

1:12:32.8 William Davis : Aye.

1:12:32.8 Bryan Metts : Aye.

1:12:32.9 David Sullins: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. Now down to the regional boards. Healthy Generations Board of Supervisor Member. This is a four-year term.

1:12:42.7 Cathy Binder: Mr. Sullins, I would like to stay on that board.

1:12:46.1 David Sullins: Okay, so you're self-nominating?

1:12:47.5 Cathy Binder: I'm self-nominating.

1:12:48.6 Kenneth Stroud: Second.

1:12:50.4 David Sullins: And properly seconded. Any other nominations? Any discussion? All in favor say aye.

1:12:56.1 Cathy Binder: Aye.

1:12:57.1 Kenneth Stroud: Aye.

FAMPO

1:12:57.7 David Sullins: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. FAMPO Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, primary and alternate Board of Supervisors members. This is a two-year term for a non-voting policy committee. They meet once a month in Fredericksburg. I'll self-nominate myself to stay on board.

1:13:19.0 Kenneth Stroud: Second.

1:13:23.0 Cathy Binder: I was going to say I'm the other one. But I could give that up if someone else wanted to take it on. It is a non-voting member.

1:13:29.6 William Davis: I have no problem with you doing it again.

1:13:32.5 Cathy Binder: I'll stay on it.

1:13:35.7 David Sullins: Any other nominations? Any discussion? All in favor of Ms. Binder, myself staying on as primary and secondary alternates. All in favor say aye.

1:13:46.6 Kenneth Stroud: Aye.

1:13:46.7 William Davis: Aye.

1:13:47.8 Bryan Metts: Aye.

1:13:47.9 Cathy Binder: Aye.

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BZA Nomination

1:13:49.0 David Sullins: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. discussion items. Appointment to boards, committees, and commissions. Board of Zoning Appeals. This is a five-year term. The seven-member board does not have seats allocated by the local district under section 15.2-2308, and the BZA's bylaws, established pursuant to the aforementioned section of the State Code; members must be residents of the locality. The Board of Supervisors may make recommendations on the BZA appointments. But vacancies are filled at the sole discretion of the Circuit Court.

1:14:19.2 William Davis: Are there any vacancies?

1:14:20.3 David Sullins: We have a vacancy there?

1:14:23.5 Cathy Binder: Mr. Sullins, I had to ask Mr. Smolnik about this because this can tell you how sometimes you're given the wrong information for eight years. I was always told it was by district. And lo and behold, I find out it is not by district. Because, if you noticed, on all the agendas the Shiloh Representative has rolled off. She did not want to continue in that role. She appreciated the job and didn't want to continue. So I found out that anyone can appoint anyone. But I was told when I came on the board, and I had been under the assumption for eight years, that it was by district. But I found out you can learn different things.

1:15:00.8 David Sullins: So do we have... Do we have an opening first? We do indeed. Just one. Do we have a nomination for that?

1:15:12.8 Cathy Binder: That one's always been very, very hard to find. Because once people find out, part of the legality of it, they're like, no, thank you. Do you have something else?

1:15:21.7 David Sullins: So, can we table this one to a further meeting, to a future meeting? Okay, item 01-22, Landfill Advisory Committee. Okay, we definitely have some openings here. We've got a Board of Supervisor member opening, we've got an At-Large district and a Dahlgren district opening. Is there a Board of Supervisors member who's interested in being a part of this?

1:15:50.3 Cathy Binder: And I want a clarification on this, Mr. Sullins, because initially there were five landfill advisory members based on district. Mr. Collins, from former colleagues, got thrown on there. So I don't know if we want to continue that, having a board... Because that's not the way it was done in the past. It was, you know, each district in the At-Large had a member on the Board of Supervisors. I mean, on the landfill committee. And I don't think they've met for a couple of years.

1:16:14.9 Bryan Metts: Yes, I was going to ask when I looked up. I don't think they've met in the last year.

1:16:20.6 David Sullins: I don't think so either. But should we go ahead and put names out there just in case they do meet?

1:16:27.6 William Davis: I think we should probably table it if we don't have any... I don't know if we have any names right now, but...

1:16:33.3 David Sullins: That's a good. I don't have anybody to nominate for the At-Large at the moment.

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1:16:36.6 Bryan Metts: Can we ask Ms. Southall to put a posting out looking for positions, looking for board members?

1:16:42.9 David Sullins: Yes, that's a great idea. Looking for the will of the board on that. Are you guys okay with that? Any issues?

1:16:51.1 Cathy Binder: I guess which of the terms are up? I think that would be my question.

1:16:55.3 Bryan Metts: For the vacancies.

1:16:55.4 Amy Southall: Yes. May I ask for clarification? Would you like me to make an application to get their name information and why they're qualified, or just interested, and have them email me and give you guys their contact? How exactly do you want me to do that? Sorry.

1:17:07.4 David Sullins: I would say option one.

1:17:08.8 Amy Southall: I'll do a form and let you guys review that beforehand.

1:17:11.5 William Davis: Don't make it too formal.

1:17:13.4 Amy Southall: No basic information.

1:17:15.2 William Davis: You know, what's your name and why are you interested in doing this, and that'd be fine.

1:17:19.3 Amy Southall: Same thing we just did a few seconds ago.

1:17:20.8 William Davis: Exactly.

1:17:21.3 Amy Southall: Perfect. Thank you.

Social Services Administration Board

1:17:22.3 David Sullins: Very good. Social Services Administration Board. This is a four-year term. The James Monroe District is up.

1:17:34.7 William Davis: I'm on that board.

1:17:41.6 David Sullins: We could table that one as well.

1:17:42.8 Bryan Metts: We're going to table that one.

1:18:00.7 David Sullins: It can't be that bad. They nominated me for all the hard ones.

1:18:02.1 Kenneth Stroud: I'd like to nominate Supervisor Metts for the Social Service Administration Board for the James Monroe district.

1:18:11.9 William Davis: Second.

1:18:13.1 Cathy Binder: Are we allowed to have two supervisors on there, is my question.

1:18:16.3 Bryan Metts: Oh.

1:18:16.8 William Davis: Yes, you are.

1:18:18.9 William Davis: No. It's not...

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1:18:19.1 Bryan Metts: As long as no third shows up.

1:18:21.1 William Davis: There's no third to be there.

1:18:26.4 William Davis: You can always nominate someone...

1:18:27.8 David Sullins: We got a motion properly seconded. Any discussion? And your deer-in-the-headlights look seems to have passed. I'm assuming you're okay with this.

1:18:38.7 Bryan Metts: We're good.

1:18:38.8 Cathy Binder: Sullins, you now have somebody to commiserate with you.

1:18:40.9 David Sullins: I'm not on that board.

1:18:41.6 Bryan Metts: Not transportation, so.

1:18:42.5 David Sullins: All those in favor say aye.

1:18:47.0 Cathy Binder: Aye.

1:18:47.1 S?: Aye.

1:18:47.2 David Sullins: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. Congratulations. Regional Board Bay Consortium Workforce Development Board, Economic Development Director, or Economic Development Staff. So I'm assuming this is you, sir. Is there any discussion on that? It has to be you. Is that correct?

1:19:18.5 Kenneth Stroud: Wasn't it TC?

1:19:20.6 Bryan Metts: This one was the one that was TC's before.

1:19:26.7 Kenneth Stroud: I was on it, too.

1:19:28.1 Matthew Smolnik: Yes. Mr. Stroud and I met in Warsaw. So Mr. Stroud was... It can be an elected official. It can be the... There's a list of individuals, the jurisdiction... So it's the chief local elected official, or up to two alternates, including the county administrator, the county ED director, a school board member, a school superintendent, and any other staff affiliated with workforce development activities.

1:20:00.9 David Sullins: I think you're already on it, though. So we can nominate two? Is that what you said? Can we have alternates?

1:20:16.8 Matthew Smolnik: That is my understanding. Yes. I believe last year, and I think it was...

1:20:21.3 Kenneth Stroud: Is it a yearly thing? Do I have to get renominated for this year?

1:20:25.4 Matthew Smolnik: If you want last year, it would not hurt because this did not... I do not recall this coming up specifically in the previous year. I don't think it would hurt, you know, to appoint or reappoint Mr. Stroud if he wants to serve on the specific board. And you can do another alternative, and should the board wish, I'll be happy to serve that, with that alongside Mr. Stroud.

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1:20:45.2 David Sullins: So, how do you all feel about having Mr. Stroud and Mr. Smolnik as the primaries and Mr. Davis as the alternate for either of those?

1:20:55.3 William Davis: It's rotated every year.

1:21:03.9 Kenneth Stroud: Here you go. Rotated. I want to nominate Mr. Smolnik and me for that board.

1:21:06.6 William Davis: I'll be an alternate.

1:21:08.2 Kenneth Stroud: With Mr. Davis as alternate.

1:21:08.4 Cathy Binder: For the Bay Consortium?

1:21:10.9 David Sullins: Do we have a second?

1:21:11.7 Cathy Binder: I'll second that.

1:21:13.6 David Sullins: Any discussion? Any more discussion? All those in favor say aye.

1:21:19.1 Kenneth Stroud: Aye.

1:21:19.2 Cathy Binder: Aye.

1:21:19.3 Bryan Metts: Aye.

1:21:19.4 David Sullins: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. Congratulations, gentlemen. King George Social Media Policy. Ms. Southall, the Community Engagement Director, has a presentation for us.

King George Social Media Policy. Ms. Southall, the Community Engagement Director,

1:21:34.2 Amy Southall: Good evening, members of the board. Before you is a draft policy requested by some board members to be added to the agenda for discussion tonight. The only thing we discussed changing between Mr. Stuart and me is adding the word "disparaging" to the underlined outline number two. So that would go with profane, vulgar, obscene, or disparaging comments. It's a brief overview of maintaining professional decorum in a public space, similar to what you guys have in your bylaws for public comments at meetings. So I'm here to answer any questions that you may have.

1:22:16.8 William Davis: Mr. Stuart, you went over this, sir?

1:22:22.1 Richard Stuart: Yes, sir. And I'm not going to sit here and tell you that I know the law on this. This is a voluntary initiative the county is undertaking. Free speech gets involved. But I think you can put reasonable parameters on it. The original policy, as Amy and I reviewed it, raised concerns that it may not address recent activities. And that's why we looked at it and said on line two, we ought to add it, disparaging. The problem with all these is that it's subjective. Somebody makes a subjective decision about it. But again, it is designed to maintain a civil tone on the county's page. And as I told Ms. Southall, you know, we can do this until a judge tells us we can't. And that's just as honest as I can be with the board.

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1:23:24.6 Bryan Metts: Mr. Stuart, I did have a question on this one. So, the state considers specific social media platforms to be public forums even though they're closed?

1:23:39.1 Richard Stuart: If it is a public space for a local government, it is public. And so it's subject to FOIA and related rules.

1:23:51.7 Bryan Metts: Sure. So let me give you an example. Right? So, our bulletin board here in the center, where we post the public agenda, somebody came by and graffiti-ed it. Would we be allowed to remove the graffiti?

1:24:06.1 Richard Stuart: Yes, until a court tells us we can't do that. But I think that you all can put reasonable parameters in place to maintain a civil tongue. But I'm just being honest. This is an area of the law that is evolving.

1:24:22.8 David Sullins: So, who would determine whether it's a civil tone or not? I mean, we're not going to bring it before the Board of Supervisors every time we need to discuss this.

1:24:30.8 Richard Stuart: I think you should delegate that probably to whoever runs the site. And I assume that's Amy.

1:24:38.0 Amy Southall: I was going to say I would propose that I would flag and discuss with Mr. Smolnik. And then, in the case of FOIA, I would also document those comments and make sure I have a record of them, but they would no longer be public on our page. And I did want to note that on page three, numbers five and six, I do think these also help protect us, making the point that number five is referencing that some comments may automatically be... Or sorry, that's number six. It may be automatically hidden by social media, which I have no control over. Other people may flag comments, say they're bullying, or give other reasons. People agree to those terms when they sign up for social media. So that's just a note on that part. And then, number five, we can turn off comments at any time if something runs off the rails. And that is also something other departments are practicing. I try to avoid that because I want to engage with our community. But I just wanted to say that this policy would also help protect us in those two scenarios. I also left the policy as generic and vague as possible regarding communication channels, including social media, because we don't know what will happen in the future. So I don't want to come back to you in two years and find that something different is the reality. So just a couple of other things to note.

1:26:00.2 David Sullins: Do we need to codify in the instruction that you plan to talk with Mr. Smolnik and adjudicate that between the two of you? No?

1:26:09.7 Kenneth Stroud: Mr. Chair.

1:26:10.2 David Sullins: Yes, sir.

1:26:12.6 Kenneth Stroud: In addressing this, you know, I would like to say that it's essential to look at the purpose. Can you go up to the purpose, whoever's running the screen up there? There you go. Because this is the purpose of... King George County's official social media platform is to provide public-interest information to the county's residents, businesses, and community. Thank you. Visitors and other members of the general public. So it's public information. So that doesn't include like

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disparaging comments. It doesn't include people just throwing stuff out there that is, you know, meaningless. Okay? It needs to provide... It needs to meet the purpose. It needs to be in the public interest, meaning that, you know, we could say it's beneficial to the public for their awareness, for their knowledge, or something that improves the county. Anything disparaging, if it's there to degrade somebody or any of those things that are addressed down there in subparagraph five, you know, we don't need that. And it's against the purpose of the website. So I think that right there, you know, it may be a public forum, but that doesn't mean that somebody has the right to go on there and say things that are mean, disparaging, or violate somebody's age, religion, gender, all those things. We don't need that. So I think we focus on the purpose, and it pretty much addresses those concerns. So, and if we want to... I wouldn't say we necessarily need to; we could expand on the purpose, but that's what we need to let people know whenever they're on our website. If they're making comments, they need to focus on improving our county.

1:28:09.3 Amy Southall: And this will be posted to the county's website as well as pinned to all of our social media so that people can read this when they interact with us. So this will be very upfront. And you did make me realize that I have a typo. It says city. I pulled this from a bunch of different localities at the very last minute to get it on the agenda in time. So that will be corrected.

1:28:30.9 Kenneth Stroud: But Yes.

1:28:33.5 Cathy Binder: Mr. Chair?

1:28:35.3 David Sullins: Comments. Yes.

1:28:35.4 Cathy Binder: I would like to comment since this was brought about by something that occurred... That affected me personally is... And this is not against any disparaging comments about the votes we make or the policies we enact. That's part of the business. That's being in the public eye. You give it up. But let me tell you, I think I have a wicked wig. I think I have a fabulous wig. And those folks online, they disparage. I hope no family member ever has an illness that makes them wear a wig as I do. And shame on you for not keeping it personal. And tell your dog, and don't put it on Facebook. Thank you.

1:29:14.1 David Sullins: Any other comments? I will say, bald is beautiful. You can join me in this.

1:29:18.7 Cathy Binder: I'm close.

1:29:19.7 David Sullins: No, I'm joking. You'll have to wear a hat year-round. Any other comments? Thank you, Amy.

1:29:26.9 Amy Southall: Thank you.

1:29:35.0 David Sullins: Now we're down to the county administrator report, Mr. Smolnik.

County Administrator Report

1:29:39.7 Matthew Smolnik: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the board. So here we are, January 2026. On the agenda is a year-in-review, and this will be posted tomorrow. I wanted to highlight some of the things here, kind of. First, the state of the county address. So for the citizens, it's on the

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agenda, but you can also find it under the main county website, administration, and the 2025 county state address. The link will be there tomorrow. But I wanted to, you know, break down some of the high points here for the county and for residents, what our staff has accomplished, the priorities this board has set, and how we've enacted... You know, with the actions that we've taken. So with this, there are 80 to 82 items in total. It's been a busy year here at the county. You know, I appreciate the board's direction on how you've directed me, as the county administrator, to implement certain things across the different departments. I'm not going to go through all these, just a couple of highlights and maybe pick one from each one, but these are pretty important. So last year we had the earliest adoption, the least cumbersome budget adoption, and the most expansive CIP in recent years. That was great. From the administration. Clerk of circuit court, where we all knew they moved, went down, relocated them in the records room to the new courthouse. So that's a great thing, a great facility down there for anybody doing any research. Commissioner of Revenue, I know Regina and her staff have been busy at work with our consultant conducting the county's reassessment of real estate values. Community development is a great thing here. A lot of people, you know what's going on here. A lot of rural mills all over the place. So they created an interactive project map (or map app) and added 750 complete projects. So this is where citizens can go. It's all color-coded to see what is going on at a specific property. You know, site plans, you know, scanned in. So it's good information, and it really frees up the community development staff. Hey, I heard this is going on in this property. Can you tell me more? It allows the residents to, you know, have all this information at their fingertips at their convenience. Community engagement, I know Ms. Southall has been super busy. She presented some updates on tourism and the newly redesigned website. We've got her first tourism visitor brochure, which has been printed and is circulating throughout the Commonwealth right now, highlighting her tourism assets that would bring in tax dollars. So that's a great step with community engagement. Economic development, I see Mr. Booth in the back, you know, one of your EDA board members. They've awarded scholarships to DECA and Future Business Leaders of America students at King George High School. So I commend the EDA for really pushing our future leaders and allowing them to engage in national competitions. Engineering, we all know they've been busy with all of our interconnects, Circle to Courthouse Interconnect, Canterbury to Courthouse. And they demoed the old middle school that was sitting there for several years. So engineering's definitely been busy, working alongside our service authority. Finance, procurement, you know, Lavita and her team, just top notch, appreciate everything they do. The thing that stood out to me was successfully implementing vendor automated clearing or ACH payments using a two-step process. So this is minimizing checks. So as we pay our vendors, it's ACH automatic. Instead of, you know, going through processing and mailing checks out. So moving in the right direction there in finance and procurement. Fire rescue, you know, one of the big things that you all have heard about, and I believe Chief Moody will present a little bit on this, is the fuel depot. We realized capital projects and CIP budgets ago; there was money allocated, but they came in way over budget. We got creative in an emergency: we could have fuel delivered through our emergency services, but we had nowhere to put it. So that meant, you know, we may have ambulances and fire trucks waiting behind everybody else at sheets. Now we have our own, a highly regulated fuel dispensing system at Company One for diesel and gasoline. And big changes they became... They obtained their DEA license to operate an internal pharmacy. So this was a change that was passed down to localities. Instead of getting the medications from the hospitals, we now have a DEA license

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and track and administer those specific prescription medicines. So, general properties, you know, you've seen them here as you come to the Revercomb building. The exterior security cameras. It's always good to have eyes on everything that goes on. That's, you know, one thing that I noted. So we've got interior and exterior cameras just to, you know, give staff and citizens a peace of mind that we can go back, you know, in an instance. And we have had to use it a couple of times when there was property damage here at the Revercomb building. So those cameras were instrumental in identifying the individuals in that specific case. Human resources, so one big thing here, they updated all the county job descriptions. You know the board has heard about this. This was not done. Not every county employee had a signed job description. So, to hold people accountable, you need a job description first. So that was a major undertaking by the small HR staff, and we got that done. Appreciate all the department heads' work on that. IT, we're working on the upgrades here in this particular boardroom with the remote cameras. They're no longer in the back of the room. They've got a control room out back. And then initiated password software for key county positions. Ensure continuity of government operations for each department. We all know cybersecurity is of utmost importance, and our staff is staying on top of it to ensure your local government can run in the event of an unfortunate incident with the IT system. The Smoot Library collaborated with Parks and Rec and Friends of Smoot Library to offer summer movies in the park. I think some of them were canceled due to the rain, but it was a great opportunity for you to bring your family. Spend some time with your friends out there. Watch a movie outside, underneath the stars. Parks and Rec, the Dahlgren Parks master plan, this was the 150 acres at the foot of the bridge. That was a very intense master plan. So now we've got a path forward. And another thing I wanted to highlight with them is that I completed the first summer extern program with 18 George High School students. You see a pattern here with the EDA and a few others. Getting the students involved, getting the youth involved in our government, to maybe go off to college, go to trade school, go into the workforce, but stay here in King George County. So I appreciate those efforts through Parks and Rec to work with the King George High School students. In the Registrar's office, we had 90 days of early voting. Our new voter registration system. I think that went through quite smoothly. So commend Lori and her staff on that. Sheriff's office, we now have three deputies certified as commercial vehicle inspectors. Again, participated in numerous community youth engagement programs. Two youth academies for 12- and 18-year-olds, and a summer learning program for 4- to 8-year-olds. Again, you know, getting the youth involved here and building trust amongst the community. A common theme that I'm very proud of. In social services, a lot of times we have a plan. We adopt a plan, and it sits on a shelf. Nothing's acted on it. But when you look at social services, they filled all 23, 25 strategic plans and goals. Only one carrying... Only one goal was carried over into the renewed plan. So Mr. Franklin and his staff are doing a great job over there. It's a tough job in social services, but a great job for them to really take this plan and not let it sit on a shelf. Actually, go ahead and do what it says. And then solid waste. I know Mr. Newchok runs a tight ship here at convenience centers. Really held some great and very well attended household hazardous waste collections to dispose of this material properly, instead of throwing it in a roadside ditch and polluting our waterways that we hold so near and dear to our hearts. You know, this was the tip of the iceberg. All 82 things are on the website or on the agenda here. This will be with a cover letter tomorrow. But I'm really proud of my staff for 2025. And, you know, we kind of, you know, got our sights set on 2026 and, you know, keep moving forward and appreciate the support of the Board of Supervisors.

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1:38:06.5 David Sullins: Thank you, Mr. Smolnik. Any questions?

1:38:10.1 Kenneth Stroud: I don't have any questions, but I would like to say that, folks, this is really huge. Thank you very much, sir. And thank you to the county staff, because I can tell you, you know, going back to sitting where you folks are sitting tonight and observing county administrators past, the achievements being briefed were employee birthdays and anniversaries. And I'm not saying there's anything wrong with anniversaries and birthdays, but what was accomplished, okay? What was accomplished? People lived another year. That's huge. But this is much better. Being briefed on the achievements of people who actually have goals, objectives, and are achieving them, to better our country. Okay, this is really huge, and you know, if you look back, you really see how big it is. But I'm really impressed. Thank you very much, sir. Thanks, everyone. So thank you.

1:39:17.5 David Sullins: Awesome. Thank you. Any other comments?

1:39:22.1 Richard Stuart: Mr. Chairman.

1:39:22.8 David Sullins: Yes, sir.

1:39:23.4 Richard Stuart: I didn't know if you all wanted to vote on this social media policy?

1:39:32.1 Cathy Binder: I'll make a motion to accept the social media policy as presented with...

1:39:37.4 Richard Stuart: We want the amendment to add the word disparaging on line two.

1:39:42.0 Cathy Binder: Yes.

1:39:42.6 Bryan Metts: And the correction of city to county.

1:39:44.5 David Sullins: Let me clean that up real quick.

1:39:50.8 Cathy Binder: Mr. Stuart, could you restate it, and I'll say...

1:39:52.4 Richard Stuart: Adopt the policy as presented, as amended on line two with the typo corrected.

1:40:00.8 Cathy Binder: As presented.

1:40:02.7 David Sullins: All in favor?

1:40:06.0 Cathy Binder: Aye.

1:40:08.2 William Davis : Aye.

1:40:08.2 Kenneth Stroud : Aye.

1:40:09.3 Bryan Metts: Aye.

Secondary Public Comment

1:40:09.4 David Sullins: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. We will open the floor to secondary public comment on meeting items only. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person to allow everyone to speak. Please provide your full name and district when submitting your public

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comment so they can be appropriately recorded and included in the public record. Do we have anybody who would like to speak? Mr. Dines? Is anybody online?

1:40:36.6 Mr. Dines: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we have Ms. Colleen Davis.

1:40:39.8 David Sullins: Okay, go ahead, Ms. Davis. Ms. Davis, can you hear us?

1:41:02.7 Mr. Dines: Hold on, Ms. Davis, we're checking something, please.

1:41:04.8: There she is. Now we can see her.

1:41:52.9 Mr. Dines: Can you try again, Ms. Davis? Can you check your settings on your home computer? We should be able to hear you.

1:42:53.8 David Sullins: Okay, for those who didn't hear that, she's going to type out her question, and Mr. Dines is going to read it for us. In the meantime, did anybody get any correspondence? Any other correspondence? We'll hold tight for this.

1:43:08.6 Cathy Binder: Well, obviously, I see it's a question for me. So what's the question?

1:43:35.4 William Davis:

1:43:36.5 Colleen Davis: Can you hear me? Ms. Binder, I have a question for you. And I was trying to type it, but you're in a rush. My question to you is, why your sudden change and to make a vote in changing the bylaws of the chair, and then you gladly take the chair several years in a row for the Service Authority? So that's my question to you. My second thing is this year, while you're chair on the Service Authority, I hope to see, just like a lot of people, that my husband has protected your comments for you, and I hope to see a change made. Thank you. Bye.

1:44:13.0 Cathy Binder: I'm confused. I couldn't hear the whole question because there was a lot of reverb.

1:44:20.9 William Davis: I think what she said was, you wanted to make the chair a rotating position, yet you gladly took the Service Authority chair for the third year in a row without wanting to rotate that position. I think that was what the question was, the gist of it.

1:44:37.8 Cathy Binder: And I assume that would be brought up in the Service Authority, as we stated before, is a totally separate entity. It is an enterprise fund. It is not a board of... It's not in a Board of Supervisors position. And I know this is becoming very personal, but, you know, I think I've done a very good job as a Service Authority. And I think this is only coming up because I brought up the rotating chairmanship for the Supervisors. You know, I've had a lot of reflection in my life, and you got to stand up for yourself. And I really believe that that should rotate, at least for the Board of Supervisors, because that's an elected position and you serve your constituents. And you should be able to serve your constituents at least once as chair so that you can represent their interest. And you have done it. You did a very good job at it. Mr. Sullins, I'm sure, will do a very good job. And each of you else, if you, Mr. Stroud, if you run again or if you want next year, you would do a good job, and so would Mr. Metts. So that's all I'm saying, is to make sure you take a lot out of that jockeying. It's just a smoother transition. And everyone's represented. Obviously, that is not your feeling, and you're probably very hurt by it. And I don't know what to say. You kind of put me on the spot. But I see where there could be a contradiction.

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But I do know that continuity in the Service Authority as an entity in the enterprise is very important. It's very important to DEQ, and it's very important to the regulators. It's very important for state agencies. That is not the same as the Board of Supervisors, whether you believe that or not. That is what I believe, and I know other citizens believe in. Everyone has their supporters. Everyone had their supporters to vote for them. I hope I answered that question, but you kind of put me on the spot. So I answered it to the best of my ability.

1:46:36.2 William Davis: Well, the vote put us on the spot, so I can understand that.

1:46:40.0 Cathy Binder: And, Mr. Davis, I also want to clarify. I did bring this up last year about this. And I did say that I would bring it up again in the bylaws. And I assumed I would get shot down. Well, sometimes I don't hear about things that appear at this board meeting.

1:46:57.9 David Sullins: , any other public comments? Does anybody in the audience want to join us? , Mr. Dines, anybody else online? , I will close public comments for now. Do I have a motion to adjourn?

Adjournment

1:47:16.0 Cathy Binder: I'll make a motion to adjourn to January 20th, 2026, at 5:30 PM in the Revercomb Board Room.

1:47:22.4 David Sullins: We have a second?

1:47:23.1 Bryan Metts: Second.

1:47:24.6 David Sullins: Properly seconded. Any discussion? All those in favor say aye.

1:47:29.1 Kenneth Stroud: Aye.

1:47:29.1 Bryan Metts : Aye.

1:47:29.1 William Davis : Aye.

1:47:30.2 Cathy Binder: Aye.

1:47:30.3 David Sullins: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. We are now adjourned.