

County Business

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At a regular meeting of the King George County Board of Supervisors, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of January 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Revercomb Building at 10459 Courthouse Drive, King George, Virginia:

PRESENT: Jeff Bueche, Chairman
Cathy Binder, Vice-Chairman
Richard A. Granger, Member
John E. Jenkins, Jr., Member
Ruby A. Brabo, Member
Neiman C. Young, County Administrator
Eric A. Gregory, County Attorney

Chairman: Call to order the King George Board of Supervisors. Any amendments to the agenda?

Dr. Young: No amendments Mr. Chair.

Chairman: At this time, I will open the floor the public comment and I ask that you please limit your comments to three minutes in order to afford everyone an opportunity to speak.

Michelle Darnell: Good evening Chairman and board members. I'm Michelle Darnell with Belle Grove Plantation and the James Madison Belle Grove Foundation. I come before you this evening to make comment on an issue that we are facing since we were here in 2013 as it stands today, signage for businesses are very limited. We currently are allowed one sign, which is located at the end of our entrance of our plantation. While, during the winter months Belle Grove is easily seen by 301, but during the other seasons you don't even know that we are there because of the plots in the fields.

To announce our entrance and to let other people traveling through know that we are there, we place yard signs, banners and signs along the highway. So that travelers

going 50 miles an hour know that they've got to come up to our driveway is essential for us, so they have time to think and react.

Recently, a complaint was given that we had signs and banners along the field. While not a part of our special exemption area, they are still part of Belle Grove Plantation. The owner and the farmer have given us permission to have them.

But because of this complaint, we've had to remove all the signs except for our entry sign. We were told we may not display signs or banners except on the land for which the event will occur. With a small part of our area along the highway, this limits our window very much.

I can also easily point out a double standard of this complaint about Belle Grove, with such signage for a housing community that isn't even in King George advertising on one of the major highways running through King George. But I didn't come here to make it hard for others. I just want to implement change through ordinances for businesses, as ours is not as visible from the main road, and can alert possible guests we are there.

As for Belle Grove, our success comes with success for others. We employ local individuals to work with us. We use local small business vendors for our events and with our success comes tax revenue for this county.

Because of our two holiday banner signs on 301 which we had to remove, during the month of December, we had 360 tour guests that stopped to visit Belle Grove. This resulted in four individuals earning an entire income every day that month. We employed somebody every day that month.

It also allowed local groups to get recognition for their efforts for decorating and a successful month for Belle Grove, and a tax revenue payment close to \$1,000 for this county in December.

I also seek to change the way complaints are being taken. At this time anyone can call, email or mail a complaint without

giving their name. This opens up the county's offices to being used as a means for someone to harass others. I think complaints should only to be accepted with a name. A name does not have to be given to the individual that the complaint is against. But be held by the county as an insurance for non-harassment. I ask that you please consider these changes, thank you.

Ms. Binder:

Thank you.

Rob Neal:

Hello. First of all, thank y'all for doing what you do. I can't imagine the time that you spend, and certainly appreciate it as a county resident.

Chairman:

Could you state your name?

Rob Neal:

I'm sorry. My name is Rob Neal. I live 17123 Bald Eagle Drive in King George and I'm here to talk about the proposed shooting facility at Cameron Hills Golf Course. Ms. Binder, thank you for representing Shiloh and we appreciate all your support to prevent this from taking place. What I say in no means do I mean to offend or insult. This is something I'm passionate about. It's my home.

I moved into my home many years ago. Many years before that, there was a Board of Supervisors that voted to give this property, referring to Cameron Hills Golf Course, a special exception for a golf course. This vote was truly a win-win for the community. It had no negative impact on the owners or the land values. Can this Board of Supervisors say the same of this proposal that's coming forward?

Around Christmas, and I'm not sure exactly, it was a couple days before Christmas, it was during that Christmas break, there was, I'm not sure exactly who, but somebody on the proposed property shooting, which they absolutely have the right to do. But basically, it was a round going off, high-powered rifle, every 30 seconds for about an hour or so.

I was putting up Christmas lights outside, and frankly, I became so agitated that I started contemplating if this actually was approved by this board and I chose to continue

to live on this property, which I've invested my adult life there, how could I deal with it?

We are talking about one firearm, one high-powered firearm. We all have the right to do that on our own properties, but you multiply that by 25 shooting stances, pistol stances. I could imagine what I was facing or what I potentially could be facing, and I started thinking about how I could stop spending more time outside, and if I chose to continue to live on this property, how I could spend more time inside my home so I wouldn't have to move.

I went inside, tried to settle down, and the recoil from the high-powered rifle, I could continue hearing it inside of the home. Again, we are talking about one firearm. Just the idea of that being multiplied, it's just, as I said once before in front of this board, I will not live the rest of my life unhappy. I can't do it. Again, this is the neighborhood I pray you all choose not to let this go forward.

One of the things I've heard a few times from a member of this board, and I don't recall who it was, and I've heard it repeated by other folks that live in my neighborhood that have been here, is that this decision would be based upon the facts. I guess I have one question. Whose facts that's going to be based upon.

One fact that I'm confident of, and correct me if I'm wrong, is that no one on this board, the county administrator, the Ogniek brothers, or 99% of the people that support the shooting range, when they go home on Saturday afternoon to spend time with their families, their wife out on the deck, have parties, they are not going to hear these firearms. They won't hear them. That's a fact. I don't know where you folks live, but I can imagine you're making a choice for me and the people that live around my community.

They'll be hundreds and hundreds of acres that will be affected by this one parcel of land. This destruction is not going to end at the borders of that property. We have some folks that live behind us. They have 2,000 acres. I have a map from the original property that the owners go back to

the 1930s. They have again, 2,000 acres. All the choices that they'll make on their property in the future are going to be based on this one parcel.

So please think very hard about it. Think about the folks that have invested their lives around this property and the effect that if you approve that, you can't take it away. Thank you.

Ms. Brabo:

Thank you.

Chairman:

Anyone else on public comment? Do we have anybody online? Anyone has any prepared correspondence? No? Okay, we'll move to reports from the board. Mr. Jenkins?

Mr. Jenkins:

Thank you, sir. I'd like to thank everyone for their comments this evening and everyone for just coming out. I appreciate the attendance. Ms. Darnell, I particularly appreciate your presence and I definitely want to say how much I appreciate your business and the positive impact it's had on the community. I think everyone would agree with that.

I think you raised a lot of excellent points concerning signage and sign issues for not just your business, but for others. I know in the past I've heard some questions about the ordinance itself, since I've been on the board.

But I've also heard to be honest, complaints as far as there are too many signs littering the county. So I think it's something we need to look further into. I'm not sure what the rest of my colleagues think, but it's something to give some thought and I hope we can address that issue.

Sir, I apologize, I forgot your name already, but Neal –

Rob Neal:

Rob.

Mr. Jenkins:

Mr. Neal, I like that better. I appreciate that you're certainly not the first one to come out to discuss the gun range and I know when it comes time to make the decision we are going to certainly keep you and all the other citizens in our thoughts. I'm confident we'll make the right decision that best benefits you and our community as a whole. Again, I really thank you. Then we'll get to my boring part.

On the 22nd, or I apologize, today is the 22nd. On the 16th I attended a work session concerning our strategic economic plan. There was a lot of good discussion and I'm excited that we are almost there. It's been a long road, but we are almost there. On top of that I'd like to make a motion reappointing Mr. Ross Devries to the Planning Commission.

Male Speaker:

Second.

Chairman:

Any discussion? All those in favor? Aye.

Group:

Aye.

Chairman:

Opposed? Chair votes aye.

Mr. Jenkins:

Are we making our nominations for the –

Male Speaker:

[0:42:46 inaudible].

Mr. Jenkins:

Okay. I'd also like to make a motion for reappointment as well for Mr. Jeff Stonehill to the community advisory –

Ms. Brabo:

Budget advisory.

Mr. Jenkins:

The budget advisory.

Mr. Granger:

Second.

Chairman:

Any discussion? All those in favor?

Group:

Aye.

Chairman:

Opposed? Chair votes aye.

Mr. Jenkins:

That will be all, thank you.

Chairman:

Mr. Granger?

Mr. Granger:

Thank you, sir. Ms. Darnell, thank you for coming out. We have talked about this before. I would say maybe it would be a good idea to have New Development prepare some information so that we can actually have a discussion over that for the next meeting or maybe the one after that if it takes them a little bit longer to look into it.

But once you bring up a particular, and then just looking at the history of why it's currently set up the way it is. Are we

more restrictive than other counties around us? Just kind of try to look at it and see if we can at least [0:43:45 inaudible] it and make it more available. Just to understand that, the whole situation.

Ms. Brabo:

If I may, I actually was going to recommend to send it to the Planning Commission. There's a lot of contradictions. There is a lot of updates that should be done, and a lot of questions need to be asked with regards to how much of our resources do we want to invest in policing signs.

Because as Ms. Darnell pointed out, there seems to be some folks get dinged and other folks like PTP Guns that have their trailer on the Hertenstein Park for months on end advertising and not in compliance, but yet they don't get dinged because nobody calls to complain. So we need to decide, do we want to invest resources to have sign police? Or do we want to change our ordinance?

Mr. Granger:

I'm content with sending it to the Planning Commission first and let them take the first crack at that. That's the reason why they are there in the first place.

Chairman:

So do we have a consensus to push this to the Planning Commission?

Mr. Jenkins:

Yes.

Ms. Brabo:

Yes.

Chairman:

All right, Dr. Young. Thank you, sir.

Mr. Granger:

Okay, Mr. Neal, I think I brought this up before, but I'll be straight as well with you in case you are not aware. Currently our zoning ordinance is for agricultural. There is no special exception for a gun range. So the process would be we would have to amend our current ordinances in order to allow that, and obviously take a look at that and see if that would fit into the entrep and agriculture.

I think you bring up some good concerns why we maybe would want to do that. I'm not going to give it a decision either way right now. But there's a lot of steps. First you have to change the ordinance to allow for a special

exception like that, and then you have to apply for it. You have to be granted that special exception in order to move forward. So I appreciate your concern.

I appreciate you getting out here early, as everyone else has as well. So please continue to come out early and provide your input, as that's important. But I do believe it's very pertinent information you've brought and it weighs on me and my decision that I don't believe I can make.

Rob Neal:

I appreciate that.

Mr. Granger:

Wednesday, January 16, I also attended an economic development strategic planning work session. It was good to see the citizens' feedback and working their feedback into the strategic plan as well as board members being able to provide their feedback there on the spot. We had that up as well, as Mr. **[0:46:25 inaudible]** said, I'm excited to see this whole thing come to fruition here soon.

Last thing I'd like to bring up is last weekend there was, I think some confusion in regards to the Fredericksburg Fire Department posting about some other issues in their area. I appreciate Dr. Young and Chief Moody and Mr. **[0:46:46 inaudible]**, and others who were involved in that whole process to figure out what was going on and kind of why that was announced. It was an inaccurate and unsubstantiated claim. I believe they've rescinded it, I'm not sure if they actually did, but I believe they did, so I appreciate that they did that.

As well as the fact that landfill, or Waste Management has made the decision to move up the schedule for drilling new wells to help **[0:47:13 inaudible]** more gasses, so that should help to some of the other issues that we've been experiencing here. So I appreciate them working to up that schedule to address some of those issues and concerns. Thank you for staff for keeping on top of that this weekend and making sure that it didn't balloon out of control because it was an untrue statement. That's all I have.

Chairman:

Ms. Binder?

Ms. Binder:

I want to thank everyone who came out tonight. Ms. Darnell, I appreciate you bringing to the forefront, and it's something we need to look at, is the sign ordinance and updating it.

Mr. Neal, you've come and spoke to me. I spoke to you personally. I have been personally meeting over their proposal. I do have some concerns and when it comes before us, I will ask and address. I understand how you feel about it and I appreciate you coming and talking. Thank you.

I attended on Wednesday, January 16, the Dahlgren Heritage Museum Board of Trustees and they have finalized an assortment of programs that a lot of the community will really appreciate, highlighting 100 years of NSWC's footprint in the county where they are going to have some panel discussions, and people can come and chat and find out a little bit more history.

I also attended the economic development strategic planning session, and that was a lot of good information. I really appreciate all the citizens who came out and helped with it.

Then on Thursday, January 17th I also attended the Supervisory Board of Trustees and I learned a lot, especially about all the paintings that in 1976 a local artist painted and put in the courthouse. That was kind of neat. There's 15 of them. One of them was really interesting. It was a map of the county, how it looked originally and how it looks now. That's all I have, thank you.

Chairman:

Ms. Brabo?

Ms. Brabo:

Well Ms. Darnell, just for your informational purposes, you may be aware, but I'm just going to share with you in case you are not. So you can have a temporary banner for advertising an event for 30 days. So related to any event, you can have that in addition to your sign.

I understood from your public comment that for some reason the Community Development does not acknowledge the farm area as an allowance for you to have said banner, which makes no sense since the entire 698 acres is owned by the Hoss family which has given them permission to

manage and operate a business, so I will ask the county administrator to inquire as to why the entire 698 acres is not recognized as the Hoss property like it is on the deed at the courthouse.

Dr. Young: I looked into that, ma'am, and the reason is because it's two separate parcels. It's one owner but two separate parcels. So the Belle Grove Plantation that's authorized for a bed and breakfast is one parcel. That's where they say that you could have use of that specific parcel, and the second parcel is strictly agricultural land that has been dedicated or designated as used for pertinent operations.

Ms. Brabo: Okay, so I did not see that stipulation when I read the sign ordinance, but maybe I didn't understand it appropriately so maybe –

Dr. Young: Two different parcels. I actually even had the Community Development Department of Grants office –

Ms. Brabo: I hear what you're saying, but I don't recollect reading anywhere in the sign ordinance where it said if it was two separate parcels you could not have... as long as it was on the property.

Mr. Granger: When I read it I took away that it had to be on the property that the business resided on.

Ms. Brabo: You did?

Mr. Granger: That's how I read it. So it might be a matter of interpretation, but that's how I read it. I understand what you are saying.

Ms. Brabo: Yeah. So again, could we obtain clarification as we go forward that needs to be made? Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Neal, as always, I appreciate you folks continuing to come out and keep this as a reminder. This is a serious issue. I agree with you wholeheartedly. A lot of times I'm the odd man out when I vote on something because I truly always think what if it was in my backyard? How would I feel?

It's very easy to sit up here, make a decision and say oh, it's this, it's that or whatever. But at the end of the day if it's not directly impacting you, you really need to stop and think what if it was my backyard? How would I feel? So I appreciate your comments this evening.

On the 11th I participated in the National Association of Counties Executive Committee conference call. We were cut short because unfortunately they had accidentally sent it out to the entire western region local county elected officials, and they weren't supposed to be on the call with us. So we will be rescheduling that call.

On the 15th I participated in the White House conference call on border security. President Trump was the person with whom we had the conference call, which was surprising to all 700 of us who participated in the call. His comments included, "First duty of government is to protect the nation and its borders. We cannot have a mass influx of illegal immigration that threatens public safety and our finances. A steel barrier is stronger than a wall, and you can see through it."

Which I appreciate his comments there because when I toured the San Diego border and got to see the different prototypes, all of the border patrol agents commented that they were not interested in a concrete wall. They preferred the steel barrier. Basically, because it went into the ground and would not allow them to dig under, and they could see through it and be able to see what was coming at them.

Again, continuing with President Trump's comments. "We are in the midst of a grave humanitarian crisis at our southern borders. Drugs are flowing over the border. This drug influx is costing us \$7 billion a year. Last year 266,000 illegals arrested by ICE had criminal records. The wall will work. The fight against the wall is political. The government main shut down for one reason and one reason only, border security, which needs to happen." His comment was also that the government shutdown will continue as long as it's necessary.

The sheriff of Yuma County, Arizona was on the call and he commented that literally that previous day, he had 500 illegals cross the border. They were able to capture all of them, but it was a huge fiscal impact on the resources of the county.

Today I participated in the, well let me back up a little bit here, sorry I forgot. On the 16th I participated in the economic development strategic plan final draft. On the 17th I attended the comprehensive plan open house held by Community Development office and Planning Commission, and I must say I was truly impressed and thrilled that they are having these two open houses in order to receive community feedback. I don't believe this has been done in the history of the county with regards to updates to the comprehensive plan.

Today I participated in the National Association of Counties Rural Action Caucus call. The waters of the US, proposed new definition by this administration, will be explained in a webinar to be held on February 4th for anyone who is interested in understanding this. The new program being put out by the federal government called Bridging the Economic Divide has a number of issues that are extremely concerning for rural counties. The 2020 census is aiming to do a vast majority of the data collection online. They have scaled back dramatically the number of people they intend to hire for boots on the ground for door to door data collection.

This shift in data collection has a high potential for undercounting critical counties, such as rural counties and the urban poor sections of urban counties due to lack of Internet capacity or technology hardware needed to respond to the online portal. In other words, this will create an inaccurate picture of what is truly representative of our counties.

The second issue is the FCC broadband mapping system. Currently the FCC simply has the Internet service providers self-report the data collection for what areas are being served within counties. Congress then uses this information to determine funding for broadband deployment. So with an

inaccurate reporting of services in rural areas, this creates a lot of issues. So these two are the main priorities for our March legislative conference to be held in DC.

Because of our advocacy through the Rural Action Caucus related to these two issues for the last few months, there's been a lot of interest from partners to assist us in creating an app. The app will be rolled out at the legislative conference. This is a mobile app that will be shared with all of the local elected officials across the nation and you in turn are to share it with your constituency. This app will test your broadband speeds anywhere you stand. At home. At work. Wherever.

The idea is everywhere you go, you would use this app. It will upload. It will test and report back all the information regarding your uploads, your downloads, your latency, and take your geographic coordinates and time of day. With this information, NACA will then compare it to the FCC mapping for the county to demonstrate the gaps.

Rural Action Caucus meeting will be held on Sunday at 10 AM during the legislative conference in DC. Five years ago, we only had 80 members in the Rural Action Caucus. At that time, Arthur Scott, the staff member, basically gave us a call to action to recruit members of local government elected officials from across the nation who were from the rural counties.

Today our membership is at 300. So we can no longer hold our meetings in the conference rooms, as we learned in July at the annual conference. So from this day forward, our meetings will be held in the general session room in a townhall forum type session.

All right, a couple other items of interest. Senator Hanger's bill, SB 1328 seeks to currently tweak the stormwater local assistance fund. So as it stands right now our county does not qualify for the stormwater local assistance fund. So what this bill would do, it will provide grants to small rural counties that do not have an MS4 permit.

So we do not have an MS4 permit. So because of that, we have not been able to apply for these monies. I would like to ask that we would send a letter of support for this bill to our state delegates. These monies can be used for eligible projects such as new stormwater best management practices, retrofitting or maintenance of stormwater, stream restoration, low impact development projects, buffer restoration, pond retrofitting, wetland restoration and things of that nature. Any interest?

Chairman: I would like to see what else is, like is there matching monies? Is there anything we would have to come up with in order to be able to apply for these grants? If we were awarded the grant, is there any obligation the county would be subject to?

Ms. Brabo: The only thing I would say to this is remember time is of the essence if we want to send letters of support. Secondly, you're not applying for anything at this point. So whether there is a match or not, we can decide later if we even want to apply. This just gives us the opportunity to apply which we currently have never had.

Male Speaker: I advise the memos.

Ms. Binder: Yeah.

Chairman: Okay.

Ms. Brabo: HB 2222 will allow school boards to display advertising material on school buses. Obviously within a whole bunch of different criteria. But this can potentially open up a means for the school board to gain revenue by selling advertisement space on the school buses, which might then help offset the cost of new school buses. So again, would we like to send a letter of support?

Mr. Granger: Yes.

Ms. Brabo: Okay. Then just for your situational awareness, not asking for support, but if it passes, there has been a bill introduced that will mandate training for local elected officials on the Freedom of Information Act and the Conflict of Interest Act,

and who this will actually be conducted by. Which I think this is a good thing.

The bill also, in addition, prohibits an attorney for the Commonwealth from also serving as a county attorney. Long time in coming. Glad somebody finally realized that that is a conflict of interest. So I was very happy to see that as well.

Then last but not least, in case you had not heard, I wanted to make you all aware the press release went out January 17th that Congressman Whitman was named the cochair of the Rural Broadband Caucus. So I think that's a win for us, and just wanted to share that with you in case you are not aware. That's all I have.

Mr. Granger:

I just have a quick question going back to, you talked about that app for gathering information about download speeds and reporting them back. Because right now they are using just self-reporting. Is there any way for it to tell if it's using cellular data, if it's using a certain network? If they are not receiving data from a certain area, would they make the assumption then that there is no coverage there? Or how does that work?

Ms. Brabo:

So they will actually be giving a seminar at the conference in March when they release the app that will actually explain everything. So if nothing else, you guys may want to look at that schedule and if you're...

I highly encourage even if you cannot attend the entire conference, because it runs Saturday through Wednesday, even if you can only come up Saturday and Sunday, whatever the case may be, if you look at what's on the schedule. Even if you only came up for the mobile app session, that type of thing.

Mr. Granger:

I appreciate that. Thank you.

Chairman:

Ms. Darnell, thank you for coming out tonight. I always enjoy going to Belle Grove. My in-laws like going there for the tea. I don't go there for the tea. But they seem to enjoy it. I enjoy all the different events you guys have. This past New Year's Eve we had family and so we weren't able to go. But always

enjoy going out to Belle Grove, so thank you for bringing these things to our attention. I'm sure the Planning Commission will do their due diligence in looking at this and when it comes to us for discussion, I'll definitely take everything you said into account.

Mr. Neal, thank you for your comments, sir. It does put a personal touch on some of these folks that are just looking at a plan on paper, dollars and cents, and what some may think the county wants and some that don't want it. It adds a personal nature to it, so I appreciate that, and I encourage your neighbors to come out and let their impacts or potential impacts be known. It really helps.

With that, I would like to thank my colleagues that serve on the Service Authority Board of Directors and the others that are not my colleagues, but they are not here right now. But thank you for what you did tonight.

As someone who is personally impacted by the partial government shutdown, as a Coastee, I am not a customer of the Service Authority so it's not self-serving in this comment, but I appreciate you taking into account people's ability to pay their bills while they are not getting a check, and putting together a payment structure. I really appreciate you doing that.

So on Wednesday, January 16th I participated in the county economic development strategic planning work session in company one. I'd like to thank Mr. Ryan Gandy, Ms. Cupka, and Dr. Young for all their hard work and long hours with the townhalls and research that produced this long-awaited product. We are very close.

On Thursday, January 17th, I attended the King George County conference and planned open house at UMW Dahlgren. It was highly attended. I really didn't think there would be that much interest, but there really is. So hats off to the guys that put that on, and I'm sure their next one will have just as much interest.

On Sunday, January 20th, I joined Dr. Young on visits to the Route 205 convenience center and the Sealston at the

landfill. I've been going to the Route 205, I guess you could call it a convenience center, back in 2005 when it was two dumpsters and you pulled in and there was a guy on a front-end loader packing trash down as you throw it in. It really has come around. I remember when the convenience center was built out while they were developing Rose Park and you'd go in there and there was this white sludge all over the concrete. It smelled horrible. There was debris flying everywhere.

It's not like that. It was very clean. The service attendants, the county employees were very polite, and they were working. So I can definitely understand sometimes when people say that the county employees were not there to help me unload my trash. Well, they also have jobs to do there as well and they are doing a really good job at it. The place was really, really clean.

Also, when I visited there, there was a young man working the gate and he told me about how someone pulled in without a county sticker. Doing his job, he simply told the gentleman, "Sir, you have a sticker, you're not going to be able to dump here." He made comments somewhere to the fact that, "Are you going to physically stop me?" Then proceeded to dump his trash.

That's not going to be taken lightly. His information was turned over to the proper authorities. But these are county employees, and this cannot happen in King George County. So if anybody plans on manhandling these people for simply doing their job, we're going to go after them. It's not going to be tolerated.

On a personal note, since we were talking about things going on in the General Assembly, I would like to thank Delegate Margaret Ransone for her floor comments today in the House of Delegates. With that, I would like to roll back to anyone that was not able to make their appointments to the Citizen Budget Advisory Committee. Is there anyone that has one open to be heard?

Mr. Granger: Yes, I have one, and I had forgotten. I appreciate you bringing it back. I would like to make a motion to appoint Ms. Gillian Woodring to the Citizen Budget Advisory Committee.

Chairman: Any discussion?

Ms. Brabo: Second.

Chairman: Any discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman: Opposed? The chair votes aye.

Ms. Binder: I also have somebody. I would like to appoint someone who has emailed me expressing interest. His name is Joseph, and I hope I get this name right, Gaborow. I'd like to appoint him to the Citizens Advisory Board.

Mr. Granger: Second.

Chairman: Any discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman: Opposed? Chair votes aye.

Ms. Binder: Chairman, I would like to appoint one other person. This is to the Building Code and Appeals, it's a five-year term. It's Mr. Ted Klopsis.

Ms. Brabo: That's not an appointment because it's **[1:08:27 crosstalk]**.

Mr. Gregory: Yeah, the Building Code Appeals Board is appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

Ms. Brabo: Oh yes, okay, I apologize.

Mr. Gregory: The board of Zoning Appeals **[1:08:38 crosstalk]**.

Ms. Brabo: My apologies.

Chairman: Could you say it one more time?

Ms. Brabo: Mr. Ted. Klopsis to the Building Code of Appeals and it was a five-year term.

Mr. Granger: Second.

Chairman: Any discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman: Opposed? Chair votes aye. Did you have anybody to appoint?

Ms. Brabo: I move to appoint Mr. Harry Pendleton to the Budget Advisory Committee.

Mr. Granger: Second.

Chairman: Any discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman: Opposed? Chair votes aye. I would like to nominate Ms. Carrie Cleveland to the Citizen Budget Advisory Committee.

Mr. Granger: Second.

Chairman: Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman: Opposed? Chair votes aye. Do I have a motion on the consent agenda?

Mr. Granger: So moved.

Ms. Binder: Second.

Chairman: All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman: Opposed? Chair votes aye. Passes. Report from the County Attorney?

Mr. Gregory: No report at this time Mr. Chair.

Chairman: Okay. Presentation and reports, legal leadership course presentations by Ms. Levita Cobb and Mr. Travis Self.

Lavita Cobb: Good evening Mr. Chairman and members of the board. I'm Lavita Cobb of the Finance Department, and this is Mr.

Travis Self from Community Development. We are here this evening to present our takeaways from the Professional Development Academy, and before we start, we wanted to take the time to thank the board, Dr. Young, Amanda Sumiel, and our directors, Mr. Bradley Hudson and Wilma Ward, for this opportunity. We are going to kind of go back and forth a little bit just to get through the presentation.

Travis Self:

All right, to start off, a little background. It's a development class that just kind of goes through and teaches people how to better handle situations, make them better leaders, be able to manage high-performance teams and be able to create change and manage change throughout the organization.

Our group, well it was a figurative group, it had 38 total for this tense, broken down by smaller groups. Then each week, we had a few different things we'd do. Monday through Wednesday we went through our regular course material. Thursdays we'd usually meet with our smaller breakout groups to discuss the material and kind of get feedback and personal situations on each individual topic for that week. Then on Friday, we'd have the big meeting with all the individuals of the breakout groups would have a representative. Get each groups feedback to the –

Ms. Brabo:

May I ask, so how did they select new breakout groups and were the two of you in the same small group?

Lavita Cobb:

We were not. What they wanted to do was actually include people in the same locality in the same group. Because a part of the Leadership Development Academy, it gives you a chance to get to know people outside of the norm. So we were in groups with board members, county administrators. So we got to meet different people at different levels.

Here are some of the course objectives. We went over our leadership mindset and positive engagement. Leading effective change, communication and collaboration and also leading high-performance teams, as Travis mentioned.

Travis Self:

One of the main I guess pillars or concepts that were followed, and one of the courses it was built upon was

General Powell's rules of leadership. Just going through, just reading the slide... usually something small, something simple, but if you take it and apply it, you can apply it to pretty much anything. It just makes dealing with situations, especially negative ones, it makes it a lot more manageable and kind of gives you a bigger picture of what's going on.

The first one up here. It seemed like everything we talked about every week, it would always come back to it. It ain't as bad as you think. It will look better in the morning. Just sleep on it. It gives you time to cool off. Gives everybody else time to cool off. Or just time to regroup, get your thoughts together. Things of that nature.

Another one, my breakout group came back to a lot of "it can be done". There was one particular lady from Alabama that was trying to do a major overhaul of their entire local government, and they were having a lot of issues because they said they were going to do something, and it never got forced. It just went around and around and around.

She said one of her superiors came through and said, "There's nothing we can do. It's done. We can't do it." But it can be done. It may not happen exactly how you want to do it, but it can be done. All these are just real good points to use.

Lavita Cobb:

So as you can see, General Powell's rules are continued here. I'm not going to take your time reading through all of it, but I'm going to focus on the last one, perpetual optimist is a force multiplier.

That just means that as leaders, if we maintain the "I can win" attitude and always bring your own weather, which is something we also learned being a part of the academy, then you can affect many people because your mood and your attitude transfers.

Travis Self:

The value of the Leadership Academy. It brings a lot of value. I've learned a lot of things I never even considered about being a leader. Even where I'm at right now, where I'm not in a direct leadership role, it's helped me develop tendencies and processes to get through just my daily

routine. To make that more efficient and more positive as you figure things.

But you go through this. Just leading out loud is one good thing to talk about. Creating connections with counterparts and teammates. With that you'll start to build credibility.

Then I know a lot of people think resistance is a bad thing, but it can be a good thing. Because when you acknowledge it, you can see both sides of it. See where it's coming from, why it's coming. Then be able to take that information, recognize it and use that to shape the plan of action.

Lavita Cobb:

Our last slide. So we also learned how to communicate with everyone, not just the front line, but throughout the organization. How to implement change and communicate it. How to properly negotiate, and then how to manage conflict.

Then the last one, Travis and I got together and actually came up with this. Because we found throughout the entire program that you get out of it what you put in. So if you don't put in the time and the hard work, you are not going to get anything.

Again, Travis and I thank you all for it. Like he said, it was a great opportunity and we hope that the board will send two other people to the academy. We think that it is a great opportunity for King George to develop more leaders. You couldn't ask for anything better, so I thank you.

Chairman:

Thank you.

Ms. Brabo:

Thank you. Just to let you know, the board already did give consensus to Dr. Young to send two to the next Leadership Academy. That's very exciting that you guys enjoyed it and you had the opportunity to go.

Lavita Cobb:

Thank you.

Dr. Young:

Action items. Department of Human Resources personnel policy update. You've been reading the controversy in the news regarding sexual harassment in the workplace. I asked our Human Resources Department to review King George County's policy on the topic, where I come to find that there

is no language on our books regarding sexual harassment, nor workplace violence. As a review of best practices for prepared governments in the region, we are proposing a recommended amendment to our personnel policy.

I should note that updating our policy is but one action that we are taking to protect our employees and our reputation as a professional workplace. In addition to policy recommendations, we'll be providing every county employee with mandatory and documented training on sexual harassment and its detrimental effects on the workplace.

In addition, new employees will be individually briefed on King George County sexual harassment and workplace violence policies. They will then be required to record a signature acknowledging their compliance. I recommend the board approve the HR personnel policy amendment regarding sexual harassment and workplace violence.

Chairman:

Discussion?

Mr. Granger:

I had sent Dr. Young some modifications. We are reflecting step one. **[1:18:48 inaudible]** banning the other. **[1:18:50 inaudible]**.

Ms. Brabo:

The only comment I would make is in your policy you reference staff, supervisors, volunteers, but you do not reflect that this would apply to elected officials. I think we need to be included in this process in the end.

Male Speaker:

I agree.

Male Speaker:

[1:19:13 inaudible].

Chairman:

Also, a citizen pointed out to me before this meeting this evening that if you go to section 1.7, the third bullet says "appropriate way". It should reflect inappropriate way.

Ms. Brabo:

What do you mean by third bullet?

Male Speaker:

What was that section?

Mr. Granger:

Okay, physical conduct section, involving **[1:19:41 inaudible]** or blocking someone's path in an appropriate way. Yeah, I agree. I see what you are saying there.

Male Speaker: Yeah, so should reflect inappropriate instead of appropriate.

Chairman: In an inappropriate manner. It's not a problem. But that's kind of weird this guy was saying. So did everybody have time to digest this?

Male Speaker: Yeah.

Ms. Brabo: That was the only thing I had heard as well.

Dr. Young: Well I recommend the board will approve the suggested changes [1:20:16 inaudible].

Male Speaker: Second.

Ms. Brabo: Second.

Chairman: Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman: Opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion passes. Next is a discussion item. The cigarette tax resolution. I'm going to ask that the county attorney is going to give us a view of what's going on at the General Assembly and then I've requested that Sheriff Dempsey be here tonight to where he can kind of give us an idea of what has transpired in the past and what we are looking at as far as the county. Then we can move into a discussion. So with that, Mr. county attorney?

Mr. Gregory: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman, thank you very much. Just to lay the groundwork, there is a difference in Virginia as to the taxing authority that... I don't have a microphone. Okay, is that better?

So in Virginia, there's a difference in the type of taxing authority that different types of localities have. Cities and towns have a certain taxing authority, and counties have certain taxing authority. Counties typically cannot tax cigarettes, for instance. That's what we are talking about here tonight. That requires specific statutory authority. Cities and towns have that statutory authority.

There are certain counties that have that specific authority, but that authority is specifically provided for in the code of Virginia. King George is not one of those counties. For years, counties themselves and also through the Virginia Association of Counties have been lobbying the General Assembly to grant the authority to counties generally and then also individually the authority to tax cigarette sales. Without much success. That has been consistently killed by the General Assembly.

Now the rationale is, well, the counties are facing increased demands in terms of services and the need to provide schools, fire and EMS, law enforcement, you name it. You hear about it every day. Many of those services, especially in urbanized counties and urbanizing counties, are increasingly more and more like what cities have to provide.

Now counties don't typically have to provide a lot of the other services that cities and towns often provide. Like taking care of their roads and other things for instance. But nevertheless, other levels of service in terms of law enforcement, fire and EMS, and schools are more and more like urbanized communities, cities and towns.

Anyway, that's the basic rationale. So counties have been seeking that authority for a long time and it has been consistently denied by the General Assembly. This year again there were two bills, the Senate Bill 1512 and House Bill 1946, that would have granted that authority to counties. They were killed late last week in the General Assembly. So those bills were unsuccessful and so the authority that would have been granted under those bills is not going to come about this year.

Nevertheless, there are two other bills, Senate Bill 1127 and House Bill 2189, that still are alive and would grant similar taxing authority, including the authority to tax cigarettes to Virginia counties. So at the board's direction, we prepared a letter seeking the support of the King George County delegation. That is Senator McDougall, Senator Stewart and Delegate Ransone seeking their support of that legislation.

So we prepared that letter. I circulated that to you earlier today, and with your authorization we will submit that letter in support of those bills to them tomorrow, and hopefully that will garner their support and then hopefully push those bills over the finish line. I can't say that they will be successful. I can't even say that your letter requesting the support will achieve their support. They may decide to not support that legislation, but that's their duty as legislators. But we'll submit it on your behalf and hopefully we'll be successful, and we'll just have to see how it goes.

If the legislation is successful, it won't immediately result in that ability to tax cigarettes. What will happen is the legislation will become effective in 2020, the year 2020. In the meantime, during the interim, a study will be conducted to make sure that granting that authority won't unnecessarily or unintentionally conflict with other laws.

So they are going to make sure that that authority that's been granted will not conflict with other laws that would cause problems, and they will de-conflict those issues and hopefully make sure that they are consistent and go into effect in 2020, if approved by the General Assembly and also being signed by the governor. So if you have any questions about that, I'm happy to answer them to the best of my ability.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Brabo?

Ms. Brabo: I read what the attorney has put together. The only suggestion that I would make is since Sheriff Dempsey is going to share some information with us this evening related to the cigarette tax, that possibly there be an addendum to the letter that says for example, if King George County is granted, this legislation were to pass, it would give King George the ability to assess the cigarette tax and these are the reasons why, based upon what the sheriff is going to share with us. To help them get a real grasp of why there is a need within the county to have this equal taxing authority.

Mr. Gregory Of course. We'd be happy to do that.

Male Speaker: Absolutely.

Chairman:

That's part of why I invited the sheriff here tonight, is because even if we weren't successful this year, hopefully we would be pushing the same type of resolution through next year in a more timely manner, but with those factors.

At some point we have to have infrastructure, we've got to pay for that, and at some point, we have to stop going to the taxpayer all the time and look at other sources. I believe this is one thing we are trying to do. The impacts mostly would be to people passing through King George County. But I'll let the sheriff talk mostly to the factors. So any other comments for Mr. Gregory? Sheriff Dempsey, thank you for coming out tonight, sir.

Sheriff Dempsey:

Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the board. Historically, our involvement with cigarette started with cigarette smuggling. We were able to jointly work with the state of New York and ATF here in Richmond office. King George County was identified as one of the leading counties for distribution of cigarettes and cigarette smuggling. There're only two counties in the Commonwealth, Frederick County and King George County, so the capital of cigarettes.

Certainly, with that, the numbers were provided to us briefly, and still are provided weekly to us on the distribution of cigarettes in King George County. So the numbers are high. Broken down, it is estimated, but per day 1,714 cartons are sold in the county, which multiplies to 51,420 per month, and per year 617,040 cartons per year, 617,040 cartons per year.

There's certainly a reason for that, and you wonder why. Just the sale of those cigarettes, that doesn't account for the ones going in the back door because of the tax evasion. Virginia is the second lowest state in the nation. Missouri is the first at 17 cents a pack. Virginia is second lowest at 30 cents a pack. Surrounding states, North Carolina is 45 cents. West Virginia is 55 cents.

But we border the state of Maryland, their tax per pack is \$2 a pack versus 30 cents a pack. So a lot of our sales were going back across and going north. DC is \$2.50 a pack. Of

course the state of New York, we provide a lot of cigarettes for their state, and their tax is \$6.16 per pack. So Virginia is providing a great deal of cigarettes and certainly, I do support our county being able to gain from that. Geographically located and providing cigarettes to northern states who do high tax. Any questions?

Ms. Brabo:

Yes, sir. So do you feel that this is a burden upon your resources? Having had to deal with the cigarette smuggling versus if you didn't have to deal with it.

Sheriff Dempsey:

It is. Certainly, the cigarette smuggling, as far as the investigation, we haven't participated in one that was a large-scale investigation arranged by the feds for about four years now. But we do repeatedly, and probably at least four to six times a year, cigarette stores are broken into. The front door was smashed out and they lose a large volume of cigarettes. We do spend time investigating those cases. So in terms of resources, are break-ins currently, ma'am.

Chairman:

Anyone else? Any other questions for the sheriff? Thank you, Sheriff. Discussion?

Mr. Granger:

I think we should move forward sending the letter then.

Mr. Jenkins:

I concur with that. I've always supported it.

Chairman:

So Mr. Gregory, are you able to add some of those things? Basically, to me, based on what the sheriff said, King George is being exploited, is what it comes down to. Especially if we could maybe capture, unless my colleagues have any opposition to it, let's capture in there that with the 301 expansion coming in, the amount of traffic flow is only going to increase. Which means the probability of the more cigarettes being trafficked through King George is only going to increase.

There are 16 counties in the Commonwealth of Virginia. We happen to border another state, and for us to not have this I think is just ridiculous. I know that they are probably going to throw some things at us. Reasoning, well, VDOT takes care of your roads, are you willing to do this?

Well with revenue-sharing, we pay into that already and we are already competing against the northern counties right now because they have a larger contribution to put into that. So their projects get looked at before ours. Or at least they have a little preference.

We had to increase taxes in King George 7 cents just to address teacher salaries because of the revenues that the northern counties are able to bring in, and we are competing against them. So if we can capture some of those things in this I would greatly appreciate it, if you guys are okay with that.

Mr. Granger:

I'm amenable to that. I think the fact that it's not just about a money grab or anything like that, it is having a negative impact on us from a law enforcement perspective. It's having an impact, and hopefully people will realize and understand it's not that we just think it is money. We want to make sure our region is safe, and we don't have to worry about these kinds of criminal activities.

Ms. Brabo:

Safety is paramount. So correct me if I am mistaken Sheriff, but the big ring bust was 29 folks with ties to terrorist organizations and all the money that they were raising was being smuggled back to the Middle East. When you think about terrorists being located here running a smuggling operation for cigarettes right outside of the Dahlgren premier research and development military installation.

Chairman:

Understood. Thank you. Next discussion item is going to be the convenience center discussion. Dr. Young?

Dr. Young:

Thank you, sir. On December 30th, January 5th and January 6th, I was advised of the fact that Perkins Convenience Center was near capacity. On all three occasions both the staff and myself have pursued creative solutions to ensure that we can keep the center open for our citizens through the entirety of its posted hours.

On January 7th I sat down with both the director and manager of the Solid Waste Recycling Department. During the meeting I explained to them my desire for the center to never again reach a capacity where its posted hours may be

compromised. I then asked the staff what tools did I need to provide them to successfully meet my directive.

I was then informed of the fact that the center's capacity would not be an issue if we returned to enforcing the rules that were established when the center was designed. These instructions included banning bulk waste and oversized loads in the Perkins Convenience Center. These rules are posted at the entrance of the center and on our website, as you can see. So that's where we stand, right there.

After further discussion I was advised of the fact that the term bulk waste and oversized loads were drafted as a catchall to address trailers, box trucks, U-hauls and a myriad of other methods people use to deliver large amounts of waste to the Perkins Convenience Center. This is understandable as it would be nearly impossible to list every means there is to transport a large load of garbage.

Understanding this, I authorized the director to enforce the policy. The same day I spoke with the county engineer, confirmed the no trailer rule provided me by the recycle staff. He then explained that the Perkins Center was designed as a touch and go facility. Meaning it was planned to accommodate minor waste that could be carried in a common household garbage receptacle.

Bulk waste was intended to be delivered to the Sealston Convenience Center. This way if a bulk load was determined to be commercial in nature, the patron then would be redirected to the landfill right next door.

I was then informed of the fact that waste management was the original operator of the Perkins Convenience Center up until 2012. During this time the policy against bulk waste was strictly enforced. In 2013 waste management contracted the convenience center operation to a private company. Over the next five years oversight of the facility declined and the policy against bulk waste became lax.

That being said, the bulk waste restriction is a standing policy. When I say standing, I mean it was an installed practice that was understood for years. This policy is posted

at the Perkins Convenience Center as presented and on the county's website. Is this policy applied and codified in an ordinance? The answer is no.

The landfill ordinance is nearly silent regarding the operation of the convenience centers. This means that bulk waste restriction is not defined in our ordinance I should also note that neither is the policy restricting appliances, furniture, grain waste, carpet or mattresses, which is also posted at the convenience center and on our website, as you can see.

However, county code section 13-4 does state, and I quote, "The Board of Supervisors is authorized and empowered to adopt such operational procedures for all refuse disposal sites as deemed proper for the health, safety and general welfare of the public, the employees at the disposal site and the ongoing operation of the disposal site."

However, the county never managed the convenience centers. Therefore, we do not yet have operational procedures for the board to consider and adopt. In light of this, I felt obligated to enforce our standing policies until the SOP is completed and brought to the board for approval.

I stand by my belief that my actions are legal in keeping with the best interests of not only our facility, but also our staff, and most importantly our citizens. Naturally I work for the Board of Supervisors and I will gladly modify or rescind the orders if the board so desires.

But one thing that I do want to bring to the board regarding the rule. So the picture to the left, as you see, is not mine. Actually. It is a picture I stole, I've had a copyright placed upon it because it was found on Facebook posted by a citizen, so I really can't confirm if that is truly the Perkins Convenience Center or the Sealston Convenience Center.

However, one thing that I can confirm with you all this the fact that this is a scenario that our convenience center employees work with on a day-to-day basis. I received a call from a couple of citizens that said that the trailer load, no trailer policy is nonsensical because a pickup truck can basically carry the same size load as a small trailer.

Very true. However, we're not only dealing with capacity issues with the trailer. We are also dealing with the length that a trailer adds to a vehicle. Case in point. This is the Perkins Convenience Center. This is the entrance to the convenience center. This is the Route 205 center, I mean intersection.

As you can see, we are not dealing with red line. We are not dealing with almost a thousand feet going from that entrance of the facility to the intersection of Route 205. It's not uncommon for, and I've seen for myself, traveling down 205 to the convenience centers that you see cars on the side of the road.

Or you see vehicles stacked from the front gate and they're either on the side of the road or actually stopped at the intersection and on the 205 causing potential traffic hazards. Or just a simple case, or a matter of time that someone is speeding down 205, makes that quick right on to Harry Woods Road, and now we're dealing with auto accidents. So we are not only dealing with a capacity issue, we are also working with a safety issue.

Trailers give that opportunity to add length to vehicles, add length to the line and as you can see, you're dealing with a finite space between the front to that facility to the 205 intersection. So while we do understand that truckloads do carry the same amount of trash as the trailer, we also have the length issue that we have to deal with, that the trailer at the vehicle.

In addition, once the vehicle pulls up to the side of the can, as you can see, a vehicle with a trailer attached to the back of it takes up nearly the whole side of the can. To basically have that convenience center operator, if that trailer was removed, put two cars up there, could service two customers and get two customers out of there and keep the line moving.

So that's the rationale behind trailers and not taking a look at large capacity trucks. In addition to the fact that the trailer loads actually contributes to the spill and the waste, and the

argument that take place between the convenience center employees and our patrons. So we would ask that we take the trailers out of the equation. Get rid of the debate and ask our citizens to take the trailers to the facility that can accommodate that type of traffic.

Again, that's the policy that we were trying to enforce. But I will default to the Board of Supervisors.

Chairman:

Thank you Dr. Young. Discussion?

Mr. Granger:

I would say, in my opinion until such time as the board works to codify the policy, it just falls under the day-to-day operations for the county, so I think Dr. Young has the purview to make sure that this facility runs in the way that is efficient, and I think that's what you've been doing.

So I appreciate your efforts, and we can look at it again when we look at the policy. But at this time, we don't have a policy and I would say that the policy would be then to use that or to post those rules. The rules that you think should be posted at this time.

Ms. Brabo:

I concur. As we've already discussed, Dr. Young, there will be some extenuating circumstances. So as long as there's assurances, as you have taken care of in this one situation, that that will be dealt with.

I just want to remind citizens that if they have a one time need as a resident of the community, they can contact Mr. Jeff Jenkins and he will look into consideration for that one time exemption. If somebody's doing their own home do-it-yourself project and got an extra load or something, it's just a one time thing.

But with that said, I just want to make sure that we will be tasking tonight the Landfill Advisory Committee with actually creating a permanent standard of operation procedures.

Dr. Young:

Yes, ma'am. I spoke with Jeff Jenkins on talked about chairing an event on the advisory committee that will be taking on this topic at their next meeting. Hopefully preparing

something to the board, if not the first week in February, the second week in February.

Ms. Brabo: That's good.

Chairman: Thank you.

Ms. Brabo: I definitely appreciate all of the clarifications, sir. Thank you.

Chairman: County administrator's report.

Dr. Young: I received correspondence from the Tourism Advisory Committee, or TAC. The TAC would like the Board of Supervisors to establish a date for a joint work session. The purpose of this meeting is for the TAC to provide the Board of Supervisors a detailed update on their plan for the King George County 300th anniversary celebration.

In addition, the Economic Development Authority has requested time with the board engaging us on upcoming projects. I talked with staff and we felt that it would be a good idea to recommend to the board consideration that we hold what we'll call the leadership Summit.

This event will allow the Board of Supervisors to invite representatives from each point committee to set the vision for the county's direction for calendar year 2019. If the board would so please, I would advise that you all go ahead and establish a work session date, sit down with the TAC and with your approval, I'd like to go have the staff put together some kind of plan of what that would look like, if we did have permission, and allow the board to weigh in on it.

Chairman: So do you need two separate dates or...?

Dr. Young: Right now, just one sir. I'm recommending that we have one specific day for the Tourism Advisory Committee. Because EDA hasn't really given us a defined purpose for their meeting. I have Ryan Gandy talking with them as far as putting together an agenda of what they would like to discuss.

So since that's not ready just yet, I'd rather have the board set up a date to sit down with the TAC because they have a

very detailed discussion that they want to hold with you all, and I think that is highly pressing, given we have one off from the 300 year anniversary.

Male Speaker: What's your pleasure?

Ms. Brabo: For clarification, so then you are asking for two dates. One to meet with the Tourism Advisory Committee and one for a leadership Summit?

Dr. Young: No, no. I'm going to bring the discussion about a leadership summit back to you all in a subsequent date because right now... well first I just want to see if the board is interested in entertaining the idea. If you all eventually entertain the idea then I can go to the staff. We can look at a different date, look at a different venue, depending on what that agenda would look like. Just to make sure that it is a detailed plan before the board for you all to approve.

Mr. Brabo: So question for clarification purposes for this leadership summit. Would this be inclusive of all the different commissions and boards and are we talking about just inviting the chair and the vice chair or the entire committees?

Dr. Young: That was something that I was thinking about. Initial thought, I think that it would be best to invite just the chair and the vice chair, two representatives from each committee. That way we keep the crowd to a manageable size, and I recommend that we invite a majority of our stakeholders.

So not only the committees that work for the board, but also the EDA, the Planning Commission. We may want to even take a look at inviting the Chamber of Commerce. The various stakeholders in the community at the table.

I basically think that with us coming to the conclusion with an economic development and strategic planning, it gives us a great opportunity for everybody at the table to see the strategic plan and basically the board set out the revision for each member and entity. This is that plan and what's our direction for 2019.

Chairman: So do we have consensus for this leadership summit?

Mr. Jenkins: Yes.

Mr. Granger: Yes.

Chairman: All right, thank you. All right, so now you need us to provide you with a date to act. What's your pleasure?

Mr. Granger: I'm assuming you would like this sooner than later. Working around all our other current sessions. What about the last week in January? I don't know, have we discussed them before? I just don't recall. 28th, 29th, 30th?

Ms. Brabo: I cannot do any of those.

Mr. Granger: That's right, okay.

Mr. Jenkins: We already have a meeting on the 31st.

Mr. Granger: That is correct.

Ms. Brabo: We also have a meeting on the 29th, the military exercise mock townhall.

Mr. Granger: That's right.

Ms. Brabo: How about February 4th?

Mr. Granger: Yeah, I can do that. Everyone else?

Mr. Jenkins: I think I can.

Ms. Binder: Is that a Tuesday?

Ms. Brabo: Monday. It's a Monday.

Mr. Granger: This is the TAC board co-meeting.

Ms. Brabo: So 6:30? You'll let us know where.

Dr. Young: Okay, and we'll let you know where it's going to be. Additionally, I would like to commend Annie Cupka for her efforts to bring four smart scale projects to King George. On January 17, 2019 we were pleased to hear that two of the four projects we had submitted for funding had made it past the third round in the process.

The Department of Transportation staff's recommended projects are the Route 301 University Drive/Market Center RR pet project, which earned a high score in her district, and the Route 301 and Route 3 median U-turn intersection, ranked four out of 10.

The concept and process includes public hearings, and the Commonwealth transportation Board approving the final funding vote June 19. We'll keep the board apprised as the process progresses. For more information, please feel free to review the CTD's website, and I've included a link for public disclosure for that.

Ms. Brabo:

If I may, just because I know, John if you recall, we had some issues fighting last year for the turn lane at VA. So if there's any benefit to the Dahlgren Naval Base related to the one that University Drive, if there's any benefit to their traffic issues, I would highly recommend that we reach out to Captain O'Leary to send a letter to our Commonwealth Transportation Board representative, Hap Connors, encouraging him as our representative to ensure that that passes.

Dr. Young:

Okay.

Ms. Binder:

Because trust me, anything can happen.

Dr. YOUNG:

That concludes our proposal, Mr. Chair.

Chairman:

Is there anything further to come before the board? We have a closed session?

Ms. Binder:

Hold on. I move that the King George County Board of Supervisors convene a closed meeting pursuant to state code section 2.23711A3 for discussion, consideration and consultation with legal counsel concerning the potential acquisition of real property for public purposes and disposition of publicly held real property where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the board.

Invited to attend the closed meeting as necessary are the county administrator and county attorney because they are

deemed necessary and their presence will reasonably aid the board in its consideration of the topics to be discussed/pursued. The Virginia FOIA section 2.23712F.

Ms. Brabo:

Second.

Chairman:

Discussion? All those in favor?

Group:

Aye.

Chairman:

Oppose? The chair votes aye. We are in closed session.

Ms. Binder:

With that, the King County Board of Supervisors adjourns the public meeting as certified by vote and only public business matters will often be exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening and enclosing the meeting were heard, discussed or considered during the closed meeting.

Mr. Granger:

Second.

Chairman:

Mr. Jenkins?

Mr. Jenkins:

I certify.

Chairman:

Mr. Granger?

Mr. Granger:

So certify.

Chairman:

Ms. Binder?

Ms. Binder:

So certify.

Chairman:

Ms. Brabo?

Ms. Brabo:

So certify.

Chairman:

Chair certifies. We are back in session. Is there anything else to come before the board?

Mr. Granger:

Yes, I apologize, I have one more appointment I would like to make. My building Code Board of Appeals had expired. I would like to reimport Ms. Gina Panceria to the Building Code Board of Appeals.

Ms. Brabo: If I may, can she do that? She is now an elected official, whereas previously she was not.

Mr. Gregory: That's correct. I'll have to look into that. I'm not sure she can serve on two bodies like that. She's already on the school board.

Male Speaker: Rescind it.

Male Speaker: Then I will.

Ms. Binder: You will remove your motion?

Male Speaker: I rescind my motion.

Ms. Binder: All right, then we will adjourn to February 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Male Speaker: Second that.

Chairman: All those in favor?

Male Speaker: We have that board session.

Ms. Binder: Oh, I am in my motion. I moved to adjourn to January 24th at 6:30 PM. Where is it at?

Male Speaker: **[1:51:52 inaudible].**

Ms. Brabo: It's to 6:30, Company One. **[1:51:57 inaudible].** 6:30 at Company One.

Mr. Granger: Second.

Chairman: All those in favor?

Male Speaker: Aye.

Chairman: Chair votes aye. Motion carries. We are adjourned.