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At a regular meeting of the King George County Board of Supervisors, held on Tuesday, the 7th of March 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Revercomb Building Board Room at 10459 Courthouse Drive, King George, Virginia:

PRESENT:

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

0:00:04.2 Chairman: Call to order to this meeting of the King George County Board of Supervisors we'll open with an indication by Ms. Binder and the Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Miller. Please all rise.

0:00:15.2 Cathy Binder: Please Lord, grant us the wisdom to make the right decisions for the county, our constituents, and everyone involved in King George, like our staff and family members who visit our residents. So in the Lord's name I pray in. Amen.

0:00:30.5 ALL: I pledge allegiance to flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

0:00:50.2 Chairman: Mr. Miller do we have any amendments to the agenda?

0:00:55.6 Chris Miller: The only, I don't know that it's an amendment, but I did wanna point out that this room is not available on Thursday for your budget meeting, so we do need to have this in the company one at 6:00 PM. So...

0:01:11.2 Chairman: Understood. So when we come to the point for adjournment that...

0:01:12.0 C. Miller: That would be... Yes.

0:01:15.5 Chairman: Thank you for the heads up.

0:01:17.5 C. Miller: But no other amendments.

0:01:17.6 Chairman: Thank you. Alright, I'll open the floor for public comment, comments will be limited to three minutes per person in order to afford everyone an opportunity to speak. If comments relate to a specific public hearing item, we ask that you offer those comments at the time of the public hearing and when you come up, please state your name and your address. Alright, we're open for anyone who would like to address the board.

0:01:50.2 Juliann Dertz: Hi, my name is Juliann. I live in Village Lane, over here in King George. I'm very proud of my neighborhood, I love it there. I was wondering if you guys were part of your neighborhoods too. It was recently brought to my attention today that on the King George County website, they have plans for the Chick-fil-A. Do you guys all see this? Plans for the Chick-fil-A. But you know what it's missing, Pyramid Healthcare. Why aren't we proud enough to put a drug rehab that services criminals on here. Did anybody ever think of that? Because it's not needed here in our area, put it somewhere else, we all understand that people need help, but in the area that has been picked, there are a lot of things that are wrong with it. We recently went in and got the plans, and I was just curious, again, on the plans it says 38 employees. When Pyramid Healthcare was here, they're gonna hire over 120 and have over 50 people working at a time. Also, it says that it's registered here and on all the plans, it's a nursing home, nursing home facility. I have a problem with that because they said it was for a hospital, a hospital has a larger rate of people, it has a larger rate of rooms, it has a larger rate of use. So now with all the utilities and everything, you're gonna deem this as a nursing home instead of a hospital? I'd like that to be looked at. Also, it says there's 306 vehicles per day on this road. 306 vehicles during the day on the road, off of Owen's Drive, which is already congested. If you're gonna try to go to work at a reasonable time during the AM, you can sit in that area for at least three or four traffic lights. So is King George going to increase that road, so Pyramid Healthcare can actually bring their 306 vehicles per day in and out of there? And as we heard, that's not gonna include the cab or the Ubers that are gonna have to pick up the people who decide to leave without a ride. I don't know what else we can do or what else we can say. We keep coming in here, every week, week after week, we appreciate your help and we know you're behind us. Let us know what we can do to help you guys because we're gonna uncover a whole bunch of stuff, 'cause if you give us enough time, we're gonna keep digging and show that King George is a community that does not want this in our backyard. The reason why we don't want this is because we love our neighborhood, there's no fence, there's nothing that is gonna support us in our neighborhood with this. We asked them what they're gonna do for us and they said they're gonna give us jobs. My people have jobs. My neighborhood has jobs. We all have jobs. Where are they gonna get 200 people to work in this rehab?

0:05:00.3 Kim Clark: Kim Clark, Fairfax Drive, King George, Virginia. I think it's been a little over six weeks since I've made this initial inquiry. I come before you once again to say that I have not received any form of documentation with regards to the, yes, that Dahlgren can support Pyramid with regards to the water usage. I don't know if the supervisors are aware or as I checked last week, the last audit, published audit for water usage for the community is dated on the website from 2018. There is no way for me to cross-reference, proof, analyze any statement, any numbers being given with regards to the water usage that Pyramid said they're going to use. Mr. Miller, we are in agreeance. We would love to meet with you but before we meet with you, we need documentation, we need to read it, we would like to cross-reference it, so we can sit down and truly have a conversation intelligently with the numbers in front of us to support what has been previously approved, to my shock and knowledge. I wanna know what was given to Pyramid to even justify them saying that we could indeed support them. I'm not sure if the vision is being taken into place

with regards to the business development that is already happening and taking place already in Dahlgren and I just would like to know and have that somewhere we can review it and then we will then come and sit down and meet with you. Once again, thank you so much for your time.

0:07:00.8 Kim Dodge: Kim Dodge, 6150 McCarthy Drive. Now, I live in Hopyard, so this rehab does not affect me but the traffic over there is a problem with the navy base and it gets worse and worse, the traffic. So I see the point with the traffic of... And I have not been following this and I guess it's a drug rehab. My question is, are these people that this place is gonna service from our community of King George County, or is it throughout the state of Virginia where instead of... We're gonna... Instead of putting them in prison, we're gonna help him, which we should do in a rehab center. But are they just filling in, coming from wherever and bringing these people in to King George County. And my concern is when they can just leave they are here in King George County. They have been relocated from wherever people wanted to get rid of them and put them over here. And I know this is probably a government thing and they're getting government funding, so I don't know, 'cause I have not been following this. But I don't think this center is set up for our area. I think it's for the whole state of Virginia, I don't know. That's actually just a question you can answer for me after this. Thank you.

0:08:24.4 Chairman: Anyone else for public comment? Mr. Dines, do we have anyone online?

0:08:41.7 Chris Dines: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we have two people. The first person is Anthony Staats.

0:08:49.7 Anthony Staats: Hi, can you hear me?

0:08:52.3 Chairman: Yes, we can hear you.

0:08:54.0 Anthony Staats: Okay, Anthony Staats, 9007 Clare Street. I usually do my public comments in person but unfortunately I was unable to make it tonight. Looking at the budget, I've done a lot of research into the school board budget and a lot of different aspects of the current budget, and I think the Board of Supervisors need to lay out a plan for the next 10 years of what this county will look like. I think a lot of people are scared and a lot of people just don't know of what's going on right now in this county and where are we projected to go if we continue on this path. And really laying out how we're gonna tackle the mountain of debt we have, how we're gonna tackle the service authority and the craziness that's going on over there? So I hope that the board will start laying out a future plan so we can inform citizens and make sure that they are truly understanding what's going on. 'Cause I think a lot of people are being left in the dark and I hope that in the next coming months, in the next coming weeks, actually, as we have the discussion about the budget, people really look at the impact and understand that what is going on and why the school board is gonna ask for a certain amount of money and why different departments are gonna ask for a certain amount of money. I think it's good to inform the public and educate them on why certain things need certain funding and why we're at the stage we're at now. And I think it's a good opportunity for the public to learn and it's a good opportunity for the board to educate. Thank you.

0:10:27.1 Chairman: Thank you, Mr Stats. Mr. Dines you said there was another.

0:10:29.9 C. Dines: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the next person is Lucas Adams.

0:10:35.2 Lucas Adams: Hello, am I coming through?

0:10:38.2 Chairman: Go ahead.

0:10:40.0 Lucas Adams: Hi, this is Lucas Adams. I live at 7433 Long Leaf Lane, King George, Virginia. I represent about 17 families who have moved into that new subdivision off Caledon Road and we are currently trying to figure out how we can get... Our HOA is basically treating us very poorly and there is theoretically plans for another 60-ish lots to be placed in that subdivision and the owner of those lots is charging each of the families, each of the households, their proportion of HOA dues. Even though we are not at 50% capacity, we're not able to basically have a vote because he controls the 60 lots compared to the 17 families that we have. And so he's basically charging us, charging us all the expenses and with no plans to further develop and fill the community. So there doesn't really seem to be an end in sight as far as in gathering those dues. Which there's a little obscurity there as far as what those are actually being used for. So I'm coming to the board to see what I can... See if you can point me in the direction of a resource that can help me out. Like I said, I represent about 17 families in that community. Thank you very much.

0:12:10.9 Chairman: Thank you sir. Anyone else Mr. Dines?

0:12:17.9 C. Dines: No, Mr. Chairman.

0:12:18.0 Chairman: Thank you, sir. Anyone from the board have any correspondence to enter into the record? Okay, in that case, I will close public comment and we will move on to reports from members of the board. Ms. Binder?

0:12:35.4 C. Binder: Alright. I wanna start off by the last caller who's on there, I know this is Mr. Collins district and he could probably give us a little more information when his turn comes but I just wanna make sure. I'm not sure exactly what department we can assist this gentleman with, so I just wanted to put it in your wheelhouses, if there is a department that we might be able to steer him with for assistance.

0:13:00.3 Chairman: So if it's an HOA... Did you have something you wanted to add Mr. Collins?

0:13:02.7 C. Binder: Right. I just wanted to put that out there. And then concerning the next one on all of our folks that came to speak about Pyramid Healthcare, I've actually talked quite a few of your neighbors who I know personally, who every time they see me, they ask me questions about Pyramid Healthcare. And we're going through the process. And one of the other questions I have for Mr. Miller and his staff is the paper that was brought up, I don't know what it's on, I've never seen it. So I'm wondering where some of the information is coming from, if there's an application with Community Development, 'cause I haven't seen any of that information, and I know it's by right. So we don't ever see it, but I'm not sure, there seems to be some confusing information. So just like maybe our staff to get a handle on where all this information is circulating from, so that when we do get asked questions we can have some answers. Indeed because the paper, I have no idea where it came from. So that's one, well the same one.

I wanted to point out at Jeron Hayes stepped down from the FAMPO committee that she was on. So now we have no citizens in that role. I know that's a hard committee to fill because King George is a non-voting member at FAMPO. So getting citizens, they don't feel like they really are heard on that committee because we don't have a vote. And with that being said, I wanted to bring up I was at the

last GWRC meeting with Ms. Cupka, and then I stayed for the FAMPO since I'm on the FAMPO committee as a listener basically, and I wanted to make sure that my colleagues... We had two presentations at FAMPO and they were from a federal perspective and it seems like there's a big push for regional transportation. And with that being said that not cars off the road and more of, I call it 15-minute cities is what it's called. But basically getting cars off the roads and creating communities that are drivable, walkable, and shop-able. And that projects that are coming down the pike... Like if we asked for a road project that the Federal Government is looking for more matching county funds and a GWRC, that was brought up that once again, the federal... Not federal, Fredericksburg Transportation Authority that was tabled this time in the legislature, it's gonna come back up because this is seen as one of the ways that you can have those matching funds, and King George and Carolina especially have a unique perspective that we might not benefit from something like that. And our citizens, there's a tax involved to help support this transportation authority, so that might be things we need to have on our radar that are coming down the pike. So I just wanted to bring that up.

At my Healthy Generations meeting they were bringing up the discussion of a possibility of a Regional Citizen Center instead of each locality having a citizen center. Having a Regional Citizen Center would they be able to provide more better transportation options to get there, maybe a hot meal and a better experience, and you can sort a one-stop shop for everything a senior would need. I attended the Regional Piedmont Science Fair and it was at North Fork. I get the rest of it but it was a great technology park. I don't know if Mr. Minor has ever heard about it. It was pretty cool 'cause I actually thought this would be neat in King George because it wasn't what you think of, of a technology park. It was several large office buildings and they had a lot of businesses that were tied with UVA but with the Federal Government in DOD and they were, and they also rented out spaces for companies to use if they wanted to be hooked up to technology but didn't want an office space, and they had an area for a secretary, and then they had a fitness center, they had a couple of restaurants. It was just an interesting tech park that I thought of that would be kind of a neat idea but I wanted to congratulate all the Science Fair participants because some of their projects were really neat. And several of them where I wouldn't have thought of that but I understand why it's important. And my daughter participated in it and she had a great time talking to all her friends. And some of the high school projects were even cooler. We, unfortunately, King George did not participate in that one but one boy built this small robot that he navigated through a maze and that was pretty neat. And he designed it, I think it was like a spider. And then the last thing I wanted to mention was a community project information session that we had today with Representative Spanberger's office and there's a lot of federal money. I know that the term used to be called earmarks but now it's called community projects. So there's a lot of federal funds and I'm gonna reach out with a couple of ideas to our staff. And it's an opportunity for some federal funds for some items that we kind of need in the community but this is a normal thing that the representatives reach out to their representatives in the local government to try to get projects submitted. The only problem is it's a two-week window turnaround, so I know our staff will try really hard to put in some, prioritize and give some good project ideas too, that possibly we can get some funding for our constituents. So that is the end of my report. Thank you.

0:18:26.5 Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Binder. Mr. Collins?

0:18:30.2 TC Collins: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Good evening. Good to see everyone out. So the Water Authority entered into a three-year agreement that saddled us with a contract for in voting for three years. I don't know if anybody's been paying attention to that, that's gonna put the Authority, the Board of Supervisors, in a real predicament for three years. So we don't have any control for

three years of the water. On a good note, the Jail Authority, I discussed with members of the board that our share this year will be the same as last year. So that's positive, it was all staffers are gonna be paying extra \$750,000, all of them are paying more except for us this year, which is a good thing. Some of the public comments, Pyramid Healthcare, just so the folks know in the audience, your board, we're working on it. That's all I can say. I don't know what the result will be. Hopefully, it can be something positive for citizens of that area and the community.

So the one comment about service in King George or State of Virginia for Pyramid it's gonna service anybody that gets in there. King George, I don't think you'll see a big representation of folks needing help that go into Pyramid and you'll probably see more out-of-state people than you will in-state. So that was not a happy thing that we learned at the time when we got the information on Pyramid. I am interested in Juliann's documents she had. I'd like to have a copy of that. You don't have to give it to me now. You don't have to give it to me... Don't approach the board. You can get it over to there. Okay, thank you. I'm sorry but there's rules and being a former police officer, I do get really nervous when people start approaching. Okay, Mr. Staats spoke about a budget 10 year, about being in the dark. I understand what he's saying.

Now, to the folks on Caledon with the HOA, I'm involved with a HOA myself and there's nothing really nice I could say about a HOA. But I've been in discussion with... I don't know how many members of that community, and I have given them suggestions, I referred them to the HOA Law in Virginia Statute to read that over. I've also referred them to the Ombudsman for the Homeowners Association, State of Virginia, that they can be a resource. There is some, what appears to be some shenanigans and the Board Of Supervisors don't have any control on a private HOA, but I hope that they can look into those options and go forth and to maybe help them out a little bit. As far as the Regional Citizen Center, I kinda like what we got, so I don't know about the regional one. That was just off the top of my head, I don't have any other information. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

0:22:36.7 Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Collins. Ms. Cupka?

0:22:40.1 A. Cupka: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you to everyone who came out this evening, whether you spoke or not, thank you for being involved in our community. I see Ms. Dertz led us off on public comment. And in our minutes that we're gonna adopt, I would guess shortly, I had asked in my board report after the last time she was here and obtained consensus, unanimous consent from the entire board, consensus of the board to draft correspondence to Pyramid Healthcare regarding Ms. Dertz's unanswered questions. Has that correspondence gone to Pyramid Healthcare yet because she's still here asking the same questions?

0:23:20.0 C. Miller: I would have to ask Ms. Hall and unfortunately, I don't have that to provide you, but I can find that out.

0:23:26.1 A. Cupka: Okay, and if it has, can you please copy each member of the board?

0:23:29.5 C. Miller: Yes ma'am.

0:23:30.3 A. Cupka: Thank you. Alright. Ms. Dertz we're trying to get you the answers to your questions. Ms. Clark, it is my understanding you just wanna copy in advance of the water report, is that what you're asking for? In advance, I do understand staff has been in correspondence with you to invite you to a meeting but you want something ahead of time. Got it. Ms. Dodge, thank you for coming out and sharing your comment. Mr. Staats, thank you for your comments online. Mr. Adams, I have been working on your issue with another of your neighbors. He did send me a great

deal of documentation with regard to your HOA. I reviewed it last week, I finally was able to ask a number of questions of our Community Development staff regarding the issue and based on what they're telling me and based on what is in GIS, the roads in your development have not yet been turned over to become part of the state system. Which means that I think we do have some leverage. So I would propose that Mr. Collins and I set up a meeting with your neighborhood, so we could get together and discuss this. Does that work for you Mr. Collins?

0:25:02.4 TC Collins: It does work. I've made that offer to many of those folks there. I've talked to them a lot by phone but never... I told them that can meet any time.

0:25:14.0 A. Cupka: Why don't we... I'll email the gentleman I've been in touch with and copy you on that email and we'll get together on this and see if we can push forward. Because my understanding from staff also is that the plan, the development plan, that was originally approved for the roads is so old, they're gonna have to re-submit and update it. So there may be some assistance we can give the folks in that neighborhood. Thanks, Mr. Collins.

Let's see. And then the other, just a couple small things. Saturday, March 4th, I attended with Mr. Granger, the grand open ribbon cutting of Highmark Brewery in King George. Congratulations to the business owners and I wanna shout out to Mr. Nick Minor, our Director of Economic Development, because the owner mentioned that it would not have been possible without his assistance. So thank you very much to you and your staff for your work on that. And then later that evening, I attended the Visualize and Rize Dinner Dance Fundraiser at the Citizen Center.

Reminder, Friends Of The Rappahannock will host a litter cleanup event with county staff on March 25th from 9:00 AM to noon, you can sign up on their website. And one last thing, King George Department of Social Services Family Day and King George VFW Sergeant Nicholas C. Mason Post 12202 will co-host its 2nd Annual Post-Birthday Celebration on May 6th at Sealston Sports Complex from 2-7. You can contact either of those organizations to become a vendor or a sponsor and hopefully we'll have some folks come out. Thank you very much, Mr. Chair.

0:26:56.2 Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Cupka. Mr. Stonehill?

0:27:01.0 Jeff Stonehill: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thanks for everybody coming out. Certainly nice to see more people, then an empty room. Juliann, we're still working, there's not a whole lot we can do, but we're trying. And thanks for getting all your information and digging on that as well. Ms. Clark, just whenever the staff can get you your paperwork, I know we had a meeting and staff is waiting for your phone call to set up a meeting. So they'll get with you and the County Engineer as well, so they'll get that taken care of. Ms. Dodge, thanks for coming out. Mr. Staats, thanks for the phone call out. Yes, and it's good to look off into the future while we're doing this budget and Mr. Adams, it sounds like Mrs. Cupka and Mr. Collins are gonna work on that.

And let's see, last Saturday, I guess it was this last Saturday. Yeah, I intended the King George AACP event, the Black History event that they held at the high school. It was a great time, great music. We actually had a King George High School alumni that was there as the comedian and he's an actor that's working his way into the acting world and doing some plays by the name of Paul Jerry. We also had a fellow there who was James Saxsmo Gates and he was actually a Grammy-nominated musician and his band came and provided all the music, so it was a very good time. Mr. Minor was there from the county. And it seems like everybody had a good time, and that's all I have for a report.

0:28:50.0 Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Stonehill. Alright, I'd like to first of all say thank you to

everyone who came out. I think my colleagues have probably touched on pretty much everyone's comments, so I won't belabor those points. I will say we do have this Thursday, our first work session, so we will have, I believe, Dr. Boyd, coming to discuss the school's proposed funding request, and as Mr. Staats said, understanding why departments need the money, this is an opportunity for those department heads and the schools is our biggest budget line item to understand why their request is going to be what their request is. So if you have availability, I would encourage you to come out. It will not be here, it will be at the firehouse, Mr. Miller said, but those are also public, so people are welcome to come and listen in.

Other than that, I'd just like to say on Wednesday, February 22nd, I attended the COMREL meeting, had a really interesting presentation from Lieutenant Matt Grimm, the Explosive Ordinance Disposal Detachment at Dahlgren, had a whole bunch of stories about unexploded ordinance in the area and just telling people to be careful. Things as along the lines of even as someone has passed away going through the estate, finding munitions, live grenades, so someone had three grenades, one of them actually happened to be live. So if you have any, just be cognizant and be careful and it never hurts to reach out to the EOD and have them come out and check anything out before you mess with it because obviously that would be a terrible tragedy if something were to occur. So do be careful when you find any of those kinds of items out and about. Don't take any chances. Their number is 540-621-6490. I'm sure you can as well reach out to the Sheriff's Department and they would be able to reach out to the EOD as well if there was ever an incident. So just be careful everyone. Change of commands is coming up soon. It's set for June 2nd, Captain Copeland will be relieved by Captain David Wilson, Jr. I'm sure that will go out to the board for everyone to be invited and attend that change of command as well.

And as Ms. Cupka brought up, we did have the grand opening of Highmark Brewery, very exciting to have our first brewery in the county. And as she said, thank you to Mr. Minor and the Economic Development Department in our county in just helping to make sure that this finally came to fruition. Hopefully we'll have more going forth but I was excited about it and if you enjoy beer, I would encourage you to patron this business and help it succeed. So thank you to them. And that's all I have, so I will close reports from members of the board and we will move to the consent agenda.

0:31:30.8 TC Collins: Mr. Chairman?

0:31:31.5 Chairman: Sir?

0:31:32.5 TC Collins: Motion please to approve the consent agenda as posted.

0:31:36.5 C. Binder: Second.

0:31:37.4 Chairman: We have a motion properly seconded into discussion. All in favor say aye.

0:31:41.9 C. Binder: Aye.

0:31:42.9 TC Collins: Aye.

0:31:43.5 A. Cupka: Aye.

0:31:44.8 J. Stonehill: Aye.

0:31:45.3 Chairman: Any opposed? Chair votes aye, motion carries. We will move to Constitutional Officers reports. Don't have any. Okay, and so we'll move on to the report of the County Attorney.

0:32:00.5 Kelly Lackey: Good evening. As you will recall, at the last meeting, there was a motion that was seconded and carried to make a reappointment to the Local Board of Building Code Appeals, and at that time, the motion included that it be a recommendation to the Circuit Court to make the appointment. So I looked at that issue, and I think there was confusion with the BZA, the Board of Zoning Appeals, which requires court appointment. This is actually a direct appointment, so I would request that the Board possibly clarify that motion to make a direct reappointment of Ms. Leslie Jordan.

0:32:39.5 J. Stonehill: Okay, I would like to appoint Ms. Leslie Jordan to the Board of Building Code Appeals.

0:32:50.8 C. Binder: Second.

0:32:51.5 Chairman: We have a motion properly seconded. Do we have any discussion? All in favor say aye.

0:32:54.2 C. Binder: Aye.

0:32:55.2 TC Collins: Aye.

0:32:56.5 A. Cupka: Aye.

0:32:57.3 J. Stonehill: Aye.

0:32:58.4 Chairman: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries.

0:33:01.1 K. Lackey: And the other item I have this evening is just an update from the outside counsel to the Treasurer, who's been actively engaged in recovering tax revenue. There are 13 real estate tax sales that will be put to auction on April 5th. There's public notice and information available about that should anyone have any interest in any of those properties.

0:33:30.3 Chairman: Anyone have questions for Ms. Lackey?

0:33:32.5 TC Collins: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman.

0:33:33.2 Chairman: Go ahead Mr. Collins.

0:33:38.0 TC Collins: I was just curious how the landfill negotiation is coming along.

0:33:42.8 K. Lackey: So the last I heard was that we would be getting a response back from Waste Management. I have not yet heard from them. I can make an inquiry and just find out approximate time frame to expect their response.

0:34:00.7 Chairman: Anyone else? Okay. Thank you, Ms. Lackey. And thank you for the

clarification on the appointment. So, we will move on to, we have no public hearing, so we'll move on to presentation reports. IGSA overview. Mr. McNair and Mr. Broughton.

0:34:23.6 Diane Smith: Good evening, Chairman Granger and members of the board and staff. My name is Diane Smith. I'm representing Fort AP Hill tonight. Mr. Henry McNair was scheduled to be with you, but unfortunately could not make it. On behalf of our garrison commander, Colonel Duffy, I would like to thank you for the opportunity of being here tonight to explore opportunities for partnership with King George County through intergovernmental service agreements. Joining me tonight is Mr. John Broughton, Salas O'Brien, who will be giving a presentation on partnership opportunities. Thank you.

0:35:13.5 John Broughton: Good evening, County Administrator Miller, and council members. Appreciate the time this evening. As Ms. Smith mentioned, my name is John Broughton. I'm a DOD contractor for the Army and have been working very closely with Fort AP Hill for the past several months. Serving as contract support to the Army, we utilize a legislative authority called the Intergovernmental Support Agreement, which provides a little bit of information here for you on what that means. Back in 2013, Congress established a legislative authority called the Intergovernmental Support Agreements, which allows the military to enter into public partnerships with municipalities, county agency, state government, public universities, public hospitals. And as a result of this legislative authority across the DOD, we have over 150 IGSA's across the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps. As a result of these IGSA's, DOD is saving about \$40 million a year of taxpayer money for the improvement and efficiencies of various services. The objectives and outcomes that we are looking to achieve here between Fort AP Hill and King George is obviously cost savings and efficiencies between the Army and community partners such as King George.

By leveraging the Intergovernmental Support Agreement, our hope is that through this partnership we'll be able to increase the relationship and strengthen the relationship between AP Hill and King George. Our process here with Fort AP Hill that we have been working on with Colonel Duffy and his staff is being able to leverage this authority to better find economy of scales of doing service not only within the DOD but with the community. As I mentioned, the authority was established in 2013 under the National Defense Authorization Act. There's the Title X code right there. Right there in that Venn diagram you'll see a variety of benefits that are achieved through these partnerships. To the left of the Venn diagram you'll see some military benefits followed by some partner benefits. This definitely provides a great revenue stream for King George County. We have seen job creation come out of these IGSA's across the country where the military has established these IGSA's with community partners. In addition, some of the revenue that could be generated here through this partnership can also help be used toward capital improvement funds.

We've been working very closely with Mr. Minor and some of his staff, Ms. Pitts, as well on some of these conversations that we have had with King George. Just to provide you with a couple of examples of what types of IGSA's can come out of this. Fort Benning has an ecological force monitoring IGSA agreement with Auburn University where students are doing ecological force monitoring on behalf of Fort Benning. So not only is this helping Fort Benning comply with environmental requirements, but it's allowing Auburn University students to get real world, hands-on experience that can be directly tied to their curriculum and graduation requirements. Some of these are through paid internships and some can be done through unpaid internships. So we see a lot of opportunities forming these types of partnerships with local universities across the country. Road maintenance and repair, Fort Bragg and North Carolina Department of Transportation is another one where North Carolina DOT is providing road maintenance and repair services on Fort Bragg.

And just down the road, Fort Lee has an IGSA with Prince George County for computer aided dispatch to increase the response time through 911 services.

If I could just take a moment to highlight a particular regional IGSA that I and my team developed a couple of years ago. It's the first of its kind in the program called a regional IGSA that involves a partnership with a number of military installations in Virginia, partnering with Virginia DOT for road maintenance and repair, in addition to access to state contracts through bulk procurement of salt, sand and stone for military installations. As you'll see in the first year, the three installations that are currently part of this regional IGSA have saved \$29,000 and we anticipate that over 10 years it will exceed \$300,000. And more installations are being added to this regional IGSA. I'm actually currently not only supporting Fort AP Hill, but I'm also providing contract support to Fort Lee who will also be able to take advantage of this. As I mentioned, I've been working with Fort AP Hill for several months through this IGSA process. This just gives you a snapshot of what our strategic engagement process looks like as we have been working closely with Fort AP Hill. Right there in the diagram, you'll see that we are now at the concept approval stage.

So where we're asking right now, through the conversations that we have been having between Fort AP Hill and King George, as well as town of Bowling Green, we are in the process of developing and refining what that concept approval will look like through the partnership. And I'll go into a little bit more detail in a moment about what we are asking the County of King George to consider in its partnership with Fort AP Hill. So back in September, we held an initial introductory meeting with Lieutenant Colonel Duffy and his leadership staff to walk through the process and identify some specific partnership opportunities that Garrison was interested in exploring. Back in October, we conducted what we call a site visit where we met some of the King George County staff to walk through some of these partnership ideas. And we began to further flush through these ideas in a little bit more detail. We have facilitated a number of working sessions and meetings with King George County staff. And just last month, we were here meeting with you, sir, and Mr. Minor and Ms. Pitts, and we've identified engineering services as a partnership opportunity. Much like with King George and Fort AP Hill, Fort AP Hill requires a number of architectural engineering services for a number of projects that need to be implemented and executed at the Garrison level.

By entering into a partnership with King George County, based on our conversations, we know that the county has several contracts with seven local engineering firms. The partnership that we are proposing with King George County is through this IGSA, Fort AP Hill would be able to piggyback on those contracts that you have with the engineering firms that would provide architectural and engineering services to AP Hill. By piggybacking on those contracts, what's in it for King George is that King George would add an administrative fee to manage and oversee the partnership with Fort AP Hill, but also act as the go-between to the engineering firms that you all have contracts with. We see this across the board with all of our IGSA's and public partners that participate with the military installations across the country. Typically, on average, we see a 10% admin fee. So based on the task orders that Fort AP Hill would be asking for the type of engineering service, King George would add a 10% fee to that, that Fort AP Hill would be willing to pay King George. One thing that just to give you a little bit of a broader context, there are limitations that Fort AP Hill currently has where anything that's over \$2,500 requires Fort AP Hill to issue a contract.

So we're helping to alleviate an administrative burden on Fort AP Hill and the contracting time that it takes to get a contract executed just for one simple engineering requirement. So you would be helping Fort AP Hill alleviate a significant administrative burden and being able to respond to some of these projects that AP Hill would like to execute in a timely or manner. So where we left it with Ms. Pitts and Mr. Minor and with you, sir, last month is that we've put together what we call a IGSA packet that would pretty much outline the details of what the partnership would look like between AP Hill and King George County. And from there, our next steps is seeking King George

County approval from you all so that we can move forward with finalizing this concept packet that we would then send down to San Antonio where the Army's Installation Management Command headquarters resides. And then through the approval of King George County and the board members here and the Army, we would hopefully execute a partnership agreement and formalize it in a signing event, hopefully in the near future.

And so recommendation that I'd like to see is us that you allow us to move forward with this partnership effort. And I'm happy to answer any questions or if Ms. Minor has anything to add to the conversation.

0:46:36.8 Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Broughton. First of all, I'll ask if any of my colleagues had any questions. Mr. Collins?

0:46:46.3 TC Collins: Good evening, sir. I'm a veteran in the United States Army.

0:46:49.6 J. Broughton: Thank you for your service, sir.

0:46:50.2 TC Collins: And I was a citizen of Caroline County for 10 years. I moved from Caroline County because of Fort AP Hill. So when Fort AP Hill talks about a good partner, they weren't a good partner. They damaged my home. They moved their operations from Fort Lee to the south of Port Royal area with all the big bombs. All the folks down in that region had problems with their homes. When you'd call, they would say, "Sorry, tough luck." So what I'm telling you is I don't have a good experience with Fort AP Hill. I would not be interested in this agreement, nor would I be interested in King George County managing your contracts so you can get a better deal. So everything that I've dealt with AP Hill has been negative. So that's where I stand. I'm sorry it's so abrupt and straightforward, but it still hadn't worn off after all these years and it's still going on in that neighborhood. So thank you for listening.

0:48:05.4 Chairman: Anyone else have any questions? Ms. Cupka?

0:48:07.8 A. Cupka: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you very much for your presentation this evening. So you mentioned typically a 10% administrative fee for engineering services is what we would receive for our staff being a go-between between Fort AP Hill and the construction company?

0:48:33.2 J. Broughton: The engineering firm.

0:48:34.4 A. Cupka: The engineering firm, I'm sorry. So can you, for specifically Fort AP Hill, like you had some other examples up there, but for Fort AP Hill, like how much, what's a ballpark number of construction projects in a typical year, a number of projects that you would have that there be an expectation that will be the go-between our staff?

0:49:03.0 J. Broughton: The goal would be to start small. So for a design project, say for like a renovation of one of Fort AP Hill's buildings where we would want, where Fort AP Hill would want to utilize one of the engineering firms to help with the design, review the design and provide some designing support to a renovation of existing building. Fort AP Hill would issue a task order to King George County pretty much to circulate the request to seek design and engineering support from one of the firms. And there's really no additional legwork on the county staff other than just passing through the task order to the engineering firm. And because the way that the IGSA

legislative authority is written, DOD can't pay directly the engineering firm because they're a private firm. So the language stipulates public partner. So I guess the admin side that Fort AP Hill would be asking for King George is when payment needs to be rendered, the payment would go through King George County to pay the engineering firm for the services.

0:50:33.0 A. Cupka: Okay. So that's then not only our engineering staff, but also our finance staff then if I'm hearing you correctly.

0:50:41.5 J. Broughton: Yes.

0:50:43.5 A. Cupka: Okay. And so then thank you very much for your answers. Question for Mr. Miller. I get that Procurement and Economic Development were parts of these discussions. Was the County Engineer, the County Engineer consulted regarding whether this is feasible for him or his department? Do they have time to do this? What would, I'm just concerned about the impact on their ability. He is a very small department, as you know, to do what we already have him doing.

0:51:17.7 C. Miller: It was my understanding this began back way before me, I believe it began under Dr. Young I think Mr. Minor and Ms. Pitts kind of were carrying that forward, looking at a possibility that there would be revenue. I don't know. Did you all talk with Mr. Quesenberry, you know, really what I think the gentleman is talking about when he talks about engineering, it's not necessarily our county engineers. It's our slate of engineers that we already have an existing arrangement with. They want to utilize those folks because it's a difficulty that, you know, is my understanding they want to, you know, they have a difficulty in securing that because of the processes that are at play with Department of Defense and the Federal Government. And so I think that what I understood is they would say, hey, Megan, we've got a building. So use the example of what the School Board did with the study for the preschool. You all had initiated a capital improvement request that they do a study to figure out what the steps are to build a preschool. That was \$60,000. So if under, as I understood, we would get \$6,000 as administrative fee of something, you know, if it's 10%. So I think that was the process. The way I understood it is it wasn't gonna be Mr. Quesenberry or Mr. Young actually doing the work. It was them coordinating the engineering portion. Is that correct?

0:52:58.7 Megan Pitts: Yes. And we've identified a staff member in finance that could handle the tracking of this project if it went through.

0:53:07.9 A. Cupka: So as a follow-up, what is that staff member already doing?

0:53:11.1 M. Pitts: That staff member is the school's finance specialist. So they handle the invoicing for the school's invoices that come through and issuing checks at the end of the week and other duties as assigned.

0:53:26.4 A. Cupka: Okay. Thank you.

0:53:28.5 Chairman: Go ahead, Mr. Collins.

0:53:32.0 TC Collins: So they would use County Finance. They would use an engineer. They'd have to use our County Attorney to review the contract because we were not going to sign off on something without that. And then we have a County Administrator who needs to have an overview

of all that. So for a \$60,000 contract, we'll get \$6,000 for all that?

0:53:51.0 C. Miller: That was an example.

0:53:53.2 TC Collins: Well, I'm just saying...

0:53:54.5 C. Miller: That was an example. Right.

0:53:54.6 TC Collins: It doesn't... 10% wouldn't be worth it along with what... So what the government, the federal government said, instead of going through your processes of getting contracts the normal way, you would basically boycott it through us. So we would... We'd be doing what you should be doing yourself. The only thing we're gonna recover is 10%, which would be costing more than 10% to manage these contracts through all these folks. And I'm sure there will be more involved. I don't see how this will be beneficial to us.

0:54:41.1 J. Broughton: Well, the county already has the contracts with the seven engineering firms.

0:54:45.2 TC Collins: Yes.

0:54:45.7 J. Broughton: We're not asking to have a relationship with all seven firms. And the 10% is... Was just an example as what we see across the enterprise of what our public partners are charging. King George is welcome to look at if they want to charge 12%, 15%, 20%.

0:55:08.5 TC Collins: 40%.

0:55:09.0 J. Broughton: But keep in mind that if there are... We're not just talking about one example, if there were some other engineer... Or architect and engineering support that AP Hill would need, that could accrue over time and generate additional revenue to the county. And we're not asking for... This would not be like a weekly full-time duty job. I mean, Fort AP Hill would probably issue a few of these throughout the given year based on funding allocated to do various projects at the Garrison.

0:55:46.7 TC Collins: So that... So we would be using our county staff for a fort that's in another county. I don't... And 10% wouldn't be enough. I mean, to use our resources. And Mr. Miller, there was a meeting held with all you folks with him. I didn't know anything about this until tonight or until I got the packet.

0:56:07.7 C. Miller: Well, this is...

0:56:10.2 TC Collins: I'm a little disappointed that I haven't had to be able to have previous information that there has been a start of a relationship with these folks. So I'm not happy about that either. But 10% wouldn't do it at all.

0:56:28.1 C. Miller: Mr. Chairman, if I may. Mr. Collins, there's no relationship. This is a proposal. We have meetings with prospective vendors, prospective applicants for, you know, Economic Development projects that we have that, you know, we entertain. And then when it ultimately has to come to the board, we bring this to the board for final action. I don't think there's even... This was

meant to present this to get your input. We certainly are not suggesting that you have to sign off on this. It would be handled most likely as one big agreement that would allow us to do this and administrate it or administer it on every, you know, case-by-case basis. But we're not asking you to approve anything tonight. I think it was more of a this was something for you to consider and ponder as a way. I think Ms. Pitts and Mr. Minor were looking at ways to be a resource to Fort AP Hill on this. We also have had relationships with the Naval base as well.

0:57:38.4 TC Collins: Which is in King George County.

0:57:41.6 C. Miller: No, and that's fine. If that's the direction that we're told to go in, we understand that. We just wanted to present it. We're not asking you to make a decision, finalize it. I think this was just a proposal.

0:57:55.3 TC Collins: So at the bottom of the page, it says proceed with mutual beneficial partnership. That sounds like you wanted to move forward with this.

0:58:02.8 C. Miller: I think that's... Well, that is Mr... I'm sorry. That is Mr...

0:58:06.3 TC Collins: I'd like to make a motion to table this for further discussion at another time.

0:58:20.2 Chairman: All right. There's no second. The motion dies. Mr. Miller, go ahead.

0:58:25.3 C. Miller: I believe that the recommendation was Mr. Broughton's presentation. There is nothing that we have presented at this time. The staff.

0:58:36.9 Chairman: Okay. Ms. Binder, you had some questions?

0:58:39.9 C. Binder: Yes, I do. And one question I have is why did you not reach out to Caroline? That's my first question, Caroline County, since the base is in their locality.

0:58:48.9 J. Broughton: As part of the process, what we do is... Caroline County was approached, and we met with them as well. The timing... Ultimately, the timing wasn't right for them, but we are continuing to explore these level of opportunities with Caroline County. We met with Essex County as well. Because of the size of Fort AP Hill, and part of our process is we reach out to the localities that surround a military installation. So back in October, we met with King George County, City of Fredericksburg, Caroline County, town of Bowling Green, Spotsylvania County, as well as Essex County.

0:59:30.4 C. Binder: Okay. Thank you. And then previously, and I think when we first started to have these discussions, Mr. Granger was the only other supervisor. We've been talking to our own base for a while now about mutual partnerships. I know with the Service Authority, we also talked to them a long time ago, partnering. But one of the questions is would this be sort of piggybacking on contracts that the county already has or are these separate? Is that correct?

1:00:00.6 J. Broughton: That's exactly what we're looking at is how Fort AP Hill could piggyback on the contracts the county has.

1:00:05.4 C. Binder: Okay.

1:00:05.5 J. Broughton: Yes. And we know that there is an IGSA that does exist between the county and Dahlgren.

1:00:10.2 C. Binder: Right. So that's where...

1:00:12.9 J. Broughton: Similar structure.

1:00:13.7 C. Binder: Because I know this was several years now, it's amazing, it was probably four years ago now, there's a big push at least for the installations to reach out to the localities to try to make these partnerships. And I know Mr. Granger and I were part of those discussions before the other three board members were not on the board. So I just wanted to make that aware. One of the things I'm thinking of is, for me, I need a little bit more information before I make a discussion. So I understood this presentation as just being informational. And that's why, Mr. Collins, I did not second your motion because I see this as informational. Is that correct? That's what you were looking for? Okay. Thank you.

1:00:51.1 J. Broughton: Sure, the information provides you with an update on the ongoing dialogue that we've been having with...

1:00:55.3 C. Binder: And you still have to come back to us for any kind of understanding or vote?

1:01:00.6 M. Pitts: Yeah, if we were to form an agreement, we would of course bring that agreement before you for final approval before we move forward on it.

1:01:08.4 C. Binder: Okay, I just wanted to...

1:01:08.4 M. Pitts: Terms are still negotiable.

1:01:11.1 C. Binder: Clarification on that. Thank you.

1:01:13.2 TC Collins: So, Mr. Chairman...

1:01:15.0 Chairman: Mr. Stonehill, hasn't had a chance yet.

1:01:19.2 J. Stonehill: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for your presentation. It's interesting, usually it's counties that are jumping on state or federal contracts and now we're looking at it the opposite way. The feds or the military is looking at a piggyback on our contracts. I think that was pretty interesting. You kind of, Mrs. Binder's question kind of answered mine. I was just asking about Caroline, Essex, Spotsy. Your surrounding counties in, I guess you have contacted Caroline, Essex, if I heard correctly.

1:01:55.5 J. Broughton: Yes.

1:01:58.0 Mr. Stonehill: And what was their response to this proposal?

1:02:01.6 J. Broughton: We're still in the conversation stages with looking at other partnership opportunities with those counties as well.

1:02:08.2 J. Stonehill: Okay. I mean, you were going as far as Spotsy or Stafford or anything?

1:02:11.4 J. Broughton: Not as far as Stafford, no.

1:02:12.0 J. Stonehill: Okay.

1:02:13.6 J. Broughton: No.

1:02:14.5 J. Stonehill: Okay. Thank you.

1:02:16.0 Chairman: All right. I'll come back to everyone in a moment. I'm going to ask first, county staff, Ms. Lackey, do you have an understanding of the impact it would have to you? Does this open the county to any concerns from a legal perspective, being the go-between?

1:02:34.8 K. Lackey: So obviously there would need to be some negotiation and a final agreement. There is probably the biggest hurdle, but probably not insurmountable, is the how does King George have to front money for another contract? But I have not yet dug into the whole situation. It might be a possibility where we could set up an escrow account or something of that nature where the funds come to the county before they're released. So my main concern would be the county fronting money for the base, but it sounds like this arrangement has been worked out in other jurisdictions. So the biggest part of my time would be if there is interest in moving forward, just be negotiating the agreement and bringing it forward to you all. So it would be in large part just that one event of my time.

1:03:28.4 J. Broughton: That's correct. Typically on the legal counsel side of things, it's just the need to review the transaction document that would formalize the partnership.

1:03:38.5 Chairman: And Ms. Pitts, would you be able to speak to the staff time that would be required?

1:03:41.9 M. Pitts: On formulating the agreement?

1:03:44.6 Chairman: Nope. On the execution, like each time it comes in?

1:03:48.1 M. Pitts: So what it would look like, I would imagine, is that we would get a task order from the fort, and then that task order would be directed to the staff member that we potentially have identified, who would then distribute it to the engineering firms that we are already on contract with. Then they would submit proposals to us, we would present those to the fort to make their own mind up on who they'd like to proceed with, and then we'd get the task order issued, receive an invoice from the firm, send the invoice along with that possible administrative fee attached to it, and then receive funding back and then us paying the invoice directly to the firm.

1:04:33.4 Chairman: Tracking. Okay, I appreciate it. So I will say, I can appreciate the idea of trying to find ways to legally meet some of the needs before entering into these contracts. As a federal employee, I can tell you, procurement is onerous, is something that is allowed at the federal level, and at the end of the day, this is, I would say, it sounded like it could definitely possibly be a benefit to the county in regards to revenue generation. I think I disagree with Mr. Collins'

perspective that it would cost more than it would end up generating, and I think staff probably kind of would say that would be a similar statement. I also see this as an opportunity to just entertain the idea, the impact to... We all pay federal tax dollars as well, and trying to streamline those processes in order to make it as efficient as possible to spend the least amount of money just to do the job and execute what needs to get done to be successful. So I'm in favor personally, of moving forward with tracking something and having Ms. Lackey be involved in figuring out if this is possible and how it can be done, but I would like to see it brought back to the board to be entertained, personally.

1:05:53.5 J. Broughton: Thank you, sir.

1:05:55.0 Chairman: All right, I had my say. I'm gonna work my way from right to left. Ms. Binder, did you have anything else? Mr. Collins?

1:06:01.7 TC Collins: So when you... Since you described all those functions, can you put an hour amount on all those functions?

1:06:13.4 M. Pitts: I cannot, as of yet.

1:06:15.2 TC Collins: Okay. Mr. Broughton, you said that you talked to Caroline and they weren't interested at this time? That's what I heard earlier.

1:06:27.9 J. Broughton: Correct. Yeah.

1:06:29.0 TC Collins: So the Home county is not interested?

1:06:31.4 J. Broughton: Back in October, at the time, they were still working through their own sort of administrative changes and we hope to re-engage them in the near future.

1:06:40.6 TC Collins: Okay. Thank you.

1:06:45.2 Chairman: Ms. Cupka?

1:06:45.3 A. Cupka: Thank you Mr. Chair. So on this slide here, develop the concept packet, the burden is on you and the Army for that, right? The burden is not on our staff.

1:06:58.9 J. Broughton: Correct.

1:07:00.2 A. Cupka: Okay. And then the transaction document, at least the first draft of the legal instrument, the burden is on you all. It's not on her, right?

1:07:08.8 J. Broughton: Correct.

1:07:09.0 A. Cupka: Okay.

1:07:09.0 J. Broughton: But, these are... Both of those are templated documents from DOD and I drafted them up using those templates. The transaction document I sent over to Ms. Pitts about a week ago, I think, to begin at least staffing the internal review process and I think you were waiting till tonight to do that. We definitely have a draft transaction document put together.

1:07:33.5 A. Cupka: Okay. Thank you.

1:07:35.3 J. Broughton: That is the formal document that would establish the agreement between the county and A. P. Hill. The concept packet is an internal Army document, that allows us to conceptualize what the partnership would look like.

1:07:54.5 A. Cupka: Thank you. All right. If that's the case, I would like to see this brought back to the board.

1:07:58.8 Chairman: Okay. Well, I made my stance clear. I'll ask my colleagues, I'll work again from right to left. Ms. Binder, would you like to see it brought back or are you not interested in even entertaining this?

1:08:06.8 C. Binder: It's okay to bring it back.

1:08:09.9 Chairman: Okay. Mr. Collins, I believe you're a no, but I'll let you have your say.

1:08:14.0 TC Collins: Well, I would probably say that no, Home county's not interested in it. There seems to be a lot of flaws in it, and there's still numbers that we don't know of what it would truly cost our county, and the relationship with A. P. Hill, with Caroline, at least south of Port Royal has been very negative in any agreements. So that's historical, so my answer would be no.

1:08:46.1 Chairman: Okay.

1:08:48.3 TC Collins: No, no.

1:08:48.4 Chairman: Sure. Mr. Stonehill.

1:08:54.7 J. Stonehill: It's a very interesting concept. There's obviously a lot to it, but I would be curious to see what the agreement would look like. So, if they wanna work on it and bring it back, I'd be more than interested in looking at it.

1:09:16.4 Chairman: I think we have a majority of the board who would like to see it brought back to be entertained. I do think it was a fair question in regards to trying to quantify the number of hours it would take from a staff perspective time to help us understand the possible pros and cons of this. So if staff could help to provide that information as well, though, I think that would be very valuable to us. Thank you so much.

1:09:41.2 J. Broughton: Thank you.

1:09:42.4 M. Pitts: Thank you very much.

1:09:48.8 Chairman: All right. We will move on to the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail, Winter Half Marathon. Mr. Jim Lynch. I hope yours won't be as interesting. At least I... Interesting is the wrong word, but yeah.

1:10:05.7 Jim Lynch: Well never guarantee... Let's see, Mr. Dine's gonna help me out here. Okay,

Mr. Chairman, I'm gonna talk a little bit about the half marathon that we held last month, on the railroad trail. This was actually our 14th running of the event. And let's see, Mr. Dines, I think if you can expand that, I think there's a place to click on there that called... That says presentation or present, that this is a new package to us all. It's called Canva, and we're learning exactly how to make it work, but I will keep talking. The race was held on a cold day, but not like last year. Anybody was out there last year, I remember, we were up to our eyebrows in snow and ice and sleet and everything else. Mr. Dines, if you can go to slide number two. There you go.

The course of the race, a half marathon, is about 13 and a half miles. It runs from our Bloomsbury road Trailhead to Traperson's, through the woods on the trail, to a point where the runners turn around almost to the Gun Club driveway. And in fact, the club is very, very helpful to us. That point on the trail is a little bit hard to reach, so they let us access it through their driveway. The blue stars there are where we have aid stations, water or snacks, the SCP is a safety checkpoint where we have one of our volunteers out there with a checkboard in the panel checking off everybody that once passed. Each one of those stars also has a radio station where our ham radio operators check everybody that comes in, radios back, just to make sure that everybody is accounted for and nobody gets lost. And I know you're saying, "How can anybody get lost on a railroad trail that's just straight down?" Well, trust me, people can get lost. We've actually had to call the sheriff out on occasion because people have gotten lost.

So, Mr. Dines, next slide. Okay, this is a video here. If we can hear the audio. Can you crank the audio up a little bit, Mr. Dines? This is the start of the race, and I had the camera 100 yards down the race. The audio is actually very interesting because all the runners are yelling and hollering. And that's our... Don't remember that slide before. That's our railroad handcar that we have, that paces the runners. So you'll see the runners come running down the trail, the handcar paces them down and you'll... If the audio gets cranked up, you can hear a crazy guy yelling, you can hear the runners yelling. You will also see our trail mascot, a Great Pyrenees, that's gonna be trotting along with the runners. The Great Pyrenees is gonna show up any minute now. We're almost at him. But anyway, the... Let's see. This Great Pyrenees is a big dog. He's owned by one of our volunteers. And Great Pyrenees just loves to hang out with people and be with people. And so, when he saw all these people beginning to run down the trail, he just thought, "Hey, I'm gonna go too." So you will see him any minute now. And there's some hearty hand-pumpers on the... Ah, there he is there. Hand-pumpers on the handcar just going along, and there's our Great Pyrenees. His name, believe it or not, wearing a Navy banner, his name is Sailor.

And okay, Mr. Dines, we can move on to the next slide. I wish the audio was on, 'cause the audio is actually kinda spectacular. One of the very, very interesting things about this particular run, the military academies have marathon clubs, okay, and these are organized clubs. They're extremely well organized. And they get runners, and they run in three or four races around the country. This year, they had apparently heard about our race and said, "Hey, why don't we go run down here?" And they apparently had a really good time 'cause they did tell us that they want to come back next year. A number of them participated. 65 of them. The only military academy that does not have a marathon club is the Merchant Marine Academy, but all the others have extremely active marathon clubs. Okay, Mr. Dines, moving right on. There were a total at this race, of 212 winners... 212 finishers. The guy that won, a guy named Brian Flynn, actually won last year, a new course record. Jillian Howe was... I think she's a member of the Army team or the Navy team, won for the ladies. Our races are extremely popular, and we get people coming year after year. The pair of runners at the bottom there, the guy on the right is this year's winner, Brian Flynn. The guy on the left is named Alex Hetherington. Alex comes most years and has won the race three times, so he's one of our really good guys.

Okay, Mr. Dines, next slide. Just showing a little bit of a cluster of how the runners' times compare

with their ages, kind of a little interesting scatter plot. It also shows, interestingly enough, that the young, very fit Academy runners are clustered, and this is the way it is when you have a cross-country team. A cross-country team will try and run together. Ms. Binder, as an ex-cross-country coach, knows all about that. You really wanna encourage your runners to run together and encourage each other. So that's why those teams are sort of clustered, 'cause they really want to encourage the guys that maybe aren't quite so fast, to keep up as long as they can, because these teams are very competitive. I know it's hard to believe that the Navy team would compete with the Army team and get very serious about that. Trust me, very serious. But the winner of the race is that guy across just to the left of the 40 age. He's middle age, much older. Much older than these really young guys, but he won. We're extremely proud of him.

Okay, Mr. Dines. Let me see. So this is just the academy runners from all the teams. The Air Force Academy actually won. It was very close between the Air Force and the Navy. I think there was only three points, but between them and as Mrs. Binder knows, that's close. Okay, Mr. Dines, can you move on to the next slide? This is just a capture of a couple of pictures of everything that was going on. That lower... The group picture there on the lower left, this is some of our radio hams that come out to help us out on the trail. These guys are amazing. I'm not sure we would really feel comfortable hosting a race like this, have hundreds of people running through the woods without being able to communicate up and down the trail. The guy on the right is the chairman of the group... President on the group, Jack Dean. I know we all know Jack, and those guys are amazing. Okay, Mr. Dines, see if we can move on. Naturally, putting on an activity like this requires the help of tons of people. On the race day, we require about 35 volunteers helping out with the parking, being out on the course to help the runners. And, this is not one of our long races. We're only using a relatively small part of the complete course. So, when we have a much longer race like the Sheetz Run that's coming up this coming weekend, there's many more volunteers required. Amateur radio operators, The Hams, thanks to them. Northern Virginia Goldcom, thank you. Medical response, we actually had to call the rescue squad out, there was a real nice article in the newspaper about that. I really appreciate the rescue squad. Ursula Vance, who's our race director. The Command Master Chief was our official starter, appreciate him coming out. Tourism Committee and Sam DeFenchian helped with the academy's entrance fees to the race and assess the tourism committee.

Mr. Minor, thank you. And you guys had to approve that, so thank you. And the academy marathon clubs for attending, it was great. And there were two reporters, a reporter and a photographer from the newspaper. That's the article, and then there was an article about a week later also, about the race.

So, next slide, Mr. Dines. Next slide. I think it was just questions. Anybody have any questions? I would like to point out that I handed out a piece of paper just for you all to have notes, talks about the other races coming up. I would like to point out, there was an error on there. The Fall Festival race is on October 14th, not October 7th, and I was informed tonight, while I was back in the audience, that our race director for those races is going to add a 10-K race to that. I'm not sure I saw any of you guys out running, last weekend, but I hope you guys will get sort of primed up and maybe get on out there and go, go, go. Surely, you guys can run a mile. Okay. Does anybody have any questions? That's all I've got.

1:23:36.5 Chairman: Awesome. Appreciate the report on the activity, and it sounds like it was a fantastic success. It was really cool to see the academy out there, so that... Really neat event. So, thanks for setting it up and hosting it. But, I'll go down to my colleagues. Ms. Binder, I'm sure, has something she'd like to...

1:23:55.3 C. Binder: Well, actually, I have two... Well, one is, I just had a conversation with some

folks that are gonna be part of your race on Saturday, and they wanted me to bring to your attention that they love the races, but it's becoming quite competitive, so they would want to... Hopefully, you have some more races so that those that are fun runners, can have a good experience and not feel like they're gonna get creamed by the competition. So your races are very successful because you have so much competitiveness but think about adding some fun runs for those that are not as competitive, but really enjoy what you do for the community and might have a cheaper entrance fee, because there are a lot of people that do this for exercise but might not be the academy standard. Do you know what I mean?

1:24:53.0 J. Lynch: That's actually an excellent idea. I know that the race this coming weekend, the Sheetz is called a trail run. It's not actually a race, nobody is timed on that. But, as Mrs. Binder points out, it's extremely popular. It was advertised, registration was open one morning, registration was completely sold out by the end of the day. So that cries out for, "Can we have more of those?"

1:25:29.4 C. Binder: And then the last being said is, one of our former... One of my former runners and former King George graduates, who is now in the military, every sub colleges... Sub colleges, not all colleges have marathon teams. I learned when he joined at Texas A&M, Brandon Deskew. So that race would be great to maybe turn out... Contact some of the colleges that have marathon teams.

1:25:46.2 J. Lynch: Other colleges. That's...

1:25:46.3 C. Binder: Yeah, like Texas A&M does have one because he was on that team.

1:25:49.1 J. Lynch: Yeah. That's a real good idea too. I don't actually know if Mary Washington has a cross country team.

1:25:56.4 C. Binder: When I coached there, they have a cross country team, but they don't have a marathon team. Not all colleges have one. This a suggestion for you, because when he told me about it, I didn't know they existed, even as a coach, and he really benefited from it. And they go to races all across the country. They're a marathon team, so it might be a, just to reach out to some tourism, get some folks here from other localities, other schools. Just a suggestion.

1:26:21.2 J. Lynch: Great idea.

1:26:21.3 C. Binder: Thank you.

1:26:21.4 J. Lynch: From your mouths to my ears to Mr. Minor.

1:26:29.3 Chairman: Mr. Collins, you have anything?

1:26:30.2 TC Collins: Thank you, Mr. Lynch. It's always very popular. Maybe on October the 14th that all five of us can run and a little challenge see who comes out top of the heap of all five of us. I'm sure I'll be at the bottom, but I wouldn't mind challenging.

1:26:48.6 J. Lynch: That's okay. It's okay to be last, trust me. We cheer for the last guy just as much as we cheer for the first guy.

1:26:51.8 Chairman: Awesome. Thank you so much Mr. Lynch. Really do appreciate it.

1:26:56.8 J. Lynch: Thank you.

1:27:00.8 Chairman: All right, we'll move on to GWRC, King George Courthouse Bicycle presentation.

1:27:06.5 Chris Clarke: Good evening, Mr. Chair, members of the board. As part of the fiscal year 2023 Rural transportation work plan, The George Washington Regional Commission is assisting King George County with four projects. The first is implementation of our trails feasibility study that was produced in 2018 but adopted in 2021. In doing so, Ms. Keri Eaves has developed the King George Courthouse Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. We will be using this plan along with the information we gather through VDOT and they're ready. So, grow Grant to hopefully acquire a transportation alternatives grant for... That application's due later this spring. So I just wanna introduce to you, Ms. Keri Eaves, Transportation Planner with George Washington Regional Commission, and the Frederick Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

1:27:54.7 Keri Eaves: Thank you so much, Chris. Thank you, Chris. I appreciate it. Good evening, chair and members of the board and staff. Thank you. Alright, so here is the King George Courthouse Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. This is a draft; I'm not asking for approval this evening. In fact, this is gonna begin a 30-day comment period. So if you have any comments, questions, anything to add to this, you'll have time to do that over the next 30 days, you and members of the public. Next slide, please. So this is our study area. We begin with Madison Drive, the area around there, including Inaugural Drive, just a little bit to the west. And we go all the way to the government center, I believe it is, down there with the YMCA, that whole area, all through the heart of King George.

Next slide. So this area, first two maps we have here, what we have in the Western area... Actually we have a mistake on this slide. The percentage of non-drivers in our study area is highest in the western part of the study area. Mostly school aged children and presidential lakes who need to get to the elementary, middle, and high schools all along Kings Highway. And right now, they're walking and there isn't really anywhere for them to walk. The median income and vehicle ownership is lowest in the eastern part of the study area, where we have the Angel Wood development and Pine View Mobile Home Park. So you can see that there's a need for safe alternatives driving, all along the entire study route.

Next slide. So study area character. In the Madison Drive intersection, I took a picture of that in the bottom right, you have a wide four-lane road. You have a residential area with lots of folks, and on the other side, you have a commercial area and there are no sidewalks, there's no crosswalk and you have many school-aged children who might wanna cross the road. Where there are crosswalks, over at the next large intersection where Dahlgren Road is, there are crosswalks, but there are no sidewalks. So students walk to school, as you can see, the one up here in the top right, along grassy areas where they can, because that's the only place they've got.

Next slide. So VDOT has taken a look at this area for safety. Statewide VDOT areas for potential safety improvement. The segments are shown here in yellow. Potential safety improvement or PSI is a segment or an intersection that is performing much worse than they would expect it to, for a segment or intersection of its type in the state. So they've already got their eye, especially on Madison Drive and Kings Highway and the yellow sections there that are highlighted. And then VDOT also has a pedestrian safety action plan for the state, and it has named the intersection of Kings Highway and Dahlgren Road as a top 5% priority for developing safer crossings.

Next slide. So what do you do to make it safer? You have several types of countermeasures we can put into place. First, the linear types, shared use path. That's an 8-to-10-foot paved path for use by both pedestrians and cyclists. If you take one of those and you stick it in the roadway right of way, right next to the road, you call it a side path. Our next one is a buffered or separated bike lane. If you don't have enough room for a side path, this is a good choice for bicyclists. It's a bike lane that has either marked or buffered space or a physical barrier between it and the lane of traffic. Depending on the traffic volume and speed this is a good choice, and we all know what a sidewalk is. When you're dealing with trying to cross a road, you wanna use a high visibility crosswalk. Now, there are currently crosswalks in place in some of the areas along the roadway, but they're very minimal. They're just two bars going across the road. They're not very visible to cars and they're not as safe as they could be. So we wanna make them better. A high visibility crosswalk uses high contrast paint styles, nighttime lighting, advanced stop bars, so the cars have to stop way back and can see pedestrians in the crosswalk and advanced warning signage to help make pedestrians and cyclists more visual and psychologically visible. There's also four mid-block crossings, such as the one you have currently in the Downtown Core area, a pedestrian hybrid beacon. It doesn't stop traffic at all unless the pedestrian has to be... Has to cross the road and be in it. It can either be activated by a push button or it can be automatic. Once activated, it displays a flashing light to let cars know that there's a pedestrian on the road, so that's the choice. One thing you are going to want on a four-lane, 45 mile an hour road is a pedestrian refuge island. So that's in the median, you're gonna have lights and you're gonna have a little crossing area where somebody with a wheelchair or bicycle could get through the median, and that way they can stop safely. It gives them a place to rest while they're trying to cross a busy four-lane road. So these are all counter measures that we can put in place to make Kings Highway safer to cross.

One thing I wanna call attention to and why we wanna do this is because Kings Highway is trying to serve two very different disparate purposes. It's both a main street for the people of King George and an arterial for all of the trucks and cars and freight moving through the area. It has to do both things well, and the only way to keep it safe is to put these things into place. So here's just... These are just illustrations to show you what our counter measures look like. You can see the cross walks on the left side, and you can see they're much more visible than what you have now. The lighting is especially important and then the pedestrian safety refuge on the right side.

Next slide. And then here's your linear safety counter measures, the shared use path, called the side path on the first one there, right next to the road. It's basically just a really wide type of... It looks like a sidewalk, but it's much wider, so that cyclists and pedestrians can pass each other. Your separated bike lane, that one is separated vertically by a curb, but it could just be by trees or those little ballers, the little posts that you see sometimes. That's another way to do it. And then if you don't have room for that, you can do a buffered bike lane, if you have 25-mile per hour speeds, which I know that's something you guys are considering in your Downtown area 'cause you're gonna be potentially having more trucks going through there pretty soon. I had heard that that might be the case, so that might be suitable in that situation.

Next slide. So we'll get to recommendations now. I know that there are some existing sidewalks provided by commercial proper, but they're very disjointed and they don't lead to anything. There are some crosswalks, but they don't lead to sidewalks, and they're not highly visible, with growing truck traffic because of the bridge having opened, in general, traffic volume, robust crossing safety is very important. So the following recommendations will help Kings Highway continue to function as a main street for the town of King George. Without them, King's Highway may cease to be viable for anything but a freight corridor and local businesses and residents may suffer.

Next slide. So in our first section, Madison Drive to Dahlgren Road, the crossing improvements are in red, our side path is in blue, our plan sidewalks are yellow dots... Sorry, they're a little hard to see

on here. And our existing sidewalks are in solid yellow. So I've recommended that we do a sidewalk all the way back to the inaugural drive on the north side, so kids can get to school. And then crossing improvements at Madison and then a side path on the south side from Madison, onward going. And then just crossing improvements at the Food Lion, the Rec Center area, and then at Dahlgren Road.

Next slide. Going from... At Arnolds Corner to Millbank Road, where Foxes Way leads to the high school, same kind of thing, crossing improvements. And then the sidewalk is gonna stop there because we have right-of-way constraints, and in all these cases, I don't wanna put you in a situation where you have to buy right-of-way. So we're just gonna cross and everybody is going to go on the south, on the side path leading into downtown.

Next slide. In core Downtown, King George, you have serious right-of-way constraints, so we switched to a buffered bike lane and we're going to fix the gaps in our sidewalks. And then at the library, we're gonna cross the street and everybody's gonna go on the north side. Are there any questions in all of this? Are we good so far?

1:37:13.5 Chairman: Go ahead, Ms. Binder.

1:37:14.5 C. Binder: Especially on... Thank you. Especially on this one, so you mentioned the right-of-way concerns. In the area across from Exit Realty and the churches, a lot of people park their cars 'cause people live there. So, did you take that in consideration? 'cause I'm seeing you're creating a bike path out of where people now park outside their homes.

1:37:32.9 K. Eaves: So there's gonna be a lot of those questions. This is a very preliminary, what they call a high-level planning sort of this design. A lot of that is gonna come down to the engineering part of it, and RKK is currently working... That's a consultant for the ready-set-go. Chris is working on that, right? That's the next level down and they're gonna work on a much more granule... My concept is, we need to put this in this area, and they're gonna try and figure out exactly where it goes.

1:38:05.3 C. Binder: That makes sense. I just wanted to bring that out 'cause I know that would be a concern because I drive that pass every morning and I see the cars parked there, that live in those houses there.

1:38:18.7 K. Eaves: Okay. Alright. So as I said, going through the core Downtown, it's gonna have to change a little bit and then cross at the library. And at the library, that's where we might want a pedestrian hybrid beacon, 'cause that needs to be a very robust crossing. It sits in the middle... It's not at an intersection, it's in the middle of a roadway.

And then after the Downtown, go ahead and go to the next slide, we're going back to a side path, and that's where density kind of lets up a lot. There's not as many destinations on the south side of Route 3, and at that point we can discontinue sidewalks and just have a shared use path for everyone to use on the north side of Route 3. And that's it, that's all you need all the way down to the YMCA. And that is pretty much it. So as I said, we're gonna have a 30-day comment period. I'm happy to receive your comments on this. This should be in their packet, right? Or they should have access to it? I'm sorry. Okay, you have the report, the document. I will get this to you. Okay, okay. So they've got it. Okay, you'll have it. Good. So you'll have this and you already have the document, so you can make comments on it over the next 30 days and I will incorporate those, and then I'm presenting it to the GWRC board in April, and they are working on the transportation alternatives project application. And that is gonna be the most... The highest priority chunk of this, and then all

of the other parts of this can be developed in the smart scale projects with consultation with VDOT. That's basically what we're doing here. Do you any other questions?

1:40:10.7 Chairman: I'll just say thank you so much for coming out and briefing us on the high-level view. I do... So the comment period starts now?

1:40:19.9 K. Eaves: Mm-hmm.

1:40:22.4 Chairman: And when does it close?

1:40:22.5 K. Eaves: 30 days from now, so...

1:40:23.2 Chairman: Okay. 30e days from today.

1:40:25.2 K. Eaves: Yeah.

1:40:25.5 Chairman: Okay, understood. And I appreciate it. I assume we'll have the documents here shortly, so that we can review further, but I'll ask my colleagues. Did anyone else have any further questions?

1:40:39.9 C. Binder: Mr. Chair, I just wanted to ask her. So if residents want to comment, where would they go to put their comments in?

1:40:47.2 K. Eaves: So there should be a place that are on our GWRC website, they can... My email right there, they can also comment at and then our GWRC board meeting, they can come and comment there during our public comment period.

1:41:01.8 C. Binder: Okay, thank you.

1:41:03.4 K. Eaves: Thank you.

1:41:03.4 Chairman: Thank you so much for the presentation. Alright. We'll move on to action items. Department of finance, award of agreement for street name signs.

1:41:21.3 Lauren Hall: It's a bit tall. Good evening, Mr. Chair, members of the board. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Lauren Hall, and I'm here on behalf of Procurement. Procurement issued IFB 02242023-1400, to solicit responses for street name signs. One bid was opened on February 24, 2023. Funding for this project as captured in Community Development's operating budget. Our recommendation is to authorize the County Administrator to execute an agreement with DOD contractors, LLC for street name signs, subject to approval as the formed by the County Attorney. I'm happy to take any questions.

1:42:13.0 Chairman: Does anyone have any questions?

1:42:14.1 TC Collins: The amount?

1:42:15.9 L. Hall: So, you should have a bid form. It's a contract based on as needed services, so whenever they need signs, they order them.

1:42:33.8 Chairman: Out of the Community Development budget line.

1:42:36.2 L. Hall: Yes, yes.

1:42:40.2 C. Binder: Mr. Chair, that's the question I was gonna ask was, where are the streets. But you just answered it. This is for future street names?

1:42:47.2 L. Hall: Yes.

1:42:47.9 C. Binder: Okay, thank you.

1:42:51.4 J. Stonehill: And just to clarify, these are all the blue signs that are actually name in the local streets.

1:42:57.2 Lauren Hall: Yes.

1:43:02.8 Chairman: Anyone else have any further questions? I'll entertain a motion if anyone would like to make one.

1:43:16.6 A. Cupka: I'll move to authorize the County Administrator to execute an agreement with DOD contractors LLC for street name signs, subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney.

1:43:24.7 C. Binder: Second.

1:43:25.7 Chairman: We have a motion properly seconded. Do we have any further discussion? All in favor, say aye.

1:43:28.3 C. Binder: Aye.

1:43:29.6 TC Collins: Aye.

1:43:30.7 A. Cupka: Aye.

1:43:31.9 J. Stonehill: Aye.

1:43:32.8 Chairman: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries.

1:43:35.5 L. Hall: Thank you so much.

1:43:37.5 Chairman: All right. I believe we have Mr. Minor here for a couple.

1:43:43.1 Nick Minor: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and members of the Board. If I may make a request. Since I'm the next three items, can I move up the Backporch Vineyards, Music in the Vines application? Thank you, sir.

Backporch Vineyards is requesting \$24,000 in TAC funding for their new concert series, Backporch Vineyards Music in the Vines. Backporch Vineyards Music in the Vine concert series is a first of its kind in King George County. This series will showcase local artisans and non-profit organizations

and local attractions. The purpose of this event is promoting King George County as a unique destination where we celebrate rural character in a community-rich environment. Visit King George will be included as part of their marketing platform. So obviously, there's a request. There was actually a mistake, the total here is the \$7,000 per event when it's actually \$14,000. Worked that out at the TAC meeting. So the request will actually be \$14,000 for two events, and I'll read the TAC recommendation now. After review, the TAC recommends that the Board of Supervisors approved funding for the first two of the three concert series in the amount of \$14,000. The TAC requested a representative of Backporch provide local impacts on the tours and community before additional funding approved for the last concert series to be held, essentially coming back to the... Coming back to the Tourism Advisory Committee for another request and also reporting on the impact of the first two events, for funding. Staff agrees with TAC's recommendations. Happy to take any questions, and I believe the Gumps are here, if you have any questions as well.

1:45:10.6 Chairman: Does anyone have any questions?

1:45:13.1 TC Collins: Motion.

1:45:14.2 Chairman: Hang on... Okay.

1:45:17.9 TC Collins: Motion to approve the TAC application for Backporch Vineyards and Music in the Vines, for \$14,000.

1:45:26.9 C. Binder: Second.

1:45:28.3 Chairman: We have motion properly seconded. Do we have any discussion? I'm gonna ask Mr. Minor, before we move on. Do you have the information about the tourism...

1:45:40.6 N. Minor: The current tourism fund?

1:45:40.7 Chairman: Yes. Where we're at.

1:45:43.1 N. Minor: So I'll give you a quick breakdown. The Board and the County Administrator allocated \$91,000 that goes specifically to TAC applications. We are currently at well... If all applications are approved tonight, we will have a balance of about \$20,250. That's if all applications are approved tonight.

1:46:00.8 Chairman: Understood.

1:46:01.0 N. Minor: Right. So we have a current fund balance of \$548,464.

1:46:08.5 Chairman: Thank you, sir. Okay. We have a motion properly seconded. Was there any other discussion? All in favor, say aye.

1:46:12.5 C. Binder: Aye.

1:46:13.7 TC Collins: Aye.

1:46:14.3 A. Cupka: Aye.

1:46:15.8 J. Stonehill: Aye.

1:46:16.9 Chairman: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries.

1:46:19.8 Mr. Minor: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

1:46:21.5 Chairman: So we'll go back to 305, the Virginia...

1:46:24.1 N. Minor: Yep. The Virginia Black Business Directory is requesting \$5,000 in TAC funding to develop a strategic plan in efforts to promote tourism initiatives across the region. The Virginia Black Business Directory and the FXBG Black Tourism... Regional Black Tourism are working collectively to strengthen the region's black history and appeal to the curious tourists. This collaboration aims to strengthen the region's tourism base. After review, TAC recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve funding for the Virginia Black Business Directory in the amount of \$5000. Staff agrees with TAC's recommendations.

1:46:51.6 Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Minor. Did anyone have any questions for Mr. Minor on this one?

1:46:55.3 C. Binder: I just had a quick question. Thank you. Is this a regional effort?

1:47:00.0 N. Minor: Exactly, right. So they're gonna request... So we're the first request from the city. Next, they'll go on to Stafford EDA or Stafford's tourism, Spotsylvania's tourism, and Caroline county's tourism.

1:47:10.9 C. Binder: In the same amount from each locality?

1:47:13.0 N. Minor: So we're smaller locality, less assets, so our requests will be lower. They're probably gonna increase it for the larger localities. I don't wanna talk too much on it, but it's really... Think of it as the Northern Neck Tourism Commission is sort of what they're doing for this application there.

1:47:30.5 C. Binder: Okay, thank you.

1:47:33.6 Chairman: Any other questions? Okay.

1:47:37.0 TC Collins: Motion.

1:47:39.3 Chairman: Mr. Collins?

1:47:40.2 TC Collins: The motion to approve TAC application, Fredericksburg Regional Black Business with the amount of \$5000.

1:47:48.3 C. Binder: Second.

1:47:48.3 Chairman: We have a motion properly seconded. Do we have any discussion? All in favor, say aye.

1:47:53.0 C. Binder: Aye.

1:47:54.1 TC Collins: Aye.

1:47:55.6 A. Cupka: Aye.

1:47:56.7 J. Stonehill: Aye.

1:47:57.2 Chairman: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries.

1:48:00.3 N. Minor: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Next application is gonna be the King George Parks and Recreation is requesting \$12,750 in TAC funding to support the VFW Post-12202 annual birthday party bash and King George family day. This will be a combined event for 2023. Each of these events were hosted separately in 2022. Combining the events has the potential to create a larger family-friendly event. The festival style setting will boast food, music vendors and family activities. After review, the TAC recommends that the Board of Supervisors approved funding for \$12,750. Staff agrees with TAC's recommendations.

1:48:38.2 Chairman: Alright. Does anyone any questions for Mr. Minor?

1:48:39.3 TC Collins: This is the VFW, right?

1:48:41.7 N. Minor: Correct, sir.

1:48:44.5 Chairman: Okay.

1:48:44.5 A. Cupka: I do, as well. Thank you, Mr. Chair. What... And perhaps if you aren't able to answer it, Mr. Clarke is still here. What... How are you defining other event support for \$1,500? What does that entail?

1:49:04.8 N. Minor: One of the items that we're already talking is, because alcohol will be at the event, they're gonna have the wineries and they're not sure which brewery they've... They're working either with Highmark or Colonial Beach. We'll need additional signage that says, "No alcohol past this point," and things like that. All of this really, is a catch-all in case they can't raise enough sponsorship. And so, both the VFW and Social Services have been knocking on doors and trying to raise all the sponsorship. I don't imagine we will get anywhere near the \$12,000 number, but I listed all the items that we were afraid that might need additional support. They are doing a lot. Because we're hosting it at Sealston this year, regionally, the VFW was reached out to radio stations, The Free Lance-Star and trying to push it as hard as we can, to be a regional event, with the advantageous location of being on the county line.

1:50:00.7 A. Cupka: Thank you very much.

1:50:03.3 Chairman: Any other questions?

1:50:07.4 TC Collins: Motion to approve VFW post 12202 annual birthday bash and King George family day TAC application, in the amount of \$12,750.

1:50:21.6 C. Binder: Second.

1:50:21.9 Chairman: We have a motion properly seconded. Do we have any further discussion? All in favor, say aye.

1:50:26.7 C. Binder: Aye.

1:50:25.6 TC Collins: Aye.

1:50:26.9 A. Cupka: Aye.

1:50:27.6 J. Stonehill: Aye.

1:50:28.6 Chairman: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries.

1:50:30.2 N. Minor: Thank you, all.

1:50:32.6 Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Minor. Alright. I believe we have the County Attorney. Opioid Settlement Participation Resolution.

1:50:44.8 K. Lackey: So, as those of you who will recall who were on the board in 2021, there was a resolution that authorized participation in an opioid settlement with some of the major distributors of opioids, and that participation achieved 100% participation by all local governments in Virginia, which allowed Virginia to maximize the incentives for participation. As you can imagine, the companies that are participating in these settlements, they're interested in getting a full resolution of all their claims with all jurisdictions. So once again, there's a different batch of distributors and sellers of opioids, who are trying to settle their claims. So there is a recommendation from the Attorney General's office, as well as... They're hoping, once again, achieve 100% participation throughout Virginia in this next round of settlements.

There's further details in your agenda package about the particular companies that are involved in this settlement. Each of the settlement agreements is slightly different, but there is a summary that's available to anyone in the public, that's at the nationalopioidsettlement.com has information, has FAQs; frequently asked questions about the settlement. The maximum duration of payments is up to about 15 years, some of them have accelerated payments. In fact, there's an incentive for early settlement with one of the particular entities. So the request is that jurisdictions who wish to participate need to indicate their willingness to participate by April 18th, and the exact amount of funds is not yet known, but the last batch of settlements, the Virginia share of the national settlement was about \$530 million dollars.

This settlement compares at about \$430 million dollars, so it's fairly comparable to the payments that the county is already getting, not quite a 100% match, but it would significantly increase the amount of funding available. Most of these settlements have a requirement that 85% of the funding that has received go directly towards opioid abatement. So you can't use it to backfill other costs, administrative costs. At least 85% has to go towards the direct abatement of the opioid crisis, and the Attorney General's office is incentivizing localities, as I think we've mentioned at a prior meeting, to abide by a gold standard, whereby 100% goes directly towards abatement and the care that they have is that the Attorney General's office, through the Opioid Abatement Authority, is issuing grants for additional funds.

Those can be through regional programs or local programs. Those will be available for the duration of the settlement period. Donna is already... Donna Hahn is already very well versed in what that gold standard is, for audit purposes and tracking and expenditures. So no proposed projects are directly proposed yet, to you all, but this would just be an action to go ahead and on a similar basis to the 2021 settlements, to settle with these additional six companies. I'll take any questions if there are any.

1:54:14.8 Chairman: Okay. Does anyone have any questions? Alright. So we have a resolution that would allow us to participate if we were wanting to adopt it.

1:54:28.9 TC Collins: Make a motion to the opioid settlement participation resolution...

1:54:39.1 Chairman: To adopt it?

1:54:39.4 TC Collins: To adopt.

1:54:44.7 Chairman: The motion.

1:54:45.8 C. Binder: Do we need to mention all the entities that's listed in the resolution?

1:54:49.6 K. Lackey: If the resolution is just to enter as presented, I think that's sufficient, but if you'd like me to, I could read the names of those companies.

1:54:58.2 C. Binder: As presented is fine. I just wanted to make sure to clarify.

1:55:01.8 K. Lackey: Yeah, even in the resolution, which was prepared as a template resolution, they didn't use the full corporate name. You'll see they used the common nomenclature for each of those companies, just 'cause there are so many and they are kind of a mouthful.

1:55:13.8 Chairman: Alright. So we have a motion.

1:55:16.2 J. Stonehill: I'll second.

1:55:17.5 Chairman: Alright, we have a motion properly seconded. Any need for further discussion? All in favor, say aye.

1:55:19.8 C. Binder: Aye.

1:55:20.6 TC Collins: Aye.

1:55:21.2 A. Cupka: Aye.

1:55:22.9 J. Stonehill: Aye.

1:55:23.4 Chairman: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. Okay. We have a couple of discussion items, so we'll start... Mr. Stonehill had asked that we include the retiree healthcare resolution proposal, so I'm going to hand it off to him, if you would like to start off the discourse.

1:55:45.8 J. Stonehill: Okay. Just quick... This started before I was on the board. Having HR look into just how we could go about getting health insurance for our retirees from the county. I didn't get very much information on that. I got with Mr. Miller later and asked the same thing, and when Mr. Mestler came on board with his background, I knew he would be the person to get this ball rolling. So last year, I just asked them to get some information just to see what it would look like, that we could bring to the board, to provide insurance. Basically, to have our employees continue what they're paying now for their insurance, when they retire, either at 20 or 25 years. So they would be paying a percentage of that, like they are right now. So, Mr. Mestler and Mr. Miller got the information together, and I guess you have some information to relay up to them, to the rest of the board.

1:57:02.3 Derrick Mestler: Good evening. This is actually one of the first thing I heard about when I came to the county, was the need for... The desire for benefit plan for retirees, and what we're specifically looking at doing is having a tool so that we could help our retirees that retire before they're age 65, close the gap until they're 65, with their healthcare benefits. This is something that does go around... Go on all around us. So this is not something that's new to localities. What we're looking at today is, asking the board to authorize Anthem to add retiree medical benefit options to our current portfolio of the Anthem.

Why we're asking that today is because Anthem gives us a short window each year at this time, to make any plan changes with them. So they've given us until April first to come back to them with Board approval or a resolution from the board requesting... Authorizing that retiree plans that would mirror our current employee plans in the plan design, be added to our portfolio. This is not committing currently right now with that action of the county to any certain dollar amount. This would just make those plans available, effective on July one, when our renewals comes into play. Now, talking about amounts and plan design would be our next step. I can convene quickly, a committee of stakeholders to look at options to present to the board through budget meetings, whereas we would be able to give different options, different budget impact for different options. It can make decisions on funding it at that time, through those budget meetings.

1:58:53.0 J. Stonehill: Just to add, I originally was looking at this because our other counties create this vacuum. Stafford just increased their sheriff's office 15%. Originally, just was looking... When I first started looking at this idea, it was just for emergency services people, because we keep running into the same issue of every time the northern counties do these pay raises, it creates this vacuum and we lose our deputies, we lose our certified firemen, we do all... We lose all these people that we've spent a lot of money on. It would be great to be able to do all county employees, but these are the people that are very difficult to replace. The technical aspect of the Fire Department and the Sheriff's Office and all that kind of stuff. And it would be just another way of retention for the people who are here 10 years or so, they're gonna look off in the future and they go, "If I hang out another 10 or 15 years, I would be eligible for health insurance," or at least to stay on the plan that we're having right now, as opposed to just keep throwing cash out of our pocket at them, year after year after year, this gives something at the end of the road for them to look at. So it kinda keeps... Hopefully, keep it there. So this resolution here, as Mr. Mestler said, it's not costing us anything, it's not tying our hands to anything. This is basically just an option. If we don't do this, we can't even talk about it, or he can't even further be talking with Anthem. This is just letting us continue the talks, and there's no money. Like you said, it would have to be... We would have to do something... All the mechanism later on and the cost and all that kind of stuff, that's down the road. So that's where we are.

2:00:57.3 Chairman: Mr. Collins?

2:01:00.4 TC Collins: I don't think it's fair just to have a certain group of employees. If you're gonna offer it to county employees, it should be offered to all county employees, not just the fire and rescue and the sheriff's office. I think that the value of each employee would be the same, no matter what their function is. So we know what the costs of our side of the plan is now. So, how much would that be? What does that cost now.

2:01:35.4 D. Mestler: Depending on the plan, the county subsidizes between 91% of an employee only cost, and they do subsidize dual and family cost, less than that, I think, about 80% of those costs. So each plan has a different cost aspect of it. So one option would be to allow the employee only to continue cost sharing with the county. Most counties around us don't cost share for dependents, but only cost share for employees. Last details that we can put a lot of different plan designs together and then I can cost them out based off of who we have potentially retiring through the system within this next fiscal plan year. So without a model to go on, I'm not able to sit here and say, "Hey, this is gonna cost X, Y and Z."

2:02:32.8 TC Collins: You would have a ballpark. I'm sure you've looked into this. I would be curious what the ballpark is. There has to be a number.

2:02:40.6 D. Mestler: And I agree it has to be a number. I don't have that number for you tonight.

2:02:46.2 TC Collins: This does not include school employees, right?

2:02:50.5 D. Mestler: Right. School employees already have retiree medical program.

2:02:55.1 TC Collins: Right. They have the five-year program. Correct?

2:03:01.8 D. Mestler: I have not studied their program. I know they have it; I've talked to their HR to confirm that they have it, but I have not looked into how they administer the program.

2:03:15.5 Chairman: So, this resolution would just allow us to even continue entertaining...

2:03:19.0 D. Mestler: Yeah. We're dead in the water without having the plans available for July 1. We have this window right now, to add them to our portfolio. Whether we fund them or not, is a separate question.

2:03:31.4 Chairman: If we adopt the resolution, all it does is change the plan to allow us to do this if we choose to fund it, and if we don't choose to fund it, we're in the same spot we're at right now.

2:03:39.4 D. Mestler: That's correct.

2:03:39.8 Chairman: Tracking. Okay. Do anyone else have any questions? Ms. Binder?

2:03:42.4 C. Binder: Yeah. I just have a quick question. You had mentioned... So when they retire, is it till 65, they can get these benefits or is it until they...

2:03:53.0 D. Mestler: It's until... We would set it up or recommend setting up until 65. At that time,

at 65, you can go on Medicare.

2:04:00.5 C. Binder: Okay. I just wanted to clarify that, since you mentioned.

2:04:02.0 D. Mestler: Yep.

2:04:02.1 C. Binder: Okay, thank you.

2:04:05.2 TC Collins: So I'd like to make a motion, but I'd like to add all county employees to this.

2:04:13.2 Chairman: I think it is for all county employees. I think Mr. Stonehill was just trying to give some background on the genesis of looking into it for the first place. But I think it would be available in execution, across the board. Is that correct?

2:04:25.0 J. Stonehill: That is correct. We first started looking at it for just emergency services people, but then talking to Mr. Mestler, it's really not a real... It's not a huge amount of money for the entire county, so everybody would be eligible to do that. So that's just where we started. We ended up here, it would be eligible for everybody.

2:04:48.4 TC Collins: Motion. Make a motion to... For the resolution to adopt the retiree health... That didn't come out right. As presented.

2:05:06.5 J. Stonehill: Second.

2:05:06.8 Chairman: Alright, we have a motion properly seconded. Do we have any further discussion?

2:05:13.5 TC Collins: Motion, 'cause I'm not clear on what I said.

2:05:16.7 Chairman: So what I heard was, you said to adopt the resolution approving the addition of retiree health benefits to the county's Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield policy, and developing recommendations on resulting benefit eligibility and cost share as presented.

2:05:31.5 TC Collins: That sounds like what I said. Thank you.

2:05:33.3 Chairman: I think it was a little bit shortened, but the as presented, I think, captures the general idea, since it's in the board packet.

2:05:38.5 C. Binder: Second.

2:05:42.3 Chairman: We have a motion properly seconded. Any further discussion? All in favor, say aye.

2:05:44.6 C. Binder: Aye.

2:05:45.3 TC Collins: Aye.

2:05:46.1 A. Cupka: Aye.

2:05:47.6 J. Stonehill: Aye.

2:05:48.1 Chairman: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. Thank you, sir. Okay. We have one other discussion item, so I'd ask this to be added. And so, I will kick it off. This has to deal with property tax reassessment, and it actually is two parter. I'm gonna start with... I had some conversations with Ms. Lackey in regards to re-assessments and if there's exceptional situations. As an example, covid possibly could be considered for maybe why housing prices might have been different than maybe expected or something along those lines. But, if we feel that there is some exceptional reason that could have caused the genesis of this anomaly, we do have the authority to host a re-assessment earlier than the four-year mark, if we so desired. So I did ask a little bit of information from Mr. Miller, I believe it was about \$170,000, was the cost for executing the re-assessment in the first place. I will ask Ms. Lackey as well, if... Let's pretend like we want to move forward with it. Would it then be four years after that, or would it still be like, "Hey, this is like an intermediary one," and then it's four years from the 2022 re-assessment? Is that the right number here?

2:07:03.8 K. Lackey: So by law, you have to do the reassessment every four years, but you could do it sooner if you chose.

2:07:10.2 Chairman: Okay, so that restarts the counter, then.

2:07:13.1 K. Lackey: Right. So if you chose to do a re-assessment two years from now, then you wouldn't be obligated to do one until six years.

2:07:22.3 Chairman: Tracking. Okay, I appreciate it. Thank you for that clarification. So I was just bringing up to the board, I know we had a lot of discussion about this, a lot of citizen concern about it, and so I just brought it forth to see if there was any interest in possibly pursuing that activity. I don't think we're all that far away, actually maybe a year away from probably starting the process for the next one anyways, is what it sounds like, 'cause it just takes time to get through it. So I think it might only be a one year earlier maybe once it actually gets contracted out and executed and all of those pieces. But as I said, there is a cost, and so I'm kinda bringing it forth to the board to see if there's any interest in maybe entertaining that. I'm not even sure I'm 100% on board with it, but at least want to have the discussion and open form about it. So I'll leave it to my colleagues. Anyone feel strongly either way? If you don't feel strongly either way, then I guess that's a no.

2:08:22.0 TC Collins: Mr. Chairman, it's not a no. I was just curious of what... So, spend \$170,000 to do early, and then if it's less revenue, the gap in that and...

2:08:45.2 Chairman: You'd have the equalization like any other time that you have it. So, that would be the one thing I'd possibly reply back from a citizen perspective is at the end of the day, we're not just taking money just to take money. I mean, it's our own money as well at the end of the day with the taxes hit us as well, and so if things slide, we still need the revenue in place in order to run the county business and that's to provide services for schools, Fire and Rescue, for Sheriff's Department, for Community Development, for County Administration, all those and so many more others, not that I'm trying to leave anyone out, but all those activities still have to occur in order to provide to the citizens those services and so, you know, you would look at it from that perspective. So, I don't know if there's a whole lot of benefit necessarily, I just, as I said, want to bring it back

just to have a discussion about it.

2:09:35.4 TC Collins: Well, that's been the number one complaint and, you know, I see where that, why that complaint is valid, so the question is would we act when it's coming for a year? I don't know that answer, but I'm not against it.

2:09:52.0 J. Stonehill: Mr. Chair.

2:09:55.4 Chairman: Mr. Stonehill?

2:09:56.4 J. Stonehill: I talked at great lengths about it last year, Commissioner of the Revenue's office, and I would definitely like to look into doing it sooner, I mean, that was just one of the biggest nightmares I think this county has gone through and the other thing is that I would like to have some kind of say in who's going to do the reassessment because and that, you know, if you have another department hire somebody and say that they possibly didn't get vetted as well as they should have, then we're the ones that the public is gonna come to and I would certainly like to, you know, if there's a board we have to get on to or create for the, you know, for that, but I would certainly wanna have something to do with the vetting of the next company that does this for us.

2:10:53.0 Chairman: And so I had this discussion, I had two parts and so that second part obviously is the second what I would like to discuss as well. So it's the whole, again, speak with Ms. Lackey, my understanding is that the Commissioner of the Revenue's office is granted to this authority by resolution, similarly the board could adopt a new resolution to rescind that and then at that point it would come back and be under the purview of the Board of Supervisors and so it would fall to county staff in order to perform those activities and be responsible for the execution of the contract and then working with the contractor in order to finish out and adopt and accept those findings that they provide to the county. Is that a fair assessment, Ms. Lackey?

2:11:42.9 K. Lackey: Right, so the delegation at some point in time was made to the Commissioner of Revenue to make that selection, so you could have a menu of options where you take back that delegation and the county staff handles the whole process. You could have some kind of, maybe perhaps some kind of in between where you have a selection of panel that includes some folks from the Commissioner's office and from the board, but you all could elect that either, you know, the supervising entity, the contract management either comes from Commissioner of Revenue or from county staff.

2:12:16.6 Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Lackey. Does anyone else? Ms. Cupka, go ahead.

2:12:19.8 A. Cupka: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes, I would like to see this move forward sooner rather than later. I can tell you my last two months as Chairman were spent trying to get all of the work product that the vendor was supposed to provide to the Commissioner, so I also would support because I know when that, the scope of the work in that contract was that that vendor was to be supervised by the Commissioner's office and if staff and board personnel are having to spend as much time as we were, we might as well just supervise it, have our staff, our administrator, whoever supervise it ourselves.

2:13:05.0 Chairman: So you're in favor of bringing the authority back to the board to handle that?

2:13:09.1 Ms. Cupka: I'm in favor of that as well.

2:13:11.3 Chairman: Oh, so you're for both pieces as well.

2:13:12.2 Ms. Cupka: For both, yes.

2:13:12.7 Chairman: Executing the reassessment earlier than planned. Okay.

2:13:14.7 Ms. Cupka: Yes, thank you.

2:13:16.2 Chairman: Ms. Binder?

2:13:17.8 C. Binder: So I know that was a big and still is a contention about, I still have folks ask me about the process. So I'm not opposed to, I just want to know what the cost is for the reassessment because I'm sure \$170,000 is probably a little bit more than that at this point. I did ask Ms. Lackey about, is it commonplace that Commissioner of Revenue does it in other localities? Ms. Lackey, you could speak to that, but a lot of localities do it that way, correct?

2:13:45.3 Ms. Lackey: Right. I think most smaller counties have it through a contract process. I can't speak with 100% certainty than the numbers of it that have their Commissioner of Revenue supervise it, but the existence of that statute means that it's not necessarily universal that it could be handled in a different way.

2:14:02.1 C. Binder: Right. Because I was thinking of whatever we do, we need to change the process of how it was done before because obviously somewhere something got dropped. So even if we do not do changeover by resolution, the whole process of how those contracts are vetted and then how one is selected and how they are monitored needs to be addressed. And if it was brought back to us, I would want to see what kind of staff do we need to do that, how would the selection process work because usually we do not select in procurement, the vendor usually comes to us and we vote on it. So that would have to all be, the process would have to be planned out.

2:14:47.0 Chairman: Mr. Collins, do you have anything else?

2:14:51.8 TC Collins: No, sir.

2:14:52.2 Chairman: Okay. So I'm just going to kind of go down the line and ask on each question individually just make sure I have it understood. So I'm going to first ask a resolution to change the authority back so it would be under the board's purview. Mr. Stonehill?

2:15:07.9 Mr. Stonehill: Yes and yes.

2:15:09.0 Chairman: Yes to both for Mr. Stonehill. Ms. Cupka?

2:15:11.0 Ms. Cupka: Yes to both.

2:15:11.5 Chairman: Yes to both. Mr. Collins?

2:15:14.2 TC Collins: Yes to both.

2:15:15.1 Chairman: Yes to both.

2:15:16.2 C. Binder: I was going into the maybe because I would like some more information before.

2:15:21.0 Chairman: Okay. For both?

2:15:23.1 C. Binder: For the second part. For the taking out of the resolution. You said the resolution. First part, yes.

2:15:27.1 Chairman: Okay.

2:15:27.4 C. Binder: Second part.

2:15:29.8 Chairman: For the re-... Okay.

2:15:30.4 C. Binder: The resolution to bring...

2:15:32.3 Chairman: Bring it back to the board.

2:15:33.1 C. Binder: Yes.

2:15:33.1 Chairman: Okay. So but you're in favor of moving forward with doing a reassessment.

2:15:35.9 C. Binder: Yes.

2:15:36.6 Chairman: Okay. So I think we have consensus about redoing or investigating, starting the process to do the reassessment earlier. And I believe, I'm in favor of also moving forth with the resolution and changing the authority oversight of that activity. So I know Ms. Binder is not 100% on board. Obviously we would not, we're not making the motion to move forward with that right now. So we'd come back to the board as soon as a resolution or something that would have to be adopted as an action item. So if we could move forward with trying to work towards providing that at a future board. Yes. Mr. Miller?

2:16:13.2 C. Miller: Mr. Chair, would you want with the resolution on the change of administration, would you want that to also accompany information on potential costs and potential like an outline of how maybe you would want to administer that?

2:16:30.2 Chairman: I think that would...

2:16:32.6 C. Miller: Staff would be, and I can provide a recommendation, but I would think that, you know, ultimately it's your call as a board.

2:16:39.4 Chairman: I would appreciate a recommendation. Would everyone else? Okay.

2:16:43.7 C. Binder: That's what I was looking for is that, how would we do that?

2:16:47.9 Chairman: Tracking, good question. And yes, I think that makes a lot of sense.

2:16:49.6 C. Miller: And just to clarify, so the number was \$173,000. There are no more costs associated with that. That's a closed-out number. It was \$163,000 to do the reassessment and then to do new construction, there was an additional \$10,000 that was put onto that. So that's where that number comes from.

2:17:09.6 Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Miller, for the clarification on that. There we go. Staff, you good with that then? Okay. Thank you. Then we will move on to the County Administrator's report.

2:17:21.0 C. Miller: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So at one of our recent meetings, I asked you to do, to give me a commitment for the, so I'm going to, this is a deferral from that momentarily, but Ms. Hall indicated that I may have dropped the ball on you guys with the... The Berkeley group is working obviously on the data center updates and the battery storage and all that. And we committed to the April 25th meeting, but I think I may have not emphasized that they're wanting two dates. They have to have two dates. And so the second date that was the May 30th, and that is the timeframe around Memorial Day, but they're saying they need the two dates. So if you can put that on, it'll be a joint meeting with the planning commission. The first one being April 25th that you agreed that you guys could do that. And then the second one being the 30th of May.

2:18:25.9 C. Binder: I cannot do the 30th of May. I already know that, so.

2:18:31.2 C. Miller: And if I need to then come back to Ms. Hall to find out an alternative date, then it would just push it, it just prolongs it a little bit. It's not, it's not like they can't do it. It's just that we would have to come up with another joint date that works. Okay. The other thing is, is that I am told by Ms. Hall that I need to get from you all because it has been the pattern, I think, in the past that the boards have given the direction of the kind of localities you wanted to look at for them to survey. This is the Berkeley group. So the localities, they need three localities if they're going to do something to do with battery storage. Either that, or I need an affirmation that you're okay if they go and look at the localities. But I think the concern was, is that you all, or not you all, but other boards in the past had said, well, we didn't want to look at that county, or we didn't want to look at that city. We wanted you to do this thing. And so if you have some on battery storage, if you have some particular counties in the state that you want us to look at..

2:19:30.6 Chairman: Just for battery storage is the only...

2:19:50.4 C. Miller: No, it's also, I need two localities for the power plants, and then I need one locality for noise. So Warrenton is what they're going to do for noise, but they need one more county. So that's why I'm asking.

2:20:02.0 C. Binder: I think Prince William is re-looking at their noise right now, but they're in the process of redoing their noise. And battery storage, I wasn't prepared to come up with that idea right now. I don't know how many localities in Virginia have large battery storage facilities, because obviously you wouldn't want in Virginia, not in another state.

2:20:26.9 J. Stonehill: Chair, can we get a list or get some information on who has battery storage and see what, I mean, who's got that stuff?

2:20:38.2 C. Miller: The Berkeley crews' probably got a group that they are ready to go with. I think the concern was they didn't want to do it without you all kind of having a consensus that, yeah, we want to look at Warrenton, or we want to look at Prince William, or we want to look at Loudoun. You know, they don't want to make assumptions on your behalf, I think is what. So I will have Ms. Hall get that information, we'll forward it to you all. If we can do a little doodle poll back, then that would be ideal. Does that make sense?

2:21:08.9 TC Collins: We did make some agreements at that meeting with the Berkeley group, correct? Town of Warrenton for noise.

2:21:15.1 Chairman: Warrenton's one for noise.

2:21:17.2 TC Collins: Data storage, I mean data storage...

2:21:18.9 C. Binder: Yes, we did that.

2:21:20.5 TC Collins: For Prince William and Mecklenburg, I think.

2:21:24.3 C. Binder: I think it was, yeah.

2:21:26.2 C. Miller: So there's some that they have, but they just wanted to make sure there was a good enough list that's going to meet your interests and your satisfaction. I don't think they want to assume anything on your part and then have to then go and do more research on another county that you didn't include or, well, we would like to have them, but before they start, seriously. So what I'll do is we'll do a doodle poll. I think that's the best way to handle it.

2:21:54.2 C. Binder: I got one question, though, on the power plants. So there are different kind of power plants. So that would be, you know, if you were going for nuclear, you'd have Louisa. You know what I mean? Like that's very specialized. So that would be my concern, too, is the type of power plant it is.

2:22:12.2 C. Miller: Okay. All right. So, budget schedule, just a reminder, again, we meet on the 9th of this month this week, 6 PM at the Fire Rescue Company One. We are also going to provide you with a calendar that just basically blocks out your Thursdays, if that's acceptable, you know, for the rest of the time period, obviously. You know, we know that that may change, but I guess we'll wait and see how this meeting goes on Monday. Or excuse me, on Thursday, and then we can decide if you want to have another meeting on the 16th. I know next week is spring break, so some people may not be available. You know, we're early in the process and all that. So, you know, if we have to slide on that meeting, you know, a week-to-week thing, we can do that. So we'll have a calendar for you on that.

Updates on the communications and community engagement officer. So we've made an offer, and we're just waiting to hear. This is a local person who went away to Virginia Tech and has been working in some communities nearby and working with the regional alliance, kind of like the Fredericksburg Regional Alliance. Very skilled, very strong, and we're very excited about the prospects. Most likely would be joining us if everything works out. Most likely would be joining us sometime mid-April. So we're very pleased with that.

The next item is, and I may call on Mr. Clarke to just provide you with this, but this is the fireworks program musical act expenses, and I think what Mr. Clarke is indicating is, and we might want to

add it to your budget discussion on the 9th. I know that you can't necessarily pre-approve anything, but essentially he's needing to secure the musical act for the fireworks celebration, and I think he wanted to see if we could just have a discussion about it.

2:24:21.9 C. Clarke: Thank you, Mr. Miller. Thank you, Mr. Chair, members of the board. Parks and Recreation is prepared to offer our third annual King George Independence Celebration on Saturday, July 8th at Sealston Sports Complex. The event was planned to be part of the tourism budget for fiscal year 2024, but in order to secure a number of event logistics, we need approval of the event as soon as possible. This will be our third Independence Celebration, our fourth overall fireworks event since 2020. The actual expenses of each event have ranged from \$34,400 to \$36,000. Tonight we are seeking approval or as soon as possible of a budget of not to exceed \$40,000 for this year's event. Our most pressing need is actually our fireworks contract. They would have liked that contract back from me probably a month ago. For \$25,000, that's the same cost that we did in 2021 and 2022, so both Independence Celebrations. For the 300th anniversary, we were a \$30,000 show. We also need to sign our contract with our entertainer as soon as possible. He is holding a date for us but plays many, many festivals similar to what we have and would like to either sign with us or free up that. And then we also will need to get our stage and the lighting and sound systems. Those won't be paid until after July 1, but for the fireworks and the entertainer, we need to make deposits. And then this year, the advantage, I don't know, about a half hour ago, maybe 45 minutes ago, you approved our partnership and the way we're working with Family Day. We're going to be able to advertise a lot more thoroughly this year and be able to secure more sponsors and vendors. I anticipate that funding will go back to the tourism fund. So any of those revenues we bring in will offset the cost of the event. So there's the actual straight out cut from the budget, fireworks is \$25,000, lighting and sound, \$3,000, entertainment. We put in the budget as two acts of \$2,500. We have the entertainer we're looking at right now is \$3,500 and he actually will bring his own sound, so we actually will be under the \$40,000. The stage that we rent, obviously portable toilets, parking attendance, which is actually typically Parks and Recreation staff, and then other support like trash cans, it's all those catch-all items that we need at the end that it's hard to delineate them out and say, "Well, I need \$30 for this and \$50 for water for the band." And those kind of things. So that's what we're looking for and we're looking for approval for the \$40,000 in funding for the event drawn from the tourism fund balance and authorization for the County Administrator to enter into contracts with American Fireworks and other necessary vendors for the execution of the event, subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney. I will also be there on Thursday if you all want to sleep on it for two days and we can talk about it then.

2:27:26.2 Chairman: So you're making this request out of the tourism fund balance?

2:27:30.2 C. Clarke: Because that's where we would have to be right now because as Mr. Miller said, we're down to \$20,000 in the account for the year.

2:27:37.9 Chairman: Well, yes, there is a balance though. So I guess my question is though, has there been an official TAC application?

2:27:45.7 C. Clarke: So because this has been a recurring County event, TAC has expressed to me and Mr. Miller many times of why is Parks and Recreation as a department coming to us with an event and why isn't it just in the budget? So I initially put it in my budget the last two years, but because it's been a tourism event, Ms. Hahn recommended, and Mr. Miller agreed to move it to the tourism budget for the year. So I think that would anticipate them adding \$40,000 to what would

actually be in the budget for the year. But I'm not privy completely to the actual tourism budget. I wish I had grabbed Nick and made him not leave.

2:28:20.1 Chairman: I'll ask my colleagues, do you have any questions?

2:28:29.1 TC Collins: So do you want us to approve this money before the time we would normally approve it?

2:28:34.6 C. Clarke: Well, I mean, so if we had, if I wasn't under the gun with the fireworks company, I could have been about 45 minutes ago with this as a second tourism application for Parks and Recreation. I know the TAC is on board. They love the event, but they did not formally approve an application this year.

2:28:55.4 TC Collins: So it's annual. So wouldn't you have already got that done?

2:29:00.5 C. Clarke: We had, that's why we put it in the budget recommendation. So the budget recommendation was submitted in January and that's where thinking we were going to pull it through the regular budget process, but we're not through the regular budget process and we need to pay a deposit on the fireworks.

2:29:16.7 C. Binder: And I do know this, there is not that many fireworks companies in the United States that can put on a show besides the very good show they put on and you have to lock this up ahead of time or they're just going to move on to the next person and you can't just go and find random fireworks companies. So I do know that's very going back from when we were doing the 300th anniversary. So that's just the way it is and next year we can do a better process of it, I would say.

2:29:46.7 C. Clarke: Well, next year for the fireworks company, we will have to rebid. We have used all our renewals with this one.

2:29:54.4 C. Miller: I think from Ms. Hahn's standpoint, there's going to be some things that she's gonna present on Thursday that you could do now with existing fund balance in the '23 fiscal year as opposed to having it carry over into the new budget and this could be handled that way. So maybe the thing to do is have this in a more fuller explanation on Thursday night. We're happy to do it. I'm not trying to, if you're going to approve something tonight, that's fine. I didn't want you to feel the pressure that you have to do it tonight. It's something that we can talk about on Thursday in fuller detail if it's better.

2:30:39.0 C. Binder: That would probably be better so Mr. Collins can ask questions, Ms. Hahn, and the budgetary. You're the one who asked the questions.

2:30:56.2 Mr. Stonehill: If we wait until Thursday, is that going to hang you up with the fireworks or musicians?

2:31:02.6 C. Clarke: Yeah. The musician knows that it may be not until Thursday, so that Friday morning I'm supposed to talk with him and the fireworks. They would have liked it back last week and so as soon as we finish it, I actually have the contract with me that if you were to approve it, I was going to hand it to Mr. Miller and Ms. Lackey to take upstairs and sign by tomorrow morning,

but.

2:31:26.6 Chairman: Okay.

2:31:26.9 Mr. Stonehill: Do we need a motion for it?

2:31:29.8 Chairman: If you want to move forward, someone will have to make a motion.

2:31:30.2 J. Stonehill: Let's do a motion that says to approve \$40,000 in funding for the 2023 King George Independent Celebration from the Tourism Fund Balance and to authorize the County Administrator to enter into contracts with American Fireworks Company and other necessary vendors for the execution of the event subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney.

2:32:00.0 C. Binder: Second.

2:32:01.2 Chairman: We have a motion properly seconded. Any discussion? I'll just ask, so just to hammer the point home, you're asking for it to come out of the fund balance now and so obviously then that means next year you would not ask for it because you were going to ask for it out of the Tourism Fund for next year, 2024. So then those funds wouldn't be pulled out at that point and they would just be deposited into the fund balance at that point.

2:32:29.4 C. Clarke: I think you have lost me.

2:32:30.3 C. Miller: Oh, I'm sorry. What we can do is if whatever happens here with this motion, we can provide you with that level of detail at Thursday's meeting to give you that, to tell you how Ms. Hahn would propose to do that. Okay.

2:32:42.8 C. Clarke: Every previous year, this event has been fund balanced. It has not been in Nick's budget.

2:32:48.9 Chairman: I understand. And so Nick told us there's \$20,000 I believe left of...

2:32:53.8 C. Clarke: \$20,000 is in his current budget for this year, FY24 or '23 and it was 500 and something was in the balance.

2:33:01.2 Chairman: Yes. So I think if we were to move forward with this tonight, then it's something that Nick should be cognizant of that it should come out of next year's budget to just track it.

2:33:14.6 C. Clarke: Yeah. And that's the question. If it's presented in the budget, I think it's fine. It'll be in the budget. Hopefully that is what happened because I wasn't in his meeting with Donna. But if that's moved, then we're good to start next year, which is kind of like we had the first year of the event when we actually didn't move... When Mr. Quesenberry was the interim administrator and we were actually going to do it out on the taxpayer's expense and then we moved it to tourism at I think two or three weeks after this. I mean, it was like in April that we moved it.

2:33:44.1 Chairman: Okay.

2:33:45.0 C. Clarke: It actually had been in the Parks and Rec budget at that point.

2:33:48.3 Chairman: So there'll still be a brief at the Thursday meeting with more information.

2:33:50.9 C. Miller: Yes, sir.

2:33:51.9 Chairman: So with the outcome of this vote. Okay. So we have a motion properly seconded. I have finished with my questions. Does anyone else have any discussion or questions? All in favor say aye.

2:34:01.7 C. Binder: Aye.

2:34:02.7 A. Cupka: Aye.

2:34:03.5 J. Stonehill: Aye.

2:34:04.1 Chairman: Any opposed?

2:34:05.4 TC Collins: Nay.

2:34:06.6 Chairman: Chair votes, aye. Motion carries. Thank you. Mr. Clarke. Mr. Miller. So your administrator...

2:34:10.9 C. Miller: The only other item that I have, and it was mentioned by Ms. Binder in her board report, was the participation in the community projects funding presentation that Representative Spanberger's office put on and they are really aggressive about wanting to help out the localities. And so as I reported at the service authority, what we're gonna be doing is sitting down as a staff and determining what the best project is. It's a very short turnaround that they're giving us and their folks are willing to work with us and all that kind of stuff. So these are, again, this is the old phrase earmarks, which were budgetary items that the various representative senators would put into the budget and the federal budget and it would be for the benefit of a particular community. And there's a whole host of opportunities for us. Our rural nature obviously helps us out, but they did indicate very clearly that the income levels and things like that could hurt. Even though you're rural, you may not be qualifying for some of these things. So we're going to pool together some ideas and then if there is something that we're going to put forward, then we will obviously have something that would come back to you in the form of a presentation and then ultimately, you know, approval, because they usually want to, you know, the governing board approves it. So the other item on there was about what I just talked about earlier and I will inform Ms. Hall that we need to probably come up with a better, a second meeting.

2:35:56.6 C. Binder: Actually, I was checking my calendar just to make sure and I'm okay.

2:36:02.3 C. Miller: Oh, so May 30th, would that be acceptable to do the joint meeting?

2:36:14.8 C. Binder: Yes, sir.

2:36:16.4 C. Miller: And then the other item on there again would just be that I will do a doodle, we'll have a doodle poll about the communities.

2:36:31.3 Chairman: I think we're okay for the 30th. That's it. Thank you, Mr. Miller. Then I believe we do have a motion.

2:36:47.2 TC Collins: I move that King George County Board of Supervisors convene in closed meeting for one discussion of Sedgwick-Carlson litigation pursuant to state code section 2.2711 [a] [7] for consultation or briefing with legal counsel regarding actual litigation and state code section 2.23711 [a] [8] for consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters and two, discussion of disposition of surplus properties or potential property acquisitions pursuant to state code section 2.23711 [a] [3] for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for public purpose or of the disposition of publicly held real property where discussion in open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, I invite the County Administrator, County Attorney, Assistant County Attorney, because they are deemed necessary or their presence will be reasonably aid the board in consideration of the topics to be discussed pursuant to state code section 2.23712 [f].

2:37:56.8 C. Binder: Second.

2:37:58.7 Chairman: We have a motion properly seconded. Do we have any discussion? All in favor say aye.

2:38:00.5 C. Binder: Aye.

2:38:01.9 TC Collins: Aye.

2:38:02.8 A. Cupka: Aye.

2:38:03.9 J. Stonehill: Aye.

2:38:04.6 Chairman: Any opposed, chair votes aye. We are in closed session.

[Pause]

2:38:05.0 TC Collins: I move that the King George County Board Of Supervisors return to public meeting and certify by a vote only public business matters exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law and only such business matters as were identified in the motion convened in the closed meeting were heard, discussed and considered during the closed meeting.

2:38:49.9 C. Binder: Second.

2:38:50.5 Chairman: We have a motion properly seconded. We will go by roll call certification. Ms. Binder?

2:38:53.4 C. Binder: So certify.

2:38:55.8 Chairman: Mr. Collins?

2:38:55.9 TC Collins: Certify.

2:38:55.6 Chairman: Ms. Cupka?

2:38:56.4 A. Cupka: So certify.

2:38:58.6 Chairman: Mr. Stonehill?

2:38:58.6 J. Stonehill: So certify.

2:39:00.4 Chairman: Chair so certifies, we're back in open session. Any other business to bring before the Board? If someone would like to entertain a motion. Just remember we're adjourning to the Fire Station not to the Board Room.

2:39:37.0 J. Stonehill: I will make a motion to adjourn to March 9th, 2023 at 6:00pm at Company One.

2:39:51.2 C. Binder: Second.

2:39:53.6 Chairman: Motion properly seconded, any discussion? All in favor say aye.

2:39:55.6 C. Binder: Aye.

2:39:56.5 TC Collins: Aye.

2:39:57.7 A. Cupka: Aye.

2:39:58.6 J. Stonehill: Aye.

2:39:59.7 Chairman: Any opposed? Chair votes aye. Motion carries. We are adjourned.