

## County Business

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At a regular meeting of the King George County Board of Supervisors, held on Tuesday, the 8th 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

**Mr. Chairman:** I'd like to call to order the board of supervisors. At this time I like to open the floor to a public comment. I ask that you please limit your comments to three minutes.

**Ms. Renee Parker:** Ms. Renee Parker. I live at 7144 Pepper Mill Road in the James Monroe district. Evening Mister Chairman and members of the board? I'm here tonight to thank you and remind you like many others I've watched a few of your board meetings and a couple of your recent work sessions online. And it appeared to me that your interactions with each other seem almost antagonistic at times. I thought about it for a bit and although the burden of developing the budget, addressing community development issues, keeping track of and attending to legislation that affects our county must result in unimaginable stress. I believe the cause that brought you all to the decision to run for the seats you hold resulted in a bond of sorts.

The bond you all share was apparent during your first year of board meetings and events. And although you did not agree on every topic, the respect you all had for each other was obvious and was inspiring for those of us that witnessed decades of dysfunction and antagonistic behavior from supervisors of boards passed. As is the case for any board, each member brings their own strengths. The fact that you all succeeded in welcoming each other's strengths, to the point of reaching

out to each other to enhance areas you wish to grow in, was a wonderful example for the community and especially for our young, who see far too few examples of productive working relationships.

I said here I came here tonight to thank you and remind you. Your board has achieved much and for that I thank you. It's hard work and I'm sure people aren't beating down your door to thank you. I also want to remind you that you all agreed at some point that the citizens of this County were not receiving the representation they deserve, and you decided to run for election to this board to make a change. Please be reminded that you all shared a bond in this and it was exciting to see. I implore all of you to work hard, to keep egos and competitiveness out of your day to day operations. There is so much more you can and will achieve as a board. And the achievements are so much more meaningful where they're not only motivated by your commitment to the good of the citizens of this county, but also accomplished through respectful interactions with your colleagues and the public. Thank you.

**Vera Means:**

**[00:56:13 the remains]** 17014 Bald Eagle drive, King George Virginia, 22485. Good evening members of the board, Dr. Young. I'm coming before you tonight to express to you my deep concern with the, what I've referred to as the work around application. Special exception application that was submitted to you. That adds, tries to add gun ranges under camp ground and associated uses thus avoiding the fact that current zoning does not allow gun ranges on property. This is actually stated under scope of activities page two special exception document. Now this is not referenced on what I consider the actual signed King George County special exception application. As a matter of fact, this long document that they call the special exception application isn't even mentioned, submitted. Next problem I have is there's no signature block on that long document by the owner. Now I also have a problem with the fact that this says camp ground and associated uses. I think every use should be specifically spelled out on this document.

And like I said, I question in fact that the other document is not even referenced here. To me this is the legal document what was signed. Okay. Now my next thing is if this were allowed that they could sneak this in under associated uses with camping. So does this mean that now the real estate contracts in this county would be changed for purchase of homes and closed farm land that would disclose that anyone can put gun ranges on farmland under camping and associated uses? I constantly find contradictory statements between these people. First of all when I said 25 rifle stations, they said in the newspaper article

published by Kathy, that Cathy Dyson wrote, let's see dated I think February 3rd. That was a mistake. It's a mistake because I found it. Then they say, in there other document, they say, well, it's 10 to 12 stations.

Well, back in the newspaper article now they say now, well 10 or 12 or more if warranted. These are people that fill out documents as a profession. And you make mistakes like, and you can't provide a consistent answer. Sorry, it doesn't work for me. Next thing, here again, this goes back to their statements always changing. There are diagrams of range construction submitted with the application that attachment for notation states they're not meant to convey specific details of future construction. Another contradiction. Now they say that there's a high usage of firearms usage in my area, page six of their document. Where? I don't hear it. I'd like some evidence of this. I'd like names of property owners, addresses where this is occurring. Okay. They also said communication with several residents, no attempt to communicate with me. They state, there was no response or chose not to engage beyond expressing a willingness to talk. This is their quote. Page six of that document. When one of my neighbors wanted to personally engage in sound testing, the request was denied for a myriad of legal reasons. They cannot accommodate her request. Well, which is it? You want to engage, passed talking or you want to keep it to talking, once again another contradiction. Now, they seem to have to me, they seem to have, to me, legal and lawful, confused. They keep referring to legal use of firearms and the noise ordinance. When the noise ordinance, says number six, lawful use of firearms. To me that would be if the FBI had a Waco situation three doors down, I couldn't call the sheriff's office and say, you know what, the gun fires is disturbing my home. Maybe the county attorney could comment on this because I'd really like to know is there a difference between legal and lawful.

Now they keep saying that residence shooting on their own property is an issue of concern in this county. Says who? Where'd that come from? I'd like to know. I haven't seen a newspaper article saying that and their claims about unsafe usage of firearms and private properties. How would they know that? Have they gone to these private properties to see if they're being used unsafely? Again, provide some evidence of this. Back it up. Maybe the calls are about noise. Okay, next problem. More statements regarding property owners and shooting and I'd like the names and property addresses as well the shooting going on because I certainly don't hear it from where I live. Now page seven mentions baffling, berms, etc. Contained rounds, but in number 3.0 site specific

best managed practices. Page seven, step three states after ranges are in use. Then step four mentions if results indicate any shot, wads, shells, clay targets or bullets might reach the freedom hunt property boundary or waters of the United States.

Identify possible plan modifications to prevent this. You've got to be kidding me. I mean they have stress all, nothing could escape. But now in another document there said, well, but if it does, maybe we'll do something about it, Unbelievable. There are constant references to their legal rights. However, they wished to circumvent King George County Law by opening gun ranges under camping and associated uses, when it has been clearly stated that the current zoning ordinance does not allow gun ranges, on the property and their answer in the freelance star basically says well, they're confident that it'll be approved as it stands here again, circumventing the law,

**Mr. Chairman:**

Ma'am, we are beyond the three minutes, if you if you could close it up. Thank you.

**Vera Means:**

I had a lot on my mind. I can't find any number of full or part time employees. They stay just a small business, but with 500, potentially 1000 members, that's not small to me. They stayed in those led usage, but there is documentation talking about reclamation and recycle of lead. They're unwilling to do professional sound testing until after it's like deception permits issued. How old enough they can afford the sound abatement plan? Once you give it to them, it's a done deal. This is not an issue of gun rights. This is an issue of wants versus needs. It needs the surrounding residents to have a quality of life that allows them to enjoy their property and retain their property; value should come first and foremost, especially before the wants of others here to disrupt our existence 361 days a year. I'm asking that Gun Ryan range, the reference to gun ranges in that document be taken out or they have to go back and list every activity on the actual signed application or frankly at this point. Don't approve anything for them because now that I've seen so many contradictions, I don't think they should have any business over there. Thank you. Sorry. It took a little more.

**Mr. Chairman:**

Thank you for your comments ma'am.

**Kim Dodge:**

I'm Kim Dodge 6150 McCarthy Drive. James Madison District. I live in hop yard and Thursday I was leaving to Fredericksburg at noon and it was a sheriff's car by the intersection of the Port Conway and Route

three. Route three I've been here 10 years ... route three, the traffic coming in here and also leaving morning commute, and evening commute is just increased massively. I don't do counting but massively. I've lived here 10 years and we've had the stop light there and I've been so grateful because many other people complain when they're coming from Fredericksburg and they're going 60 miles an hour. They hate ... they have to slam on her brakes and stop at that light. I am grateful for that light and I'm so grateful I don't live off Dahlgren Road because in the evenings I don't know how those people can go anywhere.

So when I came back from Fredericksburg at six o'clock Thursday, I now know why the workers were there and the sheriff was there. They put in a blinking left arrow light. And how I figured that out was I had a green light to turn right into a Hopyard where I live and somebody had the blinking yellow and they almost hit me, came this close to being hit. Then the other people of Hop yard were talking about that too. So what I'm asking is if we have to have that yellow arrow turn thing and that they have 400 homes now, the total and copper would be 900 at that. It's like 897 I don't have to, that's not exact, but 900 so we're not even at half yet. I don't think we're about at half.

Because just getting worse and worse for us getting in and out of there, they're now opening up the second entrance out of there. In Hop yard people do not stop at the stop signs. I've been was hit in my neighborhood people passing each other on the residence. We write about this on the Facebook hop yard thing. So people speed through there where playing little kids are going to get hit and we have a great problem and I know this is VDOT for the roads, but I'm asking that the yellow left turn right. I would like it taken off. It's already see how people drive in and out of Hopyard and now we're going to get nine. There we go from 400 to 900 residents living in there. If they can't take that yellow light and I don't know how they can just come in and put a yellow light. They do. I wasn't notified that that was going to happen. It's a yellow turn left light and one resident wrote they are very popular in parks, they're highly dangerous. Everybody be careful. She's warning everybody in hop yard, okay about that. So, what I was asking is can that yellow left turn light be programmed Monday through Friday from three o'clock to 7:00 pm that's rush hour. We have many people that drive to Fredericksburg to catch the VRE to go into Washington DC and commute back. So from three to 7:00 pm can that yellow light not be there and it's just a red light turning.

I don't know if that can be programmed that way or not, but I'm totally against that. They just bring it in Thursday and I almost got hit coming here tonight. I saw somebody almost get hit their turn. They're coming to Fredericksburg turning to Port Conway and the other person has a yellow light and they're just turning. And they're going to hit the person who has the green light and I see this all the time in Fredericksburg and they have lots of accidents. And as a taxpayer, I'm concerned about this because now we got to call out sheriffs and ambulances all the time for all the car accidents that are going to be happening.

So I just saw another accident almost happen tonight. So make ... I don't know if you guys know what I'm saying. They're coming from Fredericksburg, so I'm asking that Monday through Friday, that yellow light turn, where people are coming from dock and navy base and you're coming into Hop yard, they can't have that light because they are not watching out for people that have the green light to turn right into hop yard. And I'm so grateful I don't live up Dahlgren Road. That's it.

**Linda Petersen:**

I don't do public speaking very well. Can you hear me? My name is Linda Petersen. I live at 13317 Salem Church Road in the Shiloh district. First I want to thank each of you for serving on the board of supervisors and your time and energies are much appreciated. You have to take into consideration all sorts of issues to ensure the girl for the residents of King George County and I appreciate that you take time away from your families and your free time to do just that. In George it has felt like home since I first came here.

I grew up in a small college town in Iowa, a state of hogs and corn fields, dairy farms and family farms handed down many generations. When the baby first driving into King George County on Route 3 from Fredericksburg has reminded me of the open farm fields of Iowa, and that has made this county feel like home to me. Sort of like going back to Bountiful: be the trip to Bountiful travel. Back in time to my childhood home, I believe the rural quality of King George is a part of what makes this county between two rivers special.

As members of the board of supervisors, you've seen the growth in demands for more housing and more schools as well as water and sewer maintenance and road upkeep. There are many things to keep balanced, and part of the key to finding balance is pacing, taking time to evaluate what growth is best for our citizens. Along with growth comes the financial responsibility to manage our resources like families and

individuals have to do keep to the budget, not over spend or get into debt from big eyed visions of what we want as opposed to what we can afford.

And finally, I have a specific concern when you are considering the special exception for the recently re-titled freedom Hunt Club Freedom Hunt outdoor club. Please consider this, actual exception quest has a new name, but it is for the same business basically. To operate a shooting range on the property of the former Cameron hills golf club. The same shooting range as proposed before the shooting range with 10 pistol station, 10 to 12 rifles stations and shotgun ranges. Developers will promise amenities with new projects. But first the developer begins by building the moneymaking part of the development. In this case that's the shooting range. Are there really people out there that are willing to purchase a monthly membership in a campground?

They can go to a state park for much less money. Is a shooting range and keeping with the use for this area of King George County as envisioned in the comprehensive plan camp ground or no campground? This proposal seems to be a situation similar to when dad tells the child no. So the child flips around back to see if he can get what he wants out of mom. It is still a shooting range that they want to build. Thank you for hearing me out and thank you for working to maintain the quiet rural character of King George and for keeping this county safe and well managed for these times and for future generations.

**Billy Clift:**

Hello Board. My name is Billy Clift and I live on 13188 Salem Church Road, King George Virginia. I'm not going to take up a lot of time tonight. I've spoke before. I do think I at first when I saw the application and it was pointed out that it was a camp ground established a pretty poor attempt to slide one in on the county as a whole. And the more I think about it might be a pretty bold attempt that they could slide one from the county as a whole. And with that said, I don't know that, you know, with the vague comments and, and, and the things that are Vera mentioned here, you know, the constant change and inconsistencies.

We still don't know really what the plan is and we know it's about a gun range. But unfortunately I don't think I am this. Well, I don't think they researched the area well enough. I don't think they realized it wasn't zoned for that. And I just appreciate y'all consideration when this thing comes to vote and support the citizens of the camping. Thank you.

**Mr. Chairman:** Anyone else? Is anyone online? Any prepared correspondence? Okay. At this time I'll open it up to board reports to Mr. Jenkins.

**Mr. Jenkins:** Thank you Mr. Bueche. As always I want to start out by thanking everyone for coming out and making comments. I really appreciate all of them. As usual as far as the camp ground or shooting range, when we get to that bridge, I guess we'll cross it, but I really appreciate the sharing the application language. I agree the uses seem like a very vague comments amongst many other ones. I'd be best, I don't know if Dr. Young can forward some of these concerns are not to community planning or if that's the best course, but I think they might be able to answer what's good and what's not on the application or why that's passable, but good. Do you want to comment?

**Dr. Young:** Yes sir. Community development is tracking these concerns and we'll be prepared to discuss them once it's presented to the planning commission into the Board of supervisors. But I can assure you sir, that we've been having very detailed discussions with the community development as recent as an hour and a half before the board meeting and discussing this application.

**Mr. Jenkins:** All right, great I assume so, but it's always good to point that out. I will say as far as the small business element of it ... it's a tough one to take down. It depends on just my research for a very small business type issues. A lot of times it depends on what industry it is and various other variables. So I think it's a little redundant, but it might be profit, it might be a number of police, but it really kind of depends. And usually define like if sba.gov is usually a good place to go to ask those types of questions. But anyway, as said I share everyone's concerns on that and it's something that obviously we're, we're keeping very close tabs on. So again, thank you for your involvement. All of you guys that came out for that. As far as the rush hour late by Hop yard farms, that's a Mr. Granger's district, so I won't comment too much further a little bit feed out what obviously be someone who discussed that with. As far as my ... and of course report just disappeared on me.

So bear with me. On 2-13 I attended the budget work session. I do think considering Mrs. Parker's comments. I mean some things can get a little heated sometimes. The end of the day I think we're going to come together and have a good budget and continue to work together as we have, not only in the past but at least for another year. I do have some great news, I do want to mention on the 17th King George wrestling

high school had what is the belief to be either highest placement in the state tournament. They finished eighth, which is amazing. And they had three different place winners with Mr. Mural I think. I think its Matthew Mural. I may have mistyped his name so I apologize. But he took sixth. Cody Merguez I hope I'm saying that correctly. Took fourth and Ethan Indseth, you might recognize that last name took first use a state champ. And I believe he is the second state champ ever for King George. So I think it's pretty amazing. He did way better than I did. I'm not jealous or bitter, but it happened. So I'm very, as always, I'm very proud of the team and I just thought it was worth mentioning.

On a sadder note, speaking of wrestling, I was informed today that Brian Albertson passed away. The Albertson's are a huge family. And I feel like I either wrestled or, coached all the brothers in the family. And it was really sad on Brian was a really good teammate. I was very young when I was a young hundred and three pounds freshman when I met him. I really looked up to him and it's my understanding he became a very positive influence in the community as a youth soccer coach with Parks and Rec. So, really torn me up to hear that, but anyways, I consulted with our ... with his brother and the family is asking that instead of flowers that donations are sent to King George Parks and Recreation.

And if you care to help you please make any checks out to King George County. And memorial has been set up Mr. Chris Clark and when I'm award, so I appreciate that. So I'm on the line and that in the memo line, the check just put Brian Albertson memorial and again, if you're mailing it, the address is King George Parks and recreation, can't talk tonight for some reason. Po Box 71 King George Virginia, 22145. So my prayers go out to his family and, and my condolences and that's all I have. Thank you.

**Mr. Granger:**

Thinking just said today, I thank everyone for coming out and speaking. Ms. Parker, I appreciate your comments about civility. Certainly it did get a little heated and you know, I think we'll work through it and come up with the budget and policies that are in the best interest of all the citizens as well as the preferred. But thank you. It's always good to always be thinking about those kinds of things. So thank you for that. As far as the, the gun range; I'll apologize because I had been saying for a long time, it would require a change to our special exception because it was under the impression and I, that's my mistake that they were applying for a gun range. So with the change to a campground, how sad is obviously already a special exception usage for agricultural land.

So I apologize to all those who as opposed not a malicious or intended to mislead anyone, but I apologize for that. Stoke present special exception, which does go to the county commission and the board and has to be voted upon. And I appreciate your comments and I think you bring up some valid points to definitely be considered as we, we make those decisions. So thank you for that as well. Ms. Dodge, I did receive your correspondence. I apologize I haven't reached that yet. I was going to ask ... I was going to try to get some information about those kinds of lights to figure out a distinct families takes on, how they continue to ... other ways that they have turns with not the blinking yellow light, but, if it's a left turn yield on green or something along those lines and just looking at this possible different things. I haven't sent that yet. I apologize. I will send that out though and just see if anything can be addressed. Sure with them. If you have any other residents in Hopyard, just to let me know so I can share with them. Hey there's, a number of people who have concerns with it. Just to let him know it's not a single person. Not that that's not a valid situation though.

Other than that, I attended the budget work session on the 13th and I just been showed that'd be one at the last board meeting. Mr. Gandy provided a brief on the Fredericksburg Regional Alliance, I think there was a little misunderstanding from our part to understanding how much would be in and what we thought the return on investment was.

He had a list of data for the budgets of the different localities I think the FRA; and ours was the logos and we thought that was written on an investment. That was a misunderstanding on our part, that's actually the budget that we have allocated in King George for economic development. And I just want to make that clarification for anyone who may not have heard from the budget work session. And that's all I have. Thank you.

**Ms. Binder:**

Yes. I want to thank everyone who came out, Ms. Parker. I appreciate your work about stability. Ms. Means you've come and giving them many times and I know you're right on looking at it and making sure everything was above and aboard. Ms. Peterson, Mr. Clift. You've talked to me many times about it and I understand your concerns and your feelings and Ms. Dodge, I also understand Hop yard come that way every day coming back from coaching and the traffic is quite heavy and I've lived here since 2001 and I'm amazed at how much traffic now comes back from Fredericksburg in about five, 5:30 at night. So I appreciate your concerns. On a ... I almost said April, rushing the year ahead?

On February 11th I attended the service authority budget work session, on February 13th we had the budget work session and King George County, we had a presentation from the King George Department of social services that was very informative and I just want to ... It was wonderful to hear the good work and education some of our employees do for the citizens of this county. And with that, I also want to say there's lots of our department that come to these budget work sessions and highlight the good work they're doing for our community. I also want to thank our financial staff and our employees for bringing together all this information to help us make better, more informed decisions for our citizens. They're very informative work sessions.

And then lastly, I would like to, I regret to have a resignation on the Smoot library board of trustees, Miss Nancy and I was hoping that we could send her a letter thanking her for her service on the board. And I would like to appoint Mr. Joseph Gaborow; I might mispronounce his last name to the Smoot library board of trustees to take her place.

**Chairman:** All those in favor "Aye". Opposed? Chair votes? "Aye". Motion passed

**Ms. Binder:** And that's all I have. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Ms. Brabo.

**Ms. Brabo:** On the seventh I met with the president of Atlantic builders, the executive director of the Fredericksburg area realtors' recreation, the executive director of Fredericksburg Area Builder's association and Mr. Chip Taylor, infamous real estate agent serving King George County. The meeting resulted at their request after affordable housing discussion at the George Washington Regional Commission meeting and Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Organization meeting that I attended.

On road I met with the Pitts family related to issues with the Medicaid waiver. After meeting with the Pitts family we have learned that this is not an isolated issue impacting only them. I have reached out to the secretary of health and Human Services, the Executive Director of the Virginia Association of counties and Senator Stewart and we have all been working the issue since in an effort to hopefully get this matter resolved as expeditiously as possible.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> Dr. Young Annie Cupka and I met with Mr. Emory added business total located in the industrial park to talk about establishing a workforce training program for CNC computer numeric control. Mr. Emory enlightened us with the fact that there are 15 such shops located

between King George County and the city of Richmond. Each job could potentially hire up to 10 people today, if there was actually a pipeline of trained work force. Mr. Emory's top customers are the FBI, DEA and Dahlgren. I have already arranged a meeting for Mr. Emory with the representatives from Rappahannock community college to meet with him at his facility on the 26th of this month. I also learned that Rappahannock community college had already applied for a Go Virginia Grant in order to establish a CNC computer numeric control workforce class, and they were granted.

On the 13th I participated in the county budget work session. On the 14th I participated in the National Association of Counties Agricultural Rural Affairs Committee conference call. At the legislative conference, we will discuss the census data impacts to federal funding of the USDA rural programs. Though no resolutions were submitted by this committee for the upcoming legislative session due to tremendous success we had in the farm bill with all the wins we accomplished under the USDA rural programs such as increasing the population cap for receiving broadband grants.

We discussed suicide rates, and the fact that they are three times higher in rural areas versus urban areas across the entire country. So we are going to be looking into this matter during late of conference. And for those of you, who will also be attending during the general session, one of the speakers will be Secretary of Agriculture Perdue and he will be talking about the supply and demand of our food system.

Yesterday I joined the friends of Caledon on their hike on the Dahlgren railroad heritage trail out to Lake Caledon, this was led by Laurie Schlemm. This was to provide them the opportunity to tour the site and learn about the fundraising efforts to annex the 455 Acre property with Caledon State Park. And we'll be meeting again with Ms. Schlemm here on Thursday morning.

Ms. Dodge, thank you for bringing our attention. You're concerned to the blinking yellow turn light. I had seen VDOT placing those in place. We have no say over things of that matter. I'll allow Mr. Granger's since he's already planning to look into that to do so. But again thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention. With regards to the gun range, Ms. Means I really appreciate your due diligence. You remind me of me when I was fighting the county with regards to the Chatham village homeowners association and their infrastructure issues. It's unfortunate that sometimes you have to do all that documentation, trust me I had

boxes full because I had to fight it for four years and not everybody is that dedicated.

For all of you who come, your feedback is so important and I don't think citizens truly understand how important your feedback is. Because you're another set of eyes about something that you're passionate about. So you bring to light details that we may be had not considered previously because trust me, I noticed my county attorney over their taking notes while you were talking. So know that we are looking into this, I myself raised a question when the application was submitted as a camp ground with the statement that because the bulk of the acreage is for campground, well look at each individual use. That would be a true statement if you're comparing the campground use separately to each individual use. But buying, all the accessories model more than the acreage of the campground itself.

So we're asking a lot of questions. We're doing our homework and we do appreciate your feedback. Thank you. That's all I have.

**Chairman:** Thank you to everyone who came out tonight and spoke. Ms. Brabo.

**Ms. Brabo:** If I May. Mr. Chair, I apologize. I do have an appointment I need to make tonight. I am so sorry. I would like to appoint Daniel Hughes as the At Large representative to the advisory committee and the parks and Rec committee.

**Chairman:** I second, all those in favor?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman:** Opposed? Chair votes I motion passes, back to my employer.

**Chairman:** Thank you everybody for coming out. I know it's not easy. You got to take time in the evenings after a busy day. So thank you very much. And Ms. Parker, your words did not land on deaf ears. Thank you very much. Those, they brought up the camp grounds slash gun range slash activities, thank you very much.

Again, I always talk about how normally people wait until the last minute to come look hearing to voice their concerns. You guys have been engaged very early on, so thank you very much. Ms. Dodge, thank you for your comments and I have great faith that Mr. Granger is on top of it. So to my report.

February 11th was a very informative meeting with the King George Chamber of Commerce, the King George builders association and the career and technical education advisory board. The presentation on the registered apprenticeship program offered by the Virginia Department of Labor was enlightening and can be very beneficial to our stakeholders, our schools, students, businesses, economic development and taxpayers.

If you have a business in need of a skilled workforce and want to partner with your community, I highly encourage you to look into the program. Its [www.dolivirginia.gov](http://www.dolivirginia.gov) or you can reach out to King George County schools. And I also posted about this program on my county supervisor page on Facebook. If you'd like more details or posted, please email me directly.

On February 12th I participated in the meeting of the Social Services Board of Directors. In February 13<sup>th</sup> I participated in the accounting budget work session. These work sessions are open to the public with time allotted for public comment. I encourage you to participate in one of these work sessions should your schedule permit. My approach is; be efficient, effective stewards of taxpayer dollars. On February 18th it was a great morning for the President's Day breakfast at King George High School, a benefit for the student lunch fund. I thoroughly enjoyed my omelet. Thank you to Ms. Davis and all the volunteers for putting this on along with everyone who came out to support.

I will be hosting a James [01:31:31inaudible] District round table discussion at Caledon State Park on Friday 22 March at 6:00 PM. I look forward to our conversations regarding so much going on in our county. Our strategic plan budget 301 expansion and much more. As with the prior discussions I've hosted, I'll be inviting our school board member Mr. TC Collins and our Service Authority Director Mr. Mike Bennett. I'd also like to say thank you to the park manager, Ms. Cox at Caledon for allowing this to take place. It's such a beautiful venue. I did my fifth such round table slash town halls collected roughly 13 months ago.

An appointment I'd like to make, I'd like to appoint Ms. Shelly Reigns to the smooth library board of trustees. All those in favor?

**Group:** "Aye".

**Chairman:** Opposed? Check your votes."Aye. Motion passes. And lastly, the James River district has a seat available for the planning commission. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested and they reside

in the district, please email me so we can set up a time to talk. Thank you very much. That is all I have. I'll entertain a motion on the consent agenda. All those in favor?

**Group:**

"Aye".

**Chairman:**

Opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion passes. Report from the county?

**Participant:**

No report at this time Mr. Chairman. Thank you

**Chairman:**

We missed some items department of community development, acceptance of secondary road addition Willow Hill into the VDOT Second road system.

**Dr. Young:**

Yes sir. I'll be taking ... this is a resolution asking that will be accepted into the VDOT road system which is usually what happens after the road has been approved and it meets the system. So now that it has been approved and it needs VDOT standards but the Noda County will be no longer be responsible for maintenance. We'll turn it to VDOT and become a state maintained road. I'd recommend that the board approved that this board be accepted into the Virginia Department of Transportation Secondary Road System.

**Chairman:**

All those in favor. "Aye". Chair votes "Aye". Motion passes. Next action item is department of Finance call our policy update.

**Ms. Ward:**

Good evening Mr. Chair, and members of the board. Finance department has taken a look at the credit card policy that was put in place in 2010. So I'm before you tonight to ask you to adopt the amended credit card procedures. They adopted the current policy in 2010. The policy was put in place to streamline the process and lead to accounting efficiency. In reviewing the policy, the following changes that have been suggested to not only help to streamline the process but to ensure that all card holders are being compliant and that as a county we are being transparent.

One of them being the gift card exception, the other one raising the threshold because the 2010 policies is at 500. And of course the purchase order policy now is higher. So we want to raise that limit to whatever the card limit is.

**Ms. Brabo:**

May I ask for [01:35:12inaudible].

**Ms. Brabo:**

So I was trying to understand the request initially. For clarification, the intent is to say it cannot be used to purchase gift cards, is that correct?

**Ms. Ward:** It cannot be used to purchase gift cards, but it can on one hand. We cannot use county monies to purchase gift cards. Donations made to Parks and Recs donations did the sheriff's department, those donations can be used. The credit card will be used to buy those gift cards but again when we charge it back, it will be charged against the donation lines or the athletic department against the programs not against anything it has to do with taxpayer funds. Because when they have a lot of these functions, they hand out gift cards. And so they take our credit card go purchase it, come back in and charge those gift cards against those athletic programs or sheriff donations or whatever program is going on. So those would be exceptions to the policy. Any other card holder would not be buying gift cards. It's strictly donated money.

**Ms. Brabo:** So is it always only those two departments?

**Ms. Ward:** It typically would be the sheriff's department and Parks and Rec, maybe DSS occasionally.

**Ms. Brabo:** So is that why you didn't want to specifically list those departments?

**Ms. Ward:** Because there may be cases where another department may get a donation. So we wanted to...

**Ms. Brabo:** All right, thank you. I appreciate that. All right. I move for approval.

**Ms. Binder:** Second.

**Chairman:** All those in favor? "Aye", opposed, chair votes "Aye" Motion passed.

**Ms. Ward:** Stay right up

**Participant:** Okay.

**Chairman:** Next action item, Department of Finance fiscal year 19 budget and appropriation for EMS grant. The Rescue Squad Assistance Fund, SAF.

**Ms. Ward:** **[01:37:18inaudible]** that you amend the 2018-19 budget for \$50,442 on January the first of 2019 the King George department of fire rescue and emergency services was awarded the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund grant for \$50,442. So we just need for you to amend our budget to appropriate those

**Ms. Brabo:** Move to amend the FY 2018 2019 budget for \$50,442 as presented.

**Chairman:** All those in favor? "I", Opposed. Chair votes. "Aye" Motion passes. Thank you Ms. Ward. Discussion items; removal of preliminary and final plats to the board of supervisors for by right developments, Dr. Young?

**Dr. Young:** Yes sir. This returns to the county regarding the public hearing that we had earlier this month regarding the board, deciding that we're going to leave final plats for developments of 50 homes and more at the planning commission level for approval. And there are about more than one supervisor regarding picking a look at preliminary plats because we have found that the board comes to situations where these documents, these preliminary plats have brought to the board and it's seems like the board has a vote to hay or nay the approval of these preliminary plats, but in reality it's by right usage. So I was asked if would entertain having the community development department go back, got an ordinance and try to capture some language in that ordinance, stating that if it's a By-right use for a preliminary plat that that remain at the planning commission level as well versus the coming to the board of supervisors. And then the boards will still entertain that. I can go in and get those turning with the community development department and it's been another amendment to the ordinance, but something that the planning commission would look at first, then would be brought to the board for approval.

**Chairman:** Discussion.

**Ms. Brabo:** I guess I was under the impression that what we were approving the first time was only by right users because by right uses wouldn't really need us. Now you're saying you're asking us to add by right uses.

**Dr. Young:** What I'm saying matters why now a preliminary plat with 51 homes or more come to the board of supervisors regardless of it's a By right use or if it's not a By right use. So it gives the public the confidence that the Board has the authority to decline a preliminary plan even if it's a By right use. And we think that that causes a little bit of confusion. So what we ask the board to do is; if there's a by-right use for a preliminary Plat, leave it at the planet commissioner and allow a lot of preliminary condition to approve the preliminary plat.

**Ms. Brabo:** I understand where you're going. I'm going to say no because when those larger subdivisions, while you may not be able to say no, just in my eight years on the board, you have been able to notice things because of feedback from your citizens and have been able to bring suggestions that developers have actually entertained to better improve

say, road access or storm drainage issues or other concerns that citizens have raised. And those conversations would not have been afforded if those had not come to this board.

**Mr. Granger:** It is still in the planning commission and I would have the opportunity to reach up to the planning commission to share the information as well as meanings as well.

**Ms. Brabo:** Technically no, technically you'll not be engaging in commission member. That is why they are you. [01:41:06 Cross Talk] I thought you said you would.

**Mr. Granger:** No, I apologize. I meant citizens because you brought up the citizens could bring it to us. On plan distance could then go to the planning commission and share those same concerns and it could be addressed at that level. It was the planning commission's job to really vet community development plans. I think it's something we should entertain. I know it was Richard First and we did remove the final plat and decided originally just for the... I thought of being kept in a loop about the larger developments. But if it's sterile, I think we should plan commission level handle it. I write it's by right and we stay engaged with community development to understand when those projects are occurring.

**Mr. Jenkins:** I guess my question would be if we entertain this, let's say, I mean, would there be an appeal process for instance, like if it was By right and the planning commission pass it and nobody said anything. I mean, is there a point to it coming to us? However, if there is a point of contention, could there be pure process attached to it? Then I don't know if I'm making any sense. I hope I am. I see a lot of confused looks so I guess am not.

**Mr. Gregory:** Well it wouldn't be an appeal process. That would be an administrative approval and it was a by-right use. So there wouldn't be anything.

**Mr. Granger:** I would imagine if there was an issue that arose during that phase that made it not by right, that would then pull up if there was some mistakes in that level.

**Mr. Gregory:** Correct. If there was a mistake in the interpretation of the zoning or some question about the intensity of the posed use or the number of homes or some other aspect in the application made it that affected that By-right use under the by right use then yes. That would get scrutiny.

**Mr. Granger:** Is that where your concern was, Mr.

**Mr. Gregory:** In the planning committee staff and the Planning Commission.

**Ms. Brabo:** Only appeal process and Mr. Jenkins would be what Potomac landing is facing. They have to decide whether they want to file a lawsuit or not **[01:43:23inaudible]**. My only respond to you Mr. Granger is the planning commission Very focused lens. Very focused direction by which they view things, which is why so many items then come to, because we have a different lens and a different scope which we look at things. They really are allowed to go outside of the door they are given. And sometimes treats them person citizens because they recognize there are these other emphasis and they trust that we will then address those because they cannot. I simply know that I personally have had to explain to a handful of citizens that we were giving away our oversight by what we've already done. And I feel the community would feel like we were even more of our oversight. There are going to be some instances where it will be beneficial for us to be able to bring that difference.

**Mr. Granger:** I still feel that we should move forward comparing by-right denominal. That's my **[01:44:41inaudible]** to make the decisions that they want to move forward though.

**Chairman:** It's not going to get out of the planning commission. Everything isn't in line. If it's by-right, that's what we're looking at. We don't want to get... at least me I don't want to get into another situation. I have people looking to me thinking that I can go **[01:45:08inaudible]** because they don't want it or they **[01:45:13inaudible]** or they're afraid of something. But on the other hand, by going through that process, things were brought to my attention such as erosion concerns and the water management and the water retention.

So while I don't think we would be in a position where we should step on by right development, it is beneficial to get kind of **[01:45:40inaudible]** situational awareness on what future impacts can be to the county such as; the ... even though it was very uncomfortable **[01:45:47inaudible]** overlook. And I took it very personally in my district. I knew I had to vote in favor of **[01:45:56inaudible]** property rights, the appropriate zoning **[01:45:59inaudible]**.

However, that **[01:46:01beautiful]** process allowed me to engage more with community development and ask that what exactly are the phases that construction goes through. I educated myself thanks to community development. It's also going to afford me the opportunity that when

they submit [01:46:22inaudible] for their next phase and then they go in their final space. I can physically drive down there and look and see, is there an impact, what's going on? Have some say before the bond is released to make sure that things are taken care of. That way the impact won't be on them.

While I believe it's purely ministerial and I don't want to get in the way of by right development, I do like having that situational awareness aspect. That's my two cents, but it's going to be consensus for the board. Are you going to require a vote on this tonight or are you just simply gaining consensus on how we run the board?

**Dr. Young:** I would like to gain consensus on how you all would like to move forward because if you all want us to take a look at this then, I mean consensus from the Board to Action, the [01:47:16inaudible] the department and they would pick it to the planning commission for their comments on it.

**Chairman:** I'll let everybody get their comments in.

**Mr. Granger:** I'm sorry, I just wanted to ask, are you saying that you would still want to have a public and have us vote upon it. Or you just want to have some kind of brief that would just be brought to the board?

**Chairman:** To me I don't believe [01:47:38inaudible] because them taking a [01:47:40vote or something minutes], that doesn't seem like we are giving situational awareness to them. However, I do not want it to go to where the commission has final say in the world in the dark. I don't want that situation either. So whatever we would have to do legally, whatever that takes, [01:48:05inaudible] said and done that's what I would be in favor of. I want the situational awareness before [01:48:13inaudible] one and done, if that makes any sense.

**Ms. Brabo:** So you might have to leave it as is. But just one example would be, the subdivision going on at Eden Drive. So it came through the planning commission, voted approved, and then it was here at the board of supervisors, we learned that the health department [01:48:34inaudible] there's a minimum one acre for you to have. [01:48:37inaudible].

**Mr. Granger:** Did that action change anything. Or did [01:48:43inaudible] determined nothing needed to be done?

**Ms. Brabo:** Well, [01:48:47inaudible] what the health department said, we'll just say some supervisors chose to ignore that. So it was a four to one vote.

And you have the right to do that as a supervisor. The health department's letter stated you need a minimum of one acre. So my point is this, the planning commission does the best of their ability, but a second set of eyes on these larger subdivisions I believe would be beneficial to our community.

**Ms. Binder:** I would have to go in that [01:49:17inaudible] because I knew I would have looked cause it's right in my backyard, that subdivision it would've looked a little, because I've noticed there's a problem now coming out of there and it's only going to get worse

**Mr. Jenkins:** On the onset it sounded great to just let the planning commission to handle it. Unless there's something, what Mr. Bush was saying that we could do, but, I don't know how valuable that is either? I mean if it's more or less what we would get it from the process. As far as they stay as is, I should say

**Mr. Chairman:** So for clarity Dr. Young, that's if it's 50 units or less. If it's 50 units or less it rests with the planning commission. If it exceeds 50 more units even though it's by right, it still comes before the board for situational awareness.

**Mr. Granger:** For the preliminary plan, not for the final. [01:50:22inaudible] so we would not look at the final we only look at...

**Dr. Young:** That's correct. The final say's with the planning commission, the preliminary will come before the board of supervisors.

**Mr. Chairman:** County Administrator's report.

**Dr. Young:** Thank you sir. Rob Harling the at large representative to the Economic Development Authority, term expires at the end of this month. I would like to ask the board to consider reappointing him to another four year term ending in February, 2023.

**Ms. Brabo:** Well it's not actually the board, he's my appointee. But I move to reappoint Rob Harling as the at large representative to the Economic Development Authority.

**Chairman:** All those in favor, "Aye." Most chair votes, "Aye" Motion passes.

**Dr. Young:** If you recall at the last meeting I had advised you all a correspondence from the Department of environmental quality or DEQ. DEQ had wrote to the board of supervisors the advice of crops incorporated putting in

an application to increase the fee in a [01:51:23inaudible] fuels that they wanted to treat in King George County.

I had asked the board for us to allow the staff to set the date, time and venue to entertain a town hall that's going to be hosted by a Deq to receive public comments on this application. The meeting will take place on March 14th, 2019 in the boardroom. Deq will still advertise the engagement and notify the land owners of the parcels adjacent to the applicant properties for the situation awareness. And so that concludes my report.

In addition I do have one thing that is a late arrival that I received this morning. Potomac landing subdivision section three has completed the roads and the roads have now been accepted into the view data system. Now they want to return to the discussion about [01:52:17inaudible] to apply to turn their section of Potomac landing into a golf cart community like the rest of the Potomac landing. I talked to VDOT and found that the county would apply for the land use permanent on behalf of the HOA.

And so I would need the board's permission to actually execute this application and work with VDOT to pursue a golf cart community for Potomac landing section number three.

**Ms. Brabo:** Other than staff time is there any other cost to the county?

**Dr. Young:** Negative. Actually fees are waived when I look up for the land use permit.

**Participant:** [01:52:50inaudible]

**Ms. Brabo:** Do you need an actual vote or just consensus?

**Dr. Young:** Consensus

**Ms. Brabo:** Okay, sounds like you have it.

**Dr. Young:** All right, let me close my report.

**Ms. Binder:** All right. I moved that they can judge which county board of supervisors can be in a close meeting as follows: Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2371183, for discussion or consultation with legal counsel by staff members or consultants pertaining to the potential disposition of publicly held world property or the acquisition of property for a public purpose. Where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect

the bargaining position or negotiation [01:53:29inaudible] strategy of the board supervisors. That was the first one.

The second one, Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2 371185 for discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business [01:53:46inaudible].where a previous announcement has been made of the businesses or industries interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

And number three we went to Virginia section 2.2371188 and 87 for purposes of discretion in consultation with counsel employed or retained by the public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel and pertaining to actual or [01:54:14inaudible] litigation. Invited to attend the close meeting as necessary are the county administrator county attorney, Ryan Gandy and Annie Cupka because they are deemed necessary and their presence will reasonably aid the board in its consideration of the topics to be discussed pursuant to Virginia Code 2.23712f second.

**Chairman:** All those in favor say Aye. Any opposed, chair votes "I", we're in closed session.

**Ms. Binder:** That the King George County Board of supervisors returned to public meeting and certified by voting only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law. And only such public businesses were identified in the motion convening the close meeting were heard [01:54:56inaudible] considered during the closed meeting.

**Chairman:** So Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Granger, Ms. Bender, Ms Brabo. Chair. So certifies we're back in open session. I will entertain a motion to adjourn till February 26th at 6:30 [01:55:19inaudible].All those in favor "Aye," closed chair votes. "Aye," Motion passes.

**[END OF TRANSCRIPT]**